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Isaiah

Isaiah 1

Isaiah 1:1

ULT

¹ The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, {and} Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

UST

¹ The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, that Yahweh showed him about Judah and Jerusalem during the years of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Who was Isaiah?

Isaiah was the son of Amoz.

What was Isaiah's vision about?

Isaiah's vision was about Judah and Jerusalem.

When did Isaiah have his vision?

Isaiah had his vision in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Isaiah 1:2**ULT**

² Hear, heavens, and give ear, earth, for Yahweh has spoken: "Sons I have raised and brought up, but they have rebelled against me.

UST

² Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth, because this is what Yahweh said: "I have raised people since they were born, but they have rebelled against me.

Why should the heavens hear and the earth listen?

The heavens should hear and the earth should listen because Yahweh has spoken.

What has Yahweh done?

He has nourished and brought up children

What have Yahweh's children done?

They have rebelled against Yahweh

Isaiah 1:3**ULT**

³ The ox knows his owner, and the donkey the feeding trough of his master, {but} Israel does not know; my people does not understand."

UST

³ Oxen know their owners, and donkeys know who feeds them, but Israel does not know; Israel does not understand."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:4**ULT**

⁴ Woe, sinful nation, people heavy of iniquity, seed of evildoers, sons who act corruptly! They have abandoned Yahweh, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they have estranged themselves from him.

UST

⁴ Terrible things will happen to this sinful nation, this people group weighted down by their sin, these children of people who do evil things, these sons who are unjust. They have left Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel. They have turned away from him.

How is the nation described?

They are described as sinners, people full of iniquity, offspring of evil doers and sons that act corruptly.

What has the nation done?

They have abandoned Yahweh, estranging themselves from and despising the Holy One of Israel

Isaiah 1:5**ULT**

⁵ Why should you still be beaten, should you continue {in} rebellion? The whole head {is} sick, and the whole heart weak.

UST

⁵ Why do you do things for which Yahweh should punish you? Why do you continue to rebel against him? You are like someone whose whole mind and heart are sick.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:6**ULT**

⁶ From the sole of the foot and to the head there is no health in it; bruises and sores and fresh wounds; they have not been pressed out, and they have not been bandaged, and they have not been softened with oil.

UST

⁶ From the bottom of the foot to the top of the head, nothing is healthy. There are open wounds, cuts, and sores that have not been cleaned or bandaged, and no one has put oil on them to heal them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:7**ULT**

⁷ Your land {is} a desolation, your cities burned {with} fire; your field—in front of you strangers are devouring it— and {it is} a desolation as the overthrowing of strangers.

UST

⁷ Enemies have ruined your country; they have burned your towns, and there is no one left. Foreigners plunder the crops in your fields while you watch; they destroy everything that they see.

What is the condition of their country and cities?

Their country is desolate and their cities are burned

Isaiah 1:8**ULT**

⁸ And the Daughter of Zion is left like a hut in a vineyard, like a shed in a cucumber field, like a besieged city.

UST

⁸ The city of Jerusalem has become as small as a shepherd's hut. It is like a shelter in a vineyard; it is like a watchman's hut in a field of melons. It is a city surrounded by its enemies who are waiting to attack it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:9**ULT**

⁹ Had not Yahweh of hosts left for us a few survivors, we would have been like Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah.

UST

⁹ If Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, had not allowed a few of his people to survive, we would have all been destroyed, like the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed.

What has Yahweh left them?

He has left them a very small remnant.

Isaiah 1:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Hear the word of Yahweh, rulers of Sodom; give ear to the law of our God, people of Gomorrah:

UST

¹⁰ Listen to what Yahweh has to say to you, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:11**ULT**

¹¹ “What {is} the multitude of your sacrifices to me?” says Yahweh. “I have had enough of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fatted beasts, and in the blood of bulls or lambs or goats I do not delight.

UST

¹¹ “What do your many sacrifices mean to me?” says Yahweh; “I do not want any more burnt offerings of rams, or the fat of bulls. The blood of bulls, lambs, or goats does not make me happy.

What does not delight Yahweh?

He does not delight in the blood of bullocks, lambs and male goats.

Isaiah 1:12**ULT**

¹² When you come to appear {before} my face, who has required this from your hand, to trample my courts?

UST

¹² When you come to my temple to worship me, who has told you to tramp around in my courtyard while you perform all those rituals?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:13**ULT**

¹³ Do not continue to bring an offering of worthlessness;! It is incense of abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath, calling of assemblies— I am not able {to bear} iniquity and festive assembly.

UST

¹³ Stop bringing to me those offerings, because they are useless to me; I am disgusted with the incense that the priests burn! And your feasts to celebrate the new moon each month and your Sabbath days and your other festivals— I hate them because of the wicked things that you do!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed feasts my spirit hates; they have become a burden to me. I am weary of carrying.

UST

¹⁴ I hate all your celebrations of the new moon and the other festivals that you celebrate. They are like a heavy burden that I am tired of carrying.

What does Yahweh hate?

He hates their new moons and appointed feasts

Isaiah 1:15**ULT**

¹⁵ So when you spread out your hands, I hide my eyes from you; even though you multiply prayer, I do not listen; your hands are full of blood.

UST

¹⁵ So when you lift up your hands to pray to me, I will not look at you. Even if you pray to me often, I will not listen to you, because it is as though your hands are covered with the blood of people whom you have killed.

Why will Yahweh not hear their prayers?

He will not hear because their hands are full of blood.

Isaiah 1:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Wash, cleanse yourselves; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; stop doing evil;

UST

¹⁶ Wash your hearts and become clean! Get rid of your evil behavior! Stop doing things that are wrong!

What does Yahweh tell them to do? (vv16-17)

Yahweh tells them to stop being evil; learn to do good; seek justice, help the oppressed, give justice to the fatherless and defend the widow.

Isaiah 1:17**ULT**

¹⁷ learn to do good; seek justice; correct the oppressor; carry out justice {for} the fatherless; contend {for} the widow."

UST

¹⁷ Learn to do deeds that are good and try to cause people to do what is just. Stop people from mistreating others, and defend orphans and widows when people take them to court."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:18**ULT**

¹⁸ "Come, now, and let us come to terms," says Yahweh. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be white like snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool.

UST

¹⁸ Yahweh says, "You need to think about what you do. Even though your sins are like scarlet red, they will be as white as snow; though your sins are like crimson red, they will be as white as sheeps' wool.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:19**ULT**

¹⁹ If you agree and obey, you will eat the good of the land,

UST

¹⁹ If you are willing to obey me, you will eat good food from the land.

What must they do to eat the good of the land?

They must be willing and obedient.

Isaiah 1:20**ULT**

²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel, {by} the sword you will be eaten," for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken.

UST

²⁰ But if you turn away from me and rebel against me, your enemies will slaughter you." That will happen because Yahweh said it.

What will happen if they refuse and rebel?

The sword will devour them

Isaiah 1:21**ULT**

²¹ How the faithful city has become a prostitute! She who was full of justice— righteousness lodged in her, but now, murderers.

UST

²¹ At one time you people of Jerusalem faithfully worshiped only Yahweh, but now you have become like prostitutes who are not faithful to any husband. The people there always acted justly and righteously, but now your city is full of murderers.

What was the faithful city like before she became a prostitute?

The faithful city was full of justice and righteousness.

What did the faithful city become full of?

The faithful city became full of murderers.

Isaiah 1:22**ULT**

²² Your silver has become dross, your wine mixed with water.

UST

²² Your silver is no longer pure, and your wine has become mixed with water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:23**ULT**

²³ Your princes {are} rebels and companions of thieves; everyone loves bribes and pursues payoffs. They do not defend the fatherless, and the cause of the widow does not come to them.

UST

²³ Your leaders are rebels; they are friends of thieves. They all want to get money and make others to give them gifts in order to decide cases in court in their favor. They do not defend orphans in court, and they do not help widows to get what they should receive.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:24**ULT**

²⁴ Thus {is} the declaration of the Lord Yahweh of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel: "Woe! I shall gratify myself before my adversaries, and avenge myself before my enemies;

UST

²⁴ Therefore Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the mighty God of Israel, says, "I will get revenge against those who are against me, and avenge myself on my enemies.

What will Yahweh do?

He will take vengeance against his adversaries.

Isaiah 1:25**ULT**

²⁵ and turn my hand against you, and refine your dross as {with} lye, and take away all your impurity.

UST

²⁵ I will raise my fist to strike you, and I will punish you severely, as though you were silver and I needed to heat you very greatly to melt you and get rid of the impurities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:26**ULT**

²⁶ And I shall restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning; afterwards you will be called The City of Righteousness, a faithful town."

UST

²⁶ After that happens, I will give you good judges like you had in the past. You will have wise counselors like you had long ago. Then people will call your city a city where people act righteously, a faithful city."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:27**ULT**

²⁷ Zion will be redeemed by justice, and her repentant ones by righteousness,

UST

²⁷ Because the people of Jerusalem will do what is fair, Yahweh will restore their city, and he will save those who repent because of their righteousness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:28**ULT**

²⁸ but rebels and sinners {will be} crushed together, and those who abandon Yahweh will come to an end,

UST

²⁸ But he will crush rebels and sinners, and those who forsake him will disappear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:29**ULT**

²⁹ For they will be ashamed of the sacred oak trees which you desired, and you will be embarrassed by the gardens that you have chosen.

UST

²⁹ "You will be ashamed because you worshiped idols under the oak trees that you thought were sacred, and you will be disgraced because you worshiped idols in the gardens that you loved so much.

What will make them ashamed and embarrassed?

They will be ashamed of the sacred oak trees they desired and embarrassed by the gardens they have chosen

Isaiah 1:30**ULT**

³⁰ For you will be like an oak whose leaf fades, and like a garden that has no water.

UST

³⁰ You will be like a very large tree that has withered leaves, like a garden that has dried up because it has no water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 1:31**ULT**

³¹ And the strong man will be like tinder, and his work like a spark, and both of them will burn together, and none will quench {them}.

UST

³¹ Those among you who are very strong will become like dry wood, and the work they do will be like a spark. Both they and the evil things that they do will burn up, and no one will be able to put out the fire."

What will happen to the strong man and his work?

They will both burn together

Isaiah 2

Isaiah 2:1

ULT

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz perceived, concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

UST

¹ This is a message that Yahweh gave to Isaiah son of Amoz, in a vision about Judah and Jerusalem.

What did the word that Isaiah saw concern?

The word Isaiah saw concerned Judah and Jerusalem.

Isaiah 2:2

ULT

² And it will be in the last days, the mountain of the house of Yahweh will be established as the head of the mountains, and it will be raised up above the hills, and all the nations will flow to it.

UST

² In the future, the hill on which Yahweh's temple is built will be the most important place on the earth. It will be as though it is the highest mountain, as though it has been raised up above all other hills, and people from all over the world will come there.

What will happen in the latter days?

In the latter days the mountain of Yahweh's house will be established.

Who will come into Yahweh's house?

All nations will flow to it.

Isaiah 2:3**ULT**

³ And many peoples will come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the God of Jacob, so he may teach us from his ways, and we may walk in his paths." For from Zion will go the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.

UST

³ People from many people groups will say to each other, "Come, let us go up to the hill, to the temple of Yahweh, to worship the God whom Jacob worshiped. There he will teach us what he desires us to know, in order that our behavior will please him." They will teach us in Jerusalem; we will learn there what Yahweh desires to tell us.

Why will many people go up to the mountain of Yahweh?

They will go up to be taught some of Yahweh's ways.

Isaiah 2:4**ULT**

⁴ And he will judge between the nations, and will render decisions for many peoples, and they will hammer their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation will not lift up sword against nation, and they will not learn war again.

UST

⁴ Yahweh will listen to the disputes between nations, and he will settle their arguments. Then, instead of fighting against each other, they will hammer their swords into plow blades, and they will hammer their spears into pruning knives. The armies of the nations will no longer fight against each other, and they will not even train men to fight in battles.

What will Yahweh do for the nations and many peoples?

Yahweh will judge them and render decisions.

What will the nations not do?

They will not lift up the sword against one another or train for war.

Isaiah 2:5**ULT**

⁵ House of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of Yahweh.

UST

⁵ You descendants of Jacob, let us behave in the way that we should because Yahweh is with us!

What is the house of Jacob told to do?

They are told to walk in the light of Yahweh.

Isaiah 2:6**ULT**

⁶ For you have abandoned your people, O house of Jacob, For they are filled with eastern things and they practice divination like the Philistines, and they shake hands with sons of foreigners.

UST

⁶ Yahweh, you have abandoned us, your people who are descendants of Jacob, because everywhere your people practice the customs of people who live east of Israel. They also perform rituals to find out what will happen in the future, like the people in Philistia do. They make agreements with foreigners who do not know Yahweh.

What has Yahweh done?

He has abandoned his people, the house of Jacob.

Why has Yahweh abandoned the house of Jacob?

He has abandoned them because they are filled with customs from the east and are omen readers like the Philistines, and they shake hands with sons of foreigners.

Isaiah 2:7**ULT**

⁷ And its land is full of silver and gold, and there is no limit to its wealth; its land also is full of horses, and there is no limit to its chariots,

UST

⁷ Israel is full of silver and gold; there are very many treasures here. The land is full of war horses and war chariots.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:8**ULT**

⁸ And its land is full of idols; they worship the craftsmanship of its hands, what its fingers have made.

UST

⁸ But the land is also full of idols; the people worship things that they have made with their own hands.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:9**ULT**

⁹ And a person will be bowed down, and a man will fall down, but do not raise them up!

UST

⁹ So now they will be humbled; Yahweh will disgrace them. Yahweh, do not forgive them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Go into the rock and hide in the ground from the face of the terror of Yahweh and from the glory of his majesty.

UST

¹⁰ All you people should crawl into the caves in the rock cliffs! You should hide in pits in the ground because you will be afraid of Yahweh and of his glorious and awesome power.

Why should the house of Jacob enter into the rocky places and hide in the dust?

They should hide because of the terror of Yahweh and the glory of his majesty.

Isaiah 2:11**ULT**

¹¹ The lofty eyes of man will be brought low, and the pride of men brought down, and Yahweh alone will be exalted on that day.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh will cause you people to no longer be arrogant and he will stop you from being proud. On that day people will praise and honor only Yahweh.

What will happen to the lofty gaze and pride of men?

They will be brought low and brought down.

Who will be exalted on that day?

Yahweh alone will be exalted on that day.

Isaiah 2:12**ULT**

¹² For the day of Yahweh of hosts {is} against everyone who is proud and raised up and against every arrogant one—and he will be {brought} down—

UST

¹² Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has chosen a day when he will judge those who are proud, every one of them, and he will humble them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:13**ULT**

¹³ and against all the cedars of Lebanon, high and lifted up, and against all the oaks of Bashan

UST

¹³ He will get rid of all those who think others should admire them, like the tall cedar trees in Lebanon, and like all the great oak trees in the region of Bashan.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:14**ULT**

¹⁴ and against all the high mountains and against all the elevated hills

UST

¹⁴ He will get rid of all those who think they are as great as all the high hills, as great as the high mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:15**ULT**

¹⁵ and against every high tower and against every fortified wall

UST

¹⁵ He will get rid of all those who think that they are like high towers and high strong walls inside of which they are safe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:16**ULT**

¹⁶ and against all the ships of Tarshish and against all beautiful sailing vessels.

UST

¹⁶ He will destroy all those who are rich because they own big ships that carry goods to other countries and own other beautiful ships, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the pride of man will be brought low, and the haughtiness of men will fall, and Yahweh alone will be exalted on that day.

UST

¹⁷ He will cause people to no longer be arrogant, and he will cause them to stop being proud. On that day people will praise and honor only Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And the idols will completely pass away.

UST

¹⁸ All idols will disappear then.

What will happen to the idols?

They will completely pass away.

Isaiah 2:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And {men} will go into the caves of the rocks and the holes of the ground, from the face of the terror of Yahweh, and from the glory of his majesty, when he rises to awe the earth.

UST

¹⁹ When Yahweh comes to terrify the people on the earth, they will run to hide in caves in rock cliffs and in holes in the ground, because they are afraid of Yahweh and of his glorious and awesome power.

Where will men go on that day?

They will go into caves of the rocks and holes of the ground.

Isaiah 2:20**ULT**

²⁰ On that day, man will throw away his idols of silver and his idols of gold which they made for himself to worship, to diggers of holes and bats,

UST

²⁰ On that day, people will get rid of all their gold and silver idols that they made to worship, and they will throw them to the bats and rats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:21**ULT**

²¹ going into the crevices of the rocks and into the clefts of the ragged rocks, from the face of the terror of Yahweh and from the glory of his majesty, when he rises to awe the earth.

UST

²¹ Then they will crawl into caves and hide in holes in the cliffs. They will try to escape from Yahweh, who is coming to punish them; They will fear what he will do because he is glorious and awesome, when he comes to terrify the people on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 2:22**ULT**

²² Stop yourselves from {regarding} man, whose breath {is} in his nose, for what is he regarded as?

UST

²² So do not trust that people will save you, because they are as powerless as a person's breath. People certainly cannot help you!

Who is the house of Jacob told to stop trusting?

They are told to stop trusting in man.

Isaiah 3

Isaiah 3:1

ULT

¹ For behold the Lord Yahweh of hosts will take away from Jerusalem and from Judah supply and support: all the supply of bread and all the supply of water,

UST

¹ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is about to take away from Jerusalem and other places in Judah everything that you depend on— all food and water.

What is Yahweh about to take away from Jerusalem and Judah?

Yahweh is about to take away their support and staff.

Isaiah 3:2

ULT

² the mighty one and the man of war, the judge and the prophet and the diviner and the elder,

UST

² He will take away heroes and other soldiers, judges and prophets, people who do rituals to find out what will happen in the future and the elders,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:3

ULT

³ the captain of fifty and the exalted of face and the counselor and the expert craftsman and the skillful enchanter.

UST

³ army officers and other important people, advisors, skilled craftsmen, and those who perform rituals of magic.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:4**ULT**

⁴ "And I shall place youths {as} their leaders, and infants will rule over them.

UST

⁴ Yahweh says, "I will appoint boys to be leaders; young children will rule.

Who will lead Judah and Jerusalem?

Youths will lead them and the young will rule over them.

Isaiah 3:5**ULT**

⁵ And the people will be oppressed, a man by a man, and a man by his neighbor; the lad will insult the elderly, and the dishonorable against the honorable.

UST

⁵ People will treat each other cruelly; people will fight against their neighbors. Young people will say shameful things against older people, and vulgar people will sneer at people whom others usually honor.

Who will oppress the people?

The people will be oppressed by each other and everyone by his neighbor.

Isaiah 3:6**ULT**

⁶ For a man will seize his brother in the house of his father: 'You have a coat; be our ruler, and this ruin {will be} under your hand.'

UST

⁶ At that time, someone will grab one of his brothers in his father's house and say to him, 'You still have a coat; people respect you for that. So you be our leader! You rule this city, which is now a pile of ruins.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:7**ULT**

⁷ On that day he will lift up, saying, 'I shall not be a healer, and in my house there is no bread and there is no clothing. You shall not appoint me ruler of the people.'"

UST

⁷ But his brother will reply, 'No, I cannot help you, because I do not have any extra food or clothes in this house. So do not make me your leader!'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:8**ULT**

⁸ For Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen, because their tongue and their deeds {are} against Yahweh, defying the eyes of his glory.

UST

⁸ The people in Jerusalem and the other towns in Judah have disobeyed God, because everything that the people do and say there opposes Yahweh, the powerful and glorious one, and they refuse to obey him. They rebel against him.

Why is Jerusalem ruined and Judah fallen?

They are ruined and fallen because their speech and actions are against Yahweh.

Isaiah 3:9**ULT**

⁹ The appearance of their faces witnesses against them, and they tell of their sin like Sodom; they do not hide {it}. Woe to their life! For they have completed for themselves affliction.

UST

⁹ They even show on their faces that they oppose Yahweh. They are proud about their sins, like the people of Sodom were long ago; they do not try to hide their sins; they talk about them. Because of their sins, terrible things will certainly happen to them.

What witnesses against Judah and Jerusalem?

The look on their faces witnesses against them.

Isaiah 3:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Tell the righteous that {it will be} well, for they will eat the fruit of their deeds.

UST

¹⁰ You people must tell the righteous people that good things will happen to them; they will enjoy the blessings that they will receive for their good deeds.

What will happen to the righteous?

It will be well with the righteous.

Isaiah 3:11**ULT**

¹¹ Woe to the wicked! {It will be} calamity, for the recompense of his hands will be done to him.

UST

¹¹ But terrible things will happen to wicked people; Yahweh will pay them back for the evil things that they have done.

What will happen to the wicked?

It will go badly for the wicked.

Isaiah 3:12**ULT**

¹² My people—children {are} their oppressors, and women rule over it. My people, those who guide you lead astray and consume the direction of your path.

UST

¹² Youths who have become leaders treat my people cruelly, and women rule over my people. My people, your leaders are misleading you; they are causing you to do all kinds of evil things.

Where do their leaders lead them?

Their leaders lead them astray and confuse the direction of their path.

Isaiah 3:13**ULT**

¹³ Yahweh is positioned to contend and is standing to judge the peoples.

UST

¹³ It is as though Yahweh had taken his place in a courtroom and were ready to accuse his people of breaking the covenant between themselves and him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Yahweh will come with judgment with the elders of his people and their leaders: "And you, you have consumed the vineyard; the plunder of the poor {is} in your houses.

UST

¹⁴ He will stand up to declare why he should punish the elders and rulers of his people; he says, "The people of Israel are like a vineyard that I planted, but you leaders have made unable to bear any fruit. Your houses are full of things that you have stolen from poor people.

What will Yahweh do to the elders and officials of his people?

Yahweh will pronounce judgment on them.

Isaiah 3:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Why do you crush my people and grind the faces of the poor?" —the declaration of the Lord Yahweh of hosts.

UST

¹⁵ You should stop making my people suffer. It is as though you were pushing the faces of poor people into the ground." That is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And Yahweh said: "Because the daughters of Zion are proud, and they walk extending the neck, and {with} flirting eyes, walking and mincing their steps, and tinkling their feet.

UST

¹⁶ Yahweh says this: "The women of Jerusalem are haughty; they walk around sticking their chins out, and flirting with men with their eyes. They walk with tiny steps with bracelets on their ankles that jingle."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Then the Lord shall scrape the heads of the daughters of Zion, and Yahweh shall make their private parts naked.”

UST

¹⁷ So the Lord will cause sores to be on their heads, and he will cause those beautiful women in Jerusalem to become bald.

What will the Lord, Yahweh do to the daughters of Zion?

Yahweh will form diseased scabs on their heads and make them bald.

Isaiah 3:18**ULT**

¹⁸ On that day the Lord will remove the finery of the anklets and the headbands and the crescent ornaments,

UST

¹⁸ At the time that the Lord does that, he will also cause others to take away from the women of Jerusalem all of the beautiful things they like to wear—the ornaments on their ankles and their headbands, their crescent necklaces,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:19**ULT**

¹⁹ the earrings and the bracelets and the veils,

UST

¹⁹ their earrings and bracelets and veils,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:20**ULT**

²⁰ the headdresses and the anklets and the sashes and the boxes of perfume and the amulets,

UST

²⁰ their scarves and ankle bracelets and sashes, their perfumes and charms.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:21**ULT**

²¹ the rings and the rings of the nose,

UST

²¹ He will cause others to remove the women's finger rings and nose rings,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:22**ULT**

²² the festive garments and the mantles and the cloaks and the purses,

UST

²² their nice robes and capes and veils and purses,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:23**ULT**

²³ and the fine garments and the undergarments, and the turbans and the shawls.

UST

²³ their mirrors and nice linen clothes, the ornaments for their heads, and the shawls.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:24**ULT**

²⁴ "And it will happen, instead of fragrance will be stench; and instead of a sash, a rope; and instead of styled hair, baldness; and instead of a fine robe, a robe of sackcloth; branding instead of beauty.

UST

²⁴ Instead of smelling nice from perfume, they will stink; instead of beautiful sashes, they will have ropes around their waists. Instead of having fancy hairdos, they will be bald. Instead of fancy robes, they will wear rough sackcloth, Instead of beauty, scars of branding.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 3:25

ULT

²⁵ Your men will fall by the sword, and your strong men in war.

UST

²⁵ Your men will die by their enemies' swords, and your soldiers will also die in battle.

What will happen to the men?

The men will fall by the sword

Isaiah 3:26

ULT

²⁶ And her gates will lament and mourn, and she will be alone, sitting on the ground.

UST

²⁶ People will mourn and cry at the gates of the city. The city will be like a woman who sits on the ground because all her friends have deserted her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 4

Isaiah 4:1

ULT

¹ And seven women will take hold of one man on that day, saying, 'Our food we shall eat and our clothing we shall wear. Only, call us your name; remove our shame.'

UST

¹ When that happens, there will be very few unmarried men. So seven unmarried women will grab one man and say, "Allow us all to marry you! We will provide our own food and clothing. All that we want is to no longer be disgraced because of not being married."

Why will seven women take hold of one man?

They will want to take his name and remove their shame.

Isaiah 4:2

ULT

² On that day the branch of Yahweh will be beauty and glory, and the fruit of the land excellent and delightful for the remnant of Israel."

UST

² But some day, Israel will be very beautiful and great. The people of Israel who will still be there will be very proud of the wonderful crops that will grow in their land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 4:3

ULT

³ And the remainder in Zion and the leftover in Jerusalem— "Holy" will be said of him, everyone who is written for life in Jerusalem.

UST

³ All the people who will remain in Jerusalem, who did not die when the enemy destroyed Jerusalem, will belong to the Lord—all those whose names are listed among those who live there.

What will those survivors left in Zion and Jerusalem be called?

The survivors who are left in Zion and Jerusalem will be called holy.

Isaiah 4:4**ULT**

⁴ Surely the Lord will wash away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and cleanse the blood stains of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of fire.

UST

⁴ That will happen when the Lord washes away the guilt of the women of Jerusalem, and when he stops the violence on the streets of Jerusalem by punishing the people of Jerusalem. When he does that, it will be like a fire that burns up all the impure things.

What will the Lord do by the spirit of justice and by the spirit of burning fire?

The Lord will wash away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleanse the blood stains from Jerusalem's midst.

Isaiah 4:5**ULT**

⁵ Then over all the sanctuary of Mount Zion and over her assembly Yahweh will create cloud by day and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night for a canopy over all the glory,

UST

⁵ Then Yahweh will send a cloud of smoke during the days and a flaming fire during the nights to cover Jerusalem and all those who gather there; it will be like a canopy over God's glorious presence in the city.

What will Yahweh create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over her place of assembly?

He will create a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night; a canopy over all the glory

Isaiah 4:6**ULT**

⁶ and it will be a shelter for shade by day from the heat and a refuge and a cover from the storm and rain.

UST

⁶ It will shelter the people from the sun during the daytime and protect them when there are windstorms and rain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5

Isaiah 5:1

ULT

¹ Let me sing, please, to my beloved a song of my beloved for his vineyard. My beloved had a vineyard on a hill of richness.

UST

¹ Now I will sing a song about Yahweh, my dear friend, and about his vineyard. The vineyard was on a very fertile hillside.

For whom does the singer want to sing?

The singer wants to sing for his beloved

What is the song of the singer about?

The song is about the vineyard of his beloved.

Isaiah 5:2

ULT

² And he dug it and cleared it and planted it {with} choice vines, and he built a tower in the middle of it and also hewed a winepress in it. And he waited for {it} to produce grapes, but it produced wild grapes.

UST

² My friend plowed the ground and cleared away the stones. Then he planted very good grapevines on that ground. In the middle of the vineyard, he built a watchtower, and he dug a winepress. Then he waited each year to harvest some good grapes, but the vines produced only sour grapes.

What did he do to the vineyard?

He spaded it, removed the stones, planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower and a winepress in it.

What did the vineyard bring forth?

The vineyard brought forth wild grapes.

Isaiah 5:3**ULT**

³ And now, dweller of Jerusalem and man of Judah, judge, please, between me and between my vineyard.

UST

³ Now this is what my friend Yahweh says: "You people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah, You are like my vineyard; so you judge which of us has done what is right.

What are the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the men of Judah to judge?

They are to judge between the beloved and his vineyard.

Isaiah 5:4**ULT**

⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard, that I have not done for it? I waited for {it} to produce grapes, but why did it produce wild grapes?

UST

⁴ What more could I have done for you than what I have already done? I expected you to be doing good deeds, so it is disgusting that you were doing only evil deeds like the vineyard that produced only sour grapes!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:5**ULT**

⁵ And now, please, I shall tell you what I shall do to my vineyard: I shall remove its hedge, and it will be consumed. I shall break down its wall, and it will be trampled down.

UST

⁵ So, I will now tell you what I will do to Judah, the place that is like my vineyard. I will cut down the hedges, and my vineyard will become a pasture. I will tear down the walls of the cities and allow wild animals to trample the land.

What will the beloved do to his vineyard? (vv5-6)

He will remove the hedge, turn the vineyard into a pasture, and break down its wall so it will be laid waste and no rain will fall on it.

Isaiah 5:6**ULT**

⁶ And I shall make it a desolation. It will not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns will spring up. And I shall command the clouds against raining rain on it.

UST

⁶ I will cause it to become a wasteland where the vines are not pruned and the ground is not hoed. It will be a place where briers and thorns grow. And I will command that no rain will fall on it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:7**ULT**

⁷ For the vineyard of Yahweh of hosts {is} the house of Israel, and the man of Judah his pleasant plant. And he waited for justice, but behold, slaughter; for righteousness, but behold, screaming.

UST

⁷ The nation of Israel is like the vineyard of Yahweh who is commander of the angel armies. The people of Judah are like the garden that was pleasing to him. He expected them to be doing what is just, but instead, what he saw was people murdering others. He expected that they would be doing righteous deeds, but instead, he heard people shouting for someone to help them, because others were attacking them.

Who is the vineyard of Yahweh of Hosts?

Yahweh's vineyard is the house of Israel.

What did Yahweh wait for?

Yahweh waited for justice and righteousness.

What did Yahweh get instead of justice and righteousness?

Yahweh got killing and a cry for help.

Isaiah 5:8**ULT**

⁸ Woe, those who join house to house, field to field they approach until {there is} no room, and you are made to remain alone in the midst of the land!

UST

⁸ Terrible things will happen to those who keep acquiring houses and fields without paying attention to the laws about who owns the land. You use your riches to gain more and more property, and soon there is no more property for others to buy, and you would be the only land owners there are in that place.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:9**ULT**

⁹ In my ears, Yahweh of hosts: 'Surely many houses will be empty— great and good ones without an inhabitant.'

UST

⁹ But I heard Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, solemnly declare this: "Some day, many houses will have no one to live in them, even the large and beautiful homes will be empty."

What will happen to many houses?

Many houses will be empty and without inhabitant.

Isaiah 5:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For a ten-yoke vineyard will yield one bath, and a homer {of} seed will yield an ephah.'

UST

¹⁰ The land that grows vines in this place should require ten pairs of oxen to work them, but this land would not produce enough grapes to make even twenty liters of wine. When ten baskets of seed are sown on that land, that land will only produce one basket of grain at harvest time."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:11**ULT**

¹¹ Woe, those who rise up early in the morning to obtain strong drink, those who loiter into the night {as} wine inflames them,

UST

¹¹ Terrible things will happen to those who get up early each morning to begin drinking alcoholic drinks, and who stay awake until late at night drinking a lot more wine until they are completely drunk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:12**ULT**

¹² and whose feasts are harp and lyre, tambourine and flute and wine, but they do not regard the work of Yahweh, and they have not discerned the doings of his hands.

UST

¹² They have big parties and provide lots of wine. At their parties, there are people playing harps and lyres and tambourines and flutes, but they never think about what Yahweh does or appreciate what he has created.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:13**ULT**

¹³ Therefore, my people are exiled for lack of understanding, and its honorable people are hungry, and its parched multitude is thirsty.

UST

¹³ So my people will be exiled far away because they do not know about me. Those who are now very important and honored will starve, and the other people will die from thirst.

Why have the people of Israel and Judah gone into captivity?

They went into captivity because they lacked understanding.

Isaiah 5:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Therefore, Sheol has enlarged its appetite and has opened its mouth without limit, and its elite and its crowd will descend, and its revelers and its happy.

UST

¹⁴ It is as though the place where the dead people are is eagerly looking for more Israelite people, opening its mouth to swallow them, and a huge number of people will be thrown into that place, including their leaders as well as a noisy crowd of people who enjoy living in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And man will be humbled, and mankind will be brought down, and the eyes of the lofty will be brought down.

UST

¹⁵ Yahweh will humble everyone; he will humble everyone who is proud.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And Yahweh of hosts will be exalted in justice, and the Holy God will be holy by his righteousness.

UST

¹⁶ But everyone will honor Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the Holy One, because he has acted justly. God will show that he is holy by doing righteous deeds.

What exalts Yahweh of Hosts?

Yahweh's justice exalts him

How is God the Holy one recognized?

God is recognized by his righteous dealings.

Isaiah 5:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the sheep will feed as in their pasture, and goats will eat the ruins of the fatted. ^[1]

UST

¹⁷ Then sheep and lambs will be able to find good grass to eat; they will pass through the ruined places to eat the grass.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Woe, those who pull in iniquity with cords of falsehood and like {with} cart ropes, sin;

UST

¹⁸ Some people who are working hard to sin, working as hard as if they were dragging behind them the wrong and useless things that they are doing. Terrible things will happen to them!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:19**ULT**

¹⁹ who say, 'Let him hurry, let him hasten his work so that we may see, and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw near and let it come and let us know.'

UST

¹⁹ They make fun of God and say to him, "Quickly do something to punish us! We want to see what you will do. You, the Holy One of Israel, should do what you are planning to do, because we want to know what it is."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:20**ULT**

²⁰ Woe, those who call evil good and good evil, who set darkness as light, and light as darkness, who set bitter as sweet, and sweet as bitter!

UST

²⁰ Terrible things will happen to those who say that evil is good, and that good is evil, that darkness is light and that light is darkness, that what is bitter is sweet and what is sweet is bitter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:21**ULT**

²¹ Woe to those wise in their {own} eyes and before their {own} faces, discerning.

UST

²¹ Terrible things will happen to those who think that they are wise and that they are very clever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:22**ULT**

²² Woe, mighty men of wine-drinking, and men of strength of liquor-mixing;

UST

²² Terrible things will happen to those who think that they are heroes because they are able to drink lots of wine, and who boast about being able to mix good alcoholic drinks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:23**ULT**

²³ who declare righteous the wicked for a bribe and take away from the righteous his rights!

UST

²³ If people offer these corrupt judges money so they will not punish the wicked, they accept that money. These same judges punish innocent people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:24**ULT**

²⁴ Therefore, as the tongue of fire devours stubble and the dry grass goes down in flame, so their root will rot, and their blossom will rise like dust. For they have rejected the law of Yahweh of hosts, and they have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

UST

²⁴ Therefore, just like fires burn up stubble and dry grass shrivels up and quickly burns in flames, it will be as though those people have roots that will rot and have flowers that will wither. That will happen because they rejected the laws of Yahweh, commander of the angel armies; they have despised the messages of the Holy One of Israel.

Why will Israel's root rot, and their blossom blow away like dust?

Israel's root will rot, and their blossom will blow away like dust because they have rejected the law of Yahweh and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 5:25**ULT**

²⁵ Therefore, the nose of Yahweh burns against his people, and he has reached out his hand against them and has struck them, and the mountains tremble, and their corpses become like garbage in the streets. In all these things, his nose does not turn away, and still his hand is stretched out.

UST

²⁵ That is why Yahweh is extremely angry with his people; it is as though his hand is raised and he is ready to smash them. When he does that, the mountains will shake, and the corpses of people will be scattered in the streets like manure. But even when that happens, Yahweh will still be very angry; he will be ready to punish his people again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:26**ULT**

²⁶ And he will lift up a signal for faraway nations and will whistle for him from the end of the earth. And behold, quick, swift it will come.

UST

²⁶ Yahweh will send a signal to summon armies of nations far away; it is as though he will whistle to those soldiers who are in very remote places on the earth. They will come very swiftly toward Jerusalem.

How will Yahweh call a far away nation to come?

He will call them by lifting up a signal flag and whistling for them.

How will that far away nation come?

That far away nation will come speedily and promptly.

Isaiah 5:27**ULT**

²⁷ None tires and none stumbles among it; he does not slumber and does not sleep. And the belts of their loins are not loose, and the thongs of their sandals are not broken.

UST

²⁷ They will not get tired or stumble. They will not stop to rest or to sleep. None of their belts will be loose, and none of them will have sandals with broken straps, so they will all be ready to fight in battles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:28**ULT**

²⁸ For its arrows {are} sharp and all its bows bent; the hooves of its horses seem like flint, and its chariot wheels like storms.

UST

²⁸ Their arrows will be sharp, and their bows will be ready to shoot those arrows in a battle. Because their horses pull the chariots fast, sparks will shoot out from their hooves, and the wheels of the chariots will spin like whirlwinds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:29**ULT**

²⁹ Its roaring like a lion, and it will roar like young lions. And it will growl and seize the prey and drag {it} away, and there will be no rescuer.

UST

²⁹ They will roar like fierce lions that growl and then pounce on the animals they want to kill; they will carry them off, and no one will be able to rescue them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 5:30**ULT**

³⁰ And it will roar against it on that day as the roar of the sea. And {one} looks over the land, and behold, darkness, suffering! And the light will be darkened by the clouds.

5:17 ^[1]

UST

³⁰ Similarly, your enemies will roar over the people they are about to kill, like the sea roars. On that day, if someone looks across the land, he will see only people who are in darkness and distress; it will be as though even the sunlight is hidden by dark clouds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 6

Isaiah 6:1

ULT

¹ In the year of the death of King Uzziah, then I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and his hem filled the temple.

UST

¹ During the year that King Uzziah died, Yahweh showed me a vision. In the vision, I saw Yahweh sitting on a throne, high above everyone else. He was wearing a very long robe that covered the floor of the temple.

When did Isaiah see the Lord sitting on a high and elevated throne?

Isaiah saw the Lord in the year that king Uzziah died.

Isaiah 6:2

ULT

² The seraphim stood above him: six wings—six wings for each; with two covering its face and with two covering its feet, and with two it flew.

UST

² Above him were hovering several winged creatures. Each of them had six wings. They covered their faces with two of their wings, they covered their feet with two of their wings, and they flew using two of their wings.

Who was above the Lord?

The seraphim were above the Lord.

Isaiah 6:3

ULT

³ And each {one} called to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy, {is} Yahweh of hosts! The whole earth {is} full of his glory."

UST

³ They were calling to each other, saying, "Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is holy; he is completely holy! The entire earth is filled with his glory."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 6:4**ULT**

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

UST

⁴ When they spoke, the sound of their cries caused the foundation beneath the doorposts of the temple to shake, and the temple was filled with smoke.

What happened when the seraphim called to each other?

When the seraphim called to each other, the doors and thresholds shook and the house was filled with smoke.

Isaiah 6:5**ULT**

⁵ And I said, "Woe to me! For I am doomed because I {am} a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, because my eyes have seen the King, Yahweh of hosts!"

UST

⁵ Then I said, "Terrible things will happen to me, because everything that I say is sinful, and I live among people who constantly say sinful things. I will be destroyed because I have seen Yahweh, commander of the angel armies!"

What did Isaiah say when he saw all these things?

Isaiah said he was doomed because he had unclean lips and lived among people with unclean lips and because he had seen the King, Yahweh.

Isaiah 6:6**ULT**

⁶ And one of the seraphim flew to me, and in his hand {was} a hot coal he had taken with the tongs from off the altar.

UST

⁶ Then one of the winged creatures took a hot coal from the altar, using a pair of tongs. He flew to me

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 6:7**ULT**

⁷ And he caused {it} to touch on my mouth and said, "Behold, this has touched on your lips, and your guilt has been taken away and your sin atoned for."

UST

⁷ and touched my lips with the coal. Then he said, "Look, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is ended, and your sins are forgiven."

What did the seraphim say when he touched Isaiah's lips with a coal from the altar?

He said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt has been taken away, and your sin atoned for."

Isaiah 6:8**ULT**

⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord say, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here I {am}, send me."

UST

⁸ Then I heard Yahweh asking, "Whom shall I send to be a messenger to my people? Who will go and speak for us?" I replied, "I am here. Send me!"

What did Isaiah hear the Lord ask?

The Lord said, "Whom shall I send; who will go for us?"

How did Isaiah respond to what the Lord asked?

Isaiah said, "Here I am; send me."

Isaiah 6:9**ULT**

⁹ And he said, "Go and tell this people, 'Listen closely, but do not understand, and see clearly, but do not perceive.'

UST

⁹ Then he said, "You will go and say to the people of Israel, 'Listen carefully to what I say, but you will not understand it. You will look very carefully, but you will not understand.'

What did the Lord tell Isaiah to tell the people?

The Lord told Isaiah to tell the people to listen but not to understand; to see, but not to perceive.

Isaiah 6:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Fatten the heart of this people, and dull its ears and dim its eyes. Otherwise it might see with its eyes and hear with its ears and understand with its heart, and turn and be healed.”

UST

¹⁰ I will cause you people to be unable to care; and I will cause you people to not be able to hear, and I will cause you people to not be able to see. Otherwise you would see with your eyes and you would recognize what it is you are looking at, and you would hear with your ears and be able to understand what you have heard, and you would care deeply and with understanding, and you would turn to me so I might save you and not punish you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 6:11**ULT**

¹¹ And I said, “Until when, Lord?” And he said: “Until cities are desolate, without inhabitants, and the houses {are} without people, and the land is a desolate waste,

UST

¹¹ Then I said, “How long do you want me to continue to do that?” He replied, “Do it until their cities are ruined by their enemies, until no one is living in their houses, do it until all the crops are stolen from their fields and the fields are ruined.

How long was Isaiah supposed to tell the Lord’s message to the people? (vv11-12)

Isaiah was to tell the people the Lord’s message until the cities were in ruins without inhabitants and the houses were without people and the land fell into a desolate waste, and until Yahweh sent the people far away and the solitude of the land was great.

Isaiah 6:12**ULT**

¹² and Yahweh has driven the people far away, and the desertion in the midst of the land is great.

UST

¹² Do it until Yahweh has exiled everyone far away, and the whole land of Israel is deserted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 6:13**ULT**

¹³ If a tenth {are} still in it, then it will turn back and be consumed. As an elm or as an oak which, in being cut down, {has} a stump for it, the holy seed {is} its stump.”

UST

¹³ If even one tenth of the people survive and stay there, their enemies will invade the land again and burn everything. But just like when they cut down an oak tree and leave a stump, and new shoots grow from that, the people who remain in this land will be a group that is set apart for me.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7

Isaiah 7:1

ULT

¹ And it happened, in the days of Ahaz son of Jotham son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Aram, and Pekah son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up {to} Jerusalem to war against it, but they could not prevail against it.

UST

¹ Ahaz was the son of Jotham and grandson of Uzziah. During the time that Ahaz was the king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and King Pekah of Israel marched with their armies to attack Jerusalem. But they could not conquer it.

Who was Ahaz?

Ahaz was the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, a king of Judah.

During the days of Ahaz, which kings went up to Jerusalem in Judah to war against it?

Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel went up to war against Jerusalem.

Isaiah 7:2

ULT

² And it was reported to the house of David, saying, "Aram stands by with Ephraim," and his heart trembled, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest shake before the face of the wind.

UST

² Before they attacked, everyone in the palace in Jerusalem heard news that Aram and Israel were now allies. So King Ahaz and the people over whom he ruled were extremely afraid; they were shaking like trees shake in a windstorm.

How did Ahaz and his people react when they heard that Syria was allied with Ephraim?

The hearts of Ahaz and his people trembled when they heard this.

Isaiah 7:3**ULT**

³ And Yahweh said to Isaiah, "Go out, please, to meet Ahaz, you and your son Shear-Jashub, at the end of the channel of the upper pool, to the road of the field of the fuller.

UST

³ Then Yahweh said to me, "Take your son Shear-Jashub, and go to talk with King Ahaz. He is at the end of the aqueduct that brings water into the upper reservoir, near the road to the place where women wash clothes.

What task did Yahweh tell Isaiah to do?

Yahweh told Isaiah to go out with his son and meet Ahaz.

Who did Yahweh say Ahaz shouldn't be afraid of? (vv3-4)

Yahweh's said Ahaz should not be afraid or intimidated by Rezin and Pekah.

Isaiah 7:4**ULT**

⁴ And say to him, 'Be careful and calm, you shall not be afraid, and your heart shall not be soft from these two tails of smoldering firebrands, by the burning nose of Rezin and Aram, and the son of Remaliah.

UST

⁴ Tell Ahaz to stop worrying. Tell him that he does not need to be afraid of those two kings, Rezin and Pekah. They are very angry with Judah, but they are unable to harm his country any more than completely burned-out coals could harm him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:5**ULT**

⁵ Because Aram, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah have planned evil against you, saying,

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⁵ Yes, they are planning against him and saying,

What did Aram, Ephraim and the son of Remaliah plan to do? (vv5-6)

These men planned evil against Ahaz and Judah. They planned to attack and terrify Judah, and set up the son of Tabeel as king.

Isaiah 7:6**ULT**

⁶ "Let us go up against Judah and terrify her, and let us break into her and crown a king in her midst, the son of Tabeel."

UST

⁶ 'We will attack Judah and conquer it. Then we will appoint Tabeel's son to be the king of Judah.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:7**ULT**

⁷ Thus the Lord Yahweh says, It will not succeed, and it will not be,

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⁷ But this is what Yahweh, the Lord, says: 'It will not happen; They will not conquer Jerusalem!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:8**ULT**

⁸ because the head of Aram {is} Damascus, and the head of Damascus {is} Rezin. And within 65 years, Ephraim will be broken from {being} a people.

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⁸ The capital of Aram is Damascus, but Damascus is ruled only by its unimportant King Rezin. And as for Israel, within sixty-five years it will be conquered and completely destroyed.

What did Yahweh tell Ahaz about Ephraim?

Yahweh told Ahaz, "Within sixty-five years, Ephraim will be shattered and will no longer be a people."

Isaiah 7:9**ULT**

⁹ And the head of Ephraim {is} Samaria, and the head of Samaria {is} the son of Remaliah. If you do not believe, then you will not be secure."

UST

⁹ Israel's capital is Samaria, and Samaria is ruled only by its insignificant King Pekah. So you do not need to be afraid of those two countries! But you must trust me, because if you do not trust me firmly, you will be defeated."

What does Yahweh tell Ahaz will happen if his faith isn't firm?

Ahaz will not remain secure unless his faith is firm.

Isaiah 7:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Yahweh continued to speak to Ahaz, saying,

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¹⁰ Later, Yahweh gave me another message to tell to King Ahaz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:11**ULT**

¹¹ "Ask a sign for yourself from Yahweh your God; make the request deep, or make {it} high above."

UST

¹¹ He said to tell him, "Request me, Yahweh your God, to do something that will enable you to be sure that I will help you. What you request can be in a place that is as high as the sky or as low as the place where the dead people are."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:12**ULT**

¹² And Ahaz said, "I shall not ask, and I shall not test Yahweh."

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¹² But when I told that to the king, he refused. He said, "No, I will not ask Yahweh to do something to prove that he will help us."

What was Ahaz's response when the Lord told him to ask for a sign from Yahweh?

Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test Yahweh."

Isaiah 7:13**ULT**

¹³ And he said, "Listen, please, house of David. Is it too little for you to tire out the people, that you also tire out my God?"

UST

¹³ Then I said to him, "You people who are descendants of King David, listen! You are causing me to be tired of being patient. Are you also going to cause my God to stop being patient with you?"

What did Isaiah say Ahab was doing?

Isaiah said he was not only testing the patience of the people but he was also testing the patience of God.

Isaiah 7:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: Behold, the young woman will conceive and bear a son and will call his name Immanuel. ^[1]

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh himself will do something for you to prove that he will help you. Listen to this: A young woman will become pregnant and give birth to a son. She will name him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:15**ULT**

¹⁵ He will eat curds and honey when he knows to refuse the evil and choose the good.

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¹⁵ By the time that child is old enough to eat curds and honey, he will be able to reject what is evil and choose what is good.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:16**ULT**

¹⁶ For before the child knows to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land will be desolate, though you fear the faces of its two kings.

UST

¹⁶ And before that child is old enough to do that, the lands of the two kings that you are very afraid of will be deserted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Yahweh will bring the king of Assyria on you and on your people, and on the house of your father days that have not come since the day Ephraim turned away from Judah."

UST

¹⁷ But then Yahweh will cause you and your family and your entire nation to experience terrible disasters. Those disasters will be worse than any disasters that have occurred since the country of Israel separated from Judah. Yahweh will cause the army of the king of Assyria to attack you!"

Who did Isaiah tell Ahaz that Yahweh would bring against him?

Isaiah told Ahaz that Yahweh would bring the king of Assyria against him and his people.

Isaiah 7:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And it will happen on that day, Yahweh will whistle for a fly that {is} in the distant streams of Egypt, and for a bee that {is} in the land of Assyria.

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¹⁸ At that time, it will be as though Yahweh will whistle to summon the army from the south of Egypt as well as the army of Assyria. They will come and surround your country like flies and bees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And they will come and settle down, all of them, in the valleys of desolation and in the clefts of the rocks, and in all the thornbushes, and in all the pastures.

UST

¹⁹ They will all come and settle everywhere—in the narrow valleys and caves in the rock cliffs, on land where there are thornbushes as well as on the fertile land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:20**ULT**

²⁰ At that time the Lord will shave with a razor the laborer beyond the river— the king of Assyria— the head and the hair of the legs, and he will also scrape away the beard.

UST

²⁰ At that time Yahweh will hire the king of Assyria to come with his army from east of the Euphrates River. They will get rid of everything in your land—the crops and the people. They will destroy everything thoroughly; it will be like a barber shaving not only a man's hair but his beard and the hair on his legs.

What would the king of Assyria do?

The king of Assyria would shave Ahaz's head, legs and beard.

Isaiah 7:21**ULT**

²¹ And it will happen on that day, a man will keep alive a young cow and two sheep.

UST

²¹ When that happens, a farmer will be able to keep alive only one young cow and two goats.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:22**ULT**

²² And it will happen, because of the abundance of milk produced, he will eat curds, for everyone left in the land will eat curds and honey.

UST

²² However, those animals will give plenty of milk, with the result that the farmer will have curds to eat. And because there will not be many people left in the land, all the people who remain there will have plenty of milk and honey.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:23**ULT**

²³ And it will happen on that day, {there} will be, {in} every place where there were 1000 vines {worth} 1000 silvers, it will be briers and thorns.

UST

²³ Now there are many areas where there are vineyards that are worth one thousand pieces of silver, but at that time there will be only briers and thorns in those fields.

What would happen to the land? (vv23-25)

The land would be filled with briers and thorns and it would be a place where sheep and cattle graze.

Isaiah 7:24**ULT**

²⁴ One will go there with arrows and with bows, because all the land will be briers and thorns.

UST

²⁴ There will be only briers and thorns in the entire land, and wild animals, with the result that men will take their bows and arrows and go there to hunt and kill animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 7:25**ULT**

²⁵ And all the hills that were cultivated with the hoe, you will not go there {for} fear of the briers and thorns, and it will be for sending out of cattle and for grazing of sheep.

7:14 ^[1]

UST

²⁵ No one will go to where there previously were gardens on fertile hillsides, because briers and thorns will cover those hillsides. They will be areas where only a few cattle and sheep and goats wander around searching for something to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8

Isaiah 8:1

ULT

¹ And Yahweh said to me, "Take for yourself a large tablet, and write on it with a chisel, 'Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz.'

UST

¹ Then Yahweh said to me, "Make a large signboard. And write clearly on it, 'Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz' which means 'quickly plunder and steal everything'."

What did Yahweh tell Isaiah to do?

He told Isaiah to take a large tablet and write on it, 'Maher-shalal-hash-baz'.

Isaiah 8:2

ULT

² And I shall cause faithful witnesses to attest for me, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah son of Jeberekiah."

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² So I requested Uriah the high priest and Jeberekiah's son Zechariah, men who were both honest witnesses, to watch me as I was doing that.

Who were to be Yahweh's faithful witnesses?

Yahweh's witnesses were to be Uriah the priest and Zechariah the son of Jeberekiah.

Isaiah 8:3

ULT

³ And I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. And Yahweh said to me, "Call his name Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz.

UST

³ Then I slept with my wife, who was a prophetess, and she became pregnant and then gave birth to a son. Then Yahweh said to me, "Give him the name Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz,

Why did Yahweh tell Isaiah to name his son 'Maher-shalal-hash-baz'? (vv3-4)

He was to be named 'Maher-shalal-hash-baz' because before he knew how to cry 'My father' and 'My mother,' the king of Assyria would come and carry away the riches of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria.

Isaiah 8:4**ULT**

⁴ For before the child knows to cry, 'My father,' and, 'My mother,' one will lift away the riches of Damascus and the plunder of Samaria before the face of the king of Assyria."

UST

⁴ because before he is old enough to say 'papa' or 'mama', the king of Assyria will come with his army and take away all the valuable things in Damascus and in Samaria."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:5**ULT**

⁵ And Yahweh continued to speak to me again, saying,

UST

⁵ Yahweh spoke to me again and said, "Tell the people of Judah:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:6**ULT**

⁶ "Because this people has refused the waters of Shiloah—those going gently—and rejoices {in} Rezin and the son of Remaliah,

UST

⁶ I have taken good care of you people, but you have rejected that, thinking that my help was very small, like the small canal through which water flows from the spring of Gihon into Jerusalem. Instead, you have been happy to request help from King Rezin and King Pekah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:7**ULT**

⁷ so therefore, behold: the Lord is bringing up on them the waters of the river, mighty and many—the king of Assyria and all his glory. And it will come up over all its channels and go over all its banks.

UST

⁷ Therefore, I, the Lord, will soon cause the powerful army of the king of Assyria, which will be like a great flood from the Euphrates River, to attack the people of Judah. Their soldiers will be everywhere in your country, like a river that overflows all its banks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:8**ULT**

⁸ And it will sweep into Judah, flooding and passing on, until it touches your neck. And its outstretched wings will fill the breadth of your land, Immanuel.”

UST

⁸ Those soldiers will go all over Judah, like a river whose water rises as high as a person's neck. Their army will spread over the land quickly, like an eagle, and they will cover your entire land! But I, your God, will be with you!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:9**ULT**

⁹ Raise the war cry, peoples, and be terrified. And give ear, all you distant of the land: gird yourselves for war and be terrified gird yourselves for war and be terrified.

UST

⁹ Listen, all you people in distant countries! You can prepare to attack Judah. You can prepare for battle, and shout your war cries, but your armies will be crushed!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Be advised {with} advice, but it will be made useless; speak a speech, but it will not stand, for God {is} with us.

UST

¹⁰ You can prepare for what you will do to attack Judah, but what you plan to do will be useless! You will not succeed, because God is with us!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:11**ULT**

¹¹ For thus Yahweh spoke to me, with a strong hand, and turned me away from walking in the way of this people, saying,

UST

¹¹ Yahweh strongly warned me not to act like the other people in Judah did. He said to me,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:12**ULT**

¹² Do not call a lie anything that this people calls a lie, and its fear you will not fear, and do not be terrified.

UST

¹² "Do not say that everything that people do is conspiring against the government, like other people say, and do not be afraid of the things that other people are afraid of.

In what specific ways of the people was Isaiah warned not to walk?

Isaiah was warned not to call conspiracy anything that people called conspiracy and not to fear what they feared or be in awe of those things.

Isaiah 8:13**ULT**

¹³ You shall sanctify Yahweh of hosts alone, and he {is} your fear, and he {is} your terror.

UST

¹³ I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, am the one you should consider to be holy. I am the one you should fear, the one you must give an account to.

Who was Isaiah told to treat as holy and to fear?

Isaiah was told to fear and be in awe of Yahweh of Hosts and to treat him as holy.

Isaiah 8:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And he will become a sanctuary and a stone of striking and a rock of stumbling for both the houses of Israel, a trap and a snare for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh will protect you. But as for the other people in Israel and Judah, Yahweh will be like a stone that causes people to stumble, like a rock that causes them to fall down. And as for the people of Jerusalem, he will be like a trap or a snare.

What was Yahweh going to be to both houses of Israel and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem?

He was going to be a stone that makes people trip and a rock that makes people stumble to Israel, and a trap and snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Isaiah 8:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And many will stumble over them and fall and be broken and be ensnared and captured.

UST

¹⁵ Many people will stumble and fall down and never get up again. They will experience great troubles; they will be captured by their enemies."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Bind up the testimony; seal the law for my disciples.

UST

¹⁶ So I say to you who are my disciples, seal up this scroll on which I have written the messages that God has given to me, and give his instructions to others who have accompanied me.

What was Isaiah's testimony that was to be given to his disciples? (vv16-18)

Isaiah's testimony was that he would wait for Yahweh and that Isaiah and his sons were given by Yahweh for signs and wonders in Israel.

Isaiah 8:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And I shall wait for Yahweh, who hides his face from the house of Jacob, and I shall hope in him.

UST

¹⁷ I will wait to see what Yahweh will do. He has rejected the descendants of Jacob, but I will confidently expect him to help me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Behold, I and the children whom Yahweh has given to me {are} for signs and for wonders in Israel from Yahweh of hosts, who lives on Mount Zion.

UST

¹⁸ I and the children that Yahweh has given to me are like signs to warn the people of Israel; we are warnings from Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the one who lives in his temple on Mount Zion in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 8:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And when they say to you, "Consult with mediums and with soothsayers, the ones who chirp and mutter," how can a people not consult with their God, but with the dead on behalf of the living?

UST

¹⁹ Some people may urge you to consult those who talk with the spirits of dead people or with those who say that they receive messages from those spirits. They whisper and mutter about what we should do in the future. But God is the one whom we should ask to guide us! It is ridiculous for people who are alive to request spirits of dead people to tell us what we should do!

According to Isaiah what were the people of Israel going to tell Isaiah's disciples?

They were going to tell Isaiah's disciples to consult with the mediums and magicians.

Who does Isaiah say the people should consult?

The people should consult their God.

Isaiah 8:20**ULT**

²⁰ To the law and to the testimony! If they do not say as this thing, {it is} because they have no dawn,

UST

²⁰ Pay attention to God's instructions and teaching! If people do not say things that agree with what God teaches us, what they say is worthless. It is as though those people are in darkness.

To what does Isaiah command his disciples to pay attention?

They are commanded to pay attention to the law and the testimony.

Isaiah 8:21**ULT**

²¹ and will pass through it distressed and hungry. And it will happen when they are hungry, then they will become angry and curse their king and their God and turn upward.

UST

²¹ They will wander through the land, worried and hungry. And when they become very hungry, they will become very angry. They will look up toward heaven and curse God and will also curse their king.

What will the people of Israel do when they are greatly distressed and hungry and become angry?

They will turn their faces upward and curse their king and their God.

Isaiah 8:22

ULT

²² And they will look at the earth and behold: trouble and darkness, dimness, distress and gloom is scattered.

UST

²² They will look around the land and see only trouble and darkness and things that cause them to despair. And then they will be thrown into very black darkness.

What will happen to the people of Israel?

They will be driven into a land of darkness.

Isaiah 9

Isaiah 9:1

ULT

¹ For it will not cover over she who is distressed. In an earlier time he humiliated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but later, he will glorify it, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

UST

¹ However, those in Judah who were distressed will not continue to suffer. Previously, Yahweh humbled the people in the land where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali live. But in the future he will honor the people who live in the region of Galilee, along the road between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea, where many foreigners live.

What will happen to the one who was in anguish?

Her gloom will be dispelled.

What lands did God humiliate in earlier times?

God humiliated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali.

What will God do to Zebulun and Naphtali in the later time?

He will make them glorious.

Isaiah 9:2

ULT

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who have lived in the land of darkness, the light has shone on them.

UST

² Some day in the future, it will be as though the people who walked in darkness have seen a bright light. Yes, a bright light will shine on those who live in a land where they now have great troubles.

On whom has the light shone?

The light has shone on those who have lived in the land of the shadow of death.

Isaiah 9:3**ULT**

³ You have multiplied the nation itself; you have increased its joy. They rejoice before your face like the joy at harvest time, as they rejoice when dividing the plunder.

UST

³ Yahweh, you will cause us people in Israel to rejoice; we will become very happy. We will rejoice about what you have done like people rejoice when they harvest their crops, or like soldiers rejoice when they divide up among themselves the things that they have captured in battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:4**ULT**

⁴ For the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as the day of Midian.

UST

⁴ You will cause us to no longer be slaves of those who captured us; you will lift the heavy burdens from our shoulders. It will be as though you have broken the weapons of those who oppressed us, like you did when you destroyed the army of the Midian people group.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:5**ULT**

⁵ For every boot treading loudly and the garment rolled in blood will be burned, fuel of fire.

UST

⁵ The boots that the enemy soldiers wore and their clothing which has stains of blood on them will all be burned up; they will be fuel for a big fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:6**ULT**

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the rule will be on his shoulder; and his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

UST

⁶ Another reason that we will rejoice is that a special child will be born for us, a woman will give birth to a son, and he will be our ruler. And his names will be 'Wonderful Counselor,' 'Mighty God,' 'Our Everlasting Father,' and 'King who causes us to have Peace.'

What is the name of the one who will bear the rule on his shoulder?

His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:7**ULT**

⁷ Of the increase of {his} government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it and sustain it with justice and with righteousness from now and to eternity. The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will do this.

UST

⁷ His rule and the peace that he brings will never end. He will rule fairly and justly, like his ancestor King David did. This will happen because Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, greatly desires that it happen.

How will he rule?

He will rule with justice and with righteousness.

How long will he rule?

He will rule from this time onward and for evermore.

Isaiah 9:8**ULT**

⁸ The Lord sent a word against Jacob, and it fell on Israel.

UST

⁸ The Lord has warned the descendants of Jacob; he has said that he will punish Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:9**ULT**

⁹ And the people will know, all of it, Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, in pride and with an arrogant heart, saying,

UST

⁹⁻¹⁰ And all the people in Samaria and other places in Israel will know that, but they are now very proud and arrogant. They said, "Our city has been destroyed, but we will take away the broken bricks from the ruins and replace them with carefully cut stones. Our sycamore fig trees have been cut down by our enemies, but we will plant cedar trees in their place."

What did Israel say in pride and with an arrogant heart? (vv9-10)

Israel says, "The bricks have fallen, but we will rebuild with chiseled stone; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place."

Isaiah 9:10**ULT**

¹⁰ "The bricks have fallen, but we will rebuild {with} chiseled {stone}; the sycamores are felled, but we will replace {them with} cedars."

UST

⁹⁻¹⁰ And all the people in Samaria and other places in Israel will know that, but they are now very proud and arrogant. They said, "Our city has been destroyed, but we will take away the broken bricks from the ruins and replace them with carefully cut stones. Our sycamore fig trees have been cut down by our enemies, but we will plant cedar trees in their place."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:11**ULT**

¹¹ And Yahweh will raise up against him Rezin, the adversary, and will stir up his enemies,

UST

¹¹ But Yahweh will bring the armies of Assyria, the enemies of King Rezin of Aram, to fight against Israel and incite other nations to attack Israel.

Who did Yahweh raise up against Israel? (vv11-12)

Yahweh raised up Rezin, the Arameans and the Philistines against Israel.

Isaiah 9:12**ULT**

¹² the Arameans on the east, and the Philistines on the west, and they will devour Israel with a whole mouth. In all these things, his nose does not draw back, and his hand is still stretched out.

UST

¹² The army of Aram will come from the east, and the army of Philistia will come from the west, and they will destroy Israel like a wild animal tears another animal apart and devours it. But even after that happened, Yahweh will still be very angry with them. He will be ready to strike them with his fist again.

After all this did Yahweh's anger subside?

No, Yahweh's anger didn't subside. His hand was still stretched out to strike Israel.

Isaiah 9:13**ULT**

¹³ And the people will not turn to him who struck it, and they will not seek Yahweh of hosts.

UST

¹³ But even though Yahweh will punish his people like that, they still will not return to him and worship him. They still will not request Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, to assist them.

Did the people turn to Yahweh?

The people did not turn to Yahweh or seek him.

Isaiah 9:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Yahweh will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm branch and reed {in} one day.

UST

¹⁴ Therefore, in one day Yahweh will get rid of those who are like Israel's head and those who are like its tail; the ones who are like the top of the palm tree and the ones who are like the bottom.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:15**ULT**

¹⁵ The elder and the noble of face are the head, and the prophet teaching lies is the tail.

UST

¹⁵ The leaders of Israel are the head, and the prophets who tell lies are the tail.

Who were the “head” and “tail” that Yahweh was going to cut off in one day?

The leader and the noble man were the head; and the prophet that teaches lies was the tail.

Isaiah 9:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And the guides of this people have misled, and its guided are swallowed up.

UST

¹⁶ The leaders of the people have misled them; they have caused the people that they are ruling to be confused.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Therefore, the Lord will not rejoice over their young men and on their fatherless and widows he will not have compassion, since everyone is godless and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks foolish things. In all these things, his nose does not draw back, and his hand is still stretched out.

UST

¹⁷ For that reason, Yahweh is not pleased with the young men of Israel, and he does not even act mercifully toward the widows and orphans, because they are all ungodly and wicked, and they all say things that are foolish. But Yahweh still is angry with them; he is ready to strike them with his fist again.

Why didn't the Lord have compassion on their fatherless and widows?

He didn't have compassion on them because everyone was a godless evildoer and every mouth spoke foolish things.

After all this did Yahweh's anger subside?

No, Yahweh's anger didn't subside. His hand was still stretched out to strike Israel.

Isaiah 9:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For wickedness burns like a fire; it devours the briers and thorns, and it kindles the thickets of the forest, and they mount up {in} a rising of smoke.

UST

¹⁸ When people do wicked things, it is like a brush fire that spreads rapidly. It burns up not only briers and thorns; it starts a big fire in the forests from which clouds of smoke will rise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Through the wrath of Yahweh of hosts the land is scorched, and it will happen: the people as fuel of fire; a man does not spare his brother.

UST

¹⁹ It is as though the whole land is burned black because Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is extremely angry with the Israelite people. They will become like fuel for that great fire, and no one will try to rescue even his own brother from that fire.

What happened as a result of Yahweh's overflowing anger?

Yahweh caused the land to be scorched and the people to become like fuel for the fire.

Isaiah 9:20**ULT**

²⁰ And they will devour on the right but be hungry, and they will eat on the left but not be satisfied. {Every} man will eat the flesh of his arm.

UST

²⁰ The Israelite people will attack their neighbors who live in houses at the right of them to get food, but they will still be hungry. They will kill and eat the flesh of those who live in houses at the left, but their stomachs will still not be full.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 9:21**ULT**

²¹ Manasseh {to} Ephraim, and Ephraim, Manasseh together they {will be} against Judah. In all these things, his nose does not draw back, and his hand is still stretched out.

UST

²¹ Israelites of the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim will attack each other, and then they will both attack the people of Judah. But even after that happens, Yahweh will still be very angry with them; He will be ready to strike them with his fist again.

What happened to Manasseh, Ephraim and Judah?

Manasseh and Ephraim devoured each other and they both attacked Judah.

After all this did Yahweh's anger subside?

No, Yahweh's anger didn't subside. His hand was still stretched out to strike Israel.

Isaiah 10**Isaiah 10:1****ULT**

¹ Woe, lawmakers of useless laws and writers writing perverseness.

UST

¹ Terrible things will happen to you judges who are unjust and who make unfair laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:2**ULT**

² suppressing the rights of the needy, and robbing the justice of the poor of my people, {making} widows become plunder, and preying {on} the fatherless!

UST

² You refuse to help poor people, and you do not allow them to get the things that they should get. You allow people to steal things from widows and do unfair things to children without fathers.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:3**ULT**

³ And what will you do for the day of judgment, and for the destruction coming from far away? To whom will you flee for help, and where will you leave your wealth?

UST

³ When I punish you by sending people from distant lands to cause you disasters, to whom will you run to get help? Your valuable possessions will certainly not be safe anywhere.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:4**ULT**

⁴ Only, they will crouch among the prisoners, or fall among the killed. In all these things, his nose does not turn back, and his hand is still stretched out.

UST

⁴ You will be able only to stumble along as your enemies take you away with other prisoners, or else your corpses will lie on the ground with others who have been killed. But even after that happens, Yahweh will still be very angry with you. He will still be ready to strike you again with his fist.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:5**ULT**

⁵ Woe, Assyria, the club of my nose, and a rod is in their hand {for} my fury!

UST

⁵ Yahweh says, "Terrible things will happen to Assyria. It is true that their army is like a rod or a club with which I punish other nations because I am very angry with those nations."

Who was the club of Yahweh's anger and the rod by whom Yahweh wielded his fury?

The Assyrian was the club of Yahweh's anger and the rod by whom he wielded his fury.

Isaiah 10:6**ULT**

⁶ I send him against an arrogant nation and against the people of my wrath. I order him to plunder the plunder and to prey on the prey, and to trample them, trodden like mud of the streets.

UST

⁶ Sometimes I send the Assyrians to attack a godless nation, to fight against other people who have caused me to be angry. I send them to capture people and to seize and take away their possessions, and to trample them like people walk on mud in the streets.

What did Yahweh order the Assyrian to do?

He ordered the Assyrian to take the spoil, take the prey and to trample Israel like mud in the streets.

Isaiah 10:7**ULT**

⁷ And he does not think so, and his heart does not consider thus, for, to destroy {is} in his heart, and to eliminate not a few nations.

UST

⁷ But the king of Assyria does not understand; he does not realize that he is only like a weapon in my hand. He only wants to destroy people, to get rid of many nations.

What did the Assyrian intend?

It was in the Assyrian's heart to destroy and eliminate many nations.

Isaiah 10:8**ULT**

⁸ For he says, “{Are} not all my princes kings?”

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⁸ He says, ‘All of my army commanders will soon be kings of these nations that I conquer!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:9**ULT**

⁹ {Is} not Kalno like Carchemish? Surely Hamath {is} not like Arpad? Surely Samaria {is} not like Damascus?

UST

⁹ We destroyed the city of Kalno as we destroyed the city of Carchemish. We destroyed the city of Hamath as we destroyed the city of Arpad; we destroyed Samaria just like we destroyed Damascus.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:10**ULT**

¹⁰ As my hand has reached idolatrous kingdoms, and their carved figures {were} greater than Jerusalem and greater than Samaria,

UST

¹⁰ We were able to destroy all those kingdoms that were full of the images of their gods, kingdoms whose gods were stronger than the gods in Jerusalem and Samaria.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:11**ULT**

¹¹ just as I did to Samaria and her vanities, shall I not do so to Jerusalem and to her idols?”

UST

¹¹ So we will defeat Jerusalem and destroy the images of gods that are there, just as we destroyed Samaria and the images that were there!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:12**ULT**

¹² And it will happen, when the Lord has finished all his work against Mount Zion and against Jerusalem, "I shall reckon with the fruit of the magnitude of the heart of the king of Assyria and the pride of the haughtiness of his eyes."

UST

¹² But I am the Lord, and after I have used Assyria to finish what I want to do to punish the people in Jerusalem, I will punish the king of Assyria because he has been very proud and arrogant.

What did the Lord say he would do when he finished his work on Mt. Zion and in Jerusalem?

The Lord said he would punish the speech of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and his prideful looks.

Isaiah 10:13**ULT**

¹³ For he says: "By my strength and by my hand I acted, and {it is} in my wisdom, for I was discerning. But I have removed the boundaries of the peoples, and I have stolen their treasures, and like a bull I have brought down the inhabitants.

UST

¹³ He says, 'By my own great power I have done these things. I have been able to do them because I am very wise and very intelligent. My army removed the barriers at the borders of nations and carried away all their valuable things. My mighty army has humiliated all their people.'

Why did the king of Assyria think he was successful?

The king of Assyria thought he was successful because of his strength, wisdom, and understanding.

Isaiah 10:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And my hand has seized, as {from} a nest the wealth of the nations, and as one gathers abandoned eggs, I gathered all the earth, and none was fluttering a wing or opening a mouth or chirping."

UST

¹⁴ Like someone who reaches into a bird's nest to take away the eggs, we have taken away the treasures of other countries. The people were not like birds that would have flapped their wings or chirp loudly to protest about their eggs being stolen; the people did not object at all to their treasures being stolen.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Will the ax glorify itself against the one who swings it? Will the saw praise itself over him who wields it? As a rod could wield those who raise it! As a club could lift up {what is} not wood!

UST

¹⁵ But I am Yahweh, and I say that an ax certainly cannot boast about being stronger than the person who uses it, and a saw is not greater than the person who uses it. A rod cannot control the one who holds it, and a wooden club cannot lift up a person. So the king of Assyria should not boast that he has done these things with his own wisdom and strength.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Therefore, the Lord Yahweh of hosts will send thinness among his fattened ones and instead of his glory, a burning will rage, like the burning of fire.

UST

¹⁶ I am the Lord Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, who will send a plague among the best soldiers of Assyria; it will be like a fire that will kill them and get rid of their glory.

What was the Lord God going to do among Assyria's elite warriors?

The Lord God was going to send emaciation among them.

Isaiah 10:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the light of Israel will become a fire, and his Holy One a flame, and it will burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day.

UST

¹⁷ Yahweh is like a light for the people of Israel, like a fire; the Holy One who rules Israel is like a flame. The soldiers of Assyria are like thorns and briers, and Yahweh will burn them up in one day.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And the glory of his forest and his fruitful land, he will consume from spirit and to flesh, and it will be like the wasting away of the frail.

UST

¹⁸ There are glorious forests and fertile farmlands in Assyria, but Yahweh will completely destroy them; they will be like a very sick person who shrivels up and then dies.

What did Yahweh say he would consume in Assyria?

Yahweh said he would consumed the glory of his forest and of his fruitful land.

Isaiah 10:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And the remnant of the trees of his forest will be a number that a child could count.

UST

¹⁹ There will be very few trees left in those forests; even a child will be able to count them."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:20**ULT**

²⁰ And it will happen on that day, the remnant of Israel and the refugees of the house of Jacob will not continue anymore to rely on its afflicter, but will indeed rely on Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel.

UST

²⁰ In the future there will be only a few people left in Israel; not many descendants of Jacob will still be alive. But they will no longer rely on the king of Assyria, the king of the nation that tried to destroy them. Instead, they will faithfully trust in Yahweh, the Holy One who rules Israel.

What would the remnant of Israel rely upon after they escape?

The remnant that escaped would no longer rely on him who struck them, but would indeed depend on Yahweh.

Isaiah 10:21**ULT**

²¹ A remnant will return, a remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.

UST

²¹ Those Israelites will return to their mighty God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:22**ULT**

²² For though your people, Israel, are like the sand of the seashore, a remnant of it will return. Decreed destruction flows down, righteousness.

UST

²² Now, the people of Israel are as numerous as the grains of sand on the seashore, but only a few of them will return from the countries to which they will be exiled. Yahweh has decided to destroy most of the Israelites, and that is what he must do because he is completely just.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:23**ULT**

²³ For {it is} finished and decreed: the Lord Yahweh of hosts is about to carry {it} out throughout all the land.

UST

²³ Yes, the Lord Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has already decided to destroy the entire land of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:24**ULT**

²⁴ Therefore, thus says the Lord Yahweh of hosts, "My people who live {in} Zion, do not fear the Assyrian. He will strike you with the rod and raise his staff against you in the way of Egypt

UST

²⁴ This is what the Lord Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: "My people in Jerusalem, do not be afraid of the army of Assyria when they beat you with rods and clubs, like the men of Egypt did to your ancestors long ago.

Why did the Lord God tell the people who lived in Zion not to fear the Assyrian? (vv24-25)

He told them not to fear the Assyrian because in a very short time the Lord's anger against those in Zion would end and the Lord's anger would be toward Assyria's destruction.

Isaiah 10:25**ULT**

²⁵ for just a very little {time}; then the fury and my nose will end on account of their destruction.”

UST

²⁵ Soon I will no longer be angry with you, and then I will be angry with the people of Assyria and destroy them!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:26**ULT**

²⁶ And Yahweh of hosts will wield a whip against it, as the smiting of Midian at the rock of Oreb. And his rod {will be} over the sea, and he will lift it up in the way of Egypt.

UST

²⁶ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will strike them with his whip. He will do to them as he did when he defeated the army of the Midian people group, and as he did when he caused the army of Egypt to drown in the Sea of Reeds.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:27**ULT**

²⁷ And it will happen on that day, his burden {will be} lifted from your shoulder and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be destroyed from the face of fatness. ^[1]

UST

²⁷ One day in the future, Yahweh will cause the army of Assyria to stop oppressing you, his people; he will end your suffering and your being slaves of the people of Assyria; you will become too strong for them.

What was to happen on the day when Yahweh would wield his whip against Assyria and on the day Yahweh would raise his rod over the sea to lift it up?

On that day the burden would be lifted from their shoulder and the yoke from off their neck.

Isaiah 10:28**ULT**

²⁸ He has come to Aiath, passed through Migron; at Michmash he stores his provisions.

UST

²⁸ One day in the future this will be the situation: The army of Assyria has entered northern Judah near Aiath; they have gone through Migron and stored their supplies at Micmash, north of Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:29**ULT**

²⁹ They have crossed over the pass; Geba {is} his lodging. Ramah trembles, Gibeah of Saul flees.

UST

²⁹ They have crossed through a mountain pass and set up their tents at Geba. People in Ramah will tremble because they are afraid. The people of Gibeah, where King Saul was born, have all run away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:30**ULT**

³⁰ Lift up your voice, daughter of Gallim! Give attention, Laishah, poor of Anathoth!

UST

³⁰ You people of Gallim will cry out for help! They will shout to the people of the city of Laish near Jerusalem to warn them! The people of Anathoth will suffer a lot.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:31**ULT**

³¹ Madmenah flees, the inhabitants of Gebim take refuge.

UST

³¹ The people of Madmenah north of Jerusalem are all running away, and the people of Gebim close to Jerusalem are trying to hide.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:32**ULT**

³² Yet, today he will stand at Nob wave his hand {against} the mountain of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

UST

³² The soldiers of Assyria will stop at the city of Nob outside Jerusalem. They will shake their fists as they threaten the people on Mount Zion in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:33**ULT**

³³ Behold, the Lord Yahweh of hosts will cut off the foliage with a crash, and the tallest of the tall {will be} cut down, and the lofty will be brought low.

UST

³³ But listen to this! Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, with his great power will destroy the mighty army of Assyria. It is as though they are a huge tree that he will cut down.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 10:34**ULT**

³⁴ And he will chop down the thickets of the forest with an ax, and Lebanon will fall with force.
10:27 ^[1]

UST

³⁴ He will destroy the soldiers of Assyria as men use big axes to cut down the tall trees in the forests of Lebanon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 11**Isaiah 11:1****ULT**

¹ And a shoot will come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

UST

¹ Like a new branch often grows from the stump of a tree, there will be a descendant of King David who will be a new king.

What was going to come from the root of Jesse?

A shoot and a branch was to come from the root of Jesse.

Isaiah 11:2**ULT**

² And the Spirit of Yahweh will rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of instruction and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of Yahweh,

UST

² The Spirit of Yahweh will always be with him. The Spirit will enable him to be wise and to understand many things; The Spirit will enable him to decide what is good to do and will give him great power. The Spirit will enable him to know Yahweh and to revere him.

What was going to rest on him?

The Spirit of Yahweh was to rest on him.

What will the Spirit of Yahweh give him?

The Spirit of Yahweh will give him wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge, and the fear of Yahweh.

Isaiah 11:3**ULT**

³ and his breathing {will be} in fear of the Lord. And not by what his eyes see will he judge; and he will not decide by what his ears hear,

UST

³ He will be glad to obey Yahweh. He will not decide whether someone is righteous or not only by seeing what that person looks like, or by listening to what others say about that person.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 11:4**ULT**

⁴ but he will judge the lowly righteously and decide for the poor of the earth fairly. And he will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked,

UST

⁴ He will judge the cases of needy people fairly; and he will act justly toward poor people. He will punish evil people as a result of what he decides; he will get rid of wicked people because of the evil things they have done.

What standard will he use to judge the poor and humble?

He will not judge by what his eyes see or his ears hear. He will judge with righteousness and decide fairly.

What will he do to the wicked?

He will slay them with the breath of his lips.

Isaiah 11:5**ULT**

⁵ and righteousness will be the belt for his waist, and faithfulness the strap for his hips.

UST

⁵ He will always act righteously; the good things he does will be like a belt around his waist. He will always speak what is true; the true words he speaks will be like a sash around his waist.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 11:6**ULT**

⁶ And the wolf will live with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fattened calf, altogether, and a little child will lead them.

UST

⁶ When he becomes king, wolves and lambs will live together peacefully; leopards, instead of killing baby goats, will lie down with them. Similarly, fat, healthy calves and lions will eat food together; and a young child will take care of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 11:7**ULT**

⁷ And the cow and the bear will graze together; their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

UST

⁷ Cows and bears will eat together; bear cubs and calves will lie down together. Lions will not eat other animals; instead, they will eat hay like cows do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 11:8**ULT**

⁸ And an infant will play over the hole of the snake, and the weaned child will stretch his hand over the den of the serpent.

UST

⁸ Babies will play safely near the holes where cobra snakes live; small children will even put their hands into nests of poisonous snakes, and the snakes will not harm them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 11:9**ULT**

⁹ They will not hurt and they will not destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of knowledge of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea.

UST

⁹ No creatures will harm or kill other creatures on Mount Zion, my holy hill; and the earth will be filled with people who know me, as the seas are full of water.

How will the animals act differently?

They will not hurt nor destroy on all his holy mountain.

Why will the animals not hurt or destroy?

The animals will not hurt nor destroy because the earth will be full of the knowledge of Yahweh.

Isaiah 11:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And it will happen on that day, the root of Jesse that is standing, {will be} as a banner for the peoples. The nations will seek him out, and his resting place will be glorious.

UST

¹⁰ At that time, a descendant of King David will hold up a flag to signal to the people of all people groups that they should gather around him; they will come to him to get his advice, and the place where he lives will be glorious.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 11:11**ULT**

¹¹ And it will happen on that day, the Lord will again extend his hand, to recover the remnant of his people who will remain, from Assyria and from Egypt, and from Pathros and from Cush and from Elam and from Shinar and from Hamath and from the islands of the sea.

UST

¹¹ At that time, Yahweh will reach out his hand as he did long ago; he will enable those who had been exiled from Israel to return home, from Assyria, from northern Egypt, from southern Egypt, from Ethiopia, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath, and from all the distant countries near the sea.

On that day why will the Lord extend his hand?

He will extend his hand to recover the remnant of his people who remain in Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and the islands of the sea.

Isaiah 11:12**ULT**

¹² And he will raise a banner for the nations and will gather the outcasts of Israel and the dispersed of Judah he will assemble from the four corners of the earth.

UST

¹² Yahweh will raise his flag among all the people groups, and he will gather together the people of Israel who were exiled long ago. He will gather from very distant places on the earth the people of Judah whom he had scattered to those places.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 11:13**ULT**

¹³ And he will turn aside the envy of Ephraim, and the hostilities of Judah will be cut off. Ephraim will not envy Judah, and Judah will not oppress Ephraim,

UST

¹³ Then, the people of Israel and the people of Judah will not be jealous of each other any longer, and they will no longer be enemies of each other.

What will happen to those who are hostile to Judah?

Those who are hostile to Judah will be cut off.

What will happen between Ephraim and Judah?

Ephraim will not envy Judah, and Judah will no longer be hostile to Ephraim.

Isaiah 11:14**ULT**

¹⁴ but they will swoop down on the shoulders of the Philistines westward. Together they will plunder the sons of the east. Edom and Moab, the sending out of their hand, and the sons of Ammon their audience.

UST

¹⁴ Their armies will join together to attack the people of Philistia to the west. And together they will attack nations to the east; they will defeat those nations and take away all their valuable possessions. They will capture the areas of Edom and Moab, and they will rule the people of the Ammon people group.

What will Ephraim and Judah do together?

They will swoop down on the Philistine hills on the west and plunder the people of the east. They will also attack Edom and Moab..

Isaiah 11:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Yahweh will completely destroy the gulf of the Sea of Egypt. And he will wave his hand over the river with his scorching wind and will divide it into seven streams, and it may be walked on in sandals.

UST

¹⁵ Yahweh will make a dry road through the sea near Egypt. It will be as though he will wave his hand over the Euphrates River and send a strong wind to cause it to divide into seven streams, with the result that people will be able to walk across those streams.

What will Yahweh do to the gulf of the sea of Egypt and the Euphrates River?

Yahweh will divide the gulf of the sea of Egypt and will divide the Euphrates river into seven streams.

Why will Yahweh divide the gulf of the sea of Egypt and divide the Euphrates river?

He will divide them so it can be crossed over in Sandals.

Isaiah 11:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And {there} will be a highway for the remnant of his people who will return from Assyria, as {there} was for Israel in the day of their coming up from the land of Egypt.

UST

¹⁶ Because he will make a highway for his people who are living in Assyria, they will be able to return to their own land, just like long ago he made a path for the people of Israel so that they could go through the water when they left Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 12

Isaiah 12:1

ULT

¹ And you will say on that day, "I shall revere you, Yahweh, though you were angry with me. Your nose has turned away, and you have comforted me.

UST

¹ At that time, you people of Jerusalem will sing this song: "Yahweh, we praise you! Previously, you were angry with us, but you are not angry now and you have comforted us.

On that day, why will they give thanks to Yahweh?

They will give thanks because although Yahweh was angry with them, he turned his wrath away from them and he comforted them.

On that day what will people say Yahweh is to them? (vv1-2)

The people will say Yahweh is their strength, their song, and their salvation.

Isaiah 12:2

ULT

² Behold, God {is} my salvation; I shall trust and not fear, for my strength and song {is} Yah, Yahweh, and he has become my salvation."

UST

² Amazingly, you have come to save us, so we will trust in you and not be afraid. Yahweh our God, you enable us to be strong; you are the one about whom we sing; you have rescued us from our enemies."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 12:3

ULT

³ And you will draw water joyfully from the wells of salvation.

UST

³ You, his people, will greatly rejoice because he has rescued you, like you enjoy drinking water from a fountain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 12:4**ULT**

⁴ And you will say on that day: "Give thanks to Yahweh, call on his name; declare his deeds among the peoples; proclaim that his name is exalted.

UST

⁴ At that time you will say, "We should thank Yahweh! We should praise him! We should tell the people of all the people groups what he has done; we should enable them to know that he is very great!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 12:5**ULT**

⁵ Sing {to} Yahweh. For he has done glorious things; let this be known throughout the earth.

UST

⁵ We should sing to Yahweh, because he has done wonderful things. We should enable everyone in the world to know it!

Why will people be told to sing to Yahweh?

They will be told to sing to Yahweh for he has done glorious things and so that it will be known throughout the earth.

Isaiah 12:6**ULT**

⁶ Cry out and shout for joy, inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst {is} the Holy One of Israel."

UST

⁶ You people of Jerusalem, shout joyfully to praise Yahweh, because he is the great Holy One whom we Israelite people worship, and he lives among us!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13

Isaiah 13:1

ULT

¹ An oracle for Babylon, which Isaiah son of Amoz perceived:

UST

¹ I, Isaiah son of Amoz, received from Yahweh this message about the city of Babylon:

What message did Isaiah receive from Yahweh?

He received a declaration about Babylon.

Isaiah 13:2

ULT

² On the bare mountain raise a banner. Lift up a voice to them. Wave a hand, and they will go into the gates of the nobles.

UST

² Lift up a flag on the bare top of a hill, to signal that an army should come to attack Babylon. Shout to them and wave your hand to signal to them that they should march through the city gates into the palaces of the proud rulers of Babylon!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:3

ULT

³ I have commanded my holy ones; I even called my warriors for my nose, my proudly exulting ones.

UST

³ Yahweh says, "I have commanded those who are set apart to do this work for me— I have summoned the warriors whom I have chosen to punish the people of Babylon because I am very angry with them, and those soldiers will be very proud when they do that."

What has Yahweh called his mighty men to do?

He has called them to execute his anger.

Isaiah 13:4**ULT**

⁴ The sound of a multitude in the mountains, like a numerous people! The sound of a tumult of the kingdoms, nations are gathered! Yahweh of hosts is mustering the army for the battle.

UST

⁴ Listen to the noise on the mountains, which is the noise of a huge army marching! It is the noise made by people of many people groups shouting. Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has summoned this army to gather together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:5**ULT**

⁵ They are coming from a far country, from the end of the heavens, Yahweh, and the instruments of his judgment, to destroy the whole land.

UST

⁵ They come from countries that are far away, from the most remote places on the earth. They are like weapons that Yahweh will use to punish the people with whom he is very angry, and to destroy the entire country of Babylonia.

From where does Yahweh's army come?

They come from a far country, from way over the horizon.

What are Yahweh's instruments of judgement going to do?

They are going to destroy the whole land.

Isaiah 13:6**ULT**

⁶ Howl, for the day of Yahweh {is} near; it comes with destruction from the Almighty.

UST

⁶ You people of Babylon will scream because you will be terrified, because it will be the time that Yahweh has determined, the time for the all-powerful God to destroy your city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:7**ULT**

⁷ Therefore, all hands hang limp, and every heart of man melts.

UST

⁷ Because that will happen, all of your people will be very afraid, with the result that they will be unable even to lift their arms.

What will the people do when the land is destroyed? (vv7-8)

Their hands will hang limp, and their hearts will melt; they will be terrified; pangs and sorrows will seize them. They will have looks of astonishment and their faces will be aflame.

Isaiah 13:8**ULT**

⁸ And they will be terrified; pain and agony will seize {them}; like a woman in labor, they are pained. A man to his friend will stare in astonishment; their faces {are} faces aflame.

UST

⁸ All of you will be terrified. You will have severe pains like a woman has when she is giving birth to a baby. You will look at each other helplessly, and it will show on your faces that you feel horror.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:9**ULT**

⁹ Behold, the day of Yahweh comes ruthlessly, with wrath and burning nose, to make the land a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it.

UST

⁹ Listen to this, you people of Babylon: The day that Yahweh has chosen to act is near, the day on which he will furiously and fiercely punish you because he is very angry with you. He will cause your land of Babylonia to be desolate, and he will destroy all the sinners in it.

What else will happen during the day of Yahweh? (vv9-10)

The land will be made desolate and the sinners will be destroyed from it. The stars, constellations, sun and moon will not give their light; they will be darkened.

Isaiah 13:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For the stars of the heavens and the constellations will not shine their light. The sun will be darkened in its coming out, and the moon will not emit its light.

UST

¹⁰ When that happens, none of the stars will shine. When the sun rises, it will be dark, and there will be no light from the moon at night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:11**ULT**

¹¹ And I shall charge the world {its} evil and the wicked their iniquity. And I shall put an end to the arrogance of the proud and bring down the arrogance of the ruthless.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh says, "I will punish everyone in the world for the evil things that they do; I will punish the wicked people for the sins that they have committed. I will stop arrogant people from being proud, and I will stop cruel people from being so arrogant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:12**ULT**

¹² I shall cause a mortal to be more rare than fine gold and a man, the pure gold of Ophir.

UST

¹² And because I will cause most people to die, people will be harder to find than gold, harder to find than fine gold from Ophir in Arabia.

Will there be many men left?

No! Yahweh will make men more rare than fine gold.

Isaiah 13:13**ULT**

¹³ Therefore I shall make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its place by the fury of Yahweh of hosts and on the day of his burning nose.

UST

¹³ I will shake the sky, and the earth will also move out of its place. That will happen when I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, punish wicked people, when I show them that I am extremely angry with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And it will happen, like a hunted gazelle or like a sheep with no shepherd, {every} man will turn toward his people and {every} man will flee to his land.

UST

¹⁴ All the foreigners in Babylon will run around like deer that are being hunted, like sheep that do not have a shepherd. They will try to find other people from their countries, and then they will escape from Babylon and return to their own countries.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:15**ULT**

¹⁵ All who are found will be killed, and all who are caught will die by the sword,

UST

¹⁵ Anyone who is captured in Babylon will be killed by their enemies' swords.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:16**ULT**

¹⁶ and their infants will be dashed in pieces before their eyes, their houses will be plundered, and their wives, raped.

UST

¹⁶ Their little children will be dashed to pieces on the rocks while their parents watch; their enemies will steal everything valuable from their houses and will force their wives to sleep with them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Behold, I am stirring up the Medes against them, who will not be concerned about silver, and they will not delight in gold.

UST

¹⁷ Look! I am going to incite the people of Media to attack Babylon. The army of Media will attack Babylon, even if they are offered silver or gold if they promise to not attack it.

Who is Yahweh going to stir up to attack the Babylonians?

Yahweh is going to stir up the Medes to attack the Babylonians.

Isaiah 13:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And the bows will strike down the young men, and they will have no mercy on the fruit of the womb, their eyes will not have pity on sons.

UST

¹⁸ With their arrows, the soldiers of Media will shoot the young men of Babylon; they will not even act mercifully toward infants or children!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And Babylon, the beauty of kingdoms, the glory of the pride of the Chaldeans, will be like God destroying Sodom and Gomorrah.

UST

¹⁹ Babylon has been a very beautiful city; all the people of Babylonia have been very proud of Babylon, their capital city; but God will destroy Babylon, like he destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.

What will happen to Babylon? (vv19-20)

God will overthrow them like Sodom and Gomorrah and they will not be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation.

Isaiah 13:20**ULT**

²⁰ It will not be inhabited to eternity, or lived in from generation to generation. And the Arab will not pitch his tent there, and the shepherds will not make {flocks} rest there.

UST

²⁰ No one will ever live in Babylon again. It will be deserted forever. Nomads will refuse to set up their tents there; shepherds will not bring their flocks of sheep to rest there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 13:21**ULT**

²¹ But desert beasts will lie there, and their houses will be full of owls, and daughters of ostriches will live there, and wild goats will skip about there,

UST

²¹ Animals that live in the desert will be there; jackals will live in the ruins of the houses. Owls will live in the ruins, and ostriches and wild goats will romp around there.

What will lie in Babylon?

Wild animals of the desert will lie there.

Isaiah 13:22**ULT**

²² and hyenas will cry in their fortresses, and jackals in palaces of luxury. And her time is coming near, and her days will not be delayed.

UST

²² Hyenas will howl in the ruined towers, and jackals will make their dens in the ruins of the palaces that were previously very beautiful. The time when Babylon will be destroyed is very near; Babylon will not exist much longer.

When will these things happen to Babylon?

Babylon's time is near and her days will not be delayed.

Isaiah 14

Isaiah 14:1

ULT

¹ For Yahweh will have compassion on Jacob, and he will again choose Israel and restore them into their land. And foreigners will join with them and attach themselves to the house of Jacob.

UST

¹ But Yahweh will act mercifully toward the Israelite people; he will choose the people of Israel to be his people again, and he will allow them to return here and live in their own land again. Then people from many other countries will come here and unite with the Israelite people.

What will Yahweh do to Israel?

Yahweh will again choose Israel and restore them into their own land.

Will anyone else go with the Israelites back to their land?

Foreigners will join with them and attach themselves to the house of Jacob.

Isaiah 14:2

ULT

² And the nations will take them and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will take them in the land of Yahweh as male and female servants, and they will be taking captive their captors, and they will rule over their oppressors.

UST

² People of other nations will help them to return to their own land, and those who come from other countries will work for the Israelite people. Those who captured people of Israel will be captured by Israelite soldiers, and the people of Israel will rule over the people who previously oppressed them.

Who will bring the Israelites back to their own land?

The nations will bring them to their own place.

What will the house of Israel do to those nations that took Israel captive?

The house of Israel will take them as male and female servants. They will take captive those who had captured them and they will rule over their oppressors.

Isaiah 14:3**ULT**

³ And it will happen on the day {when} Yahweh gives you rest from your suffering and anguish and from the hard slavery under which you were enslaved,

UST

³ Some day Yahweh will free you Israelite people from suffering and trouble and from being afraid, and from being cruelly treated as slaves.

What will happen on the day that Yahweh gives Israel rest from their suffering, anguish, and hard labor? (vv3-4)

They will sing a song taunting the king of Babylon.

Isaiah 14:4**ULT**

⁴ and you shall lift up this theme against the king of Babylon, and you will say, "How the oppressor has ceased, the fury ceased!

UST

⁴ When that happens, you will make fun of the king of Babylon by singing a song like this: "You treated us cruelly, but that has ended! You insulted others and made them suffer, but you can do this no longer!

What has happened to the oppressor?

The oppressor has come to an end.

Isaiah 14:5**ULT**

⁵ Yahweh has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers,

UST

⁵ You evil ruler, Yahweh has destroyed your power, and you will oppress people no longer!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:6**ULT**

⁶ striking the peoples in wrath, blows without end! Ruling the nations in nose, an attack without restraint!

UST

⁶ You attacked people many times because you were very angry with them, and you subdued other nations by causing them to suffer without stopping.

What had the king of Babylon done?

He had struck the people in wrath with unceasing blows. He had ruled the nations in anger, with an attack that was unrestrained.

Isaiah 14:7**ULT**

⁷ The whole earth is resting, quiet; they break out singing.

UST

⁷ But soon everything will be quiet and peaceful on the earth. Everyone will sing again!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:8**ULT**

⁸ Even the cypress trees rejoice over you {with} the cedars of Lebanon: 'Since you are laid low, no {one} comes up to cut us down.'

UST

⁸ It will be as though even the trees in the forests will joyfully sing this song, the cyprus trees and the cedar trees in Lebanon will sing it: 'You have been overthrown, and now no one comes to chop us down.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:9**ULT**

⁹ Sheol below trembles for you, to meet your coming, It arouses the dead for you, all the kings of the earth, raising {them} from their thrones, all the kings of the nations.

UST

⁹ The dead people are all eagerly waiting for you to go to the place where they are. The spirits of the world leaders will be delighted to welcome you; those who were kings of many nations before they died will stand up to welcome you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:10**ULT**

¹⁰ They all will speak and say to you, 'You, also, have become as weak as us. You have become like us.'

UST

¹⁰ They will all shout to you together, 'Now you are as weak as we are!'

What will the dead kings of the earth say to the king of Babylon? (vv10-11)

They will say, "You have become as weak as us..." and "Your pomp has been brought down to Sheol..."

Isaiah 14:11**ULT**

¹¹ It has been brought down {to} Sheol— your arrogance, the sound of your lyres. Maggots are spread under you, and worms cover you.'

UST

¹¹ You were very proud and powerful, but all that ended when you died, along with the sounds of harps being played in your palace. Now in your grave maggots will be under you like a sheet, and worms will cover you like a blanket.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:12**ULT**

¹² How you are fallen from heaven, daystar, son of the morning! You are cut down to the ground, conqueror over nations!

UST

¹² You have disappeared from the earth like a star that fell from the sky; you were very well known, like the morning star is seen by everyone; you destroyed many nations, but now you have been destroyed.

What has happened to the son of the morning?

He has fallen from heaven and been cut down to the ground.

Isaiah 14:13**ULT**

¹³ And you had said in your heart, 'I shall ascend into heaven, I shall exalt my throne above the stars of God, and I shall sit on the mount of assembly, in the far reaches of the north.'

UST

¹³ You proudly said to yourself, 'I will ascend to heaven, to my throne above God's stars. I will rule on the mountain where the gods gather together, far in the north.'

What did the son of the morning say in his heart? (vv13-14)

He said he would exalt his throne above the stars of God and make himself like the Most High God.

Isaiah 14:14**ULT**

¹⁴ I shall ascend over the tops of the clouds; I shall match the Most High.'

UST

¹⁴ I will ascend above the clouds and become like God himself!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Yet you are brought down to Sheol, to the depths of the pit.

UST

¹⁵ But you were not able to do that; Instead, you were carried down to your grave, and you went to the place where the dead people are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Those who see you will gaze at you, they will stare to you. '{Is} this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms,

UST

¹⁶ The other dead people there stare at you; they wonder what happened to you. They say, 'Is this the man who caused the earth to shake and caused the people in many kingdoms to tremble?'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:17**ULT**

¹⁷ who made the world like a wilderness, and overthrew its cities, did not release his prisoners homewards?

UST

¹⁷ Is this the man who tried to cause the world to become a desert, who conquered its cities and did not allow the people whom he captured to return to their homes?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:18**ULT**

¹⁸ All the kings of the nations, all of them lie down in honor, a man in his home,

UST

¹⁸ All the kings of the earth who have died were greatly honored when they were buried.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:19**ULT**

¹⁹ but you are cast out from your grave like a hated branch, clothed with the slain pierced by the sword, who go down to the stones of the pit like a trampled corpse.

UST

¹⁹ Someone will cast you aside, but not into a grave, like a branch that they throw away. The dead cover you like a garment, those pierced by the sword, who go down to be among the stones where the dead rest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:20**ULT**

²⁰ You will not join them in burial, because you have destroyed your land, you have killed your people. May none ever mention the offspring of evildoers.

UST

²⁰ Your dead body will not be buried with them because you have destroyed your land and have caused your own people to be killed. The descendants of wicked people like you will never be spoken of again."

Why will the king of Babylon not join the other kings of the nations in burial?

He will not join them because he destroyed his land and killed his people.

Isaiah 14:21**ULT**

²¹ Prepare slaughter for his sons, for the iniquity of their fathers, lest they rise up and possess the earth and fill the face of the earth with cities.

UST

²¹ People will say, "Slaughter this man's children because of the sins that their ancestors committed! Do not allow them to become rulers, and conquer all the nations in the world, and fill the world with the cities that they rule!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:22**ULT**

²² "And I shall rise up against them" —the declaration of Yahweh of hosts. "And I shall cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and offspring and grandchildren,"—the declaration of Yahweh.

UST

²² This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says: "I myself will cause Babylon to be conquered. I will get rid of Babylon and its people and their descendants.

What is the declaration of Yahweh of Hosts against Babylon?

He declares, "I will rise up against them" and further, "I will cut off from Babylon name, descendant, and posterity."

Isaiah 14:23**ULT**

²³ "And I shall make her into a possession of owls, and pools of water, and I shall sweep her with the broom of destruction," —the declaration of Yahweh of hosts.

UST

²³ I will cause Babylon to be a place where owls live, a place full of swamps; I will destroy it completely as though I were sweeping it with a broom. That is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:24**ULT**

²⁴ Yahweh of hosts has sworn, saying, "Surely, as I have intended, so it shall be, and as I have purposed, it shall come about:

UST

²⁴ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has also solemnly promised this: "The things that I have planned will surely happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:25**ULT**

²⁵ To break Assyria in my land, and on my mountains trample him. And his yoke will be lifted from them and his burden lifted from their shoulder.

UST

²⁵ When the army of Assyria is in my land of Israel, I will crush them. It will be as though I had trampled them on my mountains. My people will no longer be the slaves of the people of Assyria; It will be as though I had taken away the burdens that were on their shoulders.

What has Yahweh of Host sworn concerning the Assyrian in Yahweh's land?

He said he would break the Assyrian in his land and on his mountains trample him under foot.

Isaiah 14:26**ULT**

²⁶ This {is} the plan intended for the whole earth, and this {is} the hand raised over all the nations.

UST

²⁶ There is a plan for everyone on the earth, a plan to show the power of Yahweh to punish all the nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:27**ULT**

²⁷ For Yahweh of hosts has planned, and who will stop {him}? And his hand {is} raised, and who will turn it back?

UST

²⁷ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has spoken, and no one can change his mind. When Yahweh raises his fist to strike Assyria, no one will be able to stop him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:28**ULT**

²⁸ In the year of the death of king Ahaz, there was this oracle:

UST

²⁸ I received this message from Yahweh during the year that King Ahaz died:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:29**ULT**

²⁹ Do not rejoice, all you Philistines, that the rod that struck you is broken, for out of the root of the serpent will grow out an adder, and its fruit a fiery flying serpent.

UST

²⁹ Do not rejoice, all you people of Philistia, that the enemy army that attacked you has been defeated and that their king is dead. He was as dangerous as a snake, but there will be another king, who will be more dangerous than a cobra; he will be like a quick-moving poisonous snake.

What was the declaration against Philistia? (vv29-30)

It was declared that Philistia should not rejoice, for Yahweh was going to kill Philistia's root with famine that will put to death all Philistia's survivors.

Isaiah 14:30**ULT**

³⁰ And the poor will graze in my pastures, and the needy will lie down in safety. And I shall kill your root with famine, and it will slay your survivors.

UST

³⁰ Those of my people who are very poor will take care of their flocks of sheep, and the needy people will lie down safely, but I will cause you people of Philistia who are still alive to die from famine.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:31**ULT**

³¹ Howl, gate; cry, city; all of you will melt away, Philistia, for from the north comes smoke, and none {is} alone in his ranks.

UST

³¹ So, you people of Philistia, wail at the gates of your cities! You should be extremely afraid, because a very powerful army will come from the north to attack you; their chariots will stir up the dust like a cloud of smoke. Each of their soldiers is ready to fight.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 14:32**ULT**

³² And what will he answer to the messengers of a nation? that Yahweh has founded Zion, and in her the afflicted of his people will find refuge."

UST

³² If messengers from Philistia come to us Israelite people, this is what we must tell them: "Yahweh has created Jerusalem, not Philistia, and his people who are oppressed will be safe inside the walls of Jerusalem."

Who founded Zion?

Yahweh founded Zion.

What will the afflicted of Yahweh's people find in Zion?

The afflicted of Yahweh's people will find refuge in Zion.

Isaiah 15

Isaiah 15:1

ULT

¹ An oracle for Moab: So, in a night Ar of Moab is laid waste, destroyed; so, in a night Kir of Moab is laid waste, destroyed.

UST

¹ Isaiah received this message from Yahweh about the Moab people group: In one night two important cities in Moab, Ar and Kir, will be destroyed.

Who is the declaration about?

The declaration is about Moab.

What will happen to Ar and Kir of Moab?

They will each be destroyed and laid waste in one night.

Isaiah 15:2

ULT

² They have gone up to the temple, and Dibon {to} the heights to weep. Over Nebo and over Medeba, Moab laments. All their heads {are} bald, all beards {are} cut off.

UST

² The people of Dibon, the capital city, will go to their temple to mourn; they will go to their high places set on the hilltops, and there they will weep. They will wail because of what happened to Nebo and Medeba in the south; they will all shave the hair of their heads, and the men will cut off their beards to show that they are grieving.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 15:3

ULT

³ In their streets they wear sackcloth; on their housetops and in the square everyone wails, coming down in tears.

UST

³ In the streets people will wear rough sackcloth, and on their flat rooftops and in the city plazas all people will wail with tears streaming down their faces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 15:4**ULT**

⁴ And Heshbon and Elealeh cry out; their voice is heard as far as Jahaz; So the soldiers of Moab call out; his spirit trembles in him.

UST

⁴ The people of the city of Heshbon and the towns of Elealeh in the north of Moab will cry out; people as far away as the town of Jahaz in the south will hear them wailing. Therefore the soldiers of Moab will tremble and cry out, and they will be very afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 15:5**ULT**

⁵ My heart cries out for Moab; those who flee to Zoar, the heifer of the third {year}, for by the ascent of Luhith in weeping they go up; for on the road of Horonaim they lift up the cry of affliction.

UST

⁵ Yahweh feels very sorry for the people of Moab; they will flee to the towns of Zoar and Eglath Shelishiyah in the far south. They will cry as they walk up to the town of Luhith. All along the road to the town of Horonaim people will mourn because their country has been destroyed.

Where will Moab's fugitives go?

They will flee to Zoar and to Eglath Shelishiyah.

Isaiah 15:6**ULT**

⁶ For the waters of Nimrim are a desolation; For the grass {is} dried up; the vegetation is finished; the greenery is not.

UST

⁶ The water in the Valley of Nimrim will dry up. The grass there will be withered; the green plants will all be gone, and there will be nothing left that is green.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 15:7**ULT**

⁷ Therefore, the abundance they have made and their stores they carry away over the brook of the poplars.

UST

⁷ The people will pick up their possessions and carry them across the brook of the Willows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 15:8**ULT**

⁸ For the cry has surrounded the region of Moab as far as Eglaim, her wail, and Beer Elim, her wail.

UST

⁸ Throughout the country of Moab, people will be crying; people as far away as Eglaim in the south and Beer Elim in the north will hear them wailing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 15:9**ULT**

⁹ For the waters of Dimon are full of blood, but I shall bring more on Dimon. For survivors of Moab, a lion, and for the remnant of the land.

UST

⁹ The stream near Dimon will become red from the blood of people who have been killed, but I will cause the people of Moab to experience even more trouble: lions will attack those who are trying to escape from Moab and will also attack the people who remain in that country.

What has happened to the waters of Dimon and what will happen to Dimon?

The waters of Dimon are full of blood; but Yahweh will bring even more upon Dimon.

What will happen to those who escape from Moab and also those who remain in the land?

A lion will attack both those who escape from Moab and those who remain in Moab.

Isaiah 16

Isaiah 16:1

ULT

¹ Send a ram {to} the ruler of the land from Selah in the wilderness, to the mount of the daughter of Zion.

UST

¹ The rulers of Moab will say to each other, "We must send some lambs from the city of Sela as a gift to the ruler of Judah to persuade him to not allow his army to attack us anymore. We should send them through the desert to the king in Jerusalem."

To whom are rams to be sent?

The rams are to be sent to the ruler of the land at the mount of the daughter of Zion.

Isaiah 16:2

ULT

² And it will happen, as a bird wanders {from} a scattered nest, {so} the women of Moab are {at} the fords of the Arnon.

UST

² The women of Moab will be left alone at the fords of the Arnon River; they will be like birds that have been pushed out of their nests.

To what are the women of Moab at the fords of the Arnon River compared?

They are like wandering birds or a scattered nest.

Isaiah 16:3

ULT

³ "Take counsel, execute justice; provide your shade like night in the middle of the day. Hide the fugitives; do not expose the refugees.

UST

³ They will cry out, "Help us! Tell us what we should do! Protect us completely, we who are running away from our enemies, and do not betray us.

What is Judah supposed to do with the fugitives and refugees of Moab? (vv3-4)

They are to hide and not betray the fugitives and let the refugees live among them; be a hiding place from the destroyer.

Isaiah 16:4**ULT**

⁴ Let them live among you, the refugees of Moab; be a hiding place for them from the face of the destroyer." For the oppression will stop, destruction will cease, oppressors will disappear from the land.

UST

⁴ Allow those of us who are fleeing from Moab to stay with you; hide us from our enemies who want to destroy us! Some day there will be no one to oppress us, and our enemies will stop destroying our land."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 16:5**ULT**

⁵ And a throne will be established in covenant faithfulness; and on it will sit in truth {one} from the tent of David. He will judge and seek justice, and rush {to} righteousness.

UST

⁵ Then Yahweh will appoint someone to be king who will be a descendant of King David. As this man rules, he will be merciful and truthful. He will always do what is fair and quickly do what is righteous.

What will the one from David's tent who sits on the throne do?

He will judge as he seeks justice and does righteousness.

Isaiah 16:6**ULT**

⁶ We have heard of the pride of Moab, great pride, his pride and his boasting and his anger, his boasts {are} not true.

UST

⁶ We people of Judah have heard about the people of Moab; we have heard that they are very proud and conceited; they are insolent, but what they say about themselves is not true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 16:7**ULT**

⁷ So Moab wails for Moab, they all wail! For the raisin cakes of Kir Hareseth they mourn. Surely {they are} afflicted,

UST

⁷ Some day all the people in Moab will weep. They will all mourn, because there will be no more raisin cakes in the city of Kir Hareseth. But more than the cakes, they mourn for the people who lived there, who were all killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 16:8**ULT**

⁸ for the fields of Heshbon have dried up, {and} the vines of Sibmah. The rulers of the nations have trampled its choice vines, as far as Jazer they reached, spread into the desert. Its shoots stretched out; they passed on {to} the sea.

UST

⁸ The crops in the fields of Heshbon will wither, and the vineyards of Sibmah will wither also. The armies of other nations will destroy Moab, which is like a beautiful grapevine whose branches spread north to Jazer, and east to the desert. Its branches spread very far west, to the west side of the Dead Sea.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 16:9**ULT**

⁹ Indeed I shall weep in the weeping of Jazer, the vine of Sibmah, I shall water you {with} my tears, Heshbon and Elealeh. For on your summer fruits and on your harvest acclamations have ceased.

UST

⁹ So I will weep for Jazer and for the grapevines of Sibmah. I will shed tears for all of you. I will cry because people will no longer shout joyfully, like they usually do when they gather the fruit that ripens in the summer and the other crops.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 16:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And gladness and joy are taken away from the orchard, and in the vineyards, no rejoicing, no cheers. The treader does not tread wine in the presses; I have suppressed the shouts of joy.

UST

¹⁰ People will no longer be glad at harvest time. No one will sing in the vineyards; no one will shout joyfully. No one will tread on grapes to get grape juice for wine; there will be nothing to shout about joyfully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 16:11**ULT**

¹¹ So my heart sighs like a harp for Moab, and my inward being for Kir Hareseth.

UST

¹¹ I cry in my inner being for Moab; my groaning is like a sad song played on a harp. I am sad in my inner being for Kir Hareseth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 16:12**ULT**

¹² And it will happen, for it will be seen that Moab is fruitless on the high place, and he will come to his temple to pray, and it will not happen.

UST

¹² The people of Moab will go and pray at their high places, but that will not help them. They will cry out to their gods in their temples, but no one will be able to rescue them.

What will Moab accomplish when he enters his temple to pray?

Moab will accomplish nothing with his prayers.

Isaiah 16:13**ULT**

¹³ This {is} the word that Yahweh spoke to Moab previously.

UST

¹³ Yahweh has already spoken those things about Moab.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 16:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And now, Yahweh speaks, saying, "Within three years, like the years of a hired worker, the glory of Moab will disappear; of all the great multitude, the remnant {will be} very few, no significance."

UST

¹⁴ But now he says that exactly three years from now, he will destroy all the things that the people of Moab have been proud of. Even though they have a huge number of people in Moab now, only a few people will remain alive, and they will be weak.

What was going to happen to the glory of Moab?

Yahweh said the glory of Moab would disappear within three years.

How many from Moab will be left?

The remnant of Moab will be very few and insignificant.

Isaiah 17

Isaiah 17:1

ULT

¹ An oracle for Damascus: Behold, Damascus, will cease from {being} a city, And it will be a heap of ruins.

UST

¹ Isaiah received this message from Yahweh about Damascus, the capital of Aram: "Listen carefully! Damascus will no longer be a city; it will be only a heap of ruins!"

What will happen to the city of Damascus?

It will no longer be a city, but will be a heap of ruins.

Isaiah 17:2

ULT

² The cities of Aroer {will be} abandoned. They will be for flocks, and they will lie down {there}, and no one will frighten {them}.

UST

² The towns near the city of Aroer will be abandoned. Flocks of sheep will eat grass in the streets and lie down there, and there will be no one to chase them away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 17:3

ULT

³ And forts will disappear from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Aram, they will be like the glory of the sons of Israel— the declaration of Yahweh of hosts.

UST

³ The cities in Israel will not have walls around them to protect them. The power of the kingdom of Damascus will be ended, and the few people who will remain in Aram will be disgraced like the people in Israel were disgraced." That is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says.

What will disappear from Ephraim?

Fortified cities will disappear from Ephraim.

Isaiah 17:4**ULT**

⁴ And it will happen on that day, the glory of Jacob will become thin, and the fatness of his flesh will become lean.

UST

⁴ "At that time, Israel will become insignificant. It will be like a fat person who has become very thin.

What will happen to the glory of Jacob on that day?

The glory of Jacob will become thin and the fatness of his flesh will become lean on that day.

Isaiah 17:5**ULT**

⁵ And it will be as a harvester gathers the standing grain, and his arm reaps the heads of grain. And it will be as one gleans heads of grain in the Valley of Rephaim.

UST

⁵ The entire land will be like a field where the harvesters have cut all the grain; there will be nothing left, like the fields in the Valley of Rephaim after all the crops have been harvested.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 17:6**ULT**

⁶ And gleanings will be left in it, as {when} the olive tree is shaken: two {or} three berries in the top of the bough, four {or} five in the fruitful branches —the declaration of Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST

⁶ Only a few of the Israelite people will remain, like the few olives that remain on the top of a tree after the workers have shaken all the other olives to the ground. There will be only two or three olives in the top branches, or four or five olives on the other branches." That is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 17:7**ULT**

⁷ On that day man will gaze at his Maker, and his eyes will look to the Holy One of Israel.

UST

⁷ Then at that time, you people of Israel will trust in God, your creator, the Holy One of Israel.

To whom will men look on that day?

Men will look toward their Maker and their eyes will look to the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 17:8**ULT**

⁸ And he will not look to the altars, the work of his hands and which his fingers have made. He will not look to the Asherah poles or the sun images.

UST

⁸ You will no longer seek to get help from your idols or worship the idols that you have made with your own hands. You will never again bow down in front of the poles where you worshiped the goddess Asherah. You will never again worship at the high places that you have built to burn incense to idols.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 17:9**ULT**

⁹ On that day his strong cities will be like the abandoned forests and summits which were forsaken because of the faces of the sons of Israel. And it will be a desolation.

UST

⁹ The largest cities in Israel will be abandoned, like the land that the Hiv and Amor people groups abandoned when the Israelites attacked them long ago. No people will live there.

On that day what will their strong cities be like?

On that day their strong cities will be like the abandoned wooded slopes on the hill summits.

Isaiah 17:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and the rock of your strength you did not remember. So you plant plants of a foreign god, and sow vines of a stranger;

UST

¹⁰ That will happen because you have stopped worshiping God, who is like a huge rock on top of which you can be safe. You have forgotten that he is the one who can hide you. So now you plant very nice grapevines and even unusual ones that come from other countries.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 17:11**ULT**

¹¹ on the day you plant, it will increase, and in the morning your seed will grow, {but} the harvest {will become} a heap on the afflicted day, and {there will be} grievous pain.

UST

¹¹ But even if they sprout leaves on the day you plant them, and even if they produce blossoms on that same morning, at harvest time, there will not be any grapes for you to pick. All that you will get is much of agony and suffering.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 17:12**ULT**

¹² Woe! The uproar of many peoples— like the roaring of the seas they roar. And the rumble of nations— like the rumbling of mighty waters they rumble!

UST

¹² Listen! The armies of many nations will roar like the sea roars. It will sound like noise of crashing waves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 17:13**ULT**

¹³ The nations like the rumbling of many waters will rumble, but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far away, and they will be chased before the face of the wind like chaff on the mountains, and like weeds whirling before the face of the whirlwind.

UST

¹³ But even though their loud roaring will be like the sound of crashing waves, when Yahweh rebukes them, they will run far away. They will flee like chaff on the hills scatters when the wind blows, like tumbleweeds scatter when a windstorm blows.

What will happen when the nations roar like the rushing of mighty waters?

God will rebuke the nations and they will flee away and be chased.

Isaiah 17:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For the time of evening, behold, terror! Before the morning they will be gone! This {is} the portion of those who loot us, and the lot of those who rob us.

UST

¹⁴ And even though you people of Israel will be terrified, in the morning your enemies will all be gone. That is what will happen to those who invade our land and steal our possessions.

What is the portion of those who rob Israel?

Their portion will be to see terror in the evening and to be gone before the morning.

Isaiah 18

Isaiah 18:1

ULT

¹ Woe, land of the rustling of wings, which {is} across the rivers of Cush;

UST

¹ Terrible things will happen to you people of Ethiopia! In your land there are many boats at the upper part of the Nile River.

Where is the land of rustling wings?

The land of rustling wings is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia.

Isaiah 18:2

ULT

² who send ambassadors by the sea and in vessels of papyrus on the face of the waters. Go, you swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people feared from afar, a nation very strong and trampling down, whose land the rivers divide.

UST

² Your rulers send ambassadors that sail quickly down the river in papyrus boats. Tell your messengers to go quickly! Go to people who are tall and who have smooth skins. People everywhere are afraid of those people, because they conquer and destroy other nations; they are people who live in a land that rivers divide.

To whom does the land of the rustling of wings send ambassadors?

They send ambassadors to a nation tall and smooth, to a people feared, a nation strong and conquering, whose land the rivers divide.

Isaiah 18:3

ULT

³ All inhabitants of the world and dwellers of the earth, when a signal is lifted up {on} the mountains, look, and when the trumpet is blown, listen.

UST

³ You messengers must tell to the people of the world, to all people everywhere, "Look when the battle flag is lifted on top of the mountain, and listen when the ram's horn blows to signal that the battle is about to begin."

When are the inhabitants of the world supposed to look and listen?

They are to look and listen when a signal is lifted up on the mountains and when the trumpet is blown.

Isaiah 18:4**ULT**

⁴ For thus Yahweh said to me, "I shall be still and observe in my dwelling, like the dazzling heat in light, like a cloud of mist in the heat of harvest."

UST

⁴ Listen because Yahweh has told me this: "I will watch quietly from where I live. I will watch quietly like the heat that shimmers as it rises on a summer day. I will work effectively like the cloud of mist that settles during the heat of harvest."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 18:5**ULT**

⁵ For before the face of the harvest, when the blossoming is over, and the flower is ripening into a grape, then he will cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and cut down, take away the spreading branches.

UST

⁵ Before the harvest, the farmer sees the grapevines making blossoms and the flowers growing into grapes, and he knows that the time is right to cut off the new growth and spreading branches that keep the tree from growing strong. In the same way I know when the time is right to take action against that nation, and I will send an army to attack it.

What will Yahweh do before the harvest, when the blossoming is over?

Yahweh will cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks and he will cut down and take away the spreading branches.

Isaiah 18:6**ULT**

⁶ They will be left together for the birds of the mountains and for the animals of the earth. and the birds will summer on them, and all the animals of the earth will winter on them."

UST

⁶ All the soldiers in that nation's army will be killed, and their corpses will lie in the fields for vultures to eat their flesh in the summer. Then wild animals will chew on their bones all during the winter."

What will happen when the birds summer on the branches and all the animals of the earth winter on them? (vv6-7)

At that time tribute will be brought to Mount Zion for Yahweh from a people tall and smooth.

Isaiah 18:7**ULT**

⁷ At that time tribute will be brought to Yahweh of hosts {from} a people tall and smooth, and a people feared from afar, a nation very strong and trampling down, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of Yahweh of hosts, Mount Zion.

UST

⁷ At that time, the people of the nation that rivers divide will take gifts to Yahweh in Jerusalem. Those people are tall and have smooth skins; people everywhere are afraid of those people, because they conquer and destroy other nations, will take gifts to Jerusalem, the city where Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19

Isaiah 19:1

ULT

¹ An oracle for Egypt. Behold, Yahweh rides on a swift cloud and is coming to Egypt, and the idols of Egypt shall quake before his face, and the heart of Egypt melt in its midst.

UST

¹ Isaiah received this message from Yahweh about Egypt: Listen to this! I, Yahweh, am coming toward Egypt, riding on a fast-moving cloud. The idols in Egypt will tremble when I appear, and the people of Egypt will be extremely afraid.

Who is the declaration in this chapter about?

This chapter is a declaration about Egypt.

Who will stir up the Egyptians? (vv1-2)

Yahweh will stir up the Egyptians.

Isaiah 19:2

ULT

² And I shall stir up Egyptians against Egyptians, and a man will fight against his brother, and a man against his neighbor; city against city, kingdom against kingdom.

UST

² I will cause the people of Egypt to fight against each other: men will fight against their brothers, neighbors will fight against each other, people of one city will fight against the people of another city, people of one province will fight against the people of another province.

Who will the Egyptians be stirred up against?

They will be stirred up against each other.

Isaiah 19:3**ULT**

³ And the spirit of Egypt will be weakened from within, and I shall confound his counsel, and they will seek idols and spirits, and mediums and spiritualists.

UST

³ The people of Egypt will become very discouraged, and I will cause their plans to not be successful. They will plead with idols and sorcerers and those who talk with spirits of dead people to tell them what they should do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:4**ULT**

⁴ And I shall give the Egyptians into the hand of a harsh master, and a strong king will rule over them —the declaration of the Lord Yahweh of hosts.

UST

⁴ Then I will enable someone who will treat them very cruelly to become their king. That is what I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, say.

Who will Yahweh cause to lead the Egyptians?

Yahweh will give the Egyptians into the hands of a harsh master, and a strong king will rule over them.

Isaiah 19:5**ULT**

⁵ And the waters from the sea will dry up, and the river will become desolate and dry up.

UST

⁵ Some day the water in the Nile River will dry up, and the riverbed will become very dry.

What will happen to the waters of Egypt?

The waters of the sea will dry up and the river will dry up and become empty.

Isaiah 19:6**ULT**

⁶ And the rivers will become foul; the streams of Egypt will dwindle and dry up; the reeds and papyrus will wither away.

UST

⁶ The branches of the river will all dry up. The canals along the river will stink because of the withering and rotting reeds and bulrushes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:7**ULT**

⁷ The reeds on the Nile, at the mouth of the Nile, and every sown field of the Nile will become parched, blown away and be no more.

UST

⁷ All the plants along the river and all the crops in the fields bordering the river will dry up; then they will blow away and disappear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:8**ULT**

⁸ And the fishermen will wail and mourn. All who cast a hook into the Nile and those who spread nets on the face of the water will grieve.

UST

⁸ The fishermen will throw into the river lines with hooks on them and nets, and then they will groan and be very discouraged; they will be sad because there will be no fish in the river.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:9**ULT**

⁹ and the workers of fine flax will be ashamed, and the weavers of white cloth.

UST

⁹ Those who weave cloth from flax will not know what to do because there will be no thread for them to weave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And its foundations will be crushed, all who work for hire downcast {in} spirit.

UST

¹⁰ They will all despair and be very discouraged.

What will happen to the cloth workers in Egypt?

The cloth workers will be crushed.

Isaiah 19:11**ULT**

¹¹ Indeed, the princes of Zoan {are} foolish. Of the wisest of the counselors of Pharaoh, counsel has become foolish. How can you say to Pharaoh, "I {am} the son of wise men, a son of ancient kings?"

UST

¹¹ The officials in the city of Zoan in northern Egypt are foolish. The advice that they gave to the king was worthless. Why do they continue to tell the king that they are wise, that they are descendants of wise kings who lived long ago?

What has happened to the counsel of Pharaoh's counselors?

Their counsel has become senseless.

Isaiah 19:12**ULT**

¹² Where then {are} your wise men? And let them explain to you, please and announce what Yahweh of hosts plans concerning Egypt.

UST

¹² King, where are your wise advisors now? If you had any wise advisors, they could tell you what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has planned to do to Egypt!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:13**ULT**

¹³ The princes of Zoan have become fools, the princes of Memphis are deceived; the cornerstones of her tribes have led Egypt astray.

UST

¹³ Yes, the officials of Zoan have become foolish, and the leaders in the city of Memphis in northern Egypt have deceived themselves. All the leaders of the people have caused their people to do wrong things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Yahweh has mixed a spirit of perversion into her midst, and they have led Egypt astray in all she does, like a drunk staggering in his vomit.

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh has caused them to be very foolish, with the result that in everything that they do, it is as though the people of Egypt stagger like a drunken person staggers and slips in his own vomit.

Why has the counsel of Pharaoh's counselors become senseless?

Their counsel has become senseless because Yahweh has mixed a spirit of distortion into Egypt's midst.

Isaiah 19:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And {there} is no action that one could do for Egypt, head or tail, palm branch or reed.

UST

¹⁵ There is no one in Egypt, rich or poor, important or unimportant, who will be able to help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:16**ULT**

¹⁶ On that day, Egypt will be like women. And it will tremble and fear from the face of the upraised hand of Yahweh of hosts that he raises over it.

UST

¹⁶ At that time, the people of Egypt will be as helpless as women. They will tremble, being terrified because they know that Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has raised his fist, intending to strike them.

In that day what will the Egyptians be like?

In that day the Egyptians will be like women. They will tremble and fear.

Isaiah 19:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the land of Judah will become a terror to Egypt. All who remind it of her, it will be afraid from the face of the plan of Yahweh of hosts, which he is planning against it.

UST

¹⁷ The people of Egypt will be afraid of the people of Judah, and anyone who mentions Judah to them will cause them to be terrified, because that will remind them of what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is planning to do to them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:18**ULT**

¹⁸ On that day will be five cities in the land of Egypt speaking the language of Canaan and swearing to Yahweh of hosts. One will be called The City of the Sun.

UST

¹⁸ At that time, people in five cities in Egypt will solemnly declare that they will serve Yahweh. They will learn to speak the Hebrew language. One of those cities will be called "City of the Sun."

In that day what will five cities in Egypt do?

They will swear allegiance to Yahweh of Hosts.

Isaiah 19:19**ULT**

¹⁹ On that day will be an altar to Yahweh in the middle of the land of Egypt, and a stone pillar at the place of its border to Yahweh.

UST

¹⁹ At that time, there will be an altar for worshipping Yahweh in the center of Egypt, and there will be a pillar to honor Yahweh at the border between Egypt and Israel.

In that day what will be in the middle of the land of Egypt?

In that day there will be an altar to Yahweh in the middle of the land of Egypt.

Isaiah 19:20**ULT**

²⁰ And it will be for a sign and for a witness to Yahweh of hosts in the land of Egypt. When they cry to Yahweh from the face of oppressors, then he will send to them a savior and a defender, and he will deliver them.

UST

²⁰ That will be a sign to indicate that Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is worshiped in the land of Egypt. And when the people cry out to Yahweh to help them because others are oppressing them, he will send to them someone who will defend and rescue them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:21**ULT**

²¹ And Yahweh will become known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know Yahweh on that day. And they will worship {with} sacrifices and offerings and will vow vows to Yahweh and fulfill them.

UST

²¹ Yahweh will enable the people of Egypt to know who he is. At that time they will admit that he is God. They will worship him and bring to him offerings of grain and other sacrifices. They will solemnly promise to do things for Yahweh, and they will do what they promise.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:22**ULT**

²² And Yahweh will afflict Egypt, afflicting and healing. And they will return to Yahweh, and he will be implored by them, and will heal {them}.

UST

²² After Yahweh has punished Egypt, he will cause their troubles to end. The people of Egypt will turn to Yahweh, and he will listen when they plead to him for help, and he will cause their troubles to cease.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 19:23**ULT**

²³ On that day will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian will come to Egypt, and the Egyptian to Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship {with} the Assyrians.

UST

²³ At that time, there will be a highway between Egypt and Assyria. As a result, the people of Egypt will be able to travel easily to Assyria, and the people of Assyria will be able to travel easily to Egypt. And the people of both countries will worship Yahweh.

In that day who will worship Yahweh together?

The Egyptians and the Assyrians will worship Yahweh together.

Isaiah 19:24**ULT**

²⁴ On that day, Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth,

UST

²⁴ And Israel will be their ally. All three nations will be friendly to each other, and the people of Israel will be a blessing to the people of the entire world.

In that day who will be a blessing in the midst of the earth?

Israel, Egypt and Assyria will be a blessing in the midst of the earth.

Isaiah 19:25**ULT**

²⁵ when Yahweh of hosts will bless them saying, "Blessed {be} Egypt, my people, and Assyria, the work of my hands, and Israel, my inheritance."

UST

²⁵ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will bless them; he will say, "You people of Egypt are now my people. You people of Assyria, I have established your country. You people of Israel are the people whom I have chosen to belong to me."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 20

Isaiah 20:1

ULT

¹ In the year of the coming of Tartan to Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, then he fought against Ashdod and captured it.

UST

¹ One year King Sargon of Assyria sent the chief commander of his army to take his soldiers to capture the city of Ashdod in Philistia. At that time,

What happened when Tartan came to Ashdod?

Tartan fought against Ashdod and took it.

Who sent Tartan to Ashdod?

Sargon the king of Assyria sent Tartan to Ashdod.

Isaiah 20:2

ULT

² At that time Yahweh spoke by the hand of Isaiah son of Amoz, saying, "Go and remove the sackcloth from your waist and take off your sandals from your feet." And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

UST

² Yahweh told Isaiah, "Take off the rough sackcloth that you have been wearing and take off your sandals." So Isaiah did that, and then he walked around naked and barefoot for three years.

What did Yahweh tell Isaiah to do when Tartan took Ashdod?

Yahweh told Isaiah to remove his sackcloth and sandals and walk naked and barefoot.

Isaiah 20:3**ULT**

³ And Yahweh said, “Just as my servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years, {it is} a sign and an omen concerning Egypt and concerning Cush,

UST

³ Then Yahweh said this to the people of Judah: “My servant Isaiah has been walking around naked and barefoot for the past three years. That is to show the terrible disasters that I will cause the people of Egypt and Ethiopia to experience.

Why was Isaiah told to walk naked? (vv3-4)

This was to be a sign that the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Ethiopia were going to be lead away naked and barefoot by the king of Assyria.

Isaiah 20:4**ULT**

⁴ thus the king of Assyria will lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Cush, young and old, naked and barefoot, with uncovered buttocks—the shame of Egypt.

UST

⁴ What will happen is that the army of the king of Assyria will invade those countries and capture many of the people and take them away as their prisoners. They will force all of them, including both the young ones and the old ones, to walk naked and barefoot. They will also force them to have no clothes around their buttocks, which will cause the people of Egypt to be ashamed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 20:5**ULT**

⁵ And they will be dismayed and ashamed, because of Cush, their hope, and of Egypt, their glory.

UST

⁵ Then the people of other countries who trusted that the armies of Egypt and Ethiopia would be able to help them will be very dismayed and afraid.

What will happen to those who put their hope in Ethiopia and Egypt? (vv5-6)

They will be dismayed and ashamed.

Isaiah 20:6

ULT

⁶ And the inhabitants of these coasts will say on that day, 'Behold, this {was} our hope, where we fled for help to be rescued from the face of the king of Assyria, but how can we escape?'"

UST

⁶ They will say, 'We thought that the armies of Egypt and Ethiopia would help us and defend us, but they have been destroyed, so there is no way that we can escape from being destroyed by the army of the king of Assyria!'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21

Isaiah 21:1

ULT

¹ An oracle for the wilderness of the sea. Like whirlwinds sweeping through the Negev it comes from the wilderness, from a terrible land.

UST

¹ Yahweh gave this message about a land soon to become a desert: An army will soon come from the southern Judean wilderness to invade that land; they are an army that causes their enemies to be terrified, an army that will come sweeping through the wilderness from a terrible land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21:2

ULT

² A difficult vision has been given to me: The deceitful deceive and the destroyer destroys. Go up, Elam; besiege, Media; I shall stop all her groaning.

UST

² Yahweh showed me a terrifying vision: In the vision I saw an army that will betray people and steal their possessions after they conquer them. Yahweh said, "You armies from Elam and Media, surround Babylon and prepare to attack it! I will cause the groaning and suffering that Babylon caused to cease!"

What kind of vision was given to Isaiah?

A distressing vision was given to him.

What is the vision about?

Isaiah's vision is about an attack on Elam and a siege of Media.

Isaiah 21:3**ULT**

³ Therefore my loins are filled with pain; pains like giving birth have taken hold of me; I am bowed down from hearing; I am disturbed from seeing.

UST

³ Because of that, my body is full of pain; my pain is like the pain that women who are giving birth experience. When I hear about and see what God is planning to do, I am shocked.

How did this vision affect Isaiah? (vv3-4)

It gave Isaiah pain in his loins. He was bowed down and disturbed. His heart was pounding. He was shuddering and trembling.

Isaiah 21:4**ULT**

⁴ My heart pounds; I shake {with} fear. I desired twilight; it brought me terror.

UST

⁴ My heart shakes within me, and I tremble with fear. Early evening is my favorite time of day, but now terror has taken over and I am afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21:5**ULT**

⁵ Preparing the table, spreading the rugs, to eat, to drink; arise, princes, anoint your shields.

UST

⁵ In the vision I saw that the leaders of Babylonia were preparing a great feast. They had spread rugs for people to sit on; everyone was eating and drinking. But you should get up and prepare your shields, you princes of Babylon, because you are about to be attacked!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21:6**ULT**

⁶ For thus the Lord said to me, "Go, post a watchman. What he sees he shall report.

UST

⁶ Then Yahweh said to me, "Put a watchman on the wall of Jerusalem, and tell him to shout what he sees.

What did the Lord say to Isaiah?

The Lord told Isaiah to post a watchman and have the watchman report what he sees.

Isaiah 21:7**ULT**

⁷ When he sees a chariot, a team of horses, riders of donkeys, riders of camels, then he must pay close attention, very close attention."

UST

⁷ Tell him to watch for chariots pulled by pairs of horses, and men riding camels and donkeys, coming from Babylon. Tell the watchman to watch and listen carefully!"

What is the watchman to do when he sees a chariot, horsemen in pairs and riders on donkeys and camels?

Then the watchman must pay attention and be very alert.

Isaiah 21:8**ULT**

⁸ And the watchman cries out, "Lord, on the watchtower I stand always by day, and at my post I stand all night.

UST

⁸ So I did that, and one day the watchman called out, "Day after day I have stood on this watchtower, and I have continued to watch during the day and during the night.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21:9**ULT**

⁹ And behold, it {is} coming: a chariot, a man, a team of horses. And he bears witness and says, 'Babylon has fallen, fallen, and all the carved figures of its gods are broken to the ground.'"

UST

⁹ A man comes riding in a chariot pulled by two horses. I called out to him, and he answered, 'Babylon has been destroyed! All the idols in Babylon lie in pieces on the ground!'"

When a charioteer comes, what does he call out?

He calls out, "Babylon has fallen, fallen, and all the carved figures of its gods are broken to the ground."

Isaiah 21:10**ULT**

¹⁰ My down-trodden ones and the son of my threshing floor! What I have heard from Yahweh of hosts, the God of Israel, I have declared to you.

UST

¹⁰ My people in Judah, the army of Babylon has caused you to suffer greatly as though you were grain that was threshed and winnowed. But now I have told you what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, whom we Israelites worship, told me about Babylon.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21:11**ULT**

¹¹ An oracle for Dumah: One calls to me from Seir, "Watchman, what is {left} of the night? Watchman, what is {left} of the night?"

UST

¹¹ Yahweh gave this message about Edom: Someone from Edom has been calling to me saying, "Watchman, how long will it be before the night is over?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21:12**ULT**

¹² The watchman said, "The morning comes and also the night. If you will ask, ask; come back again."

UST

¹² The watchman, replied, "It will soon be morning, but after that, it will soon be night again. If you want to ask your question, then ask it now, and then come back again."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21:13**ULT**

¹³ An oracle for Arabia. In the forest of Arabia you spend the night, you caravans of Dedanites.

UST

¹³ Yahweh gave this message about Arabia: Give this message to people traveling in caravans from the town of Dedan in northwest Arabia, travelers who camp in the scrub there. Tell them to bring water for those who are thirsty.

Who spends the night in the wilderness of Arabia?

Caravans of Dedanites spend the night there.

Isaiah 21:14**ULT**

¹⁴ To meet the thirsty, bring water; inhabitants of the land of Tema, approach the fugitive with its bread.

UST

¹⁴ And you people who live in the city of Tema in northwest Arabia, must bring food for the refugees who are fleeing from their enemies.

What are the caravans of Dedanites told to do?

They are told to bring water for the thirsty.

What are the inhabitants of the land of Tema told to do?

They are told to meet the fugitives with bread.

Isaiah 21:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For they have fled from the face of swords, from the face of a sword stretched out, and from the face of the strung bow, and from the face of the weight of war.

UST

¹⁵ They are fleeing in order not to be killed by their enemies' swords and not to be shot in battles by arrows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 21:16**ULT**

¹⁶ For thus the Lord said to me, "Within a year, as the year of a hired man, then all the glory of Kedar will end.

UST

¹⁶ Yahweh said to me, "Exactly one year from now, all the greatness of the region of Kedar in Arabia will end.

What did the Lord tell Isaiah about Kedar? (vv16-17)

The Lord told Isaiah that within a year the glory of Kedar would end and only a few archers and warriors would remain.

Isaiah 21:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the remnant of the number of archers, the warriors of the sons of Kedar, will be few, for Yahweh, the God of Israel, has spoken."

UST

¹⁷ Only a few of their soldiers who know well how to shoot arrows will remain alive. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22

Isaiah 22:1

ULT

¹ An oracle for the Valley of Vision: What {is it} to you, now, that you go up, all of you, to the housetops?

UST

¹ Yahweh gave this message about Jerusalem, about the valley where Yahweh showed me this vision. Why is everyone foolishly running up to their flat rooftops?

What is the topic of chapter 22?

It is a declaration about the valley of vision.

What have all the people gone?

They have all gone up to the housetops.

Isaiah 22:2

ULT

² The clamoring town {is} full of noises, the city reveling. Your slain {were} not slain {by} sword, and not dead {in} battle.

UST

² Everyone in the city seems to be shouting. There are a lot of corpses in the city, but they were not killed by their enemies' swords. They did not die in battles; instead, they died from diseases and hunger.

What is happening in the city and town?

The city is noisy and the town full of revelry.

Did the dead die by the sword or in battle?

No the dead did not die by the sword or in battle.

Isaiah 22:3**ULT**

³ All your rulers fled away together; without a bow they were captured. All your remainder captured together, though they had fled far away.

UST

³ All the leaders of the city fled. But then they were captured because they did not have bows and arrows to defend themselves. Your soldiers tried to flee while the enemy army was still far away, but they also were captured.

What happened to their rulers?

Their rulers fled away together and were caught and captured together.

Isaiah 22:4**ULT**

⁴ Therefore, I said, "Look {away} from me! I shall weep bitterly; do not rush to comfort me concerning the destruction of the daughter of my people."

UST

⁴ That is why I said, "Allow me to cry alone; do not try to comfort me about my people being slaughtered."

Why was Isaiah weeping bitterly?

He was weeping because of the destruction of the daughter of his people.

Isaiah 22:5**ULT**

⁵ For {it is} a day of tumult and trampling and confusion for the Lord Yahweh of hosts in the Valley of Vision, a breaking down of the walls, and a crying out to the mountains.

UST

⁵ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has chosen a time when there will be a great uproar, soldiers marching, and people being terrified in the valley where I received this vision. It will be a time when our city walls will be battered down and the people's cries for help will be heard in the mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:6**ULT**

⁶ And Elam bore the quiver, with chariots of men of horses, and Kir uncovered the shield.

UST

⁶ The armies from Elam and Kir in Media will attack, driving chariots and carrying shields.

Who is taking up the quiver and shield against them?

Elam takes up the quiver and Kir lays the shield bare.

Isaiah 22:7**ULT**

⁷ And your choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen took position at the gate.

UST

⁷ Our beautiful valleys will be filled with our enemies' chariots, and the men who drive the chariots will stand outside our city gates.

What will happen in Judah's choicest valleys?

Their valleys will be full of chariots.

Isaiah 22:8**ULT**

⁸ And he took away the protection of Judah. And you looked on that day to the weapons of the House of the Forest.

UST

⁸ God will cause the walls that protect the cities in Judah to fall down. You people of Jerusalem will run to get the weapons that are stored in the building called "the Hall of the Forest."

What did God do with the protection of Jerusalem?

He took away their protection

Isaiah 22:9**ULT**

⁹ And the breaches of the city of David, you saw that they increased, and you collected the water of the lower pool.

UST

⁹ You will see that there are many breaks in the walls of Jerusalem. You will store water in the lower pool in the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And you counted the houses of Jerusalem, and you tore down the houses to fortify the wall.

UST

¹⁰ You will inspect the houses in Jerusalem, and some of them you will tear down to use the stones to repair the city wall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:11**ULT**

¹¹ And you made a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool, but you did not look to its maker, and its designer from long ago you did not see.

UST

¹¹ Between the walls of the city you will build a reservoir to store water from the old pool. But you will never request help from the one who made the city; you have never depended on Yahweh, who planned this city long ago.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:12**ULT**

¹² And the Lord Yahweh of hosts called on that day for weeping and for mourning and for shaved heads and for the wearing of sackcloth.

UST

¹² Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, told you to weep and mourn; he told you to shave your heads and to wear rough sackcloth to show that you were sorry for the sins that you had committed.

What did Yahweh of Hosts call for on that day?

He called for weeping and mourning, for shaved heads and the wearing of sackcloth.

What did the people do instead of weeping and mourning? (vv12-13)

The people celebrated and were glad. They killed cattle and sheep, eating meat and drinking wine.

Isaiah 22:13**ULT**

¹³ But, behold: celebration and gladness, killing cattle and slaughtering sheep, eating meat and drinking wine: "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we will die."

UST

¹³ But instead of doing that, you were happy and celebrated; you slaughtered cattle and sheep in order to cook their meat and eat it and drink wine. You said, "Let us eat and drink all that we want to, because it is possible that we will die tomorrow!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And it was revealed in my ears {by} Yahweh of hosts: "Surely this iniquity will not be forgiven you, even when you die," says the Lord Yahweh of hosts.

UST

¹⁴ So Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, revealed this to me: "I will never forgive my people for sinning like this!"

Will the Lord forgive the people for their response?

The Lord will not forgive them even when they die.

Isaiah 22:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Thus says the Lord Yahweh of hosts, "You, go to this administrator to Shebna, who {is} over the house,

UST

¹⁵ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, said this to me: "Go to Shebna, the official who supervises the workers in the palace, and give this message to him:

What did Shebna, the administrator, do for himself? (vv15-16)

Shebna had a grave hewn for himself in the rock as a resting place.

Isaiah 22:16**ULT**

¹⁶ 'Why {are} you here and who let you here that you are digging for yourself here a tomb, digging his grave {on the} heights, carving out a resting place for himself in the rock?'"

UST

¹⁶ 'Who do you think you are? Who gave you the authority to build a beautiful tomb where you will be buried, chiseling it out of the rocky cliff high above this valley?'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Behold, Yahweh is about to throw you {mighty} man, about to throw you down; and he will grasp you tightly.

UST

¹⁷ You think that you are a great man, but Yahweh is about to hurl you away. It will be as though he had seized you,

What did Yahweh say he would do to Shebna? (vv17-19)

Yahweh said he would throw Shebna down, and remove him from his office and station.

Isaiah 22:18**ULT**

¹⁸ He will surely wind you round and round, toss like a ball into a country broad {on} both sides. There you will die, and there the chariots of your glory {will be} the shame of the house of your master.

UST

¹⁸ rolled you into a ball, and throw you away in a large distant land. You will die and be buried there, and your beautiful chariots will stay there in the hands of your enemies. And because of what happens to you, your master, the king, will be very ashamed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And I shall thrust you from your office and from your station you will be pulled down.

UST

¹⁹ Yahweh says, "I will force you to quit working in the palace; you will be forced out from your important position.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:20**ULT**

²⁰ And it will happen on that day that I shall call my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.

UST

²⁰ Then I will summon Hilkiyah's son Eliakim, who has served me well, to replace you.

Who was to take Shebna's place of authority? (vv20-21)

Eliakim, the son of Hilkiyah was to take Shebna's place of authority.

Isaiah 22:21**ULT**

²¹ And I shall clothe him {with} your tunic and fasten him {with} your sash and give your authority into his hand. And he will be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah.

UST

²¹ I will make him wear your robe and fasten your sash around him, and I will give to him the authority that you had. He will be like a father to the people of Jerusalem and all the other towns in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:22**ULT**

²² And I shall place the key {to} the house of David on his shoulder, and he will open, and none will shut, and he will shut, and none will open,

UST

²² I will give to him authority over what happens in the palace where King David lived; when he decides something, no one will be able to oppose it; when he refuses to do something, no one will be able to force him to do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:23**ULT**

²³ and I shall fasten him, a peg in a secure place, and he will become a seat of glory for the house of his father.

UST

²³ I will cause his family to be greatly respected, because I will put him firmly in his position as supervisor of the workers in the palace, like a nail that is firmly hammered into a wall.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:24**ULT**

²⁴ And they will hang on him all the glory of the house of his father, the offspring and descendants, every small vessel from the vessels of the cups and to all the vessels of the jugs.

UST

²⁴ Others will enable him to have much responsibility, with the result that all the members of his family, even the most insignificant ones, will be honored.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 22:25**ULT**

²⁵ On that day—the declaration of Yahweh of hosts—the peg driven in a firm place will give way and break off and fall, and the weight that {was} on it will be cut off—for Yahweh has spoken.

UST

²⁵ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, also says, “Shebna is like a peg that is firmly fastened to the wall. But there will be a time when I will remove him from his position; he will lose his power, and everything that he promoted will fail.” That will surely happen because Yahweh has said it.

On that day what will happen to the peg driven into a firm place?

The peg driven in a firm place will give way, break off and fall and the weight that was on it will be cut off.

Isaiah 23

Isaiah 23:1

ULT

¹ An oracle for Tyre: Howl, you ships of Tarshish, for it is destroyed, without home, without harbor. From the land of Cyprus it has been revealed to them.

UST

¹ I, Isaiah, received this message from Yahweh for you, the people in the city of Tyre: You sailors on ships from Tarshish, weep, because the harbor of Tyre and all the houses in the city have been destroyed. The reports that you heard in the Island of Cyprus about Tyre are true.

About whom was the declaration in chapter 23 spoken?

The declaration in chapter 23 was about Tyre.

Why should the ships of Tarshish howl?

They should howl because they have neither home nor harbor.

Isaiah 23:2

ULT

² Be silent, you inhabitants of the coast; the merchant of Sidon, who travels over the sea, has filled you.

UST

² You people who live along the coast, you merchants of the city of Sidon, mourn silently. Your sailors went across the seas to make you rich, there in Tyre.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:3

ULT

³ And on the great waters {was} the grain of Shihor; the harvest of the Nile {was} her produce, and it became the commerce of the nations.

UST

³ They sailed across deep seas to buy grain in Egypt, grain from the Valley of Shihor. This wealth came down the Nile River, and you, Tyre, were the place where the people of all nations traded.

What was the city of Tyre?

Tyre was the marketplace of nations.

Isaiah 23:4**ULT**

⁴ Be ashamed, Sidon; for the sea has spoken, the mighty one of the sea, saying, "I have not labored and I have not given birth, and I have not raised young men {nor} brought up young women."

UST

⁴ But now you people in Sidon should be ashamed, because you trusted in Tyre, which has been a strong fortress on an island in the sea. Tyre is like a woman who is saying, "Now it is as though I have not given birth to any children, or raised any sons or daughters."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:5**ULT**

⁵ When the report {comes} to Egypt, they will be grieved concerning the report of Tyre.

UST

⁵ When the people of Egypt hear what has happened to Tyre, they will grieve very much.

What will Egypt do when they hear the report concerning Tyre?

Egypt will grieve when they hear the report about Tyre.

Isaiah 23:6**ULT**

⁶ Cross over to Tarshish; wail, you inhabitants of the coast.

UST

⁶ Sail to Tarshish and tell them what happened; weep, you people who live along the coast.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:7**ULT**

⁷ Is this your joyful one, whose origin {is} from ancient times, whose feet carried her far away to settle?

UST

⁷ The people in the very old city of Tyre were previously joyful. Traders from Tyre established colonies in many distant nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:8**ULT**

⁸ Who has planned this against Tyre, the giver of crowns, whose merchants {are} princes, whose traders {are} the honored ones of the earth?

UST

⁸ People from Tyre appointed kings over other places; their traders were wealthy; they were as powerful and wealthy as kings. Who caused the people of Tyre to experience this disaster?

Who planned this against Tyre? (vv8-9)

The Lord of Hosts planned this against Tyre.

Isaiah 23:9**ULT**

⁹ Yahweh of hosts has planned it to dishonor the pride of all the glory, to shame all the honored ones of the earth.

UST

⁹ It was Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, who did it; he did it in order to cause you people in Tyre to not be proud anymore, to humiliate you men who are honored all over the world.

Why has the Lord of Hosts planned this against Tyre?

He has planned this to dishonor her pride and all her glory, to shame all her honored ones of the earth.

Isaiah 23:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Cross over your land like the Nile, you daughter of Tarshish. {There is} no restraint anymore.

UST

¹⁰ You people of Tarshish, you must grow crops in your land instead of trading; spread out over your land like the Nile River spreads over the land of Egypt when it floods, because there is no harbor in Tyre for your ships now.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:11**ULT**

¹¹ He has reached out his hand over the sea; he has shaken the kingdoms. Yahweh has commanded to Canaan to destroy its strongholds.

UST

¹¹ It is as though Yahweh stretched out his hand over the sea and shook the kingdoms of the earth. He commanded that in Phoenicia all its fortresses must be destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:12**ULT**

¹² And he said, "You will not continue to rejoice again, you oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon; arise, pass over {to} Cyprus; there also you will not have rest."

UST

¹² He said to the people of Sidon, "You will never rejoice again, because you will be crushed; even if you flee to the island of Cyprus, you will not escape from troubles; you will have no peace."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:13**ULT**

¹³ Behold, the land of the Chaldeans. This people is naught. The Assyrians have established it for wild animals. They erected their siege towers; they demolished its palaces; they made it ruins.

UST

¹³ Think about what happened in Babylonia: the people who were in that land have disappeared. The armies of Assyria have caused that land to become a place where wild animals from the desert live. They built dirt ramps to the top of the walls of the city of Babylon; then they entered the city and tore down the palaces and caused the city to become a heap of rubble.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Howl, you ships of Tarshish; for your refuge has been destroyed.

UST

¹⁴ So wail, you sailors on the ships of Tarshish, because the harbor in Tyre where your ships stop is destroyed!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And it will happen on that day that Tyre will be forgotten 70 years, like the days of one king. After the end of 70 years it will happen in Tyre like {in} the song of the prostitute:

UST

¹⁵ For seventy years, which is as long as kings usually live, people will forget about Tyre. But then it will be rebuilt. What will happen there will be like what happened to a prostitute in this song:

How long will Tyre be forgotten?

In that day, Tyre will be forgotten for seventy years.

Isaiah 23:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Take a harp, go about the city, you forgotten prostitute; play well, multiply song, so that you may be remembered.

UST

¹⁶ You harlot, whom people had forgotten, play your harp well, and sing many songs, in order that people will remember you again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 23:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And it will happen, from the end of 70 years, Yahweh will visit Tyre, and she will return to her wages and to her prostitution of all the kingdoms of the earth on the face of the ground.

UST

¹⁷ It is true that after seventy years Yahweh will restore Tyre. Their merchants will again earn a lot of money by buying things from and selling things to many other nations.

What will happen to Tyre after being forgotten for seventy years?

Yahweh will help Tyre, and she will return to her hire and prostitute herself with all the kingdoms on earth.

Isaiah 23:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And her profits and earnings will be set apart to Yahweh. They will not be stored up or kept in the treasury, for her profits will be given to those who live in Yahweh's presence and will be used to supply them with abundant food and so they can have the best quality clothing.

UST

¹⁸ But their profits will be given to Yahweh. The merchants will not hoard their money; instead, they will give it to Yahweh's people, for they will live in his presence, in order that they can buy food and nice clothes.

What will happen to the Tyre's profits and earnings?

Her profits and earnings will be reserved for Yahweh.

What will happen to Tyre's merchandise?

It will be for those who live in Yahweh's presence, for them to eat and have lasting clothing.

Isaiah 24

Isaiah 24:1

ULT

¹ Behold, Yahweh is about to empty the earth and devastate it and desecrate its face and scatter its inhabitants.

UST

¹ Some day Yahweh is going to destroy the earth. He will devastate it and cause it to become a desert, and he will scatter its people.

What is Yahweh about to do?

He is about to empty the earth, to devastate it, mar its surface and scatter its inhabitants.

Isaiah 24:2

ULT

² And it will happen, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the lender of it.

UST

² He will scatter everyone: priests and common people, servants and their masters, maids and their mistresses, buyers and sellers, lenders and borrowers, people who owe money and people who are owed money.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:3

ULT

³ The earth will be completely devastated and completely stripped, for Yahweh has spoken this word.

UST

³ Nothing that is worth anything will be left on earth; everything valuable will be destroyed. That will surely happen because Yahweh has said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:4**ULT**

⁴ The earth dries up, is withered, the world shrivels up, is withered, the heights of the people of earth waste away.

UST

⁴ Everything on the earth will dry up and die; its important people will become weak and unimportant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:5**ULT**

⁵ And the earth is polluted under its inhabitants because they have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant.

UST

⁵ The earth has become unacceptable to Yahweh because the people who live on it have disobeyed his laws; they have rejected the covenant that he intends to last forever.

How has the earth been polluted by its inhabitants?

The earth has been polluted because its inhabitants have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant.

Isaiah 24:6**ULT**

⁶ Therefore a curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants are found guilty. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth burn up, and few people {are} left.

UST

⁶ Therefore, Yahweh will curse the earth; the people who live on it must be punished because of the sins that they have committed. They will be destroyed by fire, and only a few people will remain alive.

What happens to the inhabitants of the earth?

They will burn up and few people will be left.

Isaiah 24:7**ULT**

⁷ The new wine dries up, the vine withers, all the merry-hearted groan.

UST

⁷ The grapevines will wither, and there will be no grapes to make wine. All the people who were previously happy will now groan and mourn.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:8**ULT**

⁸ The joy of the tambourines stops, the revelry of celebrators ceases, the joy of the lyre stops.

UST

⁸ People will no longer play cheerful songs with tambourines, people will no longer play joyfully on their harps, and people will no longer shout noisily during their celebrations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:9**ULT**

⁹ Not with song do they drink wine; strong drink is bitter to its drinkers.

UST

⁹ People will no longer sing while they drink wine, and all their alcoholic drinks will taste bitter.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:10**ULT**

¹⁰ The city of chaos has been broken down; every house is closed up from entering.

UST

¹⁰ Towns and cities will be desolate; every house will be locked to prevent thieves from entering, for no one will live in them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:11**ULT**

¹¹ {There is} a crying in the streets because of the wine; all joy is darkened; the gladness of the land has disappeared.

UST

¹¹ Mobs will gather in the streets, wanting wine; no one on the earth will be happy anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:12**ULT**

¹² In the city is left a desolation, and the gate is broken into a ruin.

UST

¹² Cities will be ruined, and all their gates will be battered into pieces.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:13**ULT**

¹³ For thus {it} will be in the midst of the earth among the nations, as when an olive tree is beaten, as the gleanings when the grape harvest is done.

UST

¹³ It will be like that all over the earth: there will only be a few people still alive, like what happens when workers beat all the olives off a tree and there are only a few left, or when they harvest the grapes and there are only a few left on the vines.

What image does Isaiah use to show how it will be at that time on the whole earth among the nations?

He compares conditions on the earth at that time to how it is when an olive tree is beaten or as the gleanings when the grape harvest is done.

Isaiah 24:14**ULT**

¹⁴ They will lift up their voices, sing for joy, in the majesty of Yahweh joyfully shout from the sea.

UST

¹⁴ Those in the west will sing with great happiness; they will declare that Yahweh is very great.

In the midst of all this calamity what will “they” do?

They will lift up their voices and shout the majesty of Yahweh and will joyfully shout from the sea.

Isaiah 24:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Therefore, in the east glorify Yahweh, in the isles of the sea, the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST

¹⁵ Those in the east of Israel will also praise Yahweh; those along the coastlines of the sea will praise Yahweh, the God the people Israel worship.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:16**ULT**

¹⁶ From the edge of the earth we have heard songs: “Glory to the righteous one!” And I said, “I waste away, I waste away, woe to me! The treacherous have dealt treacherously; with treachery the treacherous have dealt treacherously.”

UST

¹⁶ We will hear people in the most distant places on the earth singing praise to Yahweh, the truly righteous one. But now, I am very sad. Weep for me, because I have become thin and weak. Terrible things are happening! Treacherous people still betray others everywhere.

What is Isaiah’s response to the shouting and calls to glorify Yahweh, the God of Israel?

Isaiah responds by saying, “I have wasted away, I have wasted away, woe is me! The treacherous have dealt treacherously; yes, the treacherous have dealt very treacherously.”

Isaiah 24:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Terror and the pit and the snare {are} upon you, inhabitants of the earth.

UST

¹⁷ You people all over the earth, you will be terrified, and you will fall into deep pits and traps.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And he who flees from the sound of terror will fall into the pit, and he who comes up from the middle of the pit will be caught in the snare. For the windows of the heavens will be opened, and the foundations of the earth will shake.

UST

¹⁸ Those who try to flee because they are terrified will fall into deep pits, and those who climb out of the pits will be caught by traps. The sky will split open and torrents of rain will fall; the foundations of the earth will shake.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:19**ULT**

¹⁹ The earth will be utterly shattered, the earth will be completely broken; the earth will be violently shaken.

UST

¹⁹ The earth will split apart and be shattered; it will shake violently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:20**ULT**

²⁰ The earth will violently stagger like a drunkard, and it will sway back and forth like a hut. And its sin will be heavy on it and it will fall and never rise again.

UST

²⁰ It will be as though the earth will stagger like a drunk; it will shake like a hammock in a windstorm. It will collapse and not be able to rise again, because the guilt of the people who rebel against Yahweh is very great.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 24:21**ULT**

²¹ And it will happen on that day, Yahweh will punish the host of the heaven on high, and the kings of the earth on the earth.

UST

²¹ At that time, Yahweh will punish the wicked powerful beings in the skies and the wicked kings on the earth.

On that day who will Yahweh punish?

Yahweh will punish the host of the high ones on high and the kings of the earth on the earth.

Isaiah 24:22**ULT**

²² And they will be gathered together, prisoners in a pit, and they will be shut up in a prison, and after many days they will be punished.

UST

²² They will all be gathered together and thrown into a dungeon. They will be shut in that dungeon, and later they will be punished.

What will be the punishment for the host of the high ones on high and the kings of the earth on the earth?

They will be gathered together, prisoners in a pit and will be shut up in prison and after many days they will be sentenced.

Isaiah 24:23**ULT**

²³ Then the white one will be ashamed, and the hot one disgraced, for Yahweh of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before his elders {is his} glory.

UST

²³ At that time the light of the moon and the sun will be lessened; it will be as though they are ashamed in the presence of Yahweh, because he, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will rule gloriously on Mount Zion, in the presence of all the leaders of his people.

Why will the moon be ashamed and the sun disgraced?

This will be because Yahweh of Hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before his elders in glory.

Isaiah 25

Isaiah 25:1

ULT

¹ Yahweh, you {are} my God, I shall exalt you; I shall praise your name; for you have done wonders planned long ago {in} perfect faithfulness.

UST

¹ Yahweh, you are my God; I will honor you and praise you. You do wonderful things; you said long ago that you would do those things, and now you have done them as you said that you would.

Why did Isaiah exalt and praise Yahweh?

Isaiah exalted and praised Yahweh because Yahweh had done wonderful things, things planned long ago, in perfect faithfulness.

Isaiah 25:2

ULT

² For you have made a town into a heap, a fortified city into a ruin, a fortress of strangers from a town, it will not be built forever.

UST

² Sometimes you have caused cities to become heaps of rubble, cities that had strong walls around them. You have caused palaces in foreign countries to disappear; they will never be rebuilt.

What wonderful things had Yahweh done?

Yahweh made the city a heap, a fortified city a ruin and a fortress of strangers into no city.

Isaiah 25:3

ULT

³ Therefore a strong people will glorify you; a city of ruthless nations will fear you.

UST

³ Therefore, people in powerful nations will declare that you are very great, and people in nations whose leaders show mercy to no one will revere you.

What will be the response after Yahweh makes the city a heap, etc.?

A strong people will glorify Yahweh and a city of ruthless nations will fear him.

Isaiah 25:4**ULT**

⁴ For you have been a fortress for the poor, a fortress for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm, a shade from the heat. For the breath of the ruthless {is} like a storm {against} a wall,

UST

⁴ Yahweh, you are like a strong tower where poor people can find refuge, a place where needy people can go when they are distressed. You are like a place where people can find refuge in a storm and where they can stay in the shade, out of the hot sun. People oppress us and show us no mercy, they are like a storm beating against a wall,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 25:5**ULT**

⁵ like heat in a dry land. You subdued the noise of foreigners, {as} the heat by the shade of a cloud. the song of the ruthless is answered.

UST

⁵ and like the very strong heat in the dry land. But you cause the noisy cries of people from foreign nations to be quiet. Like the air cools when a cloud comes overhead, you stop merciless people from singing songs about how great they are.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 25:6**ULT**

⁶ And Yahweh of hosts will make for all peoples on this mountain a feast of fat things, a feast of choice wines, fat things {full} of marrow, strained wine.

UST

⁶ Here in Jerusalem Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will prepare a wonderful feast for all the people of the world. It will be a banquet with plenty of good meat and fine well-aged wine.

What will Yahweh do for and to all peoples on that mountain? (vv6-7)

He will make a feast of fat things for all peoples and he will destroy the coverings of all peoples, the web woven over all nations.

Isaiah 25:7**ULT**

⁷ And he will consume on this mountain the face of the veil covering over all peoples and the web woven over all the nations;

UST

⁷ People here are sad; they are so sad that it is like a dark cloud that hangs over them, like they experience when someone dies. But Yahweh will enable them to quit being sad.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 25:8**ULT**

⁸ he will swallow up death forever. And the Lord Yahweh will wipe away tears from off all faces. And the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for Yahweh has spoken.

UST

⁸ He will get rid of death forever! Yahweh our God will cause people to no longer mourn because someone has died. And he will stop other people insulting and making fun of his land and us his people. That will surely happen because Yahweh has said it!

What will Yahweh swallow up, wipe away and take away from his people?

He will swallow up death, wipe away tears from all faces and he will take away the disgrace of His people.

Isaiah 25:9**ULT**

⁹ And it will be said on that day, "Behold, this {is} our God; we have hoped in him, and he saved us. This {is} Yahweh; we have hoped in him, we shall be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

UST

⁹ At that time, people will proclaim, "Yahweh is our God! We trusted in him, and he has rescued us! Yahweh, in whom we trusted, has done it; we should rejoice because he has saved us!"

What will be said on that day?

This will be said: "Look, this is our God: we have waited for him and he will save us. This is Yahweh; we have waited for him. We will be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Isaiah 25:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For on this mountain the hand of Yahweh will rest; and Moab will be trampled down in his place, as straw is trampled down in a dunghill.

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh will protect and bless Jerusalem. But he will crush the people in the land of Moab; they will be like straw that is trampled in the manure and left to rot.

What is Moab's fate likened to?

Moab's fate is compared to straw that is trampled down in a pit filled with manure.

Isaiah 25:11**ULT**

¹¹ And it will spread its hands in the midst of it, as the swimmer spreads {his hands} to swim. But he will bring down its pride with the skill of its hands.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh will push down the people of Moab; they will be like a swimmer who pushes down the water with his hands; they will push their hands through the dung but never get out of it. He will cause them to cease being proud, and he will show that all the things that they have done are worthless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 25:12**ULT**

¹² And your high fortress walls he will bring down, bring low, cast to the ground, to the dust.

UST

¹² He will cause armies to tear down the high walls around the cities of Moab; they will fall into pieces and lie in the dust.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26

Isaiah 26:1

ULT

¹ On that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city, he has made salvation {its} walls and ramparts.

UST

¹ Some day, people in Judah will sing this song: "Our city of Jerusalem is strong! Yahweh protects our city; He is like a wall that surrounds it.

In that day where will this song be sung?

This song will be sung in the land of Judah.

How has God made the city strong?

He has made it strong by making salvation its walls and ramparts.

Isaiah 26:2

ULT

² Open the gates, that the righteous nation, keeper of faith, may enter in.

UST

² Open the gates of the city for people who are righteous; allow people who faithfully obey Yahweh to enter the city.

For whom will the gates of the city be opened?

The gates will be opened for the righteous nation that keeps faith.

Isaiah 26:3

ULT

³ The mind supported, you guard {in} peace—peace!— for he trusts in you.

UST

³ Yahweh, those who trust in you, those who are determined to never doubt you, you will enable them to be perfectly peaceful in their inner beings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26:4**ULT**

⁴ Trust in Yahweh forever; for in Yah, Yahweh, {is} an everlasting rock.

UST

⁴ So always trust in Yahweh, because he is forever like a huge rock on top of which we will be safe.

Who should we trust in and for how long should we trust?

We should trust in Yahweh forever.

Isaiah 26:5**ULT**

⁵ For he will bring down the inhabitants on high, the fortified city. He will lay it low, he will lay it low to the ground, he will level it to the dust.

UST

⁵ He humbles proud people and destroys cities whose people are arrogant. He causes those cities to collapse into the dust.

What will happen to those who live proudly; the fortified city? (vv5-6)

Yahweh will lay them low; he will level the fortified city to the dust. It will be trampled down by the feet of the poor and the treading of the needy.

Isaiah 26:6**ULT**

⁶ It will be trampled down {by} foot, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy.

UST

⁶ When that happens, poor and oppressed people will trample on the ruins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26:7**ULT**

⁷ The way for the righteous {is} level, Righteous One; the path of the righteous you flatten.

UST

⁷ But for the righteous people, Yahweh, you do what is right; it is as though you smooth out the paths where they walk.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26:8**ULT**

⁸ Yes, {in} the path of your judgments, Yahweh, we wait {for} you; your name and your reputation {are} the delight of the spirit.

UST

⁸ Yahweh, by obeying your laws we show that we trust you to help us; and what we desire in our inner beings is that you will be honored.

What is the desire of our soul?

The name and memory of Yahweh are the desire of our soul.

Isaiah 26:9**ULT**

⁹ With my soul, I have longed for you in the night; Indeed, my spirit within me seeks you earnestly. For when your judgments {are} on the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

UST

⁹ All during the nights I desire to know you better, and in the mornings I still want to be with you. When you come to judge and punish people who live on the earth they will learn to do what is right.

What happens when judgments come on the earth?

When judgments come the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

Isaiah 26:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Let the wicked be favored; he will not learn righteousness: In the land of uprightness he acts wickedly and does not see the majesty of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁰ But your acting kindly toward wicked people does not cause them to do what is good. Even in places where people do what is right, the wicked people continue to do what is evil, and they do not realize that you, Yahweh, are great.

What will the wicked one do when he is shown favor?

He will not learn righteousness.

Isaiah 26:11**ULT**

¹¹ Yahweh, {when} your hand is lifted up, they do not perceive. Let them see and be ashamed by the zeal for the people, by the fire consuming your adversaries.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh, it is as though your fist was raised up ready to strike them, but they do not realize that. Show them that you are very eager to help your people. If your enemies would realize that, they would be ashamed; make your fire burn them up because they are your enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26:12**ULT**

¹² Yahweh, you will establish peace for us, for you have indeed accomplished all our works for us.

UST

¹² Yahweh, we desire that you will allow things to go well for us; all that we have done is what you have enabled us to do.

What has Yahweh done for Judah and what will he bring about for Judah?

Yahweh has accomplished all our works for us and will bring about peace for Judah.

Isaiah 26:13**ULT**

¹³ Yahweh our God, lords besides you have ruled us; only by you we recognize your name.

UST

¹³ Yahweh, our God, other masters have ruled over us, but you are the only one whom we honor.

What happened to the other lords who ruled over Judah? (vv13-14)

They are dead, they will not live; they are deceased and will not rise. Yahweh came in judgment and destroyed them.

Isaiah 26:14**ULT**

¹⁴ {They are} dead, they will not live; {they are} deceased, they will not arise. Indeed, you visited and destroyed them, and eradicated every memory of them.

UST

¹⁴ Those who ruled us are now gone; they are dead; their spirits have left this earth and they will never live again. You punished those rulers and got rid of them, and people do not even remember them anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26:15**ULT**

¹⁵ You have increased the nation, Yahweh, you have increased the nation; you are honored; you have extended all the borders of the land.

UST

¹⁵ Yahweh, you have enabled our nation to become great; we are more people now, and we have more land, so we thank you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Yahweh, in distress they visited you {with} uttered prayers, your discipline {was} on them.

UST

¹⁶ Yahweh, when we were distressed, we asked you to help us; when you disciplined us, we could barely speak out any prayer to you.

When did Judah look to Yahweh?

They looked to Yahweh when they were in trouble; when Yahweh disciplined them.

Isaiah 26:17**ULT**

¹⁷ As a pregnant {woman} nearing birth writhes {and} cries out in labor pains, so we have been before your face, Yahweh.

UST

¹⁷ Like pregnant women who writhe and cry out when they are giving birth, we suffered very much, too.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26:18**ULT**

¹⁸ We have been pregnant, we have been in labor, as if we have birthed wind. We have not brought salvation to the earth, and the inhabitants of the world have not fallen.

UST

¹⁸ We were pregnant and had severe pain, but nothing good resulted from it. We have not rescued any people or kept their enemies from conquering them, and those in the world who were our enemies did not fall in battle.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 26:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Your dead will live; their corpses will arise. Awake and sing for joy, dwellers of the dust, for your dew {is} the dew of light, and the earth will release the dead.

UST

¹⁹ But Yahweh's people who have died will become alive again, their corpses will become alive! You whose bodies lie in graves, rise and shout joyfully! His light will be like dew that falls on you, his people who have died, you who are now in the place where the dead people are; he will cause you to live again.

Why should the dwellers in the dust awake and sing for joy?

They should awake and sing for joy because the dead, they will live, they will arise.

Isaiah 26:20**ULT**

²⁰ Go, my people, enter into your rooms, and shut your doors behind you; hide a little while, until the fury has passed by.

UST

²⁰ But now, my fellow Israelites, go home and lock your doors! Hide for a short time, until Yahweh is no longer angry.

Why are the people supposed to go into their rooms and shut their doors.

They are to do this so they can hide until the indignation has passed by.

Isaiah 26:21

ULT

²¹ For behold, Yahweh is about to come out of his place to charge the iniquity of the inhabitants of the earth against it, and the earth will uncover her bloodshed, and will no longer cover over her slain.

UST

²¹ Listen to this: Yahweh will come from heaven to punish all the people on the earth for the sins that they have committed. People will be able to see the blood of those who have been murdered; everyone will at last know all the crimes of murder that have been committed.”

What is Yahweh about to do?

He is about to come out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity.

Isaiah 27**Isaiah 27:1****ULT**

¹ On that day Yahweh, with his hard and great and fierce sword, will punish Leviathan the slithering serpent, Leviathan the squirming serpent, and he will kill the monster that {is} in the sea.

UST

¹ At that time, Yahweh will punish Leviathan, the swift-moving monster, that coiling serpent that lives in the sea. Yahweh will kill it with his sharp, huge, and powerful sword.

On that day what will Yahweh do with his sword?

Yahweh will punish Leviathan the serpent, and he will kill the monster that is in the sea.

Isaiah 27:2**ULT**

² On that day, a delightful vineyard, sing of it!

UST

² At that time, Yahweh will say, "You Israelite people, who are like a fruitful vineyard, must sing!

In that day what will Yahweh do with a vineyard of wine? (vv2-3)

He will protect it, water it every moment and guard it day and night.

Isaiah 27:3**ULT**

³ "I, Yahweh, guard it. I water it every moment. lest {anyone} hurts it, night and day I guard it.

UST

³ I will protect you like a farmer waters his crops carefully in order that they will grow well. I will guard you day and night, in order that no one harms you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 27:4**ULT**

⁴ I do not have anger. Oh, if they would give me briars {and} thorns, in battle I would march against them; I would burn them all together.

UST

⁴ I am no longer angry with my people; if any of your enemies try to injure you like briars and thorns injure people, I will attack them in battle; I will get rid of them completely,

What will Yahweh do if the briars and thorns don't grasp his protection and make peace with him? (vv4-5)

Yahweh will march against them and burn them altogether.

Isaiah 27:5**ULT**

⁵ If he takes hold of my protection, he makes peace with me; he makes peace with me.

UST

⁵ unless they request me to protect them; I strongly invite them to make peace with me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 27:6**ULT**

⁶ In the coming {day}, Jacob will take root, Israel will blossom and bud, and they will fill the face of the earth with fruit."

UST

⁶ There will be a time when the descendants of Jacob will prosper like a plant that has good roots; they will be like trees that bud and blossom and bear a lot of fruit; what they do will bless all the people in the world.

What will Jacob and Israel do in the coming day?

Jacob will take root; Israel will blossom and bud; and they will fill the surface of the ground with fruit.

Isaiah 27:7**ULT**

⁷ As the attacking of his attacker, has he attacked? Or, like the slaying of his slain, was he slayed?

UST

⁷ Has Yahweh punished us Israelites like he punished our enemies? Has he punished us as much as he punished them?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 27:8**ULT**

⁸ In a measure, in sending her out, you have contended with her. He released his fierce breath on an east-wind day.

UST

⁸ No, he has not done that, but he did punish us Israelite people and exiled us; we were taken away from our land as though we were struck by a windstorm from the east.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 27:9**ULT**

⁹ So in this the iniquity of Jacob will be covered, for this {will be} all the fruit of the removal of his sin: when he will make all the altar stones as chalk stones, crushed to pieces. No Asherah poles or incense altars will stand.

UST

⁹ Yahweh did that in order to punish us for our sins and remove our guilt. As a result of our being exiled, all the altars to other gods in Israel will be demolished, and we will be forgiven for the sins that we have committed. There will be no more poles for worshiping the goddess Asherah or altars for burning incense to other gods; they will all be torn down and smashed to bits.

What will be the full fruit of Jacob turning away from his sin?

He will make all the altar stones as chalk and pulverized, and no Asherim or incense altars will remain standing.

Isaiah 27:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For the fortified city is desolate, the habitation is deserted and forsaken, like the wilderness. There a calf feeds, and there he lies down and consumes its branches.

UST

¹⁰ The cities that have strong walls around them will be empty; like the desert, they will have no one living in them. The houses will be abandoned, and the streets will be full of weeds. Calves will eat grass there and lie down there; they will chew up all the leaves on the trees.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 27:11**ULT**

¹¹ When its boughs are dry, they will be broken. Women will come, make fires with them, for it is not a people of understanding. Therefore, its Maker will not have compassion on them, and its creator will not be merciful to them.

UST

¹¹ The Israelite people are like dry branches on a tree; women break them off and use them to make fires under their cooking pots. Our Israelite people do not have any sense; so Yahweh, who created them, will not act mercifully toward them or be kind to them.

Why will the Maker of Israel not have compassion on them?

Because they are not a people of understanding Yahweh will not have compassion on them.

Isaiah 27:12**ULT**

¹² And it will happen on that day: Yahweh will thresh from the Euphrates River to the Wadi of Egypt, and you will be gathered, one {by} one, sons of Israel.

UST

¹² However, there will be a time when Yahweh will gather them together again; he will separate them from the people who have conquered them, like people separate wheat from chaff. He will bring them back to Israel, one by one, from the land between the Euphrates River in the northeast and the brook at the border of Egypt in the southwest.

On that day how will the people of Israel be gathered?

They will be gathered one by one.

Isaiah 27:13**ULT**

¹³ And it will happen on that day: a great trumpet will be blown, and the perishing in the land of Assyria will come, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and they will bow down to Yahweh on the holy mountain in Jerusalem.

UST

¹³ At that time, a trumpet will be blown very loudly. And those who were exiled to Assyria and Egypt and who almost died there will return to Jerusalem, to worship Yahweh on Zion, his holy hill.

Who will worship Yahweh on the holy mountain in Jerusalem?

The perishing ones in the land of Assyria and the outcasts in the land of Egypt will worship Yahweh on the holy mountain in Jerusalem.

Isaiah 28

Isaiah 28:1

ULT

¹ Woe, proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim, and the fading flower of its glorious splendor, which {is} on the head of the lush valley of those overcome {with} wine!

UST

¹ Terrible things will happen to the city of Samaria, the capital of Israel! It is on a hill above a fertile valley; the people who live there, who get drunk by drinking too much wine, are very proud; it is a beautiful and glorious city, but some day that beauty will disappear like a flower that wilts and dries up.

How is Ephraim characterized?

Ephraim is characterized as proud and as a drunkard.

What is happening to Ephraim's beauty?

Ephraim's beauty is fading.

Isaiah 28:2

ULT

² Behold, one mighty and strong for my Lord. Like a storm of hail, a destructive windstorm, like a storm of mighty overflowing waters; he brings down to the ground with his hand.

UST

² Listen to this: Yahweh will cause a great army to attack it. Their soldiers will be like a huge hailstorm or a very strong wind; they will be everywhere, like the water of a huge flood, and they will smash to the ground the buildings in Samaria.

To what is the Lord's mighty and strong one compared?

He is compared to a hail storm, a destroying storm, and a cloudburst of might and overwhelming.

What will the Lord's mighty and strong one do?

He will strike the earth with his hand.

Isaiah 28:3**ULT**

³ The proud crown of the drunkards of Ephraim will be trodden by feet.

UST

³ The people of Samaria are proud, but everything that the drunks who live there think is wonderful will be trampled on by their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:4**ULT**

⁴ And the fading flower of his glorious splendor which {is} on the head of the lush valley, will be as the firstfruits before the summer, that when an onlooker sees it, while it is yet in his palm, he swallows it.

UST

⁴ Yes, Samaria is beautiful, set on a hill above a fertile valley, but that beauty will disappear like a flower that wilts and dries up. Whenever someone sees a good fig at the beginning of the season when figs become ripe, he quickly picks and eats it; similarly, when the enemies of Israel see all the beautiful things in Samaria, they will quickly conquer the city and take away all those things.

What will the fading flower of Ephraim's glorious beauty be likened to?

It will be as the first ripe fig before the summer, that, when someone sees it, while it is yet in his hand, he gulps it down.

Isaiah 28:5**ULT**

⁵ On that day Yahweh of hosts will become a crown of splendor and a diadem of beauty for the remainder of his people,

UST

⁵ At that time, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will be like a glorious wreath of flowers for us Israelite people who are still alive after being exiled.

In that day what will Yahweh be for the remainder of his people? (vv5-6)

Yahweh will be a beautiful crown and a diadem of beauty, a spirit of justice for him who sits in judgment, and strength for those who turn back their enemies at their gates.

Isaiah 28:6**ULT**

⁶ and a spirit of justice for him who sits in judgment, and for strength of those who turn back war at the gates.

UST

⁶ He will cause our judges to want to do what is fair when they decide people's cases. He will enable the soldiers who stand at the city gates to strongly defend the city when our enemies attack it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:7**ULT**

⁷ But even these reel with wine and stagger with strong drink. The priest and the prophet reel with strong drink, and they are swallowed up by wine. They stagger with strong drink, staggering in vision, reeling in decision.

UST

⁷ But now, our leaders stagger, and the priests and prophets also stagger because of drinking a lot of wine and other alcoholic drinks. They are not able to think right; they see visions, but they cannot understand what they mean; they are unable to decide things correctly.

Who reels with wine and staggers with strong drink?

The remainder of Yahweh's people, the priest and prophet.

What do the priest and prophet stagger and reel in?

They stagger in vision and reel in decision.

Isaiah 28:8**ULT**

⁸ For, all tables are covered with vomit of excrement, without a {clean} place.

UST

⁸ All their tables are covered with their vomit; filth is everywhere.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:9**ULT**

⁹ To whom will he teach knowledge, and to whom will he explain the message? Those weaned from milk, those taken from the breasts?

UST

⁹ Who will he teach so that they can learn about knowledge? Who will listen to him so that he can teach lessons to them so they can learn? Does he think that we are like little children who no longer drink milk, and that we are like babies who, not long ago, were weaned?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For {it is} precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little.

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¹⁰ He continually tells us, 'Do this, do that,' first he tells us one rule, then another rule, he tells us only one line at a time."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:11**ULT**

¹¹ Indeed, with mocking lips and a strange tongue he will speak to this people,

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¹¹ So now, Yahweh will need to force them to listen to Assyrians speaking to them in a language that they do not understand.

How will Yahweh speak to this people?

He will speak to them with a mocking lips and a foreign tongue.

Isaiah 28:12**ULT**

¹² to which he said, “This {is} the rest—leave it for the weary.” And “this {is} the refreshing”— but they were not willing to listen.

UST

¹² Yahweh told his people long ago, “This is a place where you can rest; you are exhausted from all your travels through the desert, but you will be able to rest in this land.” But they refused to pay attention to what he said.

What happened in the past when Yahweh spoke to them?

They would not listen.

Isaiah 28:13**ULT**

¹³ So the word of Yahweh will be to them precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little. so that they may go and fall backward, and be broken and ensnared and captured.

UST

¹³ So Yahweh continues to tell the people of Samaria, one line at a time, “Do this, do that,” first one rule and then another rule. But because of their ignoring what God said, they will be attacked and defeated; they will be wounded and snared and captured.

Now what will be the result when this people hear the word of Yahweh?

They will go and fall backward and be broken, ensnared and captured.

Isaiah 28:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Therefore, hear the word of Yahweh, men of mocking, rulers of this people, who {are} in Jerusalem.

UST

¹⁴ Listen to the word that Yahweh says, you who rule over the people of Jerusalem, you who mock and make fun of me!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For you have said, "We have cut a covenant {with} death, and with Sheol we have made an agreement. The cascading whip, when it passes through, it will not come to us. For we have made falsehood our refuge, and in lies we shelter."

UST

¹⁵ You boast and say, "We made a promise with death to ensure that the power of death, when it passes over us, it cannot get to us. We tried to turn our lying words into a shelter in which we could hide."

What did the rulers of the people in Jerusalem say?

They said they that they had made a covenant with death and reached an agreement with Sheol that when judgment passes through it wouldn't reach them. They said they had made a lie their refuge and had hidden in falsehood.

Isaiah 28:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Therefore, thus says the Lord Yahweh: See, I shall lay in Zion a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation. He who believes will not be ashamed.

UST

¹⁶ Therefore, Yahweh our Lord says this: "Listen to this! I am going to place in Jerusalem someone who is like a foundation stone, he is like a stone that has been tested to determine if it is solid. He will be like a valuable stone on which it will be safe to build a house; and whoever trusts in him will never be disappointed."

What will the Lord Yahweh lay in Zion?

He will lay a foundation stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation.

What happens if they believe in this foundation stone?

If they believe in this foundation stone they will not be ashamed.

Isaiah 28:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And I shall make justice the measuring stick, and righteousness the plumbline. And hail will sweep away the refuge of falsehood, and the waters will drown the hiding place.

UST

¹⁷ I will test you people of Jerusalem to find out if you will act justly and righteously, I will measure your character like a carpenter uses a plumb line to determine if a wall is straight and level. And then the hail will fall! And it will destroy everything you have. Your shelter will be destroyed because it is built on a foundation of lies, and the water from the storm will wash your shelter away.

What will happen to the refuge of lies and the hiding place?

Hail will sweep away the refuge of lies and the floodwaters will overwhelm the hiding place.

Isaiah 28:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And your covenant {with} death will be dissolved, and your agreement {with} Sheol will not stand. The cascading whip that passes through, you will be overwhelmed by it.

UST

¹⁸ I will cancel the covenant that you made with death, and I will bring to an end the covenant you made with the place where the dead dwell. But when the vast flood comes, it will pour over you; and day after day it will pass over you.

What will happen the covenant with death and the agreement with Sheol that the rulers of the people in Jerusalem have made?

That covenant and agreement will be dissolved and when the raging flood passes through they will be overwhelmed by it.

Isaiah 28:19**ULT**

¹⁹ When it passes through, it will take you, for it will pass through morning by morning, by day and night, and to understand the message will be only terror.

UST

¹⁹ When the flood comes, it will pass through and over you like the river when it overflows its banks and causes flooding everywhere. When you finally understand the message of Yahweh, it will cause you to be terrified, not comforted. For the bed is too short to stretch oneself on, and the covering too narrow to wrap oneself in.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:20**ULT**

²⁰ For the bed {is} too short to stretch out {on}, and the blanket {too} narrow to wrap oneself.

UST

²⁰ You have heard people say, "Your bed is very short; you will not be able to sleep in it; your blankets are very narrow; they will not cover you!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:21**ULT**

²¹ Yahweh will rise up as {on} Mount Perazim; he will rouse himself as in the Valley of Gibeon to do his work, his strange work, and to perform his deed, his strange deed.

UST

²¹ Yahweh will come and cause you to be defeated; he will do to you like he did to the army of Philistia at Mount Perizim, and like he did to the Amorites at Gibeon Valley. What he will do will be very strange and unusual.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:22**ULT**

²² And now, do not mock, lest your bonds be tightened. For I have heard: destruction is decreed from the Lord Yahweh of hosts over all the earth.

UST

²² Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, has told me that he is going to destroy the entire land. So do not ridicule what I say anymore, because if you do that, he will punish you even more severely.

What does Isaiah say will be the consequences for mocking?

He warns them not to mock or their bonds will be tightened.

Isaiah 28:23**ULT**

²³ Give ear and hear my voice; listen closely and hear my words.

UST

²³ Listen to what I say; pay attention carefully.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:24**ULT**

²⁴ Does a farmer plow all day to sow? Does he break up and harrow the ground?

UST

²⁴ When a farmer plows some ground, does he never plant seeds? Does he continue to plow it and never plant anything?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:25**ULT**

²⁵ Does he not level its face, and scatter fennel, and sow the cumin, and put the wheat {in} rows, and the barley in plots, and the spelt at its border?

UST

²⁵ No, he makes the ground very level, and then he plants seeds— caraway seed and cumin and wheat and barley. He plants each kind of seed in the correct manner. He does not plant one kind of seed in the way that is not right for it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:26**ULT**

²⁶ And His God instructs him; he teaches him wisely.

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²⁶ He does that because God has taught him the correct way to do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:27**ULT**

²⁷ For fennel is not threshed with a threshing board, nor is the wheel of a cart rolled over cumin; but fennel is beaten with a stick, and cumin with a rod.

UST

²⁷ Moreover, the caraway seed is not threshed with a sledge, nor is a cartwheel rolled over the cumin; but caraway is beaten with a stick, and the cumin with a rod.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:28**ULT**

²⁸ For bread it must be ground, so the thresher does not thresh it forever, and he runs {it} over {with} the wheels of his cart but his horses do not crush it.

UST

²⁸ And grain for baking bread is crushed easily, so the farmers do not continue to pound it for a long time. They sometimes cause their horses to pull a cart over it to thresh it, but doing that does not grind the grain.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 28:29**ULT**

²⁹ This too comes from Yahweh of hosts, wonderful {in} counsel, his wisdom great.

UST

²⁹ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, gives us wonderful advice about how to do things; he gives us great wisdom. So what the farmers do is very smart, but what your leaders are doing is very stupid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29

Isaiah 29:1

ULT

¹ Woe, Ariel, Ariel, the city {where} David encamped! Add year to year; let the festivals come round.

UST

¹ This is a message from Yahweh: Terrible things will happen to Jerusalem, the city where King David lived. You people continue to celebrate your festivals each year.

What is Ariel?

Ariel is the city where David encamped.

Isaiah 29:2

ULT

² And I shall cause distress to Ariel, and she will be mourning and lamenting; and she will be to me like Ariel.

UST

² But I will cause you to experience a great disaster, and when that happens, people will weep and lament very much. Your city will become like an altar to me where people are burned as sacrifices.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:3

ULT

³ And I shall encamp against you in a circle and lay siege against you {with} siege-works, and raise against you fortresses.

UST

³ I will cause your enemies to come and camp all around your city; they will surround it by building towers and putting in place other things with which to attack you.

What will Yahweh do to Ariel? (vv3-4)

He will besiege Ariel and she will be brought down.

Isaiah 29:4**ULT**

⁴ And you will be brought down and will speak from the ground; your speech will be low from the dust, and your voice will be like {that of} a spirit from the ground, and out of the dust your speech will whisper.

UST

⁴ Then you will talk as though you were buried deep in the ground; it will sound like someone whispering from under the ground, like a ghost speaking from a grave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:5**ULT**

⁵ And the horde of your strangers will be like fine dust, and the horde of the oppressors as chaff passing through. And it will happen suddenly, in an instant.

UST

⁵ But suddenly your enemies will be blown away like dust; their armies will disappear like chaff that is blown away by the wind. It will happen very suddenly:

How long will it take for Ariel to be brought down?

It will happen suddenly, in an instant.

Isaiah 29:6**ULT**

⁶ She will be visited by Yahweh of hosts with thunder and with earthquake and a great noise, a storm and a tempest and the flames of a devouring fire.

UST

⁶ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will come to help you with thunder and an earthquake and a very loud noise, with a strong wind and a big storm and a fire that will burn up everything.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:7**ULT**

⁷ And it will be like a dream, a vision of the night: A horde of all the nations will come out against Ariel and all her assembly and her stronghold, and they will press upon her.

UST

⁷ Then the armies of all the nations that will be attacking Jerusalem will quickly disappear like a dream in the night. Those who will be attacking Jerusalem will suddenly vanish.

Who will fight against Ariel and her stronghold?

A horde of all the nations will fight against Ariel.

Isaiah 29:8**ULT**

⁸ And it will be like a hungry dreamer; and behold: he is eating, but he awakes, and his stomach {is} empty. Or, like a thirsty dreamer; and behold: he is drinking, but he awakes, and behold: {he is} fainting and his thirst active. So will be the throng of all the nations coming out against Mount Zion.

UST

⁸ People who are asleep dream about eating food, but when they wake up, they are still hungry. People who are thirsty dream about drinking something, but when they wake up they are still thirsty. It will be like that when your enemies come to attack Mount Zion; they will dream about conquering you, but when they wake up, they will realize that they have not succeeded.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:9**ULT**

⁹ Astonish yourselves and be astonished; blind yourselves and be blind! Be drunk, but not {with} wine; stagger, but not {with} strong drink.

UST

⁹ You people of Jerusalem, be amazed and surprised about this! Do not believe what I have said! And continue to be blind about what Yahweh is doing. You are stupid, but it is not because you have drunk a lot of wine. You stagger, but not from drinking alcoholic drinks.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For Yahweh has poured out on you the spirit of deep sleep and has closed your eyes, the prophets, and has covered your heads, the seers.

UST

¹⁰ Because Yahweh has prevented the prophets from understanding and telling you his messages, it is as though he had made you go fast asleep.

What has Yahweh poured out on Ariel?

He has poured on them the spirit of deep sleep.

What does this pouring out of the spirit of deep sleep do to them?

It has closed the prophets and covered the seers.

Isaiah 29:11**ULT**

¹¹ And all revelation has become to you as the words of a sealed book, that which {one} might give to one who is book-learned, saying, "Please read this." And he says, "I am not able, for it {is} sealed,"

UST

¹¹ Yahweh gave me visions; but for you, they are only words on a scroll that is sealed shut. If you give it to those who can read and request they read it, they will say, "We cannot read it because the scroll is sealed."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:12**ULT**

¹² or {if} the book is given to {one} who {is} not book-learned, saying, "Please read this," and he says, "I am not book-learned."

UST

¹² When you give it to others who cannot read, they will say, "We cannot read it because we do not know how to read."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:13**ULT**

¹³ And the Lord said, "Because this people comes close with its mouths and honors me with its lips, but its heart {is} far from me, and their fear for me is a commandment of men {that} has been taught!

UST

¹³ So the Lord says, "These people pretend to worship me. They say good things to pretend to honor me, but they do not think about what I desire. When they worship me, all they do is recite rules that people have made and that they have memorized.

What is the Lord's complaint against this people?

The Lord said, "This people draws near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Their honoring me is a commandment taught by men."

Isaiah 29:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Therefore, behold, I shall continue to do wonders {with} this people, making wonders and wonders. And the wisdom of its wise will perish, and the understanding of its discerning will hide itself."

UST

¹⁴ Therefore, again I will do something to amaze these people; I will perform many miracles. And I will show that the people who tell others that they are wise are not really wise, and I will show that the people who tell others that they are intelligent are not really intelligent.

Since their hearts are far from the Lord and they don't honor him, what will the Lord do to them?

He will cause the wisdom of the wise men to perish and the understanding of the prudent men to disappear.

Isaiah 29:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Woe, those burying deeply to hide a plan from Yahweh, and in darkness are their deeds, and they say, "Who sees us, and who knows us?"

UST

¹⁵ Terrible things will happen to those who try to conceal from me, Yahweh, the evil things that they plan to do; they do those deeds in the darkness and they think, 'Yahweh certainly cannot see us; he cannot know what we are doing!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:16**ULT**

¹⁶ You reverse {things}! Should the potter be considered like clay, so the made should say of its maker, "He did not make me," or the created say of its creator, "He does not understand"?

UST

¹⁶ They are extremely foolish! They act as though they were the potters and I were the clay! Something that was created should certainly never say to the one who made it, 'You did not make me!' A jar should never say, 'The potter who made me did not know what he was doing!'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Is {it} not {in} just a very little {time} that Lebanon will be turned into a field, and the field will be considered a forest?

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¹⁷ Soon the forests in Lebanon will become fertile fields, and abundant crops will grow in those fields, and that will happen very soon.

What is going to happen to Lebanon in just a little while?

Lebanon will be turned into a field and the field will become a forest.

Isaiah 29:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And on that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and from the deep and from the darkness, the eyes of the blind will see.

UST

¹⁸ At that time, deaf people will be able to hear; they will be able to hear when someone reads from a book; and blind people will be able to see; they will be able to see things when it is gloomy and even when it is dark.

On that day what will the deaf and blind do?

The deaf will hear the words of a book and the eyes of the blind will see out of deep darkness.

Isaiah 29:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And the poor will again be glad in Yahweh, and the needy of mankind will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

UST

¹⁹ Yahweh will enable humble people to be very joyful again. Poor people will rejoice about what the Holy One of Israel has done.

What will the oppressed and the poor among men do?

They will rejoice in Yahweh the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 29:20**ULT**

²⁰ For the ruthless will cease, and the scoffer will vanish, and all those lying in wait for evil will be cut down,

UST

²⁰ There will be no more people who ridicule others and no more arrogant people. And those who plan to do evil things will be executed.

What will happen to those who love to do evil?

They will be eliminated.

Isaiah 29:21**ULT**

²¹ who make a man guilty with a word and lay a trap for the judge at the gate and turn away the righteous with emptiness.

UST

²¹ Those who testify falsely in order to persuade judges to punish innocent people will vanish. Similar things will happen to those who by lying in court persuade the judges to make unjust decisions.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:22**ULT**

²² Therefore, thus says Yahweh—who redeemed Abraham—to the house of Jacob: “Now Jacob will not be ashamed, and now his face will not be pale.

UST

²² That is why Yahweh, who rescued Abraham, says about the people of Israel, “My people will no longer be ashamed; no longer will they show on their faces that they are ashamed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 29:23**ULT**

²³ But when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name, and they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and the God of Israel they will fear.

UST

²³ When they see that I have blessed them by giving them many children, and all that I have done for them, they will honor the holy name of the Holy One of Israel, and they will revere me, the God to whom they, the descendants of Jacob, belong.

When will the house of Jacob honor Yahweh’s name?

They will honor Yahweh’s name when he sees his children in his midst, the work of Yahweh’s hands.

Isaiah 29:24**ULT**

²⁴ And those erring {in} spirit will know understanding, and complainers will learn knowledge.”

UST

²⁴ When that happens, those who are not able to think well will think clearly, and those who complain about what I am doing will accept what I am teaching them.”

What will happen to complainers and those who err in spirit?

The complainers will learn Knowledge and those who err in spirit will gain understanding.

Isaiah 30

Isaiah 30:1

ULT

¹ “Woe, rebellious children” —the declaration of Yahweh “Making plans, but not mine, and pouring out libations, but not {by} my Spirit, so adding sin upon sin.

UST

¹ Yahweh says, “Terrible things will happen to you, my people who rebel against me. You make plans, but what you plan is not what I want. You have made an alliance with the rulers of Egypt, but you did not ask my Spirit if that was what you should do. By doing that, you have increased the number of your sins.

What did Yahweh say the rebellious children do?

He said they make plans but not from him and make webs but not by his spirit, that they may add sin to sin.

Isaiah 30:2

ULT

² Those going down {into} Egypt, —but my mouth have not asked— to have strength in the fortress of Pharaoh and to refuge in the shadow of Egypt.

UST

² You went to Egypt to ask their rulers for help, without asking for my advice. You have trusted in the army of the king of Egypt to protect you; you have trusted in them like people sit in the shade to protect themselves from the sun.

Who do the rebellious children seek to protect them?

They seek protection from Pharaoh and take refuge in the shadow of Egypt.

Isaiah 30:3

ULT

³ But the fortress of Pharaoh will be for you shame, and the refuge in the shade of Egypt, for humiliation.

UST

³ But the result of your trusting in the king of Egypt is that you will be disappointed and disgraced; because you trust in him, you will be humiliated.

What will Pharaoh’s protection and Egypt’s shade be to the rebellious children?

Pharaoh’s protection will be their shame and Egypt’s shade will be their humiliation.

Isaiah 30:4**ULT**

⁴ Though its princes are at Zoan, and their messengers have reached Hanes,

UST

⁴ Officials from Judah have gone to the cities of Zoan and Hanes in Egypt to make treaties,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:5**ULT**

⁵ all will be ashamed because of a people not benefiting them: not help and not aid, but a shame, and even a disgrace.”

UST

⁵ but all those who trust in the king of Egypt will be humiliated, because that nation will not be able to help you; the treaty that you have made requesting help from them will be useless; instead, the result will be that you will be humiliated and disgraced.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:6**ULT**

⁶ An oracle for the beasts of the Negev: Through the land of trouble and danger —from {it} are the lioness and the lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent— they carry their riches on the shoulders of donkeys and their treasures on the humps of camels to a people not benefiting {them},

UST

⁶ Isaiah received from Yahweh this message about the animals in the southern part of Judah, the desert part: That area is one where people experience a lot of troubles and difficulties, an area where there are male and female lions and various kinds of poisonous snakes. Caravans go through that area taking donkeys and camels loaded with valuable goods. They are taking them to Egypt because they hope that the army of Egypt will protect them, but it will be useless.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:7**ULT**

⁷ for Egypt helps {in} emptiness and uselessness. Therefore, I have called her: Rahab the Do-Nothing.

UST

⁷ The promises made by the king of Egypt are worthless; therefore I call Egypt 'Useless Rahab, the sea monster that does nothing.'

How valuable is Egypt's help to the rebellious children?

Egypt's help is worthless.

Isaiah 30:8**ULT**

⁸ Now go, write it on a tablet before them and on a scroll inscribe it, that it may be for the time to come as a testimony until forever.

UST

⁸ Yahweh told me to write on a scroll a message, in order that it would be a witness to the people of Judah that would endure forever.

Why does Yahweh want Isaiah to write it in their presence on a tablet, and inscribe it on a scroll?

Yahweh wants it to be preserved for the time to come as a testimony.

Isaiah 30:9**ULT**

⁹ For it {is} a rebellious people, false sons, sons not willing to hear the law of Yahweh,

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⁹ It would remind them that they are deceitful and always rebelling against Yahweh, and that they refuse to pay attention to what he tells them.

What do the rebellious people not hear?

They will not hear the instruction of Yahweh.

Isaiah 30:10**ULT**

¹⁰ who say to the seers, "Do not see," and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy the truth to us! Speak flattery to us; prophesy illusions.

UST

¹⁰ They tell the people who see visions from Yahweh, "Stop seeing visions!" They tell the prophets, "Do not reveal to us what is right! Tell us pleasant things; do not tell us visions about things that are true!

What do the rebellious children want to hear?

They want to hear smooth things and deceptive prophecies.

Isaiah 30:11**ULT**

¹¹ Turn aside from the way, stray from the path; cease {speaking of} before our faces the Holy One of Israel."

UST

¹¹ Stop doing what you have been doing; stop telling us what the Holy One of Israel says to us!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:12**ULT**

¹² Therefore, thus says the Holy One of Israel: "Because you reject this word and trust in oppression and corruption and lean on it,

UST

¹² Therefore, this is what the Holy One of Israel says: "You have rejected my message, and you are relying on those who oppress and deceive others.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:13**ULT**

¹³ so this sin will be to you like a crack falling, a bulge in a high wall whose breach comes suddenly, in an instant.

UST

¹³ Therefore, the result of your sin of rejecting me will be that you will suddenly experience disasters; what will happen to you will be like a cracked wall that suddenly collapses on you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And whose breaking {is} like the breaking of the vessel of a potter, shattered {with} no pity, so no shard is found among its fragments to scrape fire from the hearth, or to draw water out of the cistern."

UST

¹⁴ You will be smashed like a clay jar is smashed when it is dropped and shatters completely, with the result that there is not one piece big enough to sweep out cinders from a stove or to carry a little bit of water from a well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For thus says the Lord Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and resting you will be saved; in quietness and in confidence will be your strength. But you were not willing.

UST

¹⁵ Yahweh, our God, the Holy One of Israel, also says this: "I will rescue you from your enemies only if you repent and trust in what I will do for you; you will be strong only if you quit worrying and trust in me. But you do not want to do that.

How does Yahweh say the rebellious children can be strong and be saved?

Yahweh says they can be saved by returning and resting, and in quietness and trust will be their strength.

Isaiah 30:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And you said, 'No, for on horses we shall flee,' so you will flee; and, 'We shall ride upon swift {horses},' so those who pursue you will be swift.

UST

¹⁶ You said, 'No, we will escape on horses that the army of Egypt will give us!' So you will try to escape. You said, 'We will escape from the army of Assyria by riding on swift horses!' But those who pursue you will also ride swiftly.

What was the reply of the rebellious children to Yahweh?

They said, "No, we will flee on horses." and, "We will ride on swift horses."

What is Yahweh's response to the rebellious children's statement about fleeing on horses and riding on swift horses?

Yahweh responds by telling the rebellious children they will flee and that those who pursue them will be swift.

Isaiah 30:17**ULT**

¹⁷ One thousand from the face of the threat of one; from the face of the threat of five you will flee until you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, or like a flag on a hill."

UST

¹⁷ As a result, a thousand of you will flee when only one of them pursues you! When five of their soldiers threaten to kill you, all of you will flee. Only a few of you will be left, like a single flagpole on top of a mountain, or like one single signal flag on a hilltop."

How many did Yahweh say would flee at the threat of one?

Yahweh said one thousand would flee at the threat of one.

Isaiah 30:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And yet Yahweh is waiting to be gracious to you, and therefore, he rises to show you mercy. For a God of justice {is} Yahweh; blessed {are} all who wait for him.

UST

¹⁸ But Yahweh wants to act kindly toward you; he is great because he desires to act mercifully. Do not forget he is a God who acts justly; Yahweh is pleased with those who patiently trust in him.

What is Yahweh waiting and ready to do?

He is waiting to be gracious to the rebellious children and to have mercy on them.

What happens to all those who wait for Yahweh?

They will be blessed.

Isaiah 30:19**ULT**

¹⁹ For people in Zion, dweller in Jerusalem, you will surely not weep. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. When he hears it, he will answer you.

UST

¹⁹ You people who live in Jerusalem, some day you will not cry anymore. Yahweh will be kind to you when you call out to him for help. He will answer you as soon as he hears you call.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:20**ULT**

²⁰ Though the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, even so, your teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes will see your teacher,

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²⁰ Although now Yahweh has brought poverty on you, he, your teacher, will not hide himself from you. He will teach you many things clearly.

Though Yahweh gives them the bread of adversity and the water of affliction what will their teacher not do anymore?

Their teacher will not hide himself anymore, but they will see him with their own eyes.

Isaiah 30:21**ULT**

²¹ and your ears will hear a word behind you saying, "This {is} the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

UST

²¹ And you will hear him speak to you to guide you. Right behind you he will say, "This is the road on which you should walk; walk on this road!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:22**ULT**

²² And you will desecrate your silver-overlaid idols and your gold-plated figures. You will throw them away like a menstrual rag. You will say to them, "Get out!"

UST

²² When that happens, you will destroy all your idols that are covered with silver or gold. You will throw them away like you throw away a filthy rag, and you will say to them, "We do not need you anymore!"

What will the rebellious children do with their carved figures and cast gold figures?

They will desecrate them and throw them away.

Isaiah 30:23**ULT**

²³ And he will give rain for your seed when you sow the ground, and bread of the produce of the ground, and {it} will be rich and fat. In that day your cattle will graze {in} broad pastures.

UST

²³ If you do that, Yahweh will bless you by giving you good rain at the time that you plant your crops. You will have good harvests and plenty of big fields with grass for your cattle to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:24**ULT**

²⁴ And the oxen and the donkeys, plowers of the ground, will eat seasoned feed that has been winnowed with a shovel and a fork.

UST

²⁴ After the wind blows away the chaff, the oxen and donkeys that pull the plow over your ground will have good grain to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:25**ULT**

²⁵ And on every high mountain and on every tall hill will be streams, rivers of waters, in the day of the great slaughter when the towers fall.

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²⁵ At that time, when your enemies have been slaughtered and their towers have collapsed, there will be streams flowing down every hill and mountain in Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:26**ULT**

²⁶ And the light of the white one will be like the light of the hot one, and the light of the hot one will be seven {times}, like the light of seven days in a day. Yahweh will bind up the breakdown of his people and heal the bruises of his wounding.

UST

²⁶ The moon will seem to shine as brightly as the sun, and the sun will seem to shine seven times as brightly as previously. That is what it will be like when Yahweh causes the suffering of his people to cease; it will be as though he is putting bandages on their wounds and healing them.

What will Yahweh do to his people after the day of the great slaughter when the towers fall?

Yahweh will bind up the breaking of his people and heal the bruises of his wounding them.

Isaiah 30:27**ULT**

²⁷ Behold, the name of Yahweh comes from afar, his nose burning and in dense smoke. His lips {are} full of fury, and his tongue like a devouring fire.

UST

²⁷ It is as though we see Yahweh coming from far away; he is extremely angry, and there are thick clouds of smoke around him. By what he says he shows that he is angry; what he says is like a devastating fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:28**ULT**

²⁸ And his breath is like a torrent rising to the middle of the neck to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction, and a bridle in the jaws of the peoples leading {them} astray.

UST

²⁸ His breath is like a flood that covers his enemies up to their necks. He will separate the nations in order to destroy some of them; it is as though he will put horses' bridles on them so he can lead them away to destruction.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:29**ULT**

²⁹ You will have a song as in the night of a holy feast, and gladness of heart, as when one walks with a flute to go to the mountain of Yahweh, to the Rock of Israel.

UST

²⁹ But his people will sing joyfully like they sing during the nights when they celebrate a holy festival. They will be very joyful, like a large group of his people are joyful when they go up to Mount Zion in Jerusalem, along with men playing flutes when they are all going there to worship Yahweh. He is like a huge rock on top of which we Israelite people are safe.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 30:30**ULT**

³⁰ And Yahweh will make the splendor of his voice heard and show the descent of his arm in raging nose and flames of a consuming fire, storm and tempest and stones of hail.

UST

³⁰ And Yahweh will enable us to hear him speaking powerfully. He will show us that he is very powerful. We will see him smash his enemies. Being very angry, he will descend with a big rainstorm and thunder and hail to punish them.

How will Yahweh manifest the splendor of his voice and show the motion of his arm?

He will manifest them in storming anger and flames of fire, with windstorm, rainstorm and hailstones.

Isaiah 30:31**ULT**

³¹ For at the voice of Yahweh, Assyria will be dismayed; he will strike {them} with a staff.

UST

³¹ The soldiers of Assyria will be terrified when they hear the voice of Yahweh and when he strikes them with his rod.

Who will Yahweh's voice and motion of his arm be directed toward?

They will directed toward Assyria. For at the voice of Yahweh, Assyria will be shattered; he will strike them with a staff.

Isaiah 30:32**ULT**

³² And every stroke of the appointed rod which Yahweh will lay on them will be with tambourines and harps as he fights against them in battle, waving {his arm}.

UST

³² And while Yahweh strikes them to punish them, his people will celebrate by playing tambourines and harps. It will be as though Yahweh will lift up his powerful hand and defeat the Assyrian army in battle.

What will accompany every stroke of the appointed rod that Yahweh will lay on him?

The music of tambourines and harps will accompany every stroke as Yahweh battles and fights with Assyria.

Isaiah 30:33**ULT**

³³ For a place of cremation {was} arranged long ago. Indeed, it is prepared for the king. He has deepened, widened {it}, the pile of fire and much wood. The breath of Yahweh, like a stream of brimstone, will enflame it.

UST

³³ The Valley of Topheth outside Jerusalem has been prepared for a long time; it is ready for the king of Assyria; the funeral pyre for burning his body is wide and high, and it will be as though Yahweh will light the fire with his breath, which will come out like a stream of burning sulfur.

What has been prepared for the king of Assyria?

A place of burning has been prepared for the king of Assyria.

What or who will kindle the fire prepared for the king of Assyria?

The breath of Yahweh will kindle it.

Isaiah 31

Isaiah 31:1

ULT

¹ Woe, who go down to Egypt for help, who rely on horses, and trust in chariots that {are} many and in horsemen that {are} very countless, but they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, and Yahweh they do not seek!

UST

¹ Terrible things will happen to those who rely on Egypt to help them, trusting in their soldiers' horses and their many chariots and their many chariot drivers, instead of trusting that Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel, will help them.

Why is woe pronounced on those who go down to Egypt for help?

Woe is pronounced on them because they trust in chariots and horsemen but are not concerned about the Holy One of Israel, nor do they seek Yahweh.

Isaiah 31:2

ULT

² But he, too, {is} wise, and he will bring harm and will not retract his words. And he will arise against the evil house and against the helpers of sin-doers.

UST

² Yahweh is very wise, but he also causes people to experience disaster! And when he decides to do that, he does not change his mind! He will strike the wicked people and all those who help them.

Who will Yahweh arise against?

He will arise against the evil house and against the helpers of those who commit sin.

Isaiah 31:3**ULT**

³ And Egypt {is} a man and not God, and their horses flesh and not spirit. And Yahweh will reach out his hand, and the helper will stumble, and the helped will fall, and together all of them will perish.

UST

³ The soldiers of Egypt that you people of Judah are relying on are humans, not God! And their horses are only horses; they are not powerful spirits! So when Yahweh raises his fist to strike the soldiers of Egypt whom you thought would help you, he will also strike you who thought that you would be helped, and you and they will stumble and fall down; all of you will die together.

What will happen to him who helps and him who is helped?

Both of them will perish together.

Isaiah 31:4**ULT**

⁴ For thus says Yahweh to me, "As a lion growls, or a young lion over its prey, when a group of shepherds is called out against it, it is not afraid at their voice, and does not cower at their clamor— thus Yahweh of hosts will descend to muster on Mount Zion and on its hill.

UST

⁴ But this is what Yahweh said to me: "When a lion stands and growls over the body of a sheep that he has killed, even if a large group of shepherds comes to chase away the lion, even if they shout loudly, the lion will not be afraid and will not leave. Similarly, I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will come down to fight my enemies on Mount Zion, and nothing will stop me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 31:5**ULT**

⁵ Like birds flying, so Yahweh of hosts will guard over Jerusalem; protecting and rescuing, sparing and preserving."

UST

⁵ Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, will protect Jerusalem like a mother bird hovers over the baby birds in her nest. He will defend the city and rescue it from its enemies."

What will Yahweh do for Jerusalem?

He will protect, deliver and preserve it.

Isaiah 31:6**ULT**

⁶ Return to whom you have deeply turned away {from}, sons of Israel.

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⁶ My people, even though you have greatly rebelled against Yahweh, return to him.

What does Isaiah tell the people of Israel to do?

He tells them to return to Yahweh from whom they have deeply turned away.

Isaiah 31:7**ULT**

⁷ For on that day a man will reject his idols of silver and his idols of gold which your hands have made for yourselves {as} sin.

UST

⁷ When you do that, each of you will throw away the idols that you have made in sin, idols that are covered with silver and gold.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 31:8**ULT**

⁸ "And Assyria will fall by a sword not of man, and a sword not of mankind will consume him. And he will flee from the face of the sword and his young men will be for forced labor.

UST

⁸ The Assyrian soldiers will be killed, but not by swords that men use. They will be destroyed by the sword of God; and those who are not killed will panic and flee. And some of them will be captured and forced to become slaves.

After Assyria falls by the sword, what will their young men be forced to do?

Assyria's young men will be forced to do hard labor.

Isaiah 31:9**ULT**

⁹ And his rock will pass away at the terror, and his princes will be afraid at the banner” —the declaration of Yahweh, who has fire in Zion, and has a furnace in Jerusalem.

UST

⁹ Even their very strong soldiers will be terrified; their leaders will abandon all hope and run away from Yahweh’s power! Yahweh’s presence on Mount Zion is like a fire, like a furnace that blazes in Jerusalem. This is what Yahweh says about the Assyrian army!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32**Isaiah 32:1****ULT**

¹ Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule in justice.

UST

¹ Listen to this! Some day there will be a righteous king, and his officials will help him to rule justly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:2**ULT**

² And each will be like a shelter {from} the wind and a refuge {from} the storm, like streams of water in the desert, like the shade of a great rock in a weary land.

UST

² Each of them will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm. They will be like streams of water in the desert, like the shade under a huge rock in a very hot and dry land.

What will a righteous king and just princes be like?

They will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shade of a great rock in a land of weariness.

Isaiah 32:3**ULT**

³ Then the eyes of onlookers will not be dim, and the ears of hearers will listen closely.

UST

³ When that happens, those leaders will enable people who have not understood God's truth to understand it, and they will enable those who have not paid attention to God's truth to pay attention to it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:4**ULT**

⁴ And the heart of the hasty will understand knowledge, and the tongue of stutterers will hasten to speak clearly.

UST

⁴ Even those who act very hastily will have good sense, and those who cannot speak well will speak fluently and clearly.

What will the rash and the stutterer do when a king reigns in righteousness and princes rule with justice?

The rash will think carefully with understanding, and the stutterer will speak distinctly and with ease. The fool will no longer be called honorable, nor the deceiver be called principled.

Isaiah 32:5**ULT**

⁵ The fool will no longer be called honorable, and will not be said of the deceiver "noble."

UST

⁵ At that time, people who are foolish will no longer be admired, and scoundrels will no longer be respected.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:6**ULT**

⁶ For the fool speaks folly, and his heart does sin. Doing wickedness, and speaking error against Yahweh. He makes the hungry appetite empty, and the thirsty he causes to lack drink.

UST

⁶ Foolish people say things that are foolish, and they plan to do evil things. Their behavior is disgraceful, and they say things about Yahweh that are false. They do not give food to those who are hungry, and they do not give water to those who are thirsty.

What does the fool do?

He speaks folly, his heart plans evil godless actions and he speaks wrongly against Yahweh.

Isaiah 32:7**ULT**

⁷ And the deceiver, his methods {are} evil. He plans wickedness to ruin the poor with sayings of falsehood, even when the poor speak justice.

UST

⁷ Scoundrels do things that are evil and that deceive people; they plan to do evil things; by telling lies in court they cause poor people to have trouble, even when what the poor people are requesting is fair.

What does the deceiver do?

He uses evil methods. He devises wicked schemes to ruin the poor with lies.

Isaiah 32:8**ULT**

⁸ But the honorable plans noble deeds; and he, because of noble deeds, will stand.

UST

⁸ But honorable people plan to do honorable things, and they do those honorable things, so they succeed.

What will happen to the honorable man?

The honorable man will stand because of his honorable actions.

Isaiah 32:9**ULT**

⁹ Haughty women, rise up, listen to my voice; carefree daughters, give ear to my words.

UST

⁹ You women of Jerusalem who think that you are very secure and think that everything is going well, listen to what I say!

Why were the women who were at ease told to listen to Isaiah's voice? (vv9-10)

They were told to listen to Isaiah's voice because in a little more than a year their confidence would be broken, the grape harvest would fail, the ingathering would not come.

Isaiah 32:10**ULT**

¹⁰ {In just} days upon a year, confidence will falter, for the grape harvest is ended; the harvest will not come.

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¹⁰ After one year is ended, you who now are not worried about anything will tremble, because there will be no grapes for you to harvest and no other crops to harvest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:11**ULT**

¹¹ Tremble, haughty {women}; quake, confident ones; strip and bare yourselves; and gird {sackcloth} on {your} waists.

UST

¹¹ So tremble now, you women who are not worried about anything! Take off your fancy clothes and put rough sackcloth around your waists.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:12**ULT**

¹² Beat on {your} breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vines.

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¹² You will wail because you are grieving about what will happen in your fertile fields and to your fruitful grapevines,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:13**ULT**

¹³ On the land of my people are overgrown thorns {and} briars, even in all the joyful houses of the city of revelry.

UST

¹³ because only thorns and thistles will grow in your soil. Your houses where you had joyful parties and your city where you have been happy will be gone.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:14**ULT**

¹⁴ For the palace will be forsaken, the crowded city will be deserted; the hill and the watchtower will one after another become caves to eternity, a delight of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks;

UST

¹⁴ The king's palace will be empty; there will be no people in the city that now is very noisy. Wild donkeys will walk around and flocks of sheep will eat grass in the empty forts and watchtowers.

What was going to happen to the palace and the crowded city?

The palace was going to be forsaken and the crowded city deserted.

Isaiah 32:15**ULT**

¹⁵ until the Spirit is poured on us from on high, and the wilderness becomes an orchard, and the orchard is considered as a forest.

UST

¹⁵ It will be like that until God pours his Spirit out on us from heaven. When that happens, the deserts will become fertile fields, and abundant crops will grow in those fertile fields.

How long will the devastation last?

It will last until the Spirit is poured out from on high and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field and the fruitful field is considered a forest.

Isaiah 32:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Then justice will reside in the wilderness; and righteousness will live in the orchard.

UST

¹⁶ People will act justly in those desert areas, and people will act righteously in those fertile fields.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the work of righteousness will be peace; and the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence to eternity.

UST

¹⁷ The result of their acting righteously will be that there will be peace, the land will be tranquil, and people will be secure forever.

What will be the work and result of righteousness?

The work of righteousness will be peace and the result of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

Isaiah 32:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And my people will live in a peaceful habitation and in secure homes, and in quiet resting places.

UST

¹⁸ My people will live in their homes peacefully, and safely, and calmly, in places of rest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And it will hail when the forest comes down, and the city will be completely annihilated.

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¹⁹ Even if a severe hailstorm knocks down the trees in the forest, and all the buildings in the city are blown down,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 32:20**ULT**

²⁰ You {will be} blessed, who sow beside every stream, who send out freely the ox and the donkey.

UST

²⁰ Yahweh will greatly bless you; you will plant seeds in fields alongside the streams and there will be abundant crops. Your donkeys and cattle will easily find grass to eat when you send them out into pasture.

Who is it that will be blessed?

Blessed are the ones who sow beside all streams and who send out their ox and ass to graze.

Isaiah 33

Isaiah 33:1

ULT

¹ Woe, destroyer, and you have not been destroyed! And betrayer, and they have not betrayed him! When you finish destroying, you will be destroyed. When you stop betraying, they will betray you.

UST

¹ Terrible things will happen to you people of Assyria! You have destroyed others, but you have not been destroyed yet. You have betrayed others, but you have not been betrayed yet. When you stop destroying others, others will destroy you. When you stop betraying others, others will betray you.

What will happen to the destroyer and the betrayer when they stop destroying and betraying?

The destroyer will be destroyed and the betrayer will be betrayed.

Isaiah 33:2

ULT

² Yahweh, be gracious to us; for you we wait. Be their arm in the mornings, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

UST

² Yahweh, act kindly toward us, because we have patiently waited for you to help us. Enable us to be strong every day, and rescue us when we have troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:3

ULT

³ At the sound of the throng, the peoples flee; when you arise, the nations are scattered.

UST

³ Our enemies run away when they hear your voice. When you stand up and show that you are powerful, the people of all nations flee.

What happens when Yahweh arises?

The nations are scattered.

Isaiah 33:4**ULT**

⁴ And your spoil is gathered {as} the locust gathers; as locusts leap, he leaps on it.

UST

⁴ And after our enemies have been defeated, we, your people, will take away all our enemies' possessions, like caterpillars and locusts strip off all the leaves of plants.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:5**ULT**

⁵ Yahweh is exalted, for he dwells on high. He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness.

UST

⁵ Yahweh is greater than anyone else, and he lives in heaven, and he will rule justly and righteously in Jerusalem.

With what will Yahweh fill Zion?

He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness.

Isaiah 33:6**ULT**

⁶ And he will be the stability of your times, an abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of Yahweh is his treasure.

UST

⁶ When that happens, he will enable you to live securely; he will fully protect your possessions, he will enable you to be wise and to know all that you need to know; and revering Yahweh will be like a valuable treasure that he will give to you.

What will Yahweh be in their times?

In their times he will be the stability, abundance of salvation and wisdom and knowledge.

Isaiah 33:7**ULT**

⁷ Behold, their warriors cry outside; the messengers of peace weep bitterly.

UST

⁷ But now, look, our messengers are crying out in the streets; our ambassadors have gone to other countries to make peace treaties, but they will cry bitterly because they will not succeed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:8**ULT**

⁸ The highways are deserted; travelers of the road are gone. He has broken covenants, despised the witnesses; he has not regarded man.

UST

⁸ No one travels on our roads. The leaders of Assyria have broken their peace treaty with us; they despise the people who made those treaties, and they do not respect anyone.

Why did their envoys cry and the diplomats weep bitterly?

They cried and wept because the highways were deserted; there were no more travelers. Treaties were broken, witnesses were despised and cities were disrespected.

Isaiah 33:9**ULT**

⁹ The land mourns, is barren; Lebanon is ashamed, withered; Sharon {is} like the Arabah; and Bashan and Carmel shake off {their leaves}.

UST

⁹ The land of Judah is dry and barren. The cedar trees in Lebanon are drying up and decaying. The Plain of Sharon along the coast is now a desert plain. There are no more leaves on the trees in the areas of Bashan and Carmel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:10**ULT**

¹⁰ “Now I shall arise,” says Yahweh. “Now I will be lifted up; now I will be elevated.

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh says, “Now I will arise and show that I deserve for everyone to honor me.

What will be the result when Yahweh arises?

Yahweh will be lifted up and exalted.

Isaiah 33:11**ULT**

¹¹ You will conceive chaff, give birth to stubble your breath {is} a fire; it will consume you.

UST

¹¹ You people of Assyria make plans that are as useless as chaff and straw. Your breath will become a fire that will burn you up.

What happens to those in Zion who conceive chaff, and give birth to stubble? (vv11-12)

Their breath is a fire that will consume them. The peoples will be burned to lime.

Isaiah 33:12**ULT**

¹² And the peoples will be burned {to} lime— thorns cut-down, burned in fire.”

UST

¹² Your people will be burned until only ashes remain, like thornbushes are cut down and burned up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:13**ULT**

¹³ Listen, far away ones, to what I have done, and near ones, acknowledge my might.

UST

¹³ You people who live far away and you people who live nearby, pay attention to what I have done and realize that I am very powerful.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:14**ULT**

¹⁴ The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the godless. “Who among us can dwell {with} a consuming fire? Who among us can dwell {with} burnings of eternity?”

UST

¹⁴ The sinners in Jerusalem will tremble because they are very afraid; godless people will be terrified. They say, “None of us can remain alive because this fire is burning everything; it is like the fire on Yahweh’s altar that will burn forever!”

What is the response of the sinners in Zion?

The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the godless ones.

Isaiah 33:15**ULT**

¹⁵ He who walks righteously and speaks honestly; who despises the gain of oppression, who shakes his hand {away} from accepting a bribe, who stops his ears from hearing {about} bloodshed, and who shuts his eyes from looking on evil—

UST

¹⁵ Those who act honestly and say what is right, those who do not try to become rich by forcing money from people, those who do not try to get bribes, those who refuse to listen to people who are planning to murder someone, those who do not join others who urge them to do what is wrong,

Who among those in Zion can dwell with the devouring fire and the everlasting burnings?

The ones who can dwell with this fire and burning are the ones who walk righteously and speak honestly; who despise the gain of oppression, who refuse to take a bribe, who do not plot violent crime and do not look on evil.

Where will he who walks righteously and speaks honestly make his home? (vv15-16)

He who walks righteously and speaks honestly will make his home on the heights.

Isaiah 33:16**ULT**

¹⁶ {it is} he who will dwell on the heights; a fort of cliffs {is} his refuge. His bread will be given; his water, secure.

UST

¹⁶ they are the people who will live safely; they will find places to be safe in the caves in the mountains. They will have plenty of food and water.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Your eyes will see the king in his beauty; they will see a faraway land.

UST

¹⁷ You people of Judah will see the king wearing all his beautiful robes, and you will see that he rules a land that extends far away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Your heart will recall the terror: "Where {is} he who counts? Where is he who weighs? Where {is} he who counted the towers?"

UST

¹⁸ When you see that, you will think about when you were previously terrified, and you will say, "The officers of Assyria who counted the tax money that we were forced to pay to them have disappeared! Those men who counted our towers are gone!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:19**ULT**

¹⁹ You will not see the defiant people, a people of a too strange language to understand; the tongue is stammering; there is no interpreting.

UST

¹⁹ Those arrogant people who spoke a language that we could not understand are no longer here!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:20**ULT**

²⁰ Look at Zion, the city of our festivals; your eyes will see Jerusalem, an undisturbed habitation, a tent not removed, whose stakes will not ever be pulled up, and all its cords will not be broken.

UST

²⁰ At that time, you will see Mount Zion, the place where we celebrate our festivals; You will see that Jerusalem has become a place that is calm and safe. It will be secure, like a tent that cannot be moved because its ropes are tight and its stakes are firmly in the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:21**ULT**

²¹ Instead, there the Mighty One, Yahweh {will be} with us, a place of broad rivers, wide streams. No warship {with} oars will travel it, and no mighty ships will pass by it.

UST

²¹ Yahweh will be our mighty God; he will be like a mighty river that will protect us because our enemies will not be able to cross it; no one will be able to row across it and no warships will be able to sail across it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 33:22**ULT**

²² For Yahweh {is} our judge, Yahweh {is} our lawgiver, Yahweh {is} our king; {it is} he who will save us.

UST

²² Yahweh is our judge; he is the one who gives us laws, and he is our king. He will rescue us.

Who is Yahweh and what will he do?

Yahweh is our judge, our lawgiver and our king; he will save us.

Isaiah 33:23**ULT**

²³ Your riggings {are} slack; they cannot hold the pole of its mast; they cannot spread the sail. Then the great spoil is divided; even the lame will plunder the spoil.

UST

²³ The ropes on our enemies' boats will hang loose, their masts will not be fastened firmly, and their sails will not be spread out. The treasures that they have seized will be divided among us, God's people, and even lame people among us will get some.

When the great spoil is divided who will be among those dragging it off?

Even the lame will drag off the spoil.

Isaiah 33:24

ULT

²⁴ And the inhabitants will not say, "I am sick"; the people who live in it will be lifted of iniquity.

UST

²⁴ And the people in Jerusalem will no longer say, "We are sick," because Yahweh will forgive the sins that have been committed by the people who live there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34**Isaiah 34:1****ULT**

¹ Come near, nations, to listen, and the peoples, pay attention! The earth and its multitude must listen, the world and all its offspring.

UST

¹ You people of all nations, come near and listen; pay careful attention. I want the world and everything that is in it to hear what I say.

Who is supposed to come near, listen and pay attention?

The nations, the earth and all that fills it, the world and all things that come from it must come near, listen and pay attention.

Isaiah 34:2**ULT**

² For Yahweh has fury against all the nations and wrath against all their armies. He will completely destroy them; he will hand them over to the slaughter.

UST

² Yahweh is angry with the people of all nations; he is furious with all their armies. He has decided that they must be destroyed, and he will slaughter them.

Why must the nations, the earth and all that fills it, the world and all things that come from it come near, listen and pay attention?

They must do this because Yahweh is angry with all the nations and furious against all their armies.

What has Yahweh done to the nations and their armies?

He has completely destroyed them. He has delivered them to the slaughter.

Isaiah 34:3**ULT**

³ And their slain will be thrown out, and their corpses will emit a stench, and the mountains will soak up their blood.

UST

³ Their corpses will not be buried, and as a result their bodies will stink, and the mountains will collapse because of their blood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:4**ULT**

⁴ And all the host of the heavens will melt, and the sky will be rolled up like a scroll; and all their hosts will fade away, as the leaf fades from the vine, and as the withered fruit from the fig tree.

UST

⁴ The sky will disappear like a scroll that is rolled up and thrown away. Stars will fall from the sky like withered leaves fall from grapevines, or like shriveled figs fall from fig trees.

What will happen to the stars and sky?

All the stars of the sky will fade away and the sky will be rolled up like a scroll; and all their stars will fade away.

Isaiah 34:5**ULT**

⁵ For my sword will have drunk its fill in heaven; behold, on Edom it descends and on the people set apart for judgment.

UST

⁵ When Yahweh has finished his work of destroying objects in the sky, he will punish the people of Edom, the people group that he has said must be destroyed.

What will Yahweh do after his sword has drunk its fill in heaven?

Then his sword will come down on Edom and on the people of his exclusive belonging in judgment.

Isaiah 34:6**ULT**

⁶ The sword of Yahweh is full of blood dripping from fat, from the blood of lambs and goats, from the fat of the kidneys of rams. For Yahweh has a sacrifice in Bozrah and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

UST

⁶ It is as though Yahweh will have a sword that is covered with blood and fat— the blood of lambs and goats and the fat of the kidneys of rams to be sacrificed. It is as though Yahweh will offer a sacrifice in Bozrah and kill many people in other cities in Edom.

What does Yahweh have in Bozrah and Edom?

Yahweh has a great sacrifice in Bozrah and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

Isaiah 34:7**ULT**

⁷ And wild oxen will fall with them, and young bulls with strong ones. And their land will drink its fill of blood, and their dust fattened by fat.

UST

⁷ Even wild oxen will be killed, as well as young calves and big bulls. The ground will be soaked with blood, and the dirt will be covered with the fat of those animals.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:8**ULT**

⁸ For Yahweh has a day of vengeance, a year of retribution for the cause of Zion.

UST

⁸ That will be the time when Yahweh gets revenge for what those people did to the people of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:9**ULT**

⁹ And her streams will be turned into pitch, and her dust into sulfur, and her land will become burning pitch.

UST

⁹ The streams in Edom will be full of burning pitch, and the ground will be covered with burning sulfur and burning pitch.

What will happen to the land of Edom? (vv9-10)

Her streams will be turned to pitch and her dust into brimstone. She will become burning pitch. It will be a wasteland; no one will pass through it.

Isaiah 34:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Night and day it will not be extinguished; its smoke will rise forever. From generation to generation it will be a wasteland; forever and ever no one will pass through it.

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh will never finish punishing Edom with fire; the smoke will rise forever. No one will ever live in that land, and no one will even travel through it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:11**ULT**

¹¹ But the pelican and the hedgehog will occupy it. and the owl and the raven will dwell in it. And he will stretch over it the measuring line of formlessness and the plumbline of void.

UST

¹¹ Ravens and various kinds of owls and small animals will live there. Yahweh will measure that land carefully; he will measure it to to decide where to cause chaos and destruction.

In general what will live in Edom?

Wild birds and animals will live in Edom.

Isaiah 34:12**ULT**

¹² {For} her nobles, there is nothing to call a kingdom, and all her princes {will be} nobody.

UST

¹² There will be no more princes; the people who have authority will have no kingdom to rule; the princes will disappear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:13**ULT**

¹³ And thorns will rise over her palaces, nettles and thistles in her fortresses. And it will be a habitation of jackals, a place for ostriches.

UST

¹³ The deserted palaces and fortified buildings will be full of thorns and thistles. The ruins will be places for jackals and ostriches to live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And the wild animals will meet hyenas, and the wild goats will call upon his companion. Indeed, there night creatures will settle and find for themselves a place of rest.

UST

¹⁴ Animals that live in the desert and hyenas will be there, and wild goats will bleat to each other. There will also be creatures that roam around at night and rest there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:15**ULT**

¹⁵ There the owl will nest and lay and hatch and brood in her shade. Indeed, there hawks will gather, each {with} its mate.

UST

¹⁵ Owls will make their nests there and lay their eggs in the nests; and when the eggs hatch, the mother birds will cover them with their wings. There will also be hawks there, each with its mate.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Search through the scroll of Yahweh and read: not one of these will be missing; not one will lack its mate. For his mouth has commanded it, and his spirit has gathered it.

UST

¹⁶ If you read what is written in the book that contains messages from Yahweh, you will find out what he will do to Edom. All of those animals and birds will be there, and each one will have a mate, because that is what Yahweh has promised, and his spirit will cause them all to gather there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 34:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And he has cast lots for them, and his hand measured for them by a cord. To eternity they will possess {it}; from generation to generation they will live in it.

UST

¹⁷ He has decided what parts of the land of Edom each will live in, and those are the places where each bird or animal will live. Their descendants will possess those areas forever, throughout all generations.

How long will the birds and animals possess Edom?

They will possess it for ever; from generation to generation they will live there.

Isaiah 35**Isaiah 35:1****ULT**

¹ The wilderness and the desert will be glad; and the Arabah will rejoice and blossom. Like the rose,

UST

¹ Some day, it will be as though the desert and other very dry areas are glad; the desert will rejoice and flowers will blossom. Like the rose,

What will happen to the desert?

It will rejoice and blossom like the rose.

Isaiah 35:2**ULT**

² it will blossom abundantly and rejoice, even {with} joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of Yahweh, the splendor of our God.

UST

² the desert will produce flowers abundantly; it will be as though everything is rejoicing and singing! The deserts will become as beautiful as the trees in Lebanon, as fertile as the plains of the Sharon and the area of Carmel. There people will see the glory of Yahweh; they will see that he is magnificent.

What will be given to the desert?

The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon.

What will the wilderness, the Arabah and the desert see?

They will see the glory of Yahweh, the splendor of our God.

Isaiah 35:3**ULT**

³ Strengthen the weak hands, and the shaky knees, steady.

UST

³ So encourage those who are tired and weak.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 35:4**ULT**

⁴ Say to those fearful of heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come {with} vengeance, {with} the recompense of God. He himself will come and save you."

UST

⁴ Say to those who are afraid, "Be strong and do not be afraid, because our God is going to come to get revenge on his enemies; he will pay them back for what they have done, and he will rescue you."

Why should those with a fearful heart be strong and not fear?

Because their God is coming with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save them.

Isaiah 35:5**ULT**

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be opened.

UST

⁵ When he does that, he will enable blind people to see and enable deaf people to hear.

What are some of the things that will happen when their God comes? (vv5-7)

The blind will see. The dead will hear. The lame man will leap. The mute will sing. There will be water in the Arabah and streams in the wilderness. The burning sand will become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water. There will be reeds and rushes where jackals once lay.

Isaiah 35:6**ULT**

⁶ Then the lame one will leap like a deer, and the mute tongue will sing, for water breaks out in the wilderness, and streams in the Arabah.

UST

⁶ Lame people will leap like deer, and those who have been unable to speak will sing joyfully. Water will gush out from springs in the desert, and streams will flow in the desert.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 35:7**ULT**

⁷ And the parched ground will become a pool, and the thirsty place springs of water; in the habitation of jackals, its resting place, grass with reeds and rushes.

UST

⁷ The very hot and dry ground will become a pool of water, and springs will provide water for the dry land. Grass and reeds and papyrus will grow in places where the jackals lived previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 35:8**ULT**

⁸ And there a highway and way will be, and it will be called 'the way of holiness.' The unclean will not travel it. But it {will be} for him, the wayfarer of the road, and no fool will wander {it}.

UST

⁸ There will be a highway through that land; it will be called 'the Holy Highway.' People who are not acceptable to God will not walk on that road; it will be only for those who conduct their lives as God wants them to, and no wicked fools will walk on that road.

What will be the name of the highway that will appear at that time?

A highway will be there called The Way of Holiness.

Who will and will not be on the highway? (vv8-9)

The unclean will not travel it and no fool will go on it. No lion or ferocious beast will be on it. The highway will be for him who walks in the way of holiness. The redeemed will walk there.

Isaiah 35:9**ULT**

⁹ No lion will be there, and no ferocious beast will go up on it; they will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk it,

UST

⁹ There will not be any lions there or any other dangerous animals along that road. Only those whom Yahweh has set free will walk on it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 35:10

ULT

¹⁰ and the ransomed of Yahweh will return and come with singing to Zion, with everlasting joy on their heads; gladness and joy will overtake {them}, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

UST

¹⁰ Those whom Yahweh has freed will return to Jerusalem; they will sing as they enter the city, and they will be extremely joyful forever. No longer will they be sad or mourn; they will be completely joyful and glad.

What will happen to the ransomed of Yahweh when they return?

Everlasting joy will be on their heads; gladness and joy will overtake them; sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Isaiah 36

Isaiah 36:1

ULT

¹ And it happened in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib, king of Assyria went up against all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them.

UST

¹ When King Hezekiah had been ruling Judah for almost fourteen years, King Sennacherib of Assyria came with his army to attack the cities in Judah that had walls around them. They did not conquer Jerusalem, but they conquered all the other cities.

What happened in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah?

Sennacherib, king of Assyria, marched against all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them.

Isaiah 36:2

ULT

² Then the king of Assyria sent the chief commander from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway of the Field of the Fuller.

UST

² Then 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 into the upper pool into Jerusalem, near the road to the field where the women wash clothes.

Who did the king of Assyria send from Lachish to Jerusalem to Hezekiah?

The king of Assyria sent the Rabshakeh.

Where did the Rabshakeh stop?

He stopped at the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway to the washers field.

Isaiah 36:3**ULT**

³ And Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who {was} over the court, and Shebna the scribe and Joah son of Asaph the recorder went out to him.

UST

³ The Israelite officials who went out of the city to talk with them were Hilkiah's son Eliakim, the palace administrator, Shebna the king's secretary, and Asaph's son Joah, who wrote down the government decisions.

Who went out to meet the Rabshakeh?

Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, Shebna the scribe and Joah the recorder, the son of Asaph went out to meet the Rabshakeh.

Isaiah 36:4**ULT**

⁴ And the chief commander said to them, "Please say to Hezekiah, 'thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, What {is} this confidence in which you trust?"

UST

⁴ Then one of Sennacherib's important officials told them to take a message to Hezekiah from the king of Assyria, the great king. In the message, the king said to the people of Jerusalem, "What are you trusting in to rescue you?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:5**ULT**

⁵ You said mere words of lips {are} counsel and strength for war. Now in whom are you trusting that you rebel against me?

UST

⁵ You say that you have weapons to fight us and that some other nation 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.)

Isaiah 36:6**ULT**

⁶ Behold, you are trusting in the staff of this splintered reed, in Egypt, which, when a man leans on it, then it will go into his palm and pierce it. Thus {is} Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him.

UST

⁶ Listen to me! You are relying on the army of Egypt. But that is like when a man tries to walk while leaning on a broken reed for a walking stick. But it would pierce the hand of anyone who would lean on it! That is what the king of Egypt is like for anyone who relies on him for help.

Who did the Rabshakeh say that Pharaoh, king of Egypt, was to anyone who trusted in him?

The Rabshakeh said the Pharaoh was a splintered reed that if used as a walking stick would pierce your hand.

Isaiah 36:7**ULT**

⁷ But if you say to me, "We are trusting in Yahweh our God," {is} it not he whose high places and altars Hezekiah has taken away and has said to Judah and to Jerusalem, "You must worship before the face of this altar"?

UST

⁷ But perhaps you will say to me that you are relying on Yahweh your God to help you. In that case, I would answer that Yahweh is the one whom Hezekiah insulted by tearing down his high places and altars and 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.)

Isaiah 36:8**ULT**

⁸ So now, wager, please, {with} my lord the king of Assyria. And I will give to you 2000 horses, if you are able to set for yourselves riders on them.

UST

⁸ The Assyrian official talking in front of the city continued: "So I suggest that you make a deal with my master, the king of Assyria. I will give you two thousand horses, but I do not think that you can find two thousand of your own men who can ride on them!

What did the Rabshakeh say the king of Assyria would do if Hezekiah would make an agreement with the king of Assyria?

The Rabshakeh said the king of Assyria would give Hezekiah two thousand horses.

Isaiah 36:9**ULT**

⁹ And how could you drive back the face of one captain of the humblest servants of my lord? But you yourself have trusted in Egypt for chariots and horsemen!

UST

⁹ You are expecting the king of Egypt to send chariots and men riding horses to assist you. But they certainly would not be able to resist even the most insignificant official in the army of Assyria!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And now, have I come up without Yahweh to this land to destroy it? Yahweh said to me, "Go up to this land and destroy it."""

UST

¹⁰ Furthermore, do not think that we have come here to attack and destroy this land without Yahweh's orders! It is Yahweh himself who told us to come here and destroy this land!"

Who did the Rabshakeh say had told him to march against Judah and destroy it?

The Rabshakeh said that Yahweh had told him to march against Judah and destroy it.

Isaiah 36:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then Eliakim and Shebna and Joah said to the chief commander, "Please speak Aramaic to your servants, for we understand {it}. And do not speak with us Judean in the ears of the people who {are} on the wall."

UST

¹¹ Then Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah said to the official from Assyria, "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 become frightened."

Why did Eliakim, Shebna and Joah ask the Rabshakeh to speak to them in Aramaic? (vv11-12)

They did not want the people on the wall to hear and understand what was being said.

Isaiah 36:12**ULT**

¹² But the chief commander said, "Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words? Is it not to the men who sit on the wall, eating their dung and drinking their urine with you?"

UST

¹² But the official replied, "Do you think that my master sent me to say these things only to you, and not to the people 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 as you will, because you will have nothing else to eat."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:13**ULT**

¹³ Then the chief commander stood and called out in a loud voice {in} Judean and said, "Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

UST

¹³ Then the official stood up and shouted in the Hebrew language to the people sitting on the wall. He said, "Listen to this message from the great king, the king of Assyria!

How did the Rabshakeh respond to the request for him to speak to Eliakim, Shebna and Joah in Aramaic?

He responded by standing and shouting in a loud voice in the Jew's language.

Briefly what did the Rabshakeh say were the words of the king of Assyria with regards to Hezekiah? (vv13-15)

He said not to let Hezekiah deceive them because Hezekiah wouldn't be able to rescue them and he said not to trust in Yahweh.

Isaiah 36:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Thus says the king, 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to rescue you.

UST

¹⁴ He says, 'Do not allow Hezekiah to deceive you! He will not be able to rescue you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And do not let Hezekiah make you trust in Yahweh, saying, "Yahweh will surely rescue us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."

UST

¹⁵ Do not allow him to persuade you to trust in Yahweh, saying that Yahweh will rescue you, and that the army of the king of Assyria will never capture this city!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make terms with me and come out to me. Then {every} man will eat of his vine and {every} man his fig tree, and {every} man will drink the water of his cistern

UST

¹⁶ 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 wine from your own grapevines and to eat figs from your own trees, and to drink water from your own well.

What did the king of Assyria say would happen if the Jews would make peace with him and come out to him? (vv16-17)

He said the Jews would eat from their own vine and from their own fig tree, and drink water from their own cistern, until he would come and take the Jews away to a land like their own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.

Isaiah 36:17**ULT**

¹⁷ until I come and take you away to a land like your land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards.'

UST

¹⁷ 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 new wine and, where we make plenty of bread."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Lest Hezekiah mislead you, saying, 'Yahweh will rescue us.' Did the gods of the peoples rescue {every} man of his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?

UST

¹⁸ Do not allow Hezekiah to trick you by saying, "Yahweh will rescue us." The gods that people of other nations worship have never rescued any of them from the power of the king of Assyria!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Where {are} the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where {are} the gods of Sepharvaim? And have they rescued Samaria from my hand?

UST

¹⁹ Why were the gods of Hamath and Arpad cities, and the gods of Sepharvaim unable to rescue Samaria from my power?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:20**ULT**

²⁰ Who among all the gods of these lands, who has rescued his land from my hand, as if Yahweh could save Jerusalem from my hand?"

UST

²⁰ No, no god of any nation which our armies have attacked has been able to rescue their people from me. So why do you think that Yahweh will rescue you people of Jerusalem from my power?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 36:21**ULT**

²¹ But they were silent and did not respond {to} him a word, for the command of the king was, saying, "Do not answer him."

UST

²¹ But the Hebrew soldiers who were listening were silent. No one said anything, because King Hezekiah had commanded them, "When the official from Assyria talks to you, do not answer him."

What was the response to the Rabshekah's speech?

They remained silent and did not respond, for the king's order was, "Do not answer him".

Isaiah 36:22**ULT**

²² Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who {was} over the court, and Shebna the scribe and Joah son of Asaph the recorder came to Hezekiah {with} clothes torn and reported to him the words of the chief commander.

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²² Then Eliakim and Shebna and Joah returned to Hezekiah with their clothes torn because they were extremely distressed. They told him what the official from Assyria had said.

What did Eliakim, Shebna and Joah do after the Rabshekah's speech?

They came to Hezekiah with their clothes torn and reported to Hezekiah the words of Rabshakeh.

Isaiah 37

Isaiah 37:1

ULT

¹ And it happened when King Hezekiah heard, then he tore his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth and went into the house of Yahweh.

UST

¹ When King Hezekiah heard what they reported, he tore his clothes and put on clothes made of rough sackcloth because he was very distressed. Then he went into the temple of Yahweh and prayed.

What did Hezekiah do when he heard the report from Eliakim, Shebna and Joah? (vv1-2)

Hezekiah tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth and went into the house of Yahweh. He also sent Eliakim, Shebna and the elders of the priests to Isaiah the prophet.

Isaiah 37:2

ULT

² And he sent Eliakim, who {was} over the court, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah son of Amoz, the prophet.

UST

² Then he sent Eliakim, Shebna, and the older priests, who were also wearing clothes made of rough sackcloth, to talk to Isaiah the prophet, son of Amoz.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:3

ULT

³ And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day {is} a day of distress and rebuke and disgrace, as sons coming to the opening of the womb, but there is no strength to give birth.

UST

³ They told him, "Say this to Isaiah: 'King Hezekiah says that this is a day when we have great distress. Other nations are insulting and shaming us. We are like a woman who is about to give birth to a baby, but she does not have the strength that she needs to do it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:4**ULT**

⁴ Perhaps Yahweh your God will hear the words of the chief commander, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to defy the living God and will rebuke the words which Yahweh your God has heard. So, lift up a prayer for the remaining remnant.”

UST

⁴ But perhaps Yahweh our God has heard what the official from Assyria said. Perhaps God knows that the king of Assyria has sent his official to insult him, the all-powerful God. Perhaps Yahweh will punish the king of Assyria for what he said. And I, Hezekiah, request that you pray for the few of us who are still alive here in Jerusalem.”

What did Hezekiah ask Isaiah to do?

He asked Isaiah to pray to Yahweh for the remnant that was still to be found there.

Isaiah 37:5**ULT**

⁵ And the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah,

UST

⁵ After those men gave Isaiah that message,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:6**ULT**

⁶ and Isaiah said to them, “Thus you shall say to your master: ‘Thus says Yahweh, “Do not be afraid from the face of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have insulted me.

UST

⁶ he told them to say to the king that Yahweh says: “Those lackeys from the king of Assyria have said evil things about me. But do not let them worry you.

What message did Isaiah give to Hezekiah’s servants to take back to Hezekiah? (vv6-7)

Isaiah’s message to Hezekiah was to not fear the words of the king of Assyria’s servant, the Rabshakeh. Yahweh was going to put a spirit in The king of Assyria, and he would hear a report and go back to his own land and would be killed by the sword there.

Isaiah 37:7**ULT**

⁷ Behold, I shall put a spirit in him, and he will hear a report and go back to his land. And I shall cause him to fall by the sword in his land.””””

UST

⁷ Listen to this: I will make Sennacherib hear some news from his own country that will worry him very much. So he will go back there, and I will make other men to assassinate him with their swords.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:8**ULT**

⁸ Then the chief commander returned and found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that he had gone away from Lachish.

UST

⁸ The official from Assyria learned that his king and the army of Assyria had left the city of Lachish and were now attacking Libnah, a nearby city. So the official left Jerusalem and went to Libnah to report to the king what had happened in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:9**ULT**

⁹ And he heard about Tirhakah king of Cush, saying “He has gone out to fight against you,” and he heard {it}, so he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,

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⁹ Soon after that, King Sennacherib received a report that King Tirhakah of Ethiopia was leading his army to attack them. So he sent other messengers to Hezekiah with a letter. In the letter he wrote this to Hezekiah:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:10**ULT**

¹⁰ “Thus you shall say to Hezekiah, king of Judah, saying, ‘Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, “Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.”’

UST

¹⁰ “Do not allow your god, on whom you are relying, to deceive you by promising that he will keep my army from capturing Jerusalem.”

After the king of Assyria heard that Tirhakah, king of Ethiopia, was coming out to fight against him, what message did the king of Assyria send to Hezekiah?

The king of Assyria told Hezekiah in a letter not to let God deceive Hezekiah by saying, Jerusalem would not be given over into the hand of the king of Assyria.

Isaiah 37:11**ULT**

¹¹ Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them completely. And will you be rescued?

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¹¹ You have certainly heard what the armies of the kings of Assyria before me did to all the other countries; our armies destroyed them completely. So you really do not think that you will escape from me, do you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:12**ULT**

¹² Have the gods of the nations rescued them whom my fathers destroyed: Gozan and Haran and Rezep, and the sons of Eden who {were} in Tel Assar?

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¹² Did the gods of those nations rescue them? Did they rescue the region of Gozan, or the cities of Haran and Rezep in northern Aram, or the people of the region of Eden in the city of Tel Assar?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:13**ULT**

¹³ Where {is} the king of Hamath and the king of Arpad and the king of the cities of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah?"

UST

¹³ What happened to the king of Hamath and the king of Arpad? What happened to the kings of the cities of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? Did their gods rescue them?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And Hezekiah received the writings from the hand of the messengers and read it. Then he went up {to} the house of Yahweh. And Hezekiah spread it out before the face of Yahweh.

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¹⁴ Hezekiah received the letter that the messengers gave him, and he read it. Then he went up to the temple and spread out the letter in front of Yahweh.

**What did Hezekiah do after he received the letter from the king of Assyria and read it?
(vv14-15)**

Hezekiah went up to the house of Yahweh and spread the letter out and prayed to Yahweh.

Isaiah 37:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And Hezekiah prayed to Yahweh, saying,

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¹⁵ Then Hezekiah prayed this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:16**ULT**

¹⁶ "Yahweh of hosts, God of Israel, sitting {by} the cherubim, you {are} he: you alone {are} God over all the kingdoms of the earth. {It is} you {who} made the heavens and the earth.

UST

¹⁶ "Yahweh, Commander of the angel armies, the God to whom we Israelites belong, you are seated on your throne above the statues of the cherubim, 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.)

Isaiah 37:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Turn your ear, Yahweh, and listen. Open your eyes, Yahweh, and see, and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to mock the living God.

UST

¹⁷ So, Yahweh, please listen to what I am saying, and look at what is happening! And listen to what Sennacherib has said to insult you, the all-powerful God!

What did Hezekiah pray for Yahweh to do?

First, Hezekiah asked Yahweh to hear and listen and to open his eyes and see all the words in Sennacherib's letter. Second, Hezekiah asked Yahweh to save Jerusalem from Sennacherib's hand.

Isaiah 37:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Indeed, Yahweh, the kings of Assyria have destroyed all the nations and their land.

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¹⁸ Yahweh, it is true that the armies of the kings of Assyria have completely destroyed many nations and ruined their land.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And they have put their gods into the fire, for they {were} not gods but the work of the hands of man, wood and stone. And they have destroyed them.

UST

¹⁹ And they have thrown all the idols of those nations into fires and burned them. But they were not really gods. They were only idols made of wood and stone, and that is why they were able to be destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:20**ULT**

²⁰ And now, Yahweh our God, save us from his hand; then all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you {are} Yahweh, you alone.”

UST

²⁰ 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.”

What did Hezekiah pray for Yahweh to do?

First, Hezekiah asked Yahweh to hear and listen and to open his eyes and see all the words in Sennacherib's letter. Second, Hezekiah asked Yahweh to save Jerusalem from Sennacherib's hand.

What reason did Hezekiah give as motivation for God to save Jerusalem from Sennacherib?

Hezekiah wanted Yahweh to save Jerusalem from Sennacherib so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Yahweh alone is God.

Isaiah 37:21**ULT**

²¹ Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, “Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, ‘Because you have prayed to me concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria,

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²¹ Then Isaiah sent a message to tell Hezekiah that Yahweh, whom the Israelites worshiped, said this to him: “Because you prayed about what King Sennacherib of Assyria said,

How did Yahweh respond to Hezekiah's prayer?

Yahweh responded by sending a message to Hezekiah through Isaiah.

Isaiah 37:22**ULT**

²² this {is} the word that Yahweh has spoken about him: “The virgin daughter of Zion despises you, scorns you; the daughter of Jerusalem shakes {her} head at you.

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²² this is what I say to him: ‘The people of Jerusalem despise you and make fun of you. They will wag their heads to mock you while you flee from here.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:23**ULT**

²³ Whom have you defied and insulted? And against whom have you exalted {your} voice and lifted upward your eyes? Against the Holy One of Israel.

UST

²³ Who do you think you have been 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 One whom the Israelites worship!

In Yahweh's message to Hezekiah what did Yahweh say Sennacherib had done wrong?

Yahweh said Sennacherib had defied, blasphemed, exalted his voice and lifted up his eyes against the Holy one of Israel.

Isaiah 37:24**ULT**

²⁴ By the hand of your servants you have defied the Lord and you have said, 'With the multitude of my chariots I have gone up to the heights of the mountains, the reaches of Lebanon. And I shall cut down its tall cedars, its choice cypresses, and I shall enter into its farthest high places, its most fruitful forest.

UST

²⁴ 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 nicest pine trees. We have been to the most distant peaks and to its densest forests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:25**ULT**

²⁵ {It is} I who has dug and drunk water; ^[1] And I dried up all the rivers of Egypt with the soles of my feet.'

UST

²⁵ We have dug wells in many countries and drunk water from them. And by marching through the streams of Egypt, we dried them all up!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:26**ULT**

²⁶ Have you not heard? Long ago I determined it, and made it from days of old. Now I am bringing it to pass, that you should devastate the fortified cities {to} heaps of ruins.

UST

²⁶ But I reply to him, 'Have you never heard that long ago I determined those things; I planned it long ago, and now I have been causing it to occur. I planned that your army would destroy cities and cause them to become piles of rubble.

What did Yahweh determine long ago and work out in ancient times?

He determined and worked out that Sennacherib would reduce impregnable cities into heaps of ruins.

Isaiah 37:27**ULT**

²⁷ And their inhabitants, those short of hand, are dismayed and ashamed. They are plants of the field and green grass, grass of the roof or the field, before the face of the east wind.

UST

²⁷ The people in those cities have no power, and as a result they are dismayed and discouraged. They are as frail as grass and plants in the fields, as frail as grass that grows on the roofs of houses and is scorched by the hot east wind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:28**ULT**

²⁸ "But your sitting down and your going out and your coming in, I know and your raging against me.

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²⁸ 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.

What else did Yahweh know about Sennacherib?

Yahweh knew when Sennacherib sat down, went out, came in, and his raging against Yahweh.

Isaiah 37:29**ULT**

²⁹ Because of your raging against me, and your arrogance coming up to my ears, so I shall put my hook in your nose, and my bit in your mouth, and I shall turn you back to the way by which you came.”

UST

²⁹ So because you have raged against me and because I have heard you speak very proudly, it will be as though I will put a hook in your nose and an iron bit in your mouth in order that I can take you where I wish, and I will force you to return to your own country, on the same road on which you came here, without conquering Jerusalem.”

What was the result of Sennacherib’s raging against Yahweh?

Yahweh turned Sennacherib back the way he came.

Isaiah 37:30**ULT**

³⁰ And this {will be} the sign for you: “This year you will eat wild plants, and in the second year the after-growth. But in the third year you must sow and harvest and plant vineyards and eat the fruit.

UST

³⁰ “This will prove to you, Hezekiah that it is I, Yahweh, who will make all this happen: This year, you will eat only the crops that grow by themselves, and next year the same thing will happen. But in the third year you will plant crops and harvest them; you will take care of your vineyards and eat the grapes.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:31**ULT**

³¹ And the surviving remnant of the house of Judah will again take root below and produce fruit above.

UST

³¹ You people who are still here in Judah, will be strong and prosper again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:32**ULT**

³² For from Jerusalem a remnant will come out, and survivors from Mount Zion. The zeal of Yahweh of hosts will do this.”

UST

³² A small number of my people will survive, and they will spread out from Jerusalem. That will happen because Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, is desiring very much to accomplish it.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:33**ULT**

³³ Therefore, thus says Yahweh about the king of Assyria: “He will not come into this city and he will not shoot an arrow here. And he will not bring near it a shield and he will not build up against it siegeworks.

UST

³³ “This is what Yahweh says about the king of Assyria: ‘His armies will not enter Jerusalem; they will not even shoot a single arrow into it. His soldiers will not bring one shield up to Jerusalem, and they will not build high mounds of dirt against the walls of the city to enable them to attack the city.

What did Yahweh say about the king of Assyria concerning Jerusalem? (vv33-34)

Yahweh said the king of Assyria would not enter Jerusalem or shoot an arrow there and that he would not confront it with a shield or build siege works against it.

Isaiah 37:34**ULT**

³⁴ The way by which he came, he will return {in}, and he will not enter to this city” —the declaration of Yahweh—

UST

³⁴ Instead, 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.)

Isaiah 37:35**ULT**

³⁵ "and I shall protect over this city, rescuing it, for my sake and for the sake of David my servant."

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³⁵ For the sake of my own reputation and because of what I promised King David, who served me well, I will defend this city and prevent it from being destroyed."

What reason did Yahweh give for defending and saving Jerusalem?

He said he would defend and save Jerusalem for his own sake and for the sake of David his servant.

Isaiah 37:36**ULT**

³⁶ Then the angel of Yahweh went out and struck 185, 000 of the camp of Assyria. And they rose early in the morning, and behold, all of them {were} dead bodies.

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³⁶ That night, an angel from Yahweh went out to where the army of Assyria had set 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.

What did the angel of Yahweh do?

He went out and struck down 185,000 troops in the camp of the Assyrians.

Isaiah 37:37**ULT**

³⁷ Then Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and traveled and went back. And he stayed in Nineveh.

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³⁷ Then King Sennacherib left and returned home to Nineveh in Assyria and stayed there.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 37:38**ULT**

38 And it happened, he was worshiping {in} the house of Nisrok his god, and his sons Adrammelek and Sharezer struck him with the sword. And they escaped {into} the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.

37:25 ^[1]

UST

38 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.

What happened to Sennacherib after he departed and went home to Nineveh?

While he was worshiping in the house of Nisroch his god, his sons, Adrammelech and Sharezer, struck Sennacherib with the sword.

Isaiah 38

Isaiah 38:1

ULT

¹ In those days Hezekiah was sick to {the point of} death. So Isaiah son of Amoz, the prophet, came to him and said to him, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Set your house in order, for you will die and not live.'"

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¹ About that time, Hezekiah became very ill and was close to dying. So Isaiah went to see him and gave him this message: "This is what Yahweh says: 'You should tell the people in your palace what you want them to do after you die because you will not recover from this illness. You are going to die'"

In those days what happened to Hezekiah?

He became very ill and neared death.

What did Isaiah tell Hezekiah?

Isaiah told Hezekiah, "Yahweh says, 'Set your house in order, for you will die and not get well.'"

Isaiah 38:2

ULT

² And Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to Yahweh.

UST

² Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:3

ULT

³ And he said, "O Yahweh, please remember how I have faithfully walked before your face with my whole heart and done good in your sight." And Hezekiah wept great tears.

UST

³ "Yahweh, do not forget that I have always served you faithfully with all my inner being, and I have done things that pleased you!" Then Hezekiah started to cry loudly.

What did Hezekiah do after receiving Yahweh's message through Isaiah?

He prayed to Yahweh asking Yahweh to remember how he had faithfully walked before Yahweh with his whole heart and how he had done good in Yahweh's sight. And Hezekiah wept loudly.

Isaiah 38:4**ULT**

⁴ And the word of Yahweh was to Isaiah, saying,

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⁴ Then Yahweh gave Isaiah this message:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:5**ULT**

⁵ "Go and say to Hezekiah, 'Thus says Yahweh, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Behold, I shall add on your days 15 years.

UST

⁵ "Go back to Hezekiah and tell him that this is what I, the God to whom your ancestor King David belonged, say: I have heard what you prayed, and I have seen you crying. So listen: I will enable you to live fifteen years more.

What did Yahweh tell Isaiah to say to Hezekiah? (vv5-6)

He said to tell Hezekiah that he had heard Hezekiah's prayer and his tears. Yahweh told Hezekiah he would add fifteen years to Hezekiah's life and in addition he would rescue Hezekiah and Jerusalem from the king of Assyria and would defend Jerusalem.

Isaiah 38:6**ULT**

⁶ And I shall rescue you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria and defend this city.

UST

⁶ And I will rescue you and this city from the power of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:7**ULT**

⁷ And this {will be} the sign to you from Yahweh, that Yahweh will do this word that he said.

UST

⁷ And this is what I will do to prove to you that I will do what I have just now promised.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:8**ULT**

⁸ Behold, I shall cause the shadow on the stairs which has gone down with the sun on the stairs of Ahaz to return back ten steps." So the sun went back ten steps on the stairs which it had gone down.

UST

⁸ I will cause the shadow of the sun to move ten steps backward on the stairs that were built by King Ahaz." So the shadow of the sun on the stairs moved backward ten steps.

What sign did Yahweh say he would give so that Hezekiah would know Yahweh would do what he had spoken?

Yahweh said he would cause the shadow on the stairs of Ahaz to go back ten steps.

Isaiah 38:9**ULT**

⁹ A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick and recovered from his sickness:

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⁹ When King Hezekiah was almost well again, he wrote this:

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:10**ULT**

¹⁰ I said, "In the middle of my days I will go through the gates of Sheol; I am summoned {there} the rest of my years."

UST

¹⁰ I said to myself, "In the middle of my life I am about to walk through the gates of death, and Yahweh is taking from me the rest of my years.

In Hezekiah's written prayer what did Hezekiah say would happen halfway through his life?

He said he would go through the gates of Sheol.

Isaiah 38:11**ULT**

¹¹ I said, "I will not see Yah, Yah in the land of the living; I will no longer look on mankind or the inhabitants of the world. ^[1]

UST

¹¹ I said, "I will not see Yahweh again in this world where people are alive. I will not see my friends again, or be with others who now are alive in this world.

At the beginning of Hezekiah's written prayer what did he say concerning Yahweh?

Hezekiah said he would no longer see Yahweh in the land of the living.

Isaiah 38:12**ULT**

¹² My dwelling is removed and carried away from me like the tent of a shepherd; I have rolled up my life like a weaver; he is cutting me off from the loom; from day to night you are finishing me.

UST

¹² It is as if my life had been taken away like a tent whose pegs have been pulled up by a shepherd and taken away. I have to roll up my life like a weaver, like a piece of cloth that a weaver cuts and rolls up, Yahweh has cut off my life." Between morning and evening he will kill me off.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:13**ULT**

¹³ I cried out ^[2] until the morning; like a lion, thus he breaks all my bones. From day to night you are finishing me.

UST

¹³ I waited patiently all during the night, but my pain was as though I were being torn apart by lions. Between morning and evening he will kill me off.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Like a swallow, thus I chirp; I coo like a dove; my eyes grow tired {with looking} upward. Lord, I am oppressed; lend me support."

UST

¹⁴ I was delirious; I chirped like a swift or a swallow and moaned like a dove. My eyes became tired looking up toward heaven for help. I cried out, 'Yahweh, help me, because I am distressed!'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:15**ULT**

¹⁵ What shall I say? And he has said to me, and he has done {it}; I will walk softly all my years because of the bitterness of my spirit.

UST

¹⁵ But there was really nothing that I could say and ask him to reply to me, because it was Yahweh who sent this illness. So now I will live humbly during my remaining years because I am very anguished within myself.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Lord, on them {men} live, and in all of them {is} the life of my spirit. And you have restored me and given me life.

UST

¹⁶ Yahweh, the sufferings that you give are good, because what you do and what you say bring new life and health to me. And you have restored me and allowed me to continue to live!

What did Hezekiah say to the Lord concerning his sufferings and grief? (vv16-17)

Hezekiah said the sufferings the Lord sent were good for him and that it was for Hezekiah's benefit that he experienced such grief.

Isaiah 38:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Behold, for {my} wellbeing bitter bitterness {was} for me. But you have held back my life from the pit of nothingness, for you have thrown all my sins behind your back.

UST

¹⁷ Truly, my suffering was good for me; you loved me, and as a result you have rescued me from dying and have also forgiven all my sins.

What did Hezekiah say the Lord had done with his sins?

Hezekiah said the Lord had thrown all of Hezekiah's sins behind his back.

Isaiah 38:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For Sheol does not thank you, {or} death praise you; those who go down {into} the pit do not wait for your trustworthiness.

UST

¹⁸ Dead people cannot praise you; they cannot sing to praise you. Those who have descended to their graves cannot expect you to faithfully do things for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:19**ULT**

¹⁹ The living, the living! {It is} he who gives you thanks, as I {do} today; a father makes known to sons about your trustworthiness.

UST

¹⁹ Only people who are still alive, like I am, can praise you. Fathers tell their children how you are faithful, and if I remain alive, I will do the same thing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 38:20**ULT**

²⁰ Yahweh {is about} to save me, and we will play songs with instruments all the days of our lives in the house of Yahweh."

UST

²⁰ Yahweh will fully heal me, so we will sing praise to him while others praise him playing musical instruments. We will do that every day of our lives in the temple of Yahweh."

How was Hezekiah going to celebrate Yahweh saving him?

Hezekiah said they would celebrate with music all the days of their lives in the house of Yahweh.

Isaiah 38:21**ULT**

²¹ Now Isaiah had said, "They shall take a lump of figs and plaster {it} on the boil, and he will live."

UST

²¹ Isaiah had previously said to Hezekiah's servants, "Prepare an ointment from mashed figs, and spread it on his boil, and then he will recover." So they did that, and Hezekiah recovered.

What did Isaiah say to do so that Hezekiah would recover?

He said, "Let them take a cake of figs and lay it as plaster on the boil and he will recover."

Isaiah 38:22**ULT**

²² And Hezekiah had said, "What {will be} the sign that I should go up to the house of Yahweh?"

38:11 ^[1]

38:13 ^[2]

UST

²² And Hezekiah had previously asked, "What will Yahweh do to prove that I will recover and be able to go to his temple?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 39

Isaiah 39:1

ULT

¹ At that time Marduk-Baladan, son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a gift to Hezekiah, for he had heard that he had been sick and had recovered.

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¹ Soon after that, Baladan's son Marduk-Baladan, the king of Babylon, heard a report that Hezekiah had been very sick but that he had recovered. So he wrote some letters and gave them to some messengers to take to Hezekiah, along with a gift.

Who sent letters and a present to Hezekiah?

Merodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon sent letters and a present to Hezekiah.

Isaiah 39:2

ULT

² And Hezekiah was pleased by them, and he showed them the storehouse of his valuables—the silver and the gold and the spices and the precious oil, and the whole storehouse of his weapons, and all that was found in his treasures. There was not a thing in his house or in all his kingdom that Hezekiah did not show them.

UST

² When the messengers arrived, Hezekiah welcomed them gladly. Then he showed them everything that was in his treasure houses—the silver, the gold, the spices, and the nice-smelling olive oil. He also took them to see the place where they kept their soldiers' weapons, and he showed them the other valuable things that were in the storehouses. Hezekiah showed them everything that was in the palace or in other places.

What did Hezekiah show to those who brought the letters and present from Merodach-baladan?

Hezekiah showed them his treasury—the silver, the gold, the spices, the precious oil, the storehouse of his weapons, and all that was found in his storehouses. Hezekiah showed them everything in his house and kingdom.

Isaiah 39:3**ULT**

³ Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, "What did these men say to you, and where did they come from?" And Hezekiah said, "They came to me from a distant land, from Babylon."

UST

³ Then Isaiah went to King Hezekiah and asked him, "Where did those men come from, and what did they want?" He replied, "They came from the far away land of Babylon."

What did Isaiah ask Hezekiah? (vv3-4)

He asked Hezekiah what the men had said to him, where they had come from, and what they had seen in Hezekiah's house.

Isaiah 39:4**ULT**

⁴ And Isaiah said, "What have they seen in your house?" And Hezekiah answered, "They have seen everything that {is} in my house. There is not a thing that I have not shown them in my treasures."

UST

⁴ Isaiah asked him, "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.)

Isaiah 39:5**ULT**

⁵ Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Listen to the word of Yahweh of hosts:

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⁵ Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Listen to this message from Yahweh, commander of the angel armies:

What things did Isaiah say to Hezekiah would be taken to Babylon? (vv5-6)

Yahweh told Hezekiah that all he and his ancestors had stored up until that day would be carried off to Babylon.

Isaiah 39:6**ULT**

⁶ Behold, the days are coming when everything that {is} in your house and that your fathers stored away until this day will be carried {to} Babylon. Not a thing will be left, says Yahweh.

UST

⁶ There will be a time when everything in your palace, all the valuable things that your ancestors stored there up until the present time, will be carried away to Babylon. Yahweh says that there will be nothing left.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 39:7**ULT**

⁷ And from the sons whom you have brought forth from yourself, whom you have fathered, they will take away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.”

UST

⁷ Furthermore, some of your sons will be forced to go to Babylon. They will be castrated in order that they can become servants in the palace of the king of Babylon.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 39:8**ULT**

⁸ Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of Yahweh that you have spoken {is} good.” And he said, “For there will be peace and stability in my days.”

UST

⁸ 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 safety here during the time that I am alive.”

Why did Hezekiah think the word of Yahweh that Isaiah spoke was good?

He thought it was good because he thought there would be peace and stability in his days.

Isaiah 40**Isaiah 40:1****ULT**

¹ "Comfort, comfort my people," says your God.

UST

¹ Our God says, "Encourage my people! Encourage them!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:2**ULT**

² "Speak to the heart of Jerusalem; and proclaim to her that her term of service is fulfilled, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the hand of Yahweh double for all her sins."

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² Speak kindly to the people of Jerusalem; tell them that their suffering is ended Yahweh has forgiven them for the sins that they have committed. He has fully punished them for their sins."

How does God say to comfort his people?

He says to comfort them by speaking tenderly to Jerusalem, telling her that her warfare has ended and her iniquity is pardoned and that she has received double from Yahweh's hand for all her sins.

Isaiah 40:3**ULT**

³ A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of Yahweh; make straight in the Arabah a highway for our God.

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³ Someone is shouting, "In the desert plain make the way straight for Yahweh to come to you; make a smooth road for our God.

What does a voice cry out?

It cries, "In the wilderness prepare the way of Yahweh; make straight in the Arabah a highway for our God."

Isaiah 40:4**ULT**

⁴ Every valley will be lifted up, and every mountain and hill leveled; and the rugged land will be as a plateau, and the rough places a plain;

UST

⁴ Fill in the valleys; flatten every hill and every mountain. Make the uneven ground smooth, and make the rough places smooth.

What will happen to the land in Israel?

Every valley lifted up, every mountain and hill leveled, the rugged land made level and the rough places made into a plain.

Isaiah 40:5**ULT**

⁵ and the glory of Yahweh will be revealed, and all flesh will see {it} together; for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken."

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⁵ If you do that, it will become known that Yahweh is glorious, and all people will realize it at the same time. Those things will surely happen because it is Yahweh who has said it."

To whom will the glory of Yahweh be revealed?

Yahweh's glory will be seen by all people together.

Isaiah 40:6**ULT**

⁶ A voice says, "Call out." And {I} said, "What should I call out?" "All flesh {is} grass, and all their covenant faithfulness {is} like the flower of the field.

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⁶ Someone said to me, "Shout!" I replied, "What should I shout?" He replied, "Shout that people are like grass; their faithfulness fades as quickly as flowers in the field.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:7**ULT**

⁷ The grass withers, the flower wilts for the breath of Yahweh blows on it; surely mankind {is} grass.

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⁷ Grass withers and flowers dry up when Yahweh causes a hot wind from the desert to blow on them. And all people are like that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:8**ULT**

⁸ The grass withers, the flower wilts, but the word of our God will stand forever."

UST

⁸ The grass withers and the flowers dry up, but what our God promises will last forever."

What will stand forever?

The word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:9**ULT**

⁹ Go up yourself on a high mountain, herald of Zion. Lift high your voice mightily, herald of Jerusalem raise {it}, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold: your God!"

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⁹ All of you who bring good news to Zion, shout it from the high mountain! Every one of you who brings good news to the people who live in Jerusalem, shout out loud the message you have to tell! Shout it out! Do not be afraid! Say to the people living in the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

What good news was to be proclaimed to Jerusalem and the cities of Judah?

The good news was, "Here is your God!"

Isaiah 40:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Behold, the Lord Yahweh comes powerfully, and his arm rules for him. Behold, his reward {is} with him, and his wages {are} before his face.

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh your God will be coming with power, he will rule powerfully. When he comes, he will bring with him the people whom he has freed from being slaves in Babylonia.

How does the Lord Yahweh come?

He comes as a victorious warrior.

What does Yahweh bring with him when he comes?

Yahweh brings his reward with him and his recompense goes before him.

Isaiah 40:11**ULT**

¹¹ Like a shepherd he will tend his flock, in his arm he will gather the lambs, and in his bosom carry them; the nursing ewes he will lead.

UST

¹¹ He will take care of his people like a shepherd takes care of his sheep, and carries the young lambs in his arms. He carries them close to his chest and he gently leads the female sheep that are nursing their young lambs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:12**ULT**

¹² Who has measured the waters in his palm, and has gauged the sky with a handspan, and comprehended the measure of the dust of the earth, and weighed the mountains in scales, or the hills in a balance?

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¹² There is no one like Yahweh! Who else has measured the water in the oceans in the palm of his hand? Who else has measured the sky? Who else knows how much soil is in the earth? Who else has weighed the mountains and hills on scales?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:13**ULT**

¹³ Who has comprehended the spirit of Yahweh, or has a man instructed him {as} his counselor?

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¹³ And who else can advise Yahweh? Who can teach him or advise him what he should do?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:14**ULT**

¹⁴ With whom did he counsel? And informed him? And taught him the way of justice? and taught him knowledge, or the path of understanding informed him?

UST

¹⁴ Has Yahweh ever consulted anyone else to get advice? Does he need someone to tell him what is right to do and how to act justly?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Behold, the nations {are} like a drop in a bucket, and are regarded like the dust on the scales; behold, he weighs the isles as a speck.

UST

¹⁵ Yahweh considers that the nations are as insignificant as one drop from a bucket full of water. They are as insignificant as dust on scales. He is able to weigh islands as though they weighed no more than specks of dust.

What are the nations like to Yahweh?

The nations are like a drop in a bucket to Yahweh and are regarded like the dust on the scales.

Isaiah 40:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And Lebanon {is} not enough to kindle, and its wild animals not enough {for} a burnt offering.

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¹⁶ There would be not enough wood from all the trees in Lebanon to make a suitable fire for sacrificing animals to him, and there are not enough animals in Lebanon to offer as sacrifices to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:17**ULT**

¹⁷ All the nations {are} as naught before him; as nothing and void they are regarded by him.

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¹⁷ The nations of the world are completely insignificant to him; he considers that they are worthless and less than nothing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:18**ULT**

¹⁸ And to whom will you liken God? And what likeness will you compare to him?

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¹⁸ So to whom can you compare God? What image resembles him?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:19**ULT**

¹⁹ An idol? A craftsman casts {it}, and the goldsmith overlays it with gold and forges silver chains.

UST

¹⁹ Can you compare him to an idol that is made in a mold, and then is covered with a thin sheet of gold and decorated with silver chains?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:20**ULT**

²⁰ He who sets up a contribution chooses wood {that} does not rot, he seeks a skillful artisan for himself to erect an idol {that} will not fall over.

UST

²⁰ A man who is poor cannot buy silver or gold for his idol; so he selects a piece of wood that will not rot, and he gives it to a craftsman to carve an idol that will not fall over!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:21**ULT**

²¹ Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told to you from the beginning? Have you not understood {from} the foundations of the earth?

UST

²¹ Have you not heard this? Do you not understand it? Are you unable to hear what God said long ago—messages that he gave before he created the earth?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:22**ULT**

²² He is sitting above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants {are} like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

UST

²² God sits on his throne above the earth, and the people on the earth below seem to be as small as grasshoppers. He spreads out the sky like a curtain; it is like a tent for him to live in.

Where does God sit?

God sits above the horizon of the earth.

Isaiah 40:23**ULT**

²³ He brings princes to nothingness; he makes the rulers of the earth as naught.

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²³ He causes kings to have no more power, and he causes the rulers to be worth nothing.

What does God do to rulers?

God reduces rulers to nothing and makes the rulers of the earth insignificant.

Isaiah 40:24**ULT**

²⁴ Indeed, they are hardly planted, yes, hardly sown. Indeed, their stem has hardly taken root in the earth, but he also blows upon them and they wither, and the wind carries them away like straw.

UST

²⁴ They start to rule, like small plants start to grow and form roots; but then he gets rid of them as though they withered when he blew on them, like chaff that is blown away by the wind.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:25**ULT**

²⁵ "And to whom will you compare me, that I be equal {with}?" says the Holy One.

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²⁵ The Holy One asks, "To whom will you compare me? Is anyone equal to me?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:26**ULT**

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see! Who has created these? He musters their host by number, calls all of them by name, By the greatness of might and the strength of power, not one is missing.

UST

²⁶ Look up toward the sky: consider who created all the stars. Yahweh created them, and at night he causes them to appear; he calls each one by its name. Because he is extremely powerful, all of the stars are there when he calls out their names.

What does Yahweh do with the stars?

He leads out their formations and calls them all by name and by the greatness of his might and the strength of his power, not one is missing.

Isaiah 40:27**ULT**

²⁷ Why do you say, Jacob, and speak, Israel, "My way is hidden from Yahweh, and my God passes over my judgment"?

UST

²⁷ You people of Israel, why do you complain that Yahweh does not see the troubles that you are experiencing? Why do you say that he does not act fairly toward you?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:28**ULT**

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, Yahweh, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not grow tired and does not become weary; there is no limit to his understanding.

UST

²⁸ Have you never heard and have you never understood that Yahweh is the everlasting God? He is the one who created the earth, even the most distant places on the earth. He never becomes weak or weary, and no one can find out how much he understands.

Who is Yahweh, and what is he like?

Yahweh is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He does not get tired or weary and there is no limit to his understanding.

Isaiah 40:29**ULT**

²⁹ He gives energy to the weary; and to the frail of strength, increased might.

UST

²⁹ He strengthens those who feel weak and tired.

What does Yahweh do for the tired and weary?

Yahweh gives strength to the tired and renewed energy to the weary.

Isaiah 40:30**ULT**

³⁰ Even youths become tired and weary, and young lads stumble clumsily:

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³⁰ Even youths become faint and weary, and young men will fall when they are exhausted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 40:31**ULT**

³¹ but those who wait {for} Yahweh will renew {their} strength; they will ascend {with} wings like eagles; they will run and not be weary; they will walk and not faint.

UST

³¹ But those who trust in Yahweh will become strong again; it will be as though they will soar as eagles do. They will run for a long time and not become weary; they will walk long distances and not faint.

What will happen to those who wait on Yahweh?

Those who wait on Yahweh will renew their strength; they will soar with wings like eagles; they will run and not be weary; they will walk and not faint.

Isaiah 41**Isaiah 41:1****ULT**

¹ “Be silent before me, coastlands, and let the nations renew {their} strength; let them approach, then let them speak; together let us draw near to trial.

UST

¹ Yahweh says, “You people who live on islands in the ocean, be silent in front of me while I ask you some questions! Then you can be courageous and talk to me. We will meet together and decide which one of us is right.

For what purpose does Yahweh say, “let us come near together”?

Yahweh says for them to come near together so that they may argue a dispute.

Isaiah 41:2**ULT**

² “Who has stirred up righteousness from the east, calling it to his feet? He gives nations before his face and tramples kings. He makes {them} like dust {with} his sword, like scattered straw with his bow.

UST

² Who has raised up this king to come from the east? He is the one who does what is right with every step. He hands nations over to him and he defeats them, and he tramples their kings under his feet. He cuts their enemies and they are destroyed so they are like the dust, and his army shoots them with bows and arrows so that they are like the chaff when the wind blows.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:3**ULT**

³ He pursues them, passes by {in} peace, no path does he touch with his feet.

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³ Even though they are in danger, they go very swiftly as they pursue their enemies, and nothing stops them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:4**ULT**

⁴ Who has worked and accomplished, has summoned the generations from the beginning? I, Yahweh, the first and the last, I {am} he.”

UST

⁴ Who has enabled rulers to do mighty deeds like that? Who has done that throughout all generations? It is I, Yahweh! I was the first one to do things like that, and I will be the last one to do them.

Who has called forth the generations from the beginning?

It is Yahweh who has done these things.

Isaiah 41:5**ULT**

⁵ The isles have seen and are afraid; the ends of the earth tremble; they approach and come.

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⁵ People who live on islands in the ocean are afraid while they watch. People in remote areas tremble and gather together.

What is the response of the isles who have seen and are afraid and the ends of the earth that tremble? (vv5-7)

Their response is to approach and come and they encourage one another to build an idol.

Isaiah 41:6**ULT**

⁶ {Every} man helps his neighbor, and says to his brother, “Be strong.”

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⁶ They encourage each other and say to each other, ‘Be strong!’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:7**ULT**

⁷ And the artisan strengthens the goldsmith, who smooths {with} a hammer, who strikes the anvil, saying of the welding, "It {is} good." And they fasten it with nails; it will not topple over.

UST

⁷ The woodworkers encourage those who make things from gold, and the men who flatten metal encourage those who hammer it on an anvil. They all say, 'The idol has been well made!' Then they carefully nail down the idol in order that it will not topple over!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:8**ULT**

⁸ "But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend,

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⁸ Yahweh continues to say, "You people of Israel are my servants; you are descendants of Jacob, whom I chose; you are descendants of Abraham, who I said was my friend.

What does Yahweh call Israel? (vv8-9)

Yahweh calls Israel his servant, the offspring of Abraham his friend and he calls Israel chosen.

Isaiah 41:9**ULT**

⁹ you whom I am seizing from the ends of the earth, and from its extremities I called you and said to you, 'You {are} my servant;' I have chosen you and not rejected you.

UST

⁹ I summoned you from very distant places on the earth, and I said, 'I want you to serve me.' I have chosen you, and I will not reject you.

What does Yahweh say he is doing for Israel?

Yahweh says he is bringing back Israel from the ends of the earth.

Isaiah 41:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Do not fear, for I {am} with you. Do not be anxious, for I {am} your God. I will strengthen you, indeed, I will help you, yes, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

UST

¹⁰ Do not be afraid, because I will be with you. Do not be discouraged, because I am your God. I will enable you to be strong, and I will help you; I will hold you up with my powerful arm by which I will rescue you, and I will be completely right to do so!

What does Yahweh tell Israel not to do and why?

Yahweh tells Israel not to fear for Yahweh is with them and to not be anxious because he is their God.

What further does Yahweh say he will do for Israel?

Yahweh says he will strengthen and help them and will uphold them with the right hand of his deserved victory.

Isaiah 41:11**ULT**

¹¹ "Behold, they will be ashamed and disgraced, all who have been angry with you; they will be as nothing and will perish, men who contend with you.

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¹¹ It is certain that all those who are angry with you Israelite people will be disgraced. Those who oppose you will be wiped out; they will all die.

What will happen to those who are angry with and oppose Israel?

They will be ashamed and disgraced and will be as nothing and will perish.

Isaiah 41:12**ULT**

¹² You will seek them and will not find the men who quarreled with you; they will be as void and as nothing, the men who fought you.

UST

¹² If you search for those who tried to conquer you, you will not find them, because they will all disappear. Those who attacked you will not exist anymore,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:13**ULT**

¹³ For I, Yahweh your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, ‘Do not fear; I am helping you.’

UST

¹³ because it will be as though I will hold you up by your right hand. I am Yahweh, your God, and I say to you, ‘Do not be afraid, because I will help you.’

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Do not fear, worm of Jacob, men of Israel. I will help you”—the declaration of Yahweh, and your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

UST

¹⁴ Although others have treated you people of Israel like worms, do not be afraid of your enemies, because I will help you!” This is what Yahweh solemnly says—the one who rescues you, the Holy One of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:15**ULT**

¹⁵ “Behold, I am making you into a threshing sledge, a new threshing board, having two-edges; you will thresh the mountains and crush {them}, and you will make the hills like chaff.

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¹⁵ He continues to say, “I will cause you to be like a new threshing sledge, very sharp and two-edged. You will tear your enemies to bits causing them to be like bits of chaff on the mountains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:16**ULT**

¹⁶ You will winnow them, and the wind will carry them away; and the whirlwind will scatter them. And you, you will rejoice in Yahweh, in the Holy One of Israel you will boast.

UST

¹⁶ You will toss them up into the air, and a strong wind will blow them away. When that happens, you will rejoice about what I have done for you; you will praise me, Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel.

What will Israel do when they winnow those who war against them and contend with them?

Israel will rejoice in Yahweh, in the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 41:17**ULT**

¹⁷ “The oppressed and needy look for water, but {there is} none, their tongues are parched for thirst; I, Yahweh, shall respond to them; I, the God of Israel, shall not forsake them.

UST

¹⁷ When poor and needy people need water and they have no water, and their tongues are very dry because they are very thirsty, I, Yahweh, will come and help them. I, the God to whom you Israelite people belong, will never abandon them.

What will Yahweh do when the oppressed and needy look for water? (vv17-18)

Yahweh says he will respond to their prayers by making streams flow down the slopes and making springs in the middle of the valleys, by making the desert into a pool of water and the dry land into springs of water. He will not forsake them.

Isaiah 41:18**ULT**

¹⁸ I shall open streams upon the slopes, and in the middle of the valleys, fountains. I shall make the wilderness into a pool of water, and the dry land into springs of water.

UST

¹⁸ I will cause rivers to flow for them on the barren hills. I will give them fountains in the valleys. I will fill the desert with pools of water. Water from springs will flow into rivers, and the rivers will flow across the dry ground.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:19**ULT**

¹⁹ In the wilderness I shall set the cedar, the acacia, and the myrtle, and the olive tree. I shall place in the desert plain the cypress, the elm and the box tree together

UST

¹⁹ I will plant cedars, acacia, and myrtle, in the wilderness— and olive trees I will plant in the desert plain— cypresses, pines, and boxtrees all together.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:20**ULT**

²⁰ so that they may see and know and take {to heart} and have insight together, that the hand of Yahweh has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it.

UST

²⁰ I will do that in order that people who see it will think about it, and they will know and understand that it is I, Yahweh, who has done it; it is what I, the Holy One of Israel, have done.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:21**ULT**

²¹ "Present your case," says Yahweh, "bring forth your arguments," says the King of Jacob.

UST

²¹ I, Yahweh, the king of Israel am speaking to you nations: Come and tell me what your idols can do for you! Argue your best in defense of them.

What does Yahweh say to those who follow idols?

He says to present their case, bring forth their best arguments for their idols.

Isaiah 41:22**ULT**

²² "Let them bring forth and tell us what will happen. The first {things}, what {are} they? Let them tell, and put {before} our hearts, and we will know the last {things}, and they will inform us {of} the coming {things}.

UST

²² Bring them here to tell us what is going to happen! Ask them to tell us what things happened long ago, in order that we may think about those things, and learn if those things that they predicted really happened. Or ask them to tell us about the future, in order for us to know what will happen.

What evidence does Yahweh say those who follow idols should present so we can know if we can believe in them or not

For evidence Yahweh says to tell what will happen, and to tell of earlier predictions so we can reflect on them and know how they were fulfilled.

Isaiah 41:23**ULT**

²³ Tell the signs of the future, that we may know if you {are} gods. Yes, do good or evil, that we may look and see altogether.

UST

²³ Yes, those idols should tell us what will happen in the future. If they do that, we will know that they are really gods. Tell them to do something—either something good or something bad! Tell them to do something that will cause us to be amazed and afraid!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:24**ULT**

²⁴ Behold, you are nothing, and your deeds are naught; an abomination, he who chooses you.

UST

²⁴ But that is impossible, because idols are absolutely worthless; they can do nothing, and I detest those who decide to worship idols.”

What is Yahweh's assessment of the idols and the people who choose them?

Yahweh says their idols are of nothing and their deeds are nothing; he who chooses them is abominable.

Isaiah 41:25**ULT**

²⁵ “I have raised up one from the north, and he comes; from the rising of the sun he calls on my name, and he will trample rulers like mud, and like a potter treading clay.

UST

²⁵ “But I have incited a ruler who will come with his army from the north. I have summoned him to come from his country, which is east of Israel, and he will call on me for help. I will enable his army to conquer other rulers; they will trample those leaders like a man who makes clay pots first tramples the clay.

Who among those who worship idols decreed or declared that one would come from the north and would trample the rulers like mud, like a potter who is treading clay? (vv25-26)

None of those who worship idols decreed it and no one heard them say anything.

Isaiah 41:26**ULT**

²⁶ Who has told from the beginning that we might know? And from before the face, that we may say, '{He is} right'? Indeed, none told, truly, none announced, yes, none heard your sayings.

UST

²⁶ Who told you people long ago that this would happen? Who predicted it, with the result that we can say, "What he predicted was correct!"? No one else said that it would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 41:27**ULT**

²⁷ First, to Zion: 'Behold, here they are!' And to Jerusalem a herald I sent.

UST

²⁷ I was the first one to say to the people of Jerusalem: 'Listen to this! I have appointed a messenger to tell good news to you!'

What did Yahweh say concerning the one he raised up from the north?

He said first to Zion, 'Look here they are;' He sent a herald to Jerusalem.

Isaiah 41:28**ULT**

²⁸ And I looked, but there was no man, and from them, none who counseled, or, when I asked, returned a word.

UST

²⁸ None of your idols told you that. And when I asked them questions, none of them was able to give me any answers.

In this chapter what are Yahweh's final words about those who follow idols? (vv28-29)

Here are his words: "When I look, there is no one, not one among them who can give counsel, who, when I ask, can answer a word. Look all of them are nothing, and their deeds are nothing; their cast-poured figures are wind and emptiness."

Isaiah 41:29

ULT

²⁹ Behold, all of them {are} nothing, naught {are} their deeds; wind and void {are} their images.

UST

²⁹ Think about it: Those idols are all useless, worthless things. They are as meaningless as the wind."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42

Isaiah 42:1

ULT

¹ “Behold, my servant, whom I uphold; my chosen one, my spirit is pleased. I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring justice to the nations.

UST

¹ Yahweh says, “I want you people to know about my servant, whom I encourage. I have chosen him, and I am pleased with him. I have given him my Spirit, and he will make certain that all the people groups do what is right.

What does Yahweh say he has done for his servant?

Yahweh says he has chosen his servant, that he delights in him and that he has put his spirit upon him.

What does Yahweh’s say his servant will bring to the nations?

Yahweh says his servant will faithfully bring forth justice to the nations.

Isaiah 42:2

ULT

² He will not cry out and he will not lift up {his voice}, and he will not make his voice heard outside.

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² He will not show his power by shouting or by talking very loudly.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:3

ULT

³ A crushed reed he will not break, and a feeble wick he will not quench. He will faithfully bring forth justice;

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³ He will not get rid of anyone who is weak like a smashed reed, and he will not end the life of anyone who is helpless, like an oil lamp about to stop burning. He will faithfully make sure that judges decide cases justly.

What will Yahweh’s servant not do to a crushed reed or a dimly burning wick?

Yahweh says his servant will not break a crushed reed or quench a dimly burning wick.

Isaiah 42:4**ULT**

⁴ he will not grow faint and not be broken, until he has established justice on the earth, and the coastlands wait for his law."

UST

⁴ He will not become exhausted or discouraged all during the time that he is causing things to be done justly throughout the earth. Even people living on the islands in the oceans will confidently wait for him to teach them his laws."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:5**ULT**

⁵ Thus says God, Yahweh, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who forged the earth and all its produce, who gives breath to the people on it and air to those who live on it:

UST

⁵ Yahweh our God created the sky and spread it out. He also created the earth and everything on it. He gives breath to all the people on the earth and causes them to live. And he is the one who says to his special servant,

How does Yahweh describe himself?

He describes himself as the one who created the heavens and stretched them forth; who spread out the earth and gives life in it; who gives breath to the people on the earth and life to those who live on it.

Isaiah 42:6**ULT**

⁶ "I, Yahweh, have called you in righteousness and held your hand, and I will keep you and set you as a covenant of the people, as a light of the nations,

UST

⁶ "I, Yahweh, have chosen you to show people that I always act righteously. I will grasp your hand and protect you, and I will present you to my Israelite people to be the one who will put into effect my covenant with them. You will be like a light to the other nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:7**ULT**

⁷ to open the eyes of the blind, to release the prisoners from the dungeon, from the house of confinement, dwellers of darkness.

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⁷ For you will enable blind people to see, you will free those who are in prison and release those who are in dark dungeons.

What did Yahweh want his chosen servant to do for blind people and prisoners?

Yahweh wanted his servant to open the eyes of the blind, to release the prisoners from the dungeon, and from the house of confinement those who sit in darkness.

Isaiah 42:8**ULT**

⁸ "I {am} Yahweh, that {is} my name, and my glory I shall not give to another or my praise to carved idols.

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⁸ I am Yahweh; that is my name. I will not allow anyone else to receive the honor that only I deserve. And I will not allow others to praise idols, for they should praise only me.

What does Yahweh say he will not share?

He says he will not share his glory with another nor his praise with carved idols.

How does Yahweh contrast himself with carved idols? (vv8-9)

In contrast to carved idols, things came to pass when Yahweh declared them.

Isaiah 42:9**ULT**

⁹ Behold, the previous {things} came to pass; and I shall declare new {things}. Before they sprout I shall announce them."

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⁹ Everything that I have prophesied has happened, and now I will tell about other things that will happen. I will tell you things that will happen before they happen."

To further declare his glory what did Yahweh say he would do?

He said he was going to declare new events. He was going to tell about them before they occurred.

Isaiah 42:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Sing to Yahweh a new song, his praise from the end of the earth; those who descend {into} the sea and its fullness, the coastlands and their dwellers.

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¹⁰ Sing a new song to Yahweh! Sing to praise him throughout the world! All you people who sail across the oceans, and all you creatures that live in the oceans, and all you people who live on islands far away, sing!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:11**ULT**

¹¹ Let the wilderness and its cities lift up {their voice}, the villages {where} Kedar lives. Let the inhabitants of Sela sing; from the tops of mountains let them shout.

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¹¹ You people who live in towns in the desert, sing loudly! You people who live in the region of Kedar in the north of Arabia, you rejoice also! You people in the city of Sela in Edom, you also should sing joyfully; shout to praise him from the tops of your mountains!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:12**ULT**

¹² Let them give glory to Yahweh and his praise in the coastlands let them declare.

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¹² Even people who live on distant islands should honor Yahweh and sing to praise him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:13**ULT**

¹³ Yahweh will go out as a warrior; as a man of war he will stir up {his} zeal. He will shout, yes, he will raise a battle cry; over his enemies he prevails.

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¹³ It will be as though Yahweh will march out like a mighty soldier; he will show that he is very angry. He will shout a battle cry, and then he will defeat all his enemies.

What will Yahweh do to his enemies?

He will show them his power.

Isaiah 42:14**ULT**

¹⁴ "I have kept quiet from ancient times; I have been still; I have restrained myself; like a woman giving birth I shall cry out; I shall gasp and pant at once.

UST

¹⁴ He will say, "I have remained silent for a long time; I have restrained myself from doing what I need to do. But now, like a woman who is giving birth to a baby, I will cry out and gasp and pant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:15**ULT**

¹⁵ I shall destroy mountains and hills and all their vegetation dry up; and I shall turn the rivers into islands and the marshes dry up.

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¹⁵ I will level off the hills and mountains, and I will cause all the plants and trees to dry up. I will cause the rivers to become small streams, and little islands will appear in them, and I will cause all the pools to become dry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And I shall bring the blind by a way they do not know; in paths they do not know I shall lead them. I shall turn the darkness into light before their faces, and the crooked places straighten. These things I shall do, and I shall not abandon them.

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¹⁶ My people who have been taken into exile are like blind people, but I will lead them along a road on which they have not walked before, on a road that they have not seen before. They have felt very helpless, as though they were walking in the darkness, but I will take away that darkness and I will make smooth the road that is in front of them. Those are the things that I will do for them; I will not abandon them.

What will Yahweh do for the blind?

He will bring the blind by a way they do not know; in paths that they do not know he will lead them. He will turn the darkness into light before them and make the crooked places straight and he will not abandon them.

Isaiah 42:17**ULT**

¹⁷ They will be turned back, be completely ashamed, who trust in carved figures, who say to cast figures, 'You {are} our gods.'

UST

¹⁷ But those who trust in carved idols, and say to images, 'You are our gods,' will be completely humiliated."

What will happen to those who trust in idols and say to cast metal figures, "You are our gods"?

They will be turned back and completely put to shame.

Isaiah 42:18**ULT**

¹⁸ "Deaf ones, listen, and blind ones, look, in order to see.

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¹⁸ You Israelite people who have acted toward God like deaf people, listen to what Yahweh says! "You who have been like blind people, look!

What are the deaf and blind commanded to do?

The deaf are commanded to listen and the blind are commanded to look that they may see.

Isaiah 42:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Who {is} blind except my servant? Or deaf like my messenger I send? Who {is} blind like Meshullam, or blind like the servant of Yahweh?

UST

¹⁹ No people are as blind as my people, who should have been serving me. No people are as much like deaf people as the Israelites, who should have been my messengers. No people are as much like blind people as those whom I chose to serve me in a covenant.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:20**ULT**

²⁰ You see much but do not observe; ears {are} open, but do not hear.

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²⁰ You see and know what are the right things to do, but you do not do them. You hear what I say to you, but you do not pay attention."

Why does Yahweh command them to listen and see?

He commands them to listen and see because although they saw many things, but did not comprehend; their ears were open but no one really heard.

Isaiah 42:21**ULT**

²¹ Yahweh is pleased on account of his righteousness, he gives praise {to} the law and makes {it} glorious.

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²¹ Because Yahweh is righteous, he has honored his glorious laws.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:22**ULT**

²² But it {is} a people robbed and plundered, all of them trapped in pits and in houses of prisoners held captive. They have become a plunder with no rescue, despoiled, and no one says, 'Give back!'

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²² But armies have destroyed Jerusalem and have completely plundered all the valuable things, and they have captured Yahweh's people and taken them away and put them in prison. They have been captured easily, because there was no one to protect them; there was no one to say that they should be allowed to return home.

What does Yahweh say is the peoples' condition?

Yahweh said the people were robbed and plundered; they were all trapped in pits, held captive in prisons; they had become plunder with none to deliver them.

Isaiah 42:23**ULT**

²³ Who among you will give ear {to} this, give heed and hear in the future?

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²³ Who among you will listen carefully to these things? Who will pay attention from now on?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 42:24**ULT**

²⁴ Who gave Jacob to the robber, and Israel to the looters? Was {it} not Yahweh, against whom we have sinned, and were not willing to walk in his ways, and did not obey his law?

UST

²⁴ Who allowed the valuable possessions of the people of Israel to be stolen? It was Yahweh, because he is the one against whom we had sinned; we did not conduct our lives like he wanted us to, and we did not obey his laws.

Who gave Jacob over to the robber, and Israel to the looters?

It was Yahweh who gave them over.

Why did Yahweh give Jacob over to the robber and Israel to the looters?

Yahweh gave them over because they sinned against Yahweh in whose ways they refused to walk and whose law they refused to obey.

Isaiah 42:25**ULT**

²⁵ And he poured out on him the heat of his nose and the violence of war, and its flames encircled, yet he did not know, and {it} consumed him, but he did not take {it} to heart.

UST

²⁵ Therefore he was extremely angry with us, and he caused our soldiers to be destroyed in battles. It was as though he had lit a fire around us, but we did not understand what he was trying to tell us. His anger with us was like a fire that would burn us up, but we did not pay attention.

Did Israel realize who had inflicted them with the devastation of war and why he had done it?

No! It blazed around them, yet they did not realize it; it burned them, but they did not take it to heart.

Isaiah 43

Isaiah 43:1

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¹ But now thus says Yahweh, your creator, Jacob, and your fashioner, Israel: "Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you; I have called {you} by your name; you {are} mine.

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¹ But now, you people of Israel, listen to Yahweh, the one who established your nation. The one who caused you to become a nation says this: "Do not be afraid, because I have rescued you. I have called you by your name, in order that you may belong to me. Now you are mine.

In general what did Yahweh tell Jacob, Israel, to do?

He told Jacob, Israel, not to be afraid.

Isaiah 43:2

ULT

² When you pass through the waters, I {am} with you; and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. When you walk through the fire you will not be burned, and the flames will not destroy you.

UST

² When you experience dangerous situations, and you have hardships as terrible as deep rivers to cross, I will be with you. When you have very painful troubles, as painful as fire, you will be able to endure them, and they will not hurt you,

What did Yahweh say he would do for Israel to protect them?

Yahweh said rivers would not overwhelm Israel and that they wouldn't be harmed or burned by fire or flames.

Isaiah 43:3

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³ For I {am} Yahweh your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

UST

³ because I am Yahweh, your God, the Holy One of Israel, the one who rescues you. I will sacrifice Egypt in your place; and Ethiopia and Seba exchange for you.

What has Yahweh given in ransom and exchange for Israel?

He has given Egypt as ransom and Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for Israel.

Isaiah 43:4**ULT**

⁴ Since you are precious in my eyes, you are honored and I, I love you, and I shall give men in exchange for you and nations in exchange for your life.

UST

⁴ I will cause other countries to be conquered instead of your country; I will trade them for you, in order that you will not be killed, because you are very precious to me and because I love you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:5**ULT**

⁵ Do not be afraid, for I {am} with you; I shall bring your seed from the east, and from the west I shall gather you.

UST

⁵ Do not be afraid, because I am with you. Some day I will gather your descendants from the east and from the west.

What did Yahweh say he would do for Israel's offspring?

Yahweh said he would bring them from the east and gather them from the west.

Isaiah 43:6**ULT**

⁶ I shall say to the north, 'Give,' and to the south, 'Do not hold back.' Bring my sons from afar, and my daughters from the ends of the earth,

UST

⁶ I will command the rulers of the nations to the north and to the south, 'Allow all the people of Israel to return to their country, from the most distant places on the earth.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:7**ULT**

⁷ all who are called by my name and whom I have created for my glory, whom I have formed, yes, I made him."

UST

⁷ Allow all those who belong to me to return, because I have caused them to become a nation in order that they would honor me; I am the one who has done that.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:8**ULT**

⁸ Bring out a blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.

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⁸ Summon the people who have eyes but act as though they were blind; summon those who have ears but act as though they were deaf.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:9**ULT**

⁹ All the nations gather together, and the peoples assemble. Who among them could have declared this and announced to us the first {things}? Let them bring their witnesses that they may be verified, and let them listen that they may say, "{It is} true."

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⁹ Gather people of all nations together, ones from all people groups, and ask them this: 'Has any of their idols foretold the things that are happening now? And can any of them predict what will happen in the future?' Then bring people who will testify and say 'I heard them predict things, and what they predicted was what happened,' but they will be lying."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:10**ULT**

¹⁰ "You {are} my witnesses,"—the declaration of Yahweh— "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe in me, and understand that I {am} he. Before my face no god was formed, and after me will be none.

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¹⁰ But Yahweh says, "You people of Israel are my witnesses, and you are the ones who serve me. I chose you in order that you would know me, believe in me, and understand that I am the only one who is truly God. There is no other true God. There was no other true God previously, and there will never be another true God.

Why did Yahweh predict the gathering of his sons and daughters from the east and the west and announce to them earlier events?

Yahweh did this so that they might know him, believe in him and understand that he is God.

Is there any other god or savior than Yahweh? (vv10-11)

Before Yahweh no god was formed and there will be none after him. He is Yahweh and there is no savior but him.

Isaiah 43:11**ULT**

¹¹ I, I {am} Yahweh, and there is no savior but me.

UST

¹¹ I, only I, am Yahweh, and there is no other one who can save you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:12**ULT**

¹² I have declared and saved and proclaimed, and there is no other among you. And you {are} my witnesses,"—the declaration of Yahweh— "And I {am} God.

UST

¹² I said that I would rescue your ancestors, and then I rescued them, and I proclaimed that I had done it. No foreign god among you did that! And you are witnesses that only I, Yahweh, am God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:13**ULT**

¹³ Yes, from today I {am} he, and no one can rescue from my hand. I act, and who can turn it back?"

UST

¹³ I am God, the one who has existed forever and who will exist forever; no one can snatch people from my hand, and no one can change what I have done."

Who can deliver us out of God's hand?

No one can deliver us from God's hand.

Isaiah 43:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Thus says Yahweh, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "For your sake I send to Babylon and lead all of them down {as} fugitives and the Chaldeans in the ships of their rejoicing.

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel, is the one who rescues you, and this is what he says: "For your sake, I will send an army to attack Babylon. They will force the people of the city to run away from their city, and to wail in song instead of rejoice in song.

For whose sake did Yahweh send to Babylon and lead them all down as fugitives, turning the Babylonian's expressions of joy into songs of lamentation?

Yahweh did this for Israel's sake.

Isaiah 43:15**ULT**

¹⁵ I {am} Yahweh, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King."

UST

¹⁵ I am Yahweh, your Holy One, the one who caused Israel to become a nation, and the one who is really your king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Thus says Yahweh, who gave a way through the sea and in the mighty waters a path,

UST

¹⁶ I am Yahweh, the one who opened a path through the water, making a road through the Sea of Reeds.

What former things had Yahweh done that he tells them not to remember or consider? (vv16-17)

Yahweh had opened a way through the sea and a path in the mighty waters. He led out the chariot and horse, the army and the mighty host. They fell down together never to rise again. They were extinguished, quenched like a burning wick.

Isaiah 43:17**ULT**

¹⁷ who led out the chariot and horse, the army and the troops. They fell down together; they will not rise; they are extinguished like a quenched wick.

UST

¹⁷ Then I summoned the great army of Egypt to come with all their chariots and horses. But when they tried to pursue my people, I caused the waves to flow over them and they drowned; their lives ended like the light of a candle ends when someone snuffs out the wick.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:18**ULT**

¹⁸ "Do not remember the first {things}, and the previous {things} do not consider.

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¹⁸ But do not think only about what happened in the past, long ago.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Behold, I shall do a new thing; now it sprouts; do you not perceive it? Indeed, I shall make a road in the desert, in the wilderness, streams.

UST

¹⁹ Instead, consider the new thing that I am going to do. I have already started to do it; can you see it? I am going to make a road through the desert. And I will cause there to be streams in the wasteland.

What new thing does Yahweh say he was about to do in the desert and in the wilderness?

Yahweh said he would make a road in the desert and a stream of water in the wilderness.

Isaiah 43:20**ULT**

²⁰ The wild animals of the field will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, because I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, {for} my chosen people to drink,

UST

²⁰ The jackals and ostriches and other wild creatures will thank me for giving them water in the desert. I will cause streams to appear in the dry desert in order that my people, the ones whom I have chosen, will have water;

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:21**ULT**

²¹ this people I formed for myself; my praises they will recount.

UST

²¹ I will do that for the people whom I have created and chosen to belong to me, so that they will tell others about the wonderful things I have done for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:22**ULT**

²² "But you have not called on me, Jacob; for you have become tired of me, Israel.

UST

²² But now, you descendants of Jacob, you refuse to request my help. You people of Israel have become tired of worshiping me.

**What did this people, Israel, whom Yahweh formed for himself fail to do for Yahweh?
(vv22-23)**

Israel failed to call on Yahweh. They did not bring him any sheep as burnt offerings and they did not honor him with their sacrifices.

Isaiah 43:23**ULT**

²³ You have not brought me sheep {as} your burnt offerings, and {with} your sacrifices you have not honored me. I have not burdened you with grain offerings, and I have not wearied you with incense.

UST

²³ You have not brought to me sheep or goats for offerings to burn up on my altar; you have not honored me with any sacrifices, even though the offerings of grain and incense that I asked you to bring to me were not a burden to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:24**ULT**

²⁴ You have bought me no aromatic cane with money, and the fat of your sacrifices you have not poured out to me, but you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities.

UST

²⁴ You have not bought for me any fragrant reeds, and you have not poured out to me the sweet-smelling fat from any animal sacrifices. But you have burdened me by all the sins that you have committed, and made me weary because of all your iniquities.

What did Israel do to Yahweh?

Israel burdened Yahweh with their sins and wearied him with their evil deeds.

Isaiah 43:25**ULT**

²⁵ "I, I, {am} he who blots out your offenses for my sake, and your sins I shall not remember.

UST

²⁵ I am the one who is able to forgive you for all your sins; I am the only one who can do that, with the result that I will never think about them again.

Why does Yahweh blot out Israel's offenses and not remember their sins?

Yahweh does this for his own sake.

Isaiah 43:26**ULT**

²⁶ Remind me, let us debate together; you, recount {it}, that you may be vindicated.

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²⁶ Tell me what I have done that you do not like. Do you think that when you state your case, you will prove that you are innocent?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 43:27**ULT**

²⁷ Your first father sinned, and your spokesmen have transgressed against me.

UST

²⁷ No, what has happened is that the first ancestor of you Israelites sinned against me, and since then, all your leaders have rebelled against me.

Why was Yahweh going to defile the officials of the sanctuary; handing Jacob over to the destructive ban and Israel to abusive humiliation? (vv27-28)

Yahweh was doing this because their first father sinned and their spokesmen had transgressed against Yahweh.

Isaiah 43:28**ULT**

²⁸ So I shall defile the holy officials, and I shall hand Jacob over to destruction and Israel to reviling."

UST

²⁸ That is why I will cause your priests to be disgraced; I will allow others to destroy you people of Israel and caused you to be despised."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44**Isaiah 44:1****ULT**

¹ “And now, listen, Jacob my servant, and Israel, whom I have chosen.

UST

¹ But now, you people of Israel whom Yahweh has chosen to serve him, listen to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:2**ULT**

² Thus says Yahweh, your maker and your fashioner in the womb, your helper: Do not fear, Jacob my servant; and Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.

UST

² Yahweh, the one who created you, watched over you while you were being born, and helps you, says this: “You dear people of Israel whom I have chosen, you who serve me, do not be afraid.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:3**ULT**

³ For I shall pour water on the thirsty {ground}, and streams on the dry ground; I shall pour my Spirit on your seed, and my blessing on your offspring.

UST

³ I will pour water on your dry land and cause streams to flow. And I will pour out my Spirit on your descendants and greatly bless them.

Why did Yahweh tell Jacob he was going to pour out on Jacob’s offspring?

Yahweh said he was going to pour out his spirit on their offspring.

Isaiah 44:4**ULT**

⁴ And they will sprout among the grass, like willows by the streams of water.

UST

⁴ They will grow up like grass grows along the water, like willow trees grow well along a riverbank.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:5**ULT**

⁵ One will say, 'I {am} of Yahweh,' and one will call out the name of Jacob, and one will write {on} his hand 'Of Yahweh,' and by the name of Israel address {himself}.

UST

⁵ Some of them will say, 'I belong to Yahweh,' and others will say, 'We are descendants of Jacob,' and others will write on their hands, 'We belong to Yahweh,' and others will say, 'We are Israelites, and we belong to Yahweh.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:6**ULT**

⁶ "Thus says Yahweh, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, Yahweh of hosts: I {am} the first, and I {am} the last; and besides me there is no God.

UST

⁶ Yahweh, the King of Israel, the one who saves us, commander of the angel armies, says this: "I am the one who begins everything and who ends everything; there is no other God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:7**ULT**

⁷ And who {is} like me? Let him announce {it}, and let him declare it and arrange it before me. Who has made known from of old the signs, ^[1] and what is coming, declared it?

UST

⁷ If there is anyone like me, he should proclaim it! He should speak and tell me now! He should tell what has happened since I caused my people of Israel to become a nation long ago; he should also explain why events in the past happened the way they did, and he should predict what will happen in the future.

How could someone prove to Yahweh that there was someone else like him; another god?

To prove that to Yahweh you would have to explain to him the events that occurred since Yahweh established his ancient people and they would have to declare the events to come.

Isaiah 44:8**ULT**

⁸ Do not fear and do not be afraid. Have I not declared to you long ago and announced {it}? And you {are} my witnesses: Is there a God besides me? For there is no {other} Rock; I know of none.”

UST

⁸ My people, do not be afraid. Long ago I told you things that would happen; you know that I predicted them, and you can testify that I did that. There certainly is not any other God. There is no other God who is able to protect you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:9**ULT**

⁹ All who fashion idols {are} nothing, and their delights cannot benefit, and their witnesses, they cannot see and cannot know, so they are ashamed.

UST

⁹ All those who make idols are foolish, and the idols that they think highly of are worthless. And the people who worship those idols—it is as though they were blind, and they will be ashamed for having worshiped those idols.

What does Yahweh say concerning those who fashion idols?

Yahweh says they are nothing and that the things they delight in are worthless and they will be put to shame.

Isaiah 44:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Who would form a god or cast an idol to no avail?

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¹⁰ Only foolish people would make idols in a mold, idols that would never help them at all.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:11**ULT**

¹¹ Behold, all his associates will be put to shame, and craftsmen, they {are} but men. Let them gather, all of them; let them take their stand; together they will fear, be ashamed.

UST

¹¹ Those who make idols and those who worship them will be ashamed. Those who make idols are only human beings, but they claim that they are making gods! They should stand in front of God in a courtroom, and when they hear what he says, they will be terrified, and they will all be disgraced.

What will happen to the craftsmen and their associates who form a god or cast an idol?

Craftsmen and their associates who form a god or cast an idol will be put to shame.

Isaiah 44:12**ULT**

¹² The craftsman of iron {with} a tool works over coals, and with hammers he shapes it and works it with his strong arm. Yet, should he hunger, then there is no strength; should he drink no water, then he becomes faint.

UST

¹² Metalworkers stand in front of hot coals in order to make idols. They pound them with hammers and shape them. Because they work very hard, they become hungry and weak; they become very thirsty and feel exhausted.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:13**ULT**

¹³ The craftsman of wood stretches out a measure, outlines with a stylus, makes it with a chisel and with a compass outlines it, and makes it like the figure of a man, like the splendor of man to dwell {in} a house.

UST

¹³ Then a woodcarver takes a big block of wood and he measures it; then he marks it to show where he will cut it. He uses a chisel and other tools to carve it to resemble a human. He causes it to become a very beautiful idol, and then he puts it in a special house, where he will bow down to it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Cutting down cedars for it, and taking a cypress or an oak, and lets the trees of the forest grow strong for it; plants a fir tree and the rain makes {it} grow.

UST

¹⁴ Before he carves an idol from that block of wood, he has already cut down a cedar tree, or he has selected a cypress tree or an oak tree and allowed it to grow tall in the forest. Or he has planted a pine tree, and the rain has watered it and caused it to grow tall.

How does a carpenter start to make an idol?

He cuts down cedar trees, or chooses a cyprus tree or an oak tree.

Isaiah 44:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And it becomes kindling for man, and he takes from them and warms himself. Yes, he kindles a fire and bakes bread. He also makes a god and bows down to it; he makes an idol and kneels before it.

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¹⁵ After he uses part of the tree to make an idol, he uses the other part to make a fire, either to warm himself or to bake bread. But he uses part of the same tree to make for himself an idol to worship! He makes an idol, and then he bows down to worship it.

What does the man do with the wood from the tree he has cut down? (vv15-16)

The man uses part of it for a fire and warms himself with it, bakes bread with it and roasts his meat over it and with part of it he makes an idol, a god, and bows down to it.

Isaiah 44:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Half of it he burns for the fire, on half of it he eats meat; he roasts a roast and is satisfied. He also warms {himself} and says, "Ah, I am warm, I have seen the fire."

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¹⁶ He burns part of the wood of that tree to cook his meat and eats it and becomes full, and he burns part of it to warm himself, and he says, "I feel warm while I am watching the flames in the fire."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And the rest of it he makes a god, his carved image; he kneels before it and worships it, and prays to it and says, "Rescue me, for you {are} my god."

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¹⁷ Then he takes the rest of the wood and makes an idol which is to be his god. He bows down to it and honors it, and prays to it and says, "You are my god, so save me!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:18**ULT**

¹⁸ They do not know, and they do not understand, for their eyes {are} plastered over from seeing, their hearts from perceiving.

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¹⁸ Those people are very stupid and ignorant. It is as though they were blind and unable to see, as though their minds were closed and unable to think well.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And none takes {it} to his heart, with no knowledge and no understanding, saying, "Half of it I burned in fire, and I have also baked bread upon its coals. I have roasted meat and eaten. And its remainder I shall make into an abomination, a block of wood I shall worship."

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¹⁹ They do not think about what they are doing, that they are taking a block of wood and burning half of it to warm themselves and using some of the rest to bake bread and roast some meat! They do not say to themselves, "It is stupid to take the rest of the wood to make a detestable idol! It does not make sense to bow down to a block of wood!"

Because those who make and worship idols are without understanding or knowledge and their eyes are blind and their hearts are unperceiving, what two questions do they not ask themselves?

First, they don't ask themselves if they should make the other part of the wood into something disgusting to worship. Second, they don't ask themselves if it is reasonable to bow down to a block or wood.

Isaiah 44:20**ULT**

²⁰ He grazes {on} ashes; a deceived heart misleads him, and he will not rescue his life, and he does not say, "{Is this} not a falsehood in my right hand?"

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²⁰ They might as well be eating the ashes from a fire! They trust in something that cannot save them; they do not admit, "In my hand I hold something that is not really a god! "

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:21**ULT**

²¹ "Recall these, Jacob, and Israel, for you {are} my servant: I have formed you; you {are} my servant: Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

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²¹ Yahweh says, "You descendants of Jacob, you people of Israel who should be serving me, I created you, and I will not forget you.

Why are Jacob and Israel told to think about Yahweh as the only God and idols as nothing? (vv21-22)

They are to remember these things because Yahweh formed them, they are his servants and he will not forget them. Also Yahweh has blotted out their sins and rebellious deeds.

Isaiah 44:22**ULT**

²² I have blotted out like fog your rebellions, and like a cloud, your sins; return to me, for I have redeemed you."

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²² I have gotten rid of your sins like the wind blows away a cloud. It is as though your transgressions were a morning mist that I have blown away. Return to me because I have rescued you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:23**ULT**

²³ Sing, heavens, for Yahweh has done {this}; shout, depths of the earth. Break out into singing, mountains, forest and every tree in it; for Yahweh has redeemed Jacob, and will show his glory in Israel.

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²³ The sun and moon and stars in the sky, should sing, and the very deepest places of the earth will should joyfully! All the mountains and forests, and all you trees, should sing loudly, because Yahweh has rescued the descendants of Jacob, and the people of Israel will praise him.

Why are the heavens, the mountains, the forest and every tree commanded to sing?

They are commanded to sing because Yahweh has redeemed Jacob and will show his glory in Israel.

Isaiah 44:24**ULT**

²⁴ Thus says Yahweh, your Redeemer and your maker from the womb: "I {am} Yahweh, who made everything, who alone stretched out the heavens, fashioned the earth—who {was} with me?—

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²⁴ Yahweh, who saved you and created you, says this: "I am Yahweh, the one who created everything. I am the only one who stretched out the sky. There was no one who was with me when I created the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:25**ULT**

²⁵ overturning the omens of liars, and disgracing soothsayers, making the wise turn back and making their knowledge a mockery,

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²⁵ I show that the false prophets are liars, and I show that those who perform rituals to predict the future are fools. Some people who falsely think that they are wise say that they know much, but I show that they are foolish.

What does Yahweh do to omens and to those who read them?

Yahweh frustrates the omens of the empty talkers and disgraces those who read omens.

Isaiah 44:26**ULT**

²⁶ confirming the words of his servant and the counsel of his messengers fulfilling, who says of Jerusalem, 'She will be inhabited,' and of the towns of Judah, 'They will be built up, and her ruins I shall raise up';

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²⁶ But I always cause to happen what my prophets predict. I tell them to say to the people of Jerusalem, 'Some day people will live here again.' And I tell them to say to the people in other towns in Judah that I, Yahweh, say, 'Your towns will be rebuilt; I will cause the places that are only ruins to be rebuilt.'

What does Yahweh do for his servant and messengers?

Yahweh fulfills the declarations of his servant and brings to pass the counsel of his messengers.

What did Yahweh say about Jerusalem and the cities of Judah?

He said that Jerusalem would be inhabited and the cities of Judah would be built again and that he would raise up her waste places.

Isaiah 44:27**ULT**

²⁷ who says to the deep sea, 'Be parched, and your currents I shall dry up,'

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²⁷ When I say to the rivers, 'Dry up!' they will become dry.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 44:28**ULT**

²⁸ saying of Cyrus, 'My shepherd, and he will fulfill my every wish,' and saying of Jerusalem, 'She will be rebuilt,' and the temple, 'Your foundations will be laid.'"

44:7 ^[1]

UST

²⁸ When I say about King Cyrus, 'He will take care of my people like a shepherd takes care of his sheep, he will do all that I want him to do,' he will say about Jerusalem, 'We must rebuild it!' and he will also say, 'We must rebuild the temple!'"

What did Yahweh say about Cyrus and what he would do?

Yahweh said of Cyrus, "He is my shepherd, he will do my every wish—he will decree about Jerusalem, 'Let her be rebuilt,' and about the temple, 'Let your foundations be laid.'"

Isaiah 45

Isaiah 45:1

ULT

¹ Thus says Yahweh to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I hold to subdue nations before his face and the loins of kings I shall loosen, to open the doors before his face, and the gates will not be closed:

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¹ Cyrus is the one whom Yahweh has appointed to be the emperor of Persia and to whom he will give great power; Yahweh will enable him to defeat other nations and to take away the power of their kings. He will cause gates of cities to be opened, and no one will ever be able to shut them.

In this chapter, who is the Lord's anointed?

In this chapter, Yahweh says Cyrus is his anointed.

Why does Yahweh hold Cyrus' hand?

Yahweh holds Cyrus' hand in order to subdue nations before him, to disarm kings, and to open the doors before him, so that gates remain open.

Isaiah 45:2

ULT

² "I shall go before your face and level the mountains; the doors of bronze I shall break and bars of iron cut

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² This is what Yahweh says to him: "Cyrus, I will go ahead of you and level the mountains. I will smash down bronze gates and cut through their iron bars.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 45:3**ULT**

³ and I shall give to you the treasures of darkness and the riches of secret places so that you may know that {it is} I, Yahweh, who call you by your name, the God of Israel.

UST

³ I will give you treasures that people have hidden in dark secret places. I will do that in order that you will know that I am Yahweh, the God to whom the Israelites belong, the God who calls you by your name.

Why will Yahweh go before Cyrus and level the mountains, break in pieces the doors of bronze, cut in pieces their iron bars and give him treasures of darkness and riches hidden away?

Yahweh will do these things so that Cyrus will know that it is Yahweh the God of Israel who called him.

Isaiah 45:4**ULT**

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob and Israel my chosen, I have called you by your name, I gave you a name of honor, though you have not known me.

UST

⁴ I have summoned you, calling out your name, for the sake of the people of Israel whom I have chosen, who serve me. Even though you do not know me, I will give you a title that has great honor.

For whose sake has Yahweh called Cyrus by his name?

Yahweh has done this for Jacob his servants sake and Israel his chosen

Did Cyrus know Yahweh? (vv4-5)

No, Cyrus did not know Yahweh.

Isaiah 45:5**ULT**

⁵ I {am} Yahweh, and there is no other; except me there is no God. I shall gird you, though you have not known me,

UST

⁵ I am Yahweh, and there is no other God. Even though you do not know me, I will give you power to wage war

Is there is any other God besides Yahweh? (vv5-6)

No, there is no other God except Yahweh.

Isaiah 45:6**ULT**

⁶ so that they may know from the rising of the sun and from the west that {there is} nothing besides me. I {am} Yahweh, and there is no other.

UST

⁶ in order that everyone in the world, from the east to the west, will know that there is no other God. I am Yahweh, and there is no other God.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 45:7**ULT**

⁷ Forming light and creating darkness, making peace and creating disaster; I {am} Yahweh, doing all these.

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⁷ I created the light and the darkness. I cause there to be peace and I cause there to be disasters. I, Yahweh, do all those things.”

Who formed the light and created darkness and who brings peace and creates disaster?

Yahweh is the one who does all these things.

Isaiah 45:8**ULT**

⁸ Rain down, heavens, from above! And let the skies trickle down righteousness. Let the earth open, and salvation sprout up, and righteousness spring up together. I, Yahweh, have created it.

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⁸ Yahweh also says, “Just like the rain falls on the earth to help it, I will help my people and rescue them; I will cause them to be treated justly. I, Yahweh, am the one who will cause both of those things to happen.

Who created salvation?

Yahweh created salvation.

Isaiah 45:9**ULT**

⁹ Woe, who argue {against} his creator, a pottery shard {from} the shards of the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, 'What are you making?' or 'Your work has no hands?'

UST

⁹ Terrible things will happen to those who argue with me, because I am the one who created them. They are like clay pots who are arguing with the Potter who made them; they are just like every other clay pot that is made, and yet they argue with the One who made them and formed them out of the clay. Can a lump of clay say to the potter who made him, 'Why are you making me like this?' The clay pot cannot say 'What do you think you are doing, making me this way?' or "You have no skill and your clay pots are not worth anything!"

To what thing does Yahweh compare someone who argues with his maker?

He compares someone who argues with his maker to clay that says to the potter, "What are you doing?" or, "What you were making—did you have no hands when you did it?"

Isaiah 45:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Woe, who says to a father, 'What are you begetting?' or to a woman, 'What are you in labor {for}?'

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¹⁰ And it would be terrible if an unborn baby would say to its father, 'Why are you causing me to be born?' or if it said to its mother, 'The result of your labor pains will be useless.'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 45:11**ULT**

¹¹ Thus says Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel and its Maker: "Do the signs ask me about my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command me?"

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¹¹ Yahweh, the Holy One of the Israelite people, the one who created Israel, says this to them: "Why do you ask questions about what I do for you, my children? Why do you instruct me about the work that I should do?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 45:12**ULT**

¹² I made the earth and created man on it. I, my hands stretched out the heavens, and all their hosts I commanded.

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¹² I am the one who created the earth and created people to live on it. I stretched out the sky with my hands, and I put the stars in their places.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 45:13**ULT**

¹³ I stirred him up in righteousness, and I shall level all his paths. {It is} he {who} will build my city, and he will send out my exiles, not for price and not for bribe," says Yahweh of hosts.

UST

¹³ And I have made Cyrus to desire to do things that are right, and I will enable him to do all those things easily. No one will be able to stop him. His workers will rebuild my city, and he will free my people who have been exiled. And he will do it without my rewarding him!" This is what Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says.

What will Cyrus do for Yahweh?

He will build Yahweh's city; he will let Yahweh's exiled people go home and not for price nor bribe.

Isaiah 45:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Thus says Yahweh, "The earnings of Egypt and the merchandise of Cush and the Sabeans, men of tall stature, will pass over to you and be yours. They will walk after you; they will pass by in chains. And they will bow down to you and plead with you: 'Surely God {is} with you, and {there is} no other, only God.'"

UST

¹⁴ And this is also what I, Yahweh, say to you, my people: "You will rule the people of Egypt and Ethiopia, and the tall people of Seba will become your slaves. They will come to you bringing all the things that they sell, and it will all be yours. They will have chains on their arms as they follow you. They will bow down in front of you and say, 'God is with you and he is the only God; there is no other God.'"

Is there is any other God besides Yahweh?

No, there is no other God except Yahweh.

Isaiah 45:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Truly you {are} a God who hides yourself, God of Israel, Savior.

UST

¹⁵ God, although we cannot see you, you are the one to whom we Israelite people belong, the one who saves us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 45:16**ULT**

¹⁶ They will be ashamed and also disgraced, all of them together, they will walk in humiliation, crafters of idols.

UST

¹⁶ All those who make idols will be humiliated. They will all be disgraced together.

Who will walk in humiliation?

Those who carve idols will walk in humiliation.

Isaiah 45:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Israel will be saved by Yahweh, a salvation of eternity; you will not be ashamed and you will not be humiliated to eternity evermore.

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¹⁷ But you, Yahweh, will rescue us, your Israelite people, and we will be free forever. Never again, during all the future, will we again be humiliated and disgraced.

How long will Israel's salvation last?

Yahweh will save Israel with a everlasting salvation.

Isaiah 45:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For thus says Yahweh, who created the heavens, he {is} God, creator of the earth and its maker; he established it; he created it, not {as} a void, to dwell {there} he formed it: "I {am} Yahweh, and there is no other.

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¹⁸ Yahweh is God; he is the one who created the sky and created and formed the earth. He did not want it to remain with nothing living on it; he wanted people to live on it. He says, "I am Yahweh; there is no other God.

Is there is any other God besides Yahweh?

No, there is no other God except Yahweh.

Why did Yahweh design the earth?

He designed it to be inhabited.

Isaiah 45:19**ULT**

¹⁹ I have not spoken in private, in a dark place of the earth; I did not say to the seed of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain!' I {am} Yahweh, speaking righteousness, declaring uprightness.

UST

¹⁹ What I proclaimed, I did not speak secretly; I did not hide what I was saying by speaking in a dark place. When I spoke to the descendants of Jacob, I did not tell them 'It will be useless for you to seek for me!' I, Yahweh, speak only what is true and what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 45:20**ULT**

²⁰ "Assemble yourselves and come! Gather together, refugees of the nations! They do not know, those who carry their wooden idols and pray to a god not saving.

UST

²⁰ You people who are still alive after experiencing great disasters, should come and gather together and listen to this: The people who carry around their wooden idols and pray to them are foolish, because those idols cannot rescue them!

Who has no knowledge?

Those who carry carved images and pray to gods who cannot save, have no knowledge.

Isaiah 45:21**ULT**

²¹ Declare and approach, even consult together! Who has announced this from previous times? From then, declared it? {Was it} not I, Yahweh? For there is no other God except me, a just God and a Savior; there is none besides me.

UST

²¹ Talk among yourselves and decide what you will say to prove that you should pray to idols. And when you do that, I will ask you, 'Who predicted long ago what has now happened? Did any idol tell you that those things would happen?' No, it was only I, Yahweh, who told you, because I am the only God; there is no other God. I am a God who acts righteously and saves people; there is no other one who does these things.

Is there is any other God besides Yahweh? (vv21-22)

No, there is no other God except Yahweh.

Isaiah 45:22**ULT**

²² "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth, for I {am} God, and there is no other.

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²² Everyone in the world should ask me to save them, because I am the only God who can do that; there is no other one.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 45:23**ULT**

²³ By myself I swear; righteousness goes out from my mouth, a word and it does not turn back: 'For to me every knee will bend, every tongue will swear.

UST

²³ I have solemnly declared, using my own name; I have spoken what is true, and I will never change what I have said: Some day, everyone will bow in front of me, and they will all solemnly promise to be loyal to me.

Who does Yahweh swear by?

Yahweh swears by himself.

Isaiah 45:24**ULT**

²⁴ But in Yahweh—they will say of me— ‘salvation and strength!’” To him they will come and be ashamed, all who raged against him.

UST

²⁴ They will declare, ‘Yahweh is the one who enables us to live righteously and to be strong.’” And all those who have been angry at Yahweh will come to him, and they will be ashamed that they were angry with him.

What will every tongue swear?

Every tongue will swear saying, “In Yahweh alone are deliverance and strength.”

Isaiah 45:25**ULT**

²⁵ In Yahweh they will be justified, and they will take pride in him, all the seed of Israel.

UST

²⁵ Yahweh is the only one who will enable us Israelite people in all future times to defeat our enemies, and then we will boast about what he has done for us.

What will happen with all the descendants of Israel?

In Yahweh all the descendants of Israel will be justified; they will take pride in him.

Isaiah 46

Isaiah 46:1

ULT

¹ Bel bows down, Nebo stoops; their images you carried become for animals and for beasts a heavy burden to exhaustion.

UST

¹ It is as though Bel and Nebo, the statues of the gods of Babylonia, were bowing down as they are put on animals and carried away! The statues are heavy burdens and will cause the animals to become tired!

What are Bel and Nebo?

They are idols.

Who carries Bel and Nebo?

Bel and Nebo are carried by animals.

Isaiah 46:2

ULT

² Together they bend low, kneel down; they are not able to rescue the load, and their souls have gone into captivity.

UST

² Gods and animals are all bowed down; the gods can save neither themselves nor the beasts of burden; the gods themselves are going into exile!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 46:3**ULT**

³ "Listen to me, house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, heavy-laden from birth, burdened from the womb.

UST

³ Yahweh says, "You descendants of Jacob who were exiled, I am not like the gods of Babylonia that must be carried; instead, it is as though I have carried you since you first became a nation. I carried you even before you became a nation.

Who carried the house of Jacob?

Yahweh carried the house of Jacob.

How long has Yahweh carried the house of Jacob and how long will he carry them? (vv3-4)

Yahweh carried them before their birth and will carry them even until their hair is gray.

Isaiah 46:4**ULT**

⁴ And until old age I {am} he, and until gray hair I carry {you}. I made you and I shall bear {you}, and I shall carry {you} and I shall rescue you.

UST

⁴ I will be your God, and I will carry you for many years, until it is as though your nation is an old man with gray hair. I caused you to become a nation, and I will sustain you and rescue you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 46:5**ULT**

⁵ "To whom will you liken me, that I am equal with, and compare me, that I resemble?

UST

⁵ There is certainly no one to whom I can be compared. There is no one who is equal to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 46:6**ULT**

⁶ They pour out gold from the bag and silver on the scale weigh, hire a goldsmith that he make it a god; they worship it, even bow down.

UST

⁶ So it is stupid that some people pour out gold and silver from their bags and weigh it on a scale. Then they hire a man who makes things from gold to make an idol from it. After he makes an idol, they bow down and worship it!

What do people do with gold and silver?

The people hire a metalsmith and he takes their gold and silver and make it into a god.

Isaiah 46:7**ULT**

⁷ They lift it on a shoulder and carry it, and they set it {in} its place, and it stands in its spot, does not depart. One may even cry out to it, but it does not answer from his trouble it does not save him.

UST

⁷ They lift it up and carry it on their shoulders. They put it in a special place, and it stays there. It cannot move! And when someone prays to it, it does not answer. So obviously it cannot rescue anyone from his troubles!

Can that god save answer them or save them?

No it cannot answer nor save anyone from his trouble.

Isaiah 46:8**ULT**

⁸ "Recall these and be firm; rebels, take {it} to heart!

UST

⁸ You people of Judah, do not forget this; keep thinking about it, you sinful people!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 46:9**ULT**

⁹ Recall the former things from ancient times, for I {am} God, and there is no other; God, and none {is} like me,

UST

⁹ Think about the things that I did long ago. Only I am God; I am God, and there is no one like me.

To whom can Yahweh be compared? Who is like him?

Yahweh is God and there is no other. There is no one like him.

Isaiah 46:10**ULT**

¹⁰ announcing from the beginning, the end, and beforehand what has not happened, saying, 'My plan will happen, and all my desire I shall do.'

UST

¹⁰ Only I can tell what will happen in the future before it occurs; I tell it long before it happens. I will accomplish everything that I plan to accomplish, and I will do everything that I want to do.

What sets Yahweh, God, apart from idols?

Yahweh is set apart by the fact that he announces the end from the beginning, and announces beforehand what has not yet happened.

Isaiah 46:11**ULT**

¹¹ Calling a hawk from the east, from a distant land, the man of my counsel. Yes, I have spoken; indeed, I shall accomplish it. I have purposed; I shall also do it.

UST

¹¹ So I will summon Cyrus to come from the east like a swift and powerful eagle; he will come from a distant country. He will accomplish what I want him to. He is the one who will do what I have said that I want him to do, what I have planned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 46:12**ULT**

¹² Listen to me, bull-hearted, far from righteousness.

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¹² You stubborn people of Israel, you who are completely unable to do what is right,

**What is Yahweh doing for the stubborn people, who are far from doing what is right?
(vv12-13)**

Yahweh is bringing his righteousness near. He will give deliverance to Zion and his beauty to Israel.

Isaiah 46:13**ULT**

¹³ I am bringing my righteousness near; {it is} not far away, and my salvation does not loiter; and I shall give salvation to Zion to Israel my splendor.

UST

¹³ I will rescue you, and it will not be a long time before that happens. I will do it soon. I will rescue Jerusalem and show to you Israelite people that I am glorious.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 47**Isaiah 47:1****ULT**

¹ “Come down and sit in the dust, virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, daughter of the Chaldeans, for no longer will they call you dainty and delicate.

UST

¹ Yahweh also says, “You people of Babylon, you should go and sit in the dust, because your time to rule other countries is almost ended. People will never again say that Babylonia is beautiful like a very attractive young woman.

Who will no longer be called dainty and delicate?

The virgin daughter of Babylon, the daughter of the Chaldeans, will no longer be called dainty and delicate.

Isaiah 47:2**ULT**

² Take the millstone and grind flour; remove your veil, strip off {your} train. Uncover {your} legs, cross the streams.

UST

² You will be slaves, so take heavy stones and grind grain like slave women do. Take off your beautiful veils and take off your robes as you prepare to cross streams to go where you will be forced to go.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 47:3**ULT**

³ Your nakedness will be uncovered; yes, your shame will be seen: I shall take vengeance and not spare a man.”

UST

³ You will be naked and very ashamed. I will have vengeance on you and will not pity you.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 47:4**ULT**

⁴ Our Redeemer, Yahweh of hosts {is} his name, the Holy One of Israel.

UST

⁴ The one who frees us people of Judah, whom we call 'Yahweh, Commander of the angel armies,' is the Holy One of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 47:5**ULT**

⁵ "Sit silently and go into darkness, daughter of the Chaldeans; for you will no longer be called mistress of kingdoms.

UST

⁵ Yahweh says, "You people of Babylon, sit silently in the darkness, because no one will never again say that your city is like a queen that rules many kingdoms.

What will the daughter of the Chaldeans no longer be called?

The daughter of the Chaldeans will no longer be called Queen of kingdoms.

Isaiah 47:6**ULT**

⁶ I was angry with my people; I defiled my inheritance and gave them into your hand. You showed them no mercy; on the old you weighed down your great yoke.

UST

⁶ I was angry with the people who belong to me, and I punished them. I allowed you people of Babylon to conquer them. But when you conquered them, you did not act mercifully toward them. You oppressed even the old people.

Why was Yahweh upset with the Chaldeans?

Yahweh was upset with the Chaldeans because although Yahweh gave his people into the Chaldean's hands, they showed Yahweh's people no mercy and placed a very heavy yoke on the old people.

Isaiah 47:7**ULT**

⁷ And you said, "I shall forever be mistress." Yet you did not take these to your heart, did not remember its end.

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⁷ You said, 'We will rule other nations forever; it is as though our city will be the queen of the world forever!' But you did not think about the things that you were doing, or think about what would result.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 47:8**ULT**

⁸ "And now, hear this, overindulged, who dwell in confidence, who say in your heart, '{It is} I, and none else; I will not sit as a widow, and I will not know bereavement.'

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⁸ You people of Babylon who enjoy pleasures and who live in luxury, listen to this: You act as through you were gods, saying, "I am special, and there is no one better than I am," None of our women will ever become widows, and none of our children will ever be killed in wars.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 47:9**ULT**

⁹ But these two {things} will come to you {in a} moment, in one day: bereavement and widowhood. As their fullness they will come on you despite the abundance of your sorceries, despite the great power of your spells.

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⁹ But both of those things will happen to you suddenly: many of your women will become widows and many of your children will die, even though you perform much sorcery and many kinds of magic to prevent bad things from happening to you.

What will happen to the daughter of the Chaldeans in a moment in one day?

The daughter of the Chaldeans will suffer loss of children and widowhood in a moment in one day.

Isaiah 47:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But you trusted in your wickedness; you said, 'No one sees me;' your wisdom and your knowledge, this led you astray, but you say in your heart, '{It is} I and none else.'

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¹⁰ You felt safe even though you were doing many wicked things, and you said, 'No one will see what we are doing!' You thought that you were very wise and knew many things, and you said, 'We are gods, and there are no others like us,' but you deceived yourselves.

What has the daughter of the Chaldeans trusted in?

She has trusted in her wickedness.

Isaiah 47:11**ULT**

¹¹ And disaster will come on you; you will not know its dawn. And ruin will fall on you; you will not be able to avert it. And desolation will come on you suddenly, you not knowing.

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¹¹ So you will experience terrible things, and you will not be able to prevent them by working magic. You will experience disasters, and you will not be able to pay any magician to keep those things from happening. A catastrophe will happen to you suddenly, something that you will not realize is about to happen.

What did not ward off the disaster and destruction that was coming on the daughters of the Chaldeans?

The incantations of the daughters of the Chaldeans was not able to ward off the disaster and destruction that was coming on them.

Isaiah 47:12**ULT**

¹² "Stay, please, with your spells and with the abundance of your sorceries for which you have striven from your youth, perhaps you will be successful, perhaps you will terrify.

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¹² So continue to perform all your magic spells! Keep doing the many kinds of sorcery that you have been doing for many years! Perhaps doing those things will enable you to be successful; perhaps you will be able to cause your enemies to be afraid of you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 47:13**ULT**

¹³ You are tired out with the abundance of your counsel; please, let them stand up and save you, those charters of the heavens, those seers of the stars, declaring by month what {is} to come on you.

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¹³ But all that has resulted from your doing all the things that the magicians have told you to do is that you have become tired! The men who look at the stars, announce every new moon, predict what will happen should come forward and rescue you from the disasters that you are about to experience.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 47:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Behold, they will become like stubble; the fire will burn them up. They will not rescue their souls from the hand of the flame. There are no coals to warm them {or} light to sit by!

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¹⁴ But they cannot do that, because they are like straw that is burning in a fire; they cannot save themselves from being burned up in the flames. They are unable to help you; they are as useless as stubble that burns, but that fire will burn them up rather than let them enjoy the heat.

What will happen to those who chart the heavens and look at the stars, those who declare the new moons?

The men who chart the heavens and look at the stars and those who declare the new moons are the ones who will be like stubble. The fire will burn them up..

Isaiah 47:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Thus they have become for you, with whom you labored, your merchants from your youth, {each} man wandering in his direction; there is no rescuer."

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¹⁵ And they will disappoint you, those with whom you faithfully worked and with whom you traveled and traded when you were younger, and yet all of them keep doing their own foolish things; and when you cry out for help, there is no one who can help you."

Who would save the daughter of the Chaldeans?

There was no one to save them.

Isaiah 48

Isaiah 48:1

ULT

¹ "Hear this, house of Jacob, who are called by the name Israel, and have come from the sperm of Judah; who swear by the name of Yahweh and profess the God of Israel, {but} not sincerely and not righteously.

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¹ Descendants of Jacob, who are also descendants of Judah and are now called the people of Israel, listen to Yahweh! You make solemn promises using the name of Yahweh, and you request that the God to whom you Israelite people belong will hear you, but you do not do it sincerely.

What is the House of Jacob called and from whom do they descend?

They are called Israel and they are descended from Judah.

What is Israel doing insincerely and in unrighteousness?

Israel is swearing by the name of Yahweh and invoking the God of Israel insincerely and in unrighteousness.

Isaiah 48:2

ULT

² For from the holy city they have been called, and in the God of Israel they have leaned. Yahweh of hosts {is} his name.

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² You say that you live in the holy city of Jerusalem and you insincerely say that you are relying on the God to whom you people of Israel belong, the one who is Yahweh, commander of the angel armies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:3

ULT

³ The first things of old I have declared; and from my mouth they came out, and I made them known; instantly I did {them}, and they came to pass.

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³ "Long ago I predicted what would happen. And then suddenly, I caused those things to happen.

What did Yahweh do, knowing that Israel was obstinate? (vv3-4)

He declared things from long ago and made them known, he suddenly did them and they came to pass.

Isaiah 48:4**ULT**

⁴ Because I knew that you {were} hard and your neck muscles iron and your forehead bronze,

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⁴ I knew that you people were very stubborn; I knew that your heads were as hard as iron or brass.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:5**ULT**

⁵ so I declared to you beforehand; before they happened I informed you lest you say, 'My idol has done them,' or 'My carved figure and my cast figure have ordained them.'

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⁵ That is why I told you those things long ago. Long before they occurred, I announced that they would occur, in order that when they happened you could not say 'Our idols did it; our statue carved out of wood or our idol made of metal caused them to happen.'

By declaring these things to Israel before hand what did Yahweh hope to prevent?

Yahweh wanted prevent Israel from saying, "My idol has done them," or "my carved figure, or my cast metal figure has ordained these things."

Isaiah 48:6**ULT**

⁶ You have heard! Look {at} its whole; and you, will you not declare? "I announced {to} you new {things} from now, and hidden things that you did not know.

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⁶ You have heard those things that I predicted, and now you have seen that they have all occurred, so why do you not admit it? Now I will tell you new things, things that you have not known previously.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:7**ULT**

⁷ Now they were created, and not of old and before the face of today, and you have not heard, lest you should say, 'Behold, I knew!'

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⁷ I am causing them to happen now; they are not things I did long ago. So you cannot say, 'We already knew about those things.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:8**ULT**

⁸ You have not even heard, you did not even know; from ancient days your ear was not even open, For I knew you have been very deceitful, and you were called a rebel from the womb.

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⁸ I will tell you about things that you have never heard about or understood before. Even long ago you did not pay attention to me. I know that you act very deceitfully; you have rebelled against me since you first became a nation.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:9**ULT**

⁹ For the sake of my name I shall lengthen my nose and {for} my praise I shall hold back for you, to not cut you off.

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⁹ But for my own sake, in order that I will be honored, I will not punish you immediately and I will not completely get rid of you.

Why will Yahweh defer his anger and hold back from destroying Israel?

He will do this for the sake of his own name.

Isaiah 48:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Behold, I refined you, but not as silver; I have purified you in the furnace of affliction.

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¹⁰ I have purified you, but not the way people refine silver. Instead, I have caused you to suffer very much to get rid of your impure behavior,

How did Yahweh purify Israel?

He purified them in the furnace of affliction.

Isaiah 48:11**ULT**

¹¹ For my sake, for my sake I shall act; for how could {I} be profaned? And my glory I shall not give to another.

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¹¹ But for my own sake I will delay punishing you more; I will delay for my own sake, in order that my reputation will not be damaged. I will not allow any person or any idol to be honored as I deserve to be honored."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:12**ULT**

¹² "Listen to me, Jacob, and Israel, whom I called: I {am} he, the first, I also {am} the last.

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¹² "You descendants of Jacob, you people of Israel whom I have chosen, listen to me! Only I am God; I am the one who begins everything and who causes everything to end.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:13**ULT**

¹³ Yes, my hand founded the earth, and my right hand spread out the heavens; I call to them; they stand up together."

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¹³ I am the one who laid the foundation of the earth. I stretched out the sky with my hand. And when I tell the stars to appear, they all do what I tell them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Assemble, all of you, and listen! Who among them has announced these {things}? Yahweh loves him, he will accomplish his desire against Babylon and his arm {against} the Chaldeans.

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¹⁴ All of you, gather together and listen to me. None of your idols has told this to you: I, Yahweh, have chosen Cyrus to assist me, and he will do to Babylon what I want him to do, and his army will destroy the army of Babylonia.

Who did Yahweh summon and for what purpose? (vv14-15)

Yahweh summoned his ally to accomplish his purpose against Babylon.

Isaiah 48:15**ULT**

¹⁵ "I, I have spoken, yes, I have summoned him, I have brought him, and his way will succeed."

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¹⁵ I have said it; I have summoned Cyrus. I have appointed him, and he will accomplish everything that he attempts to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Draw near to me, hear this: "From the beginning I have not spoken in secret; from the time of its happening, there I {am}." And now the Lord Yahweh has sent me and his Spirit.

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¹⁶ Come close to me and listen to what I say. Long ago I told you plainly what would happen, and when those things occurred, I was causing them to happen." And now Yahweh the Lord and his Spirit have sent me, the prophet Isaiah, to give you a message.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Thus says Yahweh, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, "I {am} Yahweh your God, who teaches you to succeed, leads you by the way you should go.

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¹⁷ This is what Yahweh, the one who saves you, the Holy God of us Israelites, says: "I am Yahweh, your God; I teach you what is important for you to prosper; I direct you and lead you to do the things that you should do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:18**ULT**

¹⁸ If only you had listened closely to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your salvation like the waves of the sea.

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¹⁸ I wish that you had paid attention to my commands! If you had done that, things would have gone well for you like a river that flows gently; you would have been successful again and again, like waves that come without ceasing.

What would have happened if Israel had obeyed Yahweh's commandments?

If they had obeyed their peace and prosperity would have flowed like a river and their deliverance like the waves of the sea.

Isaiah 48:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And your seed would have been as the sand, and the offspring of your womb as its grains; their name would not have been cut off and would not have been blotted out from before my face."

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¹⁹ Your descendants would have been as many as the grains of sand on the seashore which no one can count. I would not have needed to destroy them; the country of Israel would not have been destroyed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:20**ULT**

²⁰ Go out from Babylon! Flee from the Chaldeans! With the sound of glad song announce it! Make this known, bring it to the end of the earth! Say, "Yahweh has redeemed his servant Jacob."

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²⁰ However, now I tell you, leave Babylon! Flee from being slaves of the people of Babylonia! Proclaim this message joyfully; send it to the most remote places on the earth: 'Yahweh freed the people of Israel from being slaves in Egypt.'

What announcement is to be made to go to the ends of the earth?

The announcement is, "Yahweh has redeemed his servant Jacob".

Isaiah 48:21**ULT**

²¹ And they did not thirst {when} he led them through the desolate places; he made the water flow out of the rock for them; and he split open the rock, and the waters gushed out.

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²¹ They were not thirsty when he led them through the desert, because he split open the rock and caused water to gush out for them to drink.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 48:22**ULT**

²² "{There is} no peace for the wicked,"—says Yahweh.

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²² But things will not go well like that for wicked people," says Yahweh.

Who did Yahweh say would receive no peace?

Yahweh said there was no peace for the wicked.

Isaiah 49**Isaiah 49:1****ULT**

¹ Listen to me, coastlands, and listen closely, distant peoples. Yahweh has called me from the womb, from the belly of my mother he invoked my name.

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¹ All you people who live on islands in the ocean and in other distant areas, pay attention to what I will say! Yahweh called me before I was born; he chose me when I was still in my mother's womb.

What did Yahweh do for his servant Israel? (vv1-2)

Yahweh called him by name from birth. He made Israel's mouth like a sharp sword and hid Israel in the shadow of his hand; he made Israel into a polished arrow; in his quiver Yahweh hid him.

Isaiah 49:2**ULT**

² And he has made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me, and he has made me into a polished arrow; in his quiver he has concealed me.

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² When I grew up, he caused my messages to be like a sharp sword. He has protected me by his hand. He protects me like someone protects sharp arrows in a quiver.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:3**ULT**

³ And he said to me, "You {are} my servant, Israel, in whom I glory."

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³ He said to me, "You will serve my Israelite people, and you will cause people to honor me."

What is Yahweh going to do through Israel?

Yahweh is going to show his glory through Israel.

Isaiah 49:4**ULT**

⁴ And I said, "I have labored in vain, for emptiness and for {mere} breath I have spent my energy, yet my justice {is} with Yahweh, and my wages with my God."

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⁴ I replied, "My work has been useless; I have used my strength, but I have accomplished nothing worthwhile; everything that I have done has been in vain. However, Yahweh can honor me as he pleases; my God is the one who will reward me as I deserve."

What is Israel trusting Yahweh for?

Israel says his justice is with Yahweh and his reward is with his God.

Isaiah 49:5**ULT**

⁵ And now Yahweh has spoken, who formed me from the womb as his servant, to restore Jacob to himself and gather Israel to him, and I am honored in the eyes of Yahweh, and my God has become my strength.

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⁵ Yahweh formed me when I was in my mother's womb in order that I would serve him; he appointed me to bring the people of Israel back to himself. Yahweh has honored me, and he is the one who has caused me to be strong.

What is Israel's job as Yahweh's servant?

His job is to restore Jacob again to Yahweh and to gather Israel to him.

Isaiah 49:6**ULT**

⁶ And he says, "Too insignificant a thing for you to be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to bring back the protected of Israel. And I will make you a light of the nations, to be my salvation to the ends of the earth."

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⁶ He says to me, "It is not enough for you to serve me by bringing the descendants of Jacob back to worship me again; I also want you to be like a light for the non-Israelites; I want you to take my message about how to be saved to people all over the world."

What is too small a thing for Yahweh's servant?

It is too small a thing to be Yahweh's servant to reestablish the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the survivors of Israel.

What further will Yahweh do for his servant?

He will make his servant a light to the gentiles that his servant may be Yahweh's salvation to the ends of the earth.

Isaiah 49:7**ULT**

⁷ Thus says Yahweh, the Redeemer of Israel, its Holy One, to the one whose life is despised, hated {by} the nations, a slave of rulers, "Kings will see and arise, princes, and bow down, for the sake of Yahweh who {is} faithful, the Holy One of Israel, for he has chosen you."

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⁷ Yahweh, the one who saves us, the Holy God of us Israelite people, says to the one who was despised and rejected by the people of many nations, to the one who is the slave of rulers, "Some day kings will stand up to respect you when they see you, and princes will bow down before you because you serve me, Yahweh, the one who faithfully does what I promise. I am the Holy God to whom you Israelites belong, the one who has chosen you."

What will happen to the one who is despised, abhorred by the nations, a slave of rulers?

Kings will see him and arise, and princes will see him and bow down.

Isaiah 49:8**ULT**

⁸ Thus says Yahweh, "At the time of favor I shall answer you, and in a day of salvation I shall help you and protect you and give you as a covenant of the people, to rebuild the land, to apportion the desolate inheritance,

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⁸ This is also what Yahweh says: "At a time when it pleases me, I will answer your prayers. On the day when I rescue you from your oppressors, I will help you. I will protect you and enable you to establish an agreement with other nations. And by what you do, I will re-establish your nation of Israel and allow you to live again in your land that was abandoned.

When will Yahweh help and answer his servant?

At a time Yahweh decides to show his favor he will answer his servant, and in a day of salvation Yahweh will protect his servant.

For what purpose is Yahweh's servant given as a covenant for the people?

He is given as a covenant for the people to rebuild the land, to reassign the desolate inheritance.

Isaiah 49:9**ULT**

⁹ saying to the prisoners, 'Come out!' to those in darkness, 'Show yourselves!' "Along the roads they will graze, and on all the bare slopes {will be} their pasture.

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⁹ You will say to those who were captured and exiled, 'Leave Babylonia and return to your own country!' And you will say to those who are in dark prisons, 'Come out into the light!' When that happens, they will again be like sheep that eat grass in green pastures, on hills where before there was no grass.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:10**ULT**

¹⁰ They will not be hungry and they will not be thirsty; and the heat or sun will not beat on them, for he who has mercy on them will lead them and to springs of water he will guide them.

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¹⁰ They will not be hungry or thirsty anymore; the hot sun will not beat upon them again. I, Yahweh, will act mercifully toward them and lead them; I will lead them to where there are springs of cool water.

Who will lead the prisoners?

He who has mercy on the prisoners will lead them.

Isaiah 49:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then I will make all my mountains into a road, and make my highways level.

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¹¹ And I will cause the mountains to become as though they were level roads, and I will prepare good highways for my people to travel on, to return to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:12**ULT**

¹² Behold, these will come from far away, and behold, some from the north and the west; and some from the land of Sinim."

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¹² My people will return from far away; some will come from the north, some from the west, some from southern Egypt."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:13**ULT**

¹³ Shout for joy, heavens, and be joyful, earth, and break {into} singing, mountains! For Yahweh comforts his people, and he will have compassion on his afflicted.

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¹³ Because of what Yahweh has promised to do, everything should shout joyfully— the sky and the earth and the mountains should sing, because Yahweh comforts his people, and he will pity those who are suffering.

Why are the heavens, earth and mountains supposed to sing and be joyful?

They are to sing and be joyful because Yahweh comforts his people, and will have compassion on his afflicted.

Isaiah 49:14**ULT**

¹⁴ But Zion said, "Yahweh has forsaken me, and the Lord has forgotten me."

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¹⁴ The people of Jerusalem say, "Yahweh has abandoned us; he has forgotten about us."

What was Yahweh's answer to Zion when they complained; "Yahweh has forsaken me, and the Lord has forgotten me."? (vv14-15)

Yahweh's answer to Zion was, "Can a woman forget her baby, nursing at her breast, so she does not have compassion on the son she has borne? Yes, they may forget, but I will not forget you."

Isaiah 49:15**ULT**

¹⁵ "Can a woman forget her baby {or} have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even she may forget these, but I will not forget you.

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¹⁵ But Yahweh replies, "That is not true! Can a woman forget the infant that she is nursing? Can she stop acting kindly toward the child to whom she has given birth? But even if a woman would do that, I will not forget you!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Behold, I have inscribed you on my palms; your walls {are} before me always.

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¹⁶ Note that I have written your names on the palms of my hands; I am always looking at the walls of your city.

What does Yahweh offer as proof of his concern for Zion? (vv16-18)

Yahweh states his proof as follows: "Look, I have inscribed your name on my palms; your walls are continually before me. Your children are hurrying back, while those who destroyed you are departing. Look around and see, they are all gathering and coming to you."

Isaiah 49:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Your children are hurrying, those who destroyed you and ravaged you are going away from you.

UST

¹⁷ Soon your children will be returning there, and all those who destroyed your city will leave.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Lift up your eyes around and see, they are all gathering, coming to you. {As} I live”—the declaration of Yahweh— “for all of them like jewelry you will wear, and you will put them on like a bride.

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¹⁸ You will look around and see all of your children coming back to you. As surely as I live, they will be with you for you to show to people like a bride shows her wedding ornaments!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:19**ULT**

¹⁹ “For your ruins and desolate places, and your lands of devastation, surely now you will be too cramped for the inhabitants, and your devourers will be far away.

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¹⁹ Your land has been ruined and caused to become desolate, but some day it will be filled with people, and those who conquered you will be far away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:20**ULT**

²⁰ Yet they will say in your ears, the sons of your bereavement, ‘The place {is too} cramped for us, make room for us, so we may live {here}.’

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²⁰ The children who were born while you were exiled will return to Jerusalem and say, ‘This city is too small for us; We need more space to live in!’

What will the children born during the time of Zion’s bereavement say?

The will say, “The place is too cramped for us, make room for us, so we may live here.”

Isaiah 49:21**ULT**

²¹ And you will say in your heart, 'Who has borne these for me? When I was bereaved and barren, exiled and cast aside. And who has raised these? Behold, I was left alone; where did these come from?'"

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²¹ Then you will think to yourselves, 'It is amazing that we have all these children! Most of our children were dead, and the rest were exiled. We were left here alone; so we do not know where all these children have come from! Who raised them?'"

What will Zion ask herself?

She will ask, "Who has borne these children for me?" and "Who has raised these children?" and finally, "...where did these come from?"

Isaiah 49:22**ULT**

²² Thus says Lord Yahweh: "Behold, I shall raise my hand to the nations and to the peoples lift up my banner. And they will bring your sons in {their} laps, and they will carry your daughters on {their} shoulders.

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²² This is what Yahweh our God says: "Watch! It is as though I will lift up my hand to signal to those who are not Israelites. And they will carry your little sons and daughters on their shoulders and bring them back to you.

Who will bring Zion's sons and daughters back?

The peoples of the nations will bring them back.

Isaiah 49:23**ULT**

²³ And kings will be your foster fathers and their queens your nursemaids; face {to} the earth they will bow down to you and the dust of your feet they will lick; and you will know that I {am} Yahweh; those who wait for me will not be put to shame."

UST

²³ Kings will serve you and will tutor your children, and their queens will take care of your young children. They will prostrate themselves in front of you and lick the dust off your feet. When that happens, you will know that I am Yahweh; and those who trust in me will never be disappointed."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:24**ULT**

²⁴ Can the spoils be taken from the warrior, or can captives be rescued {from} the fierce? ^[1]

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²⁴ There is no one who can snatch valuable things from a soldier who has captured those things in a war; there is no one who can force a tyrant to free the people whom he has captured.

Can the spoils be taken from the warrior or captives be rescued from a tyrant? (vv24-25)

Yes, the captives will be taken away from the warrior and spoils will be rescued; for Yahweh will oppose Zion's adversary and save her children.

Isaiah 49:25**ULT**

²⁵ For thus says Yahweh, "Even the captives of a warrior will be taken, and spoils of a tyrant will be rescued, and I shall contend with your contender, and your sons I shall save.

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²⁵ But Yahweh says this: "Some day, those who have been captured will go free, and the valuable things that tyrants have snatched from others will be returned, because I will fight against those who fight against you, and I will rescue your children.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 49:26**ULT**

²⁶ And I shall feed your oppressors their flesh; and as wine, on their blood they will get drunk. Then all flesh will know that I, Yahweh, {am} your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."
49:24 ^[1]

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²⁶ And I will cause your enemies to destroy themselves instead of murdering others. When that happens, everyone in the world will know that I, Yahweh, am the one who saves you, the one who rescues you from your enemies; everyone will know that I am the mighty God to whom you descendants of Jacob belong."

What will Yahweh do to Zion's oppressors?

He will feed their oppressors with their own flesh.

What will all mankind know?

They will know that Yahweh is Zion's savior and redeemer, the mighty one of Jacob.

Isaiah 50

Isaiah 50:1

ULT

¹ Thus says Yahweh, "Where is the divorce certificate of your mother, whom I have sent away? And, to {which} of my creditors did I sell you? Behold, you were sold because of your sins, and because of your rebellion, your mother was sent away.

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¹ This is also what Yahweh says: "You Israelite people, do not think that I forced your parents to be exiled to Babylonia like some men send away their wives after giving them a paper on which they state that they were divorcing them! I certainly did not get rid of you like a man who sells his children to get money to pay what he owes. No, the reason that I forced you to be exiled was to punish you because of the sins that you have committed.

Why was Zion sold and her mother sent away?

Zion was sold because of her sins, and because of her rebellion, her mother was sent away.

Isaiah 50:2

ULT

² Why did I come when there was no one, call, when no one answered? Was my hand too short to ransom? And was no power in me to rescue? Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea; I make the rivers a wilderness; their fish stink where there is no water and die on thirsty ground.

UST

² When I came to you to rescue you, why did no one answer when I called out to you? Was there no one there to buy you back and take you home? Did you think that I do not have the power to rescue you? Think about this: I can speak to a sea and cause it to become dry! I can cause rivers to become deserts with the result that the fish in the rivers die from thirst and rot.

What happens at Yahweh's rebuke? (vv2-3)

At Yahweh's rebuke the sea dries up and he makes the rivers a desert. Yahweh clothes the sky with darkness and cover it with sackcloth.

Isaiah 50:3**ULT**

³ I clothe the sky {with} darkness, and I lay sackcloth as its cover.”

UST

³ I cause the sky to become dark, as though it was wearing black clothes because it was mourning because someone had died.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 50:4**ULT**

⁴ The Lord Yahweh has given me a learned tongue, knowing to give a word to the weary; he wakes {me} morning by morning; he awakens my ear to hear like the disciples.

UST

⁴ Yahweh our God has taught me to speak for him, in order that I may encourage those who are weary. Each morning he awakens me, in order that I may listen to what he teaches me.

What has Yahweh given to his servant?

He has given his servant a tongue as one of those who is taught.

What did Yahweh’s servant do with the tongue Yahweh gave him?

Yahweh’s servant spoke a sustaining word to the weary one.

Isaiah 50:5**ULT**

⁵ The Lord Yahweh has opened my ear, and I {was} not rebellious; I did not turn away backward.

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⁵ Yahweh our God has spoken to me, and I have not rejected what he told me; I have accepted it.

Because he was not rebellious and did not turn away backward, what did Yahweh’s servant do? (vv5-6)

Yahweh’s servant gave his back to those who beat him and his cheeks to those who plucked out his beard; He did not hide his face from acts of shame and spitting.

Isaiah 50:6**ULT**

⁶ I gave my back to assaulters, and my cheeks to those who pluck my face; I did not hide myself from disgrace and spitting.

UST

⁶ I allowed people to beat me on my back and to pull out the whiskers in my beard because they hated me. I did not turn away from them when they made fun of me and spat on me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 50:7**ULT**

⁷ But the Lord Yahweh will help me; therefore I am not disgraced; therefore I set my face like flint, for I know that I will not be ashamed.

UST

⁷ But because the Lord Yahweh helps me, I will never be humiliated. Therefore I am determined to face difficulties, and I know that nothing will cause me to be ashamed.

Why does Yahweh's servant say he is not disgraced?

The servant says he is not disgraced because the Lord Yahweh will help him.

Isaiah 50:8**ULT**

⁸ My justifier is close. Who will contend with me? Let us stand {against} one another! Who {is} the adversary of my case? Let him come near to me!

UST

⁸ God is near to me; he will show others that I have been right to trust him, so if anyone stands in front of me and accuses me in a court, he will not be able to show that I have done anything that is wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 50:9**ULT**

⁹ Behold, the Lord Yahweh will help me. Who {is} he who condemns me? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will devour them.

UST

⁹ The Lord Yahweh defends me in court, so no one will be able to condemn me. All those who accuse me will disappear like old clothes that have been eaten by moths.

What will happen to those who accuse Yahweh's servant and declare him guilty?

His accusers will all wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Isaiah 50:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Who among you fears Yahweh, obeying the voice of his servant, who has walked in darkness and there is no light for him? Let him trust in the name of Yahweh and lean on his God.

UST

¹⁰ If you honor Yahweh and do what his servant tells you to do, even if you are walking in darkness, and it seems that there is no light, trust in Yahweh your God to help you; depend on him.

What should the one who fears Yahweh, who obeys the voice of his servant and the one who walks in deep darkness without light, do?

He should trust in the name of Yahweh and lean on his God.

Isaiah 50:11**ULT**

¹¹ Behold, all of you kindlers of fire, who gird on torches: walk in the light of your fire and in the flames of your kindling. This is from my hand for you: in anguish you will lie down.

UST

¹¹ But you people who oppose me by lighting your own fires, and by carrying your own flaming torches: go ahead and live according to your own knowledge, according to what you think is best. Yahweh tells you what will happen to you: he will make you die in great torment!

What will Yahweh's servant do to all who kindle a fire, who gird on flames?

Yahweh's servant will cause them to lie down in a place of pain.

Isaiah 51

Isaiah 51:1

ULT

¹ “Listen to me, pursuers of righteousness, seekers of Yahweh: Look to the rock {from which} you were chiseled and to the mouth of the cistern {from which} you were quarried.

UST

¹ Yahweh says, “You people who desire to act righteously, who want to do what I want you to do, listen to me! Think about Abraham! It is as though he were a huge rock cliff; and when you people of Israel became a nation, it was as though I had cut you like stones from that rocky cliff.

What did Yahweh say those who pursue righteousness should look to?

Yahweh said to look at the rock from which you were chiseled and to the quarry from which you were cut.

Isaiah 51:2

ULT

² Look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who bore you; for I called him {as} one, and I blessed him and made him many.

UST

² Think about your ancestor Abraham and his wife Sarah, of whom all of you are descendants. When I first spoke to Abraham, he had no children. But after I blessed him, he had a huge number of descendants.

What did Yahweh do to Abraham?

Yahweh called him, blessed him and made him many.

Isaiah 51:3

ULT

³ For, Yahweh will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her desolate places and her wilderness make like Eden, and her desert plains like the garden of Yahweh; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving, and the sound of song.

UST

³ Some day I, Yahweh, will encourage Abraham’s descendants again, and I will comfort all the people who live in the ruins of Jerusalem. The deserts in that area will become like Eden; it will be like the garden of Yahweh. All the people there will be joyful and happy; they will thank me and sing.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:4**ULT**

⁴ "Listen closely to me, my people; and my nation, to me give ear! For from me law will go out, and my justice as a light of the nations I shall make in an instant.

UST

⁴ My people of Judah, listen carefully to me, because I command you to proclaim my laws; the right things that I will do will be like a light for the people of all the nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:5**ULT**

⁵ My righteousness is near; my salvation will go out, and my arm will judge the nations; for me the coastlands will wait, and my arm they will anticipate.

UST

⁵ I will soon rescue you and them; by my power I will rule over the people of the earth and bless them. The people who live in the most distant lands on earth will wait for me to help them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:6**ULT**

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the sky, and look to the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a garment, and its inhabitants will die like flies. But my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will not be dismayed.

UST

⁶ Look up at the sky, and look at the earth; see what they are like now, because some day the sky will disappear like smoke, and the earth will wear out like old clothes wear out, and people on the earth will die like flies. But I will rescue you, and you will remain free forever, and everyone will know what I do and I will always do what is right.

What will happen to the heavens, the earth and its inhabitants?

The heavens will vanish away like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment; and its inhabitants will die like flies.

What will continue forever and never stop working?

Yahweh's righteousness will continue forever and his righteousness will never stop working.

Isaiah 51:7**ULT**

⁷ “Listen to me, those who know righteousness, people {with} my law in their heart: Do not fear the insults of men, and by their abuse do not be dismayed,

UST

⁷ You people who know what things are right to do, and who know in your inner beings what is written in my laws, listen to me! Do not be afraid of people who taunt you; do not be disturbed when people revile you,

To whom is this statement directed to: “Do not fear the insult of men, nor be disheartened by their abuse...”?

That statement is directed to those who know what is right and the people who have Yahweh's law in their heart.

Isaiah 51:8**ULT**

⁸ for the moth will devour them like a garment, and the worm will devour them like wool; but my righteousness will be forever, and my salvation to generation {after} generation.”

UST

⁸ because some day they will be destroyed like clothing that moths have eaten, like wool garments that have been eaten by worms. Everyone will know what I do and I will always do what is right; and I will save you, and you will be saved forever.”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:9**ULT**

⁹ Awake, awake, put on strength, arm of Yahweh. Awake as in the days of old, the generations of ancient times. {Is} it not you who crushed Rahab, who pierced the sea monster?

UST

⁹ Yahweh, wake up and do something for us! Show us how strong you are! Do mighty things like you did long ago, when you stabbed Rahab, the sea monster, and cut it into pieces.

Who crushed the sea monster, dried up the sea and made the depths of the sea into a way for the redeemed to pass through? (vv9-10)

The arm of Yahweh did these things.

Isaiah 51:10**ULT**

¹⁰ {Was} it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made the depths of the sea {into} a way {for} the redeemed to pass through?

UST

¹⁰ Surely you are the one who dried up the sea, and made a path through that deep water in order that your people could cross it!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:11**ULT**

¹¹ And the ransomed of Yahweh will return and come to Zion with cries of joy and with gladness forever on their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake {them}; sorrow and mourning will flee.

UST

¹¹ And those whom Yahweh will rescue from being exiled in Babylonia will similarly return to Jerusalem singing. Their being joyful forever will be like a crown on their heads. They will not be sad or mourn anymore; they will be completely joyful and happy.

What will overtake and what will flee away from the ransomed of Yahweh when they return and come to Zion?

Joy will overtake them and sorrow and mourning will flee away.

Isaiah 51:12**ULT**

¹² "I, I, {am} he who comforts you. Who {are} you that you are afraid of men—he will die— and of the sons of mankind, who are given up {as} grass?

UST

¹² Yahweh says, "I am the one who encourages you. So why are you afraid of humans who will wither and disappear like grass?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:13**ULT**

¹³ And you forget Yahweh your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and founded the earth. And you constantly fear, the whole day from the face of the wrath of the oppressor as he intends to destroy. But where {is} the wrath of the oppressor?

UST

¹³ You should not have forgotten me, Yahweh, the one who created your nation, the one who stretched out the sky and laid the foundations of the earth. You should not be afraid of those who are angry with you and want to destroy you. You should not be afraid of them now, because those angry people have now disappeared!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:14**ULT**

¹⁴ He who crouches will hurry to be freed, and he will not die to the pit, and he will not lack his bread.

UST

¹⁴ Soon you people, whom your enemies have caused to be slaves in Babylonia, will be freed! You will not remain in prison, and you will not die of hunger,

What will Yahweh do for the one who is bent down?

Yahweh will hurry to release him.

Isaiah 51:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And I {am} Yahweh your God, who stirs the sea and its waves roar, Yahweh of hosts {is} his name.

UST

¹⁵ because I am Yahweh, your God, the one who stirs up the sea and causes the waves to roar; I am Yahweh, commander of the angel armies!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And I have placed my words in your mouth, and in the shadow of my hand I have covered you, stretching out the heavens and founding the earth and saying to Zion, "You {are} my people."

UST

¹⁶ I have given you my message to proclaim, and I have protected you by my hand. I have done this in order to stretch out the sky and lay the foundation of the earth. And I have done this in order to say to you Israelites, "You are my people!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Awake, awake! Rise up, Jerusalem, who drank from the hand of Yahweh the cup of his wrath; you drank the goblet of staggering, you drained {it}

UST

¹⁷ You people of Jerusalem, wake up! You have experienced Yahweh severely punishing you. Yahweh has caused you to suffer much and to experience disaster. Yahweh gave you this cup to drink, but this was Yahweh's cup! He forced you to drink every drop out of that large cup, down to the bottom of the bowl. And that drink made you stagger like you had drunk strong wine. This strong wine represents the anger of God, and you are to drink all of it!

What did Jerusalem drink from the hand of Yahweh?

They drank the cup of Yahweh's anger; they drank the bowl, the cup of staggering.

Isaiah 51:18**ULT**

¹⁸ There is no guide for her among all the sons she bore; and there is none to hold her hand among all the sons she raised.

UST

¹⁸ Now you do not have any children who are able to take your hand and guide you. You cannot help yourself.

Who among all the son's of Jerusalem has been born to guide her?

There is no one among all the sons she has born to guide her.

Isaiah 51:19**ULT**

¹⁹ These two happened to you—who will grieve for you?— desolation and destruction, and the famine and the sword. {Who} will comfort you? ^[1]

UST

¹⁹ You have experienced these disasters: Your country has become desolate; your cities have been destroyed; many people have died from hunger; many people have been killed by your enemies' swords. Now there is no one to weep with you and sympathize with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:20**ULT**

²⁰ Your sons have fainted; they lie at the head of all the streets, like an antelope in a net, filled with the anger of Yahweh, the rebuke of your God.

UST

²⁰ Your children have fainted and lie at the corner of every street; they are as helpless as an antelope that has been caught in a net. What has happened to them is because Yahweh has been very angry with them; he has rebuked them severely.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:21**ULT**

²¹ But now hear this, oppressed one and drunken one, but not with wine:

UST

²¹ So now, you people who have suffered much, you who were acting as if you were drunk because you were drinking from his cup. But in truth, it is not because you have drunk out of a cup filled with wine, but because of something else that Yahweh will do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:22**ULT**

²² Thus says your Lord Yahweh, and your God, contending {for} his people, "Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of staggering, the goblet of my wrath. You will not continue to drink it again.

UST

²² Yahweh, your Lord and your God, the one who argues your case to defend you, he says this: "I have taken away that cup that holds my anger toward you, and I made you experience my anger when I made you drink from that cup. But now I have taken it from you so that you will never drink of it again.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 51:23**ULT**

²³ And I will put it into the hand of your tormentors, who said to you, 'Lie down, that we may walk over {you};' and you made your back like the ground and like the street for walking over."

51:19 ^[1]

UST

²³ Instead, I will cause those who have tormented you to suffer; I will severely punish those who said to you, 'Lie down in order that we may walk on you; lie down on your stomachs in order that your backs will be like streets that we can walk on.'"

After Yahweh takes away the cup of staggering from Jerusalem who will he give it to?

He will put it into the hand of Jerusalem's tormentors.

Isaiah 52

Isaiah 52:1

ULT

¹ Awake, awake, put on your strength, Zion! Put on your beautiful garments, Jerusalem, holy city; for no more will the uncircumcised or the unclean enter you again.

UST

¹ You people who live in the holy city of Jerusalem, wake up! Be strong again! Show that your city is beautiful and glorious; uncircumcised foreigners, those who do not honor Yahweh, will never again enter your city to attack you.

What will never again happen to Jerusalem?

Never again will the uncircumcised or the unclean enter Jerusalem.

Isaiah 52:2

ULT

² Shake yourself from the dust; arise, sit, Jerusalem; Loose the chains {on} your neck, captive daughter of Zion.

UST

² People of Jerusalem, get up from where you have been sitting in the dust, and sit down properly! You people who have returned from being exiled, take off from your neck the chains that the Babylonians fastened around your necks,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 52:3

ULT

³ For thus says Yahweh, "You were sold for nothing, and you will be redeemed without money."

UST

³ because this is what Yahweh says: "When you were sent as captives to Babylonia, no one paid to make that happen. So now you will be brought back, and no money will be paid to anyone for your release."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 52:4**ULT**

⁴ For thus says the Lord Yahweh, "In the beginning my people went down {to} Egypt to live there, and Assyria has oppressed him for no {cause}.

UST

⁴ Yahweh our Lord also says this: "Long ago, my people went to Egypt to live there. Later the soldiers of Assyria oppressed them.

Who had recently oppressed Jerusalem?

Assyria had recently oppressed them.

Isaiah 52:5**ULT**

⁵ "And now, what {do} I have here"—the declaration of Yahweh— "for my people are taken for nothing? His rulers mock him" —the declaration of Yahweh— and my name {is} blasphemed continually all day. ^[1]

UST

⁵ But now think about what is happening: My people are being forced to be slaves again, this time by the people of Babylonia. They have taken my people away, but they never declared any just reason for taking them captive. And the rulers of Babylon boast and make fun of them (as I, Yahweh, have said they would do), and the other people groups in the world despise the mention of my name.

In that day why will Yahweh's people know Yahweh's name? (vv5-6)

They will know Yahweh's name because his name is slandered continually all the day.

Isaiah 52:6**ULT**

⁶ Therefore, my people will know my name, therefore, on that day for I {am} he, the one who speaks, 'Here {am} I!'"

UST

⁶ But after that, my people will love me and honor me; when that happens, they will know that I am the one who said that this would happen. I am the one who speaks, and I say, 'Yes, this is Yahweh who is speaking to you.'

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 52:7**ULT**

⁷ How beautiful on the mountains the feet of the bearer of good news, announcing peace, heralding good things, announcing salvation, saying to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

UST

⁷ It is a wonderful thing when messengers come from across the mountains and bring good news, the news about God giving us peace and saving us, the news that the God to whom we Israelite people belong is now showing everyone his power as king!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 52:8**ULT**

⁸ Listen, your watchmen raise {their} voices, together they shout for joy, for eye after eye will see the return of Yahweh {to} Zion.

UST

⁸ The watchmen who are guarding the city will shout and sing joyfully, because while they are watching, they will all see Yahweh returning to Jerusalem.

Who will see Yahweh's return to Zion?

Every eye of Zion's watchmen will see Yahweh's return to Zion.

Isaiah 52:9**ULT**

⁹ Break out {into} joyful singing together, ruins of Jerusalem, for Yahweh has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

UST

⁹ Jerusalem was ruined, but the people who are there now should start to sing joyfully, because Yahweh will encourage his people; he will set his people free and bring them back to Jerusalem.

Why should the ruins of Jerusalem break forth into joyful singing together? (vv9-10)

They should do this because Yahweh has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. Yahweh has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations.

Isaiah 52:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Yahweh has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

UST

¹⁰ Yahweh will show all the nations that he is holy and powerful. People in the most remote places on earth will know that he has rescued his people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 52:11**ULT**

¹¹ Turn aside, turn aside, go out from there! Do not touch the unclean! Go out from her midst; keep clean, bearers of the vessels of Yahweh.

UST

¹¹ So leave the places where you were taken to when you were captured, where everything is unacceptable to God. You men who are carrying the items used in the temple of Yahweh, leave there and return to Jerusalem, and purify yourselves in order to be acceptable to worship God.

What are those who carry the vessels of Yahweh to do?

They are to leave, touch nothing unclean and purify themselves.

Isaiah 52:12**ULT**

¹² For you will not go out in a rush, and in flight you will not go, for Yahweh will go before your faces, and your rearguard {will be} the God of Israel.

UST

¹² But it will not be necessary for you to leave suddenly, to flee in panic, because Yahweh will go in front of you; and he will also protect you from being attacked at the rear while you travel.

Why do Yahweh's people not need to be in a rush or panic when they leave?

They don't need to be in a rush or panic because Yahweh will go before them and the God of Israel will be their rearguard.

Isaiah 52:13**ULT**

¹³ Behold, my servant will act wisely; he will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.

UST

¹³ Listen carefully! My servant will act wisely and do all that Yahweh wants him to do, and he will be honored more than anyone else.

What will Yahweh's servant do?

He will deal wisely and be successful; he will be exalted and lifted high, and will be very exalted.

Isaiah 52:14**ULT**

¹⁴ As many were horrified at you— so disfigured beyond {any} man {was} his appearance, and his form beyond {any} sons of man,

UST

¹⁴ But many people will be appalled when they see what has happened to him. Because he was beaten very badly, his appearance will be changed; people will hardly recognize that he is a human.

What happened to the appearance of Yahweh's servant?

His appearance was disfigured from human appearance.

Isaiah 52:15**ULT**

¹⁵ so, he will sprinkle many nations. Kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they had not been told, they will see, and what they had not heard, they will understand.

52:5 ^[1]

UST

¹⁵ But he will purify the people of many nations by sprinkling them clean; even kings will be silent when they stand in front of him, because they will see someone that no one had told them about before, and they will understand things that they had not heard about before.

What will kings do because of Yahweh's servant?

Kings will close their mouths because of him.

Isaiah 53

Isaiah 53:1

ULT

¹ Who has believed our report, and to whom has the arm of Yahweh been revealed?

UST

¹ Who will believe what we have heard about God's servant? Who will see what Yahweh does by his great power?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 53:2

ULT

² For he arose like a shoot before his face, and like a root from parched earth; he had no features and no splendor; and we saw in him nothing of appearance to attract us.

UST

² While God watches, his servant will grow up fragile like a very young tree, like a weak young plant that shoots up, a stem that is growing in dry ground. There will be nothing beautiful or majestic about him, nothing that would cause us to want to look at him.

How did Yahweh's servant grow up?

He grew up before Yahweh like a sapling, and like a sprout out of parched earth.

What did Yahweh's servant look like?

He had no remarkable appearance or splendor; when we saw him, there was no beauty to attract us to him.

Isaiah 53:3

ULT

³ He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted {with} illness, and like one from whom men hide their faces, despised, and we considered him nothing.

UST

³ People will despise and reject him. He will endure much pain, and he will suffer much. Because his face will be very disfigured, people will not want to look at him; he will not even look human any more; people will despise him and think that he is not worth paying any attention to.

How was Yahweh's servant received by people?

He was despised and rejected by people and considered insignificant.

Isaiah 53:4**ULT**

⁴ But he has borne our sicknesses and carried our sorrows; yet we considered him afflicted, stricken of God and humiliated.

UST

⁴ But he will be punished for the sicknesses within our lives; he will endure great pain for us. But we will think that he is being punished by God, afflicted for his own sins.

What did Yahweh's servant do for us?

He bore our sicknesses and carried our sorrows.

Isaiah 53:5**ULT**

⁵ But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins, The punishment {for} our peace {was} on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

UST

⁵ But people will pierce him through and kill him because of the evil things that we did; they will wound him because of our sins. They will beat him in order that things may go well with us; because they will whip him, we will be healed.

Why was Yahweh's servant pierced and crushed?

He was pierced for our rebellious deeds and crushed because of our sins.

What did the servant's punishment and wounds do for us?

His punishment brought us peace and his wounds healed us.

Isaiah 53:6**ULT**

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each turned to his own way, and Yahweh has placed on him the iniquity of us all.

UST

⁶ All of us have gone away from God like sheep who have strayed away from their shepherd. We have turned away from doing the things that God wants in order to do the things that we want. We deserve to be punished, but Yahweh will punish him instead for all of our sins.

How are we like sheep?

We are like sheep because we have all gone astray; we have each turned to his own way.

Isaiah 53:7**ULT**

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was tormented, and he did not open his mouth; like a lamb led to the slaughter, and like a sheep silent before the faces of its shearers, so he did not open his mouth.

UST

⁷ He will be abused and caused to suffer, but he will not say anything to complain. They will lead him to where they will execute him, like they lead a lamb to where it will be slaughtered. And like a sheep does not bleat when the shearer cuts off its wool, he will not say anything to defend himself when he is killed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 53:8**ULT**

⁸ By coercion and by judgment he was taken away, and who of his generation was concerned? But he was cut off from the land of the living for the offenses of my people, an affliction for them.

UST

⁸ After he is arrested and put on trial, he will be taken away and executed. And no one at that time will think anything more about him. For he will die; he will receive all the penalties brought on by the curses against us for the wrong things we have done.

What methods were used to condemn Yahweh's servant?

Coercion and judgment were the methods used to condemn him.

Why was Yahweh's servant cut off from the land of the living?

He was cut off because of the offense of his people.

Isaiah 53:9**ULT**

⁹ And they placed his grave {with} the criminals, and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and deceit {was} not in his mouth.

UST

⁹ Although he will never have done any wrong or deceived anyone, people will place his corpse where wicked people are buried, and in a rich man's grave.

Had Yahweh's servant done anything wrong?

No. He had done no violence nor had there been any deceit in his mouth.

Isaiah 53:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But Yahweh was pleased to bruise him, put {him} to grief. If he makes his life an offering for sin, he will see {his} seed, prolong {his} days, and the purpose of Yahweh will succeed in his hand,

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¹⁰ But it will be Yahweh's will that he be afflicted and caused to suffer. When he dies as an offering for your own sin, he will benefit many, many people, as if they were his children; he will live a long time after he dies and becomes alive again, and he will accomplish everything that Yahweh has planned.

Why was it Yahweh's will to crush his servant?

It was Yahweh's will so that Yahweh's purpose might be accomplished through him.

Isaiah 53:11**ULT**

¹¹ From the trouble of his life, he will see {light}, ^[1] be satisfied by his knowledge. My righteous servant will justify many, ^[2] and he will bear their iniquities.

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¹¹ When he sees all that he will accomplish because of his suffering, he will be satisfied. And because of what will have happened to him, Yahweh's righteous servant, he will cause the guilt of many people to be ended, because he will bear the guilt for their sins.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 53:12**ULT**

¹² Therefore, I shall give him a portion among the multitude, and {with} the many he will divide the spoils, because he exposed his life to death and {with} the transgressors was numbered. For he bore the sin of many and for the transgressors made intercession.

53:11 ^[1]

53:11 ^[2]

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¹² So Yahweh will share with many people the spoils he has won from his enemies. His servant will be like a king who divides the spoils among his soldiers, because he put himself in danger of dying and did in fact die. Even though people had considered him to be a sinner, he removed the guilt of many people, and he interceded for those who have done things that are wrong.

Why will Yahweh give his servant his portion among the multitudes?

Yahweh will give his servant his portion because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors. He bore the sins of many and made intercession for the transgressions.

Isaiah 54

Isaiah 54:1

ULT

¹ “Sing for joy, barren woman who has not given birth; break {into} joyful song and rejoice, who has not been in labor. For the children of the desolate one {are} more than the children of the married woman,” says Yahweh.

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¹ Yahweh says, “You people of Jerusalem, start to sing! You who are like women who have never given birth to children, sing loudly and shout joyfully, because you, who are like childless women who have been abandoned by their husbands, will soon have more children than women who have never had any children.

Why does Yahweh say the barren woman should sing?

He says she should sing, for the children of the desolate one are more than the children of the married woman.

Isaiah 54:2

ULT

² “Broaden the place for your tent and spread out the tent-curtains of your dwelling, without restraint; lengthen your ropes, and strengthen your stakes.

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² Make your tents larger; make them wider, and fasten them firmly with tent pegs.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 54:3

ULT

³ For you will spread out to the right hand and to the left, and your seed will conquer nations and settle desolate cities.

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³ You will need to make your city much larger because soon you and your descendants will spread all over the land. They will force the people of other nations to leave where they are, and you will live again in the cities that people had previously abandoned.

What will the descendants of Zion do?

They will conquer nations and resettle desolate cities.

Isaiah 54:4**ULT**

⁴ Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed, and you will not be discouraged, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth and the disgrace of your abandonment you will remember no more.

UST

⁴ Do not be afraid; you will no longer be ashamed. Previously you were ashamed because your enemies conquered you and caused your nation to be like a widow, but soon you will not even remember that.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 54:5**ULT**

⁵ For your Maker {is} your husband; Yahweh of hosts {is} his name. And the Holy One of Israel {is} your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.

UST

⁵ I, Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, the Holy One of Israel, who rules over the whole earth, the one who created you, will be like a husband to you.

Who is Zion's husband?

Yahweh of Hosts, Zion's maker, is their husband.

Isaiah 54:6**ULT**

⁶ For as a wife abandoned and grieved {in} spirit Yahweh has called you back, and a wife of youth that is rejected," says your God.

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⁶ Your nation was like a woman whose husband left her, and caused you to be very sad; you were like a young woman who got married when she was very young, and then her husband abandoned her.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 54:7**ULT**

⁷ “For a short time I abandoned you, but with great compassion I shall gather you.

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⁷ I abandoned you people of Jerusalem for a while, but now I am saying, ‘I will take you back.’

What did Yahweh do to Israel?

He abandoned her for a short time.

What will Yahweh do for Israel?

With great compassion Yahweh will gather them.

Isaiah 54:8**ULT**

⁸ In a flood of anger I hid my face from you momentarily; but with everlasting covenant faithfulness I will have mercy on you— says your Redeemer, Yahweh.

UST

⁸ I was very angry with you for a while, and I turned away from you. But I will act mercifully toward you and I will faithfully love you forever. That is what I, Yahweh, your rescuer, say to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 54:9**ULT**

⁹ “For this {is like} the waters of Noah to me: as I swore {to keep} the waters of Noah from passing over the earth again, so have I sworn from being angry with you or rebuking you.

UST

⁹ During the time that Noah lived, I solemnly promised that I would never again allow a flood to cover the earth. So now I solemnly promise that I will not be angry with you again and rebuke you.

What did Yahweh swear concerning Israel?

He swore he would no longer be angry with them or rebuke them.

Isaiah 54:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Though the mountains may fall and the hills be shaken, yet my covenant faithfulness will not turn away from you, and my covenant of peace will not be shaken,"— says Yahweh, who has mercy on you.

UST

¹⁰ Even if the mountains and hills shake and collapse, I will not stop faithfully loving you, and I will not cancel my covenant to cause things to go well for you. That is what I, Yahweh, who acts mercifully, say.

What will not be shaken and what will not depart from Israel?

Yahweh's covenant of peace with Israel will not be shaken and his covenant faithfulness will not depart from Israel.

Isaiah 54:11**ULT**

¹¹ "Afflicted one, storm-driven, without comfort: behold, I will set your pavement in turquoise, and lay your foundations with sapphires.

UST

¹¹ You people of Jerusalem, your enemies acted very violently toward you; it was as though your city had been battered by a severe storm, and no one helped you. But now I will cause your city to be rebuilt with stones made of turquoise, and will cause the foundations of the city to be made of sapphires.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 54:12**ULT**

¹² And I will make your ramparts rubies and your gates from stones of beryl, and all your walls from precious stones.

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¹² I will cause the towers on the city wall to be made of rubies, and all the gates and outer walls of the city will be made of other very valuable stones.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 54:13**ULT**

¹³ And all your sons {will be} disciples of Yahweh, and great the peace of your sons.

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¹³ I will be the one who will teach your children and cause things to go well with you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 54:14**ULT**

¹⁴ In righteousness you will be established, keep far from oppression that you will not fear; and from terror that it will not come near to you.

UST

¹⁴ Your government will be strong because it will act justly; no one will oppress you; you will not be afraid, because nothing will come near you that will make you fear.

What will Israel no longer experience?

Israel will no longer experience persecution.

Isaiah 54:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Behold, no attacker will attack besides from me; he who attacks you will fall before you.

UST

¹⁵ If any army attacks you, it will not be because I have incited them to do that, and you will defeat anyone who attacks you.

What will happen to anyone who stirs up trouble for Israel?

Anyone who stirs up trouble for Israel will fall in defeat.

Isaiah 54:16**ULT**

¹⁶ "Behold, I have created the craftsman, who blows the burning coals and produces weapons as his work, and {it is} I who created the destroyer to destroy.

UST

¹⁶ Think about this: Blacksmiths fan the coals to make a very hot flame in order to produce weapons that can be used in battles, but I am the one who has produced blacksmiths! And I am also the one who created people who destroy other people and cities.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 54:17**ULT**

¹⁷ All the weapons formed against you will not succeed, and all the tongues rising against you for judgment, you will prove guilty. This {is} the inheritance of the servants of Yahweh, and their vindication from me”—the declaration of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁷ You will not be defeated by soldiers using weapons that they have made to attack you, and when others try to accuse you, you will prove that they are wrong, and you will condemn them to punishment. That is the reward for the people who serve Yahweh. I will defend them and show everyone else that they are right to trust me; that is what I, Yahweh, promise.”

What will happen to everyone who accuses Israel?

Israel will condemn them.

Isaiah 55

Isaiah 55:1

ULT

¹ “Oh, all who are thirsty, come to the water, and who have no money, come, buy, and eat! And come, buy without money and without cost, wine and milk.

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¹ “Come here! All you people who are in exile, and listen to me! If you are thirsty, now is the time for you to come to me and get your water! Now those who had no money, you can come and buy wine and milk from me, the finest wine and the best milk! You can get what you need from me, and you can buy it now! You can buy it even though you do not have any money, and even though you could never afford it!

What are those who have no money told to buy?

They are told to buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

Isaiah 55:2

ULT

² Why do you weigh out silver for {what is} not bread, and your labor for {what} does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me and eat {what is} good, and delight your spirits in fatness.

UST

² Why do you spend money to buy things that do not supply what you really need? Why do you work hard to get money to buy things that do not truly satisfy you? Pay attention to what I say and acquire what is really good! If you come to me, then in your heart you will truly be happy.

What are those who thirst told to eat?

They are told to eat what is good.

Isaiah 55:3**ULT**

³ Turn your ears and come to me! Listen, that your spirit may live! And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, the faithful covenant loyalty {shown to} David.

UST

³ Listen to me and come to me; pay attention to me, and if you do that, you will have new life within you. I will make a covenant with you that will last forever to faithfully love you like my love for King David.

Who has Yahweh placed as a witness to the nations and a leader and commander to the peoples? (vv3-4)

Yahweh has placed David in that position.

Isaiah 55:4**ULT**

⁴ Behold, I have placed him {as} a witness to the nations, a leader and commander to the peoples.

UST

⁴ By what he did, I showed my power to many people groups; I caused him to be a leader and commander over the people of many nations.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 55:5**ULT**

⁵ Behold, you will call a nation you did not know; and a nation {that} did not know you will run to you because of Yahweh your God, and the Holy One of Israel, for he made you glorious."

UST

⁵ And similarly, you will summon people of other nations to come to you, nations that previously you have not heard about, and they had not heard about you; and they will come to you quickly because they will have heard that I, Yahweh, your God, the Holy One of Israel, have honored you.

Why will a nation that did not know Israel run to them?

They will run to Israel because Yahweh their God, the Holy One of Israel has glorified them.

Isaiah 55:6**ULT**

⁶ Seek Yahweh while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

UST

⁶ Seek to know Yahweh while it is still possible for you to do that; call to Yahweh while he is near!

When should Israel seek and call upon Yahweh?

They should seek him while he may be found; call upon him while he is nearby.

Isaiah 55:7**ULT**

⁷ Let the wicked leave his path, and the man of sin his thoughts. And let him return to Yahweh, and he will show compassion to him, and to our God, who will abundantly forgive.

UST

⁷ Wicked people should abandon their wicked behavior, and evil people should stop thinking what is evil. They should turn to Yahweh, and if they do that, he will act mercifully toward them; they should turn to Yahweh, their God, because he will fully pardon them for all the wicked things that they have done.

What are the wicked and the man of sin to do?

Let the wicked leave his path, and the man of sin his thoughts.

What will Yahweh do for the one who returns to him?

Yahweh will pity him and will abound in forgiving him.

Isaiah 55:8**ULT**

⁸ “For my thoughts {are} not your thoughts, and your ways {are} not my ways”— the declaration of Yahweh.

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⁸ Yahweh declares that what he thinks is not the same as what you think, and what he does is very different from what you do.

Why are Yahweh’s thoughts and ways not Israel’s thoughts and ways? (vv8-9)

This is so because as the heavens are higher than the earth so are Yahweh’s ways higher than their ways and Yahweh’s thought than Israel’s thoughts.

Isaiah 55:9**ULT**

⁹ “For {as} the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

UST

⁹ Just as you people on the earth can never reach the sky, the thoughts of Yahweh are that much higher than the way you think. His ways are always different from what you do. And so, you can be sure that you can never fully understand the way Yahweh thinks or know the reasons for what Yahweh does.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 55:10**ULT**

¹⁰ For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there but saturate the earth and make it produce and sprout and give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

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¹⁰ Yahweh sends the rain and snow down from the sky, and they water the ground. When the ground becomes moist, it causes plants to sprout and grow, with the result that the soil produces seed for the farmer to plant and grain to produce flour to make bread for people to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 55:11**ULT**

¹¹ so my word will be that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but it will do what I desire, and it will achieve that for which I have sent.

UST

¹¹ And similarly, the things that I promise to do, I will always cause to happen; my promises will always come true. They will accomplish the things for which I spoke them.

What will happen to the words that go from Yahweh’s mouth?

They will accomplish that which Yahweh wishes and it will succeed in that for which he sent it.

Isaiah 55:12**ULT**

¹² For joyfully you will go out and peacefully be led; the mountains and the hills will break out {in} joyful shouts before your faces, and all the trees of the fields will clap {their} hands.

UST

¹² This is why you will leave Babylon joyfully; you will have peace as Yahweh leads you out. It will be as though the hills and mountains sang joyfully, and the trees in the fields clapped their hands.

What is the everlasting sign that will not be cut off? (vv12-13)

This is the sign: Israel will go out in joy and be led along peacefully. the mountains and the hills will break out in joyful shouts before them. All the trees of the fields will clap their hands. Instead of the thorn bushes, evergreens will grow and instead of the brier, the myrtle tree will grow.

Isaiah 55:13**ULT**

¹³ Instead of the thornbushes, the cypress will grow; and instead of the brier, the myrtle tree will grow, and it will be for Yahweh, for his name, as an everlasting sign {that} will not be cut off."

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¹³ Instead of thornbushes and briars, pine trees and myrtle trees will grow in your land. As a result of that, people will honor Yahweh much more; and what Yahweh does will cause everyone to remember what he has promised, and they will honor him."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 56

Isaiah 56:1

ULT

¹ Thus says Yahweh, "Keep justice and do righteousness; for my salvation {is} soon to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

UST

¹ Yahweh says to all the people of Judah, "Do the things that are fair and right, because I will soon come to rescue you; I will soon show everyone that you have been right to trust me.

Why did Yahweh say to observe what is right and do what is just? (vv1-2)

He said this because his deliverance is near and his vindication is about to be revealed.

Isaiah 56:2

ULT

² Blessed {is} the man who does this, and the son of man who grasps it, keeping the Sabbath, not defiling it, and keeping his hand from doing any evil."

UST

² I will bless those who faithfully obey my laws about the Sabbath days. I will bless those who keep sacred my Sabbath days, and who do not do any work on those days, and who refrain from doing anything that is evil.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 56:3

ULT

³ And let no son of a foreigner say, who joins with Yahweh, saying, "Yahweh will certainly exclude me from his people." and let not the eunuch say, "Behold, I {am} a dry tree."

UST

³ Foreigners who have believed in me should not say, 'Yahweh will surely not allow me to belong to his people.' And eunuchs should not say, 'Because I am deformed and unable to have children, I cannot belong to Yahweh; I am like a tree that has completely withered.'

What shouldn't the foreigner and eunuch who have become followers of Yahweh not say?

The foreigner should not say, "Yahweh will certainly exclude me from his people" and the eunuch should not say, "See, I am a dry tree."

Isaiah 56:4**ULT**

⁴ For thus says Yahweh: "To the eunuchs who observe my Sabbaths and choose what pleases me, and hold fast my covenant,

UST

⁴ They should not say that, because I, Yahweh, say this to the eunuchs who obey my laws about the Sabbath, and who choose to do the things that please me, and who obey all the other laws of the covenant that I made with the Israelite people:

What will Yahweh do for eunuchs who observe Yahweh's sabbaths, choose what pleases him, and hold fast Yahweh's covenant? (vv4-5)

Yahweh will set up a monument for him, in Yahweh's house and within his walls, that is better than of sons and of daughters.

Isaiah 56:5**ULT**

⁵ and to them I will set up in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; an everlasting name I shall give him that will never be cut off.

UST

⁵ I will cause people to put inside the walls of my temple a monument to them; because of that monument, they will be honored more than they would have if they had children; they will be honored forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 56:6**ULT**

⁶ And sons of foreigners who join with Yahweh to serve him, and who love the name of Yahweh, to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath, not defiling it, and who hold fast my covenant—

UST

⁶ I will also bless those who are not Israelites who join themselves to me, who serve me and worship and love me, who obey my laws about the Sabbath, and who faithfully obey all the other laws of the covenant that I made with the Israelite people.

What will Yahweh do for foreigners who join themselves to Yahweh to serve him, who worship him and love his name, who observe the sabbath and keeps from defiling it, and who hold fast Yahweh's covenant? (vv6-7)

Yahweh will bring them to his holy mountain and make them joyful in his house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on Yahweh's altar.

Isaiah 56:7**ULT**

⁷ even them I shall bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices {will be} welcome on my altar. For my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations"

UST

⁷ I will bring them to my sacred hill in Jerusalem, and cause them to be very joyful in my temple where people pray to me, and I will accept the sacrifices that they burn on my altar and other sacrifices that they offer, because my temple will be a building where people of all nations pray to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 56:8**ULT**

⁸ —the declaration of the Lord Yahweh, who gathers the outcasts of Israel— "I shall still gather {others} for him besides the gathered."

UST

⁸ I, Yahweh, the Lord, the one who will bring back the people of Israel who have been forced to go to other countries, say this: I will bring from other countries many more people to join those Israelites whom I have brought back."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 56:9**ULT**

⁹ All wild beasts of the field, come to devour, all beasts in the forest!

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⁹ "You surrounding nations have armies that are like animals in the forest; come and attack Israel!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 56:10**ULT**

¹⁰ His watchmen {are} blind, all of them they do not understand. All of them {are} silent dogs, not able to bark. They dream lying down, lovers of sleep.

UST

¹⁰ The Israelite leaders should be like watchdogs to protect the people, but it is as though they were blind. They understand nothing. They are all like dogs that cannot bark. Good watchdogs bark when strangers approach, but the Israelite leaders do not warn the people that their enemies are coming. Instead, they just want to lie down and sleep and dream.

Who is compared to a dumb dog?

Their watchmen are compared to dumb dogs.

Isaiah 56:11**ULT**

¹¹ And the dogs {are} fierce {in} appetite; they do not know satiation; and they {are} shepherds not knowing discernment; all of them turned to their way, each for his gain, without exception.

UST

¹¹ And they are like greedy dogs; they never get all that they want. They are supposed to lead the people, like good shepherds lead their flocks, but they are ignorant, and they each do whatever they want to do.

What have their watchmen and shepherds done?

They have all turned to their own way, each one covetous for unjust gain.

Isaiah 56:12**ULT**

¹² "Come, let us take wine and imbibe strong drink. And tomorrow will be like this day, exceedingly much greater."

UST

¹² They say to each other, 'Come, let us go and get some wine and other alcoholic drinks, and let us become drunk! And tomorrow we will enjoy drinking even more!'"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57**Isaiah 57:1****ULT**

¹ The righteous perish, but no one takes {it} to heart, and the men of covenant faithfulness are gathered away, but no one understands that the righteous is gathered away from the face of evil.

UST

¹ Righteous people die, and no one is concerned about it. Godly people die, and no one understands why. God takes them away in order that they will not endure more calamities,

What does no one consider or understand about the righteous when they perish? (vv1-2)

They don't consider or understand that the righteous are gathered away from evil and enter into peace.

Isaiah 57:2**ULT**

² He comes in peace; they rest in their beds who walks {in} his uprightness.

UST

² and now they have peace. They lived righteously, and now they rest peacefully in their graves.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:3**ULT**

³ "But, you, come here, sons of the sorcerer, seed of the adulterer and prostitute.

UST

³ Yahweh says, "But you who practice sorcery, come here! You who worship idols, listen to me!

Who is merrily mocking and opening the mouth and sticking out the tongue? (vv3-4)

The sons of the sorceress, the children of the adulterer and the woman who has prostituted herself do these things.

Isaiah 57:4**ULT**

⁴ Whom are you mocking? Against whom are you opening wide the mouth {and} sticking out the tongue? {Are} you not children of rebellion, seed of deceit

UST

⁴ Do you realize whom you are ridiculing, and whom you are insulting? Do you realize to whom you are sticking out your tongues? You are insulting me, Yahweh! You are always rebelling against me and always lying, just like your ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:5**ULT**

⁵ who go into heat among the oaks, under every green tree, slaughterers of children in valleys, under overhangs of rocks?

UST

⁵ You are eager to sleep together under every tall green tree where you worship your gods. You kill your children as sacrifices to your idols in the dry riverbeds, and offer them as sacrifices to your idols in the rocky caves.

What else did these who were called children of rebellion and children of deceit do?

They had sex under the oaks, under every green tree. They killed their children in the dry riverbeds, under the rocky overhangs.

Isaiah 57:6**ULT**

⁶ Among the smooth {things} of the valley {are} your portion, {It is} they which are your destiny. Even to them you pour out your drink offering raise up a grain offering. In these shall I relent?

UST

⁶ You take big smooth stones from the riverbeds and worship them as your gods. You pour out wine to be an offering to them, and you bring grain to burn for an offering to them. Do you think that I enjoy all those things?

What are the objects of their devotion?

Some of the smooth things of the river valley are the objects of their devotion.

Isaiah 57:7**ULT**

⁷ On a high and lofty mountain you set your bed. Even there you went up to offer sacrifice.

UST

⁷ You sleep with idols' prostitutes on every hill and mountain, and you go there to offer sacrifices to your gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:8**ULT**

⁸ And behind the door and the doorposts you set your symbols. For away from me you bared yourselves and went up, widened your bed. And you cut for yourself {a covenant} with them; you loved their beds; you saw a hand.

UST

⁸ You have put charms behind your doors and doorposts, and you have deserted me. You have taken off your clothes and climbed into your bed, and invited more of your lovers to come to bed with you. You have paid them to sleep with you, and you have looked at their private parts.

What did these rebellious and deceitful ones do concerning Yahweh?

They deserted Yahweh.

Isaiah 57:9**ULT**

⁹ And you turned to Molech with oil, and you multiplied your perfumes. ^[1] And you sent your ambassadors far away; and went down to Sheol.

UST

⁹ You have given fragrant oil and lots of perfume to kings, and you sent representatives to distant countries to look for other gods to worship; you even tried to send messengers to the place of the dead to search for new gods.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:10**ULT**

¹⁰ You were tired from your long journey, {but} you did not say, '{It is} hopeless.' You found the life of your hand, therefore you did not weaken.

UST

¹⁰ You became weary because of doing all those things, but you never said, 'It is useless for us to do that.' You found new strength for worshiping idols, so you continued to do so.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:11**ULT**

¹¹ "And of whom do you worry and fear, that you lie and do not remember me, do not take {it} to heart? {Was} I not silent and for so long, that you do not fear me?"

UST

¹¹ Was it because you were afraid of those idols more than you were afraid of me that you lied about what you were doing, and you do not even think about me? Was it because I did not punish you for a long time that you are not afraid of me?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:12**ULT**

¹² I shall proclaim your righteousness, and your deeds, but they will not help you.

UST

¹² You think that the things that you have done are right, but I will tell you the truth: It will not help you to do any of those things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:13**ULT**

¹³ When you cry out, let your collection rescue you, but the wind will carry all of them away; a breath will take {them} away. Yet he who takes refuge in me will inherit the land and will take possession of my holy mountain."

UST

¹³ When you cry out for help to your collection of idols, they will not rescue you. The wind will blow them away; a single breath will carry them all away. But those who trust in me will live in the land of Israel, and they will worship me on Zion, my sacred hill."

What will Yahweh tell these wicked and rebellious ones when they cry out?

Yahweh will tell them to let their collection of idols deliver them.

What will happen to these wicked and rebellious ones?

The wind will carry them all away, a breath will carry them all away.

What will happen to the ones who take refuge in Yahweh?

They will inherit the land and take possession of Yahweh's holy mountain.

Isaiah 57:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And he will say, "Pile up, pile up! Clear a way! Remove the stumbling block from the path of my people!"

UST

¹⁴ Yahweh will say, "Prepare yourselves to receive me, like people build and prepare a road for a king to come on. Get rid of the things that are causing you to sin.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For thus says the One High and Lifted Up, who lives eternally, and holy {is} his name, "On high and holy I dwell and {with} the oppressed and humble of spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the oppressed.

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¹⁵ Because this is what I say—I, Yahweh, who am holy and honored more than anyone else, and who live forever: I live in the highest heaven, where everything is holy, but I also am with those who are humble and who are sorry for the sinful things that they have done. I will greatly encourage those who have repented.

Who will dwell with Yahweh in the exalted and holy place?

The ones who are of a crushed and humble spirit will dwell with Yahweh there.

Isaiah 57:16**ULT**

¹⁶ For not forever will I contend, and not eternally will I be angry, for the spirit before my face would faint, and the breath I myself have made.

UST

¹⁶ I will not accuse people forever; I will not always be angry with them, because if I did that, people would become weak; all the people whom I created and caused to live would die.

What would happen if Yahweh accused man forever?

The man's spirit would faint before Yahweh.

Isaiah 57:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Because of the sin of his gain, I was angry, and I struck him; I hid and was angry, but he went backward in the way of his heart.

UST

¹⁷ I was angry with my people because they sinned by taking with force what belonged to others. Because I was angry, I punished them and turned away from them, but they continued sinning.

Why was Yahweh angry with man?

Yahweh was angry with man because of his violent gain.

Isaiah 57:18**ULT**

¹⁸ I have seen his ways and I shall heal him and lead him and give comfort to him and to his mourners.

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¹⁸ I have seen the evil things that they continually do, but I will restore them and lead them. I will encourage them. As for those who are mourning,

Even though Yahweh has seen man's ways, what is Yahweh going to do for man? (vv18-19)

Yahweh said he would heal him.

Isaiah 57:19**ULT**

¹⁹ Creator of the fruit of the lips, "Peace, peace, to the far off and to the near," says Yahweh, "and I shall heal them."

UST

¹⁹ I will enable them to sing songs to praise me. I will restore all my people, those who live near Jerusalem and those who live far away, and I will cause things to go well for them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:20**ULT**

²⁰ But the wicked {are} like the tossing sea, which is not able to rest, and its waters churn up mire and mud.

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²⁰ Wicked people do not have peace in their inner beings; they are like a sea whose waves are always churning up mud,

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 57:21**ULT**

²¹ "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

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UST

²¹ and I, Yahweh, say that things will never go well for those who are evil."

Who has no peace?

The wicked one has no peace.

Isaiah 58**Isaiah 58:1****ULT**

¹ “Cry out from the throat; do not hold back; lift up your voice like a trumpet, and confront my people {with} their rebellion, and the house of Jacob {with} their sins.

UST

¹ Yahweh said to me, “Shout loudly! Shout like a loud trumpet! Shout to warn my Israelite people about their sins!

What did Yahweh command the house of Jacob to be confronted with?

He commanded the house of Jacob to be confronted with their rebellion and sins.

Isaiah 58:2**ULT**

² Yet they seek me day {by} day and delight in the knowledge of my ways, like a nation that practiced righteousness and the ordinances of its God did not abandon. They ask me for judgments of righteousness; they take pleasure in the approach of God.

UST

² They worship me every day; they come to my temple because they say that they are eager to know what I want them to do. They act as though they were a nation that does things that are righteous, that would never abandon the commands of me, their God. They request me to decide matters justly, and they are eager that I should come to them.

How did the house of Jacob seek Yahweh?

They sought him like a nation that practiced righteousness and did not abandon the law of their God.

Isaiah 58:3**ULT**

³ 'Why have we fasted, and you do not see? We humbled ourselves, and you do not notice?' "Behold, on the day of your fast you find pleasure and oppress all your laborers.

UST

³ They say, 'We have fasted to please you, but you did not notice our doing that. We humbled ourselves, but you did not pay any attention!' I will tell you why I did not pay attention. It is because when you fast, you do it only to please yourselves, and you act cruelly toward all your workers.

What was the complaint the house of Jacob made to Yahweh concerning them humbling themselves and fasting?

Their complaint to Yahweh was that when they fasted and humbled themselves Yahweh didn't see it or notice.

What did Yahweh say the house of Jacob did on the day of their fast?

Yahweh said that on the day of their fast they find their own pleasure and oppress all their laborers.

Isaiah 58:4**ULT**

⁴ Behold, you fast to quarrel and fight, and to hit with a fist of wickedness; you do not fast today to make your voice heard above.

UST

⁴ You fast, but you also quarrel and fight with each other with your fists. Doing things like that while you fast will certainly not cause me to hear your prayers where I am, high in heaven.

What did Yahweh say was not the reason the house of Jacob was fasting?

Yahweh said the house of Jacob was not fasting to make their voice heard above.

Isaiah 58:5**ULT**

⁵ Will {one} like this be the fast I choose? A day a man inflicts his soul, to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes? Do you call this a fast, and a day of Yahweh's pleasure?

UST

⁵ You bow your heads like the tops of reeds bend when the wind blows, and you wear rough clothes and cover your heads with ashes like people do when they are grieving. That is what you do when you are fasting, but do you really think that will please me?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 58:6**ULT**

⁶ {Is} not this the fast I choose: to loosen wicked bonds, to undo the ropes of the yoke, and to set the crushed ones free, and to break every yoke?

UST

⁶ No, that is not the kind of fasting that I desire. Instead you should seek to free those who have been unjustly put in prison, and encourage those who are treated cruelly; and free those who have been oppressed in any way.

What is the fast that Yahweh chooses? (vv6-7)

The fast that Yahweh chooses is to release wicked bonds, to undo the ropes of the yoke, to set the crushed ones free, to break every yoke, to break their bread with the hungry, to bring the poor and homeless into their houses, to clothe the naked and to not hide themselves from their own relatives.

Isaiah 58:7**ULT**

⁷ {Is it} not to distribute your bread to the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house?" When you see one naked, then clothe him, and your flesh do not ignore.

UST

⁷ Share your food with those who are hungry and to allow those who have no houses to stay in your houses. Give clothes to those who do not have clothes, and do not hide yourself from your relatives who need help from you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 58:8**ULT**

⁸ Then your light will break like the dawn and your healing quickly sprout up and your righteousness will go before your face. The glory of Yahweh will be your rearguard.

UST

⁸ If you do those things, what you do for others will be like a light that shines when it dawns. The troubles that have been caused by your sins will end quickly. Others will know about your righteous behavior, and the glorious presence of Yahweh will protect you from behind like I protected the Israelite people when they left Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 58:9**ULT**

⁹ Then you will call, and Yahweh will answer; cry out, and he will say, 'Here I {am}.' "If you take away from among you the yoke, the pointing finger, and the speech of wickedness,

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⁹ Then you will call out to me, and I will quickly answer and say, 'I am here to help you.' Stop oppressing people; stop falsely accusing people; and stop saying evil things about people.

What would Yahweh do if the house of Jacob took away from among themselves the yoke, the accusing finger, and the speech of wickedness, if they provided for the hungry and satisfied the need of the distressed? (vv9-10)

If they would do these things then their light would rise in the darkness, and their darkness would be like the noonday..

Isaiah 58:10**ULT**

¹⁰ and provide for the hungry your life and satisfy the appetite of the afflicted, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your darkness {will be} like the noonday.

UST

¹⁰ Give food to those who are hungry, and give to people who are afflicted the things that they need. Your doing that will be like a light that shines in the darkness; instead of doing evil to people, the good things you do for people will be like the sunshine at noontime.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 58:11**ULT**

¹¹ Then Yahweh will lead you continually and satisfy your appetite in the desert, and your bones he will strengthen, and will be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

UST

¹¹ Yahweh will guide you continually, and he will give you good things to satisfy you. He will enable you to remain strong and healthy. You will be like a garden that is well watered, like a spring that never dries up.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 58:12**ULT**

¹² And {some} of you will rebuild the ancient ruins; you will raise up the foundations of generation upon generation, and you will be called The Repairer of the Wall, The Restorer of Streets to Live On.

UST

¹² Your people will rebuild the cities that were destroyed long ago; they will build houses on top of the old foundations. People will say that you are the ones who are repairing the holes in the city walls, and who are repairing the streets where people live.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 58:13**ULT**

¹³ "If you turn back your feet on the Sabbath, {from} doing your pleasure on my holy {day}, and call the Sabbath a delight, holy of Yahweh, honored, and honor it, {keeping} from doing your ways, finding your pleasure, and speaking speech,

UST

¹³ Do not travel on the Sabbath days, and on Sabbath days do not do only the things that you delight to do. Enjoy the Sabbath days, and consider them to be delightful. The Sabbath days are my holy days. Honor me, Yahweh, in everything that you do on the Sabbath days. Do not talk about and do things to please yourselves. If you do all the things that I have just now told you to do; listen, and I will tell you what I will do for you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 58:14**ULT**

¹⁴ "then you will delight in Yahweh, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; and I will feed you the inheritance of Jacob your father;" for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken.

UST

¹⁴ I will enable you to be joyful. I will greatly honor you; it will be as though you were riding with me above the highest mountains! I will give to you the blessings that I gave to your ancestor Jacob. Those things will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59

Isaiah 59:1

ULT

¹ Behold, the hand of Yahweh {is} not too short to save, and not his ear too dull to hear.

UST

¹ Listen to this! Yahweh's power is not too little to rescue you. He has not become deaf; he can still hear you when you call to him for help.

Can Yahweh save us? Does he hear us?

Yahweh's hand is not so short that it cannot save; nor his ear so dull, that is cannot hear.

Isaiah 59:2

ULT

² Your transgressions, however, have caused separation between you {and} between your God, and your sins have made him hide {his} face from you {so} he does not hear.

UST

² But you have separated yourselves from your God by the sins that you have committed. Because of your sins, he has turned away from you, with the result that he does not pay attention to what you request him to do.

Why didn't Yahweh hear or save the house of Jacob?

Their sinful acts separated them from their God and their sins made Yahweh hide his face from them and from hearing them.

Isaiah 59:3

ULT

³ For your hands are stained with blood and your fingers with sin. Your lips speak falsehood; your tongue murmurs evil.

UST

³ You do violent things to others, with the result that your hands are stained with their blood. You constantly tell lies, and you say evil things about others.

What are some of the sins the house of Jacob committed that separated them from Yahweh? (vv3-4)

Some of the sins that separated them from Yahweh were: They stained their hands with blood. They lied and spoke maliciously. They were malicious and untruthful. They conceived trouble.

Isaiah 59:4**ULT**

⁴ None calls in righteousness, and none pleads his case in truth, trusting in emptiness and speaking vanity, conceiving trouble and birthing sin.

UST

⁴ When you accuse someone in court, what you say is not fair and it is not true. You accuse people falsely; you depend on the lies you tell. You are constantly planning to cause trouble for others, and then you do those evil things that you planned.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:5**ULT**

⁵ The eggs of a poisonous snake they hatch, and the web of a spider they weave. Whoever eats of their eggs dies, and {when} one is crushed, an adder is hatched.

UST

⁵ What you plan to do to harm people is like the eggs a poisonous snake lays, like a web that a spider catches its victims in. Cobras will hatch from those eggs, and insects will fall into the spider's web.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:6**ULT**

⁶ Their webs are not for garments, and they do not cover themselves with their works. Their works {are} works of sin, and deeds of violence {are} in their hands.

UST

⁶ You cannot hide the evil deeds that you have done. You are constantly acting violently.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:7**ULT**

⁷ Their feet run to evil, and they hasten to spill innocent blood. Their thoughts {are} thoughts of sin; violence and destruction {are} their roads.

UST

⁷ You are very quick to go and do evil deeds, and you hurry to murder people who are innocent. You are continually thinking about sinning. Wherever you go, you destroy things and cause people to suffer.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:8**ULT**

⁸ The way of peace they do not know, and there is no justice in their tracks. They distorted their paths; all who travel it do not know peace.

UST

⁸ You do not know how to act peacefully or to treat others fairly. You always are dishonest, and those who imitate your behavior never have any peace within themselves.

What happens to those who travel crooked paths?

Those who travel crooked paths do not know peace.

Isaiah 59:9**ULT**

⁹ Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us. We wait for light, but behold, darkness; for brightness, {but} we walk in gloom.

UST

⁹ Because of that, God does not rescue us from our enemies, it seems that he is not acting fairly toward us. We expect God to give us light, but all he gives us is darkness.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:10**ULT**

¹⁰ We grope the wall as the blind, and as though without eyes we grope. We stumble at noonday as in the twilight; among the strong as the dead.

UST

¹⁰ We are like blind people who have to feel along the wall to be able to walk anywhere. We stumble and trip at noontime like we would when it is dark. We are like dead people who are among healthy people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:11**ULT**

¹¹ We growl like bears, all of us, and like doves, mourn sadly; we wait for justice, but {there is} none; for rescue, {but} it is far from us.

UST

¹¹ We growl like hungry bears; we continually moan like doves. We ask God to do what is just, but nothing happens. We want God to rescue us, but it seems that he is far away.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:12**ULT**

¹² For our many transgressions {are} before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions {are} with us, and our iniquities we know:

UST

¹² But these things are happening because it is as though our sins are piled high in the presence of God, and it is they that testify against us. We cannot deny it; we know that we have done many wrong things.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:13**ULT**

¹³ rebelling, and denying Yahweh and turning away from after our God, speaking extortion and turning aside, conceiving and complaining from the heart words of falsehood.

UST

¹³ We know that we have rebelled against Yahweh; we have turned away from him. We oppress people by what we testify against them; we do not allow them to get what they have a right to get. We think about the lies that we can tell, and then we tell them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And justice is driven back, and righteousness stands far off; for truth stumbles in the plaza, and straightforwardness is not able to come.

UST

¹⁴ In our courts, the judges do not decide cases fairly; no one is acting righteously. In plazas where people gather together, no one tells the truth; it seems that people are not allowed to say what is true.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And it happens {that} truth is missing, and he who turns away from evil makes himself plunder. And Yahweh saw, and it was evil in his eyes that there was no justice.

UST

¹⁵ No one tells the truth, and people try to ruin the reputations of those who quit doing evil. Yahweh looked around, and he saw that no one was doing what is just; he was very displeased.

What happened to him who turned away from evil?

He made himself a victim.

What displeased Yahweh?

It displeased Yahweh when he saw there was no justice.

Isaiah 59:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And he saw that there was no man, and was amazed that there was no intercessor. So his arm brought salvation for him, and his righteousness was his support.

UST

¹⁶ He was disgusted when he saw that no one tried to help those who were being treated cruelly. So he used his own power to rescue them; it is because he is always righteous that he did that.

What did Yahweh do when he saw there was no one to intervene?

When Yahweh saw there was no one to intervene, his own arm brought salvation for him.

Isaiah 59:17**ULT**

¹⁷ And he put on righteousness as a breastplate and a helmet of salvation upon his head, and he clothed himself with garments of vengeance {for} clothing and wore zeal as a mantle.

UST

¹⁷ It is as though he were a soldier who put on his armor and a helmet; his continually doing what is right is like his armor, and his ability to rescue people is like his helmet. His being extremely angry and his being ready to get revenge on those who do evil are like his robes.

Then what did Yahweh do? (vv17-18)

He put on righteousness as a breastplate and a helmet of salvation upon his head. He clothed himself with garments of vengeance and wore zeal as a mantle. He repayed them for what they had done, angry judgment to his adversaries, vengeance to his enemies, to the islands punishment as their reward.

Isaiah 59:18**ULT**

¹⁸ As all the deeds {will be} as all he repays, anger to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies, to the islands he will pay the reward.

UST

¹⁸ He will repay his enemies for the evil things that they have done. He will severely punish even those who live far from Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 59:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And they will fear the name of Yahweh from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; for he will come as a rushing stream, driven by the breath of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁹ When that happens, people everywhere, from the east to the west, will respect and honor Yahweh, because he will come like a rushing river that is pushed along by the strong wind that Yahweh sent.

What will be the result of Yahweh repaying them for what they had done?

They will fear the name of Yahweh from the west, and his glory from the sun's rising.

Isaiah 59:20**ULT**

²⁰ "And a redeemer will come to Zion and to those who turn {from} their rebellious deeds in Jacob" —the declaration of Yahweh.

UST

²⁰ And Yahweh says that he will come to Jerusalem to free his people; he will come to rescue those in Judah who have stopped doing sinful things.

Who will a redeemer come to?

A redeemer will come to Zion and to those who turn from their rebellious deeds in Jacob.

Isaiah 59:21**ULT**

²¹ “And {as for} me, this {is} my covenant with them,” says Yahweh. “My Spirit who {is} upon you, and my words which I have put in your mouth, will not leave your mouth, or the mouths of your seed, or the mouths of the seed of your seed,” says Yahweh, “from now and to eternity.”

UST

²¹ This is what Yahweh says to his people: “This is the covenant that I will make with you: My Spirit will not leave you, and you will always have my message. You will be able to declare it, and your children and grandchildren will be able to declare it forever.”

What is Yahweh’s covenant with them?

This is the covenant: Yahweh’s spirit who is upon you, and my words which I have put in your mouth, will not leave your mouth, or go out of the mouth of your children, or go out of the mouth of your children’s children from this time and forever.

Isaiah 60**Isaiah 60:1****ULT**

¹ "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of Yahweh has risen on you.

UST

¹ You people of Jerusalem, stand up! Yahweh has done glorious things for you, and he has acted powerfully for you; so show others that he is very great!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:2**ULT**

² For, behold, darkness will cover the earth, and gloom, the nations; yet Yahweh will arise over you, and his glory will be seen on you.

UST

² But spiritual darkness has covered all the other people groups on the earth, complete darkness, but Yahweh will show you how great he is, and other people will also see it.

Though darkness will cover the earth, what will Yahweh do for Israel?

Yahweh will arise upon them and his glory will be seen on them.

Isaiah 60:3**ULT**

³ And nations will come to your light, and kings to your rising brightness.

UST

³ People of all people groups will see that he is very great by seeing what he has done for you, and kings will come to see the wonderful things that have happened to you.

Who will come to Israel's light?

Nations and kings will come to their light.

Isaiah 60:4**ULT**

⁴ “Lift up your eyes around and see. They all gather to come to you: your sons will come from far, and your daughters supported on the side.

UST

⁴ Yahweh says, “Look around, and you will see the people who will be returning from exile! Your sons will come from distant countries; others will carry your little daughters home.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:5**ULT**

⁵ Then you will look and be radiant, and your heart will be in awe and broaden, because the abundance of the sea will fall upon you, the wealth of the nations will come to you.

UST

⁵ When you look at this happening, you will be very joyful in your inner beings, because people will bring valuable goods to you from all around the world. They will bring valuable things from many nations in ships.

Why will Israel look and be radiant and their heart rejoice and overflow?

This will be because the abundance of the sea will be poured out to them, the wealth of the nations will come to them.

Isaiah 60:6**ULT**

⁶ Caravans of camels will cover you, young camels of Midian and Ephah. All of them will come from Sheba; they will bring gold and frankincense, and will sing the praises of Yahweh.

UST

⁶ People will also bring valuable goods to you on herds of camels: camels from the Midian and Ephah areas of northern Arabia. And from Sheba in southern Arabia they will come, bringing gold and frankincense; they will all come to praise me, Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:7**ULT**

⁷ All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth will serve you; they will ascend my altar with acceptance and I shall glorify my glorious house.

UST

⁷ They will bring flocks of sheep and goats from Kedar in northern Arabia and give them to you. They will bring rams from Nebaioth for you to sacrifice on my altars, and I will accept them happily. At that time I will cause my temple to be very beautifully decorated.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:8**ULT**

⁸ "Who {are} these who fly like a cloud, and like doves to their coops?"

UST

⁸ And what are those things that are moving swiftly like clouds? They resemble pigeons returning to their nests.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:9**ULT**

⁹ For the coastlands wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, for the name of Yahweh your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has given you glory.

UST

⁹ But they are really ships from Tarshish that are bringing your people back here. When your people come, they will bring with them all the valuable possessions that they have acquired, and they will do that to honor me, Yahweh, your God, the Holy One of Israel, because I will have greatly honored you.

Who leads in bringing Israel's sons from afar?

The ships of Tarshish lead.

Isaiah 60:10**ULT**

¹⁰ “And sons of foreigners will rebuild your walls, and their kings will serve you. Though in my wrath I struck you, yet in my favor I shall have compassion on you.

UST

¹⁰ Foreigners will come and rebuild the walls of your cities, and their kings will serve you. Although I punished you because I was angry with you, these things will happen now because I will act mercifully toward you because I am kind.

Who will rebuild the city of Yahweh and who will serve them?

Sons of foreigners will rebuild their walls and kings will serve them.

Isaiah 60:11**ULT**

¹¹ And your gates will be open always; they will not be shut day or night, so the wealth of the nations may be brought to you, and their kings being led.

UST

¹¹ The gates of your cities will be open during the day and also during the night, in order that people will be able to bring into your cities valuable things from many countries, with their kings being led to you in the processions.

Why will the gates of the city remain open continually?

They will remain open so that the wealth of the nations may be brought in.

Isaiah 60:12**ULT**

¹² For the nations and kingdoms that will not serve you will perish, and the nations will be completely destroyed.

UST

¹² And the kingdoms and nations whose people refuse to allow you to rule them will be completely destroyed.

What will happen to those nations and kingdoms who will not serve them?

Those nations and kingdoms will perish; they will be completely destroyed.

Isaiah 60:13**ULT**

¹³ “The glory of Lebanon will come to you, the cypress, the fir, and the cedar altogether, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and the place of my feet I shall glorify.

UST

¹³ The glorious things in Lebanon will be brought to you— lumber from cypress trees and fir trees and pine trees— to be used to make my temple beautiful. When that is done, my temple will truly be glorious!

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And they will come to you to bow down, the sons of those who humbled you, and they will bow down at the soles of your feet, all who despised you, and they will call you The City of Yahweh, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

UST

¹⁴ The descendants of those who oppressed you will come and bow down to you; those who despised you will prostrate themselves in front of your feet. They will say that your city on Mount Zion is the City of Yahweh, where the Holy One of Israel lives.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:15**ULT**

¹⁵ “Instead of you being abandoned and hated, with no one passing through, I will make you a thing of pride forever, a joy from generation to generation.

UST

¹⁵ Previously everyone hated you and ignored you, but now your city will be majestic forever; and I will cause you to be joyful forever.

What will Yahweh make the City of Yahweh to be?

He will make her to be a thing of pride forever, a joy from generation to generation.

Isaiah 60:16**ULT**

¹⁶ And you will suckle the milk of the nations, and at the breast of kings you will nurse, and you will know that I, Yahweh, {am} your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

UST

¹⁶ People of all nations and their kings will gladly bring their wealth to you. When that happens, you will realize that I truly am Yahweh, the one who saves you and rescues you from your enemies, and that I am the mighty one to whom you Israelite people belong.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Instead of bronze I shall bring gold, and instead of iron I shall bring silver, and instead of wood, bronze, and instead of stones, iron. And I shall appoint peace as your governors, and justice your rulers.

UST

¹⁷ Instead of metals that are not valuable, like bronze and iron, I will bring to you silver and gold. Instead of wood and stones, I will bring you bronze and iron for your buildings. There will be peace in your country, and your rulers will do what is fair.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:18**ULT**

¹⁸ Violence will no longer be heard in your land, devastation or shattering within your borders; but you will call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.

UST

¹⁸ People in your country will no longer act violently, and people will no longer destroy your land and drive you out of it. The people in the city will be safe, and everyone there will praise me.

What will no longer be heard in the land of Zion?

Violence will no longer be heard in their land, or devastation nor shattering within their borders.

Isaiah 60:19**ULT**

¹⁹ The sun will no longer be your light by day, and the brightness of the moon will not shine on you; but Yahweh will be your everlasting light, and your God your glory.

UST

¹⁹ And you will no longer need the sun and moon to give you light, because I, Yahweh, will give you more light than the sun and moon; I will be a glorious light for you forever.

What will give light to the land? (vv19-20)

Yahweh will be their everlasting light.

Isaiah 60:20**ULT**

²⁰ Your sun will no longer set, and your moon will not wane; for Yahweh will be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning will be ended.

UST

²⁰ It will seem as though the sun and moon will always be shining, because I, Yahweh, will be an everlasting light for you. You will never again be sad because of things that happen to you.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 60:21**ULT**

²¹ And your people, all of them {will be} righteous; for eternity they will possess the land, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, to show my glory.

UST

²¹ Your people will all be righteous, and they will occupy the land forever, because I myself have put you there like people plant trees in order that you will show others that I am very great.

For how long will Yahweh's people possess the land?

They will take possession of the land for all time.

Isaiah 60:22

ULT

²² The little one will become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation; I, Yahweh, shall hasten it in its time."

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²² At that time, the groups that are very small now will become very large clans, and small clans will become great nations. All those things will happen because, I, Yahweh, will cause them to happen at the right time."

How long will it take for Yahweh to accomplish these things?

Yahweh will swiftly accomplish these things when the time comes.

Isaiah 61

Isaiah 61:1

ULT

¹ The Spirit of the Lord Yahweh {is} on me, because Yahweh has anointed me {to} proclaim good news to the afflicted. He has sent me to bind up the broken of heart, to call out freedom to the captives, and to the bound, liberation,

UST

¹ The Spirit of Yahweh our Lord is on me; he has appointed me to bring good news to those who are oppressed, to comfort those who are discouraged, and to free all those who are as though they are chained by the wrong things that they continually do.

Why is the spirit of the Lord Yahweh upon him?

The spirit is upon him because Yahweh has anointed him.

What has Yahweh anointed him to do?

Yahweh has anointed him to proclaim good news to the humble.

What are the first three things Yahweh sent him to do?

Yahweh has sent him to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to open the prison to those who are bound.

Isaiah 61:2

ULT

² to proclaim the year of Yahweh's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God, and to comfort all who mourn,

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² He has sent me to tell those who mourn that now is the time when Yahweh will act kindly toward his people; now is the time when our God will get revenge on their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 61:3**ULT**

³ to grant mourners of Zion, giving them a headdress instead of ashes, oil of joy instead of mourning, a mantle of praise in place of a spirit of dullness, and to call them oaks of righteousness, the planting of Yahweh, to show his glory.

UST

³ To all those in Jerusalem who mourn, he will give beautiful things to wear on their heads instead of ashes that they put on their heads to show that they were sad; he will cause them to rejoice instead of being sad; he will enable them to be happy instead of being discouraged. They will be called 'people who continually do what is right, people who are like tall oak trees that Yahweh has planted' to show others that he is very great.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 61:4**ULT**

⁴ And they will build up the ancient ruins; they will restore the former desolations. and they will rebuild the cities of desolation, the ruins of generation upon generation.

UST

⁴ Those who return from Babylon will rebuild the cities that the soldiers from Babylon tore down. Even though those cities have been destroyed and abandoned for many years, they will be restored.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 61:5**ULT**

⁵ And foreigners will stand and feed your flocks, and sons of foreigners {will be} your farmers and your vinedressers.

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⁵ Foreigners will be the ones who will take care of your flocks of sheep and goats, and plow your fields and take care of your grapevines.

What will foreigners do in Zion?

They will stand and feed the flocks of those in Zion and the sons of foreigners will work their fields and vineyards.

Isaiah 61:6**ULT**

⁶ And you will be called the priests of Yahweh; it will be said of you, 'servants of our God.' The wealth of the nations you will eat, and in their riches you will boast.

UST

⁶ But you are the ones who will be like the priests to serve Yahweh, to work for God. You will enjoy valuable goods that are brought from other nations, and you will be happy that those things have become yours.

What will those in Zion be called?

They will be called priests of Yahweh; servants of God.

Isaiah 61:7**ULT**

⁷ Instead of your shame, double; and dishonor, they will rejoice over their share. So of their land they will possess double, everlasting joy will be theirs.

UST

⁷ Previously you were shamed and disgraced, but now you will have great blessings; previously your enemies humbled you, but now you will have many good things; you will be happy because you will be in your land again, and you will rejoice forever.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 61:8**ULT**

⁸ "For I {am} Yahweh, loving justice, hating unjust robbery, and I shall give their recompense in truth, and I shall cut an everlasting covenant with them.

UST

⁸ "I, Yahweh, am very pleased with those who decide matters fairly; I hate those who illegally take things from other people. I will surely repay my people for all that they have suffered in the past. And I will make an everlasting agreement with them.

What does Yahweh love and what does he hate?

Yahweh loves justice and hates robbery and violent injustice.

Isaiah 61:9**ULT**

⁹ And their seed will be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge them, that they {are} the seed {whom} Yahweh has blessed."

UST

⁹ Their descendants will be honored by people of other nations; their children will be honored by all the other nations. Everyone who sees them will know that they are a nation that I, Yahweh, have blessed."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 61:10**ULT**

¹⁰ I shall greatly rejoice in Yahweh; my spirit will be glad in my God. For he has dressed me with the garments of salvation; with the robe of righteousness he has clothed me, as a bridegroom embellishes himself with a turban, and as a bride adorns herself with her ornaments.

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¹⁰ I greatly rejoice because of what Yahweh has done! I am happy in all my inner being, because he has saved me and declared that I am righteous; those blessings are like a robe that he has put on me. I am as happy as a bridegroom in his wedding clothes, or a bride wearing jewels.

What has Yahweh done for him?

Yahweh has clothed him with garments of salvation and with the robe of righteousness.

Isaiah 61:11**ULT**

¹¹ For as the earth produces its sprouts, and as the garden makes its sowing sprout, so the Lord Yahweh will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up in front of all the nations.

UST

¹¹ Just as seeds sown in a garden sprout from the soil and grow, Yahweh our God will cause people of all nations to act righteously, with the result that they will praise him for doing that.

What will the Lord Yahweh cause to sprout up in front of all the nations

He will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up in front of all the nations.

Isaiah 62**Isaiah 62:1****ULT**

¹ For the sake of Zion I shall not be silent, and for the sake of Jerusalem I shall not be quiet, until her righteousness proceeds as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

UST

¹ Because I am very concerned about the people of Jerusalem, I will do something to help them. I will not stop praying for them until they are rescued from their oppressors, until that becomes as apparent to everyone as the dawn every morning, until people can see it as clearly as they see a torch shining brightly at night.

Who will see Zion's righteousness and glory?

The nations will see Zion's righteousness and all kings will see her glory.

Isaiah 62:2**ULT**

² And the nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory, and you will be called a new name that the mouth of Yahweh will choose.

UST

² Some day the people of many nations will know that Yahweh has rescued you, his people. Their kings will see that your city is very great. And Yahweh will give your city a new name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 62:3**ULT**

³ And you will be a crown of beauty in the hand of Yahweh, and a turban of kingship in the palm of your God.

UST

³ It will be as though Yahweh had held you up in his hands in order that everyone can see you. Under his authority you will be like a crown worn by a king.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 62:4**ULT**

⁴ {It} will no more be said of you, "Abandoned"; and of your land {it} will no more be said, "Desolate," for you will be called, "My delight {is} in her," and your land "Married," for Yahweh delights in you, and your land will be married.

UST

⁴ Your city will never again be called 'the deserted city,' and your country will never again be called 'the desolate land'; it will be called 'the land that Yahweh delights in,' and it will also be called 'married to Yahweh.' It will be called that because Yahweh will be delighted with you, and it will be as though you were his bride.

What will no longer be said of Zion and her land?

Zion will no longer be called "Abandoned" and her land will no longer be called "Desolate".

Why will Zion be called "My delight is in her" and Zion's land "Married"?

She will be called those things because Yahweh delights in her and her land will be married.

Isaiah 62:5**ULT**

⁵ As a young man marries a young woman, your sons will marry you, and {as} a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, your God will rejoice over you.

UST

⁵ You people will live in all the country of Judah like a young man lives with his bride. And our God will be happy that you belong to him, like a bridegroom is happy that his bride belongs to him.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 62:6**ULT**

⁶ I have put watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; all day and all night they are continually not silent. You who are reminding Yahweh, do not pause.

UST

⁶ You people of Jerusalem, I have placed watchmen on your walls; they will earnestly pray to Yahweh day and night. You watchmen, you must not stop praying and reminding Yahweh about what he has promised to do.

Why have watchmen been put on the walls of Jerusalem? (vv6-7)

They are put there to keep reminding Yahweh, allowing him no rest until he reestablishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise on earth.

Isaiah 62:7**ULT**

⁷ And do not allow him rest until he reestablishes {it}, and until he makes Jerusalem a praise on earth.

UST

⁷ And tell Yahweh that he should not rest until he causes Jerusalem to be a city that is famous and admired throughout the world.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 62:8**ULT**

⁸ Yahweh has sworn by his right hand and by the arm of his strength, "Surely I shall no longer give your grain {as} food for your enemies, and surely sons of foreigners will not drink your new wine, for which you have worked,

UST

⁸ Yahweh has raised his right hand to solemnly promise to the people of Jerusalem: "I will use my power and will never again allow your enemies to defeat you; soldiers from other nations will never come again to take away your grain and the wine that you worked hard to produce.

What has Yahweh sworn by his right hand and by the arm of his strength?

He has sworn that he will no longer give Jerusalem's grain as food for their enemies, and foreigners won't drink her new wine.

Isaiah 62:9**ULT**

⁹ for its gatherers will eat it and praise Yahweh, and its collectors will drink in the courts of my holy {place}."

UST

⁹ You yourselves will grow the grain, and you will be the ones who will praise me, Yahweh, while you eat the bread made from the grain. Inside the courtyards of my temple, you yourselves will drink the wine made from the grapes that you harvested."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 62:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Pass through, pass through the gates! Clear the way for the people! Build, build the highway! Clear the stones! Raise up a banner for the nations!

UST

¹⁰ Go out through the city gates! Prepare the highway on which people will return from other countries! Cause the road to become smooth; clear off all the stones; set up signal flags to help the people groups to see the road to Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 62:11**ULT**

¹¹ Behold, Yahweh announces to the ends of the earth, "Say to the daughter of Zion: Behold, your salvation is coming! Behold, his wages {are} with him, and his reward before his face."

UST

¹¹ This is the message that Yahweh has sent to the people of every nation. Tell the people of Israel, "The one who will rescue you is coming! Look! He will be bringing to you your reward; those whom he has rescued will be going ahead of him."

What does Yahweh announce to the ends of the earth?

This is Yahweh's announcement: "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Look, your savior is coming! See, his reward is with him, and his reward goes before him.'"

Isaiah 62:12**ULT**

¹² And they will call you, "The Holy People; the Redeemed of Yahweh," and you will be called "Sought After; a City Not Abandoned."

UST

¹² They will be called: "Yahweh's own people, and ones whom he rescued." And Jerusalem will be known as: "The city that Yahweh loves," and "The city that is no longer abandoned."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63

Isaiah 63:1

ULT

¹ Who {is} this coming from Edom, clothed in crimson from Bozrah? This one, honored in his garments, marching in the greatness of his strength? "{It is} I, speaking righteously, mighty to save."

UST

¹ I ask, "Who is this who is coming from the city of Bozrah in Edom, whose clothes are stained red from blood? Who is this who is wearing beautiful robes?" He replies, "It is I, Yahweh, declaring that I have defeated your enemies, and I am able to rescue you!"

What is the one who comes from Edom wearing and how does he come?

He is wearing red royal clothing and he comes marching confidently.

Why is the one from Edom marching so confidently?

He is marching confidently because of his great strength.

What does this one from Edom say about himself?

He says he speaks righteousness and that he is powerfully able to save.

Isaiah 63:2

ULT

² Why {are} your clothes red, and your clothes like one treading in a winepress?

UST

² I ask him, "What are those red spots on your clothes? It appears that you have been treading on grapes to make wine."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:3

ULT

³ "I have trodden {in} the winepress alone, and from the nations no man {was} with me, and I trod them in my nose and trampled them in my fury, and their blood is spattered on my clothes and all my garments I stained.

UST

³ He replies, "I have been treading on my enemies, not on grapes. I did it myself; no one helped me. I punished them because I was very angry with them, and my clothes became stained with their blood.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:4**ULT**

⁴ For the day of vengeance {was} in my heart, and the year of my redemption had come.

UST

⁴ I did that because it was time for me to get revenge; it was time to rescue my people from those who had oppressed them.

What was this one from Edom looking forward to?

He was looking forward to the day of vengeance, and the year for his redemption had arrived.

Isaiah 63:5**ULT**

⁵ And I looked, and there was no one to help, and I wondered that there was no one to support, but my arm assisted me, and my anger was my support.

UST

⁵ I searched for someone who would enable me to help my people, but I was amazed that there was no one to help me. So I defeated their enemies with my own power; I was able to do that because I was very angry.

Was there anyone there to help this one from Edom?

No. He looked but there was no one to help.

Isaiah 63:6**ULT**

⁶ And I trampled the peoples in my nose and made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their blood on the earth."

UST

⁶ Because I was extremely angry, I punished the nations; I caused them to stagger like drunk men, and I caused their blood to pour out on the ground."

What did this one from Edom do to the peoples?

He trampled down the peoples in his anger and made them drunk in his wrath and he splashed their blood on the earth.

Isaiah 63:7**ULT**

⁷ The covenant faithfulness of Yahweh I shall recount, the praiseworthy deeds of Yahweh, according to all that Yahweh has shown us, and {his} great goodness to the house of Israel, which he has shown us according to his mercy, and according to the greatness of his covenant faithfulness.

UST

⁷ I will tell about all the things that Yahweh has done for his people because of his faithful love for them, and I will praise him for all that he has done. Yahweh has done good things for us people of Israel; he has acted mercifully toward us and he has steadfastly and faithfully loved us.

Why and how has Yahweh shown compassion to the house of Israel?

He has shown them compassion because of his mercy and with many deeds of covenant faithfulness.

Isaiah 63:8**ULT**

⁸ And he said, "Indeed they {are} my people, sons not unfaithful," and he became their Savior.

UST

⁸ Yahweh said, "These are my people; they will not deceive me"; so he rescued us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:9**ULT**

⁹ Through all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his face saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them, and he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

UST

⁹ When we had many troubles, he was sad also. He sent his angel from before his presence to rescue us. Because he loved us and was merciful to us, he saved us; it was as though he had picked our ancestors up and carried them all those years during which they were oppressed in Egypt.

What happened in the ancient times when Yahweh's people suffered?

When the house of Israel suffered, Yahweh suffered.

In the ancient times, who saved Israel?

The messenger of his presence saved them in the ancient times.

Isaiah 63:10**ULT**

¹⁰ But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit. And he became their enemy; he fought against them.

UST

¹⁰ But we rebelled against him, and we caused his Holy Spirit to be sad. So he became like an enemy who fought against us.

Why did he become their enemy?

He became their enemy because they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 63:11**ULT**

¹¹ And his people recalled the days of old of Moses, "Where {is} the one who brought them up from the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where {is} the one who put his Holy Spirit among them,

UST

¹¹ Then we thought about what happened long ago, during the time when Moses led our ancestors out of Egypt. We cried out, "Where is the one who brought our ancestors through the Sea of Reeds while Moses led them? Where is the one who sent his Holy Spirit to be among our ancestors?"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:12**ULT**

¹² who sent his glorious arm to the right hand of Moses, who divided the water before their faces, to make for himself an everlasting name,

UST

¹² Where is the one who showed his glorious power and caused the water to separate when Moses lifted his arm above it, with the result that he will be honored forever?

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:13**ULT**

¹³ who led them through the depths? Like a horse on flat land, they did not stumble;

UST

¹³ Where is the one who led our ancestors while they walked through the seabed? They were like horses that were racing along and never stumbled.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:14**ULT**

¹⁴ as cattle going down into the valley, the Spirit of Yahweh gave them rest. So you led your people, to make yourself a name of majesty.

UST

¹⁴ They were like cattle that walk down into a valley to rest, and the Spirit of Yahweh enabled them to go to a place where they could rest. Yahweh, you led your people, and you caused yourself to be praised."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:15**ULT**

¹⁵ Look from heaven and see from your holy and glorious habitation. Where {are} your zeal and your mighty acts? The agitation of your inner parts and your compassion are restrained from me.

UST

¹⁵ "Yahweh, look down from heaven; look down on us from your holy and glorious home. You were previously very concerned about us, and you acted powerfully to help us. But it seems that you do not act mercifully and zealously for us anymore.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:16**ULT**

¹⁶ For you {are} our Father, though Abraham does not know us and Israel does not recognize us, you, Yahweh, {are} our father. Our Redeemer from everlasting {is} your name.

UST

¹⁶ You are our father, even if Abraham does not know what is happening to us, and Jacob is not concerned about us, either, but Yahweh, you are our father; you rescued us long ago.

What has been Yahweh's name from ancient times?

His name from ancient times has been "Our Redeemer".

Isaiah 63:17**ULT**

¹⁷ Yahweh, why do you make us wander from your ways, harden our hearts, so we do not fear you? Return for your servants' sake, the tribes of your inheritance.

UST

¹⁷ Yahweh, why did you cause us to wander away from your road? Why did you cause us to be stubborn in our inner beings, with the result that we no longer honor you? Help us like you did previously, because we are the people who serve you and belong to you.

What was the complaint or question of the house of Israel to Yahweh?

Their question and complaint was, "Yahweh, why do you make us wander from your ways and harden our hearts, so we do not obey you?"

Isaiah 63:18**ULT**

¹⁸ For a short time your holy people possessed your holy place; our enemies trampled {it}.

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¹⁸ We, your holy people, possessed your sacred temple for only a short time, and now our enemies have destroyed it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 63:19**ULT**

¹⁹ We have become {like} those over whom you did not ever rule, {like} those who were not called by your name."

UST

¹⁹ Now it seems as though we never were ruled by you, as though we never belonged to you."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 64**Isaiah 64:1****ULT**

¹ Oh, if you had split open the heavens and come down! The mountains would have shaken at your presence,

UST

¹ "Yahweh, I wish that you had come down from the sky; you would have caused the mountains to shake with fear.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 64:2**ULT**

² as fire kindles the brushwood, {or} fire boils water to make your name known by your adversaries, before your face nations tremble.

UST

² It would have been like fire burning up dead wood, or like fire making water to boil. Come down in order that your enemies will know who you are, and so that the people of other nations will tremble in your presence.

What would happen if Yahweh's name was known by his adversaries?

The nations would tremble at his presence.

Isaiah 64:3**ULT**

³ When you did fearful things we had not hoped {for}, you came down; before your face the mountains trembled.

UST

³ You did awesome things that we were not expecting you to do; the mountains shook when you came down onto Mount Sinai.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 64:4**ULT**

⁴ And from ancient times they have not heard; they have not given ear; no eye has seen a god besides you, who works for him who waits for him.

UST

⁴ Since long ago no one has ever seen or heard about a God like you; you help those who depend on you.

Since ancient times has anyone heard or perceived of any God besides Yahweh, who does things for those who wait for him?

No, no one has heard or perceived of any God who does things for those who wait for him.

Isaiah 64:5**ULT**

⁵ You meet him who rejoices in doing righteousness, who recalls your ways. Behold, you were angry for we had sinned; through them of old we would be saved.

UST

⁵ You help those who joyfully do what is right, those who conduct their lives as you want them to. But we did not do that; we continued to sin, and so you became angry with us. We have been sinning for a long time. It is only if we continually do what you want us to do that you will save us.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 64:6**ULT**

⁶ And all of us have become like an unclean one, and all our righteous deeds {are} like a menstrual rag. And we have withered like leaves, all of us, and our iniquities, like the wind, carry us away.

UST

⁶ We have all become people who are not fit to worship you; all of the good things that we have done are only like bloodstained rags. Because of our sins, we are all like leaves that dry up and are blown away by the wind.

What are all of Israel's righteous deeds like?

They are like a menstrual rag.

Isaiah 64:7**ULT**

⁷ And there are none who calls on your name, who stirs himself up to take hold of you. For you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away in the hand of our iniquities.

UST

⁷ None of our people worships you, and no one really tries to persuade you to help him. You have turned away from us. It is as though you have abandoned us, so that we keep sinning and become more and more guilty.

Why were there none who called on Yahweh's name, who made an effort to take hold of him?

This was so because Yahweh hid his face from them and handed them over to their sins.

Isaiah 64:8**ULT**

⁸ And yet, Yahweh, our Father you {are}. We {are} the clay, and you {are} our potter; and we all {are} the work of your hand.

UST

⁸ But even so, Yahweh, you are our father. We are like clay that a potter uses, and you created us, like a potter creates pottery.

What does the writer compare Yahweh and the people of Israel to?

Yahweh is compared to a potter and the people of Israel are compared to clay.

Isaiah 64:9**ULT**

⁹ Do not be angry beyond measure, Yahweh, and do not forever remember iniquity. Behold, look, please, all of us {are} your people.

UST

⁹ Yahweh, do not continue to be angry with us; do not keep thinking about our sins forever. Do not forget that we are all your people.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 64:10**ULT**

¹⁰ Your holy cities have become a wilderness; Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

UST

¹⁰ All of your towns in Judah have become like the wilderness; even Jerusalem has been destroyed.

What have Yahweh's holy cities become?

Yahweh's holy cities have become a wilderness and Jerusalem a desolation.

Isaiah 64:11**ULT**

¹¹ Our holy and beautiful temple, where our fathers praised you, has been burned {in} fire, and all our beloved things are in ruins.

UST

¹¹ Your glorious temple on Mountain Zion, where our ancestors worshiped you, has been completely burned up. And all our other beautiful things have been ruined.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 64:12**ULT**

¹² At these, will you restrain yourself, Yahweh? Will you remain silent and humiliate us beyond measure?

UST

¹² Yahweh, you see all those things, but it seems that you refuse to do anything to help us. It seems that you will cause us to suffer much more."

What are the two questions the writer has for Yahweh?

The two questions are, "How can you still hold back, Yahweh?" and "How can you remain silent and continue to humiliate us?"

Isaiah 65

Isaiah 65:1

ULT

¹ "I let myself be sought out by {those who} did not ask; I let myself be found by {those who} did not seek. I said, 'Here I {am}! Here I {am}!' to a nation not calling on my name.

UST

¹ This is what Yahweh said: "I was ready to reply to my people, but no one requested me to help them. I was ready to help even those who did not call out to me. I continued to say, 'I am here to help you!'

What did Yahweh want from those who did not ask and did not seek?

He wanted to be sought out and found by those who did not ask and did not seek.

Isaiah 65:2

ULT

² I have spread out my hands all day to a stubborn people, who walk a not-good way, after their thoughts,

UST

² It is as though I had continually held out my arms to show that I was ready to help my people who rebelled against me, and who continually did the evil things that they wanted to do.

What have these stubborn people walk after?

They have walked after their own thoughts and plans.

Isaiah 65:3

ULT

³ a people who continually provoke me to my face, offering sacrifices in gardens, and burning incense on bricks,

UST

³ They boldly continue to do things that cause me to be angry: they offer sacrifices to their idols in their gardens, and they burn incense to them on altars made of bricks and tiles.

What are some of the ways these people have been a continual offense to Yahweh? (vv3-4)

They are a continual offense to Yahweh because they offer sacrifices in gardens and burn incense on brick tiles. They sit among the graves and keep watch all night and eat pork with the broth of foul meat in their dishes.

Isaiah 65:4**ULT**

⁴ who sit among the graves and spend the night in lookouts; who eat the meat of the pig and the broth of unclean meat {in} their dishes,

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⁴ They remain awake at night in cemeteries, talking with the spirits of dead people. They eat the meat of pigs, and their pots are full of the broth of meat that is unacceptable to me.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:5**ULT**

⁵ who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near to me, for I am holier than you.' These things {are} smoke in my nose, a fire burning all day long.

UST

⁵ Then they say to others, 'Stay away from me; do not come near me, because I am very holy, with the result that you should not touch me.' People like that are like smoke in my nose from a fire that burns continually.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:6**ULT**

⁶ Behold, {it is} written before my face: I shall not keep quiet, but I shall repay, and I shall repay into their laps,

UST

⁶ I have written a record of all the evil things that they have done. And I will not remain silent about all those things; I will certainly punish these people

What did and what will Yahweh do to these stubborn people? (vv6-7)

He has paid them back and will repay them for their own sins and the sins of their fathers.

Isaiah 65:7**ULT**

⁷ their sins and the sins of their fathers together," says Yahweh. "Because they have burned incense on the mountains and on the hills mocked me. And I shall measure out their past deeds into their laps."

UST

⁷ for the sins that they and their ancestors have committed. They have mocked me by burning incense to their idols on the hilltops. So I will punish them like they deserve for doing those things."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:8**ULT**

⁸ Thus says Yahweh, "As when juice is found in a cluster of grapes, and {one} says, 'Do not ruin it, for {there is} good in it,' therefore I shall work for the sake of my servant; I shall not ruin all.

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⁸ This is also what Yahweh said: "When there is a cluster of nice grapes on a vine, people do not throw them away, because they know that there is good juice in those grapes. Similarly, because there are some people in Judah who faithfully serve me, I will not get rid of all of them.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:9**ULT**

⁹ And I shall bring seed from Jacob, and from Judah a possessor of my mountains, and my chosen ones will possess it, and my servants will live there.

UST

⁹ I will spare some of the descendants of Jacob who are living on the hills of Judah. I have chosen them, and they will possess that land; they will worship me, and they will live there.

What will Yahweh do for his chosen ones?

They will possess the land.

Isaiah 65:10**ULT**

¹⁰ And Sharon will become a pasture for the flocks, and the Valley of Achor a resting place for herds, for my people who seek me.

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¹⁰ Then all the land from the Plain of Sharon near the Mediterranean Sea and as far east as the Valley of Achor near Jericho will become pastureland, where their cattle and sheep will rest.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:11**ULT**

¹¹ But you who abandon Yahweh, who forget my holy mountain, who prepare for Fortune a table, and fill for Destiny mixed wine,

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¹¹ But it will be different for you who have abandoned me, you who do not worship me on Zion, my sacred hill, you who worship Gad and Meni, the gods who you say will bring you good luck and good fortune.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:12**ULT**

¹² then I shall appoint you for the sword, and you will all bow down to the slaughter, because I called and you did not answer; I spoke, and you did not listen. But you did evil in my eyes and what was not pleasing to me you chose.”

UST

¹² It is I, not Meni, who will decide what will happen to you; you will all be slaughtered by swords. That will happen because you did not answer when I called out to you. I spoke to you, but you did not pay attention. Instead, you did things that I said are evil; you chose to do things that do not please me.

What will Yahweh do to those who abandon Yahweh?

He will destine them for the sword and they will all bow down to the slaughter.

Isaiah 65:13**ULT**

¹³ Therefore, thus says the Lord Yahweh: “Behold, my servants will eat, but you will be hungry; behold, my servants will drink, but you will be thirsty; behold, my servants will rejoice, but you will be put to shame.

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¹³ I, Yahweh the Lord, will give to those who worship and obey me things to eat and drink, and they will be happy; but all you evil people will be hungry and thirsty, and you will be sad and disgraced.

What will happen to Yahweh’s servants? (vv13-14)

They will eat, drink, rejoice and shout with joy.

What else will happen to those who abandon Yahweh? (vv13-14)

They will be hungry and thirsty. They will be put to shame and cry because of the pain of the heart and wail because of the crushing of the spirit.

Isaiah 65:14**ULT**

¹⁴ Behold, my servants will shout with joy from gladness of heart, but you will cry from pain of the heart, and from the crushing of the spirit you will wail.

UST

¹⁴ Those who worship and obey me will sing joyfully, but you evil people will wail loudly because you will be suffering in your inner beings.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:15**ULT**

¹⁵ And you will leave your name as a curse to my chosen ones; and the Lord Yahweh will put you to death, and he will call his servants {by} another name.

UST

¹⁵ Those whom I have chosen will use your names when they curse people; I, Yahweh the Lord, will get rid of you. But I will give to those who worship and obey me a new name.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:16**ULT**

¹⁶ Whoever blesses himself on the earth will bless himself by the God of truth, and who vows on the earth will vow by the God of truth, for the former troubles will be forgotten, for they will be hidden from my eyes.

UST

¹⁶ The people in this land have had many troubles, but I will cause those troubles to occur no more. Therefore those who request me to bless them and those who solemnly promise to do something should never forget that I am God, who faithfully do what I promise to do.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:17**ULT**

¹⁷ For behold, I am about to create a new heavens and a new earth; and the former things will not be remembered, and they will not come up to heart.

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¹⁷ Note this: Some day I will create a new heaven and a new earth. They will be very wonderful, with the result that you will no longer think about all the troubles you had previously.

What is Yahweh going to create?

Yahweh is going to create new heavens and a new earth.

Isaiah 65:18**ULT**

¹⁸ But you will be glad and rejoice forever in what I am about to create. For behold, I am about to create Jerusalem {as} rejoicing, and her people {as} joy.

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¹⁸ Be glad and always rejoice because of what I will do: Jerusalem will be a place where people rejoice; the people who live there will always be happy.

What will be the response of Yahweh's servants to the new heavens and new earth?

They will be glad and rejoice forever in what Yahweh is about to create.

Isaiah 65:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And I will rejoice over Jerusalem and be glad over my people; and it will no longer be heard in her the sound of weeping and the sound of screaming.

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¹⁹ I will rejoice about Jerusalem, and I will be delighted with my people. People will no longer weep or cry because of being distressed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:20**ULT**

²⁰ No more will an infant be there {a few} days, or an elder who does not complete his days. For, one who dies {at} 100 years old {will be} a young lad, and one who falls short of 100 years old {will be considered} cursed.

UST

²⁰ No child will die when it is still an infant; all people will live until they are very old. People will consider that anyone who is a hundred years old is still young; they will consider that anyone who dies who is younger than that has been cursed.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:21**ULT**

²¹ And they will build houses and dwell, and they will plant vineyards and eat fruit.

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²¹ My people will build houses and then live in them. They will plant vineyards and then eat grapes from those vineyards.

What will the people do in the new Jerusalem?

They will build houses and inhabit them, and they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

Isaiah 65:22**ULT**

²² They will not build for another to dwell; they will not plant for another to eat; for as the days of trees {will be} the days of my people, and the work of their hands my chosen ones will outlive.

UST

²² The houses that they build, no one will take those houses away from them and live in them. No one will take a vineyard away from its owner. My chosen people will live a long time, like trees do, and they will enjoy the things that they have done— the houses that they have built and the crops that they have planted.

How many days will the people live?

They will live long lives like unto the days of trees.

Isaiah 65:23**ULT**

²³ They will not labor in vain, and they will not give birth to dismay; for the seed of the blessed of Yahweh they {are}, and their offspring with them.

UST

²³ They will not work hard in vain, and their children will not die from some calamity. I will certainly bless their children and their grandchildren.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 65:24**ULT**

²⁴ And it will happen, before they call, then I shall answer; {while} they are still speaking, then I shall hear.

UST

²⁴ Before they call to me to help them, I will answer; I will answer their prayers while they are still praying for me to do something for them.

In the new heavens and new earth when will Yahweh hear and answer his people?

While they are still speaking Yahweh will hear them, and before they call he will answer them.

Isaiah 65:25**ULT**

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion like the ox will eat straw; but the serpent—dust {is} its food. They will not do evil, and they will not destroy on all my holy mountain," says Yahweh.

UST

²⁵ No one will be harmed or injured anywhere on Zion, my sacred hill: wolves and lambs will eat grass together peacefully; lions will eat hay like oxen do, and they will not attack people. Snakes will not hurt anyone; they will lie on the ground and eat only dirt. That is surely what it will be like because I, Yahweh, have said it."

What will be different about the animals on all Yahweh's holy mountain?

The animals will no longer hurt or destroy one another. The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

Isaiah 66**Isaiah 66:1****ULT**

¹ Thus says Yahweh, "Heaven {is} my throne, and the earth {is} the stool for my feet. Where {is} the house that you will build for me? And where {is} the place {where} I may rest?"

UST

¹ Yahweh also said this: "All of heaven is like my throne, and the whole earth is like my footstool. So you could certainly not build a house that would be adequate for me to live in and rest!"

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:2**ULT**

² And all these my hand has made; thus all these came to be" —the declaration of Yahweh. "And to this one I look, to the broken and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at my word.

UST

² I have created everything; all things exist because I made them. That is true because I, Yahweh, have said it. The people I am most pleased with are those who are humble, who patiently endure it when they suffer, and who tremble when they hear me rebuking them.

Who made heaven and earth?

Yahweh made all these things with his own hand.

Of what kind of man does Yahweh approve?

Yahweh approves of men who are broken and contrite in spirit and tremble at his word.

Isaiah 66:3**ULT**

³ He who slaughters an ox strikes down a man; he who sacrifices a lamb breaks the neck of a dog; he who brings up a grain offering {offers} the blood of a pig; he who offers a memorial of incense blesses wickedness. They, too, have chosen their ways, and in their abominations their spirit delights.

UST

³ You have chosen to continually do the things that you want to do: some of you slaughter oxen to sacrifice them to me, but you also bring human sacrifices to your idols! You sacrifice lambs to me, but you kill dogs to offer them to your gods. You offer grain to me, but you also bring pigs' blood to your idols. You burn incense to me, but you also praise your idols. You delight to do those disgusting things.

What examples does Isaiah give to show man's hypocrisy?

Yahweh says a man who slaughters an ox also murders a man. One who sacrifices a lamb also breaks a dog's neck. He who offers a grain offering offers swine's blood and he who offers a memorial of incense also blessed wickedness.

Isaiah 66:4**ULT**

⁴ Even so, I shall choose their punishment, and their fears I shall bring on them, because I called, and no one answered; I spoke, and no one listened. And they did evil before my eyes, and what I did not desire, they chose."

UST

⁴ When I called out to you, you did not answer. When I spoke, you did not pay attention. You did many things that I say are evil, and you chose to do things that I did not like. So now I will punish you by causing you to experience the things that you yourselves have done, that you yourselves are afraid of."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:5**ULT**

⁵ Hear the word of Yahweh, who tremble at his word, Your brothers who hate you have said, —who exclude you for the sake of my name— "May Yahweh be glorified, and we will see your joy," but they will be put to shame.

UST

⁵ But you people who tremble when you hear what Yahweh says, listen to what he says now: "Some of your people hate you and drive you away because you belong to me. They make fun of you, and they say, 'Yahweh should show his glorious power! We want to see him do something to cause you to be truly happy.' But some day those people will be very disgraced."

What do the brothers of those who tremble at the word of Yahweh do to them?

Their brothers hate and exclude those who tremble at the word of Yahweh.

Isaiah 66:6**ULT**

⁶ The sound of uproar from the city, a sound from the temple, the sound of Yahweh repaying completely his enemies.

UST

⁶ At that time, you will listen to the noise in the city. You will hear the shouting in the temple. It will be the sound of Yahweh paying back his enemies.

What is the sound that came from the city and the temple?

It was the sound of battle tumult coming from the city, the sound of Yahweh paying back his enemies.

Isaiah 66:7**ULT**

⁷ “Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before pain comes upon her, then she delivers a male.

UST

⁷ No one ever heard that a woman gave birth to a baby when she was just starting to have birth pains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:8**ULT**

⁸ Who has heard of such a thing? Who has seen such things? Can a land be delivered through labor in one day? Can a nation be born {in} one moment? For Zion went into labor, she yet gave birth to her children.

UST

⁸ Certainly no one ever heard about such a thing happening, and no one has ever seen it happen. Similarly, no one ever heard that a nation was created in one instant, not in one day. But Jerusalem is like a woman who gives birth to children as soon as she starts to have birth pains.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:9**ULT**

⁹ Do I break open the womb and not cause birth?”—said Yahweh. “Or do I cause birth and block {it}?”—said your God.

UST

⁹ Women certainly do not bring infants to the time when they are ready to be born and then do not allow them to be born. Similarly, Yahweh will do for Jerusalem what he has promised to do: he will cause Jerusalem to be full of people again. That will happen because Yahweh has said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:10**ULT**

¹⁰ "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all who love her; rejoice with her {in} gladness, all who mourned over her!

UST

¹⁰ You people in Jerusalem, rejoice! And all you people who love Jerusalem should also be happy. You people who were sad because of what happened to Jerusalem, you should now be glad.

Why should all who love Jerusalem rejoice with her and be glad for her? (vv10-11)

We should rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, for you will nurse and be satisfied; with her breasts you will be comforted; for you will drink to the full and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

Isaiah 66:11**ULT**

¹¹ For you will suckle and be satisfied from her comforting breasts; for you will drink deep and be refreshed from her glorious teat."

UST

¹¹ You people in Jerusalem will have everything that you need, like a baby that gets all it needs from its mother's breasts. You will enjoy all the abundant and glorious things in the city.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:12**ULT**

¹² For thus says Yahweh: "Behold, I am about to spread well-being over her like a river, and like an overflowing stream the splendor of the nations, and you will suckle; at {her} side you will be carried and on her knees rocked to and fro.

UST

¹² Yahweh has promised, "I will cause Jerusalem to be full of valuable things that come from other nations; those things will pour into Jerusalem; it will be like a big flood. I will take care of the people of Jerusalem like women care for the babies that they nurse.

What is Yahweh about to spread over Jerusalem?

Yahweh is about to spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the riches of the nations like an overflowing stream.

Isaiah 66:13**ULT**

¹³ As a man whose mother comforts him, so I will comfort you, and in Jerusalem you will be comforted."

UST

¹³ I will comfort you people in Jerusalem like mothers comfort their children."

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:14**ULT**

¹⁴ And you will see, and your heart will rejoice, and your bones will sprout like the grass, and the hand of Yahweh will be made known to his servants, but he will rage {against} his enemies.

UST

¹⁴ When you see those things happen, you will rejoice. Your old bones will become strong again like in the springtime, when the grass grows. When that happens, everyone will know that Yahweh has power to help those who worship and obey him, but that he is angry with his enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:15**ULT**

¹⁵ For behold, Yahweh is coming with fire, and like the windstorm, his chariots to bring the heat of his nose and his rebuke with flames of fire.

UST

¹⁵ Yahweh will come down with flames of fire, and his chariots will come down like a whirlwind; he will be extremely angry, and he will punish his enemies by burning them in a fire.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:16**ULT**

¹⁶ For Yahweh judges with fire, and with his sword against all flesh. and those slain by Yahweh will be many.

UST

¹⁶ It is as though Yahweh had a big sword, and he will judge and execute many people.

What will Yahweh use to execute judgment on mankind?

He will use fire and his sword.

Isaiah 66:17**ULT**

¹⁷ “Those who consecrate and purify themselves to {enter} the gardens, behind one in the center, eating the flesh of pig and abominations and mice. They altogether will come to an end”—the declaration of Yahweh.

UST

¹⁷ Yahweh says, “Some of you will prepare yourselves to enter the garden of idols by washings and special diets and clothing, and you follow into that place, those who eat the meat of pigs and mice, and other things that I have forbidden you to eat. I promise you, I will stop them and they will not do this any more!”

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:18**ULT**

¹⁸ “For I {know} their deeds and their thoughts. {The time} is coming when I will gather all nations and tongues, and they will come and see my glory.

UST

¹⁸ I know all the evil things that they all think and do. It is now time for me to gather together the people who live in all nations and who speak all languages, and to show them that I am very great.

Why will Yahweh gather all nations and languages? (vv18-19)

Yahweh will gather all nations and languages so they may come and see his glory and so that some of those who survive can return to their nations to proclaim Yahweh's glory among the nations.

Isaiah 66:19**ULT**

¹⁹ And I will set a sign among them and send survivors from them to the nations: Tarshish, Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, Tubal and Javan, the distant coastlands where they have not heard news of me and have not seen my glory; and they will proclaim my glory among the nations.

UST

¹⁹ I will do something among them to show everyone who they are, and those whom I have spared will go to various distant countries: To Tarshish, Put, Lud (home of archers), Meshech, Tubal, Javan, and to distant islands. I will send them to proclaim to nations that have never heard about me that I am very great and glorious.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:20**ULT**

²⁰ And they will bring all your brothers from all the nations {as} an offering to Yahweh on horses and in chariots and in wagons and on mules and on camels to my holy mountain Jerusalem”—says Yahweh—“as the sons of Israel bring a grain offering in a clean vessel {into} the house of Yahweh.

UST

²⁰ Then they will bring back here your relatives who have been exiled, like the offerings that my Israelite people used to bring in the correct manner to the temple. They will travel to Jerusalem, where my holy mountain is; they will come on horses and in chariots, in wagons, on mules and on camels.

Who will be given as an offering to Yahweh?

The brothers of Israel from out of all the nations will be given as an offering to Yahweh.

Isaiah 66:21**ULT**

²¹ And from them I shall even take priests {and} Levites”—says Yahweh.

UST

²¹ I solemnly promise that I will appoint some of them to be priests, and others to do other work in my temple. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:22**ULT**

²² “For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making stand before my face”—the declaration of Yahweh— “so will stand your seed and your name.

UST

²² I also promise that just like the new heaven and the new earth will last forever, you will always have descendants, and you will always be honored.

(There are no questions for this verse.)

Isaiah 66:23**ULT**

²³ And it will be, from month to month, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh will come to bow down before my face"—says Yahweh.

UST

²³ At every festival to celebrate the Sabbath each week and the new moon each month, everyone will come and worship me. That will surely happen because I, Yahweh, have said it.

What will the people do month to month and sabbath to sabbath?

All people will come and bow down to Yahweh month to month and sabbath to sabbath.

Isaiah 66:24**ULT**

²⁴ "And they will go out and see the corpses of the men who have rebelled against me, for their maggots will not die, and their fire will not be quenched; and they will be an abhorrence to all flesh."

UST

²⁴ Then they will go out of Jerusalem and look at the corpses of those who rebelled against me. The maggots in those corpses will never die, the fire will never stop burning them, and everyone who sees their corpses will detest them."

What will happen to the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against Yahweh?

Worms will eat them and fire will consume them.

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