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## 2 Kings

### 2 Kings 1

#### 2 Kings 1:1

##### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.

##### UST

<sup>1</sup> After King Ahab died, the country of Moab rebelled against Israel.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

#### 2 Kings 1:2

##### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber that {was} in Samaria, and he was injured. And he sent messengers, and he said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, if I will live from this injury."

##### UST

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

#### How was Ahaziah injured?

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

#### 2 Kings 1:3

##### ULT

<sup>3</sup> But the angel of Yahweh spoke to Elijah the Tishbite, "Get up, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria. And speak to them, 'Is {it} because there is no God in Israel you are going to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?'

##### UST

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 1:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And therefore, thus says Yahweh, "The bed that you have gone up there, you will not come down from it, for surely you will die." And Elijah went.

**UST**

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

**Why was Ahaziah going to certainly die?**

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

**2 Kings 1:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And the messengers returned to him. And he said to them, "What {is} this, you have returned?"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 1:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And they said to him, "A man went up to meet us, and he said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you, and you will speak to him, "Thus says Yahweh: 'Is {it} because there is no God in Israel you are sending to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore the bed that you have gone up there, you will not go down from it, for you will surely die.'"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 1:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And he spoke to them, "What {was} the custom of the man who came up to meet you, and he spoke to you these words?"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 1:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And they said to him, "A man—an owner of hair and a belt of skin was tied on his hips." And he said, "He {is} Elijah the Tishbite."

**UST**

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

**What did Elijah wear?**

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

**2 Kings 1:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And he sent to him a captain of 50 and his 50. And he went up to him, and look—sitting on the top of the hill. And he spoke to him, "Man of God, the king speaks, 'Come down.'"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 1:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And Elijah answered, and he spoke to the captain of the 50, "And if I {am} a man of God, let fire come down from the heavens, and let it consume you and your 50." And fire came down from the heavens, and it consumed him and his 50.

**UST**

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

**What consumed the captain and his fifty men?**

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

**2 Kings 1:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And he returned, and he sent to him another captain of 50 and his 50. And he answered, and he spoke to him, "Man of God, thus says the king, 'Quickly, come down.'"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 1:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And Elijah answered, and he spoke to them, "If I {am} a man of God, let fire come down from the heavens, and let it consume you and your 50." And the fire of God came down from the heavens, and it consumed him and his 50.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 1:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And he returned, and he sent a third captain of 50 and his 50. And he went up, and the third captain of 50 came, and he kneeled on his knees opposite to Elijah, and he pleaded with him, and he spoke to him, "Man of God, please let my life and the life of your servants, these 50, be precious in your eyes."

**UST**

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

**How did the third captain approach Elijah?**

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

**2 Kings 1:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> Look—fire came down from the heavens, and it consumed the two captains of the 50, the first ones, and their fifties. But now, let my life be precious in your eyes."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 1:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And the angel of Yahweh spoke to Elijah, "Go down with him. Do not be afraid from his face." And he got up, and he went down with him to the king.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**2 Kings 1:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And he spoke to him, “Thus says Yahweh, ‘Because you sent messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron—was {it} because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his word? Therefore, the bed that you have gone up there, you will not come down from it, for you will surely die.’”

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 1:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And he died according to the word of Yahweh that Elijah spoke. And Joram became king in his place in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, because a son did not belong to him.

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 1:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> But the rest of the words of Ahaziah that he did—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Israel?

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 2

### 2 Kings 2:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And it happened, when Yahweh took up Elijah in the windstorm {to} the heavens, and Elijah went and Elisha from Gilgal.

#### UST

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

### When did Elijah leave with Elisha from Gilgal?

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

### 2 Kings 2:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And Elijah said to Elisha, "Now, stay here, because Yahweh has sent me up to Bethel." And Elisha said, "{By} the life of Yahweh and {by} the life of your spirit, I will not leave you." And they went down {to} Bethel.

#### UST

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 2:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And sons of the prophets who {were in} Bethel went out to Elisha, and they said to him, "Do you know that today Yahweh is taking your lord from over your head?" And he said, "I myself also know. Be quiet."

#### UST

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

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

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

**2 Kings 2:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And Elijah said to Elisha, "Now, stay here, because Yahweh has sent me {to} Jericho." And he said, "{By} the life of Yahweh and {by} the life of your spirit, I will not leave you." And they came {to} Jericho.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 2:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And sons of the prophets who {were} in Jericho drew near to Elisha, and they said to him, "Do you know that today Yahweh is taking your lord from over your head?" And he said, "I myself also know. Be quiet."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 2:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And Elijah said to him, "Now, stay here, because Yahweh has sent me to the Jordan." And he said, "{By} the life of Yahweh and {by} the life of your spirit, I will not leave you." And they went, the two of them.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 2:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And 50 men from the sons of the prophets went, and they stood opposite from a distance. And the two of them stood by the Jordan.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 2:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And Elijah took his coat, and he folded {it}, and he struck the waters, and they were divided, here and here. And they crossed over, the two of them, on the dry ground.

**UST**

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

**Why did the river divide on both sides?**

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

**2 Kings 2:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And it happened, as they crossed over, and Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I will do for you before I will be taken from with you." And Elisha said, "And, please, may a double portion of your spirit be to me."

**UST**

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

**For what did Elisha ask?**

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

**2 Kings 2:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And he said, "You have made {it} difficult by asking. If you see me being taken from with you, it will be for you thus. But if it is not, it will not be."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 2:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And it happened, they were walking, walking and speaking, and look—a chariot of fire and horses of fire, and they separated between the two of them. And Elijah went up in the windstorm {to} the heavens.

**UST**

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

**How did Elijah go up into heaven?**

Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

**2 Kings 2:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And Elisha was looking, and he was crying out, "My father, my father, chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" But he no longer saw him. And he grabbed his clothes, and he tore them into two pieces.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 2:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And he raised up the coat of Elijah that had fallen from on him. And he returned, and he stood on the edge of the Jordan.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 2:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And he took the coat of Elijah that had fallen from on him, and he struck the waters, and he said, “Where {is} Yahweh, the God of Elijah—even he?” And he struck the waters, and they were divided, here and here, and Elisha crossed over.

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 2:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And sons of the prophets who {were} in Jericho saw him from opposite, and they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him, and they prostrated themselves to him, to the ground.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 2:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And they said to him, “Look, please—there are with your servants 50 men, sons of military prowess. Please, let them go, and they will seek your lord, in case the Spirit of Yahweh lifted him, and he threw him on one of the mountains or into one of the valleys.” And he said, “Do not send.”

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 2:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> But they urged him until shaming, and he said, "Send." And they sent 50 men, and they searched three days, but they did not find him.

**UST**

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

**For how long did the fifty men look for Elijah?**

The fifty men looked for three days.

**2 Kings 2:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And they returned to him (and he was staying in Jericho), and he said to them, "Did I not say to you, 'Do not go?'"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 2:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And the men of the city said to Elisha, "Please, look—the dwelling place of the city {is} good, just as my lord is seeing. But the waters {are} bad, and the land is barren."

**UST**

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

**What was the problem at Jericho?**

The water was bad and the land was not fruitful.

**2 Kings 2:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And he said, "Bring to me a new bowl, and put salt there." And they brought {it} to him.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 2:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And he went out to the source of the waters, and he threw salt there. And he said, "Thus says Yahweh, 'I have healed these waters. Death or barrenness will not be from there any longer.'"

**UST**

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

**How was the water healed? (vv21-22)**

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

**2 Kings 2:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And the waters were healed, up to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 2:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And he went up from there {to} Bethel, and he was going up on the road, and young men—they came out from the city, and they were mocking him. And they said to him, "Go up, bald one! Go up, bald one!"

**UST**

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

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

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



**2 Kings 2:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And he turned behind him, and he saw them, and he cursed them in the name of Yahweh. And two female bears came out from the forrest and they mauled from them 42 of {the} boys.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 2:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And he went from there to Mount Carmel. And from there, he returned {to} Samaria.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 3

### 2 Kings 3:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And Jehoram the son of Ahab became king over Israel in Samaria in the 18th year of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah. And he was king 12 years.

#### UST

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 3:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> But he did that which was evil in the eyes of Yahweh—however, not as his father or as his mother. And he removed the pillar of Baal that his father made.

#### UST

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

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

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

### 2 Kings 3:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> However, he clung to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat who caused Israel to sin. He did not turn aside from it.

#### UST

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 3:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And Mesha the king of Moab was a sheep breeder. And he would return to the king of Israel 100,000 young rams and 100,000 rams {with} wool.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 3:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And it happened, after the death of Ahab, and the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> But after King Ahab died, Mesha rebelled against the king of Israel.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 3:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And King Jehoram went out from Samaria on that day. And he inspected all Israel.

**UST**

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

**Why did King Joram leave Samaria?**

King Joram left Samaria to mobilize all Israel for war.

**2 Kings 3:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And he went, and he sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to Moab, to the war?" And he said, "I will go up. As me, so you. As my people, so your people. As my horses, so your horses."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 3:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And he said, "Where {is} this, the way we will go up?" And he said, "The way of the wilderness of Edom."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 3:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah and the king of Edom, and they circled around {the} way seven days. But water was not for the army or for the cattle which {were} on their feet.

**UST**

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

**What three armies marched in a semicircle for seven days?**

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

**2 Kings 3:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And the king of Israel said, "Oh! Surely Yahweh called for these three kings to give them into the hand of Moab."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 3:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not here a prophet of Yahweh, that we might seek Yahweh by him?" And one {person} from the servants of the king of Israel answered, and he said, "Here {is} Elisha the son of Shaphat who poured water onto the hands of Elijah."

**UST**

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

**What had Elisha done for Elijah?**

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

**2 Kings 3:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And Jehoshaphat said, "There is with him the word of Yahweh." And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 3:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And Elisha said to the king of Israel, "What {belongs} to me and to you? Go to the prophets of your father and to the prophets of your mother." And the king of Israel said to him, "No, for Yahweh has called for these three kings to give them into the hand of Moab."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 3:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And Elisha said, “{By} the life of Yahweh of hosts, whom I stand to his face, that unless I am lifting the face of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look to you, nor would I see you.

**UST**

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

**Why did Elisha pay attention to the king of Israel?**

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

**2 Kings 3:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> But now, bring to me a person who plays stringed instruments.” And it was, when the person who played stringed instruments played, and the hand of Yahweh was on him.

**UST**

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

**When did the hand of Yahweh come upon Elisha?**

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

**2 Kings 3:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And he said, “Thus says Yahweh: ‘Making this valley cisterns, cisterns.’

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> He said, “Yahweh says that he will cause this dry streambed to be full of water.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 3:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> For thus says Yahweh: 'You will not see wind, and you will not see rain, but this valley will be filled {with} water. And you will drink—you and your cattle and your animals.'

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 3:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And this is light in the eyes of Yahweh, and he gives Moab into your hand.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 3:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And you will strike every fortified city and every choice city, and every good tree you will fell, and all the springs of water you will stop up, and every good portion you will ruin with stones."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 3:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And it happened, in the morning when the offering went up, and look—waters were coming from the way of Edom, and the land was filled with the waters.

**UST**

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

**When was the country filled with water?**

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

**2 Kings 3:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And all Moab heard that the kings had gone up to fight against them. And they were called together from every person who tied a belt and upwards, and they stood beside the border.

**UST**

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

**Who from the Moabites gathered themselves together to fight?**

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

**2 Kings 3:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And they got up early in the morning, and the sun rose over the waters. And Moab saw the waters from opposite—red like blood.

**UST**

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

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

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



**2 Kings 3:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And they said, "This {is} blood! The kings have surely killed themselves, and they struck, each one, his companion. And now—to the spoil, Moab!"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 3:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And they came to the camp of Israel, and Israel got up, and they struck Moab, and they fled from their face. And they came into it, and striking Moab.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 3:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And the cities they tore down, and every good portion they threw, each person his stone, and they filled it. And every spring of water they stopped up, and every good tree they felled, until he made its stones remain in Kir-Hareseth. And the slingers went around, and they struck it.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 3:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> And the king of Moab saw that the war was stronger than him. And he took with him 700 men who drew a sword to break through to the king of Edom, but they were not able.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 3:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And he took his son, the firstborn who would be king in his place, and he lifted him up {as} a burnt offering on the wall, and great wrath was against Israel. And they departed away from him, and they returned to the land.

**UST**

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

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

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

## 2 Kings 4

### 2 Kings 4:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And a woman, one from the wives of the sons of the prophets, cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant, my husband, died, and you yourself know that your servant was one who feared Yahweh. And the moneylender has come to take two of my children for himself to {be} slaves."

#### UST

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

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

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

### 2 Kings 4:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> So Elisha said to her, "What will I do for you? Inform me: what is there for you in the house?" And she said, "There is not for your female servant anything in the house except a flask of oil."

#### UST

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 4:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And he said, "Go, ask for yourself {for} containers from the outside, from all of your neighbors, empty containers. Do not let it be few.

#### UST

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

### From where should the woman borrow jars?

The woman should borrow jars from her neighbors.

**2 Kings 4:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And go, and shut the door behind you and behind your sons, and pour on all these containers. And the full one, set aside."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And she went from him, and she shut the door behind her and behind her sons. They were bringing near to her, and she was pouring.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And it happened, as {she} filled the containers, and she said to her son, "Bring near to me another container." And he said to her, "There is not another container." And the oil stood.

**UST**

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

**When did the oil stop flowing?**

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

**2 Kings 4:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And she came, and she informed the man of God, and he said, "Go, sell the oil, and repay your debt. And you and your sons—you will live on the rest."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And the day happened, and Elisha passed by to Shunem, and there {was} a great woman, and she grabbed him to eat bread. And it happened, as often as he passed by, he turned aside to there to eat bread.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And she said to her husband, "Look, please. I know that he {is} a holy man of God, the one continually passing by to us.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> Please, let us make a small upper chamber of a wall, and let us put for him there a bed and a table and a chair and a lampstand. And it will be, when he comes to us, he will turn aside to there."

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 4:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And the day happened, and he came to there. And he turned aside to the upper chamber, and he lay down there.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And he said to Gehazi his young man, "Call for this Shunammite." And he called for her, and she stood to his face.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And he said to him, "Now, say to her, 'Look, you have trembled all this trembling concerning us. What to do for you? Is there to speak for you to the king or to the captain of the army?'" But she said, "In the midst of my people I am living."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And he said, "But what to do for her?" And Gehazi said, "However, a son there is not for her, and her husband is old."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And he said, "Call for her." And he called for her, and she stood in the entrance.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And he said, "At this appointed time, like the living time, you will embrace a son." And she said, "No, my lord, man of God—do not lie to your female servant."

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 4:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And the woman became pregnant, and she gave birth {to} a son at this appointed time, like the living time, that Elisha spoke to her.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And the child grew, and the day happened, and he went out to his father, to the harvesters.

**UST**

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

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

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



**2 Kings 4:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And he said to his father, "My head, my head." And he said to the young man, "Lift him to his mother."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And he lifted him, and he brought him to his mother. And he sat on her knees until noon, and he died.

**UST**

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

**Where did the child sit until he died?**

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

**2 Kings 4:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And she went up, and she laid him on the bed of the man of God. And she shut behind him, and she went out.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And she called to her husband, and she said, "Please, send to me one from the young men and one of the donkeys, and let me run to the man of God, and let me return."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And he said, "Why are you going to him today? {It is} not a new moon nor a Sabbath." And she said, "Peace."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And she saddled the donkey, and she said to her young man, "Lead and go! Do not hold back for me to ride unless I say to you."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And she went, and she came to the man of God, to Mount Carmel. And it happened, when the man of God saw her from opposite, and he said to Gehazi his young man, "Look, that Shunammite woman there.

**UST**

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

**Where was the man of God?**

The man of God was at Mount Carmel.

**2 Kings 4:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> Now, please, run to meet her and say to her, ‘{Is} welfare for you? {Is} welfare for your husband? {Is} welfare for the boy?’” And she said, “Peace.”

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 4:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And she came to the man of God, to the mountain, and she grabbed his feet. And Gehazi drew near to push her away, and the man of God said, “Leave her, for her spirit is bitter for her, but Yahweh has hidden {it} from me, and he has not informed me.”

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 4:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And she said, “Did I ask {for} a son from my lord? Did I not say, ‘Do not put me at ease?’”

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> Then she said to Elisha, “O sir, I did not request you to enable me to give birth to a son, but I did say, ‘Do not lie to me.’”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> And he said to Gehazi, "Gird your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go. If you find a person, you will not bless him, and if a person blesses you, you will not answer him. But you will put my staff on the face of the young man."

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 4:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> And the mother of the young man said, "{By} the life of Yahweh and {by} the life of your spirit, I will not leave you." And he got up, and he went after her.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> And Gehazi passed by to their faces, and he put the staff on the face of the young man, but there was no sound and there was no attentiveness. And he returned to meet him, and he informed him, saying, "The young man did not wake up."

**UST**

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

**What did Gehazi lay on the child's face?**

He laid the staff on the child's face.

**2 Kings 4:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> And Elisha came in to the house, and look—the young man was dead, laid on his bed.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> And he went in, and he shut the door behind the two of them. And he prayed to Yahweh.

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> Elisha went into the room by himself and shut the door and prayed to Yahweh.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> And he went up, and he lay on the child, and he put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and his palms on his palms. And he bent down near him, and the flesh of the child grew warm.

**UST**

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

**How did the boy's body grow warm?**

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

**2 Kings 4:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> And he returned, and he walked in the house—once here and once here. And he went up, and he bent down near him. And the young man sneezed up to seven times, and the young man opened his eyes.

**UST**

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

**What did the child do before he opened his eyes?**

The child sneezed seven times and then opened his eyes.

**2 Kings 4:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> And he called to Gehazi, and he said, "Call to that Shunammite woman!" And he called her, and she came to him. And he said, "Lift up your son."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> And she came in, and she fell on his feet, and she prostrated herself to the ground. And she lifted her son, and she went out.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:38****ULT**

<sup>38</sup> And Elisha returned to Gilgal (and the famine {was} in the land), and the sons of the prophets were sitting to his face. And he said to his young man, "Place the large pot, and boil stew for the sons of the prophets."

**UST**

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

**Who gathered wild gourds? (vv38-39)**

One of the sons of the prophets gathered wild gourds.

**2 Kings 4:39****ULT**

<sup>39</sup> And one went out to the field to gather herbs, and he found a vine of the field, and he gathered from it gourds of the field, the fullness of his clothes. And he came, and he cut {it} into the pot of stew, for they did not know.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:40****ULT**

<sup>40</sup> And they poured {it} out for the men to eat. And it happened, when they ate from the stew, and they themselves cried out, and they said, "Death {is} in the pot, man of God!" And they were not able to eat.

**UST**

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

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

Elisha threw some flour into the pot.

**2 Kings 4:41****ULT**

<sup>41</sup> And he said, "And bring flour." And he threw {it} into the pot. And he said, "Pour {it} out for the people, and they will eat." And there was not a harmful thing in the pot.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:42****ULT**

<sup>42</sup> And a man came from Baal-Shalishah, and he brought to the man of God bread of the firstfruits, 20 loaves of barley bread, and new corn in his sack. And he said, "Give {them} to the people, and they will eat."

**UST**

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

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

One hundred people ate the twenty loaves of barley bread.

**2 Kings 4:43****ULT**

<sup>43</sup> And the one serving him said, "How will I give this to the face of 100 men?" And he said, "Give {them} to the people, and they will eat, for thus says Yahweh, 'Eating and leaving over.'"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 4:44****ULT**

<sup>44</sup> And he gave {them} to their face, and they ate, and they had leftovers, according to the word of Yahweh.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



## 2 Kings 5

### 2 Kings 5:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And Naaman the captain of the army of the king of Aram was a great man to the face of his lord and was lifted of face because through him Yahweh gave deliverance to Aram. But the man was mighty of military prowess, afflicted with a skin disease.

#### UST

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

### What had Yahweh given to Aram by Naaman?

Yahweh had given victory to Aram.

### 2 Kings 5:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And troops went out {from} Aram, and they took captive from the land of Israel a young little girl. And she was to the face of the wife of Naaman.

#### UST

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 5:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And she said to her queen mother, "O that my lord {was} to the face of the prophet who {is} in Samaria. Then he would take him away from his skin disease."

#### UST

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

### Whom did the little girl say would heal her master?

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

**2 Kings 5:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And he came, and he informed his lord, saying, "Like this and like this the young girl who {is} from the land of Israel has spoken."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 5:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And the king of Aram said, "Go, come, and let me send a letter to the king of Israel." And he went, and he took in his hand ten disks of silver and 6,000 gold and ten changes of clothes.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 5:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, "And now, when this letter comes to you, look—I have sent to you Naaman my servant and you will take him away from his skin disease."

**UST**

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

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

Naaman took the letter to the king of Israel.

**2 Kings 5:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, and he tore his clothes, and he said, “{Am} I God, killing and making alive, that this one is sending to me to take a man away from his skin disease? For surely, please, know and see that he is seeking an opportunity against me.”

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 5:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And it happened, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel tore his clothes, and he sent to the king saying, “Why did you tear your clothes? Please, let him come to me, and let him know that there is a prophet in Israel.”

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 5:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And Naaman came on his horses and on his chariots. And he stood {in} the opening of the house of Elisha.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> So Naaman went with his horses and chariots to Elisha’s house and waited outside the door.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 5:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, and wash seven times in the Jordan, and let your skin return to you and be clean.

**UST**

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

**What was Naaman told to do to be clean?**

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

**2 Kings 5:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And Naaman was furious, and he went, and he said, "Look—I said to myself, 'Surely he will come out, and he will stand, and he will call on the name of Yahweh his God, and he will wave his hand to the place, and he will take away the skin disease.

**UST**

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

**How did Naaman think Elisha would heal him?**

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

**2 Kings 5:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> Are not Abanah and Pharpar the rivers of Damascus better than all the waters of Israel? Can I not bathe in them and I will be clean?" And he turned, and he went away in heat.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 5:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And his servants drew near, and they spoke to him, and they said, "My father, {if} the prophet spoke to you a great matter, would you not do {it}? And moreover when he has said to you, 'Wash and be clean?'"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 5:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And he went down, and he dipped in the Jordan seven times, according to word of the man of God. And his skin returned, like the skin of a young little boy, and he was clean.

**UST**

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

**Like what was Naaman's flesh restored?**

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

**2 Kings 5:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And he returned to the man of God, he and all of his camp, and he came, and he stood to his face. And he said, "Look, please—I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. And now, please take a blessing from your servant."

**UST**

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

**After Naaman was healed, what did he know?**

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

**2 Kings 5:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> But he said, “{By} the life of Yahweh, whom I stand to his face, I will not take.” And he urged him to take, but he refused.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 5:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And Naaman said, “But {If} not, please, may a load of a pair of mules, earth, be given to your servant, for your servant will no longer make a burnt offering or a sacrifice to other gods except to Yahweh.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 5:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> For this matter, may Yahweh forgive your servant: when my lord comes {to} the house of Rimmon to prostrate himself there, and he is leaning on my hand, and I prostrate myself {in} the house of Rimmon. When I prostrate myself {in} the house of Rimmon, please may Yahweh forgive your servant in this matter.”

**UST**

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

**For what did Naaman ask Yahweh to pardon him?**

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

**2 Kings 5:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And he said to him, "Go in peace." And he went from him a stretch of land.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 5:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And Gehazi the young man of Elisha, the man of God, said, "Look—my lord spared Naaman this Aramean from taking from his hand that which he brought. {By} the life of Yahweh, if I will not run after him, and I will take something from him."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 5:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And Gehazi pursued after Naaman. And Naaman saw a person running after him, and he got down from on the chariot to meet him. And he said, "Peace?"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 5:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And he said, "Peace. My lord sent me, saying, 'Look, now this: two young men from the sons of the prophets have come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please, give to them a disk of silver and two changes of clothing.'"

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 5:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And Naaman said, "Be resolved—take two disks." And he urged him, and he bound two silver disks in two bags and two changes of clothing. And he gave {them} to two of his young men, and they lifted {them} to his face.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 5:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And he came to the hill, and he took {them} from their hand, and he deposited {them} in the house. And he sent the men, and they went.

**UST**

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

**What did Gehazi hide in the house?**

He hid the bags of silver in the house.



**2 Kings 5:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And he himself came, and he stood beside his lord, and Elisha said to him, "From where, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant did not go here or there."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 5:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> And he said to him, "{Did} not my heart go just as a man turned from on his chariot to meet you? {Is this} a time to take silver or to take clothing or olives trees or vineyards or sheep or cattle or male servants or female servants?"

**UST**

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

**What happened because Gehazi lied? (vv26-27)**

Because Gehazi lied, he became a leper.

**2 Kings 5:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And the skin disease of Naaman will cling to you and to your seed to perpetuity." And he went out from before his face, afflicted with a skin disease as the snow.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 6

### 2 Kings 6:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "Look, please—the place where we are sitting there to your face is too tight for us.

#### UST

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

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

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

### 2 Kings 6:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> Please, let us go as far as the Jordan, and let us take from there, each person one beam, and let us make for ourselves there a place to sit there." And he said, "Go."

#### UST

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 6:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And the one said, "Be resolved, please, and go with your servants." And he said, "I myself will go."

#### UST

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 6:4

#### ULT

<sup>4</sup> And he went with them. And they came to the Jordan, and they cut down the trees.

#### UST

<sup>4</sup> So they went together. When they reached the Jordan River they cut down some trees.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 6:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And it happened, the one was felling the beam, and the iron fell into the water. And he cried out, and he said, "Alas, my lord, but it was lent!"

**UST**

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

**Why was the man who lost the axe head worried?**

He was worried because the axe was borrowed.

**2 Kings 6:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he made him see the place, and he cut off a tree, and he threw {it} to there, and the iron floated.

**UST**

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

**How did Elisha make iron float?**

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

**2 Kings 6:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And he said, "Lift {it} up for yourself." And he stretched out his hand, and he took it.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 6:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And the king of Aram was fighting against Israel. And he consulted with his servants, saying, “{Make} my camp to such {and} such a place.”

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 6:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, “Beware of passing by that place, for there Aram is coming down.”

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 6:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God had said to him, and he warned it, and he was guarded there not once and not twice.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 6:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And the heart of the king of Aram became stormy concerning this matter. And he called to his servants, and he said to them, “Will you not inform me who from those {belonging} to us {is} to the king of Israel?”

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 6:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And one from his servants said, "No, my lord the king, for Elisha the prophet who {is} in Israel informs the king of Israel the things that you speak in the room of your bed."

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 6:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And he said, "Go and see where he {is}, and I will send, and I will take him." And it was declared to him, saying, "Look, in Dothan."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 6:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And he sent to there horses and a chariot and a heavy army, and they came {at} night, and they surrounded around the city.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 6:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And the one serving the man of God rose early, getting up, and he went out, and look—an army surrounding the city and horse and chariot. And his young man said to him, “Oh, my lord! What will we do?”

**UST**

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

**Why was Elisha’s servant worried?**

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

**2 Kings 6:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And he said, “Do not fear, for more numerous {are} those with us than those with them.”

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> Elisha replied, “Do not be afraid! Those who are helping us are many more than those who are helping them!”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 6:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And Elisha prayed, and he said, “Yahweh, please open his eyes, and he will see.” And Yahweh opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and look—the mountain {was} full of horses and a chariot of fire {was} all around Elisha.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 6:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And they came down to him, and Elisha prayed to Yahweh, and he said, "Please, strike this nation with blinding light." And he struck them with blinding light according to the word of Elisha.

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 6:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And Elisha said to them, "This {is} not the way, and this {is} not the city. Walk after me, and let me lead you to the man whom you seek." And he led them to Samaria.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 6:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And it happened, when they came {to} Samaria, and Elisha said, "Yahweh, open the eyes of these {people}, and they will see." And Yahweh opened their eyes, and they saw, and look—in the midst of Samaria.

**UST**

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

**Where were the Arameans when Yahweh opened their eyes?**

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

**2 Kings 6:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And the king of Israel said to Elisha when he saw them, "Will I strike {them}? Will I strike {them}, my father?"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 6:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And he said, "Do not strike {them}. Those who you took captive with your sword and with your bow—would you strike {them}? Put bread and water to their faces, and they will eat, and they will drink, and they will go to their lord."

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 6:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And he prepared a great feast for them, and they ate and they drank, and he sent them, and they went to their lord. And the troops of Aram did not continue any longer to come into the land of Israel.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**2 Kings 6:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And it happened after thus, and Ben-Hadad the king of Aram assembled all of his camp, and he went up, and he laid seige against Samaria.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 6:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And a great famine was in Samaria, and look—laying siege against it, until a head of a donkey was in exchange for 80 silver, and a fourth of the kab of doves droppings {was} in exchange for five silver.

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 6:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> And it happened, the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, and a woman cried out to him, saying, "Save, my lord, the king!"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 6:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And he said, "Yahweh will not save you—from where will I save you? From the threshing floor or from the winepress?"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 6:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And the king said to her, "What {belongs} to you?" And she said, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son, and we will eat him today, and my son we will eat tomorrow.'"

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 6:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> And we boiled my son, and we ate him. And I said to her on the next day, "Give your son, and we will eat him." But she has hidden her son.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 6:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> And it happened, when the king heard the words of the woman, and he tore his clothes (and he was passing by on the wall). And the people saw, and look—sackcloth {was} on his skin, from beneath.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 6:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> And he said, "Thus may God do to me, and thus may continue, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat stands on him today."

**UST**

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

**Who did the king blame for the famine?**

He blamed Elisha.

**2 Kings 6:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> And Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. And he sent a man from before his face, before the messenger came to him, and he himself said to the elders, "Do you see that this son of a murderer has sent to take off my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and push him with the door. Is {that} not the sound of the feet of his lord behind him?"

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 6:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> He was still speaking with them, and look—the messenger was coming down to him. And he said, "Look—this disaster {is} from Yahweh. Why will I hope for Yahweh any longer?"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 7

### 2 Kings 7:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And Elisha said, "Hear the word of Yahweh. Thus says Yahweh: 'At {this} time tomorrow, a seah of flour {will be} in exchange for a shekel, and two seahs of barley {will be} in exchange for a shekel in the gate of Samaria.'"

#### UST

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 7:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And the third {officer} who {belonged} to the king, leaning on his hand, answered the man of God, and he said, "Look—Yahweh is making windows in the heavens. Will this thing be?" And he said, "Look at you—seeing with your eyes, but from there, you will not eat."

#### UST

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

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

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

### 2 Kings 7:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And four men were afflicted with a skin disease {at} the entrance of the gate. And they said, one man to his companion, "Why are we sitting here until we die?"

#### UST

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

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

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

**2 Kings 7:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> If we say we will enter the city, and the famine {is} in the city, then we will die there. But if we sit here, then we will die. But now, come, let us fall to the camp of Aram. If they let us live, we will live. But if they kill us, then we will die."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 7:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And they got up in the twilight to go to the camp of Aram. And they came up to the edge of the camp of Aram, and look—there was not there a person.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 7:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord caused the camp of Aram to hear a sound of a chariot, a sound of a horse, a sound of a great army. And they said, each man to his brother, "Look—the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to come against us."

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 7:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And they got up, and they fled in the twilight. And they abandoned their tents and their horses and their donkeys—the camp just as it {was}—and they fled to their life.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 7:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And those who were afflicted with a skin disease came up to the edge of the camp, and they went to one tent, and they ate, and they drank. And they lifted from there silver and gold and clothing, and they went, and they hid {it}. And they returned, and they went to another tent, and they lifted from there, and they went, and they hid {it}.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 7:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And they said, each man to his companion, “Not thus we should be doing this day. It {is} a day of {good} news, but we are keeping quiet. And we will wait until the light of the morning, and punishment will find us. And now, go, and let us come, and let us inform the house of the king.”

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 7:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And they came, and they called to the gatekeeper of the city. And they informed them, saying, “We came to the camp of Aram. But look—there was not there a person or the sound of a man, except the horse was tied, and the donkey was tied, and the tents—just as they {were}.”

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 7:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And the gatekeepers called, and they informed the house of the king within.

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 7:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And the king got up {at} night, and he said to his servants, “Now, let me inform you that which Aram has done to us. They know that we {are} hungry, and they went out from the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, ‘For they will go out from the city, and we will capture them alive, and we will go to the city.’”

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 7:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And one from his servants answered, and he said, “And, please, let us take five from the remaining horses which were left in it. Look at them—like all the population of Israel who are left in it. Look at them—like all the population of Israel who are finished. And let us send, and let us see.”

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 7:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And they took two chariot horses, and the king sent after the camp of Aram, saying, “Go and see.”

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 7:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And they went after them up to the Jordan, and look—all the road was full of clothing and equipment that Aram had thrown in their hurry. And the messengers returned, and they informed the king.

**UST**

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

**Of what was the road full?**

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



**2 Kings 7:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And the people went out, and they plundered the camp of Aram. And it happened, a seah of fine flour {was} in exchange for a shekel, and two seahs of barley grains {were} in exchange for a shekel, according to the word of Yahweh.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 7:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And the king had appointed the third {officer} who was leaning on his hand over the gate, but the people trampled him in the gate, and he died, just as the man of God had spoken, which he spoke when the king came down to him.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 7:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And it happened, when the man of God spoke to the king, saying, "Two seah of barley {will be} in exchange for a shekel, and a seah of flour {will be} in exchange for a shekel. It will be at {this} time tomorrow in the gate of Samaria,"

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 7:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And the third {officer} had answered the man of God, and he had said, "Look—Yahweh is making windows in the heavens. Will this thing be?" And he said, "Look at you—seeing with your eyes, but from there you will not eat."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 7:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And thus it happened to him, and the people trampled him in the gate, and he died.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 8

### 2 Kings 8:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And Elisha spoke to the woman, who he made her son live, saying, "Get up and go, you and your house, and sojourn where you will sojourn, for Yahweh has called for a famine, and also it will come to the land seven years."

#### UST

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

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

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

### 2 Kings 8:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And the woman got up, and she did according to the word of the man of God. And she went, she and her house, and she sojourned in the land of the Philistines {for} seven years.

#### UST

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 8:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And it happened at the end of seven years, and the woman returned from the land of the Philistines. And she went out to cry out to the king on behalf of her house and on behalf of her land.

#### UST

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

### Why did the woman go to the king?

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

**2 Kings 8:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And the king was speaking to Gehazi, the young man of the man of God, saying, "Please report to me all the great things that Elisha has done."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 8:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And it happened, he was reporting to the king that he made the dead live, and look—the woman who he made her son live was crying out to the king on behalf of her house and on behalf of her field. And Gehazi said, "My lord, the king, this {is} the woman, and this {is} her son, who Elisha made live."

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 8:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And the king inquired of the woman, and she reported to him. So the king gave to her one eunuch, saying, "Return everything that {belongs} to her and all the produce of the field from the day she left the land and up to now."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 8:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And Elisha came to Damascus, and Ben Hadad the king of Aram was sick. And it was declared to him, saying, "The man of God has come to here."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 8:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And the king said to Hazael, "Take a gift in your hand, and go to meet the man of God. And you will inquire of Yahweh through him, saying, 'Will I live from this sickness?'"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 8:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And Hazael went to meet him and he took a gift in his hand, and every good thing of Damascus, a burden of 40 camels. And he came, and he stood to his face, and he said, "Your son, Ben Hadad the king of Aram, sent me to you, saying, 'Will I live from this sickness?'"

**UST**

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

**What did Hazael take with him to give to Elisha?**

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

**2 Kings 8:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And Elisha said to him, "Go, say to him, 'You will surely live.' But Yahweh has made me see that he will surely die."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 8:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And he made his face stand, and he set until shaming, and the man of God wept.

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 8:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And Hazael said, "Why is my lord weeping?" And he said, "Because I know that which you will do evil to the sons of Israel. Their fortresses you will send into the fire, and their young men you will kill with the sword, and their infants you will dash to pieces, and their pregnant women you will split open."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 8:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And Hazael said, "But what {is} your servant, the dog, that he will do this great thing?" And Elisha said, "Yahweh has made me see you—king over Aram."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 8:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And he went from with Elisha, and he came to his lord. And he said to him, "What did Elisha say to you?" And he said, "He said to me, 'Surely you will live.'"

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 8:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And it happened, from the following day, and he took the covering, and he dipped in the waters, and he spread {it} over his face, and he died. And Hazael became king in his place.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 8:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab, the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, became king.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 8:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> He was a son of 32 years when he became king, and he was king eight years in Jerusalem.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 8:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab did, for the daughter of Ahab became a wife to him. And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh.

**UST**

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

**Who was Jehoram's wife?**

Jehoram's wife was Ahab's daughter.



**2 Kings 8:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> But Yahweh was not willing to destroy Judah, for the sake of David, his servant, just as he had said to him—to give to him a lamp for his sons all the days.

**UST**

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

**Why did Yahweh not want to destroy Judah?**

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

**2 Kings 8:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> In his days, Edom rebelled from under the hand of Judah, and they made a king be king over them.

**UST**

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

**When did Edom revolt from under the hand of Judah?**

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

**2 Kings 8:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And Joram crossed over to Zair, and with all the chariots with him. And it happened, he himself got up {at} night, and he struck Edom, the one surrounding him and the captains of the chariots, but the people fled to their tents.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 8:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And Edom rebelled from under the hand of Judah to this day. Then Libnah rebelled at that time.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 8:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And the rest of the words of Joram, and all that he did—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Judah?

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 8:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And Joram slept with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Ahaziah his son was king in his place.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 8:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> In the year of the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab, the king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, the king of Judah, became king.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 8:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> Ahaziah {was} a son of 22 years when he became king, and he was king one year in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Athaliah the daughter of Omri the king of Israel.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 8:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, as the house of Ahab, for he {was} a son-in-law of the house of Ahab.

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 8:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to war with Hazael the king of Aram at Ramoth-Gilead, but the Arameans struck Joram.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 8:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> And King Joram returned to heal himself in Jezreel from the wounds that Arameans had struck him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael the king of Aram. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, the king of Judah, went down to see Joram, the son of Ahab in Jezreel because he was wounded.

**UST**

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

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

King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel.

## 2 Kings 9

### 2 Kings 9:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And Elisha the prophet called to one from the sons of the prophets, and he said to him, "Gird your loins, and take this flask of oil in your hand, and go {to} Ramoth-Gilead.

#### UST

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

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

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

### 2 Kings 9:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And you will come to there, and see Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, there. And you will come, and you will make him get up from the midst of his brothers, and you will bring him {to} an inner room in an inner room.

#### UST

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 9:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And you will take the flask of oil, and you will pour {it} on his head, and you will say, 'Thus says Yahweh: "I have anointed you as king over Israel.'" Then you will open the door, and you will flee, and you will not tarry."

#### UST

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And the young man—the young man, the prophet—went {to} Ramoth-Gilead.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> So the young prophet went to Ramoth.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And he came and look—the captains of the army were sitting, and he said, “A word {belongs} to me concerning you, O captain.” And Jehu said, “Concerning who, from all of us?” And he said, “Concerning you, O captain.”

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And he got up, and he came to the house, and he poured the oil on his head. And he said to him, “Thus says Yahweh the God of Israel: ‘I have anointed you as king over the people of Yahweh, over Israel.’”

**UST**

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

**Who poured the oil on Jehu’s head?**

The prophet poured the oil on Jehu’s head.

**2 Kings 9:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And you will strike the house of Ahab your lord, and I will avenge the blood of my servants, the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of Yahweh from the hand of Jezebel.

**UST**

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

**How could Yahweh avenge the blood of his servants?**

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

**2 Kings 9:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And all of the house of Ahab will perish, and I will cut off the one of Ahab who urinates on a wall and the one who is restrained and the one who is set free in Israel.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And I will give the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And the dogs will eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, but there will be no burying." And he opened the door, and he fled.

**UST**

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

**What was going to happen to Jezebel?**

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

**2 Kings 9:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And Jehu came out to the servants of his lords, and he said to him, "Peace? Why did this madman come to you?" And he said to them, "You yourselves know the man and his speech."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And they said, "A lie! Now, inform us." And he said, "He said like this and like this to me, saying, 'Thus says Yahweh: "I have anointed you as king over Israel."'"

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> They said, "You are lying. Tell us what he said!" He replied, "He told me several things, and then he told me that Yahweh said, 'I am appointing you to be the king of Israel.'"

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

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



**2 Kings 9:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And they hurried, and they took, each one his clothing, and they set {them} beneath him to the bone of the steps. And they blasted on the trumpet, and they said, "Jehu is king."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, conspired against Joram. And Joram was guarding in Ramoth-Gilead, he and all Israel, from the face of Hazael the king of Aram.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And King Joram returned to heal in Jezreel from the wounds that Arameans had stricken when he fought with Hazael the king of Aram. Jehu said, "If it is your desire, do not let a fugitive go out from the city, to go to report in Jezreel."

**UST**

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

**Why had King Joram gone back to Jezreel?**

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

**2 Kings 9:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And Jehu rode, and he went to Jezreel, because Joram was laying down there. And Ahaziah the king of Judah went down to see Joram.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And the watchman was standing on the watchtower in Jezreel, and he saw the crowd of Jehu when he came, and he said, "I am seeing a crowd." And Jehoram said, "Take a chariot, and send to call them, and he will say, 'Peace?'"

**UST**

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

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

The watchman saw the messenger ride with Jehu.

**2 Kings 9:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And the chariot of the horse went to call him, and he said, "Thus says the king: 'Peace?'" And Jehu said, "What {is} to you and to peace? Turn around to after me." And the watchman declared, saying, "The messenger has come up to them, but he has not returned."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And he sent out a second chariot of a horse, and he came to them, and he said, "Thus says the king: 'Peace.'" And Jehu said, "What {is} to you and to peace? Turn around to after me."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And the watchman declared, saying, "He has come up to them, but he has not returned, and the driving {is} like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives with madness."

**UST**

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

**How did the watchman know Jehu was driving the chariot?**

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

**2 Kings 9:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And Joram said, "Get harnessed." And he harnessed his chariot, and Jehoram the king of Israel and Ahaziah the king of Judah went out, each man in his chariot, and they went out to call Jehu. And they found him on the portion of Naboth, the Jezreelite.

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 9:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And it happened, when Jehoram saw Jehu, and he said, "Peace, Jehu?" And he said, "How {is} peace during the promiscuity of Jezebel, your mother, and her many sorceries?"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And Jehoram turned his hands and he fled, and he said to Ahaziah, "Deceit, Ahaziah!"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And Jehu filled his hand with the bow, and he struck Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out from his heart. And he sank down in his chariot.

**UST**

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

**What happened after Jehu shot Joram between his shoulders?**

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

**2 Kings 9:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And he said to Bidkar, his third {officer}, "Lift and throw him in the portion of the field of Naboth, the Jezreelite. For remember—me and you, riding {as} pairs after Ahab his father, and Yahweh lifted this utterance against him:

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> 'If not the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons I have seen yesterday, declares Yahweh, and I will repay to you in this portion, declares Yahweh.' But now, lift, throw him in the portion, according to the word of Yahweh."

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 9:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And Ahaziah the king of Judah saw, and he fled the way of the house of the garden. And Jehu pursued after him, and he said, "Also strike him to the chariot in the ascent of Gur which {is} near Ibleam." And he fled {to} Megiddo, and he died there.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And his servants caused him to ride to Jerusalem, and they buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the city of David.

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 9:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> And in the year of the 11 th year of Joram the son of Ahab, Ahaziah became king over Judah.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> And Jehu came to Jezreel, and Jezebel heard. And she set her eyes with paint, and she made her head good, and she looked down through the window.

**UST**

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

**What happened when Jehu came to Jezreel?**

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

**2 Kings 9:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> And Jehu came in the gate, And she said, "Peace, Zimri, murderer of his lord?"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> And he lifted his face to the window, and he said, "Who {is} with me? Who?" And two, three eunuchs looked down to him.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> And he said, "Drop her." And they dropped her, and some of her blood sprinkled on the wall and on the horses, and they trampled her.

**UST**

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

**Who threw Jezebel down?**

Some eunuchs threw Jezebel down.

**2 Kings 9:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> And he went, and he ate, and he drank, and he said, "Now, attend to this cursed woman and bury her, for a daughter of a king {is} she."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 9:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> And they went to bury her, but they did not find among her except the skull, and the feet, and the palms of the hands.

**UST**

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

**Why could no one bury Jezebel?**

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

**2 Kings 9:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> And they returned, and they informed him, and he said, "It {is} the word of Yahweh that he spoke by the hand of his servant Elijah, the Tishbite, saying, 'In the portion of Jezreel, the dogs will eat the flesh of Jezebel,

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



## 2 Kings 9:37

### ULT

<sup>37</sup> and the corpse of Jezebel will be like dung on the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel, that they will not say, "This is Jezebel."""

### UST

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 10

### 2 Kings 10:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And to Ahab {belonged} 70 sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and he sent to Samaria, to the captains of Jezreel, the elders, and to the guardians of Ahab, saying,

#### UST

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 10:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> "And now, when this letter comes to you, and with you {are} the sons of your lords, and with you {are} chariot and horses and fortified city and weapon,

#### UST

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 10:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> and you will see the best and the most upright from the sons of your lords, and you will set {him} on the throne of his father. And fight on behalf of the house of your lords."

#### UST

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

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

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

**2 Kings 10:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And they were very, very afraid, and they said, "Look—the two kings did not stand to his face. And how will we stand ourselves?"

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 10:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And he sent the one who {was} over the house and the one who {was} over the city and the elders and the guardian to Jehu, saying, "We {are} your servants, and all that you say to us we will do. We will not make a person king. Do the good in your eyes."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And he wrote a second letter to them, saying, "If you {are} for me, and you are listening to my voice, take the heads of the men of the sons of your lords and come to me at the time tomorrow to Jezreel." And the sons of the king {were} 70 men, with the great ones of the city who were raising them.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And it happened, when the letter came to them, and they took the sons of the king, and they slaughtered 70 men. And they put their heads in baskets, and they sent {them} to him, to Jezreel.

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 10:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And the messenger came, and he informed him, saying, "They have brought the heads of the sons of the king." And he said, "Put them {in} two piles {at} the entrance of the gate until the morning."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And it happened in the morning, and he went out, and he stood, and he said to all the people, "You {are} righteous. Look—I myself conspired against my lord, and I killed him. But who struck all these?"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> Know then that {a word} does not fall from the word of Yahweh to the ground that Yahweh has spoken concerning the house of Ahab. And Yahweh has done that which he spoke through the hand of his servant, Elijah."

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> I want you to know that everything that Yahweh said would happen has happened. He has caused to happen what he told the prophet Elijah would happen."

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

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

**2 Kings 10:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And Jehu struck down all who remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel and all his great ones and those who were known {by} him and his priests without leaving for him a survivor.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And he got up, and he came, and he went {to} Samaria. He {was in} Beth-Eked of the shepherds in the way,

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> and Jehu found the brothers of Ahaziah the king of Judah, and he said, "Who {are} you?" And they said, "We {are} the brothers of Ahaziah, and we came down for the welfare of the sons of the king and the sons of the queen mother."

**UST**

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

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

He met and killed forty-two.

**2 Kings 10:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And he said, "Seize them alive!" And they seized them alive, and they slaughtered them near the pit of Beth-Eked—42 men, and he did not leave over a person from them.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And he went from there, and he found Jehonadab the son of Recab to meet him, and he blessed him, and he said to him, "Is there with your heart what is upright, just as my heart {is} with your heart?" And Jehonadab said, "It is." "And it is, give your hand." And he gave his hand, and he lifted him to himself into the chariot.

**UST**

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

**Why did Jehu take Jonadab into the chariot?**

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

**2 Kings 10:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And he said, "Come with me and see my zeal for Yahweh." And they had him ride in his chariot.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And he came {to} Samaria, and he struck all the people who remained of Ahab in Samaria, until he exterminated him, according to the word of Yahweh that he spoke to Elijah.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And Jehu gathered all the people, and he said to them, "Ahab served Baal a little, Jehu will serve him much.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And now, call to me all the prophets of the Baal—all his servants and all his priests. Do not let a person be missing, for a great sacrifice {belongs} to me for the Baal. All those who are missing will not live." However Jehu acted with cunning, in order to destroy the servants of the Baal.

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 10:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And Jehu said, "Consecrate a festive assembly for the Baal." And they called.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And Jehu sent in all Israel, and all the servants of the Baal came, and a person was not left over who had not come. And they entered the house of the Baal, and the house of the Baal was filled mouth to mouth.

**UST**

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

**To where did the worshipers of Baal come?**

They came into the temple of Baal.

**2 Kings 10:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And he said to the person who {was} over the wardrobe, "Bring out clothing for all the servants of the Baal." And he brought out to them the robe.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**2 Kings 10:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And Jehu and Jehonadab the son of Recab entered the house of the Baal, and he said to the servants of the Baal, "Search and see, lest there be here with you some of the servants of Yahweh, except the servants of the Baal by themselves."

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And they entered to make sacrifices and burnt offerings. And Jehu set for himself 80 men outside, and he said, "The man who escapes from the men who I am bringing into your hands—his life in the place of his life."

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 10:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And it happened, when he finished making the burnt offering, and Jehu said to the runners and to the third {officers}, "Go! Strike them! Do not let a man go out." And they struck them to {the} mouth of {the} sword, and the runners and the third {officers} threw {them}, and they went up to the city of the house of the Baal.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> And they brought out the pillars of the house of the Baal, and they burned it.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And they broke down the pillar of the Baal, and they broke down the house of the Baal, and they put it as a bathroom, until this day.

**UST**

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

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

They made the house of Baal into a latrine.

**2 Kings 10:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And Jehu exterminated the Baal from Israel.

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> That is how Jehu got rid of the worship of Baal in Israel.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> Only the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat which caused Israel to sin—Jehu did not turn aside from after them: the calves of gold that {were in} Bethel and that {were} in Dan.

**UST**

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

**How did Jehu not leave the sins of Jeroboam?**

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

**2 Kings 10:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> And Yahweh said to Jehu, "Because you did good by doing what is upright in my eyes, according to all that {is} in my heart you did to the house of Ahab, sons of {the} fourth will sit for you on the throne of Israel."

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 10:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> But Jehu did not take care to walk in the law of Yahweh the God of Israel with all his heart. He did not turn aside away from the sins of Jeroboam, which caused Israel to sin.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> In those days, Yahweh began to cut off Israel. And Hazael struck them in every border of Israel,

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> from the Jordan, from the rising of the sun, all the land of Gilead—the Gadite and the Reubenite and the Manassite, from Aroer, which {is} near the valley of Arnon, and Gilead and Bashan.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> But the rest of the words of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Israel?

**UST**

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

**Where were the other matters concerning Jehu written?**

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

**2 Kings 10:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> And Jehu slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son was king in his place.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 10:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> And the days that Jehu was king over Israel {were} 28 years in Samaria.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 11

### 2 Kings 11:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And Athaliah {was} the mother of Ahaziah, and she saw that her son died. And she got up, and she destroyed all the seed of the kingdom.

#### UST

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

### Who did Athaliah not kill? (vv1-2)

Athaliah did not kill Joash.

### 2 Kings 11:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> But Jehosheba the daughter of King Joram, the sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and she stole him from the midst of the sons of the king who were to be killed—he and his wet-nurse in the room of the beds. And they hid him from the face of Athaliah, and he was not killed.

#### UST

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 11:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And he was with her {in} the house of Yahweh, hiding himself six years, and Athaliah was queen over the land.

#### UST

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 11:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And in the seventh year, Jehoiada sent, and he took the captains of the hundreds {belonging} to the Carians and to the runners, and he brought them to himself at the house of Yahweh. And he cut for them a covenant, and he made them swear in the house of Yahweh, and he made them see the son of the king.

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 11:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And he commanded them, saying, "This {is} the thing that you will do: the third from you who are coming {on} the Sabbath and {will be} keepers of the watch of the house of the king,

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 11:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> and the third {will be} at the gate of Sur, and the third {will be} at the gate behind the runners. And you will keep the watch of the house, alternating."

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> Another group must guard at the Sur Gate. The other group must guard at the gate behind the other groups.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 11:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And two of the hands among you, everyone going out {on} the Sabbath, and they will keep the watch of the house of Yahweh for the king.

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 11:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And you will surround around the king, all around, each man and his weapons in his hand, and the person who comes to the ranks will be killed, and be with the king when he goes out and when he comes in.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 11:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And the captains of the hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And they took, each man, his men, the one coming in {on} the Sabbath with the ones going out {on} the Sabbath, and they came to Jehoiada the priest.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 11:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And the priest gave to the captains of the hundreds the spears and the shields that {belonged} to King David, that {were} in the house of Yahweh.

**UST**

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

**What did Jehoiada hand over to the commanders?**

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

**2 Kings 11:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And the runners stood, each man and his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, to the altar and to the house, around the king, all around.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 11:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And he brought out the son of the king, and he set the crown on him and the testimony, and they made him king, and they anointed him. And they struck palm, and they said, "May the king live!"

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**2 Kings 11:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And Athaliah heard the sound of the runners, the people, and she came to the people, {to} the house of Yahweh.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 11:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And she saw, and look—the king was standing near the column, according to the custom, and the captains and the trumpeters {were} near the king, and all the people of the land were rejoicing and blasting on the trumpets. And Athaliah tore her clothing, and she called out, “Conspiracy! Conspiracy!”

**UST**

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

**Why did Athaliah tear her clothes and shout?**

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

**2 Kings 11:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, inspectors of the army, and he said to them, “Bring her out to away from house {belonging} to the ranks. And the one who comes after her, kill {her} with the sword.” For the priest had said, “Do not kill in the house of Yahweh.”

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 11:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And they put two hands to her, and she went the way of the coming in of the horses, the house of the king, and she was killed there.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 11:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And Jehoiada cut the covenant between Yahweh and between the king and between the people, to become a people for Yahweh, and between the king and between the people.

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 11:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And all the people of the land went {to} the house of the Baal, and they broke down his altar, and his images they smashed well, and they killed Mattan the priest of the Baal to the face of the altars, and the priest set sentry over the house of Yahweh.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 11:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And he took the captains of the hundreds and the Carians and the runners and all of the people of the land, and they brought down the king from the house of Yahweh, and they entered the way of the gate of the runners, the house of the king. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 11:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And all of the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet, and Athaliah they killed with the sword {at} the house of the king.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 11:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> Joash {was} a son of seven years when he became king.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> Joash was seven years old when he became the king of Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 12

### 2 Kings 12:1

**ULT**

<sup>1</sup> In the seventh year of Jehu, Joash became king, and he was king 40 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Zibiah, from Beersheba.

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 12:2

**ULT**

<sup>2</sup> And Joash did what was upright in the eyes of Yahweh all of his days, because Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

**UST**

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

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

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

### 2 Kings 12:3

**ULT**

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

**UST**

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

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 12:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And Joash said to the priests, "All the silver of the sacred things that {is} brought {into} the house of Yahweh: the silver passing over a man, the silver of lives, his assessment, all the silver which goes up on the heart of a man to bring into the house of Yahweh,

**UST**

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

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

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

**2 Kings 12:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> the priests will take for them, each man from his acquaintance, and they will strengthen the damage of the house, for every {place} where damage is found there."

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> Each priest must take the money from the people who come to him, and he must use that money to repair the temple whenever he sees that there is something that needs to be repaired."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 12:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And it happened, in the year of the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of King Joash, the priests had not strengthened the damage of the house.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> But after Joash had been ruling for almost twenty-three years, the priests still had not repaired anything in the temple.

**Why did Joash tell the priests to take no more money from the taxpayers? (vv6-7)**

Joash told the priests this because they had not repaired anything in the temple.

**2 Kings 12:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And King Joash called for Jehoiada the priest and for the priests, and he said to them, "Why are you not strengthening the damage of the house? And now, you will not take silver from your acquaintances, but for the damage of the house you will give it."

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> So Joash summoned Jehoiada and the other priests and said to them, "Why are you not repairing things in the temple? Do not take any more money from those who are paying taxes. Take the money that was collected for the purpose of repairing the temple and pay that money to the workers who will do the repairs."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 12:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> So the priests agreed to not accept silver from the people and to not strengthen the damage of the house.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> The priests agreed to do that, and they also agreed that they themselves would not do the repair work.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 12:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And Jehoiada the priest took one box, and he pierced a hole in its door, and he gave it beside the altar, on the right hand. When a person came {to} the house of Yahweh, and the priests, the ones guarding the threshold, gave into there all the silver that was brought {to} the house of Yahweh.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> Then Jehoiada took a chest and bored a hole in the lid. He placed it alongside the altar for burning incense that was on the right as anyone enters the temple. The priests who guarded the entrance to the temple put in the box the money that was brought to the temple.

**Who put money into the chest?**

The priests who were guarding the temple entrance put into the chest all the money that was brought to the house of Yahweh.

**2 Kings 12:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And it happened, when they saw that the silver {was} abundant in the box, and the scribe of the king and the great priest went up, and they bound {it}, and they numbered the silver that was found {in} the house of Yahweh.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> Whenever they saw that there was a lot of money in the chest, the king's secretary and the high priest would come and count the money. Then they would put it in bags and tie the bags shut.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 12:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And they gave the silver that was counted to the hands of the people doing the work, the ones inspecting the house of Yahweh. And they brought it out to the craftsmen of the wood and to the builders, the ones making the house of Yahweh,

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> Then they would distribute the money to the men who supervised the work in the temple. The supervisors would use that money to pay the carpenters and builders who did the repair work in the temple,

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 12:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> and to the people building the wall and to the hewers of the stone, and to acquire wood and hewed stones to strengthen the damage of the house of Yahweh, and for everything that came out concerning the house to strengthen {it}.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> and the masons and the stone cutters. Also with some of that money they bought timber and stones that had been cut to be used in the repair work, and to pay all the other expenses for the repair work.

**For what did the workers use the money?**

The workers used the money for buying timber and cutting stone to repair the temple of Yahweh, and for all that was needed to be paid to repair it.

**2 Kings 12:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> However, {in} the house of Yahweh, bowls of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets—all the instruments of gold or instruments of silver were not made from the silver that was brought {to} the house of Yahweh,

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> But they did not use any of that money to pay men to make silver cups or wick trimmers for the lamps or bowls or trumpets or any other items made of silver or gold to be used in the temple.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 12:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> because they gave it to the people doing the work. And they strengthened the house of Yahweh with it.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> All that money was given to the men who were doing the work of repairing the temple.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 12:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And they did not audit the men who they gave the silver into their hand to give to the people doing the work, for they were acting with trustworthiness.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> The men who supervised the work always did things honestly, so the king's secretary and the high priest never required that the supervisors report what they had spent the money for.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 12:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> {The} silver of {the} guilt offering and the silver for the sin offerings were not brought {into} the house of Yahweh—they belonged to the priests.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> But the money that people gave to pay for sacrifices for their sins was not put in the chest. That money belonged to the priests.

**Why was the money for the guilt offerings and the money for the sin offerings not brought into the temple of Yahweh?**

The money for the guilt offerings and the money for the sin offerings was not brought into the temple of Yahweh, because it belonged to the priests.



**2 Kings 12:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> Then Hazael the king of Aram went up, and he fought against Gath, and he captured it. And Hazael set his face to go up against Jerusalem.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> At that time, Hazael, the king of Aram, went with his army and attacked the city of Gath and conquered it. Then he decided that they would attack Jerusalem.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 12:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And Joash the king of Judah took all the holy things that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah his fathers, the kings of Judah, had consecrated and his holy things and all of the gold that was found in the treasuries of the house of Yahweh and the house of the king, and he sent {them} to Hazael the king of Aram, and he went up away from Jerusalem.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> So Joash, the king of Judah, took all the money that the previous kings, Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, had dedicated to Yahweh. He added some of his own money, and all the gold that was in the rooms in the temple where valuable things were kept, and he sent it all to King Hazael to persuade him not to attack Jerusalem. So King Hazael took his army away from Jerusalem.

**How did King Joash prevent King Hazael from attacking Jerusalem?**

Joash took all the holy objects that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah had consecrated to Yahweh, his own holy things, and all the gold that was found in the storerooms of the houses of Yahweh and of the king, and he sent them to Hazael, king of Aram. Then Hazael went away from Jerusalem.

**2 Kings 12:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> But the rest of the words of Joash, and all that he did—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Judah?

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> If you want to read more of what Joash did, it is all written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 12:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And his servants got up, and they conspired a conspiracy, and they struck Joash {in} Beth-Millo, the going down {to} Silla.

**UST**

<sup>20-21</sup> Joash's officials plotted against him, and two of them killed Joash on the road that goes down to the district of Silla. The two men who did that were Jozabad son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad son of Shomer. Joash was buried in the place where his ancestors were buried, in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then Joash's son Amaziah became the king of Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 12:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And Jozabad the son of Shimeath and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, struck him, and he died, and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David. And Amaziah his son became king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>20-21</sup> Joash's officials plotted against him, and two of them killed Joash on the road that goes down to the district of Silla. The two men who did that were Jozabad son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad son of Shomer. Joash was buried in the place where his ancestors were buried, in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then Joash's son Amaziah became the king of Judah.

**Who attacked Joash?**

Jozacar, the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad, the son of Shomer, his servants, attacked Joash.

## 2 Kings 13

### 2 Kings 13:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> In the year of the 23rd year of Joash the son of Ahaziah, the king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu became king over Israel in Samaria—17 years.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> After Joash had been ruling Judah for almost twenty-three years, Jehu's son Jehoahaz became the king of Israel. He ruled in the city of Samaria for seventeen years.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 13:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh. And he walked after the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin—he did not turn away from it.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> He did many things that Yahweh said were evil and committed the same kind of sins that Jeroboam had committed, sins that had induced the people of Israel to sin. He did not stop committing those sins.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 13:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And the nose of Yahweh grew hot against Israel, and he gave them into the hand of Hazael the king of Aram and into the hand of Ben Hadad the son of Hazael all the days.

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> So Yahweh became very angry with the Israelite people, and he allowed the army of King Hazael of Aram and his son Ben Hadad to defeat the Israelites many times.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 13:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And Jehoahaz entreated the face of Yahweh, and Yahweh listened to him, because he saw the oppression of Israel, for the king of Aram had oppressed them.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> Then Jehoahaz prayed to Yahweh for help, and Yahweh listened to him, because he saw that the army of the king of Aram was oppressing the Israelites.

**Why did Yahweh give Israel a rescuer? (vv4-5)**

Jehoahaz implored Yahweh, so Yahweh gave Israel a rescuer.

**2 Kings 13:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And Yahweh gave to Israel a savior, and they came out from under the hand of Aram. And the sons of Israel settled in their tents as yesterday {and} the day before.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> Yahweh sent a leader to Israel, who enabled them to be free from Aram's power. After that, the Israelites lived peacefully as they had done previously.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 13:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> Nevertheless, they did not turn aside from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who caused Israel to sin—he walked in it. And even the Asherah stood in Samaria.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> But they still continued to commit the same kind of sins that Jeroboam and his family had committed and that had led the Israelites to sin. Also, the statue of the goddess Asherah remained in Samaria.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 13:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> For he did not leave over for Jehoahaz people, except 50 horsemen, and ten chariot, and 10, 000 footmen, for the king of Aram destroyed them, and he set them like the dust for threshing.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> Jehoahaz had only fifty men who rode on horses and ten chariots and ten thousand other soldiers, because the army of Aram had killed all the rest, walking over them as people walk over the ground.

**The king of Aram destroyed the army of Israel and made them like what?**

The king of Aram had destroyed the army of Israel and made them like the chaff at threshing time.

**2 Kings 13:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> But the rest of the words of Jehoahaz, and all that he did and his might—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Israel?

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> If you want to read about everything else that Jehoahaz did, you can read about it in the book called The History of the Kings of Israel.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 13:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria, and Jehoash his son became king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> Jehoahaz died and was buried in Samaria. Then his son Jehoash became the king.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 13:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> In the year of the 37th year of Joash the king of Judah, Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz became king over Israel in Samaria—16 years.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> Jehoash son of Jehoahaz, started to rule in Israel after King Joash had been ruling in Judah for thirty-seven years. Jehoash ruled in Samaria for sixteen years.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 13:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn aside from all of the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin—he walked in it.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He refused to stop worshiping idols, which was the sin that many years earlier King Jeroboam had led the Israelite people in committing.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 13:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> But the rest of the words of Jehoash, and all that he did, and his might that he fought with Amaziah the king of Judah—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Israel?

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> The other things that happened while Jehoash was king and all the things that he did are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel. In that account they wrote about his army's victories, and their war with the army of King Amaziah of Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 13:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and Jeroboam sat on his throne. And Jehoash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> When Jehoash died, he was buried in Samaria where the other kings of Israel were buried. Then his son Jeroboam became king.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 13:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And Elisha grew sick {with} his sickness that he would die by it. And Jehoash the king of Israel went down to him, and he wept on his face, and he said, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!"

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> Then Elisha became very ill. Just before he died, King Joash went to Elisha and cried in front of him. Saying the same words that Elisha had said when Elijah was taken to heaven, he said, "My father! The chariots of us Israelite people and their drivers are taking my master away!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 13:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And Elisha said to him, "Bring a bow and arrows." And he brought to him a bow and arrows.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> Elisha said to him, "Bring to me a bow and some arrows!" So the king did that.

**When Elisha was sick, what did he tell Joash to pick up?**

He told Joash to pick up a bow and some arrows.

**2 Kings 13:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And he said to the king of Israel, "Drive your hand on the bow." And he drove his hand. And Elisha put his hands over the hands of the king.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> Then Elisha told the king to put his hands on the bow and prepare to shoot some arrows. And then Elisha put his own hands on the king's hands.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 13:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And he said, "Open the window to the east." And he opened. And Elisha said, "Shoot." And he shot, and he said, "An arrow of victory for Yahweh and an arrow of victory against Aram. And you will strike Aram in Aphek up to completion."

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> Then Elisha told him, "Have someone open that window toward the east." So a servant opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot!" So the king did. Then Elisha said, "That is the arrow that indicates that your army will defeat the Aramean army. Your army will completely defeat their army at the city of Aphek."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 13:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And he said, "Take the arrows." And he took, and he said to the king of Israel, "Strike to the ground." And he struck three times, and he stood.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> Then Elisha said, "Pick up the other arrows and strike the ground with them!" So the king picked up the arrows and struck the ground three times.

**What happened because Joash hit the ground only three times? (vv18-19)**

Because he hit the ground only three times, he would attack Aram only three times.

**2 Kings 13:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And the man of God was angry on account of him, and he said, "Striking five or six times, then you would have struck Aram up to completion. But now three times you will strike Aram."

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> But Elisha was angry with him. He exclaimed, "You should have struck the ground five or six times! If you had done that, your army would have defeated the Aramean army until they were completely wiped out! But now, because you struck the ground only three times, your army will defeat them only three times!"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 13:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the troops of Moab came into the land, coming yearly.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> Then Elisha died and was buried. Groups of raiders from Moab came to Israel each year during spring.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**2 Kings 13:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And it happened, they were burying a man, and look—they saw the troop, and they threw the man into the grave of Elisha. And he went, and the man touched the bones of Elisha. And it happened, and he got up onto his feet.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> One year, when some Israelite people were burying a man's body, they saw a group of those raiders. They were afraid, so quickly they threw that man's body into the grave where Elisha had been buried, and they ran away. But as soon as the man's body touched Elisha's bones, the dead man became alive again and jumped up!

**What happened to the man who was buried in Elisha's cave?**

The man who was buried in Elisha's cave revived and stood up on his feet as soon as the man touched Elisha's bones.

**2 Kings 13:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And Hazael king of Aram oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> King Hazael of Aram sent soldiers to oppress the Israelite people during all the years that Jehoahaz ruled Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 13:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> But Yahweh showed them favor, and he had compassion on them, and he turned to them on account of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And he was not willing to destroy them, and he did not cast them away from his face until now.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> But Yahweh was very kind to the Israelite people. He helped them because of the covenant that he had made with their ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He would not get rid of the Israelites, and he still has not rejected them.

**Why did Yahweh not drive Israel away from his presence?**

Yahweh was gracious to Israel, and had compassion on them and concern for them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. So Yahweh did not destroy them, and he did not drive them away from his presence.

**2 Kings 13:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And Hazael the king of Aram died, and Ben Hadad his son became king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> When Hazael the king of Aram died, his son Ben Hadad became the king.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 13:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz returned, and he took the cities from the hand of Ben-Hadad the son of Hazael that he took from the hand of Jehoahaz his father in the war. Three times Jehoash struck him, and he returned the cities of Israel.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> The army of King Jehoash of Israel defeated the army of King Ben Hadad three times; they also recaptured the cities that Ben Hadad's army had seized during the time that Jehoash's father Jehoahaz was ruling Israel.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 14

### 2 Kings 14:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> In the second year of Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, the king of Israel, Amaziah the son of Joash, the king of Judah, became king.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> After Jehoash had been ruling Israel for almost two years, Joash's son Amaziah became the king of Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 14:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> He was a son of 25 years when he became king, and he was king 29 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Jehoaddan, from Jerusalem.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> He was twenty-five years old when he started to rule, and he ruled in Jerusalem for twenty-nine years. His mother was Jehoaddin. She was from Jerusalem.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 14:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And he did what was upright in the eyes of Yahweh, only not like David his father. Like everything that Joash his father did, he did.

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> Amaziah did many things that pleased Yahweh, but he did not do as many things that pleased Yahweh as King David had done. He did some of the good things that his father Joash had done.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 14:4

#### ULT

<sup>4</sup> Only the high places were not removed—the people still were sacrificing and burning incense at the high places.

#### UST

<sup>4</sup> But, like his father, he did not tear down the other places for worshiping Yahweh. The people continued to burn incense to honor Yahweh in those places instead of in Jerusalem, the place that Yahweh had appointed.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 14:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And it happened, just as the kingdom was strong in his hand, and he struck his servants, the ones who had struck the king, his father.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> As soon as he was completely in control of his kingdom, he made his servants execute the officials who had murdered his father.

**What did Amaziah do as soon as his rule was well established?**

As soon as his rule was well established, Amaziah killed the servants who had murdered his father, the king.

**2 Kings 14:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> But the sons of the ones striking he did not kill, according to what is written on the Scroll of the Law of Moses, that Yahweh commanded, saying, "Fathers will not be killed on account of sons, and sons will not be killed on account of fathers—rather a person will be killed in exchanged for his sin."

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> But he did not tell his servants to execute those officials' children. He obeyed what was written in the laws that God gave to Moses, "Parents must not be executed for the crimes committed by their parents. People must be executed only for the sins that they themselves have committed."

**Why did Amaziah not put the sons of the assassins to death?**

Amaziah did not put the sons of the assassins to death because Yahweh had commanded him, saying, "The fathers must not be put to death for their children, neither must the children be put to death for their parents. Instead, every person must be put to death for his own sin."

**2 Kings 14:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> He himself struck Edom in the valley of Salt—10,000 {people}—and he seized the Sela in the war. And he called its name Joktheel until this day.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> Amaziah's soldiers killed ten thousand soldiers of the Edom people group in the Valley of Salt south of the Dead Sea, and they captured the city of Sela and gave it a new name, Joktheel. That is still its name.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 14:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, the king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us cause {our} faces to be seen."

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> Then Amaziah sent messengers to King Jehoash of Israel, saying, "Come here and let us and our armies fight each other in battle."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 14:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah the king of Judah saying, "The thorn that {was} in the Lebanon sent to the cedar that {was} in the Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son as a wife.' And an animal of the field that {was} in the Lebanon passed by, and it trampled the thorn.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> But King Jehoash replied with this parable to King Amaziah: "Once a thornbush growing in the mountains in Lebanon sent a message to a cedar tree, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son in order that he may marry her.' But a wild animal in Lebanon passed by the thornbush and trampled it."

**What trampled down the thistle?**

A wild beast in Lebanon trampled down the thistle.

**2 Kings 14:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> You have certainly struck Edom, and your heart has lifted you. Be honored, but stay in your house. And why should you stir up calamity, so that you will fall—you and Judah with you?"

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> The meaning of what I am saying is that your army has defeated the army of Edom, so now you have become very proud. But you should be content with defeating the people of Edom; you should allow your soldiers to stay at home. If you cause trouble by fighting against us, you will surely cause a disaster to happen to you and to your people."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 14:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> But Amaziah did not listen. And Jehoash the king of Israel went up, and they cause {their} faces to be seen—he and Amaziah the king of Judah in Beth-Shemesh, which {belongs} to Judah.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> But Amaziah refused to pay attention to Jehoash's message. So Jehoash and Amaziah led their armies to Beth Shemesh in Judah, and it was there that their armies came together to fight each other.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 14:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And Judah was struck to the face of Israel. And they fled, each man to his tent.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> The Israelite army defeated the army of Judah, and all the soldiers of Judah fled and ran back home.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 14:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And Jehoash the king of Israel captured Amaziah the king of Judah, the son of Jehoash, the son of Ahaziah, in Beth-Shemesh. And he came to Jerusalem, and he broke down the wall of Jerusalem at the Gate of Ephraim up to the Gate of the Corner—400 cubits.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> Jehoash's army also captured King Amaziah there, and they also marched to Jerusalem and tore down the wall that was around the city, from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate. That was a section of wall about 180 meters long.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 14:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And he took all the gold and the silver and all the equipment that was found {in} the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the house of the king and the sons of the pledges. And he returned to Samaria.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> Jehoash's soldiers seized all the gold and silver that they found, all the objects that were in the temple, and all the valuable things that were in the palace; they took them to Samaria. They also took to Samaria some prisoners to make sure that Amaziah would cause them no more trouble.

**What did Jehoash take from Jerusalem?**

He took all the gold and silver, all the objects that were found in the house of Yahweh, and the valuable things in the king's palace, with hostages also.

**2 Kings 14:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> But the rest of the words of Jehoash, what he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah the king of Judah—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Israel?

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> If you want to know about all the other things that Jehoash did when he was king, including when he and his army fought against the army of King Amaziah of Judah, they are written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Israel.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 14:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and he was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. And Jeroboam his son became king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> Jehoash died, and he was buried in Samaria, where the other kings of Israel had been buried. Then his son Jeroboam became the king.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 14:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And Amaziah the son of Joash, the king of Judah, lived 15 years after the death of Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, the king of Israel.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> Amaziah, the king of Judah, lived for fifteen more years after Jehoash, the king of Israel, died.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 14:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> But the rest of the words of Amaziah—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Judah?

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> If you want to know more about everything else that Amaziah did, it is written in Book of the Events of the Kings of Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 14:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> For they conspired a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish. But they sent after him to Lachish, and they killed him there.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> Some people in Jerusalem plotted against him, so he fled to the city of Lachish. But they followed him there and killed him.

**How did Amaziah die?**

A conspiracy was made against Amaziah in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish. But men were sent after him to Lachish and they killed him there.

**2 Kings 14:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And they carried him on the horses, and he was buried in Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> They took his corpse back to Jerusalem and buried it where his ancestors had been buried, in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**2 Kings 14:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And all the people of Judah took Azariah (and he {was} a son of 16 years), and they made him king in place of his father Amaziah.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> Then all the people of Judah appointed Azariah, whose father was Amaziah, to be their king. He became king when he was sixteen years.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 14:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> He himself built up Elath, and he returned it to Judah after the king slept with his fathers.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> After Amaziah's father Amaziah died, Azariah's army captured the city of Elath, and it came under the control of Judah again.

**What did Uzziah do to Eloth?**

Uzziah rebuilt Eloth and restored it to Judah.

**2 Kings 14:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> In the year of the 15th year of Amaziah the son of Joash, the king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Jehoash, the king of Israel, became king in Samaria—41 years.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> When Amaziah had been ruling Judah for almost fifteen years, Jeroboam became the king of Israel. He ruled in the city of Samaria for forty-one years.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 14:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn away from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He did not stop committing the same kind of sins that Jeroboam son of Nebat, had committed, sins that had induced the Israelite people to sin also.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 14:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> He himself restored the border of Israel from Lebo-Hamath to the Sea of the Desert, according to the word of Yahweh the God of Israel, which he spoke by the hand of his servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who {was} from the Gath-Hepher.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> Jeroboam's soldiers conquered again some of the territory that had previously belonged to Israel, from the city of Hamath in the north to the Dead Sea in the south. That is what Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worshiped, promised the prophet Jonah son of Amittai, from the city of Gath Hepher, would happen.

**Through whom did Jeroboam hear that he should restore the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the sea of the Arabah?**

Jeroboam heard through Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, that he should restore the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the sea of the Arabah.

**2 Kings 14:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> For Yahweh saw the very bitter affliction of Israel, and {there was} none being bound and none set free, and there was no helper for Israel.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> That happened because Yahweh saw that the Israelites' enemies were causing the Israelites to suffer very much. And there was absolutely no one who would help them.

**Because Yahweh saw there was no rescuer for Israel, how did he save them? (vv26-27)**

Because Yahweh saw there was no rescuer for Israel, Yahweh saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Jehoash.

**2 Kings 14:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> But Yahweh had not spoken to wipe out the name of Israel from under the heavens. And he rescued them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Jehoash.

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> But Yahweh said that he would not destroy Israel completely, so he enabled King Jeroboam to rescue them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 14:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> But the rest of the words of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he fought, and how he restored Damascus and Hamath to Judah in Israel—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Israel?

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> If you want to know more about everything else that Jeroboam did, about how he courageously fought in battle, and about how he enabled the Israelites to capture again the cities of Damascus and Hamath, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 14:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, with the kings of Israel, and Zechariah his son became king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> Jeroboam died, and was buried where the other kings of Israel were buried, and his son Zechariah became the king.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 15

### 2 Kings 15:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> In the year of the 27th year of Jeroboam the king of Israel, Azariah the son of Amaziah, the king of Judah, became king.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> After Jeroboam had been ruling Israel for almost twenty-seven years, Azariah, son of Amaziah king of Judah, began to rule.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 15:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> He was a son of 16 years when he became king, and he was king 52 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Jekoliah, from Jerusalem.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> He was sixteen years old when he started to rule, and he ruled in Jerusalem for fifty-two years. His mother was Jecoliah. She was from Jerusalem.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 15:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And he did what was upright in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that Amaziah his father had done.

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> He did things that Yahweh was pleased with, as his father Amaziah had done.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 15:4

#### ULT

<sup>4</sup> Only, the high places were not removed—the people still were sacrificing and burning incense at the high places.

#### UST

<sup>4</sup> But the high places where the people continued to practice idolatry were not destroyed. They continued to burn incense as they worshiped their idols.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And Yahweh touched the king, and he suffered a skin disease until the day of his death, and he lived in a house of separation. And Jotham the son of the king {was} over the house, judging the people of the land.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> Yahweh caused Azariah to become a leper. Azariah was a leper all the remaining years that he lived. He was not allowed to live in the palace. He lived alone in a house, and his son Jotham ruled the land.

**How did Yahweh afflict King Uzziah?**

Yahweh afflicted the king so that he was a leper to the day of his death and lived in a separate house.

**2 Kings 15:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> But the rest of the words of Azariah, and all that he did—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Judah?

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> If you want to know about everything else that Azariah did, it is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And Azariah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David. And Jotham his son became king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> Azariah died and they buried him in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, where his ancestors had been buried. Then his son Jotham became the king.

**Who became king in Uzziah's place?**

Jotham, his son, became king in his place.

**2 Kings 15:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> In the year of the 38th year of Azariah the king of Judah, Zechariah the son of Jeroboam became king over Israel in Samaria—six months.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> After Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost thirty-eight years, Zechariah son of Jeroboam, became the king of Israel. He ruled in the city of Samaria for only six months.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, just as his fathers had done. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, like his ancestors had done. He committed the same kind of sins that the first Jeroboam had committed, sins that had induced the Israelite people to sin.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and he struck him in front of the people, and he killed him. And he became king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> Then Shallum son of Jabesh, made plans to assassinate Zechariah. He killed him in the city of Ibleam, and then he became the king.

**Where did Shallum kill Zechariah?**

Shallum killed Zechariah in front of the people.

**2 Kings 15:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> But the rest of the words of Zechariah, look at them—written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Israel.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> Everything else that Zechariah did is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> It {was} the word of Yahweh that he had spoken to Jehu, by saying, "Sons of fourth will sit for you on the throne of Israel." And it was thus.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> When Zechariah died, the dynasty of King Jehu was finished. This fulfilled what Yahweh said to King Jehu would happen, "Your son and grandson and great-grandson and great-great-grandson will all be kings of Israel."

**For how long would Jehu's descendants sit on the throne of Israel?**

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

**2 Kings 15:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> Shallum the son of Jabesh became king in the year of the 39th year of Azariah the king of Judah and he was king a month of days in Samaria.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> Shallum son of Jabesh, became the king of Israel after King Amaziah had been ruling Judah for almost thirty-nine years. But Shallum ruled in Samaria for only one month.

**Why did Shallum reign only one month in Samaria? (vv13-14)**

Shallum reigned only one month in Samaria because Menahem the son of Gadi killed him.

**2 Kings 15:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and he came {to} Samaria, and he struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria. And he killed him, and he became king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> Then Menahem son of Gadi, went up from the city of Tirzah to Samaria and assassinated Shallum. Then Menahem became the king of Israel.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> But the rest of the words of Shallum and his conspiracy that he conspired, look at them—written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Israel.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> Everything else that Shallum did, including his killing King Zechariah, is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> Then Menahem struck Tiphseh and all who {were} in it, and its borders from Tirzah, because it did not open. And he struck, all its pregnant women he split open.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> At that time Menahem completely destroyed the city of Tiphseh and killed all the people who lived there and in the surrounding territory from Tirzah on. He did that because the people in the city refused to surrender to him. With his sword he even ripped open the bellies of pregnant women who lived there.

**Why did Menahem attack Tiphseh and all who were there?**

Menahem attacked Tiphseh and all who were there because they did not open the city up to him.

**2 Kings 15:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> In the year of the 39th year of Azariah the king of Judah, Menahem the son of Gadi became king over Israel—ten years in Samaria.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> When King Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost thirty-nine years, Menahem son of Gadi, became the king of Israel. He ruled in Samaria for ten years.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**2 Kings 15:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin all his days.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He committed the same kind of sins that King Jeroboam had committed, sins that induced the people of Israel to sin. He continued to commit those sins all during the years that he lived.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> Pul the king of Assyria came against the land, and Menahem gave to Pul 1,000 disks of silver, so that his hands would be with him to strengthen the kingdom in his hand.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> Then Pul (also known as Tiglath-Pileser) king of Assyria came with his army to attack Israel. So Menahem gave him about thirty-three metric tons of silver in order that the king of Assyria would help Menahem to continue to be king and rule his country more strongly.

**How did Menahem collect the one thousand talents of silver to give Pul? (vv19-20)**

Menahem collected one thousand talents of silver by requiring each of the wealthy men to pay fifty shekels of silver to him.

**2 Kings 15:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And Menahem brought out the silver over Israel, over all the mighty ones of wealth, to give to the king of Assyria 50 silver shekels for one man. And the king of Assyria returned, and he did not stand there in the land.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> Menahem obtained that money from the rich men in Israel. He compelled each of them to contribute three-fifths of a kilogram of silver. So Tiglath-Pileser took that money and went back home.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> But the rest of the words of Menahem, and all that he did—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Israel?

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> If you want to know more about everything that Menahem did, it is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And Menahem slept with his fathers, and Pekahiah his son became king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> Menahem died and was buried, and his son Pekahiah became the king of Israel.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> In the year of the 50th year of Azariah the king of Judah, Pekahiah the son of Menahem became king over Israel in Samaria—two years.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> When King Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost fifty years, Menahem's son Pekahiah became the king of Israel. He ruled in Samaria for only two years.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He committed the same kind of sins that King Jeroboam had committed, sins that induced the people of Israel to sin.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And Pekah the son of Remaliah, his third {officer}, conspired against him, and he struck him in Samaria, in the palace of the house of the king—Argob and Arieah and with him 50 men of the sons of the Gileadites. And he killed him, and he became king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> Then one of Pekahiah's army commanders whose name was Pekah son of Remaliah, planned with fifty men, from the region of Gilead to kill Pekahiah and two of his assistants, Argob and Arieah. They assassinated the king in a fortified place in the king's palace in Samaria. Then Pekah became the king.

**Who killed Pekahiah?**

Pekah killed Pekahiah.

**2 Kings 15:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> But the rest of the words of Pekahiah, and all that he did, look at them—written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Israel.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> Everything else that Pekahiah did is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> In the year of the 52nd year of Azariah the king of Judah, Pekah the son of Remaliah became king over Israel in Samaria—20 years.

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> When King Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost fifty-two years, Pekah son of Remaliah, became the king of Israel. He ruled in Samaria for twenty years.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> He also did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He committed the same kind of sins that King Jeroboam had committed, sins that induced the people of Israel to sin.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> In the days of Pekah the king of Israel, Tiglath-Pileser the king of Assyria came, and he took Ijon and Abel-Beth Maacah and Janoah and Kedesh and Hazor and Gilead and Galilee—all the land of Naphtali, and he exiled them to Assyria.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> While Pekah was the king, Tiglath-Pileser, the king of Assyria, came with his army and captured the cities of Ijon, Abel of Beth Maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, and the regions of Gilead, Galilee, and Naphtali. His army forced the Israelite people to leave their country and go to live in Assyria.

**Why did Hoshea form a conspiracy against Pekah? (vv29-30)**

Hoshea formed a conspiracy against Pekah because Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria came and took many cities.

**2 Kings 15:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> And Hoshea the son of Elah conspired a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and he struck him, and he killed him. And he became king in his place, in the 20th year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> Then Hoshea son of Elah, planned to kill Pekah. He assassinated him when Amaziah's son Jotham had been ruling Judah for almost twenty years. Then Hoshea became the king of Israel.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> But the rest of the words of Pekah and all that he did, look at them—written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Israel.

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> Everything else that Pekah did is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Israel.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, the king of Israel, Jotham the son of Azariah, the king of Judah, became king.

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> When Pekah had been ruling Israel for almost two years, Azariah's son Jotham began to rule Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> He was a son of 25 years when he became king, and he was king 16 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Jerushah the daughter of Zadok.

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> He was twenty-five years old when he started to rule, and he ruled from Jerusalem for sixteen years. His mother was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> And he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh. Like all that Azariah his father did, he did.

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> He did many things that pleased Yahweh, as his father Azariah had done.

**Whose example did Jotham follow?**

Jotham followed the example of his father, Uzziah.

**2 Kings 15:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> Only the high places were not removed—the people still were sacrificing and were burning incense at the high places. He himself built the upper gate of the house of Yahweh.

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> But he did not destroy the places where the people worshiped Yahweh, and the people continued to burn incense there to honor Yahweh. Jotham's workers built the Upper Gate of the temple.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> But the rest of the words of Jotham that he did—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Judah?

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> If you want to know more about everything else that Jotham did, it is written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> In those days, Yahweh began to send Rezin the king of Aram and Pekah the son of Remaliah against Judah.

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> It was during the time that Jotham was the king that Yahweh sent King Rezin of Aram and King Pekah of Israel with their armies to attack Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 15:38****ULT**

<sup>38</sup> And Jotham slept with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father. And Ahaz his son became king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>38</sup> Jotham died and was buried where his ancestors had been buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David. Then his son Ahaz became the king of Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 16

### 2 Kings 16:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> In the year of the 17th year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of Jotham, the king of Judah, became king.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> When Pekah had been ruling Israel for almost seventeen years, Ahaz son of Jotham, became the king of Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 16:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> Ahaz {was} a son of 20 years when he became king, and he was king 16 years in Jerusalem. But he did not do what was upright in the eyes of Yahweh his God, like David his father.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> He was twenty years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for sixteen years. He did not do things that pleased Yahweh his God, good things like his ancestor King David had done.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 16:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel. And he even made his son pass through in the fire, like the abominations of the nations, whom Yahweh had driven them out from the face of the sons of Israel.

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> Instead, he was as sinful as the kings of Israel had been. He even sacrificed his son to be an offering to idols. That imitated the disgusting things that the people who previously lived there had done, people whom Yahweh had driven out as the Israelites were advancing through the land.

### What did Ahaz do to his son?

Ahaz put his son in the fire as a burned offering, following the detestable practices of the nations.

**2 Kings 16:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And he sacrificed, and he burned incense on the high places and on the hills and under every green tree.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> He offered sacrifices and burned incense to honor Yahweh at many different places, including on the tops of many hills and under many big trees, instead of in Jerusalem as Yahweh had commanded.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 16:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> Then Rezin the king of Aram and Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel, came up {to} Jerusalem for war. And they layed siege against Ahaz, but they were not able to fight.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> Then King Rezin of Aram, came along with his army, and at that time Pekah (who was the son of King Remaliah of Israel) also came along with his army, and together their armies came up to attack Jerusalem, but King Ahaz led a fight to defend the city. The armies surrounded the city, but they could not conquer it.

**What could Rezin not do when he attacked Jerusalem?**

When Rezin attacked Jerusalem, he could not conquer Ahaz.

**2 Kings 16:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> At that time, Rezin the king of Aram restored Elath to Aram, and he drove the Judahites out of Elath. And Arameans came to Elath, and they have lived there to this day.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> It was at that time that the army that was commanded by King Rezin of Aram drove out the people of Judah who were living in the city of Elath, and the city came under the control of the Arameans. This was the time when some people from Aram began to live in Elath, and they are still living there.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**2 Kings 16:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-Pileser the king of Assyria, saying, "I {am} your servant and your son. Come up and deliver me from the palm of the king of Aram and from the palm of the king of Israel, the ones who have risen up against me."

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> King Ahaz sent messengers to King Tiglath-Pileser of Assyria, to tell this message to him: "I promise that I will completely do what you tell me to do, as though I were your son. Please come and rescue us from the armies of Aram and Israel who are attacking my country."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 16:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And Ahaz took the silver and the gold that was found {in} the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the house of the king, and he sent a bribe to the king of Assyria.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> Ahaz took the silver and gold that was in the palace and in the temple and sent it to Assyria to be a present for the king of Assyria.

**What gift did Ahaz give the king of Assyria?**

Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of Yahweh and among the treasures of the king's palace, and he sent it as a gift to the king of Assyria.

**2 Kings 16:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And the king of Assyria listened to him, and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and he seized it, and he exiled it to Kir. And he killed Rezin.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> So Tiglath-Pileser did what Ahaz requested. His army marched to Damascus and captured it, and they took the people of Damascus as prisoners to live in the capital city of Assyria.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 16:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And King Ahaz went to meet Tiglath-Pileser the king of Assyria {in} Damascus, and he saw the altar that {was} in Damascus. And King Ahaz sent to Uriah the priest the likeness of the altar and its pattern for all its work.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> When King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet King Tiglath-Pileser, he saw the altar that was there. So he sent to Uriah, the high priest in Jerusalem, a drawing of the altar and a model that represented exactly the altar in Damascus.

**What altar did Ahaz want Uriah to replicate? (vv10-11)**

Ahaz wanted to replicate the altar at Damascus.

**2 Kings 16:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And Uriah the priest built the altar according to all that King Ahaz sent from Damascus. Thus Uriah the priest did until King Ahaz came from Damascus.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> So Uriah built an altar in Jerusalem following the drawing that King Ahaz had sent. Uriah finished the altar before Ahaz returned to Jerusalem from Damascus.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 16:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And the king came from Damascus, and the king saw the altar. And the king drew near to the altar, and he offered up on it.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> When the king returned from Damascus, he saw the altar.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 16:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And he made his burnt offering and his grain offering smoke, and he poured out his drink offering, and he sprinkled the blood of the peace offerings that {belonged} to him on the altar.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> He went up to it and burned animal sacrifices and a flour offering on it. He also poured a wine offering on it and threw on it the blood of the offerings to promise friendship with God.

**Who made his burned offering and his grain offering?**

The king made his burned offering and his grain offering.

**2 Kings 16:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And the altar of bronze that {was} to the face of Yahweh—and he brought forward from the face of the house, from between the altar and from between the house of Yahweh. And he gave it to the side of altar to the north.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> The old bronze altar that had been dedicated long ago to Yahweh was between the new altar and the temple, so Ahaz moved it to the north side of his new altar.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 16:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And King Ahaz commanded Uriah the priest, saying, “On the large altar make the burnt offering of the morning and the grain offering of the evening and the burnt offering of the king and his grain offering and the burnt offering of all the people of the land and their grain offering and their drink offerings smoke. And you will sprinkle on it all the blood of the burnt offering and all blood of sacrifice. But the altar of bronze will be for me to seek.”

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> Then King Ahaz ordered Uriah: “Each morning put on this new altar the sacrifices that the priests will burn completely, and in the evening put on it the flour offering, along with my offering and the offerings that the people bring, ones that they will burn completely, and my flour offering and the people’s grain and wine offerings. Pour against the sides of the altar the blood of all the animals that are sacrificed. But the old bronze altar will be only for me to use for divination.”

**What was the purpose of the bronze altar?**

The bronze altar was for Ahaz to ask for God’s help.

**2 Kings 16:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And Uriah the priest did according to all that King Ahaz commanded.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> So Uriah did what the king commanded him to do.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 16:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And King Ahaz cut off the borders of the stands, and he removed the wash bowl from on them. And he took down 'The Sea' from on the oxen of bronze that {were} beneath it, and he put it on the floor of stones.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> King Ahaz told his workers to take off the frames of the carts that were outside the temple and to take down the basins that were on them. They also took down the large bronze tank called "The Sea" and removed it from the backs of the bronze statues of the oxen and put it on a stone foundation.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 16:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And he removed the covering of the Sabbath that they built in the house and the entrance of the king, the outer one, {from} the house of Yahweh, from the face of the king of Assyria.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> Then to please the king of Assyria, Ahaz had them remove from the temple the roof under which the people walked into the temple on the Sabbath day, and closed up the private entrance into the temple for the kings of Judah.

**Why did Ahaz remove the covered walkway for the Sabbath that they had built at the temple, along with the king's entry outside the temple of Yahweh?**

Ahaz removed the covered walkway for the Sabbath they had built at the temple, along with the king's entry outside the temple of Yahweh, because of the king of Assyria.

**2 Kings 16:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> But the rest of the words of Ahaz that he did—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Judah?

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> If you want to know about the other things that Ahaz did, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 16:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Hezekiah his son became king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> Ahaz died, and he was buried in the part of Jerusalem called the city of David, where his ancestors had been buried. Then his son Hezekiah became the king.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 17

### 2 Kings 17:1

**ULT**

<sup>1</sup> In the 12th year of Ahaz the king of Judah, Hoshea the son of Elah became king in Samaria over Israel—nine years.

**UST**

<sup>1</sup> Elah's son Hoshea began to rule Israel after King Ahaz had ruled Judah for twelve years. Hoshea ruled in Samaria for nine years.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 17:2

**ULT**

<sup>2</sup> And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, only not as the kings of Israel who were to his face.

**UST**

<sup>2</sup> He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, but he did not do as many evil things as the previous kings of Israel had done—the ones who had ruled Israel previously.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 17:3

**ULT**

<sup>3</sup> Shalmaneser the king of Assyria went up against him, and Hoshea became a servant for him, and he brought back tribute for him.

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> The army of King Shalmaneser of Assyria attacked and defeated the army of King Hoshea. As a result, the Israelites were forced to pay much tribute to Assyria each year.

### What did Hoshea do when he became Shalmaneser's servant?

Hoshea became his servant and brought him tribute.

**2 Kings 17:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And the king of Assyria found in Hoshea a conspiracy, that he had sent messengers to So the king of Egypt, and he had not brought up tribute to the king of Assyria, as year by year. And the king of Assyria arrested him, and he bound him in a house of imprisonment.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> But several years later, Hoshea secretly planned to rebel against the rulers of Assyria. He sent messengers to So, king of Egypt, asking if his army could help the Israelites fight against Assyria. Hoshea also stopped paying the tribute that he had been paying Assyria every year. But the king of Assyria found out about those things, so he told his officers to put Hoshea in prison.

**How had Hoshea been plotting against Shalmaneser?**

Hoshea had been plotting against Shalmaneser, for Hoshea had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt.

**2 Kings 17:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And the king of Assyria went up against all the land, and he went up {to} Samaria, and he besieged against it {for} three years.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> Then he brought the army of Assyria to Israel, and they attacked everywhere in that land. His army besieged the city of Samaria for three years.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and he exiled Israel to Assyria. And he settled them in Halah and on Habor, the River of Gozan, and {in} the cities of Media.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> Finally, after King Hoshea had been ruling Israel for nine years, the army of Assyria forcefully entered the city and captured the people. They took the Israelite people to Assyria and forced some of them to live in the city of Halah. They forced others to live near the Habor River in the district of Gozan. They forced others to live in the towns where the Mede people group lived.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And it happened because the sons of Israel sinned against Yahweh their God, who had brought them up from the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh the king of Egypt. And they had feared other gods,

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> Those things happened because the Israelite people had sinned against Yahweh their God. He had rescued their ancestors from the power of the king of Egypt and brought them safely out of Egypt, but later they began to worship other gods.

**Why did the captivity happen?**

The captivity happened because the people of Israel had sinned against Yahweh their God.

**2 Kings 17:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> and they walked in the statutes of the nations, whom Yahweh drove out from the face of the sons of Israel, and of the kings of Israel that they did.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> They imitated the things that the pagan peoples around them practiced. Those were the very peoples that Yahweh had driven out as the Israelites occupied their land. The people of Israel also did the evil things that most of the kings of Israel showed them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And the sons of Israel did things secretly that were not right against Yahweh, their God. And they built for themselves high places in all their cities, from a tower of watchmen to a fortified city.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> The Israelite people also secretly did many things that were not pleasing to Yahweh their God. They built places to worship their idols on the hills around all their cities, including small towns and big cities with walls around them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**2 Kings 17:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And they stood up for themselves pillars and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every green tree.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> They set up stone pillars to honor gods, and poles to worship the goddess Asherah at the top of every high hill and under every big tree.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And they burned incense there in all the high places, like the nations that Yahweh exiled from their faces. And they did evil things to make Yahweh angry.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> The Israelites burned incense in every place where they worshiped those gods, just like the peoples who lived there previously had done—the groups that Yahweh had driven out from the land. The Israelites did many wicked things that caused Yahweh to become angry.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And they the served idols, which Yahweh said to them, “You will not do this thing.”

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> Yahweh warned them many times that they should not worship idols, but they did it anyway.

**What had Yahweh said the Israelites must not do?**

Yahweh had said they must not worship idols.

**2 Kings 17:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And Yahweh warned Israel and Judah by the hand of all of his prophets, every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments, my statutes, according to all of the Law which I commanded your fathers and which I sent to you by the hand of my servants, the prophets."

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> Yahweh frequently sent his prophets and seers to warn the people of Israel and the people of Judah. The message that Yahweh gave them was, "Stop doing all the evil things you have been doing. Obey my commands and my laws, the laws that I told your ancestors to obey and that I told the prophets who served me to tell to you again."

**By whom had Yahweh testified to Israel and to Judah?**

Yahweh had testified to Israel and to Judah by every prophet and every seer.

**2 Kings 17:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> But they did not listen, and they hardened their necks like the necks of their fathers who did not trust in Yahweh, their God.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> But the Israelite people would not pay attention. They were stubborn, just as their ancestors were. Just as their ancestors did, they refused to trust in Yahweh their God.

**The Israelites were very stubborn like whom?**

The Israelites were very stubborn like their fathers who did not trust in Yahweh their God.

**2 Kings 17:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And they rejected his statutes and his covenant that he cut with their fathers and his testimonies that he warned them. And they walked after what was empty, and they became empty, and after the nations that {were} around them, whom Yahweh had commanded them not to act like them.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> They rejected Yahweh's laws and the covenant that he had made with their ancestors. They ignored Yahweh's warnings. They worshiped worthless idols and as a result they themselves became worthless. Although Yahweh had commanded them not to imitate the behavior of the peoples that lived near them, they disobeyed that command.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And they abandoned all the commandments of Yahweh their God, and they made a molten image for themselves—two calves. And they made an Asherah pole, and they prostrated themselves to all the host of the heavens, and they served the Baal.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> The Israelite people disobeyed all of Yahweh's commands. They made two metal calves to worship. They set up two poles to worship the goddess Asherah, and they worshiped the god Baal, and the sun, the moon, and the stars.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And they made their sons and their daughters pass through in the fire. And they divined divinations, and they sought omens. And they sold themselves by doing what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh to make him angry.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> They also burned their own sons and daughters to be sacrifices to those gods. They went to fortune tellers and they practiced sorcery. They continually chose to do all kinds of evil things that caused Yahweh to become angry.

**How did the Israelites sell themselves?**

The Israelites sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh.

**2 Kings 17:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And Yahweh was exceedingly enraged at Israel, and he removed them away from his face. Not {one} was left—only the tribe of Judah alone.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> So because Yahweh was very angry with the Israelite people, he allowed their enemies to take them away from their country. Only the people of the tribe of Judah were left in the land.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> Even Judah did not keep the commandments of Yahweh their God. And they walked in the statutes of Israel that they made.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> But even the people of Judah did not obey the commands of Yahweh their God. They imitated the evil customs that the Israelites had introduced.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And Yahweh rejected all the seed of Israel, and he afflicted them, and he gave them into the hand of plunderers, until he cast them away from his face.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> So Yahweh rejected all the people of Israel and of Judah. He punished them by allowing the armies of other nations to defeat them and take them away. He got rid of all of them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> For he tore Israel away from the house of David, and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king. And Jeroboam drove Israel away from after Yahweh, and he made them sin a great sin.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> Earlier, when Yahweh had forced the ten tribes of Israel away from the rule of David's descendants, those tribes had chosen Jeroboam son of Nebat, to be their king. Then Jeroboam enticed the people of Israel to stop worshiping Yahweh and to worship idols instead. He induced them to commit great sins.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And the sons of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam, that he did. They did not turn away from it,

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> And the Israelite people continued to do the evil things that Jeroboam introduced. They did not turn away from those sins,

**Why did Yahweh remove Israel from his sight? (vv22-23)**

The people of Israel followed all the sins of Jeroboam and they did not depart from them, so Yahweh removed Israel from his sight.

**2 Kings 17:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> until Yahweh removed Israel away from his face, according to what he had spoken by the hand of all his servants, the prophets. And Israel went into exile away from its land to Assyria, until this day.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> so finally Yahweh got rid of them. That was just what his prophets had warned would happen. The Israelite people were taken away to the land of Assyria, and they are still there.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And the king of Assyria brought {people} from Babylon and from Kuthah and from Avva and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, and he settled {them} in the cities of Samaria in place of the sons of Israel. And they possessed Samaria, and they lived in its cities.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> The king of Assyria ordered his soldiers to take groups of people from the cities of Babylon, Kuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim to the region of Samaria, and to resettle them in the cities there, to take the place of the Israelites who lived there previously. Those people took control over Samaria and lived in the cities of Samaria.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And it happened, in the beginning of their living there, they did not fear Yahweh. And Yahweh sent the lions among them, and they were killing among them.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> But those people who came from other countries did not worship Yahweh when they first arrived in Samaria. So Yahweh sent lions to kill some of them.

**Why did Yahweh send lions among the new nations in Samaria?**

The nations in Samaria did not honor Yahweh, so he sent lions among them.

**2 Kings 17:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> And they said to the king of Assyria, saying, "The nations that you exiled and you settled in the cities of Samaria do not know the custom of the God of the land. And he has sent the lions against them, and look at them—killing them because they are not knowing the custom of the God of the land."

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> Then those people sent a message to the king of Assyria. They wrote, "We people who have resettled in the towns of Samaria do not know how to worship the God that the Israelites worshiped in this land. So he has sent lions among us to kill us, because we have not worshiped him correctly."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And the king of Assyria commanded, saying, "Cause one from the priests whom you exiled from there to go to there, and they will go, and they will settle there. And he will teach them the custom of the God of the land."

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> When the king of Assyria read this letter, he commanded his officers, "Send one of the priests whom you brought here from Samaria to go back there. Tell him to teach the people who are now living there how to worship correctly the God whom the Israelites worshiped in that land."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And one from the priests whom they exiled from Samaria came, and he settled in Bethel. And he was teaching them how they should fear Yahweh.

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> So the officers did that. They sent one of the Israelite priests back to Samaria. That priest went to live in the city of Bethel, and he taught the people there how to worship Yahweh.

**What did the priest teach the new people in Bethel?**

The priest taught them how they should honor Yahweh.

**2 Kings 17:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> And they were making, nation {by} nation, its gods, and they put them in the house of the high places that the Samaritans had made, nation {by} nation, in their cities where they were settling there.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> But all those people continued to make their own idols. They took their idols and placed them in the houses that the Samaritan people had built upon the hills all around. Each group of people made their own gods that they worshiped, and each of the gods had a name.

**Where did every ethnic group put the gods they made?**

Every ethnic group made gods of their own, and put them in the shrines that the Samaritans had made.

**2 Kings 17:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> And the men of Babylon made Succoth-Benoth, and the men of Kuthah made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> The people from Babylon made idols to represent their god Succoth Benoth. The people from Kuthah made idols to represent their god Nergal. The people from Hamath made idols to represent their god Ashima.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak. And the Sepharvites were burning their sons in the fire to Adrammelek and Anammelek the gods of Sepharvim.

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> The people from Avva made idols to represent their gods Nibhaz and Tartak. The people from Sepharvaim sacrificed their own children. They completely burned them on altars to be offerings to their gods Adrammelek and Anammelek.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> And they were fearing Yahweh, but they made for themselves priests of high places from their whole {people}, and they were making {sacrifices} for them in the house of the high places.

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> But those people also worshiped Yahweh, but they also appointed from among their own groups many people to be priests at the places where idols were worshiped on the hills, and these priests could would offer sacrifices for them upon the high places.

**Besides their own gods, who did the new nations in Israel honor?**

The new nations also honored Yahweh.

**2 Kings 17:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> Yahweh they were fearing, but their gods they were serving, according to the custom of the nations that exiled them from there.

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> So they revered Yahweh, but they also worshiped their own gods, just as their people living in their home countries did.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**2 Kings 17:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> To this day, they are acting according to the first customs. They are not fearing Yahweh, and they are not acting according to their statutes or according to their custom or according to the law or according to the commandment that Yahweh commanded the sons of Jacob, whom he set his name {as} Israel.

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> These people in Samaria still keep their old customs. They really do not worship Yahweh, and they do not obey all the laws and decrees that Yahweh gave to the descendants of Jacob, to whom he gave the new name Israel.

**How did the new people in Israel not honor Yahweh? (vv34-35)**

The new people did not honor Yahweh, because he commanded that they must not fear other gods.

**2 Kings 17:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> And Yahweh had cut with them a covenant, and he had commanded them saying, "You will not fear other gods, and you will not prostrate yourselves to them, and you will not serve them, and you will not sacrifice to them.

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> Yahweh had previously made an covenant with the ancestors of Israel, commanding them not to worship other gods or bow down to honor them or do other things to please them or offer sacrifices to them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> except only Yahweh, who brought you up from the land of Egypt with great power and an outstretched arm—him you will fear, and to him you will prostrate yourselves, and to him you will sacrifice.

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> He had said to them, "You must have a sincere respect for me, Yahweh, the one who brought you out of Egypt with my very great power. I am the one whom you must bow down to honor, and I am the one to whom you must offer sacrifices.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> And the statutes and the customs and the law and the commandment that he wrote for you, you will take care to do all the days, and you must not fear other gods.

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> You must always obey the laws and decrees that I told Moses to write for you. You must not worship other gods.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:38****ULT**

<sup>38</sup> And the covenant that I cut with you, you will not forget, and you will not fear other gods,

**UST**

<sup>38</sup> And you must not forget the covenant that I made with your ancestors. You must not fear or respect other gods.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:39****ULT**

<sup>39</sup> except only Yahweh your God you will fear, and he himself will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies."

**UST**

<sup>39</sup> Instead, you must have a sincere respect for me, Yahweh, your God. If you do that, I will rescue you from the power of all your enemies."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 17:40****ULT**

<sup>40</sup> But they do not take care, but rather according to their first custom they are acting.

**UST**

<sup>40</sup> But, the Israelites refused to pay attention to what Yahweh said. Instead, they continued to adhere to their old customs.

**How did the nations in Israel not listen?**

They did not listen because they continued to do what they had done in the past.

## 2 Kings 17:41

### ULT

<sup>41</sup> And these nations are fearing Yahweh, but their idols they are serving. Also, their sons and the sons of their sons—just as their fathers acted, they are acting to this day.

### UST

<sup>41</sup> So, those people worshiped Yahweh, but they also worshiped their idols. And their descendants still do the same thing.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 18

### 2 Kings 18:1

**ULT**

<sup>1</sup> And it happened in the third year of Hoshea the son of Elah, the king of Israel, Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, the king of Judah, became king.

**UST**

<sup>1</sup> After King Hoshea had been ruling Israel for almost three years, Hezekiah son of Ahaz, began to rule Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 18:2

**ULT**

<sup>2</sup> He was a son of 25 years when he became king, and he was king 29 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Abi, the daughter of Zechariah.

**UST**

<sup>2</sup> He was twenty-five years old when he became the king of Judah and he ruled from Jerusalem for twenty-nine years. His mother was Abijah, the daughter of a man whose name was Zechariah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 18:3

**ULT**

<sup>3</sup> And he did what was upright in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that David his father did.

**UST**

<sup>3</sup> Hezekiah did things that Yahweh said are right, like his ancestor King David had done.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> He himself removed the high places, and he shattered the pillars, and he cut down the Asherah pole. And he crushed the serpent of bronze that Moses had made, because until those days the sons of Israel were offering incense to it (and he called it "Nehushtan").

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> He destroyed the places where people worshiped Yahweh, and he broke into pieces the poles for worshipping the goddess Asherah. He also broke into pieces the bronze replica of a snake that Moses had made. He did that because the people had named it Nehushtan, and they were burning incense in front of it to honor it.

**What were the people of Israel doing to the bronze serpent Moses had made?**

The people of Israel were burning incense to the bronze serpent Moses had made.

**2 Kings 18:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> In Yahweh the God of Israel he trusted, and after him none was like him among all the kings of Judah, nor those who were before him.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> Hezekiah trusted in Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worshiped. There was no king who ruled Judah before him or after him who was as devoted to Yahweh as he was.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And he clung to Yahweh—he did not turn away from after him, and he kept his commandments, which Yahweh commanded Moses.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> He remained loyal to Yahweh and never disobeyed him. He carefully obeyed all the commandments that Yahweh had given to Moses.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And Yahweh was with him. In every {place} that he went out, he succeeded. And he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and he did not serve him.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> Yahweh always helped Hezekiah. He was successful in everything he did. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and refused to do what the king of Assyria wanted him to do

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> He himself struck the Philistines as far as Gaza and its borders, from a tower of watchmen up to a fortified city.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> His army defeated the soldiers of Philistia as far south as the city of Gaza and the nearby villages. They conquered the entire area, from the smallest village with only a watchtower to the largest cities surrounded by walls.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And it happened in the fourth year of King Hezekiah—it {was} the seventh year of Hoshea the son of Elah, the king of Israel—Shalmaneser the king of Assyria went up against Samaria, and he laid siege against it.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> After King Hezekiah had been ruling Judah for almost four years, and when King Hoshea had been ruling Israel for almost seven years, the army of King Shalmaneser of Assyria invaded Israel and surrounded the city of Samaria.

**For how long did Shalmaneser king of Assyria attack Samaria? (vv9-10)**

Shalmaneser king of Assyria attacked Samaria for three years.

**2 Kings 18:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And they captured it, at the end of three years. In the sixth year of Hezekiah—it {was} the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Israel—Samaria was captured.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> In the third year they captured the city. That was when Hezekiah had been ruling Judah for almost six years, and when Hoshea had been ruling Israel for almost nine years.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And the king of Assyria exiled Israel to Assyria. And he led them to Halah and to Habor the river of Gozan and cities of the Medes,

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> The king of Assyria commanded that the people of Israel be taken to Assyria. Some of them were taken to the city of Halah, some were taken to a place near the Habor River in the region of Gozan, and some were taken to cities where the Mede people group live.

**Why did the king of Assyria carry Israel captive away to Assyria? (vv11-12)**

The king of Assyria carried Israel captive away to Assyria because they did not obey the voice of Yahweh their God.

**2 Kings 18:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> because they did not listen to the voice of Yahweh their God, but they transgressed his covenant—all that Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded—and they did not take care, and they did not do.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> That happened because the Israelites did not obey Yahweh their God. They had disobeyed the covenant that Yahweh had made with their ancestors, and all the laws that Moses, the man who served Yahweh very well, had told them to obey. They would not obey those laws. They would not even listen to them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib the king of Assyria went up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and he captured them.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> After King Hezekiah had been ruling Judah for almost fourteen years, the army of King Sennacherib of Assyria attacked all the cities in Judah that had walls around them. They did not capture Jerusalem, but they captured all the other cities.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And Hezekiah the king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria, to Lachish, saying, "I have sinned. Return from against me. Whatever you give to me, I will lift." And the king of Assyria put on Hezekiah the king of Judah 300 rounds of silver and 30 rounds of gold.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> King Hezekiah sent a message to Sennacherib, while Sennacherib was in the city of Lachish, saying, "What I have done was wrong. Please tell your soldiers to stop attacking us. If you do that, I will pay you whatever you tell me to." So the king of Assyria said that Hezekiah must pay to him 10,000 kilograms (or about ten metric tons) of silver and 1,000 kilograms (about one metric ton) of gold.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And Hezekiah gave all the silver that was found {in} the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the house of the king.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> So Hezekiah gave to him all the silver that was in the temple and that was stored in his palace.

**From where did Hezekiah get silver to give the king of Assyria?**

Hezekiah got silver that was found in the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the king's palace.



**2 Kings 18:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> At that time, Hezekiah cut off the doors of the temple of Yahweh and the columns that Hezekiah the king of Judah overlaid, and he gave them to the king of Assyria.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> Hezekiah's men also stripped the gold from the doors of the temple and the gold that he himself had put on the doorposts, and he sent all that gold to the king of Assyria.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And the king of Assyria sent the general and the chief eunuch and the chief commander from Lachish to King Hezekiah with a heavy army {to} Jerusalem. And they went up, and they came {to} Jerusalem. And they went up, and they came, and they stood by the conduit of the upper pool that {was} on the highway of the Field of the Fuller.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> But the king of Assyria sent a large army with some of his important officials from the city of Lachish to persuade King Hezekiah to surrender. When they arrived at Jerusalem, they stood alongside the aqueduct in which water flows from the upper pool into Jerusalem, near the road to the field where the women wash clothes.

**From where did Tartan and Rabsaris and the chief commander call to King Hezekiah?  
(vv17-18)**

They called to King Hezekiah from the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway of the launderers' field.

**2 Kings 18:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And they called out to the king, and Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who {was} over the house, and Shebna the scribe and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, went out to them.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> They sent a message requesting King Hezekiah to come to them, but the king sent three of his officials to talk to them. He sent Hilkiah's son Eliakim, who supervised the palace, Shebna, the official secretary, and Asaph's son Joah, who communicated the king's messages to the people.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> Then the chief commander said to them, “Now, say to Hezekiah ‘Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, “What {is} this trust which you trust?”

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> One of Sennacherib’s important officials told them to take this message to Hezekiah: “This is what the king of Assyria, the great king, says: ‘What are you trusting in to rescue you?’

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> You say only a word of lips, counsel and might for war. Now in whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> You say that you have weapons to fight us and that some country has promised to help you, but that is only talk. Who do you think will help you to rebel against my soldiers from Assyria?

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> Now look—you trust for yourself in the staff of this bruised reed, in Egypt, which a man leans on it, and it goes into his palm, and it pierces it. Thus {is} Pharaoh the king of Egypt to all the people who trust in him.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> Listen to me! You are relying on the army of Egypt. But that is like using a broken reed for a walking stick on which you could lean. It would pierce the hand of anyone who would lean on it! That is what the king of Egypt would be like for anyone who relied on him for help.

**What would happen if a man leaned on Egypt?**

If a man leaned on Egypt, it would stick into his hand and pierce it.

**2 Kings 18:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> But if you say to me, 'We trust in Yahweh our God,' {is} it not he whom Hezekiah has removed his high places and his altars, and he said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'To the face of this altar you must prostrate yourself in Jerusalem?'"

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> But perhaps you will say to me, "No, we are relying on Yahweh our God to help us." I would reply, "Is he not the one whom you insulted by tearing down his houses on the hills where the idols were worshiped and the altars on which you offered sacrifices, forcing everyone in Jerusalem and other places in Judah to worship only in front of the altar in Jerusalem?"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And now, wager, please, with my lord, with the king of Assyria. And I will give to you 2, 000 horses, if you are able to give for yourself riders on them.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> So I suggest that you make a deal between you and my master, the king of Assyria. I will give you two thousand horses, but I do not think that you are able to find two thousand of your men who can ride on them!

**What offer did the king of Assyria make?**

The king of Assyria offered to give two thousand horses, if Hezekiah was able to find riders for them.

**2 Kings 18:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And how will you drive back the face of the captain of one of the servants of my lord, the least one? But you trust for yourself in Egypt for chariots and for horsemen!

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> You are hoping that the king of Egypt will send chariots and men riding horses to assist you. But they certainly would not be able to defeat even the most unimportant official in my army!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> Now, have I come up against this place to destroy it without Yahweh? Yahweh said to me, 'Go up against this land and destroy it.'

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> Furthermore, do you think that we have come to destroy Jerusalem without Yahweh's help? It is Yahweh himself who told us to come here and destroy this land!"

**What did Yahweh tell the king of Assyria to do?**

Yahweh told the king of Assyria to attack Judah and destroy it.

**2 Kings 18:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> And Eliakim the son of Hilkiah and Shebna and Joah said to the chief commander, "Please, speak Aramaic to your servants, for we are hearing. But do not speak Judean with us in the ears of the people who {are} on the wall."

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> Then Eliakim, Shebna and Joah said to the official from Assyria, "Sir, please speak to us in your Aramaic language, because we understand it. Do not speak to us in our Hebrew language, because the people who are standing on the wall will understand it and be frightened."

**In what language did Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah ask the chief commander to speak?**

Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah asked the chief commander to speak in Aramaic.

**2 Kings 18:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> But the chief commander said to them, "To your master and to you has my lord sent me to speak these words? Is it not for the men who are sitting on the wall to eat their dung and to drink their urine with you?"

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> But the official replied, "Do you think that my master sent me to say these things only to you and not to the people who are standing on the wall? If you reject this message, the people in this city will soon need to eat their own dung and drink their own urine, just like you will, because there will be nothing more for you to eat or drink."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And the chief commander stood, and he called out in a loud voice {in} Judean. And he spoke, and he said, "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria.

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> Then the official stood up and shouted in the Hebrew language to the people sitting on the wall. He said, "Listen this message from the great king, the king of Assyria. He says this:

**In what language did the chief commander shout?**

The chief commander shouted in the Jews' language.

**2 Kings 18:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> Thus says the king: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he is not able to rescue you from his hand.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> 'Do not allow Hezekiah to deceive you. He will not be able to rescue you from my power.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> And do not let Hezekiah make you trust in Yahweh, saying, "Yahweh will surely deliver us, and this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> Do not allow him to persuade you to rely on Yahweh, saying that Yahweh will rescue you, and that the army of Assyria will never capture this city!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make a blessing with me, and come out to me, and eat, each man, of his vine and, each man, of his fig tree, and drink, each man, of the waters of his well,

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> Do not pay attention to what Hezekiah says! This is what the king of Assyria says: 'Come out of the city and surrender to me. If you do that, I will arrange for each of you to drink the juice from you own grapevines, and to eat figs from your own trees, and to drink water from your own wells.

**What would the king of Assyria let those who make peace with him do?**

He would let them eat from their own vine and from their own fig tree, and drink from the water in their own cistern.

**2 Kings 18:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> until I come. And I will take you to a land like your land—a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive tree of oil and honey. And live, and do not die. And do not listen to Hezekiah when he misleads you, saying, "Yahweh will deliver us."

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> You will be able to do that until we come and take you to a land that is like your land—a land where there is grain to make bread and vineyards to produce grapes for making wine. It will be a land that has plenty of olive trees and honey.' If you do what the king of Assyria commands, you will not die. You will continue to live. Do not allow Hezekiah to persuade you to trust in Yahweh, saying that he will rescue you!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> Did the gods of the nations actually rescue, each one his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> The gods that people of other nations worship have never rescued them from the power of the king of Assyria!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> Where {are} the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where {are} the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? Indeed, did they rescue Samaria from my hand?

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? Did any of their gods delivered Samaria out of my hand?

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> Who {is} among all the gods of the lands that has rescued their land from my hand that Yahweh will rescue Jerusalem from my hand?"

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> None of these gods kept their people from being destroyed by the king of Assyria. Do you think your God Yahweh, can do any better?

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 18:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> But the people remained silent, and they did not answer him a word, for it {was} a commandment of the king, saying, "You will not answer him."

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> But the people who were listening were silent. No one said anything, because King Hezekiah had told them, "When the official from Assyria talks to you, do not answer him."

**What did King Hezekiah command?**

The king commanded the people to not answer the chief commander.

**2 Kings 18:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> And Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who {was} over the house, and Shebna the scribe and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah, torn of clothing. And they reported to him the words of the chief commander.

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> Then Eliakim and Shebna and Joah went back to Hezekiah with their clothes torn because they were extremely distressed, and they told him what the official from Assyria had said.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



## 2 Kings 19

### 2 Kings 19:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And it happened when King Hezekiah heard, and he tore his clothes, and he covered himself with sackcloth, and he went {into} the house of Yahweh.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> When King Hezekiah heard what they reported, he tore his clothes and put on clothes made of rough cloth because he was very distressed. Then he went to the temple to ask God what to do.

### What did King Hezekiah do when he heard the report?

When King Hezekiah heard the report, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Yahweh.

### 2 Kings 19:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And he sent Eliakim, who {was} over the house, and Shebna the scribe and the elders of the priests covering themselves with sackcloth to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> Then he summoned Eliakim and Shebna and the older priests, who were also wearing clothes made of rough sackcloth, and told them to talk to Isaiah the prophet, son of Amoz.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 19:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day {is} a day of distress and rebuke and disgrace, for sons have come up to the birth canal, but there is no strength for birth.

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> He said to them to say these things to Isaiah: "King Hezekiah says that this is a day when we have great distress. Other nations are causing us to be insulted and disgraced like a woman who is about to give birth to a child, but she is not strong enough to do it.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> Perhaps Yahweh your God will hear all the words of the chief commander, who the king of Assyria his lord sent him to defy the living God, and he will reproach the words that Yahweh your God has heard. And you will lift up a prayer on behalf of the remnant that is found.”

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> Perhaps Yahweh our God has heard everything that the official from Assyria said. Perhaps he knows that his master, the king of Assyria, sent him to insult the all-powerful God and that Yahweh will punish him for what he said. And Hezekiah requests that you pray for the few of us who are still alive here in Jerusalem.”

**What did Hezekiah say Yahweh should do?**

Hezekiah said Yahweh should hear all the words of Rabshakeh and may rebuke the words which Yahweh heard.

**2 Kings 19:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah,

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> When the messengers from Hezekiah came to Isaiah, and

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> and Isaiah said to them, “Thus you will say to your lord: ‘Thus says Yahweh, “Do not be afraid from the face of the words that you have heard, {with} which the young men of the king of Assyria insulted me.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> Isaiah instructed them to go back to their master and tell him what Yahweh says: “Those messengers from the king of Assyria have said evil things about me. But you should not be disturbed because of what they said.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> Look at me—giving a spirit on him, and he will hear a report, and he will return to his land, and I will make him fall by the sword in his land.””””

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> Listen to this: I will cause Sennacherib to hear a rumor that will worry him, that other armies are about to attack his country. So he will return to his own country, and there I will cause him to be assassinated by some men.”

**What would Yahweh do to stop the king of Assyria?**

Yahweh would put a spirit in him, and the king would hear a certain report and go back to his own land.

**2 Kings 19:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And the chief commander returned, and he found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he heard that he pulled out from from Lachish.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> The official from Assyria found out that the King of Assyria and his army had left the city of Lachish, and that they were attacking Libnah, which was a nearby city. So the official went there to report to him what had happened in Jerusalem.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And he heard concerning Tirhakah the king of Cush, saying, “Look—he went out to fight with you.” And he returned, and he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> Soon after that, King Sennacherib received a report that King Tirhakah of Ethiopia was leading his army to attack them. But before King Sennacherib left Libnah to fight against the army from Ethiopia, he sent other messengers to King Hezekiah with a letter.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> “Thus you will say to Hezekiah the king of Judah, saying ‘Do not let your God whom you are trusting in him deceive you, saying, “Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.”

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> In the letter he wrote this to Hezekiah: “Do not allow your god on whom you are relying to deceive you by promising that my army will never capture Jerusalem.

**According to Sennacherib, in what way did God deceive Hezekiah?**

According to Sennacherib, God deceived Hezekiah by saying Jerusalem would not be given over into the hand of the king of Assyria.

**2 Kings 19:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> Look—you yourself have heard that which the kings of Assyria did to all the lands by destroying them. But you yourself will be delivered?

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> You have certainly heard what the armies of the kings of Assyria have done to all the other countries. Our armies have completely destroyed them. So do you think that you will escape?

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> Did the gods of the nations that my fathers destroyed rescue them: Gozan or Haran or Rezep or the sons of Eden who {were} in Tel Assar?

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> Did the gods of the nations that were about to be destroyed by the armies of the previous kings of Assyria rescue them? Did those gods rescue the people in the region of Gozan or in the cities of Haran and Rezep in northern Aram? Did they rescue the people of Eden who had been deported to the city of Tel Assar? None of the gods of those cities was able to rescue them.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> Where {is} the king of Hamath or the king of Arpad or the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, or Ivvah?"

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> What happened to the kings of the cities of Hamath, Arpad, Sepharvaim, and Ivvah? They are all dead."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And Hezekiah took the letters from the hand of the messengers, and he read them. And he went up {to} the house of Yahweh, and Hezekiah spread it out to the face of Yahweh.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> Hezekiah received the letter that the messengers gave him, and he read it. Then he went up to the temple and spread out the letter in front of Yahweh.

**Where did Hezekiah spread the letter from the messengers?**

Hezekiah spread the letter from the messengers in the house of Yahweh.

**2 Kings 19:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And Hezekiah prayed to the face of Yahweh, and he said, "Yahweh the God of Israel, dwelling {above} the cherubim, you {are} he—the God, you alone, over all the kingdoms of the earth. You yourself made the heavens and the earth.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> Then Hezekiah prayed this: "Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelites belong, you are seated on your throne above the statues of creatures with wings, above the sacred chest. Only you are truly God. You rule all the kingdoms on this earth. You are the one who created everything on the earth and in the sky.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> Stretch out your ear, Yahweh, and hear; open your eyes, Yahweh, and see. And hear the words of Sennacherib, that he sent it to mock the living God.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> So, Yahweh, please listen to what I am saying, and look at what is happening. And listen to what King Sennacherib has said to insult you, the all-powerful God.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> Truly, Yahweh, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their land.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> Yahweh, it is true that the armies of the kings of Assyria have completely destroyed many nations and ruined their lands.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And they have given their gods into the fire, for they {are} not gods, but rather {the} work of {the} hands of humanity, wood and stone, and they have destroyed them.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> And they have thrown the idols of those nations into fires and burned them. But that was not difficult to do, because they were not gods. They were only statues made of wood and stone, idols that were shaped by humans, and that is why they were destroyed easily.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> But now Yahweh our God, save us, please, from his hand, and all the kingdoms of the earth will know that you, Yahweh, {are} God, you alone."

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> So now, Yahweh our God, please rescue us from the power of the king of Assyria, in order that the people in all the kingdoms of the world may know that you, Yahweh, are the only one who is truly God."

**Why should Yahweh save the people of Judah?**

Yahweh should save the people of Judah so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Yahweh is God alone.

**2 Kings 19:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says Yahweh the God of Israel: 'Because you prayed to me concerning Sennacherib the king of Assyria, I have listened.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> Then Isaiah sent this message to Hezekiah to tell him what Yahweh, the God to whom the Israelites belonged, said in response: "I have heard what you prayed to me about Sennacherib, the king of Assyria.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> This {is} the word that Yahweh has spoken about him: "She despises you; she derides you, a maiden, the daughter of Zion. She shakes a head after you, the daughter of Jerusalem.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> This is what I say to that king: The people of Jerusalem despise you and make fun of you. They wag their heads to mock you.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> Whom have you mocked and have you taunted? And against whom have you raised a voice and have you lifted your eyes upward? Against the Holy One of Israel!

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> Who do you think that you were despising and ridiculing? Who do you think you were shouting at? Who do you think you were looking at very proudly? It was I, the holy God whom the Israelites worship.

**Against whom did the king of Assyria exalt his voice?**

The king of Assyria exalted his voice against the Holy One of Israel!

**2 Kings 19:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> By the hand of your messengers you mocked my Lord, and you said, 'With the multitude of my chariots I myself went up {to} the heights of the mountains, the highest elevations of Lebanon. And I cut down the heights of its cedars, the choicest of its cypress trees, so that I may enter the lodging place of its end, the forest of its orchard.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> The messengers whom you sent made fun of me. You said, 'With my many chariots I have gone to the highest mountains, to the highest mountains in Lebanon. We have cut down its tallest cedar trees and its best cedar trees. We have been to the most distant peaks and to its densest forests.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> I myself dug, and I drank foreign waters. And I dried up, with the sole of my footstep, all the rivers of Egypt.'

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> We have dug wells in other countries and drunk water from them. And by marching through the streams of Egypt, we dried them all up!

**Who said he had dried up all the rivers of Egypt under the soles of his feet?**

Sennacherib said he had dried up all the rivers of Egypt under the soles of his feet.

**2 Kings 19:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> Did you not hear from long ago, I put it; from days of old, and I planned it? Now I have brought it, and it will happen by laying waste {into} heaps of ruins fortified cities.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> But I reply, 'Have you never heard that long ago I planned that those things would happen? I planned it long ago, and now I have been causing it to occur. I planned that your army would have the power to capture many cities that were surrounded by high walls, and cause them to become piles of rubble.

**Who determined long ago that impregnable cities would be reduced into heaps of ruins?**

Yahweh determined long ago that impregnable cities would be reduced into heaps of ruins.

**2 Kings 19:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> And their inhabitants {are} short of hand— they are dismayed, and they are ashamed. They are plants of {the} field or a shoot of grass, grass of roofs, scorching heat to the face of standing grain.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> The people who lived in those cities have no power, and as a result they became dismayed and discouraged. They are as frail as plants and grass in the fields, as frail as grass that grows on the roofs of houses and is scorched before it can grow tall.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**2 Kings 19:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> But I know your sitting down and your going out and your coming in and your raging against me.

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> But I know everything about you. I know when you are in your house and when you go outside; I also know that you are raging against me.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> Because of your raging against me, and your arrogance has gone up in my ears, and I will put my hook in your nose, and my bit in your lips. And I will turn you back on the path that you came on it."

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> So, because you have raged against me, and because I have heard you do this, it will be as though I will put a hook in your nose, and I will put an iron bit in your mouth, in order that I can take you where I want you to go. I will force you to return to your own country on the same road on which you came here, without conquering Jerusalem.'

**What would Yahweh put in Sennacherib's nose?**

Yahweh would put his hook in Sennacherib's nose

**2 Kings 19:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> And this {is} the sign for you: the {first} year, eating what grows of itself, and in the second year, self-seeded plant. But in the third year, sow and harvest and plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> Now I say this to Hezekiah: 'This is what will happen to prove that I am telling the truth: This year and next year you and your people will be able to harvest only wild grain. But the following year, you Israelites will be able to plant grain and harvest it, and to plant vineyards and eat the grapes.

**What would be the sign for Hezekiah?**

The sign would be that the people of Judah would eat what grows wild, and in the second year what grows from that.

**2 Kings 19:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> And the remaining survivors of the house of Judah will again {be} a root downward, and it will make fruit upward.

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> The people in Judah who remain alive will prosper and have many children; they will be like plants whose roots go deep down into the ground and which produce much fruit.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> For from Jerusalem a remnant will come out and survivors from Mount Zion. The zeal of Yahweh will do this.

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> There will be many people in Jerusalem who will remain alive, because I, Yahweh, commander of the armies, have planned it to happen.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> Therefore, thus says Yahweh to the king of Assyria: "He will not enter into this city, nor will he shoot an arrow there, nor will he meet it {with} a shield, nor will he pour out a siege ramp against it.

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> So this is what I, Yahweh, say about the king of Assyria: "His armies will not enter this city; they will not even shoot any arrows into it. His soldiers will not march outside the city gates carrying shields, and they will not even build high mounds of earth against the city walls to enable them to attack the city.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> By the way which he came on it, he will return, and he will not enter into this city," declares Yahweh.

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> Their king will return to his own country on the same road on which he came here. He will not enter this city. That will happen because I, Yahweh, have said it!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> "For I will defend over this city to save it, for my sake and for the sake of David, my servant.""

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> I will defend this city and prevent it from being destroyed. I will do this for the sake of my own reputation and because of what I promised to King David, who served me well."

**Why would Yahweh defend Jerusalem?**

Yahweh would defend Jerusalem for his own sake and for his servant David's sake.

**2 Kings 19:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> And it happened during that night, and the angel of Yahweh went out, and he struck in the camp of Assyria 185, 000 {men}. And they got up early in the morning, and look—all of them {were} dead corpses.

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> That night, an angel from Yahweh went out to where the army of Assyria had put up their tents, and killed 185,000 of their soldiers. When the rest of the soldiers woke up the next morning, they saw that there were corpses everywhere.

**How did Yahweh defend Jerusalem?**

Yahweh went out and attacked the camp of the Assyrians, putting to death 185,000 soldiers.

**2 Kings 19:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> And he pulled out, and he went, and Sennacherib the king of Assyria returned, and he stayed in Nineveh.

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> Then King Sennacherib left and went home to Nineveh, the capital of Assyria.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 19:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> And it happened, he was prostrating himself {in} the house of Nisrok his god, and Adrammelek and Sharezer struck him with the sword, and they themselves escaped {to} the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son became king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> One day, when he was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisrok, his two sons, Adrammelek and Sharezer, killed him with their swords. Then they escaped and went to the region of Ararat, northwest of Nineveh. And another of Sennacherib's sons, Esarhaddon, became the king of Assyria.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 20

### 2 Kings 20:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> In those days, Hezekiah was sick to dying. And Isaiah the son of Amoz, the prophet, came to him, and he said to him, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Command your house, for you are dying, and you will not live.'"

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> About that time, Hezekiah became very ill. He thought that he was about to die. Isaiah the prophet came to him and said, "This is what Yahweh says: 'You should tell the people in your palace what you want them to do after you die, because you are not going to recover from this illness. You are going to die.'"

### What did Yahweh tell Hezekiah to do because he would die?

Yahweh told Hezekiah to set his house in order for he would die.

### 2 Kings 20:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And he turned his face to the wall, and he prayed to Yahweh, saying,

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall and prayed this:

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 20:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> "Oh Yahweh, please remember that I have walked about to your face with faithfulness and with a whole heart, and the good in your eyes I have done." And Hezekiah wept a great weeping.

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> "Yahweh, do not forget that I have always served you faithfully with all my inner being, and I have done things that pleased you." Then Hezekiah started to cry loudly.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 20:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And it happened, Isaiah had not gone out to the middle courtyard, and the word of Yahweh was to him, saying,

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> Isaiah left the king, but before he had crossed the middle courtyard of the palace, Yahweh gave him a message.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 20:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> "Return, and you will say to Hezekiah the leader of my people, 'Thus says Yahweh the God of David, your father: "I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Look at me—healing you. On the third day, you will go up {to} the house of Yahweh.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> He said, "Go back to Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, and say to him, 'I, Yahweh, the God whom your ancestor King David worshiped, have heard what you prayed. And I have seen your tears. So, listen, I am going to heal you. Two days from now you will be able to go up to my temple.

**Why was Yahweh about to heal Hezekiah?**

Because Yahweh heard Hezekiah's prayer and saw his tears, he was about to heal him.

**2 Kings 20:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And I will add 15 years to your days, and I will rescue you and this city from the palm of the king of Assyria. And I will defend over this city for my sake and for the sake of David, my servant.'"

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> I will enable you to live for fifteen more years. And I will rescue you and this city again from the power of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city for the sake of my own reputation and because of what I promised King David, who served me well."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 20:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And Isaiah said, "Bring a cake of figs." And they brought {it}, and they set {it} on the sore, and he lived.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> Isaiah returned to the palace and told Hezekiah what Yahweh had said. Then he said to Hezekiah's servants, "Bring a paste made of boiled figs. Put some of it on his boils, and he will get well." The servants did that, and the king recovered.

**How did Hezekiah recover?**

A lump of figs was put on his boil, and he recovered.

**2 Kings 20:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What {is} the sign that Yahweh will heal me, and will I go up on the third day to the house of Yahweh?"

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> Then Hezekiah replied to Isaiah, "What will Yahweh do to prove that he will heal me and that two days from now I will be able to go up to the temple?"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 20:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And Isaiah said, "This {is} the sign for you from Yahweh, that Yahweh will do the thing that he has spoken: {will} the shadow go forward ten steps, or will it go back ten steps?"

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> Isaiah replied, "Yahweh will do something that will prove to you that he will do what he promised. Do you want him to cause the shadow on the stairway to go back ten steps or to go forward ten steps?"

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 20:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And Hezekiah said, "It is easy for the shadow to stretch out ten steps. No, for the shadow will go backwards ten steps."

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> Hezekiah replied, "It is easy to for the shadow to move forward, because that is what it always does. Aks Yahweh to make it move backward ten steps on the stairway that King Ahaz ordered his servants to build."

**How did Yahweh change the shadow? (vv10-11)**

Yahweh brought the shadow ten steps backward, from where it had moved to on the stairway of Ahaz.

**2 Kings 20:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And Isaiah the prophet called to Yahweh. And he made the shadow go back on the steps that it went down, on the steps of Ahaz, backwards ten steps.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> So Isaiah prayed earnestly to Yahweh, and Yahweh caused the shadow to go backward ten steps on the stairway of king Ahaz.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 20:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> At that time, Berodach-Baladan the son of Baladan, the king of Babylon, sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah, for he heard that Hezekiah was sick.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> At that time, King Marduk-Baladan son of Baladan, the previous king of Babylonia, heard a report that King Hezekiah had been very sick. So he wrote some letters and gave them to some messengers to take to Hezekiah, along with a gift.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**2 Kings 20:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And Hezekiah listen to them, and he showed them the whole house of his treasure: the silver and the gold and the spices and the best oil and the house of his armor and everything that was found in his treasuries. There was not a thing that Hezekiah did not show them, in his house or in all his realm.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> When the messengers arrived, Hezekiah welcomed them gladly. Then he showed them all the treasure that was in his palace and treasuries—the silver and gold, the spices, the nice-smelling olive oil, and all the weapons for his soldiers. There were no valuable things in his storerooms or anywhere else in his kingdom that he did not show them.

**What did Hezekiah show the messengers from the king of Babylon?**

Hezekiah showed them everything in his house and kingdom.

**2 Kings 20:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah, and he said to him, “What did these men say, and from where are they coming to you?” And Hezekiah said, “They have come from a distant land, from Babylon.”

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> Then the prophet Isaiah went to Hezekiah and asked him, “Where did those men come from, and what did they say to you?” Hezekiah replied, “They came from a country very far from here. They came from Babylonia.”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 20:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And he said, “What did they see in your house?” And Hezekiah said, “They saw everything that {is} in my house. There was not a thing that I did not show them in my treasuries.”

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> Isaiah asked, “What did they see in your palace?” Hezekiah replied, “They saw everything. I showed them absolutely everything that I own—all my valuable things.”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 20:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of Yahweh:

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> Isaiah knew that Hezekiah had done a very foolish thing. So Isaiah said to him, "Listen to what Yahweh says to you.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 20:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> 'Look—days are coming, and everything that {is} in your house and that your fathers stored away until this day will be lifted to Babylon. A thing will not be left,' says Yahweh.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> There will be a time when everything that is still in your palace, all the valuable things that were put there by you and your ancestors, will be carried away to Babylon. There will be nothing left here! That is what Yahweh says to you!

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 20:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> 'And from your sons who will come forth from you, who you will bear—they will be taken, and they will be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.'"

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> Furthermore, some of your own descendants will be forced to go there, and they will be castrated in order that they may become servants in the palace of the king of Babylon."

**What would happen to the sons born from Hezekiah?**

The people of Babylon would take away the sons born from him, and they would become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

**2 Kings 20:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of Yahweh that you have spoken {is} good.” And he said, “Is it not, rather, peace and stability will be in my days?”

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> Then Hezekiah replied to Isaiah, “The message from Yahweh that you have given to me is good.” He said that because he was thinking, “Even if that happens, there will be peace and security in Israel all during the remaining time that I remain alive.”

**Why did Hezekiah think that the word of Yahweh was good?**

Hezekiah thought that the word of Yahweh was good because there would be peace and stability in his days.

**2 Kings 20:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> But the rest of the words of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made the pool and the tunnel, and he brought water to the city—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Judah?

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> If you want to know more about all the other things that Hezekiah did, about his brave deeds in battle, about how he commanded his people to build a reservoir in the city and a tunnel to be dug to bring water into the reservoir, they are all written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 20:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And Hezekiah slept with his fathers. And Manasseh his son became king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> Later Hezekiah died, and his son Manasseh became the king.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 21

### 2 Kings 21:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> Manasseh {was} a son of 12 years when he became king. He was king 55 years in Jerusalem, and the name of his mother {was} Hephzibah.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to rule. He ruled Judah for fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother was Hephzibah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 21:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like the abominations of the nations that Yahweh drove out from the face of the sons of Israel.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> He did many things that Yahweh said were evil. He imitated the disgusting things that were formerly done by the people of the nations that Yahweh had driven out from the land of Israel as his people advanced through the land.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 21:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And he turned back, and he built the high places that Hezekiah his father destroyed, and he made altars rise for the Baal, and he made an Asherah pole, just as Ahab the king of Israel did, and he prostrated himself to all the host of the heavens, and he served them.

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> He commanded his workers to rebuild the places of idol worship built on the hills. Those were the very high places that his father Hezekiah had destroyed. He directed his workers to build altars to offer sacrifices of living creatures to Baal. Manasseh made a statue of the goddess Asherah, as Ahab the king of Israel had done previously. And Manasseh worshiped the stars and he served them.

### What did Manasseh rebuild?

Manasseh rebuilt the shrines that Hezekiah, his father, had destroyed.

**2 Kings 21:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And he built altars in the house of Yahweh, where Yahweh said, "In Jerusalem I will put my name."

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> He directed his workers to build altars for worshiping foreign gods in the temple of Yahweh, even though Yahweh had said, "It is here in Jerusalem where I want people to worship me, forever."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 21:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And he built altars for all the host of the heavens in the two courts of the house of Yahweh.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> He directed that altars for worshiping the stars be built in both of the courtyards in the temple grounds.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 21:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And he made his son pass through in the fire, and he practiced divination, and he read omens, and he made a ritual pit and soothsayers. He multiplied doing what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, to make {him} angry.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> He even sacrificed his own son and burned him in the fire. He performed rituals to practice sorcery and spells. He also went to people who consulted the spirits of dead people to find out what would happen in the future. He did many things that Yahweh said are extremely evil, things that caused Yahweh to become very angry.

**With whom did Manasseh consult?**

Manasseh consulted with those who talked with the dead and with those who talked with spirits.

**2 Kings 21:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And he placed the idol of the Asherah, that he made, in the house {about} which Yahweh said to David and to Solomon, his son, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all the tribes of Israel, I will place my name in perpetuity.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> He placed the statue of the goddess Asherah in the temple, the place about which Yahweh had said to David and his son Solomon, "My temple will be here in Jerusalem. This is the city that I have chosen from all the territory of the twelve tribes of Israel, where I want people to worship me forever.

**What did Manasseh place in the house of Yahweh?**

Manasseh placed the carved figure of Asherah that he had made in the house of Yahweh.

**2 Kings 21:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And I will not continue to make the foot of Israel wander from the ground that I gave to their fathers. If only they will take care to act according to all that I commanded them, and to all the Law that my servant Moses commanded them."

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> And if the Israelite people obey all my commands and all the laws that I gave to Moses, the man who served me very well, I will not again force them to leave this land that I gave to their ancestors."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 21:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> But they did not take care, and Manasseh led them astray to do what was evil, more than the nations that Yahweh destroyed from the face of the sons of Israel.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> But the people did not pay attention to Yahweh. Manasseh persuaded them to commit sins that were more evil than the sins that were committed by the people of the nations that Yahweh had driven from the land as the Israelite people advanced.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 21:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And Yahweh spoke by the hand of his servants, the prophets, saying,

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> These are some of the things that Yahweh said through his prophets. Many times Yahweh had given them these messages:

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 21:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> "Because Manasseh the king of Judah has done these evil abominations, more than all that the Amorites who {were} to his face did, and he has even made Judah sin with his idols,

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> "Manasseh, the king of Judah, has done these abominable things, things that are much worse than the things that the Amor people group did in this land long ago. He has lead the people of Judah to sin against Yahweh by worshiping the idols that he worshiped.

**Whom did Manasseh act more wickedly than?**

Manasseh acted more wickedly than the Amorites who were before him.

**2 Kings 21:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> therefore, thus says Yahweh the God of Israel: 'Look at me—bringing disaster on Jerusalem and Judah that everyone who hears it—his two ears will ring.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, this is what I, Yahweh, the God whom you Israelite people worship, says to you: I am about to cause disaster to come to Jerusalem and the rest of Judah. It will be terrible, with the result that everyone who hears about it will be stunned.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 21:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And I will stretch over Jerusalem the measuring line of Samaria, and the plumb line of the house of Ahab. I will wipe Jerusalem away, just as one wipes a bowl—he wipes and he turns {it} on its face.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> I will judge and punish the people of Jerusalem as I punished the family of King Ahab of Israel. I will remove the people of Jerusalem as people wipe a plate clean and then turn it upside down to show that they are now satisfied.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 21:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And I will abandon the remnant of my inheritance, and I will give them into the hand of their enemies. And they will become spoil and plunder for all their enemies,

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> And I will abandon the people who remain alive, and I will allow their enemies to conquer them and steal everything valuable from their land.

**Why would the remnant become victims and plunder for all their enemies? (vv14-15)**

The remnant would become victims and plunder for all their enemies because they did what was evil in Yahweh's sight, and provoked him to anger.

**2 Kings 21:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> because they have done what is evil in my eyes, and they have been making me angry from the day that their fathers went out from Egypt and up to this day.”

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> I will do this because my people have done things that I say are very evil, things which have caused me to become very angry. They have caused me to become angry continually, ever since the time that their ancestors left Egypt.”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**2 Kings 21:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And Manasseh even poured out very much innocent blood, until he filled Jerusalem mouth to mouth, beside his sin which he made Judah sin by doing what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> Manasseh commanded his officials to kill many innocent people in Jerusalem, with the result that their blood flowed in the streets. He did this in addition to persuading the people of Judah to do many things that Yahweh said were evil.

**How much innocent blood did Manasseh shed?**

Manasseh shed so much innocent blood that he filled Jerusalem from one end to another with death.

**2 Kings 21:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> But the rest of the words of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Judah?

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> If you want to know more about all the things that Manasseh did, and the sin that he committed, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 21:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the garden of his house, in the garden of Uzza. And Amon his son became king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> Manasseh died and was buried in the garden outside his palace, the garden that Uzza had made. Then his son Amon became the king.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 21:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> Amon {was} a son of 22 years when he became king, and he was king two years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz from Jotbah.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king. He ruled Judah from Jerusalem for only two years. His mother's name was Meshullemeth. She was from the city of Jotbah, and was the daughter of Haruz.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 21:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, just as Manasseh his father did.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, as his father Manasseh had done.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 21:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And he walked in every way that his father had walked. And he served the idols that his father had served, and he prostrated himself to them.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> He imitated the behavior of his father, and he worshiped the same idols that his father had worshiped.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 21:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And he abandoned Yahweh the God of his fathers, and he did not walk in the way of Yahweh.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> He abandoned Yahweh, the God whom his ancestors had worshiped, and did not behave as Yahweh wanted him to behave.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 21:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and they killed the king in his house.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> Then one day some of his officials made plans to kill him. They assassinated him in the palace.

**How did Amon die?**

The servants of Amon conspired against him and put the king to death in his own house.

**2 Kings 21:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And the people of the land struck everyone who conspired against King Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> But then the people of Judah killed all those who had assassinated King Amon, and they appointed his son Josiah to be their king.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 21:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> But the rest of the things of Amon that he did—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Judah?

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> If you want to read about the other things that Amon did, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 21:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> And he buried him in his tomb in the garden of Uzza. And Josiah his son became king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> Amon was also buried in the tomb in the garden that Uzza had made. Then his son Josiah became the king.

**Where was Amon buried?**

The people buried Amon in his tomb in the garden of Uzza.

## 2 Kings 22

### 2 Kings 22:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> Josiah {was} a son of eight years when he became king, and he was king 31 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Yedidah the daughter of Adaiah from Bozkath.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> Josiah was eight years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for thirty-one years. His mother was Jedidah and his grandfather was Adaiah from the city of Bozkath.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 22:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And he did what was upright in the eyes of Yahweh. And he walked in every way of David his father, and he did not turn away, right or left.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> Josiah did things that were pleasing to Yahweh and conducted his life as his ancestor King David had done. He fully obeyed all the laws of God.

### How did Josiah walk?

Josiah walked in all the ways of David his ancestor, and he did not turn away either to the right or to the left.

### 2 Kings 22:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And it happened, in the 18 th year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of Yahweh, saying,

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> After Josiah had been ruling for almost eighteen years, he sent his secretary Shaphan son of Azaliah and grandson of Meshullam, to the temple with these instructions:

### What did Josiah want Hilkiyah to give to the workmen who were in the house of Yahweh? (vv3-5)

Josiah wanted Hilkiyah to give the money that was brought into the house of Yahweh to the workmen who were in the house of Yahweh.

**2 Kings 22:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> “Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, and he will completely {count} the silver that was brought {into} the house of Yahweh, which the guards of the threshold collected from the people.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> “Go to Hilkiah, the high priest, and tell him to give me a report, telling me how much money the men who guard the doors of the temple have collected from the people as offerings.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 22:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And let it be given to the hand of the ones doing the work, the ones overseeing the house of Yahweh. And they will give it to the ones doing the work, who {are} in the house of Yahweh, to strengthen the damage of the house,

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> Then tell him to give all that money to the men who are supervising the work of repairing the temple.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 22:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> to the craftsmen and to the builders, and to the masons, and to buy wood and quarried stones to strengthen the house.”

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> They must give that money to the carpenters, the builders, and the masons, and they should also buy the timber and the stones that they will use to repair the temple.”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 22:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> However, the silver that is given to their hand will not be accounted for {by} them, because they are acting with faithfulness.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> But the men who supervise the work will not be required to make a report on the money that is given to them, saying what they spent it for, because those men are completely honest.

**Why was no accounting required for the money that was given to the workmen?**

No accounting was required for the money that was given to the workmen, because they handled it faithfully.

**2 Kings 22:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And Hilkiyah, the high priest, said to Shaphan, the scribe, "I found the Scroll of the Law in the house of Yahweh." And Hilkiyah gave the scroll to Shaphan, and he read it.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> After Shaphan the king's secretary said that to Hilkiyah, Hilkiyah said to Shaphan, "I have found in the temple a scroll on which is written the laws that God gave to Moses!" Hilkiyah gave the scroll to Shaphan, and he started to read it.

**What did Hilkiyah find in the house of Yahweh?**

Hilkiyah found the book of the law in the house of Yahweh.

**2 Kings 22:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And Shaphan the scribe went to the king, and he brought back the king a word. And he said, "Your servants poured out the silver that was found in the house, and they gave it to the hand of the ones doing the work, the ones overseeing the house of Yahweh."

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> Then Shaphan took the scroll to the king and said to him, "Your temple guards have taken the money that was in the temple, and they have given it to the men who will supervise the work of repairing the temple."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 22:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And Shaphan the scribe informed the king, saying, "Hilkiyah the priest gave to me a scroll." And Shaphan read it to the face of the king.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> Then Shaphan said to the king, "I have brought to you a scroll that Hilkiyah gave to me." And Shaphan started to read it to the king.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 22:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And it happened, when the king heard the words of the Scroll of the Law, and he tore his clothes.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> When the king heard the laws that were written in the scroll that Shaphan was reading to him, he tore his clothes because he was very upset.

**When the king heard the words of the law, what did he do?**

When the king heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes.

**2 Kings 22:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest and Ahikam the son of Shaphan and Akbor the son of Micaiah and Shaphan the scribe and Asaiah the servant of the king, saying,

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> Then he gave these instructions to Hilkiah, to Shaphan's son Ahikam, to Micaiah's son Akbor, and to Asaiah, the king's special advisor:

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 22:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> "Go, seek Yahweh on my behalf and on behalf of the people and on behalf of all Judah, concerning the words of this scroll that was found. For great {is} the heat of Yahweh that it is kindled against us on account that our fathers did not listen to the words of this scroll by acting according to all that was written concerning us."

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> "Go and ask Yahweh for me and for all the people of Judah, about what is written in this scroll that has been found. Because it is clear that Yahweh is very angry with us because our ancestors disobeyed the things that are written on this scroll, things that we should have done."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 22:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And Hilkiah the priest and Ahikam and Akbor and Shaphan and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum, the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, the keeper of the clothes (and she was living in Jerusalem in the second {quarter}), and they spoke to her.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> So Hilkiah, Ahikam, Akbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to consult a woman whose name was Huldah, who was a prophetess who lived in the newer part of Jerusalem. Her husband Shallum son of Tikvah and grandson of Harhas, took care of the robes that were worn in the temple. Those five men told her about the scroll.

**Where did Huldah live?**

Huldah lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter.

**2 Kings 22:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And she said to them, "Thus says Yahweh the God of Israel: 'Say to the man who sent you to me:

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> She then told them what Yahweh the God whom the Israelites worship says, "Yahweh has a message for the king who sent you to me, and this is what Yahweh says:

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 22:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> "Thus says Yahweh: 'Look at me—bringing disaster to this place and to its inhabitants—all the words of the scroll that the king of Judah read.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> 'Listen to this carefully. I am going to bring a disaster on Jerusalem and all the people who live here, which is what was written in the scroll that the king has read.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**2 Kings 22:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> Because they abandoned me, and they burned incense to other gods, in order to make me angry against all the works of their hands. And my heat is kindled against this place, and it will not extinguish.”

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> I will do that because they have abandoned me, and they burn incense to honor other gods. They have caused me to become very angry by all the idols that they have made, and my anger is like a fire that will not be put out.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 22:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> But to the king of Judah, the one sending you to seek Yahweh, thus you will say to him: “Thus says Yahweh the God of Israel: ‘The words that you heard,

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> The king of Judah sent you to inquire what I, Yahweh, want him to do. This is what you should say to him, “You have paid attention to what was written in the scroll.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 22:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> because your heart is tender, and you have humbled yourself from the face of Yahweh when you heard that which I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, to become a horror and a curse, and you have torn your clothes, and you have wept to my face, and also I myself have heard,’ declares Yahweh.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> Also, you have repented and humbled yourself when you heard what I threatened to do to punish this city and the people who live here, I have heard what you prayed. I said that I would cause this city to be abandoned. It will be a city whose name people will use when they curse someone. But because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you.

**Why did Yahweh listen to the king of Judah?**

Yahweh listened to the king of Judah because his heart was tender, and because he humbled himself before Yahweh, and because he tore his clothes and wept before Yahweh.

**2 Kings 22:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> Therefore, look at me—gathering you to your fathers, and you will be gathered to your graves in peace, and your eyes will not see all the disaster that I am bringing on this place. And they brought back the king a word.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> So I will allow you to die and be buried peacefully. I will cause a great disaster to come to this place, but you will not be alive to see it. After the men heard that, they returned to King Josiah and gave him that message.

**What would the eyes of the king of Judah not see?**

His eyes would not see any of the disaster that Yahweh would bring on the place and its inhabitants.

## 2 Kings 23

### 2 Kings 23:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And the king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> Then the king summoned all the elders of Jerusalem and of the other places in Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 23:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And the king went up {to} the house of Yahweh and every man of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him and the priests and the prophets and all the people, from {the} small and to {the} great. And he read in their ears all the words of the scroll of the covenant that had been found in the house of Yahweh.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> They went together to the temple, along with the priests and the prophets, and many other people, from the most important people to the least important people. And while they listened, the king read to them all of the laws that Moses had written. He read from the scroll that had been found in the temple.

### In whose hearing did the king read all the words of the book of the covenant?

The king read all the words of the book of the covenant in the hearing of all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, prophets, and all the people, from small to great.

### 2 Kings 23:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> And the king stood by the pillar, and he cut the covenant to the face of Yahweh to walk after Yahweh and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all {his} heart and with all his {spirit} to cause the words of this covenant that were written on that scroll to stand. And all the people stood in the covenant.

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> Then the king stood next to the pillar where the kings stood when they made important announcements, and, while Yahweh was listening, he repeated his promise to sincerely obey with his inner being the covenant. And all the people also promised to obey the covenant.

### What did all the people agree to do?

All the people agreed to stand by the covenant.

**2 Kings 23:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And the king commanded Hilkiah the great priest and the priests of the second {rank} and the guards of the threshold to bring out from the temple of Yahweh all the vessels that were made for the Baal and for the Asherah and for all the host of the heavens. And he burned them from outside of Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and he lifted their ashes {to} Bethel.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> Then the king gave a command to Hilkiah, the high priest, to all the other priests who assisted him, and to the men who guarded the entrance to the temple. He told them to bring out from the temple all the items that people had been using to worship Baal, the goddess Asherah, and the stars. After they carried them out, they burned all those things outside the city in the Kidron Valley. Then they took all the ashes to Bethel.

**What did the king burn outside Jerusalem in the fields in the Kidron Valley?**

The king burned all the vessels that were made for Baal and Asherah, and for all the stars of heaven outside Jerusalem in the fields in the Kidron Valley.

**2 Kings 23:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> And he put away the pagan priests, whom the kings of Judah gave so that he burned incense in the high places in the cities of Judah and the surrounding areas of Jerusalem, and the ones who burned incense to the Baal, to the sun and to the moon and to the constellations and to all the host of the heavens.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> There were many pagan priests whom the previous kings of Judah had appointed to burn incense on the altars scattered throughout the region of Judah and to worship on the high places that they had built on the hills. They had been offering sacrifices to Baal, to the sun, to the moon, the planets, and the stars. The king stopped them from doing those things.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And he brought out the Asherah pole from the house of Yahweh to outside of Jerusalem, to the valley of Kidron, and he burned it in the valley of Kidron. And he crushed {it} to a dust, and he threw its dust over the graves of the sons of the people.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> He commanded that the statue of the goddess Asherah be taken out of the temple. Then they took it outside Jerusalem, down to the Kidron Valley, and burned it. Then they pounded the ashes to powder and scattered that over the graves of ordinary people.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And he broke down the houses of the male temple prostitutes that {were} in the house of Yahweh, where the women were weaving there houses for the Asherah.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> He also took everything out of the rooms in the temple where the temple male prostitutes lived. That was where women wove robes that were used to worship the goddess Asherah.

**What rooms did the king clear out?**

The king cleared out the rooms of the male prostitutes who were in the temple of Yahweh.

**2 Kings 23:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and he defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense there, from Geba to Beersheba. And he broke down the high places of the gates that {were at} the entrance of the gate of Joshua the official of the city that {were} on the left of a man at the gate of the city.

**UST**

<sup>8-9</sup> Josiah also brought to Jerusalem all the priests who were offering sacrifices in the other cities of Judah. He also desecrated the places on the hills where the priests had burned incense to honor idols, from Geba in the north to Beersheba in the south. Those priests were not allowed to offer sacrifices in the temple, but they were allowed to eat the unleavened bread that the priests who worked in the temple ate. He also commanded that the altars that were near the gate built by Joshua, the mayor of Jerusalem, be destroyed. Those altars were at the left of the main gate into the city.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> However, the priests of the high places did not go up to the altar of Yahweh in Jerusalem. Rather, they ate unleavened bread in the midst of their brothers.

**UST**

<sup>8-9</sup> Josiah also brought to Jerusalem all the priests who were offering sacrifices in the other cities of Judah. He also desecrated the places on the hills where the priests had burned incense to honor idols, from Geba in the north to Beersheba in the south. Those priests were not allowed to offer sacrifices in the temple, but they were allowed to eat the unleavened bread that the priests who worked in the temple ate. He also commanded that the altars that were near the gate built by Joshua, the mayor of Jerusalem, be destroyed. Those altars were at the left of the main gate into the city.

**Where were the priests of those shrines where incense was burned allowed to eat unleavened bread?**

The priests of those shrines where incense was burned were allowed to eat unleavened bread in Jerusalem.

**2 Kings 23:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And he defiled the Topheth, which {was} in the Valley of the son of Hinnom, so that a person could not make his son or his daughter pass through in the fire to the Molech.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> Josiah also desecrated the place named Topheth, in the Ben Hinnom Valley, in order that no one could offer his son or daughter there to be completely burned on the altar as a sacrifice to the god Molech.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And he made the horses that the kings of Judah gave to the sun cease from coming {to} the house of Yahweh, to the hall of Nathan-Melech the eunuch that {was} in the courtyards. And he burned the chariots of the sun with fire.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> He also removed the horses that the previous kings of Judah had dedicated to worshiping the sun, and he burned the chariots that were used in that worship. Those horses and chariots were kept in the courtyard outside the temple, near the entrance to the temple, and near the room where one of Josiah's officials lived, whose name was Nathan-Melek.

**Where were the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun?**

The horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun were in an area at the entrance to the temple of Yahweh, near the room of Nathan Melech.

**2 Kings 23:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> And the king broke down the altars that {were} on the roof, the upper chamber of Ahaz, that the kings of Judah made and the altars that Manasseh made in the two courts of the house of Yahweh. And he ran from there, and he threw their dust to the valley of Kidron.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> Josiah also commanded his servants to tear down the altars that the previous kings of Judah had built on the palace roof, above the room where King Ahaz had stayed. They also tore down the altars that had been built by King Manasseh in the two courtyards outside the temple. He commanded that they be smashed to pieces and thrown down into the Kidron Valley.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And the king defiled the high places that {were} on the face of Jerusalem, that {were} from the right of the Mount of Destruction that Solomon the king of Israel built for Ashtarothe the abhorrence of the Sidonians and for Chemosh the abhorrence of Moab and for Milcom the abomination of the sons of Ammon.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> He also commanded that the altars that King Solomon had built east of Jerusalem, south of the Mount of Olives—the so-called Mount of Corruption—be desecrated. Solomon had built them for the worship of the disgusting idols—the statue of the goddess Ashtoreth worshiped by the people in the city of Sidon, Chemosh the god of the Moab people group, and Molech the god of the Ammon people group.

**Who built the Mount of Corruption?**

Solomon king of Israel built the Mount of Corruption.

**2 Kings 23:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And he smashed the pillars, and he cut down the Asherah poles, and he filled their place with human bones.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> They also broke into pieces the stone pillars that the Israelite people worshiped, and cut down the poles that honored the goddess Asherah, and they scattered the ground there with human bones to desecrate it.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And also the altar that {was} in Bethel, the high place that Jeroboam the son of Nebat made, who caused Israel to sin—both that altar and the high place he broke down, and he burned the high place. He crushed {them} to dust, and he burned {the} Asherah pole.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> Furthermore, he commanded them to tear down the place of worship that was near the city of Bethel, the very same place of worship that had been built by King Jeroboam (whose father was Nebat, the same man who made Israel to sin against Yahweh). Josiah led the people of Israel to tear down that altar that was on the high hill, and they also burned the wooden pole used in the worship of the idol that had the name "Asherah."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> And Josiah turned, and he saw the graves that {were} there on the mountain, and he sent, and he took the bones from the graves, and he burned {them} on the altar, and he defiled it according to the word of Yahweh which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these things.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> Then Josiah looked around and saw some tombs on the hill. He commanded his men to take the bones out of those tombs and burn them on the altar. By doing that, he desecrated the altar. These events were predicted many years before when Yahweh gave his word to Israel by his prophet.

**Why did Josiah burn bones on the altar at Bethel?**

He burned bones on the altar to defile it.

**2 Kings 23:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And he said, "What is this monument that I am seeing?" And the men of the city said to him, "The grave of the man of God who came from Judah, and he proclaimed these things that you did on the altar of Bethel."

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> Josiah asked, "Whose tomb is that?" The people of Bethel replied, "It is the tomb of the prophet who came from Judah and predicted that these things that you have just now done to this altar would happen."

**Whose bones did Josiah not move? (vv17-18)**

Josiah did not move the bones of the man of God who came from Judah and the prophet who had come from Samaria.



**2 Kings 23:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And he said, "Leave him untouched. Do not let a person shake up his bones." And they saved his bones, the bones of the prophet who came from Samaria.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> Josiah replied, "Allow his tomb to remain as it is. Do not remove the prophet's bones from the tomb." So the people did not remove those bones, or the bones of the other prophet, the one who had come from Samaria.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And also Josiah removed all the houses of the high places that {were} in the cities of Samaria that the kings of Israel made, provoking anger. And he did to them like all the works that he did in Bethel.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> In every city in Samaria, at Josiah's command, they tore down the houses built on hills to worship idols. The ones that had been built by the previous kings of Israel, which had caused Yahweh to become very angry. He did to all those places of idols worship the same thing that he had done to the altars at Bethel.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And he sacrificed all the priests of the high places who {were} there on the altars, and he burned human bones on them. And he returned to Jerusalem.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> He ordered that all the priests who offered sacrifices on the places built on the hills where they worshiped idols, and they were to be killed on those altars. Then he burned human bones on every one of those altars to desecrate them. Then he returned to Jerusalem.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> And the king commanded all the people, saying, "Do Passover for Yahweh your God according to what is written on this scroll of the covenant."

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> Then the king commanded all the people to celebrate the Passover festival to honor Yahweh their God, which was written in the law of Moses that they should do every year.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> For it had not been done like this Passover since the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor all the days of the kings of Israel or the kings of Judah,

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> During all the years that leaders ruled Israel and during all the years that kings of Israel and the kings of Judah, they had not celebrated that festival.

**For how long had such a Passover celebration not been held?**

Such a Passover celebration had not been held from the days of the judges who ruled Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel or Judah.

**2 Kings 23:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> except in the 18 th year of King Josiah. This Passover was done for Yahweh in Jerusalem.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> But now, after Josiah had been ruling for almost eighteen years, to honor Yahweh they celebrated the Passover festival in Jerusalem.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And also Josiah removed the ritual pits and the soothsayers and the images and the idols and all the abhorrences that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, for the sake of causing the words of the Law that were written on the scroll that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of Yahweh to stand.

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> Furthermore, Josiah removed from Jerusalem and other places in Judah all the people who practiced sorcery and those who asked the spirits of dead people to tell them what they should do. He also removed from Jerusalem and from the other places in Judah all the household idols and all the other idols and abominable things. He did those things in order to obey what had been written in the scroll that Hilkiah had found in the temple.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And a king was not like him to his face, who returned to Yahweh with all his heart and with all his spirit and with all his power according to all the Law of Moses. And after him, one like him has not arisen.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> Josiah was devoted to Yahweh with all that he felt and thought and with all his strength. There had never been in Judah or Israel a king like him. He obeyed all the laws of Moses. And there has never since then been a king like Josiah.

**How did Josiah turn to Yahweh?**

Josiah turned to Yahweh with all his heart, all his soul, and all his might.

**2 Kings 23:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> However, Yahweh did not turn from the great burning of his nose {with} which his nose burned against Judah on account of all the offenses {by} which Manasseh made him angry.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> But Yahweh had become extremely angry with the people of Judah because of all the things that King Manasseh had done to provoke him, and he continued to be very angry.

**From what did Yahweh not turn?**

Yahweh did not turn from the fierceness of his great wrath.

**2 Kings 23:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And Yahweh said, "I will also remove Judah away from my face, just as I removed Israel. And I will reject this city that I chose, Jerusalem and the house {about} which I said, 'My name will be there.'"

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> He said, "I will do to Judah what I have done to Israel. I will drive away the people of Judah, with the result that they will never enter my presence again. And I will reject Jerusalem, the city that I chose to belong to me, and I will reject the temple, the place where I said that I should be worshiped."

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> But the rest of the words of Josiah, and all that he did—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Judah?

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> If you want to know more about all the other things that Josiah did, they are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> In his days, Pharaoh Necho the king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria near the Euphrates River. And King Josiah went to meet him, but he killed him in Megiddo when he saw him.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> While he was the king of Judah, King Necho of Egypt led his army north to the Euphrates River to help the king of Assyria. King Josiah tried to stop the army of Egypt at the city of Megiddo, but he was killed in a battle there.

**Who went to fight against the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River?**

Pharaoh Neco, king of Egypt, went to fight against the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River.

**2 Kings 23:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> And his servants made him ride dead from Megiddo, and they brought him {to} Jerusalem, and they buried him in his grave. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah and they anointed him, and they made him king in place of his father.

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> His officials placed his corpse in a chariot from Megiddo, and took it back to Jerusalem, where it was buried in his own tomb. Then the people of Judah poured olive oil on Josiah's son Joahaz, to appoint him to be the new king.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:31****ULT**

<sup>31</sup> Jehoahaz {was} a son of 23 years when he became king, and he was king three months in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah from Libnah.

**UST**

<sup>31</sup> Joahaz was twenty-three years old when he became the king of Judah, but he ruled from Jerusalem for only three months. His mother was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah from the city of Libnah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:32****ULT**

<sup>32</sup> And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like everything that his fathers did.

**UST**

<sup>32</sup> Joahaz did many things that Yahweh said were evil, just like many of his ancestors had done.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:33****ULT**

<sup>33</sup> And Pharaoh Necho bound him in Riblah, in the land of Hamath, from being king in Jerusalem. And he gave a fine against the land—100 rounds of silver and a round of gold.

**UST**

<sup>33</sup> King Necho's army captured him and tied him up with chains and took him as a prisoner to the city of Riblah in the district of Hamath, to prevent him from continuing to rule in Jerusalem. Necho forced the people of Judah to pay to him about 3.3 metric tons of silver and thirty three kilograms of gold.

**Why did Pharaoh Neco put Jehoahaz in chains at Riblah in the land of Hamath?**

Pharaoh Neco put him in chains at Riblah in the land of Hamath, so he might not reign in Jerusalem.

**2 Kings 23:34****ULT**

<sup>34</sup> And Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in place of Josiah his father, and he turned his name {to} Jehoiakim. But he took Jehoahaz, and he came {to} Egypt, and he died there.

**UST**

<sup>34</sup> King Necho appointed another son of Josiah, Eliakim, to be the new king, and he changed Eliakim's name to Jehoiakim. Then he took Joahaz to Egypt, and later Joahaz died there in Egypt.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:35****ULT**

<sup>35</sup> And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh. However, he assessed the land to give the silver according to the mouth of Pharaoh. Each man, according to his assessment, he forcibly collected the silver and the gold, the people of the land, to give to Pharaoh Neco.

**UST**

<sup>35</sup> King Jehoiakim collected a tax from the people of Judah. He collected more from the rich people and less from the poor people. He collected silver and gold from them, in order to pay to the king of Egypt what he commanded them to give.

**How did Jehoiakim get the money to pay Pharaoh?**

Jehoiakim taxed the land to pay the money, in order to pay Pharaoh.

**2 Kings 23:36****ULT**

<sup>36</sup> Jehoiakim {was} a son of 25 years when he became king, and he was king 11 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Zebidah the daughter of Pedaiah from Rumah.

**UST**

<sup>36</sup> Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he became the king of Judah, and he ruled from Jerusalem for eleven years. His mother was Zebidah, the daughter of Pedaiah from the city of Rumah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 23:37****ULT**

<sup>37</sup> And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like everything that his fathers did.

**UST**

<sup>37</sup> He did many things that Yahweh said were evil, as his ancestors had done.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 24

### 2 Kings 24:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> In his days, Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon went up, and Jehoiakim was a servant to him—three years. And he turned back, and he rebelled against him.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> While Jehoiakim was ruling Judah, the army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon invaded Judah. They defeated the Judean army, and as a result, Jehoiakim was required to pay much tribute to King Nebuchadnezzar. But after three years, Jehoiakim rebelled.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 24:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And Yahweh sent against him troops of Chaldeans and troops of Aram and troops of Moab and troops of the sons of Ammon. And he sent them against Judah to destroy it according to the word of Yahweh that he spoke by the hand of his servants the prophets.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> Then Yahweh sent raiders from Babylonia and Aram, and from the Moab and Ammon people groups, to attack the people of Judah and kill them, just as Yahweh had told his prophets to warn the people would happen.

### What had Yahweh spoken through his servants the prophets?

Yahweh had spoken through his servants the prophets that bands of Chaldeans, Arameans, Moabites, and Ammonites would destroy Judah.

### 2 Kings 24:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> However, it was according to the mouth of Yahweh against Judah, to remove {them} away from his face with the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did,

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> These things happened to the people of Judah just as Yahweh had commanded. He decided to destroy the people of Judah because of the many sins that King Manasseh had committed.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 24:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> and also the innocent blood that he poured out, and he filled Jerusalem {with} innocent blood, and Yahweh was not willing to forgive.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> Manasseh had even caused many innocent people in Jerusalem to be killed, and Yahweh would not forgive that.

**What was Yahweh not willing to pardon?**

Yahweh was not willing to pardon that Manasseh filled Jerusalem with innocent blood.

**2 Kings 24:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> But the rest of the words of Jehoiakim, and all that he did—are they not written on the scroll of the words of the days of the kings of Judah?

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> The other things that happened while Jehoiakim was king, and all the things that he did, are written in the book of the events of the Kings of Judah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 24:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And Jehoiakim slept with his fathers, and Jehoiachin his son became king in his place.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> When Jehoiakim died, his son Jehoiachin became the king.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**2 Kings 24:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And the king of Egypt did not continue again to go out from his land, because the king of Babylon took from the river of Egypt as far as the Euphrates River—everything that belonged to the king of Egypt.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> The army of the king of Babylon defeated the army of Egypt. The king of Babylon took control of all the area that the Egyptians formerly controlled, from the brook at the border of Egypt in the south to the Euphrates River in the north. So the army of the king of Egypt did not return to attack Judah again.

**Why did the king of Egypt not attack any more out of his land?**

The king of Egypt did not attack any more out of his land, because the king of Babylon had conquered all the lands that had been controlled by the king of Egypt.

**2 Kings 24:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> Jehoiachin {was} a son of 18 years when he became king, and he was king in Jerusalem three months. And the name of his mother {was} Nehushta the daughter of Elnathan from Jerusalem.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he became the king of Judah. His mother's name was Nehushta. She was the daughter of a man from Jerusalem named Elnathan. Jehoiachin ruled in Jerusalem for only three months.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 24:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that his father did.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> Jehoiachin did many things that Yahweh said were evil, all the evil things that his father had done.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 24:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> At that time, the servants of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon went up {to} Jerusalem, and the city entered into siege.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> While Jehoiachin was king, some officers of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came along with the whole Babylonian army to Jerusalem, and they surrounded the city.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 24:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> And Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came to the city, and his servants were besieging against it,

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> While they were doing that, Nebuchadnezzar himself came to the city.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 24:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> and Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon—he and his mother and his servants and his captains and his eunuchs. And the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his being king.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> Then King Jehoiachin, his mother, his advisors, important officers, palace officials all surrendered to the Babylonian army. When Nebuchadnezzar had been king for eight years, he captured Jehoiachin and took him to Babylon.

**When did Nebuchadnezzar capture Jehoiachin?**

Nebuchadnezzar captured Jehoiachin in the eighth year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign.

**2 Kings 24:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> And he brought out from there all the treasure of the house of Yahweh, and the treasure of the house of the king, and he cut off all the vessels of gold that Solomon the king of Israel made in the temple of Yahweh, just as Yahweh had spoken.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> Just as Yahweh had said would happen, Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers took to Babylon all the valuable things from Yahweh's temple and from the king's palace. They cut up all the gold items that King Solomon had put in the temple.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 24:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And he exiled all Jerusalem and all the captains and all the mighty men of the army, exiling 10, 000 {people} and every crastman and smith. {A person} was not left except the poor of the people of the land.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> They took from Jerusalem to Babylon ten thousand people, including the important officials and the best soldiers and the people who made and repaired things that were made of metal. Only the very poor people were left in Judah.

**Who was left in the land?**

Only the poorest people were left in the land.

**2 Kings 24:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And he exiled Jehoiachin in Babylon. And the mother of the king and the wives of the king and his eunuchs and the citizens of the land he led {into} exile from Jerusalem to Babylon,

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers seized King Jehoiachin and took him to Babylon, along with his wives and officials, his mother, and all the important people. He took them into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 24:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> and all of the men of the army, 7, 000 {people}, and the craftsmen and the smiths, 1, 000 {people}, the whole—the mighty ones who made war. And the king of Babylon brought them {into} exile to Babylon.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> They also took to Babylon all seven thousand soldiers and one thousand men who knew how to make and repair things that are made from metal. All of these people whom they took were able to fight in battle.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 24:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his uncle king in his place, and he turned his name {to} Zedekiah.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> Then the king of Babylon appointed Jehoiachin's uncle, Mattaniah, to be the king of Judah, and he changed Mattaniah's name to Zedekiah.

**To what name did the king of Babylon change Mattaniah's name?**

The king of Babylon changed Mattaniah's name to Zedekiah.

**2 Kings 24:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> Zedekiah {was} a son of 21 years when he became king, and he was king 11 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah from Libnah.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> When Zedekiah was twenty-one years old, he became king, and he ruled in Jerusalem for eleven years. His mother's name was Hamutal. She was the daughter of a man named Jeremiah from the city of Libnah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 24:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And he did what was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like everything that Jehoiakim did.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> But Zedekiah did many things that Yahweh said were evil, just as Jehoiakim had done.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 24:20

### ULT

<sup>20</sup> For on account of the nose of Yahweh it happened in Jerusalem and in Judah, until he threw them away from his face. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

### UST

<sup>20</sup> Because Yahweh was very angry, he finally drove the people out of Jerusalem and the other places in Judah and sent them to Babylon. This is what happened when Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

## 2 Kings 25

### 2 Kings 25:1

#### ULT

<sup>1</sup> And it happened, in the ninth year of his being king, in the tenth month on the tenth of the month, Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem. And he camped against it, and they built a siege work against it all around.

#### UST

<sup>1</sup> After Zedekiah had been ruling for nine years, on the tenth day of the tenth month of that year, King Nebuchadnezzar arrived with his whole army. They surrounded Jerusalem. Against the walls of the city, they built ramps made of earth, so that they could climb up and attack the city.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 25:2

#### ULT

<sup>2</sup> And the city came into the siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

#### UST

<sup>2</sup> It took them two years to do that.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

### 2 Kings 25:3

#### ULT

<sup>3</sup> On the ninth of the month, and the famine took hold in the city, and bread was not for the people of the land.

#### UST

<sup>3</sup> After Zedekiah had been ruling for eleven years, by the ninth day of the fourth month of that year, the famine had become very bad. All the people's food was gone.

### Why was there no food for the people of the land?

The famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

**2 Kings 25:4****ULT**

<sup>4</sup> And the city was breached, and all the men of the war {fled} by night {on} a way of {the} gate between the two walls that {were} near the garden of the king, but Chaldeans {were} over the city all around. And he went the way of the desert plain.

**UST**

<sup>4</sup> Then the Babylonian soldiers broke through part of the city wall, and that enabled them to enter the city. All the soldiers of Judah tried to escape. But the Babylonian soldiers surrounded the city, so the king and the soldiers of Judah waited until it was nighttime. Then they fled through the gate that was between the two walls near the king's park. They ran across the fields and started to go down to the plain along the Jordan River.

**Where did all the fighting men flee?**

All the fighting men fled at night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden.

**2 Kings 25:5****ULT**

<sup>5</sup> But the army of Chaldeans pursued after the king, and they overtook him in the desert plain of Jericho. And all his army scattered away from him.

**UST**

<sup>5</sup> But the Babylonian soldiers chased after them. They caught the king when he was by himself in the plains of Jericho. He was by himself because all his soldiers had abandoned him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 25:6****ULT**

<sup>6</sup> And they seized the king, and they brought him up to the king of Babylon, to Riblah. And they spoke a judgment on him.

**UST**

<sup>6</sup> The Babylonian soldiers took King Zedekiah to the city of Riblah in Babylonia. There the king of Babylon decided what they would do to punish him.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 25:7****ULT**

<sup>7</sup> And they slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah to his eyes. And he blinded the eyes of Zedekiah, and he bound him with two bronze {chains}, and he brought him {to} Babylon.

**UST**

<sup>7</sup> The king of Babylon forced Zedekiah to watch as the Babylonian soldiers killed all of Zedekiah's sons. Then they gouged out Zedekiah's eyes. They put bronze chains on his hands and feet and took him to the city of Babylon.

**What happened to Zedekiah after his sons were slaughtered?**

After Zedekiah's sons were slaughtered, the Chaldeans put out his eyes, bound him in bronze chains, and brought him to Babylon.

**2 Kings 25:8****ULT**

<sup>8</sup> And in the fifth month on the seventh of the month—it {was} the year of the 19<sup>th</sup> year of King Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon—Nebuzaradan the chief of the guards, the servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.

**UST**

<sup>8</sup> On the seventh day in the fifth month of that year, after Nebuchadnezzar had been ruling for nineteen years, Nebuzaradan arrived in Jerusalem. He was one of King Nebuchadnezzar's officials; he was in command of the men who guarded the king.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 25:9****ULT**

<sup>9</sup> And he burned the house of Yahweh and the house of the king. And all the houses of Jerusalem and every great house he burned with fire.

**UST**

<sup>9</sup> He ordered his soldiers to burn down Yahweh's temple, the king's palace, and all the houses in Jerusalem. So they burned down all the important buildings in the city.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*



**2 Kings 25:10****ULT**

<sup>10</sup> And all the army of the Chaldeans, who {were with} the chief of the guard, broke down the walls of Jerusalem all around.

**UST**

<sup>10</sup> Then Nebuzaradan supervised the Babylonian soldiers as they tore down the walls surrounding Jerusalem.

**Who destroyed all the walls around Jerusalem?**

All the army of the Babylonians who were under the commander of the bodyguard destroyed all the walls around Jerusalem.

**2 Kings 25:11****ULT**

<sup>11</sup> But the rest of the people who were left in the city and the fallen ones who fell to the king of Babylon and the rest of the multitude, Nebuzaradan chief of the guard exiled.

**UST**

<sup>11</sup> After that, he and his soldiers took to Babylon the people who were still living in the city, the other people who lived in the region of Judah, and the soldiers who had previously surrendered to the Babylonian army.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 25:12****ULT**

<sup>12</sup> But the chief of the guards let some of the poor of the land remain for vinedressers and for farmers.

**UST**

<sup>12</sup> But Nebuzaradan allowed some of the very poor people to stay in Judah to take care of the vineyards and to plant crops in the fields.

**Why did the bodyguard leave some of the poorest of the land?**

The bodyguard left some of the poorest of the land to work the vineyards and fields.

**2 Kings 25:13****ULT**

<sup>13</sup> But the Chaldeans smashed the pillars of bronze that {were in} the house of Yahweh and the pedestals and the Sea of bronze that {were} in the house of Yahweh, and they lifted their bronze to Babylon.

**UST**

<sup>13</sup> The Babylonian soldiers broke into pieces the bronze pillars, the bronze stands with wheels, and the large bronze tank known as "The Sea," all of which were in the temple courtyard, and they took all the bronze to Babylon.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 25:14****ULT**

<sup>14</sup> And they took the pots and the shovels and the snuffers and the spoons and all the utensils of bronze that they ministered with them.

**UST**

<sup>14</sup> They also took the pots, the shovels, the instruments for snuffing out the lamps, the dishes, and all the other bronze items that the Israelite priests had used for offering sacrifices in the temple.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 25:15****ULT**

<sup>15</sup> And the chief of the guard took the censers and the bowls that {were} gold {as} gold and that {were} silver {as} silver.

**UST**

<sup>15</sup> The soldiers also took away the pans for the ashes of the sacrifices, the basins, and all the other items made of gold or silver.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 25:16****ULT**

<sup>16</sup> The two pillars, the one Sea, and the pedestals that Solomon made for the house of Yahweh—a weight was not for the bronze of all these vessels.

**UST**

<sup>16</sup> The bronze from the two pillars, the bronze stands with wheels, and the huge tank that was called “The Sea,” were all so very heavy that they could not be weighed. These things had been made for the temple when Solomon was the king of Israel.

**How much bronze did the two pillars contain?**

The two pillars contained more bronze than could be weighed.

**2 Kings 25:17****ULT**

<sup>17</sup> The height of the first pillar {was} 18 cubits, and the capital on it {was} bronze, and the height of the capital {was} three cubits, and latticework and pomegranates {were} on the capital all around—the whole {was} bronze. And like these {was} the second pillar concerning the latticework.

**UST**

<sup>17</sup> Each of the pillars was eight and one-third meters high. The bronze capital of each pillar was one and one-third meters high. They were each decorated all around with something that looked like a net made of bronze chains connecting bronze pomegranates.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 25:18****ULT**

<sup>18</sup> And the chief of the guards took Seraiah the high priest and Zephaniah the second priest and the three guards of the threshold.

**UST**

<sup>18</sup> Nebuzaradan took with him to Babylon Seraiah, the high priest; Zephaniah, his assistant; and the three men who guarded the entrance to the temple.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 25:19****ULT**

<sup>19</sup> And from the city he took one eunuch, because he {was} an inspector over the men of the war, and five men from those who saw the face of the king who were found in the city and the scribe, the official of the host, the one who drafted the people of the land and 60 men from the people of the land who were found in the city.

**UST**

<sup>19</sup> From the people who were still left in Jerusalem, he took one officer from the Judean army, five of the king's advisors, the chief secretary of the army commander who was in charge of recruiting men to join the army, and sixty other important Judean men.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 25:20****ULT**

<sup>20</sup> And Nebuzaradan the chief of the guard took them, and he made them go to the king of Babylon, to Riblah.

**UST**

<sup>20</sup> Nebuzaradan took them all to the king of Babylon at the city of Riblah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 25:21****ULT**

<sup>21</sup> But the king of Babylon struck them, and he killed them in Riblah in the land of Hamath. And Judah was exiled away from its land.

**UST**

<sup>21</sup> There at the city of Riblah, in the province of Hamath, the king of Babylon commanded that they all be executed. That is what happened when the people of Judah were taken forcefully from their land to Babylon.

**What did the king of Babylon do to the people taken prisoner by the commander of the bodyguard?**

The king of Babylon put them to death.

**2 Kings 25:22****ULT**

<sup>22</sup> And the people who remained in the land of Judah, who Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon allowed to remain—and he appointed Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, over them.

**UST**

<sup>22</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar appointed a man named Gedaliah to be the governor of the people who he still allowed to live in Judah. Gedaliah was a son of Ahikam and a grandson of Shaphan.

**Whom did Nebuchadnezzar put in charge of the people who remained in the land of Judah?**

Nebuchadnezzar put Gedaliah in charge of them.

**2 Kings 25:23****ULT**

<sup>23</sup> And all the captains of the armies, they and the men, heard that the king of Babylon appointed Gedaliah, and they came to Gedaliah the Mizpah and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah and Johanan the son of Kareah and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite and Jaazaniah the son of the Maakathite—they and their men.

**UST**

<sup>23</sup> When all the army commanders in Judah and their soldiers found out that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah to be the governor, they met with him at the city of Mizpah. These commanders were Ishmael son of Nethaniah; Johanan son of Kareah; Seraiah son of Tanhumeth, from the city of Netophah; and Jaazaniah, from the region of Maacah.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 25:24****ULT**

<sup>24</sup> And Gedaliah swore to them and to their men, and he said to them, “Do not be afraid from the servants of the Chaldeans. Live in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and he will be good to you.”

**UST**

<sup>24</sup> Gedaliah solemnly promised them that the officials from Babylon were not planning to harm them. He said, “You may live in this land without being afraid; you should obey the king of Babylon. If you do, everything will go well for you.”

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 25:25****ULT**

<sup>25</sup> And it happened in the seventh month, Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama from the seed of the kingdom, came and ten men with him, and he struck Gedaliah, and he died, and the Judeans and the Chaldeans who were with him in Mizpah.

**UST**

<sup>25</sup> But in the seventh month of that year, Ishmael, whose grandfather Elishama was in the family descended from King David, went to Mizpah along with ten other men. They assassinated Gedaliah and all the men with him. There were also men from Judah and men from Babylon whom they assassinated.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 25:26****ULT**

<sup>26</sup> And all the people from {the} least and up to {the} great and the captains of the armies got up, and they went {to} Egypt, for they were afraid from the face of the Chaldeans.

**UST**

<sup>26</sup> Then many of the people from Judah, important people and unimportant ones, and the army commanders were very afraid of what the Babylonians would do to them, so they fled to Egypt.

**Why did all the people and the commanders of the soldiers go to Egypt?**

All the people and the commanders of the soldiers went to Egypt, because they were afraid of the Babylonians.

**2 Kings 25:27****ULT**

<sup>27</sup> And it happened in the 37 th year of the exile of Jehoiachin the king of Judah in the 12 th month on the 27 th of the month, Evil-Merodach the king of Babylon lifted the head of Jehoiachin the king of Judah from the house of prison in the year he became king.

**UST**

<sup>27</sup> Thirty-seven years after King Jehoiachin of Judah had been taken to Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar's son Awel-Marduk became the king of Babylon. He was kind to Jehoiachin, and on the twenty-seventh day of the twelfth month of that same year, he released Jehoiachin from prison.

**When was Jehoiachin released from prison?**

Jehoiachin was released from prison in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin, in the year that Evil Merodach began to reign.

**2 Kings 25:28****ULT**

<sup>28</sup> And he spoke well with him, and he gave his throne above the throne of the kings who {were} with him in Babylon.

**UST**

<sup>28</sup> He always spoke kindly to Jehoiachin and honored him more than the other kings who had been taken to Babylon.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

**2 Kings 25:29****ULT**

<sup>29</sup> And he changed the clothes of his prison, and he ate bread continually to his face all the days of his life.

**UST**

<sup>29</sup> He gave Jehoiachin new clothes to replace the clothes that he had been wearing in prison, and he allowed Jehoiachin to eat at the king's table every day for the rest of his life.

**What food did Jehoiachin eat? (vv29-30)**

Jehoiachin ate regularly at the king's table for the rest of his life. And a regular food allowance was given to him every day for the rest of his life.

**2 Kings 25:30****ULT**

<sup>30</sup> And his allowance, a continual allowance, was given to him from the king, a provision of a day by its day all the days of his life.

**UST**

<sup>30</sup> The king of Babylon also gave him money every day, so that he could buy the things that he needed. The king continued to do that until Jehoiachin died.

*(There are no questions for this verse.)*

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