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1 Kings

1 Kings 1

1 Kings 1:1

ULT:

Now King David had aged, he had come into days, and they covered him with garments, but it was not warm for him.

UST:

When King David was very old, even though his helpers put many blankets on top of him at night, he still felt cold.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:2

ULT:

And his servants said to him, "Let them seek for my lord the king a young woman, a virgin, and let her stand to the face of the king, and let her be caring for him, and let her lie in your bosom, that it may be warm for my lord the king."

UST:

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

How was Ahaziah injured?

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

1 Kings 1:3

ULT:

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

UST:

{The king gave them permission,} so they searched throughout Israel for a beautiful young woman. They found a woman whose name was Abishag. She lived in the city of Shunem. They brought her to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:4

ULT:

Now the young woman was beautiful to abundance. And she became one caring for the king, and she served him, but the king did not know her.

UST:

*Abishag was very beautiful. She came to the royal court and took care of the king.
{Even though she lay in bed with him to keep him warm,} the king did not have sexual relations with her.*

Why was Ahaziah going to certainly die?

Because Ahaziah consulted with Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron, he would certainly die.

1 Kings 1:5

ULT:

Now Adonijah, the son of Haggith, was lifting himself up, saying, "I, I will reign." And he made for himself a chariot and horses and 50 men running to his face.

UST:

After Absalom died, David's oldest remaining son was Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith. He was a very handsome man. For his whole life, his father David had not corrected him about the things he did. Adonijah started to boast. He told people, "Now {that Absalom has died,} I will be the next king." He got a chariot to ride in and horses to pull it, and he had 50 men run in front of his chariot wherever he went. (vv5-6)

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:6

ULT:

*And his father had not grieved him from his days, saying, "Why have you done thus?"
And he was also very good of appearance, and she had borne him after Absalom.*

UST:

After Absalom died, David's oldest remaining son was Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith. He was a very handsome man. For his whole life, his father David had not corrected him about the things he did. Adonijah started to boast. He told people, "Now {that Absalom has died,} I will be the next king." He got a chariot to ride in and horses to pull it, and he had 50 men run in front of his chariot wherever he went. (vv5-6)

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:7

ULT:

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

UST:

One day Adonijah spoke with Joab, David's army commander, and with Abiathar the priest, and they promised to help him become the next king.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:8

ULT:

But Zadok the priest and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet and Shimei and Rei and the warriors who {were} to David were not with Adonijah.

UST:

But other important people refused to help him. These included Zadok the priest, Benaiah son of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei, Rei, and David's greatest soldiers.

What did Elijah wear?

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

1 Kings 1:9

ULT:

And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and cattle and fatling at the stone of Zoheleth, which {is} near En Rogel. And he called all of his brothers, the sons of the king, and to all of the men of Judah, the servants of the king.

UST:

One day Adonijah went to the stone of Zoheleth near En Rogel to sacrifice some sheep and oxen and fat cattle {for a feast}. He invited most of his brothers, King David's other sons, to come. He also invited most of the king's Judean officials to come {to the feast, where he planned to proclaim himself king}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:10

ULT:

But he did not call Nathan the prophet or Benaiah or the warriors or his brother Solomon.

UST:

But he did not invite Nathan, Benaiah, the great soldiers, or his younger brother Solomon.

What consumed the captain and his fifty men?

A fire came down from heaven, called by Elijah, and it consumed the captain and his fifty men.

1 Kings 1:11

ULT:

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

UST:

Nathan {found out what they were doing, so he went and} said to Solomon's mother Bathsheba, "I must tell you that Adonijah son of Haggith is making himself the king! And King David does not know about this!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:12

ULT:

And now, come, please let me counsel you counsel, and escape with your life and with the life of your son Solomon.

UST:

Please allow me to give you some advice about what you can do to save your own life and your son Solomon's life{, because otherwise Adonijah will kill you}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:13

ULT:

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

UST:

Go right away to King David. Say to him, 'Your Majesty, you solemnly promised me that my son Solomon would become the king after you die. You said that he would sit on your throne and rule. But instead, Adonijah has proclaimed himself king.'

How did the third captain approach Elijah?

The third captain went up, fell on his knees before Elijah, and begged him to value his life and the lives of his men.

1 Kings 1:14

ULT:

Behold, you will still be speaking there with the king, and I, I will come after you, and I will fill your words.”

UST:

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

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:15

ULT:

So Bathsheba came to the king, into the room. (Now the king had aged greatly, and Abishag the Shunammitess was serving the king.)

UST:

So Bathsheba went to see the king in his bedroom. (He was very old, and Abishag, who was from the city of Shunem, was taking care of him.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:16

ULT:

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

UST:

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

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:17

ULT:

And she said to him, “My lord, you, you swore to your female servant by Yahweh your God, ‘Surely Solomon your son will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne.’

UST:

She replied, “Your Majesty, you solemnly promised me, with Yahweh your God as your witness, that my son Solomon would become the king after you died. You promised that he would sit on your throne and rule.

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

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

1 Kings 1:18

ULT:

But now, behold, Adonijah reigns, and now, my lord the king, you do not know.

UST:

But instead, Adonijah has made himself king without you knowing about it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:19

ULT:

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

UST:

He has sacrificed many oxen and fat cattle and sheep, and he has invited most of your sons to the celebration. He has also invited Abiathar the priest and Joab, your army commander. But he has not invited your son Solomon.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:20

ULT:

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

UST:

Your Majesty, all the people of Israel are expecting you to tell them who will become the next king after you die.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:21

ULT:

And it will happen, when my lord the king lies down with his fathers, that I will be, I and my son Solomon, offenders.”

UST:

{If you do not confirm that you want Solomon to be king,} then after you have died, people will treat me and Solomon my son as rebels{, and they will execute us because we did not help Adonijah become king}.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:22

ULT:

And behold, she was still speaking with the king, and Nathan the prophet came.

UST:

While Bathsheba was still talking with King David, the prophet Nathan arrived at the palace.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:23

ULT:

And they declared to the king, saying, "Behold, Nathan the prophet." And he came to the face of the king, and he prostrated himself to the king with his nose to the ground.

UST:

David's servants told him, "Nathan the prophet has come." {David told his servants to bring Nathan in,} so {Bathsheba left, and} Nathan came to where the king was. He knelt down and touched the ground with his face {to show great respect}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:24

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Nathan said, "Your Majesty, I do not recall you saying that Adonijah would become king after you."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:25

ULT:

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

UST:

I ask about this because today he has gone to En Rogel and has sacrificed many oxen, fat cattle, and sheep. He has invited all of your other sons, Joab the army commander, and Abiathar the priest. They are all having a feast with him and telling him, 'We hope that you, King Adonijah, will reign for a long time!'

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:26

ULT:

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

UST:

But he did not invite me or Zadok the priest or Benaiah son of Jehoiada or your son Solomon.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:27

ULT:

Has this thing been done from with my lord the king and you have not made your servants know who will sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?"

UST:

It does not seem to me that you would have given Adonijah permission to hold this feast without telling me and your other officials that you wanted him to become the king after you died."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:28

ULT:

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

UST:

Then King David said, "Tell Bathsheba to come back here again." So {Nathan left, and someone got Bathsheba and} she came back and stood in front of the king.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:29

ULT:

And the king swore and said, "The life of Yahweh, who has rescued my life from every distress,

UST:

King David told her, "I am going to make you a solemn promise. I guarantee it by my devotion to Yahweh, who has saved me from all my troubles.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:30

ULT:

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

UST:

I promised you that your son Solomon would become the king after I died. I promised that he would sit on my throne and rule instead of me. I guaranteed that promise by my devotion to Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship. Now I am promising that I will make Solomon the king this very day."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:31

ULT:

And Bathsheba bowed, nostrils {to} the ground, and she prostrated herself to the king, and she said, "May my lord King David live to forever!"

UST:

Bathsheba knelt down and touched her face to the ground {to show gratitude and respect} and said, "Your Majesty, I hope that you will continue to reign for a long time!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:32

ULT:

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

UST:

Then King David ordered some of his servants, "Go and tell Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada to come here to me." {So servants went and got them, and} when they came in,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:33

ULT:

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

UST:

David told them, "Put my son Solomon on the special mule that I ride as king. Gather my royal bodyguards and have them escort him to the spring at Gihon.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:34

ULT:

And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet shall anoint him there as king over Israel. And you shall blow on a shofar, and you shall say, 'May King Solomon live!'

UST:

There the two of you, Zadok and Nathan, must pour olive oil on his head to appoint him as the next king of Israel. Have someone blow a ram's horn, and have all the people there shout, 'We hope that King Solomon will reign for a long time!'

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:35

ULT:

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

UST:

Then have him ride on the mule ahead of you as you return here. Solomon should come to the palace and sit on my throne. He will then be the king instead of me. He is the one I have chosen to rule over all the people of Israel and of Judah.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:36

ULT:

And Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, answered the king and said, “Truly! May Yahweh, the God of my lord the king, say thus!

UST:

Benaiah son of Jehoiada replied, “We will do that! We know that Yahweh, the God whom you worship faithfully, wants Solomon to be the next king!

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:37

ULT:

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

UST:

Your Majesty, Yahweh has helped you. We hope that he will also help Solomon and enable him to become an even greater king than you have been.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:38

ULT:

Then Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethite and the Pelethite went down, and they made Solomon ride on the female mule of King David. And they brought him to Gihon.

UST:

So Zadok, Nathan, Benaiah, and the elite corps of royal bodyguards put Solomon on King David's special mule and escorted him to the spring at Gihon.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:39

ULT:

And Zadok the priest took the horn of oil from the tent, and he anointed Solomon. And they blew on the shofar, and all of the people said, "May King Solomon live!"

UST:

There Zadok took the container of olive oil that he had brought from the sacred tent and poured the oil on Solomon's head to show that he would be the next king. Then someone blew a ram's horn, and all the people who had gathered for the ceremony shouted, "We hope that King Solomon will reign for a long time!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:40

ULT:

Then all of the people went up after him. And the people were piping with pipes and rejoicing a great rejoicing. And the earth was split by their sound.

UST:

Then all those people followed Solomon back to Jerusalem. They were playing flutes and shouting joyfully. They were making a very loud noise that echoed off the ground.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:41

ULT:

And Adonijah and all of the called ones who {were} with him heard, and they had finished eating. And Joab heard the sound of the shofar, and he said, “Why is the sound of the city being noisy?”

UST:

As Adonijah and all his guests were finishing eating at their celebration, they heard the noise. When Joab heard someone blowing a ram’s horn, he asked, “Why is there so much noise in the city?”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:42

ULT:

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

UST:

While he was still speaking, Jonathan son of Abiathar the priest, arrived. Adonijah told him, "Come in! You are the kind of important person that someone would have sent to bring me good news!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:43

ULT:

And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, “Truly, our master King David has made Solomon reign.

UST:

Jonathan replied, “No, the truth is that His Majesty King David has just made Solomon the next king.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:44

ULT:

And the king sent with him Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet and Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethite and the Pelethite. And they made him ride on the female mule of the king.

UST:

David sent Zadok, Nathan, Benaiah, and his elite corps of royal bodyguards to go with Solomon. They put Solomon on the special mule that David rides as king.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:45

ULT:

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

UST:

They all went to the spring at Gihon, and there Zadok and Nathan poured olive oil on his head to show that he would be the next king. Then they returned from there to the city, celebrating the whole way. Many people in the city are celebrating with them. That is why you are hearing this loud noise.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:46

ULT:

And also, Solomon is sitting on the throne of the kingdom.

UST:

Right now, Solomon is sitting on the throne where the Israelite king sits.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:47

ULT:

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

UST:

Furthermore, the palace officials came to His Majesty King David and thanked him {for appointing Solomon as the king}. They said, 'We want God to make Solomon even more famous than you have been. We want God to enable him to be an even better king than you have been.' When they said that, the king, lying on his bed, bowed his head to worship Yahweh {and show that he agreed with what they had said}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:48

ULT:

And also, thus said the king, 'Blessed {be} Yahweh, the God of Israel, who today has given a sitter on my throne, and my eyes are seeing.'"

UST:

Then King David said, 'I praise Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, because he has allowed one of my sons to become the king today while I am still alive to hear about it.'"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:49

ULT:

Then all of the called ones who {were} with Adonijah trembled and arose. And they went, a man to his way.

UST:

This report made all of Adonijah's guests very afraid. They all got up immediately and left. The group scattered in different directions.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:50

ULT:

And Adonijah was afraid from the face of Solomon. And he arose and went and grasped the horns of the altar.

UST:

Adonijah was afraid of what Solomon would do to him. So he went to the sacred tent and held onto the projections at the corners of the altar {because Israelites could do that so no one would harm them}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:51

ULT:

And it was declared to Solomon, saying, “Behold, Adonijah fears King Solomon. And behold, he has grasped the horns of the altar, saying, ‘Let King Solomon swear to me as today if he will kill his servant with the sword.’”

UST:

Then someone told Solomon, “Listen, Adonijah is afraid of you, so he has gone to the sacred tent and is holding onto the altar. He is saying, ‘Before I leave the sacred tent, I want King Solomon to swear to me that he will not order his soldiers to execute me.’”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:52

ULT:

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

UST:

Solomon promised, "If he behaves honorably, I will not harm him at all. But if I discover that he is actually disloyal to me, I will have my soldiers execute him."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 1:53

ULT:

And King Solomon sent, and they brought him down from beside the altar. And he came and prostrated himself to King Solomon. And Solomon said to him, "Go to your house."

UST:

Then King Solomon sent some men to get Adonijah, and they brought him back from the altar. He came to Solomon and bowed down respectfully in front of him. Then Solomon told him, "You may go home."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2

1 Kings 2:1

ULT:

Now the days of David to die approached, and he commanded Solomon his son, saying,

UST:

Later, David realized that he was about to die, so he gave some final instructions to his son Solomon. He said,

When did Elijah leave with Elisha from Gilgal?

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

1 Kings 2:2

ULT:

"I am going in the way of all of the earth. So you shall be strong, and you shall be a man.

UST:

"I am about to die, as everyone on earth does. {Then you will be the king, so} you must show strong character and great maturity.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:3

ULT:

And you shall keep the keeping of Yahweh your God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as written in the law of Moses, so that you may succeed {in} all that you do and everywhere that you turn there,

UST:

Do what Yahweh your God has told you to do. Conduct yourself as he wants you to do. Obey every one of the commandments that Moses recorded in the laws that he gave us. If you do this, you will prosper in all that you do and wherever you go.

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

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

1 Kings 2:4

ULT:

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

UST:

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

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:5

ULT:

And also, you, you know what Joab, the son of Zeruiah, did to me, what he did to two of the commanders of the armies of Israel, to Abner, the son of Ner, and to Amasa, the son of Jether; that he murdered them. For he put the blood of war in peace, and he put the blood of war on his belt that {was} on his loins and on his sandal that {was} on his feet.

UST:

There is something else that I want you to do. You know very well how Joab son of Zeruiah acted contrary to my wishes and interests. He murdered two men whom I wanted to be my army commander, first Abner son of Ner; then Amasa son of Jether. Previously those men had led armies that were fighting wars against my army, which Joab was commanding. But he murdered them during a peaceful time when they were not his opponents in war. He pretended to be friendly to them so that he could get close to them, but then he stabbed them, and he was so close that their blood got on his clothing.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:6

ULT:

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

UST:

I am confident that you are wise enough to know how to make sure that he does not die a peaceful death in old age.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:7

ULT:

But to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite do covenant faithfulness, and let them be among the eaters at your table. For thus they came near to me, when I fled from the face of Absalom your brother.

UST:

But act kindly toward the children of Barzillai the Gileadite. Let them eat meals with you in the palace. Do that because Barzillai helped me when I was running away from your older brother Absalom.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:8

ULT:

And behold, with you {is} Shimei, the son of Gera, the Benjaminite from Bahurim. And he, he cursed me with a severe curse on the day of my going to Mahanaim. But he, he went down to meet me {at} the Jordan, and I swore to him by Yahweh, saying, 'If I should kill you with the sword.'

UST:

I also want you to punish Shimei son of Gera, that Benjaminite from the town of Bahurim. Remember that he cursed me terribly on the day when I left Jerusalem and fled to the town of Mahanaim. Later he came to welcome me back when I was crossing the Jordan River to return to my royal palace{, and he asked me to forgive him}. I solemnly promised him that I would not execute him. I guaranteed that promise by my devotion to Yahweh.

Why did the river divide on both sides?

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

1 Kings 2:9

ULT:

But now, may you not acquit him. For you {are} a wise man, and you know what you shall do to him. And you shall make his gray hair go down with blood to Sheol.”

UST:

But now you must surely punish him. You are a wise man, so you will know what you should do to him. Make sure that he does not die peacefully in his old age.”

For what did Elisha ask?

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

1 Kings 2:10

ULT:

And David lay down with his fathers, and he was buried in the City of David.

UST:

After David gave these instructions to Solomon, he died. The Israelites buried him in the part of Jerusalem that they called the City of David.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:11

ULT:

And the days that David had reigned over Israel {were} 40 years. In Hebron he had reigned 7 years, and in Jerusalem he had reigned 33 years.

UST:

David had been the king of Israel for 40 years. He had ruled for 7 years in Hebron and for 33 years in Jerusalem.

How did Elijah go up into heaven?

Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

1 Kings 2:12

ULT:

And Solomon sat on the throne of David his father, and his kingdom was established greatly.

UST:

Then Solomon became the king in place of his father David. Yahweh enabled him to take firm control of the entire kingdom.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:13

ULT:

Now Adonijah, the son of Haggith, came to Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon. And she said, “{Is} your coming {in} peace?” And he said, “{In} peace.”

UST:

One day Adonijah came to speak with Solomon’s mother Bathsheba. She asked him, “Have you come as a friend?” He replied, “Yes, as a friend.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:14

ULT:

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

UST:

But then he said, "I want to ask you to do something for me." She replied, "Tell me what you want me to do."

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

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

1 Kings 2:15

ULT:

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

UST:

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

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:16

ULT:

And now, one request I am requesting from you. Do not turn away my face.” And she said to him, “Speak.”

UST:

But I want to request one thing from you. Please do not refuse to do it.” She replied, “Tell me what you want me to do.”

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

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

1 Kings 2:17

ULT:

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

UST:

He said, "Please ask King Solomon to allow me to marry Abishag, that woman from the city of Shunem. I am sure that he will agree to do anything you ask him to do."

For how long did the fifty men search for Elijah?

The fifty men searched for three days.

1 Kings 2:18

ULT:

And Bathsheba said, "Good. I, I will speak about you to the king."

UST:

Bathsheba replied, "All right, I will go and ask the king to allow you to marry her."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:19

ULT:

And Bathsheba came to King Solomon to speak to him about Adonijah. And the king arose to meet her, and he bowed down to her. And he sat on his throne, and he set a throne for the mother of the king, and she sat at his right side.

UST:

So Bathsheba went to King Solomon to tell him what Adonijah wanted. When she arrived, the king got up from his throne and bowed down to her {to honor her}. Then he sat down on his throne again, and he had his servants bring a throne for her to sit on as the queen mother. He had her sit {in a place of honor} on his right side.

What was the problem at Jericho?

The water was bad and the land was not fruitful.

1 Kings 2:20

ULT:

*And she said, "One small request I am requesting from you. Do not turn away my face."
And the king said to her, "Request, my mother, for I will not turn away your face."*

UST:

Then she said, "I want to request one small thing from you. Please do not refuse to do it." The king replied, "I will not refuse to do what you ask. So please tell me what you want, madam."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:21

ULT:

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

UST:

She said, "Allow your older brother Adonijah to marry Abishag, the woman from the city of Shunem."

How was the water healed? (2:21-22)

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

1 Kings 2:22

ULT:

And King Solomon answered and said to his mother, "And why are you requesting Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Then request for him the kingdom, for he is my brother; older than me, and for him and for Abiathar the priest and for Joab, the son of Zeruiah!"

UST:

King Solomon replied, "You should not be asking me to allow Adonijah to marry Abishag! That is just like asking me to allow him to be the king instead of me. After all, he is my older brother{, so he may still think he deserves to be the king.} If I allow this, Adonijah will become the king {instead of me}, and only Abiathar will be the high priest {instead of Zadok as well} and Joab will remain the army commander."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:23

ULT:

And King Solomon swore by Yahweh, saying, “Thus may God do to me, and thus may he add, for against his life Adonijah has spoken this word.

UST:

Then Solomon made a solemn promise, guaranteeing it by his devotion to Yahweh. He said, “By asking to marry Abishag, Adonijah {has shown that he is not truly loyal to me, so he} deserves to die! If I do not execute him, may God kill me instead and do other terrible things to me.

When some boys mocked Elisha, what curse happened to them? (2:23-24)

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

1 Kings 2:24

ULT:

And now, the life of Yahweh, who has established me and made me sit on the throne of David my father, and who has made a house for me, just as he said, surely Adonijah shall be killed today.”

UST:

I solemnly promise that I am going to order someone to execute Adonijah today! I guarantee that promise by my devotion to Yahweh, who has made me the ruler over Israel, as my father David was. By making me the king, Yahweh has fulfilled his promise to David that his descendants would be kings of Israel.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:25

ULT:

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

UST:

Then King Solomon ordered Benaiah son of Jehoiada to go and kill Adonijah, and Benaiah did that.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:26

ULT:

And to Abiathar the priest the king said, “Go {to} Anathoth, to your fields. For you {are} a man of death, but I will not kill you on this day, because you carried the Box of my Lord Yahweh to the face of David my father and because you were afflicted with everything {with} which my father was afflicted.”

UST:

Then Solomon {summoned} Abiathar the priest and told him, “Go to the town of Anathoth, to your land there. You deserve to die {as your punishment for being disloyal to me}. But I will not execute you now, since you brought Yahweh’s sacred chest to David my father {when he had to flee from Jerusalem}. You also endured the same troubles that he endured {because you remained loyal to him when Absalom rebelled against him}.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:27

ULT:

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

UST:

So Solomon dismissed Abiathar from being Yahweh's high priest. As a result, he made happen what Yahweh had said would happen to the descendants of Eli. Many years before at Shiloh, Yahweh had said {that someday they would no longer serve him as priests}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:28

ULT:

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

UST:

Joab had supported Adonijah when he tried to become the king, although he had not supported Absalom earlier. So when Solomon punished Adonijah and Abiathar{, who had also supported him}, someone came and told Joab about that. Joab ran to the sacred tent and held onto the projections at the corners of the altar {because he thought no one would harm him there}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:29

ULT:

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

UST:

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

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:30

ULT:

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

UST:

So Benaiah went to the sacred tent and told Joab, "The king commands you to come out." But Joab replied, "No, {if I must die,} I will die here." So Benaiah went back to the king and reported how Joab had responded when he told him to come out of the sacred tent.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:31

ULT:

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

UST:

The king replied to him, "Do just what he has said. Kill him and bury his body. If you do that, Yahweh will not punish me or my family for not providing justice for the two men whom Joab killed in peacetime for what they did during a war."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:32

ULT:

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

UST:

{When you execute Joab,} Yahweh will be punishing him for attacking and violently killing Abner, the commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa, the commander of the army of Judah. Those two men were both much better men than he was. My father David did not know that Joab was planning to murder them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:33

ULT:

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

UST:

Yahweh will always hold Joab and his descendants responsible because he murdered Abner and Amasa. But {because David had nothing to do with those murders,} Yahweh will always make things go well for David’s descendants who rule over Israel as he did.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:34

ULT:

And Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, went up and attacked him and killed him. And he was buried in his house in the wilderness.

UST:

So Benaiah went to the sacred tent and executed Joab. Joab's family buried his body on his property in the desolate area within the territory of the tribe of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:35

ULT:

And the king put Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, in place of him over the army, and the king put Zadok the priest in place of Abiathar.

UST:

Then King Solomon appointed Benaiah to be the army commander instead of Joab, and he appointed Zadok to be the only high priest, instead of Abiathar being a high priest as well.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:36

ULT:

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

UST:

Then the king sent a messenger to summon Shimei. {When Shimei arrived,} the king told him, "You must come and live here in Jerusalem. Build a house for yourself and stay in it. Do not leave the city to go anywhere else."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:37

ULT:

And it will happen on the day of your going out and you pass over the wadi of Kidron, knowing, you shall know that dying, you shall die. Your blood will be on your head.”

UST:

You can be sure that if you ever leave Jerusalem and go farther from the city than the Kidron Brook, I will have one of my soldiers execute you, and it will be your own fault.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:38

ULT:

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

UST:

Shimei replied, "I agree, Your Majesty. I will do what you have said." Then Shimei {moved to Jerusalem and} stayed in the city for a long time.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:39

ULT:

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

UST:

But three years later, two of Shimei's slaves ran away. They fled to the city of Gath, and the king of the city, Achish son of Maacah, allowed them to stay there. When someone told Shimei that his slaves were in Gath,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:40

ULT:

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

UST:

he traveled on his donkey to that city. He found his slaves staying with King Achish, and he took them back home with him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:41

ULT:

And it was declared to Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem {to} Gath and had returned.

UST:

But someone told King Solomon that Shimei had left Jerusalem and gone to Gath, even though he was now back in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:42

ULT:

And the king sent and called for Shimei, and he said to him, "Did I not make you swear by Yahweh and testify against you, saying, 'On the day of your going out, and you go where or where, knowing, you shall know that dying, you shall die'? And you said to me, 'The word I have heard is good.'

UST:

So the king sent a messenger to summon Shimei. {When Shimei arrived,} he said to him, "I made you promise solemnly, with Yahweh as your witness, that you would not leave Jerusalem. I told you that you could be sure that I would execute you if you ever left Jerusalem to go anywhere else. And you replied to me, 'I agree, Your Majesty. I will do what you have said.'

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:43

ULT:

So why did you not keep the oath of Yahweh and the command that I commanded upon you?"

UST:

So you should have done what you solemnly promised to Yahweh! You should not have disobeyed what I commanded you!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:44

ULT:

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

UST:

The king also said to Shimei, "You know quite well in your inner being what evil things you did to my father David. Now Yahweh is going to punish you for doing those evil things."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:45

ULT:

But King Solomon will be blessed, and the throne of David will be established to the face of Yahweh to forever.”

UST:

But Yahweh will bless me, and he will always enable David’s descendants to rule Israel.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 2:46

ULT:

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

UST:

Then the king ordered Benaiah son of Jehoiada to execute Shimei. Benaiah took him out of the palace and executed him with this sword. {By executing Adonijah, Joab, and Shimei and exiling Abiathar,} Solomon obtained complete control of the kingdom of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3

1 Kings 3:1

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Solomon married his daughter and brought her to live in the part of Jerusalem that people called the City of David. She lived there until Solomon's workers had finished building his palace, the temple of Yahweh, and the wall around Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3:2

ULT:

However, the people were sacrificing at the high places because a house had not been built for the name of Yahweh up to those days.

UST:

Solomon had not yet built a temple where people could worship Yahweh, so the Israelite people were still offering sacrifices to him at shrines on the tops of hills.

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

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

1 Kings 3:3

ULT:

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

UST:

Solomon loved Yahweh, and so he obeyed Yahweh just as his father David had done. But he, too, offered sacrifices and burned incense on hilltop shrines {before he built the temple}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3:4

ULT:

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

UST:

One day King Solomon went to the city of Gibeon to offer sacrifices. He went there because the main place of worship for the Israelites was there at that time. Solomon offered a thousand sacrifices that he burned completely on the altar.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3:5

ULT:

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

UST:

That night, while Solomon was still at Gibeon, Yahweh appeared to him in a dream. He told him, "Tell me what you want, and I will give it to you."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3:6

ULT:

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

UST:

Solomon replied, “My father David worshiped you, and you always treated him with great kindness. You did that because he was faithful to you, he treated other people properly, and he was honest with you about what he was truly thinking and planning. You have continued to treat him with great kindness by allowing me, his son, to become the next king of Israel after him. That is what I am right now.

Why did King Joram leave Samaria?

King Joram left Samaria to mobilize all Israel for war.

1 Kings 3:7

ULT:

And now, Yahweh my God, you, you have made your servant reign in place of David my father, but I {am} a little child. I do not know going out or coming in.

UST:

Yahweh my God, David my father is no longer the king. You have made me the king instead. But I am still a young man. I do not know how I should rule the Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3:8

ULT:

And your servant {is} in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, an abundant people who can not be numbered and can not be counted from abundance.

UST:

I live among the Israelite people whom you have chosen. They are a very large group of people. Because there are so many of them, no one can count them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3:9

ULT:

So may you give to your servant a hearing heart to judge your people, to discern between good to evil. For who is able to judge this your heavy people?"

UST:

So please enable me think clearly so that I can rule your people well. Enable me to understand whether what people are doing is right or wrong. That way I will be able to fulfill the important task of making sure that your people treat one another fairly."

What three armies marched around the Sea of the Arabah for seven days?

The armies of Israel, Judah, and Edom marched for seven days.

1 Kings 3:10

ULT:

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

UST:

Yahweh was very pleased that Solomon had asked for this.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3:11

ULT:

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

UST:

God told him, “You did not ask to live for a long time or to become very rich or that would you be able to kill your enemies. Instead, you asked me to enable you to become wise so that you would be able to decide people’s cases fairly. As a result,

What had Elisha done for Elijah?

Elisha had poured water on the hands of Elijah, acting as his servant.

1 Kings 3:12

ULT:

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

UST:

I will certainly do what you requested. I will indeed enable you to become very wise. As a result, you will be wiser than anyone who has already lived, and no one who lives later will ever be as wise as you are now.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3:13

ULT:

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

UST:

I will also give you things that you did not ask for. I will enable you to become very rich, and people will honor you greatly. For as long as you live, no other king will have more wealth than you, and people will not honor any other king more than they honor you.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3:14

ULT:

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

UST:

If you conduct your life as I want you to, and if you obey everything I have commanded, just as your father David did, then I will also enable you to live for many years.”

Why did Elisha pay attention to the king of Israel?

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

1 Kings 3:15

ULT:

And Solomon awoke, and behold, {it had been} a dream. And he entered Jerusalem, and he stood to the face of the Box of the Covenant of the Lord. And he offered burnt offerings, and he made peace offerings. And he made a feast for all of his servants.

UST:

Then Solomon woke up, and he realized that God had been speaking to him in a dream. He went back to Jerusalem and stood in front of {the sacred tent where} the sacred chest {was}. There he offered many sacrifices that he burned completely on the altar. He also offered fellowship sacrifices. Then he made a great feast for all his officials.

When did the hand of Yahweh come upon Elisha?

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

1 Kings 3:16

ULT:

Then two women, prostitutes, came to the king, and they stood to his face.

UST:

Shortly after that, two prostitutes came to King Solomon {to have him decide a dispute between them}. They stood in front of him {to present their cases}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3:17

ULT:

And one woman said, "Please, my lord, I and this woman are dwelling in one house, and I gave birth with her in the house."

UST:

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

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3:18

ULT:

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

UST:

*Two days after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth to a baby. No one else was there
with us in the house.*

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3:19

ULT:

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

UST:

One night while she was sleeping, this woman accidentally rolled on top of her baby, and she smothered it and it died.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3:20

ULT:

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

UST:

So she got up while it was still night. I was asleep, and my baby boy was sleeping next to me. She picked him up and brought him to her bed, and she brought her dead baby boy and put him in my bed.

When was the country filled with water?

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

1 Kings 3:21

ULT:

And I arose in the morning to nurse my son, and behold, he had died. But I looked carefully upon him in the morning, and behold, he was not my son whom I had borne.”

UST:

When I first woke up the next morning, I wanted to nurse my baby boy, but I found that he had died. However, after it got lighter, I could see that he was not the baby boy to whom I had given birth.”

Who from the Moabites gathered themselves together to fight?

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

1 Kings 3:22

ULT:

And the other woman said, “No, for my son {is} the living one, and your son {is} the one having died.” But this one was saying, “No, for your son {is} the one having died, and my son {is} the living one.” And they spoke to the face of the king.

UST:

But the other woman said, “That is not true! The baby boy who is alive is my son, and the baby boy who died is your son!” Then the first woman responded, “No, the dead boy is your son, and the living boy is my son!” And they continued to argue that way as they stood before the king.

What did the Moabites think when they saw the water? (3:22-23)

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

1 Kings 3:23

ULT:

And the king said, "This one says, 'This {is} my son, the living one, and your son {is} the one having died,' but that one says, 'No, but your son {is} the one having died, and my son {is} the living one.'"

UST:

Then the king said, "Each of you is claiming that it is your own son who is alive and that it is the other woman's son who has died."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3:24

ULT:

And the king said, "Get a sword for me." And they brought the sword to the face of the king.

UST:

Then he told his servants, "Bring me a sword." So his servants went and got him a sword.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3:25

ULT:

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

UST:

Then the king told his servants, "Cut the baby boy who is still alive into two parts. Give one part to each of these women."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3:26

ULT:

And the woman whose son {was} the living one spoke to the king, for her compassions for her son were kindled. And she said, "Please, my lord, give the living child to her, but killing, you must not kill him!" But this one was saying, "He will not be either for me or for you. Divide."

UST:

But the woman whose son was alive felt great love for him {and did not want him to die}. So she said to the king, "No, Your Majesty! Please do not have your servants cut him in half {and kill him}! You may give him to the other woman." But the other woman said to her, "No, neither you nor I will have him {alive}." Then she told the servants, "Cut him in half."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 3:27

ULT:

And the king answered and said, "Give the living child to her, and killing, you shall not kill him. She is his mother."

UST:

Then the king {pointed to the woman who had said not to cut the child in half and} said, "Do not kill the child, but give him to her. She is truly his mother."

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

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

1 Kings 3:28

ULT:

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

UST:

The Israelite people heard about how King Solomon had judged this case. This made them afraid to do anything wrong, because they knew that he would recognize that they had done wrong. They realized that God had enabled him to be very wise so that he could decide people's cases fairly.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4

1 Kings 4:1

ULT:

Now King Solomon was king over all of Israel.

UST:

During the time when Solomon was the king of Israel,

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

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

1 Kings 4:2

ULT:

And these {were} the officials who {were} to him. Azariah, the son of Zadok, was the priest.

UST:

these were his most important officials. Azariah son of Zadok was the high priest.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:3

ULT:

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

UST:

*Elihoreph son of Shisha and Ahijah son of Shisha were the official secretaries.
Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was the man who reported to the people everything that
Solomon decided they should do.*

From where should the woman borrow jars?

The woman should borrow jars from her neighbors.

1 Kings 4:4

ULT:

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

UST:

Benaiah son of Jehoiada was the army commander. People still honored and respected Zadok and Abiathar because they had been high priests.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:5

ULT:

And Azariah, the son of Nathan, {was} over the deputies. And Zabud, the son of Nathan, {was} a priest, a friend of the king.

UST:

Azariah son of Nathan was in charge of the district governors. Another of Nathan's sons, Zabud, was an important official who was the king's chief advisor.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:6

ULT:

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

UST:

Ahishar supervised {the servants who worked in} the royal palace. Adoniram son of Abda supervised the men whom the king required to work for him.

When did the oil stop flowing?

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

1 Kings 4:7

ULT:

Now to Solomon {were} 12 deputies over all of Israel, and they sustained the king and his house. A month in the year was upon one to sustain.

UST:

Solomon divided Israel into twelve districts. He appointed a man to supervise the collection of food from each district for him and {the others who lived and worked in} the palace. Each district governor was responsible for providing the food for one month in each year.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:8

ULT:

And these {were} their names. Ben Hur, in the hill country of Ephraim.

UST:

Here is a list of their names. Ben Hur was the governor for the hilly area where the tribe of Ephraim lived.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:9

ULT:

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

UST:

Ben Deker was the governor for the cities of Makaz, Shaalbim, Beth Shemesh, and Elon Beth Hanan.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:10

ULT:

Ben Heseḏ, in Arubboth (to him {was} Sokoh and all of the land of Hepher).

UST:

Ben Heseḏ was the governor for the region of Arubboth, which included the city of Sokoh and the area of Hepher.

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

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

1 Kings 4:11

ULT:

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

UST:

Ben Abinadab was the governor for all of Naphoth Dor. (He married Solomon's daughter Taphath.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:12

ULT:

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

UST:

Baana son of Ahilud was the governor for the cities of Taanach and Megiddo and for the whole region near the city of Zarethan on the plain below Jezreel, from the city of Beth Shan as far as the city of Abel Meholah, including the city of Jokmeam.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:13

ULT:

Ben Geber, in Ramoth Gilead. (To him {were} the villages of Jair, the son of Manasseh, that {were} in Gilead; to him {was} the region of Argob, which {was} in Bashan, 60 great cities {with} a wall and a bar of bronze).

UST:

Ben Geber was the governor for the region of Ramoth Gilead. This region included the villages in Gilead that had belonged to Jair son of Manasseh. This region also included the area of Argob in Bashan. In that area there were 60 large cities. Each city had a wall around it, and the gates in the walls had bronze bars.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:14

ULT:

Ahinadab, the son of Iddo, in Mahanaim.

UST:

Ahinadab son of Iddo was the governor for the city of Mahanaim {and the surrounding area}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:15

ULT:

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

UST:

Ahimaaz was the governor for {the territory of the tribe of} Naphtali. (He also married one of Solomon's daughters. Her name was Basemath.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:16

ULT:

Baana, the son of Hushai, in Asher and Bealoth.

UST:

Baana son of Hushai was the governor for {the territory of the tribe of} Asher and the city of Bealoth.

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

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

1 Kings 4:17

ULT:

Jehoshaphat, the son of Paruah, in Issachar.

UST:

Jehoshaphat son of Paruah was the governor for {the territory of the tribe of} Issachar.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:18

ULT:

Shimei, the son of Ela, in Benjamin.

UST:

Shimei son of Ela was the governor for {the territory of the tribe of} Benjamin.

When did the child develop pain in his head? (4:18-19)

When the child went out one day to his father, who was with harvesters, he cried out about pain in his head.

1 Kings 4:19

ULT:

Geber, the son of Uri, in the land of Gilead, the land of Sihon, the king of the Amorite, and Og, the king of Bashan, and {there was} one deputy who {was} in the land.

UST:

Geber son of Uri was the governor for the region of Gilead. That region included the area that Sihon, the king of the Amorites, had formerly ruled. It also included the area that Og, the king of Bashan, had formerly ruled. One governor, Geber, was responsible for this entire region {even though it was very large}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:20

ULT:

Judah and Israel {were} numerous, like the sand that {is} at the sea for abundance, eating and drinking and rejoicing.

UST:

There were very many people in Judah and Israel at that time, just as there are very many grains of sand on the seashore. They had plenty of food to eat and beverages to drink, and they were happy.

Where did the child sit until he died?

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

1 Kings 4:21

ULT:

And Solomon was ruling over all of the kingdoms from the River {to} the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt, bringing tribute and serving Solomon all of the days of his life.

UST:

Solomon's kingdom extended from the Euphrates River {in the northeast} to the region of Philistia {in the west} and to the border of Egypt {in the southwest}. Throughout his reign, he ruled the people groups in that area, and they brought him tribute.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:22

ULT:

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

UST:

In order to feed all the people who lived and worked at his palace, every day Solomon needed more than 3,000 kilograms of fine flour and more than 6,000 kilograms of regular flour.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:23

ULT:

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

UST:

He also needed ten fat oxen, 20 cows that had grazed in pastures, and 100 sheep. The food for the palace also included wild game such as deer, gazelle, and roebucks, as well as birds that people had fed to make them fat.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:24

ULT:

For he ruled over everything beyond the River from Tiphseh and to Gaza, over all of the kings of beyond the River. And peace was to him from all of his sides, from all around.

UST:

Solomon needed such great supplies because his kingdom included the entire area west of the Euphrates River from the city of Tiphseh {in the northeast} to the city of Gaza {in the southwest}. All of the kings in that area were his subjects. And he had peaceful relations with all of the rulers of the kingdoms that were next to his.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:25

ULT:

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

UST:

For the whole time that Solomon reigned, the people of Judah and Israel were safe throughout their entire territory. They were able to plant and harvest abundant crops without anyone disturbing them.

Where was the man of God?

The man of God was at Mount Carmel.

1 Kings 4:26

ULT:

And 40,000 stalls of horses were to Solomon for his chariotry, and 12,000 horsemen.

UST:

Solomon had 40,000 stalls for the horses that pulled his chariots. He had 12,000 men who rode on horses.

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

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

1 Kings 4:27

ULT:

And those deputies sustained King Solomon and all of the {ones} near to the table of King Solomon, a man his month. They did not let a thing lack.

UST:

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

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

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

1 Kings 4:28

ULT:

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

UST:

They also brought barley and straw for the horses that pulled the chariots and for the fast horses that messengers rode. Just as the king required them to do, they brought these things to the stalls where the horses stayed.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:29

ULT:

And God gave wisdom to Solomon and very much understanding and breadth of heart like the sand that {is} on the shore of the sea.

UST:

God enabled Solomon to be wise and to understand things very well. God also enabled Solomon to learn about and remember a huge number of things.

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

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

1 Kings 4:30

ULT:

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

UST:

Solomon was wiser than all of the wise men in the region to the east of Israel and all of the wise men in Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:31

ULT:

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

UST:

People considered Ethan the Ezrahite and the three sons of Mahol, Heman, Calcol, and Darda, to be very wise. But Solomon was even wiser than they were and wiser than anyone else. People in all the nearby countries heard about Solomon.

What did Gehazi lay on the child's face?

He laid the staff on the child's face.

1 Kings 4:32

ULT:

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

UST:

Solomon composed 3,000 proverbs, and he wrote 1,005 songs.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:33

ULT:

And he spoke about trees, from the cedar that {is} in Lebanon and to the hyssop that comes out in the wall. And he spoke about the beast and about the bird and about the creeping thing and about the fish.

UST:

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

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 4:34

ULT:

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

UST:

People came from many different parts of the world to listen to the wise things that Solomon said. Many kings learned how wise Solomon was, and they sent people to listen to him {and then return and tell them what Solomon had said}.

How did the boy's body grow warm?

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

1 Kings 5

1 Kings 5:1

ULT:

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

UST:

Hiram, the king of the city of Tyre, had always been an ally of King David. So when he heard that Solomon had succeeded his father David as king, he sent messengers to Solomon {to congratulate him}.

What had Yahweh given to Aram by Naaman?

Yahweh had given deliverance to Aram.

1 Kings 5:2

ULT:

And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

UST:

{In response,} Solomon sent his own messengers to Hiram to give him this message:

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 5:3

ULT:

"You, you know David my father, that he was not able to build a house for the name of Yahweh his God from the face of the warfare {with} which they surrounded him until Yahweh put them under the soles of his foot.

UST:

"You know that my father David wanted to build a temple in which we could worship Yahweh our God. But he was not able to do that, because the enemy kings around him kept attacking him. Yahweh finally enabled him to defeat all his enemies.

Whom did the little girl say would heal her master?

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

1 Kings 5:4

ULT:

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

UST:

Yahweh our God has enabled us to have peaceful relations now with all of the countries around us. No one is attacking us, and nothing bad is happening.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 5:5

ULT:

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

UST:

So I am now planning to build a temple in which we can worship Yahweh our God. I will be doing what Yahweh promised my father David when he told him, 'I am going to make one of your sons the next king after you die, and that son will build a temple where you Israelites can worship me.'

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 5:6

ULT:

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

UST:

So I am asking you to order your workers to cut down cedar trees in Lebanon {to make lumber} for me. My men will work with them, and I will pay your workers whatever you ask. I want to hire your workers because, as you know, none of us Israelites know how to cut down trees as well as you Sidonians do.”

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

Naaman took the letter to the king of Israel.

1 Kings 5:7

ULT:

And it happened, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly. And he said, "Blessed {be} Yahweh today, who has given to David a wise son over this numerous people."

UST:

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

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

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

1 Kings 5:8

ULT:

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

UST:

He sent this message back to Solomon, "You sent messengers to ask me to do something, and I agree to do it. I will provide as many cedar and cypress logs as you want.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 5:9

ULT:

And my servants will bring down from Lebanon to the sea, and I, I will set rafts on the sea to the place that you send to me, and I will break them up there. And you, you will lift. And you, you will do my desire by giving the bread of my house.”

UST:

My workers will bring the logs down from the Lebanon mountains to the sea. Then they will tie the logs together to make rafts{, and they will float them along the coast} to the place that you indicate to me. Then my workers will untie the rafts, and your workers can take the logs out of the sea {and bring them to Jerusalem}. In exchange, I ask you to supply food for the people to whom I serve meals in my palace.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 5:10

ULT:

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

UST:

{Solomon agreed,} so Hiram arranged for his workers to supply all the cedar and cypress logs that Solomon wanted.

What was Naaman told to do to be clean?

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

1 Kings 5:11

ULT:

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

UST:

Each year Solomon provided Hiram with over 2,000 metric tons of wheat and over 4,000 liters of pure olive oil to feed the people in his palace.

How did Naaman think Elisha would heal him?

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

1 Kings 5:12

ULT:

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

UST:

Yahweh had promised that he would make Solomon wise, and he did that. Solomon and Hiram made a treaty with each other and agreed to be friends.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 5:13

ULT:

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

UST:

King Solomon required 30,000 Israelite men to become his workers.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 5:14

ULT:

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

UST:

{Solomon's official} Adoniram supervised these men. Each month 10,000 of them went to Lebanon and worked for a month there. Then those men went back home for two months {and other men went to work in Lebanon}.

Like what was Naaman's flesh restored?

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

1 Kings 5:15

ULT:

And it was to Solomon 70,000, a carrier of a burden, and 80,000, a quarrier in the hill country,

UST:

Solomon also forced 80,000 men to cut large blocks of stone out of the hills and 70,000 men to haul those stones {to Jerusalem}.

After Naaman was healed, what did he know?

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

1 Kings 5:16

ULT:

apart from the commanders of the deputies of Solomon who {were} over the work, 3,300 {were} the ones ruling over the people doing the work.

UST:

Solomon also assigned 3,300 men to supervise the work of all these other men.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 5:17

ULT:

And the king commanded, and they removed great stones, valuable stones, to found the house, stones of hewing.

UST:

The stone workers did what King Solomon had ordered them to do. They cut huge blocks of stone from quarries. They made sure that the stone in the blocks was solid. They trimmed the blocks to make them smooth and straight. That way the blocks could be the foundation of the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 5:18

ULT:

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

UST:

So the men who worked for King Solomon and for King Hiram shaped the stones and prepared the timber to build the temple. Men from the city of Gebal {who were experts in that kind of work} helped them.

For what did Naaman ask Yahweh to pardon him?

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

1 Kings 6

1 Kings 6:1

ULT:

And it happened, in year 80 and year 400 of the going out of the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt, in the fourth year, in the month of Ziv (it {is} the second month), of the reigning of Solomon over Israel, that he built the house of Yahweh.

UST:

Solomon's workers began to build the temple 480 years after the Israelite people left Egypt. That was the fourth year that Solomon was the king of Israel, The workers started constructing a temple for Yahweh in the second month of that year, the month of Ziv.

Why did the sons of the prophets want to build a place to live? (6:1-2)

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

1 Kings 6:2

ULT:

And the house that King Solomon built for Yahweh, 60 cubits {was} its length, and 20 {was} its width, and 30 cubits {was} its height.

UST:

Inside, the main part of the temple was nearly 28 meters long, over 9 meters wide, and nearly 14 meters high.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:3

ULT:

And the porch on the face of the nave of the house, 20 cubits {was} its length, on the face of the width of the house. Ten by the cubit {was} its depth, on the face of the house.

UST:

There was a porch in front of {the entrance to} the Holy Place in the temple. This porch extended across the entire width of the temple, so it was over nine meters long. It extended nearly five meters outward from the front of the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:4

ULT:

And he made for the house windows with narrowed frames.

UST:

There were windows in the temple walls. The workers decorated these windows with beautiful metal cross-pieces.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:5

ULT:

And he built an addition against the wall of the house all around, the walls of the house all around, of the nave and of the inner sanctuary. And he made chambers all around.

UST:

Against the sides and all around the back of the outer wall of the temple, the workers built a structure that had rooms in it {where priests could stay and also store items}.

Why was the man who lost the axe head worried?

He was worried because the axe was borrowed.

1 Kings 6:6

ULT:

The lowest addition, five by the cubit {was} its width, and the middle, six by the cubit {was} its width, and the third, seven by the cubit {was} its width. For he made ledges for the house all around the outside, so as not to hold onto the walls of the house.

UST:

The workers built {three rows of} ledges along the side and back walls of the temple so that the addition could rest on them for support rather than on the temple itself. {The bottom ledge was the thickest, so} the bottom floor of the addition was two and one third meters wide. {The middle ledge was less thick, so} the middle floor of the addition was two and three quarters meters wide. {The top ledge was even less thick, so} the top floor of the addition was three and a quarter meters wide.

How did Elisha make iron float?

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

1 Kings 6:7

ULT:

And the house, in its being built, was built {of} finished stone {from} a quarry. So hammers or the chisel, any implement of iron, was not heard in the house in its being built.

UST:

When the workers cut out huge stones for the foundation of the temple at quarries, they also trimmed the stones there to make them smooth and straight. Because the workers used their hammers and chisels and other iron tools at the quarries, there was no loud noise at the site where the workers were constructing the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:8

ULT:

The entrance of the middle chamber {was} to the shoulder of the house {at} the right, and they went up by stairs onto the middle, and from the middle to the third.

UST:

To get to the middle floor of the addition, people went {into the bottom floor} through a door on the south side of the temple. From there, they could climb stairs up to the middle floor, and from there, they could climb more stairs up to the top floor.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:9

ULT:

And he built the house and finished it. And he roofed the house with beams and boards of cedars.

UST:

After Solomon's workers finished building the walls of the temple, they made a roof for the building. They laid cedar beams across its width, and then they laid cedar boards in rows on top of the beams.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:10

ULT:

And he built the addition against all of the house, five cubits {was} its height, and it held {onto} the house with wood of cedars.

UST:

When the workers built the addition, its weight rested against the temple. But the workers put cedar beams on the ledges that supported the addition {as a cushion to prevent damage to the stone walls of the temple}. Each floor of the addition was two and one third meters high.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:11

ULT:

And the word of Yahweh was to Solomon, saying,

UST:

While his workers were constructing the temple, Yahweh told Solomon,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:12

ULT:

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

UST:

“If you continually obey everything that I commanded {in the law of Moses}, I will do for you what I promised to your father David. As for this temple that you are building,

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

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

1 Kings 6:13

ULT:

and I will dwell in the midst of the sons of Israel, and I will not forsake my people Israel.”

UST:

I will live {in it} among the Israelite people. I will never abandon them.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:14

ULT:

And Solomon built the house and finished it.

UST:

Once Solomon's workers had finished constructing the temple's outer walls and roof,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:15

ULT:

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

UST:

they began to work on the inside of the temple. {As he instructed them to do,} they paneled the walls from the floor to the ceiling with cedar wood. They made the floor out of cypress planks.

Why was Elisha's servant worried?

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

1 Kings 6:16

ULT:

And he built 20 cubits from the recesses of the house with boards of cedar from the floor to the walls. And he built {them} for it on the inside as an inner sanctuary, as the Holy of Holies.

UST:

The workers then built a room that extended out nine meters from the back wall of the temple. They used cedar boards to build the walls of this room. Those walls extended from the floor of the temple all the way up to its ceiling. This room was to be the Most Holy Place.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:17

ULT:

And 40 by the cubit was the house (that {is}, the nave) to the face of it.

UST:

The front part of the temple, the Holy Place, occupied the other eighteen meters of its length.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:18

ULT:

And cedar was to the house within, carving of gourds and opened ones of flowers. The whole {was} cedar, no stone was seen.

UST:

The workers covered the walls inside the temple with cedar panels. They decorated the panels with carvings of gourds and blooming flowers. The cedar panels completely covered the walls. The stones of the walls did not appear anywhere.

How did Elisha lead the Arameans to Samaria? (6:18-19)

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

1 Kings 6:19

ULT:

And he prepared the inner sanctuary in the midst of the house on the inside to put the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh there.

UST:

And as for the room that the workers built at the back of the temple to be the Most Holy Place, where Yahweh's sacred chest would be,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:20

ULT:

And the interior of the inner sanctuary, {it was} 20 cubits {in} length and 20 cubits {in} width, and 20 cubits {was} its height. And he overlaid it {with} pure gold, and he overlaid an altar {with} cedar.

UST:

that room was nine meters long, nine meters wide, and nine meters high on the inside. The workers covered its walls with very thin sheets of pure gold. The workers built a {small stone} altar {just outside the Most Holy Place for burning incense}. They covered this altar with panels of cedar wood.

Where were the Arameans when Yahweh opened their eyes?

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

1 Kings 6:21

ULT:

And Solomon overlaid the house on the inside {with} pure gold. And he made chains of gold cross to the face of the inner sanctuary, and he overlaid it {with} gold.

UST:

Solomon's workers then also covered the walls of the Holy Place with very thin sheets of pure gold. They made gold chains and hung them across the front of the Most Holy Place. They covered the front wall of the Most Holy Place with sheets of gold.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:22

ULT:

So he overlaid all of the house {with} gold until finishing all of the house. And the whole of the altar that {was} to the inner sanctuary, he overlaid {with} gold.

UST:

In this way, the workers covered all the walls of the temple with gold. They also covered the altar just outside the Most Holy Place with gold.

What did the king of Israel do to the Arameans? (6:22-23)

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

1 Kings 6:23

ULT:

And he made in the inner sanctuary two cherubs of wood of oil. Ten cubits {was} its height.

UST:

They made large statues from olive wood of two creatures with wings to put inside the Most Holy Place. The first statue was about four and one half meters high.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:24

ULT:

And five cubits {was} the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits {was} the second wing of the cherub. Ten cubits {were} from the ends of its wings and to the ends of its wings.

UST:

This statute had two wings that were about two and one third meters long, so that the distance across both wings was about four and one half meters.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:25

ULT:

And ten by the cubit {was} the second cherub. One size and one shape {were} to the two cherubs.

UST:

The second statue also had wings that were about four and one half meters across. Since both cherubs were the same size and shape,

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

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

1 Kings 6:26

ULT:

The height of the one cherub was ten by the cubit, and thus {was} the second cherub.

UST:

the second cherub was about four and one half meters high, the same height as the first cherub.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:27

ULT:

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

UST:

The workers placed these statues next to each other in the Most Holy Place. They arranged their wings so that the inner wing of one touched the inner wing of the other in the center of the room, and their outer wings touched the side walls of the room.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:28

ULT:

And he overlaid the cherubs {with} gold.

UST:

The workers covered the statues with very thin sheets of gold.

What did the woman tell the king was troubling her? (6:28-29)

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

1 Kings 6:29

ULT:

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

UST:

The workers had decorated the walls of the Holy Place with artistic carvings of winged creatures and palm trees and blooming flowers {before they covered the walls with gold}. So both the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place had decorative carvings.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:30

ULT:

And the floor of the house, he overlaid {with} gold, to the inside and to the outside.

UST:

They also covered the floors of the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place with very thin sheets of gold.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:31

ULT:

And the entrance of the inner sanctuary, he made doors of wood of oil. The lintel, the doorposts, {were} a fifth.

UST:

The workers made a set of doors from olive wood to serve as the entrance to the Most Holy Place. The height and width of these doors was one fifth the height and width of the wall, {so they were about two meters high and wide}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:32

ULT:

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

UST:

The workers carved decorations of winged creatures, palm trees, and flowers into these olive-wood doors. Then they very carefully hammered thin sheets of gold onto these decorations {so that their designs would still show under the gold}.

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

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

1 Kings 6:33

ULT:

And thus he made for the entrance of the nave, doorposts of wood of oil from a fourth.

UST:

They workers made a similar entrance for the Holy Place. They built a door frame from olive wood. The opening was one fourth the width of the wall{, so it was about two and one quarter meters wide}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:34

ULT:

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

UST:

They made two doors from cypress wood {and fastened them to the doorframe}. The doors each had two panels {with hinges in the middle}, so a person could open only half of a door if he wanted to.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:35

ULT:

And he carved cherubs and palm trees and opened ones of flowers. And he overlaid {with} gold, smoothed onto the carved things.

UST:

The workers carved decorations of winged creatures, palm trees, and flowers into these doors. Then they very carefully hammered thin sheets of gold onto these decorations {so that their designs would still show under the gold}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:36

ULT:

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

UST:

The workers created a courtyard around the temple by building a wall. The wall consisted of three rows of stone with a row of cedar beams on top.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:37

ULT:

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

UST:

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

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 6:38

ULT:

And in year 11, in the month of Bul (it {is} the eighth month), the house finished, in all of its matters and according to all of its plans. So he built it seven years.

UST:

Solomon's workers finished building the temple in the eighth month, the month of Bul, of the eleventh year of his reign. They had built every part of the temple according to the design they were working from. It had taken them seven years to construct the building.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7

1 Kings 7:1

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Solomon had his workers build a palace for him. It took them 13 years to complete it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:2

ULT:

And he built the House of the Forest of Lebanon. 100 cubits {was} its length and 50 cubits {was} its width and 30 cubits {was} its height, upon four rows of pillars of cedar and beams of cedar upon the pillars.

UST:

One of the buildings they built was {a large hall whose name was} the House of the Forest of Lebanon. It was 46 meters long, 23 meters wide, and 14 meters high. The workers set up four rows of cedar pillars and laid cedar beams across the top of each row.

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

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

1 Kings 7:3

ULT:

And it was covered with cedar from above, upon the beams that were on 45 pillars, 15 the row.

UST:

To make a roof, the workers laid cedar boards in rows on top of cedar beams that 45 pillars {in the middle of the hall} supported. Those pillars were in rows of 15{, creating four long sections within the hall}.

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

They went to the army of the Arameans because they said they might die stayed where they were.

1 Kings 7:4

ULT:

And the {window} frames {were} three rows, and window {was} opposite window {in} three tiers.

UST:

On each of the two side walls, there were three rows of windows. Each row consisted of a column of three windows. The rows on one wall were opposite the rows on the other wall.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:5

ULT:

And all of the entrances and doorposts {were} square {in} frame, and window {was} directly opposite to window {in} three tiers.

UST:

All of the doors had square frames, and each window in each column was directly across from the matching window on the other wall.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:6

ULT:

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

UST:

The workers built an entranceway {for the House of the Forest of Lebanon}. It was an open space with rows of pillars on all sides. It was 23 meters long and 14 meters wide. There was a porch in front of this entranceway. It had a roof that pillars supported.

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

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

1 Kings 7:7

ULT:

And he made the Porch of the Throne where he would judge there, the Porch of Judgment. And it was covered with cedar from the floor to the floor.

UST:

The workers also constructed a building whose name was the Porch of the Throne. It had a second name, the Porch of Judgment. That was where Solomon decided the legal cases that people asked him to judge. The workers used cedar wood to make the entire floor for this building.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:8

ULT:

And his house where he would dwell there, {in} the other courtyard from the house of the porch, was like this work. And he made a house for the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Solomon had taken, like this porch.

UST:

In the courtyard behind the Porch of Judgment, the workers built a residence for Solomon to live in. They made it with the same materials and in the same style as the other buildings. They also built a similar residence for his wife, who was the daughter of the king of Egypt.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:9

ULT:

All of these {were} valuable stones, according to the measurements of hewn stone, sawn with the saw on the inside and on the outside, and from the foundation to the eaves and from outside to the great courtyard.

UST:

The workers built these buildings and the walls around the palace courtyard with stone blocks. They made sure that the stone in the blocks was solid. They trimmed the blocks with saws so that the interior and exterior walls of the buildings and the courtyard walls would be straight and smooth. They used stone blocks to build the entire height of these walls.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:10

ULT:

And it was founded with valuable stones, great stones, stones of ten cubits and stones of eight cubits.

UST:

The workers used huge stone blocks for the foundation of the palace. Some of these stones were about four and a half meters long, and others were over three and a half meters long.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:11

ULT:

And from above {were} valuable stones, according to the measurements of hewn stone, and cedar.

UST:

The workers used other stone blocks to build the palace on top of these foundation stones. They cut those blocks to make them the sizes they needed. They also used cedar beams to build the palace.

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

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

1 Kings 7:12

ULT:

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

UST:

The workers built a wall to create a large courtyard all around the palace. The wall consisted of three rows of stone with a row of cedar beams on top. It was just like the wall around the courtyard that surrounded the temple and the porch in front of it.

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

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

1 Kings 7:13

ULT:

And King Solomon sent and took Hiram from Tyre.

UST:

Solomon asked a man whose name was Hiram to come from Tyre to Jerusalem {to supervise all the work of making things from bronze for the temple}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:14

ULT:

He {was} the son of a woman, a widow, from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a crafter of bronze. And he was filled with wisdom and understanding and knowledge to do all work in bronze. And he came to King Solomon, and he did all of his work.

UST:

Hiram's mother was an Israelite woman from the tribe of Naphtali. His father, who had died, had been from the city of Tyre. His work had been to make things from bronze. Hiram himself was very skilled at making things from bronze. He agreed to come and help King Solomon by making all the bronze articles he needed for the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:15

ULT:

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

UST:

Hiram made two bronze pillars {to put in front of the temple}. Each pillar was eight and one quarter meters tall and five and one half meters around.

Of what was the road full?

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

1 Kings 7:16

ULT:

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

UST:

Hiram made decorative tops for each of the pillars. He cast them in bronze. Each top was two and one quarter meters tall.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:17

ULT:

Networks, a work of netting, strands, a work of chains, {were} to the capitals that {were} on the head of the pillars. Seven were to one capital, and seven were to the second capital.

UST:

He formed bronze strands into the shape of nets to decorate the two pillar tops. He made seven of these networks for each pillar top.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:18

ULT:

And he made pillars, and two rows all around on one network, to cover the capitals that were on the head of the pomegranates, and thus he did for the second capital.

UST:

Hiram made bronze decorations in the shape of pomegranates for the pillar tops. He put two rows of pomegranates around the edges of the parts of the pillar tops that the bronze nets covered.

What did the captain say when Elisha told him, “About this time in the gate of Samaria, two measures of barley will be available for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel.”? (7:18-19)

The captain said to Elisha, “That could not happen even if Yahweh opened the windows of the sky and sent grain down to us!”

1 Kings 7:19

ULT:

And the capitals that {were} on the head of the pillars {were} the work of a lily, on the porch, four cubits.

UST:

Hiram made the upper portion of each pillar top in the shape of a lily. That portion was nearly two meters high. The pillars were on the porch {in front of the entrance to the temple}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:20

ULT:

And the capitals on the two pillars also from above, from near the belly that was on the other side of the network, and the pomegranates {were} 200, {in} rows all around on the second capital.

UST:

The lower portion of each pillar top, just above each pillar, was in the shape of a ball. That was the portion that the bronze nets covered, and that was the portion that the pomegranates decorated. There were 200 bronze pomegranates in rows around each pillar top.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:21

ULT:

And he set up the pillars at the porch of the temple. And he set up the right pillar and called its name Jachin. And he set up the left pillar and called its name Boaz.

UST:

Hiram and his helpers set up the pillars on the porch in front of the temple. Hiram named the pillar on the right side of the porch Jachin. He named the pillar on the left side of the porch Boaz.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:22

ULT:

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

UST:

Those pillars had tops in the shape of lilies. {When Hiram and his helpers set them up,} that completed his work of making the bronze pillars.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:23

ULT:

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

UST:

Hiram also made a giant water basin. People called it a sea {because it contained so much water}. Hiram made it by casting bronze {in a clay mold}. This sea was four and a half meters across its circular top, two and one third meters tall, and nearly 14 meters around.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:24

ULT:

And gourds {were} from underneath to its lip all around, surrounding it, ten in a cubit, encircling the sea all around {in} two rows. The gourds were cast when it was cast.

UST:

All around the outer edge of the sea there were decorations in the shape of gourds. There were two rows of gourds. There were ten gourds for every 45 centimeters of the outer edge. Hiram included the gourds as part of the design of the sea when he cast it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:25

ULT:

{It was} standing upon 12 cattle, three facing northward and three facing westward and three facing southward and three facing eastward, and the sea {was} upon them from above. And all of their hindquarters {were} inward.

UST:

Hiram cast 12 bronze statues of oxen to be a stand for the sea. He placed the oxen in groups of three facing outward to the north, south, east, and west. Then workers put the sea on the statues of the oxen, and it covered their backs.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:26

ULT:

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

UST:

The sides of this large water basin were eight centimeters thick. When Hiram cast the basin, he made the rim curve outward, like the rim of a cup and like the petals of a lily. The basin could hold over 40,000 liters of water.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:27

ULT:

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

UST:

Hiram also made ten bronze carts {to hold and transport smaller water basins}. Each cart was nearly two meters long, nearly two meters wide, and about one and a quarter meters high.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:28

ULT:

And this {was} the work of the stand. Panels {were} to them, and the panels {were} between the frames.

UST:

Each cart had a framework of bronze bars. Hiram attached bronze panels to the sides of the framework.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:29

ULT:

And on the panels that {were} between the frames {were} lions, cattle, and cherubs. And on the frames {was} a pedestal from above, and from below to the lions and to the cattle {were} wreaths, the work of descent.

UST:

There were figures of lions, bulls, and winged creatures on those panels. At the bottom of the panels there were decorations that looked like garlands of flowers and leaves. On top of the framework of each cart there was a pedestal {to hold a water basin}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:30

ULT:

And four wheels of bronze {were} to one stand, and axles of bronze. And its four corners, shoulders {were} to them, from below to the basin. The shoulders were cast on the side of each {with} wreaths.

UST:

Each cart had four bronze wheels and two bronze axles. At the top corners of each cart there were bronze supports to help hold up the water basin. On those supports there were decorations of flowers and leaves.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:31

ULT:

And its mouth from the inside of the capital and upward {was} by a cubit. And its mouth {was} circular, the work of a pedestal, a cubit and half of a cubit, and also on its mouth {were} carvings. But their panels were square, not circular.

UST:

Although the panels on the sides of each cart were square, the pedestal on top of the cart that held the basin was round. This pedestal was 69 centimeters across. It was open at the top {so that the basin could sit in it}. There were decorative carvings all around the rim of its opening. {Even though part of the basin rested inside the pedestal,} it still extended 46 centimeters above the pedestal.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:32

ULT:

And the four of the wheels {were} beneath the panels, and the hands of the wheels {were} in the stand. And the height of one wheel {was} a cubit and half of a cubit.

UST:

The four wheels of each cart were below its panels. These wheels were 69 centimeters high. Hiram molded the axles for the wheels as part of the cart itself.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:33

ULT:

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

UST:

Hiram made the wheels of the carts to be like the wheels that people make for chariots. He cast every part of these wheels, the axles and rims and spokes and hubs, from bronze.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:34

ULT:

And four shoulders {were} to the four corners of one stand, from the stand {were} its shoulders.

UST:

Hiram also molded the bronze supports at the top corners of each cart as part of the cart itself.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:35

ULT:

And on the head of the stand, half of a cubit {was} the height, circular all around. And on the head of the stand, its hands and its panels {were} from it.

UST:

A round pedestal 23 centimeters high was on top of each cart. Braces held this pedestal in place. There were decorative panels on the rest of the top of the cart. Hiram cast these braces and panels as part of the cart itself.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:36

ULT:

And he engraved cherubs, lions, and palm trees on the plates of its hands and on its panels, according to the bare space of each, and wreaths all around.

UST:

Hiram decorated the surfaces of these braces and the panels with figures of winged creatures, lions, and palm trees, with decorative wreaths all around them. He did this whenever there was space for decorations.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:37

ULT:

Like this he made the ten stands. One casting, one size, one shape {was} to all of them.

UST:

That is how Hiram made the ten carts. He cast them all from the same design, so they were all the same size and shape.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:38

ULT:

And he made ten bronze basins. One basin contained 40 baths. One basin {was} four by the cubit. One basin {was} on one stand, for the ten stands.

UST:

Hiram also made ten bronze basins, one for each of the ten carts. Each basin was nearly five meters across and held 880 liters of water.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:39

ULT:

And he put the stands, five on the shoulder of the house from the right and five on the shoulder of the house from its left. And he put the sea from the right shoulder of the house, eastward toward the south.

UST:

Hiram placed five of the carts in front of the right side of the temple, and he placed the other five in front of the left side of the temple. He put the giant water basin, the sea, by the southeast corner of the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:40

ULT:

And Hiram made basins and shovels and bowls. And Hiram finished doing all of the work that he did for King Solomon {for} the house of Yahweh:

UST:

Hiram also made {bronze} pots {in which to boil meat}, shovels {for removing ashes}, and bowls {to catch the blood of the animals that the priests sacrificed}. So he completed all of the work that King Solomon requested him to do for Yahweh's temple.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:41

ULT:

the two pillars, and the bowls of the capitals that {were} on the head of the two pillars, and the two networks for covering the two bowls of the capitals that {were} on the head of the pillars,

UST:

{What Hiram made included} the two pillars {for the temple porch}, the two ball-shaped tops for the pillars, the two bronze nets that decorated the ball-shaped pillar tops,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:42

ULT:

and the 400 pomegranates for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the faces of the pillars,

UST:

the 400 bronze pomegranates that decorated the two networks (these pomegranates were in two rows around each bronze net and they covered the round lower parts of the pillar tops),

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:43

ULT:

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

UST:

the ten carts, the ten basins that the carts held,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:44

ULT:

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

UST:

the giant water basin that people called the sea, the 12 statues of oxen on whose backs the sea rested,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:45

ULT:

and the pots and the shovels and the bowls. And all of these vessels that Hiram made for King Solomon {for} the house of Yahweh {were} polished bronze.

UST:

the pots, the shovels, and the bowls. Hiram and his workers made all these things that King Solomon requested him to make for Yahweh's temple. Hiram made them all from bronze, and his workers then polished them {so that they would gleam brightly}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:46

ULT:

In the plain of the Jordan the king cast them, in the clay of the ground between Succoth and between Zarethan.

UST:

Hiram and his workers made these things for Solomon in the Jordan River valley, between the cities of Succoth and Zarethan. {They made them there because} the soil consisted of clay {that they could use to cast things in bronze}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:47

ULT:

And Solomon let all of the vessels rest, from great, great abundance. The weight of the bronze was not determined.

UST:

Because Hiram used so much bronze to make these objects, Solomon did not command his workers to weigh them. So no one ever knew what they weighed.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:48

ULT:

And Solomon made all of the vessels that {were} in the house of Yahweh: the altar of gold, and the table that on it {was} the bread of the face, gold,

UST:

Solomon's workers also made all the gold items that the priests needed to use in Yahweh's temple. They made the golden altar and the golden table that held the sacred bread.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:49

ULT:

and the five lampstands on the right and five on the left to the face of the inner sanctuary, pure gold, and the blossom and the lamps and the tongs, gold,

UST:

They made from pure gold the ten lampstands that stood in front of the Most Holy Place, five on the south side and five on the north side. They made the golden decorations on the lampstands that looked like flowers, the golden lamps themselves, and the golden tongs {for removing burnt parts of the lamp wicks}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:50

ULT:

and the basins and the trimmers and the sprinkling bowls and the palms and the firepans, pure gold, and the sockets of the doors of the inner house, for the Holy of Holies, for the doors of the house, for the temple, gold.

UST:

Solomon's workers also made from pure gold the dishes, wick snuffers, small bowls, incense dishes, and pans for carrying hot coals {that the priests used in the temple}. They also made golden sockets for the doors of the Holy Place and for the doors of the Most Holy Place.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 7:51

ULT:

And all of the work that King Solomon did {for} the house of Yahweh was complete. And Solomon brought in the holy things of David, his father. The silver and the gold and the vessels, he put in the storerooms of the house of Yahweh.

UST:

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

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8

1 Kings 8:1

ULT:

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, all of the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers of the sons of Israel, to King Solomon {at} Jerusalem, to bring up the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh from the City of David (it {is} Zion).

UST:

Solomon then sent messengers to tell all the Israelite elders, tribal leaders, and clan leaders to come to Jerusalem. He wanted them to join him in a ceremony to move Yahweh's sacred chest from the City of David (the part of Jerusalem that people now call Zion) {into the temple that he had built}.

Why did the woman whose son Elisha restored to life live in the land of the Philistines seven years? (8:1-2)

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

1 Kings 8:2

ULT:

And all of the men of Israel assembled to King Solomon in the month of Ethanim, at the feast (it {is} the seventh month).

UST:

King Solomon asked the leaders to come during the Festival of Shelters, which the Israelites observed in the month of Ethanim, the seventh month of the year. So a very large crowd of Israelites also came to Jerusalem at that time to celebrate this festival.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:3

ULT:

And all of the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the Box.

UST:

When the Israelite leaders had all arrived, the priests carried the sacred chest {from the City of David}

Why did the woman go to the king?

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

1 Kings 8:4

ULT:

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

UST:

and brought it into the temple. The Levites {who assisted the priests} helped them carry into the temple the sacred tent and all the special equipment that the priests used only in the tent.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:5

ULT:

And King Solomon and all of the congregation of Israel, the ones having congregated themselves to him, {who were} with him to the face of the Box, were sacrificing sheep and cattle that were not counted and were not numbered from abundance.

UST:

King Solomon and that large crowd of Israelites walked ahead of Yahweh's sacred chest {as the priests carried it to the temple}. They sacrificed a very large number of sheep and bulls. No one was able to count how many animals they sacrificed, because there were so many.

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

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

1 Kings 8:6

ULT:

And the priests brought the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh into its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, into the Holy of Holies, to beneath the wings of the cherubs.

UST:

The priests carried the sacred chest into the temple and put it where it belonged. That was in the Most Holy Place, the special room that Solomon's workers had made at the back of the temple. They placed the sacred chest under the wings of the statues of the winged creatures there.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:7

ULT:

For the cherubs were spreading wings toward the place of the Box, and the cherubs covered over the Box and over its poles from above.

UST:

Then the wings of those statues extended over the sacred chest and over the poles that the priests used to carry it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:8

ULT:

And the poles were long, and the heads of the poles were seen from the Holy Place, at the face of the inner sanctuary, but they were not seen on the outside. And they are there to this day.

UST:

Those poles were so long that priests who were standing in the Holy Place at the entrance to the Most Holy Place could see their ends. But people standing outside the temple could not see them. Those poles are still there.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:9

ULT:

Nothing {was} in the Box except the two tablets of stone that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where Yahweh cut with the sons of Israel when they came out from the land of Egypt.

UST:

The only things that were in the sacred chest were the two stone tablets that Moses had put there at Mount Horeb. That was where Yahweh had made a covenant with the Israelites after they left Egypt.

What did Hazael take with him to give to Elisha?

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

1 Kings 8:10

ULT:

And it happened, when the priests came out from the Holy Place, that the cloud filled the house of Yahweh.

UST:

When the priests came out of the Holy Place {after putting the sacred chest in the temple}, suddenly a cloud {that represented Yahweh's presence} filled the temple.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:11

ULT:

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

UST:

The glorious presence of Yahweh, expressed in the cloud, filled the temple. As a result, the priests were not able to continue their work.

Why did the man of God weep? (8:11-12)

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

1 Kings 8:12

ULT:

Then Solomon said, "Yahweh said he would dwell in a dark cloud."

UST:

Solomon {looked at the temple and} said, "Yahweh said that he would live in a dark cloud."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:13

ULT:

Building, I have built a house of habitation for you, a place for your dwelling {for} ages. ”

UST:

{Then Solomon prayed to Yahweh,} “I have surely built a temple for you that you will always be able to live in.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:14

ULT:

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

UST:

Then, while all the people stood there {respectfully}, the king turned around and faced them, and he asked God to make good things happen for them.

After Hazael told the king of Aram that he would recover, what did he do to King Ben Hadad? (8:14-15)

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

1 Kings 8:15

ULT:

And he said, "Blessed {be} Yahweh, the God of Israel, who spoke by his mouth to David my father and fulfilled by his hand, saying,

UST:

Then he said, "Praise Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship! By his own power he has done what he promised to my father David. Yahweh told him,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:16

ULT:

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

UST:

'I rescued the Israelite people, who belong to me, from slavery in Egypt. But after that, I did not choose a city anywhere in their land and ask them to build a temple there where they would worship me. But I did choose you to be the king of Israel.'''

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:17

ULT:

And it was with the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST:

Then Solomon said, "My father David wanted very much to build a temple where we Israelite people could worship Yahweh our God."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:18

ULT:

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

UST:

But Yahweh told him, 'You wanted to build a temple for me, and it was good for you to want to do that.'

Who was Jehoram's wife?

Jehoram's wife was Ahab's daughter.

1 Kings 8:19

ULT:

However, you, you will not build the house, but rather your son coming out from your loins, he, he will build the house for my name.'

UST:

However, you are not the one who is going to build it. Instead, one of your sons will build a temple where the Israelites will worship me.'

Why was Yahweh not willing to destroy Judah?

Yahweh was unwilling to destroy Judah because he had told his servant David that that his descendants would always be kings.

1 Kings 8:20

ULT:

And Yahweh has raised up his word that he spoke. And I have arisen in place of David my father, and I sit on the throne of Israel, just as Yahweh spoke. And I have built the house for the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST:

And now Yahweh has done what he promised to do. I have succeeded my father David as the king of Israel, just as Yahweh promised. And I have built a temple where we Israelite people can worship Yahweh our God.

When did Edom revolt from under the hand of Judah?

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

1 Kings 8:21

ULT:

And I have made a place there for the Box where the Covenant of Yahweh {is} there, which he cut with our fathers when he brought them out from the land of Egypt.”

UST:

I have provided a place within the temple for the sacred chest. It holds the two stone tablets that Moses put in it when Yahweh made a covenant with our ancestors when he rescued them from slavery in Egypt.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:22

ULT:

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

UST:

Then Solomon turned around again and faced the altar {in the temple courtyard}. The Israelite people who had gathered for this occasion could see and hear him. He lifted his hands toward the sky {to pray},

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:23

ULT:

and he said, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, no god {is} like you in the heavens from above or on the earth from below, keeping the covenant and covenant faithfulness with your servants walking to your face with all of their heart,

UST:

and he said, "Yahweh, you are the God whom we Israelite people worship. There is no god like you up in heaven or down here on the earth. You solemnly promised that you would be kind to us. And that is what you have always done for us when we have earnestly done what you wanted us to do.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:24

ULT:

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

UST:

You promised my father David, who served you faithfully, that his son would build a temple for you. And we here today can all see that by your own power you have done what you promised.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:25

ULT:

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

UST:

So now, Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, I am asking you to do the further things you promised to my father David. You told him that you would make sure that one of his descendants would always be the king of Israel if they would conduct their lives as he did. He obeyed you carefully.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:26

ULT:

And now, God of Israel, may your word please be confirmed that you spoke to your servant David, my father.

UST:

You are the God whom we Israelite people worship. So now please do what you promised to do for my father David.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:27

ULT:

But will God truly dwell on the earth? Behold, the heavens and the heavens of the heavens do not contain you. How much less this house that I have built!

UST:

But you, God, will not really live on the earth. You are so great that the whole sky and even the spiritual realm beyond the sky are not a sufficient home for you. So this temple that I have built is certainly not sufficient for you to live in either.

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

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

1 Kings 8:28

ULT:

Yet may you turn to the prayer of your servant and to his supplication, Yahweh my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer that your servant is praying to your face today,

UST:

Even so, Yahweh, my God, please grant the requests that I make as I pray to you today. I have come to your temple today to pray. Please do what I am asking you earnestly to do.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:29

ULT:

that your eyes may be opened to this house night and day, to the place {about} which you have said, 'My name will be there,' to listen to the prayer that your servant will pray toward this place.

UST:

I pray that you will always regard this temple favorably. You said that when we Israelites built a temple, you would be pleased to have people worship you there. So whenever I face this temple {to acknowledge you} as I pray, please answer my prayer.

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

King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel.

1 Kings 8:30

ULT:

And may you listen to the supplication of your servant and your people Israel that they will pray toward this place. And you, may you hear in the place of your dwelling, in the heavens, and may you hear and forgive.

UST:

When I pray to you, or when Israelite people pray to you, we will face this temple {to acknowledge you}. You will be faraway in heaven where you live, but please pay attention to our prayer and answer it by forgiving us {for the sins that we have committed}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:31

ULT:

Whoever sins, a man against his neighbor, and he lifts an oath against him to adjure him, and an oath comes to the face of your altar in this house,

UST:

Suppose one person accuses another person of doing something wrong to him. Suppose the first person makes the other person stand in front of your altar outside this temple and swear, 'I did not do that. May God punish me if I am not telling the truth!'

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:32

ULT:

then you, may you hear {in} the heavens and act and judge your servants, to condemn the wicked, to put his way on his head, and to acquit the righteous, to give to him according to his righteousness.

UST:

In that case, please pay attention in heaven and decide which of these people is telling the truth. Then punish the person who is guilty with the punishment that he deserves, and reward the person who is innocent for having done what is right.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:33

ULT:

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

UST:

Suppose that the enemies of your Israelite people defeat their army in a battle because the Israelites have sinned against you. And suppose that the Israelites then admit that they have done wrong by sinning and that you are right to punish them for sinning. Suppose they stop acting in a sinful way. And suppose they face in the direction of this temple {to acknowledge you} and plead with you to help them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:34

ULT:

then you, may you hear {in} the heavens, and may you forgive the sin of your people Israel and bring them back to the land that you gave to their fathers.

UST:

In that case, please pay attention in heaven, and please forgive your Israelite people for the sins that they have committed. Bring back to this land that you gave to our ancestors any prisoners whom the enemy army may have captured and taken away.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:35

ULT:

When the heavens are restrained and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, and they pray toward this place and they confess your name and they turn back from their sin because you have afflicted them,

UST:

Suppose that your Israelite people sin against you and, to punish them, you do not allow any rain to fall from the sky. Suppose that, because you are punishing them in this way, they face in the direction of this temple {to acknowledge you}, and they pray. Suppose that they admit that you are right to punish them for sinning. Suppose they stop acting in a sinful way.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:36

ULT:

then you, may you hear {in} the heavens, and may you forgive the sin of your servants and your people Israel, for you teach the good way in which they should walk. And may you give rain on your land that you have given to your people for an inheritance.

UST:

In that case, {by not allowing rain to fall,} you would have taught them that they needed to live differently. So then please pay attention in heaven to their prayer, and forgive your Israelite people for the sins they have committed. Then send rain on this land that you have decided will belong permanently to your people.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:37

ULT:

If famine is in the land, if {there} is pestilence, if {there} is blight, mildew, locust, grasshopper, if his enemy makes {it} narrow to him in the land of his gates, any plague, any sickness,

UST:

Suppose the people of Israel are not able to grow enough food to eat. Or suppose a deadly disease spreads among the people. Or suppose blight or mildew ruin their crops or locusts or grasshoppers eat up their crops. Or suppose a person is in great distress because an enemy army has surrounded the city where he lives and is attacking it. Or suppose a person gets sick, or many people get sick.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:38

ULT:

any prayer, any supplication that is to any man, to any of your people Israel who know, a man the plague of his heart, and he spreads out his palms toward this house,

UST:

And suppose an Israelite person recognizes in his inner being that he is suffering because you are correcting him for sinning. And suppose that he pleads with you to help him, stretching out his hands toward this temple {to acknowledge you}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:39

ULT:

then you, may you hear {in} the heavens, the place of your dwelling, and may you forgive, and may you act and give to a man according to all of his ways, for you know his heart. For you, you know, you alone, the heart of all of the sons of man,

UST:

In that case, please pay attention to his prayer in heaven where you live. If he is truly sorry for his sins, forgive him and help him overcome the trouble he has. You are the only one who knows whether a person is truly sorry. So act toward each person as he deserves.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:40

ULT:

so that they may fear you all of the days that they {are} alive on the face of the land that you gave to our fathers.

UST:

Do this so that all of the Israelites will deeply respect you throughout their lives as they live in this land that you gave to our ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:41

ULT:

And also, concerning the foreigner, he who {is} not from your people Israel, and he comes from a distant land because of your name,

UST:

Suppose a foreigner who does not belong to your Israelite people comes from a faraway country here to this temple because he has heard what a great God you are.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:42

ULT:

for they will hear {about} your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm, and he will come and pray toward this house,

UST:

I know that foreigners will hear about how great you are and what powerful things you have done for your people. Some of them may come to this temple to {worship you and} pray to you.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:43

ULT:

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

UST:

In that case, please pay attention to their prayers in heaven where you live. Do for them what they ask you to do. Do that so that all the people groups in the world will know how great you are and revere you as we, your Israelite people, do. Then people all over the world will know that you are truly present in this temple that I have built.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:44

ULT:

If your people goes out to battle against its enemy by the way that you send them, and they pray to Yahweh {in} the way of the city upon which you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name,

UST:

Suppose that you command your people to go and fight against one of their enemies. And suppose that the Israelite soldiers pray to you {for help}. Suppose that{, to acknowledge you,} they face in the direction of this city of Jerusalem, which you have chosen as the place for this temple that I have built where we Israelites can worship you.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:45

ULT:

then may you hear {in} the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and may you do their justice.

UST:

In that case, please pay attention in heaven to their prayers for help, and enable them to defeat their enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:46

ULT:

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

UST:

Suppose that your people sin against you, as everyone unfortunately does, and you become angry with them. Suppose that {to punish them} you allow one of their enemies to defeat them and take many of them away as prisoners to their own country, perhaps even to a country that is far away.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:47

ULT:

and they bring back to their heart in the land where they have been taken captive there, and they turn back and supplicate to you in the land of their captors, saying, 'We have sinned and done iniquity, we have acted wickedly,'

UST:

And suppose that, while your people are in that country to which their enemy took them as captives, they sincerely repent. Suppose they plead with you there and say, 'We confess that we have sinned by doing very wicked things.'

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:48

ULT:

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

UST:

Suppose that they start obeying you entirely again while they are still in the land of the enemy who captured them. Suppose that they pray to you for help while {to acknowledge you} they face in the direction of this land that you gave to our ancestors. Suppose that {to acknowledge you} they face in the direction of this city of Jerusalem, which you have chosen as the place for this temple that I have built where we Israelites can worship you.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:49

ULT:

then may you hear {in} the heavens, the place of your dwelling, their prayer and their supplication, and may you do their justice.

UST:

In that case, please pay attention to their prayers for help in heaven where you live, and please rescue them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:50

ULT:

And may you forgive your people who have sinned against you and all of their transgressions that they have transgressed against you. And may you give them compassion to the face of their captors, and may they have compassion on them.

UST:

Forgive them for all the sins that they have committed against you. Cause their enemies to feel kindly toward them and to treat them with kindness {and release them}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:51

ULT:

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

UST:

I feel that I can ask you to do all of these things because we Israelites are your people. We will always belong to you. You brought our ancestors out of Egypt, where they were greatly suffering as though they were in a blazing furnace.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:52

ULT:

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

UST:

And so I ask you always to pay attention to what I or any of your Israelite people may plead for you to do. When we cry out to you in prayer, please help us.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:53

ULT:

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

UST:

Yahweh my Lord, we are your people because you chose us from all the other people groups in the world to belong to you always. That is what you told Moses, your servant, to tell our ancestors when you delivered them from slavery in Egypt.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:54

ULT:

And it happened that when Solomon finished praying to Yahweh all of this prayer and supplication, he arose from to the face of the altar of Yahweh, from kneeling on his knees with his palms spread out {toward} the heavens.

UST:

During this prayer in which Solomon asked Yahweh to do these things, he had been kneeling facing the altar and lifting his hands toward the sky. When he finished praying, he {lowered his hands and} stood up.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:55

ULT:

And he stood, and he blessed all of the assembly of Israel {in} a great voice, saying,

UST:

{He turned to face the crowd} and asked God to make good things happen for all the Israelite people. He said loudly,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:56

ULT:

"Blessed {be} Yahweh, who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he spoke. One word has not fallen from all of his good word that he spoke by the hand of Moses his servant.

UST:

"Praise Yahweh, who has allowed us Israelite people, who belong to him, to live in safety. That is just what he promised he would do. He has done every one of the good things that he promised to us through Moses, his servant.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:57

ULT:

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

UST:

I pray that Yahweh our God will always help us, just as he helped the Israelites in earlier times. I pray that he will never, ever leave us.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:58

ULT:

may he stretch out our heart to him, to walk in all of his ways and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.

UST:

I pray that he will enable us to serve him loyally, to conduct our lives as he wants us to, and to obey all of the laws that he gave to our ancestors.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:59

ULT:

And may these my words, which I have supplicated to the face of Yahweh, be near to Yahweh our God by day and {by} night, to do the justice of his servant and the justice of his people Israel, the matter of a day in its day,

UST:

I pray that Yahweh our God will always remember these things I have asked as I have pleaded for his help. I pray that he will always act mercifully toward me and toward us Israelite people. I pray that he will do for us what we need each day.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:60

ULT:

so that all of the peoples of the earth may know that Yahweh, he {is} God, {there is} no other!

UST:

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

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:61

ULT:

And may your heart be complete with Yahweh our God, to walk in his statutes and to keep his commandments, as this day.”

UST:

I pray that all of you Israelites will always commit yourselves fully to Yahweh and that you will always obey his laws, just as you are doing now.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:62

ULT:

And the king and all of Israel with him were sacrificing sacrifices to the face of Yahweh.

UST:

Then King Solomon and all the Israelites who had come to Jerusalem for the temple dedication offered sacrifices to Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:63

ULT:

And Solomon sacrificed a sacrifice of peace offerings that he sacrificed to Yahweh, 22, 000 cattle and 120, 000 sheep. And the king and all of the sons of Israel dedicated the house of Yahweh.

UST:

They sacrificed 22,000 cattle and 120,000 sheep as fellowship sacrifices to Yahweh. In this way the king and all the Israelites who were there dedicated Yahweh's temple.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:64

ULT:

On that day the king consecrated the middle of the courtyard that was to the face of the house of Yahweh, so that there he made the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat of the peace offerings, for the altar of bronze that {was} to the face of Yahweh was small from the containing of the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat of the peace offerings.

UST:

The bronze altar in front of the temple was not big enough to hold all those sacrifices. So that day King Solomon temporarily made the middle part of the courtyard in front of the temple a sacred place. There he and the people offered sacrifices that they burned completely on the altar, the accompanying offerings of flour, and the fat of the animals that were fellowship sacrifices.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:65

ULT:

And Solomon observed the feast at that time, and all of Israel with him, a great assembly, from Lebo Hamath to the wadi of Egypt, to the face of Yahweh our God, seven days and seven days, fourteen days.

UST:

Then Solomon and all the Israelites who had come to Jerusalem celebrated the Festival of Shelters. They celebrated it for seven days. Since they had just celebrated the dedication of the temple for seven days, they celebrated together for a total of 14 days. There was a huge crowd of people there who had gathered in Yahweh's presence. They came from many different places in the land of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 8:66

ULT:

On the eighth day he sent the people away, and they blessed the king, and they went to their tents rejoicing and good of heart over all of the good that Yahweh had done for David his servant and for Israel his people.

UST:

Once the Festival of Shelters was over, Solomon told the people they could go back to their homes. They asked God to make good things happen for him. As the people went home, they were very happy because of all the good things that Yahweh had done for David his servant and for the Israelite people, who belonged to him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 9

1 Kings 9:1

ULT:

And it happened, when Solomon finished building the house of Yahweh and the house of the king and all of the desire of Solomon that he delighted to do,

UST:

After Solomon's workers had finished building the temple and his palace and everything else that Solomon wanted them to build,

Why did one of the sons of the prophets take a little bottle of oil in his hand and go to Ramoth Gilead? (9:1-3)

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

1 Kings 9:2

ULT:

that Yahweh appeared to Solomon a second time, just as he had appeared to him at Gibeon.

UST:

Yahweh appeared to him {in a dream}. That was the same way in which he had appeared to him earlier at the city of Gibeon.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 9:3

ULT:

And Yahweh said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you supplicated to my face. I have consecrated this house that you have built, to put my name there to forever. And my eyes and my heart will be there all of the days.

UST:

Yahweh said to him, "I agree to do what asked me to do when you prayed to me at the temple. I have made the temple you built a place where I will be present in a special way so that people can always worship me there. I will always pay attention to what people pray when they face the temple, and I will always care deeply about what happens there.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 9:4

ULT:

And you, if you walk to my face just as David your father walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, {if} you keep my statutes and my judgments,

UST:

And as for you, conduct your life as I want you to, just as your father David did. Obey very sincerely all the laws that I have commanded you to obey {as an Israelite}. If you do that,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 9:5

ULT:

then I will raise up the throne of your kingdom over Israel to forever, just as I spoke to David your father, saying, 'A man to you will not be cut off from upon the throne of Israel.'

UST:

then I will make sure that you are the king of Israel for your whole life and that your descendants reign as king after you. That is what I promised to your father David. I promised him that one of his descendants would always rule Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 9:6

ULT:

If turning, you turn, you or your sons, from after me, and you do not keep my commandments, my statutes that I have set to your faces, and you go and serve other gods and bow down to them,

UST:

But suppose that you or one of your descendants who becomes king stops worshiping me. Suppose you disobey the laws that I have given to you to obey. Suppose that you start to live the way that people who worship other gods live. Suppose you even bow down to idols that represent those gods.

Who poured the oil on Jehu's head?

The prophet poured the oil on Jehu's head.

1 Kings 9:7

ULT:

then I will cut off Israel from upon the face of the ground that I have given to them, and the house that I have consecrated for my name, I will send away from before my face, and Israel will be for a proverb and for a taunt among all of the peoples.

UST:

If you do that, then I will allow an enemy to take the Israelite people away from this land that I have given to them. I will also allow an enemy to destroy this temple that I have made a place where I will be especially present. Then people everywhere will use the Israelites as an example of a very bad thing happening to a people group. They will even mock other people by saying that they are like the Israelites.

How would Yahweh avenge the blood of his servants?

If Jehu killed the family of Ahab, Yahweh would avenge the blood of his servants shed by the hand of Jezebel.

1 Kings 9:8

ULT:

And this house is exalted, everyone passing by it will be astonished and will hiss. And they will say, 'Why did Yahweh do thus to this land and to this house?'

UST:

Even though this temple is now very beautiful, {if you disobey me and worship other gods,} someday everyone who sees where it used to be will wonder whatever happened to it. They will hiss {in contempt} and they will ask, 'Why did Yahweh allow an enemy to take the Israelite people away from this land and destroy their temple?'

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 9:9

ULT:

And they will say, 'Because they forsook Yahweh their God, who brought their fathers out from the land of Egypt, and they held onto other gods and bowed down to them and served them. Therefore Yahweh brought upon them all of this harm.'"

UST:

Other people will reply, 'This happened because the Israelite people abandoned Yahweh their God. He was the one who rescued their ancestors from slavery in Egypt. But they became loyal to other gods instead. They lived the way people who worship those other gods live. They even bowed down to idols that represented those gods. That is why Yahweh caused them to experience all these disasters.'"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 9:10

ULT:

And it happened at the end of 20 years that Solomon had built the two houses, the house of Yahweh and the house of the king.

UST:

Solomon's workers spent 20 years building Yahweh's temple and Solomon's palace.

What was going to happen to Jezebel?

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

1 Kings 9:11

ULT:

Hiram, the king of Tyre, had supplied Solomon with trees of cedar and with trees of cypress and with gold, according to all of his delight. Then King Solomon gave to Hiram 20 cities in the land of Galilee.

UST:

Hiram, the king of the city of Tyre, had arranged for his workers to provide Solomon with cedar and pine logs and with gold. That enabled Solomon to build everything he wanted to build. {In gratitude, after his workers had completed the building projects,} King Solomon gave Hiram 20 cities in the region of Galilee.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 9:12

ULT:

And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities that Solomon had given to him, but they were not right in his eyes.

UST:

Hiram traveled from Tyre {to Galilee} to visit the cities that Solomon had given to him. When he saw them, he did not like them.

What did the servants of Jehu's master do after Jehu said he was anointed as king? (9:12-13)

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

1 Kings 9:13

ULT:

And he said, "What are these cities that you have given to me, my brother?" And he called them the land of Cabul, to this day.

UST:

He said to Solomon, "My friend, those cities that you gave me are worthless." Because of that, Hiram called that region the Land of Cabul. That is still the name of that region now.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 9:14

ULT:

Now Hiram had sent to the king 120 kikkars of gold.

UST:

Hiram {was so upset because he} had provided Solomon with about 4,000 kilograms of gold {for the temple and for his palace}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 9:15

ULT:

Now this is the matter of the forced labor that King Solomon brought up to build the house of Yahweh and his house and the Millo and the wall of Jerusalem and Hazor and Megiddo and Gezer.

UST:

This is an account of how King Solomon forced some of the men who lived in the land of Israel to work hard on his building projects. He forced them to work on the temple, his palace, the Millo, and the wall around Jerusalem. He also forced them to work to make the cities of Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer into fortresses.

Why had King Joram gone back to Jezreel?

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

1 Kings 9:16

ULT:

Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had gone up and captured Gezer, and he had burned it with fire, and he had killed the Canaanite, the dweller of the city. And he had given it {as} a dowry to his daughter, the wife of Solomon.

UST:

The city of Gezer belonged to Solomon because Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had sent his army to attack Gezer and capture it. His soldiers had burned all the houses in the city and killed all the people who lived there. They were Canaanites. Pharaoh then gave that city to his daughter as a gift when she married Solomon.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 9:17

ULT:

And Solomon built Gezer and Lower Beth Horon

UST:

Then Solomon's workers rebuilt Gezer {as a border fortress city}. They also built up {as border fortress cities} Lower Beth Horon,

What did the watchman see the messenger do? (9:17-18)

The watchman saw the messenger speak to the men but did not come back ahead of them.

1 Kings 9:18

ULT:

and Baalath and Tadmor in the wilderness in the land

UST:

Baalath, and Tamar in the desolate area in the southern part of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 9:19

ULT:

and all of the cities of the storehouses that were to Solomon and the cities of the chariotry and the cities of the horsemen and the desire of Solomon, whatever he desired to build in Jerusalem and in Lebanon and in all of the land of his dominion.

UST:

They also built the cities where Solomon kept supplies and the places where he kept his horses and chariots. They also built everything else that he wanted them to build in Jerusalem, Lebanon, and other places where he had royal authority.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 9:20

ULT:

All of the people, the ones being left from the Amorite, the Hittite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, they who {were} not from the sons of Israel,

UST:

There were many people {living in Solomon's kingdom} who were not Israelites. Rather, they were Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites.

How did the watchman know Jehu was driving the chariot?

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

1 Kings 9:21

ULT:

their sons who were left after them in the land, whom the sons of Israel were not able to devote them, Solomon brought them up for the forced labor of working, to this day.

UST:

These people were descendants of members of those people groups whom the Israelites were not able to kill {when they defeated those groups and occupied the land of Canaan}. It was those people whom Solomon forced to work hard on his building projects. The Israelites still require those people to work for them.

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

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

1 Kings 9:22

ULT:

But from the sons of Israel Solomon did not make a servant, for they {were} the men of war and his servants and his commanders and his captains and the commanders of his chariotry and his horsemen.

UST:

But Solomon did not force any Israelite people to become slaves. Instead, some of them became his soldiers, officials, army commanders, army officers, and leaders of his chariot forces and troops who rode on horses.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 9:23

ULT:

These {were} the commanders of the deputies who {were} over the work for Solomon, 550, the ones ruling over the people doing the work.

UST:

Solomon also had 550 officials who supervised the men who commanded the workers whom he forced to build all those places.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 9:24

ULT:

Once the daughter of Pharoah had gone up from the City of David to her house that he had built for her, then he built the Millo.

UST:

Solomon had his workers build a palace for his wife, who was the daughter of the king of Egypt. After she moved there from the City of David{, where she had been living,} Solomon had his workers build the Millo.

What happened after Jehu shot Joram between his shoulders?

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

1 Kings 9:25

ULT:

And three times in the year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar that he had built for Yahweh, and he burned incense with it, which {was} to the face of Yahweh. And he completed the house.

UST:

Three times each year, on the altar that he had built for Yahweh in front of the temple, Solomon offered sacrifices that the priests burned completely on the altar and fellowship sacrifices. He also brought incense for the priests to burn with these sacrifices. In that way Solomon made the temple the place where the Israelites would come to worship Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 9:26

ULT:

And King Solomon made a fleet in Ezion Geber, which {is} near Elath on the lip of the Sea of Reeds in the land of Edom.

UST:

King Solomon also had his workers build a fleet of ships at the city of Ezion Geber. That city is near the city of Elath on the shore of the Sea of Reeds in the territory of the Edomites.

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

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

1 Kings 9:27

ULT:

And Hiram sent his servants in the fleet, men of ships, knowers of the sea, with the servants of Solomon.

UST:

Some of King Hiram's subjects were experienced sailors who knew well how to sail in the ocean. He had them go on these ships with Solomon's men.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 9:28

ULT:

And they came to Ophir, and they took gold from there, 420 kikkars. And they brought it to King Solomon.

UST:

They sailed together to the region of Ophir, and from there they brought back to Solomon about 14 metric tons of gold.

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

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

1 Kings 10

1 Kings 10:1

ULT:

Now the Queen of Sheba heard the report of Solomon regarding the name of Yahweh. And she came to test him with difficult questions.

UST:

The queen who ruled the land of Sheba heard that Solomon had great understanding of what Yahweh was like. She wanted to know whether what she had heard about him was true. So she traveled to Jerusalem to ask him the many difficult questions she had {about God}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:2

ULT:

And she came to Jerusalem with a very great entourage, camels carrying spices and very much gold and precious stone. And she came to Solomon and spoke to him all that was with her heart.

UST:

She brought many of her officials with her in a large caravan. The camels were carrying spices, gemstones, and much gold {as gifts for Solomon}. Solomon welcomed her, and she asked him about everything she wanted to know.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:3

ULT:

And Solomon declared to her all of her matters. No matter was hidden from the king that he did not declare to her.

UST:

Solomon answered all of her questions. Not one of her questions was too difficult for him to answer.

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

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

1 Kings 10:4

ULT:

And the Queen of Sheba saw all of the wisdom of Solomon and the house that he had built

UST:

The Queen recognized that Solomon was very wise. She toured his palace,

Why did the elders and guardians of Ahab's descendants not make any man king? (10:4-5)

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

1 Kings 10:5

ULT:

and the food of his table and the seating of his servants and the service of his attendants and their apparel and his cupbearers and his burnt offerings that he offered {at} the house of Yahweh. And no more breath was in her.

UST:

and she saw the food that he served. She saw how his many officials sat in different places of honor at meals. She saw how the waiters and cupbearers wore splendid uniforms. She also saw the many animals that he brought to the temple for the priests to burn completely as sacrifices. All of this overwhelmed her.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:6

ULT:

And she said to the king, "The word is true that I heard in my land about your words and about your wisdom."

UST:

She told King Solomon, "Everything that I heard back in my own country about how wisely you speak is true!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:7

ULT:

But I did not believe the words until when I came and my eyes saw, and behold, the half had not been declared to me! You have added wisdom and goodness to the report that I heard.

UST:

But I did not believe it was true until I came here and saw it for myself. Indeed, what people told me was only half of what they could have told me about you. You are much wiser and wealthier than people told me.

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

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

1 Kings 10:8

ULT:

The happiness of your men! The happiness of these servants of yours, the ones standing to your face continually, the ones hearing your wisdom!

UST:

How fortunate are your subjects! And how fortunate are your servants, who are always standing around you and listening to the wise things that you say!

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:9

ULT:

May Yahweh your God be blessed, who has delighted in you to put you on the throne of Israel. Because Yahweh loves Israel to forever, he has set you as king, to do justice and righteousness!"

UST:

I praise Yahweh, your God, who has shown that he is pleased with you by making you the king of Israel! Yahweh has always loved the Israelite people, and so he has appointed you to be a king who will rule them righteously."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:10

ULT:

And she gave to the king 120 kikkars of gold and very many spices and precious stone. {There} has not come again for abundance like that spice that the Queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.

UST:

The Queen of Sheba gave King Solomon {as gifts from what she had brought} over 4,000 kilograms of gold, many gemstones, and a very large amount of spices. The spices that she gave to Solomon were the greatest quantity of spices that anyone ever brought to Jerusalem.

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

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

1 Kings 10:11

ULT:

(And also the fleet of Hiram, which carried gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir very much wood of almug and precious stone.

UST:

(Solomon had built a fleet of ships that King Hiram's men sailed. Solomon built the ships to get gold from Ophir. But the crews also brought a large amount of sandalwood and many gemstones back from Ophir.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:12

ULT:

And the king made the wood of almug a support for the house of Yahweh and for the house of the king and harps and lyres for the singers. Such wood of almug had not come and has not been seen to this day.)

UST:

King Solomon told his workers to use that wood to make furnishings for the temple and for his palace. He also told them to use it to make harps and lyres for the temple musicians. No one had ever brought so much sandalwood to Israel before, and no one has brought so much sandalwood to Israel since then.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:13

ULT:

And King Solomon gave to the Queen of Sheba all of her delight, whatever she requested, besides what he gave to her according to the hand of King Solomon. And she turned and went to her land, she and her servants.

UST:

The Queen of Sheba admired many things in Jerusalem and asked for them, and Solomon gave them to her. He also gave her other generous gifts from his own riches. Then she and the people who had come with her returned to their own land.

How many brothers of Ahaziah did Jehu meet and kill? (10:13-14)

He met and killed forty-two men.

1 Kings 10:14

ULT:

And the weight of the gold that came to Solomon in one year was 666 kikkars of gold,

UST:

Each year Solomon received over 22 metric tons of gold in tribute from kingdoms that he controlled.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:15

ULT:

apart from the men of the searchers and from the merchandise of the traders and all of the kings of the Arab and the governors of the land.

UST:

In addition to that, merchants and traders who traveled through and within Israel paid him duties and tolls. Arabian kings also often sent him gifts of gold, and the district governors submitted the taxes they collected in gold.

Why did Jehu take Jonadab into the chariot?

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

1 Kings 10:16

ULT:

And King Solomon made 200 beaten-gold large shields, 600 gold went up onto one large shield,

UST:

King Solomon told his workers to take gold and hammer it {into thin sheets and cover} 200 large shields with {those thin sheets of} gold. They used nearly seven kilograms of gold to make each shield.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:17

ULT:

and 300 beaten-gold shields, three gold minas went up onto one shield. And the king put them {in} the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

UST:

He also told his workers to make 300 smaller shields. They covered each of them with about one and a half kilograms of gold. King Solomon put all of those shields in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:18

ULT:

And the king made a great ivory throne, and he overlaid it {with} refined gold.

UST:

He also had his workers make a large throne for him. The workers inlaid this throne with ivory, and they framed the ivory with borders of very fine gold.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:19

ULT:

Six steps {were} to the throne, and a round head {was} to the throne from behind it. And hands {were} from this side and from that side to the place of the seat. And two lions were standing beside the hands.

UST:

There were six steps in front of the throne. The back of the throne was rounded at the top. On each side of the throne, there was an armrest. There was a statue of a lion next to each armrest.

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

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

1 Kings 10:20

ULT:

And 12 lions were standing there on the six steps, from this side and from that side. It was not made thus for any of the kingdoms.

UST:

There was also a statue of a lion on both sides of each step. So altogether there were 12 statues of lions. There was no throne like this one in any other kingdom.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:21

ULT:

And all of the vessels of the drink of King Solomon were gold, and all of the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were beaten gold. {There was} no silver. It was not reckoned as anything in the days of Solomon.

UST:

King Solomon and his court officials drank from gold cups. His craftsmen also made all of the dishes for the House of the Forest of Lebanon by hammering out gold. They did not make any of these things from silver. That metal was so common during the time when Solomon ruled that people did not consider it to be valuable.

To where did the worshipers of Baal come?

They came into the temple of Baal.

1 Kings 10:22

ULT:

For a fleet of Tarshish {was} to the king on the sea with the fleet of Hiram. One in three years the fleet of Tarshish would come carrying gold and silver, elephant tusks and apes and peacocks.

UST:

King Solomon had a fleet of ships that were able to sail out on the sea. That is where King Hiram's ships also sailed {from Tyre}. The ships would sail to many different ports for three years. At the end of that time, they would bring back gold, silver, ivory, monkeys, and peacocks.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:23

ULT:

And King Solomon became greater than all of the kings of the earth in wealth and in wisdom.

UST:

King Solomon became the richest and wisest king in the world.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:24

ULT:

And all of the earth was seeking the face of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

UST:

People from many different places wanted to come and listen to the wise things that Solomon said about matters that God had enabled him to understand.

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

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

1 Kings 10:25

ULT:

And they were bringing, a man his gift, vessels of silver and vessels of gold and garments and weaponry and spices, horses and mules, a matter of year by year.

UST:

All the people who came to him brought presents. They brought articles made from silver or gold, or robes, or weapons, or spices, or horses, or mules. The people continued to do this every year.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:26

ULT:

And Solomon accumulated chariotry and horsemen. And 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen were to him. And he stationed them in the cities of chariotry and with the king in Jerusalem.

UST:

Solomon acquired a great force of chariots and riders. In his army, he had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 men who rode on horses. Solomon had built special cities in which to keep chariots, and he kept many of his chariots in them. But he also kept some chariots with him in Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:27

ULT:

And the king made silver in Jerusalem like stones, and he made cedars like the sycamores that {are} in the Shephelah for abundance.

UST:

During the years that Solomon was king, silver became very common in Jerusalem, just as stones are common. Cedar wood became very plentiful, just as the wood is plentiful that comes from the sycamore trees that grow in the foothills of Judah.

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

They made the house of Baal into a latrine.

1 Kings 10:28

ULT:

*And the going out of the horses that {were} to Solomon {was} from Egypt and from Kue.
The traders of the king would take from Kue for a price.*

UST:

*Solomon imported horses from Egypt and Kue. His purchasing agents would go to Kue
and buy horses there at the current price.*

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 10:29

ULT:

And a chariot came up and went out from Egypt for 600 silver, and a horse for 150, and thus by their hand they brought out to all of the kings of the Hittites and to the kings of Aram.

UST:

In Egypt, his agents bought both horses and chariots. They paid about seven kilograms of silver for each chariot and about two kilograms of silver for each horse. Agents of Solomon would then resell many of the horses and chariots to Hittite and Aramean kings.

How did Jehu not leave the sins of Jeroboam?

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

1 Kings 11

1 Kings 11:1

ULT:

Now King Solomon loved many foreign women and the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabitesses, Ammonitesses, Edomitesses, Sidonianesses, Hittitesses,

UST:

King Solomon had many foreign wives. First he married the daughter of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Later he married many Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women.

Who was Athaliah not able to kill? (11:1-2)

Athaliah could not kill Joash because the soldiers could not find him.

1 Kings 11:2

ULT:

from the nations {about} which Yahweh had said to the sons of Israel, "You must not enter into them, and they must not enter into you. Surely they will stretch out your heart after their gods." Solomon clung to them in love.

UST:

He married them even though Yahweh had told the Israelites, "You must not marry people from those groups, because if you do, they will certainly persuade you to worship the gods that they worship!" But Solomon loved these women, and so he married them anyway.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:3

ULT:

And to him were 700 wives, princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives stretched out his heart.

UST:

Solomon married 700 women who were kings' daughters. These wives led him to start worshiping foreign gods. He also had 300 secondary wives.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:4

ULT:

And it happened in the time of the old age of Solomon {that} his wives stretched out his heart after other gods. And his heart was not complete with Yahweh his God like the heart of David his father.

UST:

By the time Solomon became old, his wives persuaded him to worship the gods their people groups worshiped. He was not completely faithful to Yahweh his God as his father David had been.

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

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

1 Kings 11:5

ULT:

And Solomon went after Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom, the abomination of the Ammonites.

UST:

Solomon worshiped Ashtoreth, the goddess that the Sidonians worshiped. He also worshiped Milcom, the disgusting god that the Ammonites worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:6

ULT:

And Solomon did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, and he was not full after Yahweh like David his father.

UST:

In that way, Solomon did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. Solomon's father David had always devoted himself entirely to Yahweh, but Solomon did not.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:7

ULT:

Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, on the hill that {is} on the face of Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the sons of Ammon.

UST:

On the hill that is to the east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a place to worship Chemosh, the disgusting god that the Moabites worshiped. He also built a place to worship Molech, the disgusting god that the Ammonites worshiped.

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

The two groups who were not serving on the Sabbath had to guard the house of Yahweh to protect young King Joash.

1 Kings 11:8

ULT:

And thus he did for all of his foreign wives burning incense and sacrificing to their gods.

UST:

Solomon built similar high places for all of his foreign wives so that they could burn incense and offer sacrifices to the gods that their people groups worshiped.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:9

ULT:

And Yahweh became angry with Solomon, for his heart had stretched away from with Yahweh, the God of Israel, the one having appeared to him two times,

UST:

Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worshiped, had appeared to Solomon twice. Even so, Solomon began to worship gods other than Yahweh. So Yahweh became very angry with him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:10

ULT:

and he had commanded to him about this thing, not to go after other gods. But he did not keep what Yahweh had commanded.

UST:

{When he appeared to Solomon the second time,} Yahweh had commanded him not to worship foreign gods. But Solomon had disobeyed what Yahweh told him.

What did Jehoiada hand over to the commanders?

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

1 Kings 11:11

ULT:

And Yahweh said to Solomon, “Because this is with you, that you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I commanded concerning you, tearing, I will tear the kingdom away from you, and I will give it to your servant.

UST:

Yahweh told him, “You have disobeyed the laws that I gave the Israelites for their king when I made my covenant with them. So you can be sure that I am going to make someone else, one of your officials, the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:12

ULT:

However, I will not do it in your days, for the sake of David your father. From the hand of your son I will tear it away.

UST:

But because of what I promised your father David, I will allow you to rule your kingdom while you are still living. But after you die, I will not allow your son to rule the {whole} kingdom.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:13

ULT:

Only I will not tear away all of the kingdom. I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen.”

UST:

However, I will allow him to rule some of the kingdom. I will allow him to rule one tribe. I will do that in order to honor my servant David {by allowing one of his descendants always to be a king.} And because I have chosen Jerusalem {as the location for my temple, I will allow your son to rule the tribe of Judah, whose territory includes Jerusalem}.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:14

ULT:

And Yahweh raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite. He {was} from the seed of the king in Edom.

UST:

Then Yahweh enabled Hadad, a son of the king of Edom, to become Solomon's enemy {and lead the Edomites to rebel against him}.

Why did Athaliah tear her clothes and shout?

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

1 Kings 11:15

ULT:

Now it had happened, when David was in Edom, when Joab, the commander of the army, had gone up to bury the slain, that he had struck every male in Edom.

UST:

This is what happened. Many years before, David's army had fought against Edom and conquered it. After the fighting was over, his army commander Joab had gone to Edom to supervise the Israelite soldiers who were burying their fellow soldiers whom the Edomites had killed during the war. While he was there, Joab tried to kill every Edomite man and boy.

Why was Athaliah killed at the king's house? (11:15-16)

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

1 Kings 11:16

ULT:

For Joab and all of Israel dwelled there six months until he had cut off every male in Edom.

UST:

Joab and his whole army stayed in Edom for six months so that they could kill as many Edomite males as possible.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:17

ULT:

But Adad fled, he and Edomite men from the servants of his father with him, to enter Egypt. And Hadad {was} a little boy.

UST:

Hadad was a young child at that time. But some of the officials of his father, the king of Edom, carried him away, hoping to bring him to Egypt {where he would be safe}.

After Jehoiada made a covenant, what did the people do? (11:17-18)

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

1 Kings 11:18

ULT:

And they arose from Midian and entered Paran. And they took men with them from Paran and came {to} Egypt, to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. And he gave a house to him, and he ordered bread for him, and he gave land to him.

UST:

First they fled to the region of Midian. From there, they undertook the difficult journey through the desolate area of Paran. They found guides there who traveled with them and helped them make that journey. When they got to Egypt, they asked Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to allow them to live safely in his country. Pharaoh gave Hadad a house with some property and he ordered his servants to provide him with food regularly.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:19

ULT:

And Hadad found much favor in the eyes of Pharaoh. And he gave to him a wife, the sister of his wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

UST:

The king liked Hadad very much. As a result, he allowed him to marry the sister of his own wife, Queen Tahpenes.

**When Joash sat on the throne of the kings, how did the people respond?
(11:19-20)**

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

1 Kings 11:20

ULT:

And the sister of Tahpenes bore to him Genubath, his son, and Tahpenes weaned him in the midst of the house of Pharaoh. And Genubath was in the house of Pharaoh in the midst of the sons of Pharaoh.

UST:

Later, the sister of Tahpenes had a baby boy. The name of this son of Hadad was Genubath. Tahpenes herself nursed him in the royal palace. He grew up there with Pharaoh's sons.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:21

ULT:

And Hadad heard in Egypt that David had lain down with his fathers and that Joab, the commander of the army, had died. And Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Send me away, that I may go to my land."

UST:

Much later, while Hadad was still in Egypt, he learned that King David and Joab, the commander of David's army, had both died. So he asked Pharaoh, "Please allow me to return to my own country."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:22

ULT:

And Pharaoh said to him, "But what {are} you lacking with me, that behold you, seeking to go to your land?" And he said, "Nothing, but sending, may you send me away."

UST:

But Pharaoh said to him, "You have everything that you need here with me, so you ought to be content to stay here." Hadad replied, "I do have everything I need here, but please allow me to leave anyway," {and Pharaoh allowed him to leave, and he led the Edomites to rebel against Solomon}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:23

ULT:

And God raised up an adversary against him, Rezon, the son of Eliada, who had fled from Hadadezer, the king of Zobah, his master.

UST:

God also enabled another man, Rezon son of Eliada, to become Solomon's enemy. Rezon had been an official of King Hadadezer, who ruled the area of Zobah. But Rezon had stopped serving him and had run away.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:24

ULT:

And he gathered men to himself, and he became the commander of a raiding band when David killed them. And they went {to} Damascus, and they dwelled in it and they reigned in Damascus.

UST:

This is what happened. David's army defeated Hadadezer and killed many of his soldiers. Rezon escaped with some other soldiers, and together they formed a group of outlaws with Rezon as their leader. They went to Damascus and settled there, and they took control of the city.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:25

ULT:

And he was an adversary against Israel all of the days of Solomon, and the harm that Hadad {did}. And he loathed Israel, and he reigned over Aram.

UST:

Just like Hadad, Rezon was an enemy of Israel for the rest of the time that Solomon was king. Rezon hated the Israelites bitterly. He eventually controlled the whole region of Aram.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:26

ULT:

And Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite from Zeredah, and the name of his mother {was} Zeruah, a woman, a widow, {was} a servant of Solomon, and he raised a hand against the king.

UST:

Another man who rebelled against Solomon was one of his officials. His name was Jeroboam son of Nebat. Nebat had lived in the city of Zeredah within the territory of the tribe of Ephraim. Nebat had died, so that Jeroboam's mother Zeruah was a widow.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:27

ULT:

Now this {was} the matter {by} which he raised a hand against the king. Solomon had built the Millo; he had closed up the breach of the City of David his father.

UST:

This is what happened. Solomon had his workers build the Millo and finish building walls all around the City of David.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:28

ULT:

And the man Jeroboam {was} mighty of strength. And Solomon had seen the young man, that he was a doer of work, so he had appointed him over all of the forced labor of the house of Joseph.

UST:

Jeroboam was a very skillful young man. {He had worked on these building projects, and} Solomon had seen that he was able to accomplish tasks effectively. So Solomon appointed him to supervise all the men from the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim whom he forced to work.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:29

ULT:

And it happened at that time that Jeroboam went out from Jerusalem, and the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the road. And he was covering himself with a new cloak, and the two of them {were} by themselves in the field.

UST:

One day as Jeroboam was leaving Jerusalem {for his work in the area north of there}, the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite met him on the road. The two of them were alone, away from any city. Ahijah was wearing a new robe,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:30

ULT:

And Ahijah took hold of the new cloak that was upon him, and he tore it {into} 12 pieces.

UST:

which he took off and tore into 12 pieces.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:31

ULT:

And he said to Jeroboam, “Take for yourself ten pieces. For thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, ‘Behold me, tearing the kingdom from the hand of Solomon, and I will give ten tribes to you.

UST:

He told Jeroboam, “Take ten of these pieces for yourself, because Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, says to you, ‘I am going to take the kingdom away from Solomon, and I am going to make you the ruler of ten of the tribes of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:32

ULT:

But one tribe will be to him for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city upon which I have chosen from all of the tribes of Israel.

UST:

However, I will allow Solomon's descendants to keep ruling one tribe. I will do that in order to honor my servant David. And because I have chosen Jerusalem from all of the Israelite cities {to be the location for my temple, I will allow his descendants to rule the tribe of Judah, whose territory includes Jerusalem}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:33

ULT:

For they have forsaken me, and they have bowed down to Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, to Chemosh, the god of Moab, and to Milcom, the god of the sons of Ammon. And they do not walk in my ways, to do right in my eyes, or my statutes or my judgments, like David his father.

UST:

I am going to do this because Solomon has become unfaithful to me {and has caused many Israelites to become unfaithful to me as well}. He has been worshiping Asherah, the goddess that the Sidonians worship, Chemosh, the god that the Moabites worship, and Molech, the god that the Ammonites worship. He has not conducted his life as I want people to. He has not obeyed my laws the way his father David did.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:34

ULT:

But I will not take all of the kingdom from his hand. Rather, I will put him as a leader all of the days of his life for the sake of David my servant, him whom I chose, who kept my commandments and my statutes.

UST:

But I will not stop Solomon from ruling the entire kingdom of Israel while he is alive. Instead, I will allow him to remain as king. I will do that in order to honor David, whom I chose {to be the king of Israel} and who faithfully obeyed my laws.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:35

ULT:

But I will take the kingdom from the hand of his son, and I will give it to you, ten of the tribes.

UST:

Instead, I will stop his son from ruling the entire kingdom, and I will allow you to become the king of ten of the Israelite tribes.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:36

ULT:

But to his son I will give one tribe so that there may be a lamp for David my servant all of the days to my face in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen for myself to put my name there.

UST:

I will allow Solomon's son to rule one tribe so that I will always see one of David's descendants ruling in Jerusalem. I chose that city to be the place where the Israelites would worship me.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:37

ULT:

And I will take you, and you will reign over all that your soul desires, and you will be king over Israel.

UST:

You are now an official, but I will enable you to become the king of Israel, and you will rule all the territory that you want to rule.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:38

ULT:

And it will be, if you hear all that I command you and you walk in my ways and you do right in my eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments, just as David my servant did, then I will be with you and I will build for you an established house, just as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.

UST:

But you must obey everything that I command you to do. You must conduct your life as I want you to. You must do things that I consider to be right. You must obey my laws as David did. If you do those things, I will help you. I will make sure that your descendants become kings of Israel after you die, as I have done for David.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:39

ULT:

And I will afflict the seed of David on account of this, only not all of the days. ’”

UST:

Because of Solomon’s sins, I will punish David’s descendants, but I will not continue to punish them forever. ’”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:40

ULT:

And Solomon sought to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt, to Shishak, the king of Egypt. And he was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

UST:

Solomon {found out what Ahijah told Jeroboam, and so he} tried to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam escaped and went to Egypt. Shishak, the king of Egypt, protected him. Jeroboam stayed there until after Solomon died.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:41

ULT:

Now the rest of the matters of Solomon and all that he did and his wisdom, {are} they not written in the book of the matters of Solomon?

UST:

There is a record of other things that Solomon did and many of the wise things that he said in the book that records the events of his reign.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:42

ULT:

And the days that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all of Israel were 40 years.

UST:

Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all of Israel for 40 years.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 11:43

ULT:

And Solomon lay down with his fathers, and he was buried in the City of David, his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.

UST:

Then Solomon died. The Israelites buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people called the City of David. Solomon's son Rehoboam became the next king.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12

1 Kings 12:1

ULT:

And Rehoboam went {to} Shechem, for all of Israel had come {to} Shechem to make him reign.

UST:

Leaders from all the tribes of Israel went to the city of Shechem in order to appoint Rehoboam as their king. So Rehoboam also went there.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:2

ULT:

And it happened, when Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, heard (now he, he {was} still in Egypt, where he had fled from the face of King Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelled in Egypt),

UST:

Jeroboam had fled to Egypt to escape from Solomon, and he had settled there. He learned in Egypt that Solomon had died.

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

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

1 Kings 12:3

ULT:

that they sent and they called for him. And Jeroboam came, and all of the assembly of Israel, and they spoke to Rehoboam, saying,

UST:

The Israelite leaders asked him to come back to Israel{, and he did.} They went together to speak with Rehoboam. They told him,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:4

ULT:

“Your father made our yoke hard. But you, now make {it} lighter than the hard service of your father and than his heavy yoke that he put on us, and we will serve you.”

UST:

“Your father Solomon forced us to work very hard, but if you allow us to work less hard, then we will agree to be your subjects.”

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

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

1 Kings 12:5

ULT:

And he said to them, "Go until three days, then return to me." So the people went.

UST:

*He replied, "Go away for a couple of days {to give me some time to consider that}.
Then come back {and I will give you my answer}." So those leaders and Jeroboam left.*

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:6

ULT:

And King Rehoboam consulted with the elders who had been standing to the face of Solomon his father while he was alive, saying, "How are you advising to answer this people {with} a word?"

UST:

Then King Rehoboam asked for advice from the older men who had been officials of his father Solomon while he was still living. He asked them, "What do you think I should say in response to what these Israelite leaders have asked me to do?"

Why did Joash tell the priests to take no more money from the taxpayers? (12:6-7)

Joash told the priests this because they had not repaired anything in the temple.

1 Kings 12:7

ULT:

And they spoke to him, saying, "If today you will be a servant to this people and serve them and you answer them and speak good words to them, then they will be servants to you all of the days."

UST:

They replied, "We recommend that on this occasion, you humble yourself and do what they have asked. Speak kindly to them when you reply to them. If you do that, they will always be your loyal subjects."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:8

ULT:

But he forsook the counsel of the elders that they had counseled him, and he consulted with the young men who had grown up with him who were standing to his face.

UST:

But Rehoboam decided not to do what the older men had advised him to do. Instead, he asked for advice from the younger men who had been his friends since they were boys and who were now his advisors.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:9

ULT:

And he said to them, "How are you advising that we should answer {with} a word this people who spoke to me saying, 'Make lighter than the yoke that your father put on us'?"

UST:

He asked them, "What do you think we should say in response to these Israelite leaders who have asked me to allow them to work less hard than my father required them to work?"

Who put money into the chest?

The priests who were guarding the temple entrance put into the chest all the money that was brought to the house of Yahweh.

1 Kings 12:10

ULT:

And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, “Thus you shall say to this people who spoke to you, saying, ‘Your father made our yoke heavy, but you, make light from upon us.’ Thus you shall speak to them, ‘My little finger {is} thicker than the loins of my father.

UST:

Those young men who were his boyhood friends replied, “This is what you should tell these people who asked you to allow them to work less hard than your father required them to work: ‘I am a harsher man than my father was.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:11

ULT:

And now, my father loaded a heavy yoke on you, but I, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I, I will discipline you with scorpions. ’’

UST:

This is my answer to you. My father required you to work hard. But I am going to make you work even harder. My father had his overseers discipline you Israelite workers harshly. But I am going to have them discipline you even more harshly. ’’

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:12

ULT:

And Jeroboam and all of the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, just as the king had spoken, saying, "Return to me on the third day."

UST:

A couple of days after Jeroboam and the Israelite leaders first met with Rehoboam, they came to speak with him again, which is what he had told them to do.

For what did the workers use the money?

The workers used the money for buying timber and cutting stone to repair the temple of Yahweh, and for all that was needed to be paid to repair it.

1 Kings 12:13

ULT:

And the king answered the people harshly, and he forsook the counsel of the elders that they had counseled him.

UST:

The king disregarded the advice that the older men had given him. Instead, he spoke roughly to the Israelite leaders.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:14

ULT:

And he spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I, I will discipline you with scorpions.”

UST:

He told them what the younger men had advised him to say. He said, “My father required you to work hard. But I am going to make you work even harder. My father had his overseers discipline you Israelite workers harshly. But I am going to have them discipline you even more harshly.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:15

ULT:

And the king did not listen to the people, for the turn was from with Yahweh, so that he might raise up his word, which Yahweh had spoken by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam, the son of Nebat.

UST:

So the king did not do what the Israelite leaders wanted him to do. That was because Yahweh caused him to refuse their request. In that way, Yahweh made happen what he had told Jeroboam son of Nebat through the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:16

ULT:

And all of Israel saw that the king had not listened to them, and the people answered the king {with} a word, saying, "What portion {is} to us in David? And no inheritance in the son of Jesse! To your tents, Israel! Now see your house, David." And Israel went to its tents.

UST:

When the Israelite leaders realized that Rehoboam was not going to do what they had asked, they responded to him by shouting, "We do not want to be subjects of this descendant of King David! We will not accept this grandson of Jesse as our ruler! We Israelites should all go home! As for this descendant of David, he can rule his own tribe!" So the Israelite leaders returned to their homes.

Why was the money for the guilt offerings and the money for the sin offerings not brought into the temple of Yahweh?

The money for the guilt offerings and the money for the sin offerings was not brought into the temple of Yahweh, because it belonged to the priests.

1 Kings 12:17

ULT:

(But the sons of Israel, the ones dwelling in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.)

UST:

(After that, the only Israelites who accepted Rehoboam as their king were the members of the tribe of Judah.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:18

ULT:

And King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who {was} over the forced labor, but all of Israel stoned him {with} stone, and he died. And King Rehoboam strengthened himself to go up into the chariot to flee to Jerusalem.

UST:

King Rehoboam had an official whose name was Adoniram. He supervised the men whom Rehoboam forced to work for him. {Before the Israelite leaders left,} King Rehoboam sent out Adoniram {to try to make them obey him}. But the Israelite people killed him by throwing stones at him. When that happened, King Rehoboam got into his chariot as fast as he could and escaped to Jerusalem.

How did King Joash prevent King Hazael from attacking Jerusalem?

Joash took all the holy objects that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah had consecrated to Yahweh, his own holy things, and all the gold that was found in the storerooms of the houses of Yahweh and of the king, and he sent them to Hazael, king of Aram. Then Hazael went away from Jerusalem.

1 Kings 12:19

ULT:

And Israel has rebelled against the house of David to this day.

UST:

Ever since that time, the people of the northern tribes of Israel have refused to be subjects of descendants of King David.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:20

ULT:

And it happened, when all of Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, that they sent and called him to the congregation, and they made him reign over all of Israel. One was not after the house of David except the tribe of Judah by itself.

UST:

When the people of the northern tribes heard that Jeroboam had returned from Egypt, they invited him to come to a gathering of their representatives. There they appointed him to be their king. Only the people of the tribe of Judah continued to be loyal to the kings who were descendants of David.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:21

ULT:

And Rehoboam entered Jerusalem, and he assembled all of the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin, 180,000 chosen makers of war, to fight with the house of Israel to return the kingdom to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon.

UST:

When Rehoboam got back to Jerusalem, he gathered 180,000 of the best soldiers from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. He wanted them to fight against soldiers of the northern Israelite tribes {and defeat them} so that he could rule all of the Israelite tribes again.

Who attacked Joash?

Jozacar, the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad, the son of Shomer, his servants, attacked Joash.

1 Kings 12:22

ULT:

But the word of God was to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

UST:

But God spoke to the prophet Shemaiah and said to him,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:23

ULT:

“Speak to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, the king of Judah, and to all of the house of Judah and Benjamin and the rest of the people, saying,

UST:

“Here is something that I want you to tell Rehoboam son of Solomon, the king of Judah, the army of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, and the people of those tribes.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:24

ULT:

'Thus says Yahweh, "You shall not go up and you shall not fight with your brothers, the sons of Israel. Return, a man to his house, for this thing has been from with me."'" And they heard the word of Yahweh, and they returned to go, according to the word of Yahweh.

UST:

Tell them that I say that they must not go to fight against their fellow Israelites. They must all go home. Tell them that this has happened because I wanted it to happen." {So Shemaiah went and told that to them, and} they all obeyed what Yahweh had commanded them to do and went home.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:25

ULT:

And Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and he dwelled in it. And he went out from there, and he built Peniel.

UST:

Then Jeroboam told his workers to rebuild walls around the city of Shechem in the hilly area where the tribe of Ephraim lived. He moved to that city {and made it his capital}. Later he and his workers went from there to the city of Peniel, and they rebuilt the walls around that city {to make it a border fortress}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:26

ULT:

And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David.

UST:

Then Jeroboam said to himself, "It seems likely that the descendants of David will soon rule all of Israel once again.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:27

ULT:

If this people goes up to make sacrifices in the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will return to their master, to Rehoboam, the king of Judah. And they will kill me, and they will return to Rehoboam, the king of Judah.”

UST:

If my subjects continue to go to Jerusalem and offer sacrifices to Yahweh at the temple there, soon they will want Rehoboam to be their king again. Then they will kill me and agree to become his subjects again.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:28

ULT:

And the king consulted, and he made two calves of gold. And he said to them, "Going up to Jerusalem {is} too much for you. Behold your gods, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"

UST:

So he asked his advisors what they thought he should do{, and then he did what they suggested}. He told his workers to make two gold statues of calves. Then he told the people whom he ruled, "It would be too difficult for you to keep traveling to Jerusalem to worship. You people of Israel, look! These statues represent the God who rescued our ancestors from slavery in Egypt {and you can worship them here}!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:29

ULT:

And he set one in Bethel, and he put one in Dan.

UST:

He told his workers to place one of the statues in the city of Bethel {in the south of his kingdom} and one in the city of Dan {in the north}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:30

ULT:

And this thing became a sin, and the people went to the face of the one as far as Dan.

UST:

What Jeroboam did caused the people of his kingdom to sin {because they started worshiping these calves as idols}. They would travel all the way to the city of Dan to worship where one of the calves was.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:31

ULT:

And he made a house of high places. And he made priests from the extremities of the people, who were not from the sons of Levi.

UST:

Jeroboam had his workers build shrines for worship on the top of hills. He also appointed Israelite men from many different tribes to be priests, even though the law of Moses said that only men from the tribe of Levi could be priests.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:32

ULT:

And Jeroboam made a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that {was} in Judah, and he offered on the altar. Thus he did at Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And he stationed at Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made.

UST:

Jeroboam also held a celebration like the Festival of Shelters that people celebrated in Judah each year. However, he held it on the fifteenth day of the eighth month {rather than on that day in the seventh month, as the law of Moses commanded}. He went to Bethel and offered sacrifices to the golden calf statue that he had made and put there. He had the priests whom he had appointed come to Bethel and work in the shrine that his workers had built there.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 12:33

ULT:

And he offered on the altar that he had made at Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, in the month that he had devised by himself. And he made a festival for the sons of Israel, and he offered on the altar to burn incense.

UST:

Jeroboam offered sacrifices on the altar {in that shrine} on the fifteenth day of the eighth month. He had chosen that month himself. There on that altar he burned incense as an offering. And he declared that the people should celebrate that festival on that same day every year.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13

1 Kings 13:1

ULT:

And behold, a man of God came from Judah by the word of Yahweh to Bethel. And Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense.

UST:

Yahweh commanded a prophet to go from where he lived in the kingdom of Judah to the city of Bethel{, and the prophet obeyed him}. He arrived there right at the time when Jeroboam was standing at the altar, ready to burn incense.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:2

ULT:

And he cried out against the altar by the word of Yahweh and said: "Altar! Altar! Thus says Yahweh, 'Behold, a son will be born to the house of David, Josiah {will be} his name. And he will sacrifice on you the priests of the high places, the ones burning incense on you. And they will burn the bones of a human on you.'"

UST:

Saying what Yahweh told him to say, the prophet shouted, "This is what Yahweh says about this altar! 'I want you to know that someday King David will have a descendant whose name will be Josiah. He will come to this altar and slaughter the priests who burn incense {while offering sacrifices} at this shrine. He will burn the bones of dead people on this altar.'"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:3

ULT:

And he gave a sign on that day, saying, “This {is} the sign that Yahweh has spoken, ‘Behold, the altar will be split open, and the ash that {is} on it will be poured out.’”

UST:

Then the prophet told them how they would know that what he had said was true. He said, “Yahweh has announced that he is going to make something happen so that you will know that what he has said is true. This altar will split apart, and the ashes that are on it will fall onto the ground.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:4

ULT:

And it happened, when the king heard the word of the man of God that he had cried out against the altar at Bethel, that Jeroboam stretched out his hand from over the altar, saying, "Seize him!" And his hand that he had stretched out against him dried up, and he was not able to bring it back to himself.

UST:

When King Jeroboam heard what the prophet said about the altar at Bethel, at which he was standing, he pointed his finger at him and told his servants, "Seize that man!" But immediately his arm stuck in that position, and he could not lower it.

Why did Yahweh give Israel a rescuer? (13:4-5)

Jehoahaz implored Yahweh, so Yahweh gave Israel a rescuer.

1 Kings 13:5

ULT:

And the altar was split open, and the ash was poured out from the altar, according to the sign that the man of God had given by the word of Yahweh.

UST:

Then the altar split apart, and the ashes that were on it spilled out on the ground. That is exactly what the prophet had said that Yahweh had announced would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:6

ULT:

And the king answered and said to the man of God, "Entreat, please, the face of Yahweh your God and pray for me, that my hand may return to me." And the man of God entreated the face of Yahweh, and the hand of the king returned to him, and it became like at the first.

UST:

Then the king said to the prophet, "Please pray that Yahweh will be merciful to me and heal my arm!" So the prophet prayed, and Yahweh healed the king's arm so that he could move it again.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:7

ULT:

And the king spoke to the man of God, "Come with me to the house and refresh yourself, and I will give a gift to you."

UST:

Then the king said to the prophet, "Come with me to my house and I will serve you a meal. I will also give you a reward for what you have done!"

The king of Aram destroyed the army of Israel and made them like what?

The king of Aram had destroyed the army of Israel and made them like the dust at threshing time.

1 Kings 13:8

ULT:

But the man of God said to the king, "If you gave half of your house to me, I would not come with you, and I would not eat bread and I would not drink water in this place."

UST:

But the prophet replied, "Even if you gave me half of what you owned, I would not go with you, and I would not eat or drink anything here."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:9

ULT:

For thus he has commanded me by the word of Yahweh, saying, 'You shall not eat bread, and you shall not drink water, and you shall not return by the road {by} which you went.'"

UST:

When Yahweh spoke to me, he commanded me not to eat or drink anything here, so I will not do that. He also commanded me to go home by traveling on a different road than the one I traveled on to come here."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:10

ULT:

And he went by another road, and he did not return by the road {by} which he had come to Bethel.

UST:

Then the prophet started to return home. He walked on a different road than the one on which he had walked to come to Bethel.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:11

ULT:

Now an old prophet was dwelling in Bethel, and his son came, and he recounted to him all of the deed that the man of God had done that day in Bethel. The words that he had spoken to the king, also they recounted them to their father.

UST:

At that time there was an old man living in Bethel who was a prophet himself. His sons came and told him what the prophet from Judah had done there on that day. They also told him what the prophet had said to the king.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:12

ULT:

And their father spoke to them, “Where {is} this, the road he walked?” Now his sons had seen the road that the man of God had walked who had come from Judah.

UST:

Their father asked, “On what road did he leave to return home?” His sons had seen what road the prophet from Judah had started walking on{, so they told him which road it was}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:13

ULT:

And he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." And they saddled the donkey for him, and he mounted on it.

UST:

Then he said to his sons, "Get a donkey ready for me to ride." So they did that, and he got onto that donkey.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:14

ULT:

And he went after the man of God, and he found him sitting under the oak tree. And he said to him, “{Are} you the man of God who came from Judah?” And he said, “I {am}.”

UST:

He went along the road to find the prophet from Judah. He found him sitting {to rest} under the large oak tree that was in that area. The old man asked him, “Are you the prophet who came from Judah?” He replied, “Yes, I am.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:15

ULT:

And he said to him, "Go with me to the house and eat bread."

UST:

The old man said to him, "Please come home with me so that I can serve you a meal."

When Elisha was sick, what did he tell Joash to bring?

He told Joash to bring a bow and some arrows.

1 Kings 13:16

ULT:

And he said, "I am not able to return with you or to come with you. And I will not eat bread and I will not drink water with you in this place."

UST:

He replied, "No, I cannot accept your invitation to go with you to your house. I can not eat or drink anything with you here."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:17

ULT:

For a word {was} to me by the word of Yahweh, 'You shall not eat bread and you shall not drink water there. You shall not return to go by the road by which you went.'"

UST:

I must refuse because Yahweh told me, 'Do not eat or drink anything there, and do not return home on the road on which you traveled to Bethel.'"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:18

ULT:

And he said to him, "I also {am} a prophet like you, and an angel spoke to me by the word of Yahweh, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.'" (He lied to him.)

UST:

Then the old man said to him, "I also am a prophet, just as you are. Yahweh sent an angel to tell me that I should bring you home with me and serve you a meal." (But the old prophet was lying when he said that.)

What happened because Joash hit the ground only three times? (13:18-19)

Because he hit the ground only three times, he would strike Aram only three times.

1 Kings 13:19

ULT:

And he returned with him, and he ate bread in his house and drank water.

UST:

So the prophet from Judah returned with the old man to his home, and he ate a meal with him there.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:20

ULT:

And it happened, {as} they were sitting at the table, that the word of Yahweh {was} to the prophet who had brought him back.

UST:

While they were sitting at the table, Yahweh gave the old prophet a message to speak the prophet from Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:21

ULT:

And he cried out to the man of God who had come from Judah, saying, “Thus says Yahweh, ‘Because you have disobeyed the mouth of Yahweh and you have not kept the command that Yahweh your God commanded you,

UST:

Then the man shouted to the prophet, “This is what Yahweh says to you. ‘You have not done what I commanded you to do, and so you have disobeyed the instructions I gave you!

What happened to the man who was buried in Elisha’s grave?

The man who was buried in Elisha’s grave revived and stood up on his feet as soon as the man touched Elisha’s bones.

1 Kings 13:22

ULT:

and you have returned and you have eaten bread and you have drunk water in the place {about} which he spoke to you, “You shall not eat bread and you shall not drink water,” your corpse shall not enter into the grave of your fathers.’”

UST:

Instead, you have come back to this house and eaten a meal, even though I commanded you not to eat anything there. As a result, you will die, and people will not bury your body in the same place where people buried your ancestors.’”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:23

ULT:

And it happened after his eating bread and after his drinking that he saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet, him whom he had brought back.

UST:

When they had finished eating, the old man had his sons get his donkey ready so that the prophet from Judah could ride on it{, and the prophet left}.

Why did Yahweh not drive Israel away from his presence?

Yahweh was gracious to Israel and had compassion on them and concern for them because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. So Yahweh did not destroy them, and he did not drive them away from his presence.

1 Kings 13:24

ULT:

And he went, and a lion found him in the road, and it killed him. And his corpse was thrown on the road, and the donkey was standing beside it, and the lion was standing beside the corpse.

UST:

But as he was going, a lion met him and killed him. It left the prophet's body lying on the road. The donkey stood beside it, and the lion also stood beside it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:25

ULT:

And behold, men were passing by, and they saw the corpse thrown in the road and the lion standing beside the corpse. And they came and spoke in the city in which the old prophet was dwelling.

UST:

When some men who were walking along that road came to that place, they were surprised to see the prophet's body on the road and the lion standing next to it. So they went into the city of Bethel, where the old man lived, and they reported what they had seen.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:26

ULT:

And the prophet who had brought him back from the road heard, and he said, "He is the man of God who disobeyed the mouth of Yahweh. And Yahweh gave him to the lion, and it tore him apart and killed him, according to the word of Yahweh that he spoke to him."

UST:

When the old man who had brought the prophet from Judah to his home heard what had happened, he said, "The man whom the lion killed is the prophet who disobeyed the instructions that Yahweh gave him. Yahweh allowed the lion to attack him and kill him. That is exactly what Yahweh said would happen in the message he gave me for him!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:27

ULT:

And he spoke to his sons, saying, "Saddle the donkey for me." And they saddled it.

UST:

Then he told his sons, "Get another donkey ready for me to ride." So they did that.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:28

ULT:

And he went, and he found the corpse thrown in the road and the donkey and the lion standing beside the corpse. The lion had not eaten the corpse, and it had not torn apart the donkey.

UST:

Then the old man rode on that donkey along the road on which the prophet had started to return to Judah. He came to the place where the prophet's body had fallen on the road. He saw his other donkey and the lion standing there next to the man's body. But the lion had not eaten any of the prophet's flesh, and it had not attacked the donkey.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:29

ULT:

And the prophet lifted up the corpse of the man of God, and he laid it on the donkey, and he brought it back. And he entered into the city of the old prophet to mourn and to bury him.

UST:

The old man picked up the body of the prophet and put it on his donkey. He brought it back to Bethel so that he could mourn for him and bury his body.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:30

ULT:

And he laid his corpse in his grave. And they mourned over him, "Alas, my brother!"

UST:

He buried the prophet's body in the grave where people had buried other members of his family. Then he and other people who lived in the city mourned for him. They said, "We are so sorry that our fellow Israelite has died!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:31

ULT:

And it happened after his burying him that he spoke to his sons, saying, "When I die, then you shall bury me in the grave in which the man of God is buried. Lay my bones beside his bones."

UST:

After they had buried him, the old man told his sons, "When I die, I want you to bury me in this grave where we have just buried the prophet from Judah. Put my body next to his."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:32

ULT:

For the word that he cried out by the word of Yahweh against the altar that {is} in Bethel and against all of the houses of the high places that {are} in the cities of Samaria, happening, it will happen.”

UST:

I want you to bury me in this grave because I am confident that the things Yahweh told this man to say about the altar here in Bethel will happen. What he said about the shrines on the tops of hills here in this kingdom will also surely happen.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:33

ULT:

After this matter Jeroboam did not return from his evil way, but he returned and made priests of the high places from the extremities of the people. The one desiring, he would fill his hand, and he became priests of the high places.

UST:

But even after these things happened, King Jeroboam did not stop doing the evil things that he had been doing. Instead, he appointed as priests even more men who were not descendants of Levi. He appointed anyone who wanted to be a priest, and as a result, he had many priests who served at the shrines that he had his workers build on the tops of hills.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 13:34

ULT:

And it became in this thing a sin of the house of Jeroboam, both to annihilate and to destroy from upon the face of the ground.

UST:

When Jeroboam did these evil things, he sinned against Yahweh. As a result, Yahweh did not allow his descendants to become kings of Israel. Instead, he allowed someone to kill all of Jeroboam's living descendants.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14

1 Kings 14:1

ULT:

At that time Abijah, the son of Jeroboam, became sick.

UST:

Shortly after Jeroboam chose to ignore Yahweh's warning about the hilltop shrines, his son Abijah became very sick.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:2

ULT:

And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Arise, please, and change yourself, so they will not know that you {are} the wife of Jeroboam. And you shall go {to} Shiloh. Behold, Ahijah the prophet {is} there. He, he spoke about me as king over this people.

UST:

Jeroboam told his wife, "I want you to disguise yourself so that no one will recognize that you are my wife. Then go to the city of Shiloh. That is where the prophet Ahijah lives. He is the man who met me and told me that I would become the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:3

ULT:

And you shall take in your hand ten {loaves of} bread and cakes and a jar of honey, and you shall go to him. He, he will declare to you what will happen to the boy.”

UST:

Take with you ten loaves of bread, some small flat cakes, and a jar of honey. Give them to him {as gifts}. Tell him about our son, and he will tell you whether he will become well again.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:4

ULT:

And the wife of Jeroboam did thus. And she arose and went {to} Shiloh, and she entered the house of Ahijah. (Now Ahijah was not able to see, for his eyes had set because of his age.)

UST:

So that is what his wife did. She went to Shiloh, to Ahijah's house. Ahijah was not able to see, since he was very old and his eyes were no longer healthy.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:5

ULT:

And Yahweh said to Ahijah, "Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to seek a word from you about her son, for he is sick. Like this and like this you shall speak to her. And it will happen when she comes that she will be disguising herself."

UST:

But {before she got there,} Yahweh told Ahijah that Jeroboam's wife was coming to inquire about their son, who was very sick. He told him that when she arrived, she would be pretending to be someone else. Yahweh told Ahijah what he should say to her.

What did Amaziah do as soon as his rule was well established?

As soon as his rule was well established, Amaziah killed the servants who had murdered his father, the king.

1 Kings 14:6

ULT:

And it happened, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet coming into the entrance, that he said, "Enter, wife of Jeroboam. Why is this, you are disguising yourself? Now I have been sent to you harshly."

UST:

So when Ahijah heard her footsteps as she entered the doorway, he said to her, "Come in. I know you are Jeroboam's wife, so do not pretend that you are someone else. Yahweh has told me to tell you some bad news."

Why did Amaziah not put the sons of the assassins to death?

Amaziah did not put the sons of the assassins to death because Yahweh had commanded him, saying, "The fathers must not be put to death for their children, neither must the children be put to death for their parents. Instead, every person must be put to death for his own sin."

1 Kings 14:7

ULT:

Go, say to Jeroboam, 'Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, "Because I raised you up from the midst of the people and made you a leader over my people Israel,

UST:

Go back and tell Jeroboam this message from Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship: 'I chose you from among the common people and enabled you to become the king of {most of} my Israelite people.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:8

ULT:

and I tore the kingdom away from the house of David and I gave it to you, but you are not like my servant David, who kept my commandments and who walked after me with all of his heart, to do only the right in my eyes,

UST:

I stopped David's descendants from ruling most of the people of the kingdom of Israel, and I allowed you to become the king of those Israelites instead. But you have not been like David, who served me very well. He obeyed my commandments very sincerely and wanted to do only things that I considered to be right.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:9

ULT:

and you have been evil to do more than all who were to your face, and you have gone and made for yourself other gods and molded images to anger me, and you have thrown me behind your back,

UST:

But you have done more wicked things than any of the men who were kings of Israel before you. You have rejected me, and you have made me very angry by making metal images of other gods {so that you and others could worship them}.

What trampled down the thistle?

A wild beast in Lebanon trampled down the thistle.

1 Kings 14:10

ULT:

therefore, behold me, bringing harm to the house of Jeroboam, and I will cut off from Jeroboam one pissing against a wall, one restrained and one set free in Israel. And I will burn after the house of Jeroboam, just as dung burns until the finishing of it.

UST:

Therefore, I am going to make terrible things happen to your family. I will allow someone to kill all of the males in your household, whether they are family members or servants, no matter where they live in your kingdom. I will completely destroy your family, just as fire completely destroys dung when people burn it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:11

ULT:

The one to Jeroboam dying in the city, dogs will eat, and the one dying in the field, birds of the sky will eat.” For Yahweh has spoken.’

UST:

Dogs will eat the bodies of any members of your household who die in cities. Scavenger birds will eat the bodies of any members of your household who die in the countryside.’ This will surely happen, since Yahweh has said that it will happen.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:12

ULT:

Now you, arise, go to your house. When your feet enter the city, then the child will die.

UST:

So go back home. As soon as you return to the city where you live, your son will die.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:13

ULT:

And all of Israel will mourn for him, and they will bury him. For this {one} alone from Jeroboam will enter into a grave, because a good thing was found in him for Yahweh, the God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam.

UST:

People throughout Israel will mourn for him, and you will be able to bury him. He is the only one in Jeroboam's family who will receive a proper burial, because he is the only person in Jeroboam's family whose actions have pleased Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:14

ULT:

And Yahweh by himself will raise up a king over Israel who will cut off the house of Jeroboam this day. But what, even now!

UST:

Yahweh will enable a different man to become the king of Israel. That man will kill all of Jeroboam's family. This will happen very soon. In fact, Yahweh has already begun to make it happen.

What did Jehoash take to Samaria from Jerusalem?

He took all the gold and silver, all the objects that were found in the house of Yahweh, and the valuable things in the king's palace, and hostages also.

1 Kings 14:15

ULT:

And Yahweh will strike Israel, just as a reed sways in the waters, and he will uproot Israel from upon this good ground that he gave to their fathers. And he will scatter them beyond the River because they made their Asherahs, provoking Yahweh.

UST:

Yahweh will punish the people of Israel. He will unsettle them, just as the strong, flowing water of a river unsettles the reeds that grow on its banks. He will finally expel the Israelite people from this good land that he gave to our ancestors. The Israelites have worshiped statues of the goddess Asherah, and by doing that, they have made Yahweh very angry. As a result, he will allow enemies to take them as captives into lands on the far side of the Euphrates River.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:16

ULT:

And he will give Israel up on account of the sins of Jeroboam that he sinned and that he caused Israel to sin.”

UST:

Yahweh will abandon the Israelite people because Jeroboam committed these sins of idolatry and led the Israelite people to commit them as well.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:17

ULT:

And the wife of Jeroboam arose and went, and she came to Tirzah. She was entering at the threshold of the house, and the boy died.

UST:

Then Jeroboam's wife got up and left, and she traveled back home to the city of Tirzah. Just as she was walking through the door of her house, her son died.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:18

ULT:

And they buried him, and all of Israel mourned for him, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.

UST:

People throughout Israel mourned for him, and his family was able to bury him. That is just what Yahweh had told the prophet Ahijah, his servant, to say would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:19

ULT:

Now the rest of the matters of Jeroboam, how he fought and how he reigned, behold them, written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel.

UST:

The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Jeroboam did, including the wars that his army fought and how he ruled.

How did Amaziah die?

A conspiracy was made against Amaziah in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish. But men were sent after him to Lachish and they killed him there.

1 Kings 14:20

ULT:

And the days that Jeroboam reigned were 22 years. And he lay down with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place.

UST:

Jeroboam ruled for 22 years. Then he died, and his son Nadab became the next king.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:21

ULT:

Now Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, reigned in Judah. Rehoboam {was} a son of 41 years when he became king. And he reigned 17 years in Jerusalem, the city where Yahweh had chosen to put his name there from all of the tribes of Israel. And the name of his mother was Naamah the Ammonitess.

UST:

Meanwhile, Solomon's son Rehoboam was ruling Judah. He had been 41 years old when he started to rule, and he ruled for 17 years. He ruled in Jerusalem, the city that Yahweh chose to be the place where the Israelites would worship him. Rehoboam's mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:22

ULT:

And Judah did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. And they made him jealous more than all that their fathers had done by their sins that they sinned.

UST:

The people of the kingdom of Judah did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. They committed more sins than their ancestors had committed. This made Yahweh very angry, because they were worshiping idols, and they should have been worshiping only him.

What did Uzziah do to Elath?

Uzziah rebuilt Elath and restored it to Judah.

1 Kings 14:23

ULT:

And they built for themselves, they also, high places and pillars and Asherahs on every high hill and under every green tree.

UST:

Just as the northern Israelites had done, the Judeans built places to worship foreign gods. On high hills and under big trees, they built shrines and set up stone pillars and made wooden images to represent the goddess Asherah.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:24

ULT:

And also a cultic prostitute was in the land. They did according to all of the abominations of the nations that Yahweh had dispossessed from the face of the sons of Israel.

UST:

There were also male shrine prostitutes at these places of worship. The Israelite people did the same disgraceful things that the people had done whom Yahweh had forced to leave so that the Israelites could possess the land.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:25

ULT:

And it happened that in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem.

UST:

When Rehoboam had been ruling for almost five years, King Shishak of Egypt came with his soldiers to attack Jerusalem.

Through whom did Jeroboam hear that he should restore the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the sea of the Arabah?

Jeroboam heard through Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, that he should restore the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the sea of the Arabah.

1 Kings 14:26

ULT:

And he took the treasures of the house of Yahweh and the treasures of the house of the king. And he took everything. And he took all of the shields of gold that Solomon had made.

UST:

{They defeated the Judeans, and then} his soldiers took away the valuable things they found in Yahweh's temple and in the royal palace. They also took many other valuable things they found. Because they took the gold shields that Solomon's workers had made,

Because Yahweh saw there was no rescuer for Israel, how did he save them? (14:26-27)

Because Yahweh saw there was no rescuer for Israel, Yahweh saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Jehoash.

1 Kings 14:27

ULT:

And King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place, and he committed them to the hand of the commanders of the runners, the ones keeping the entrance of the house of the king.

UST:

King Rehoboam had his workers make bronze shields to replace them. He had the officers of the soldiers who guarded the entrance to his palace take care of these shields.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:28

ULT:

And it happened that whenever the king entered the house of Yahweh, the runners bore them, and they brought them back to the chamber of the runners.

UST:

Every time that the king went into the temple, those guards carried those shields, and after he left the temple, they returned the shields to their storeroom.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:29

ULT:

Now the rest of the matters of Rehoboam and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST:

The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Rehoboam did.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:30

ULT:

And war was between Rehoboam and between Jeroboam all of the days.

UST:

The armies of Rehoboam and Jeroboam were continually at war with one another.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 14:31

ULT:

And Rehoboam lay down with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the City of David. And the name of his mother was Naamah the Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his place.

UST:

Then Rehoboam died, and people buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people call the City of David. That is where people had buried his ancestors. Rehoboam's mother Naamah was an Ammonitess{, and that is why he became devoted to idol worship}. After Rehoboam died, his son Abijam became the next king.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15

1 Kings 15:1

ULT:

Now in the year of 18 to King Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, Abijam reigned over Judah.

UST:

Abijah became the king of Judah when Jeroboam had been the king of Israel for almost 18 years.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:2

ULT:

He reigned three years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Maacah, the daughter of Abishalom.

UST:

Abijah ruled for three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Maacah daughter of Abishalom.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:3

ULT:

And he walked in all of the sins of his father that he had done to his face. And his heart was not complete with Yahweh his God like the heart of David his father.

UST:

Abijah committed the same kind of sins that his father had committed. He was not completely faithful to Yahweh his God as his ancestor David had been.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:4

ULT:

But for the sake of David, Yahweh his God gave to him a lamp in Jerusalem by raising up his son after him, and by making Jerusalem stand,

UST:

But Yahweh had promised to David that one of his descendants would always be king in Jerusalem. So Yahweh allowed Abijah's son to become king after he died. Yahweh also did not allow any enemies to conquer Jerusalem.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:5

ULT:

because David had done right in the eyes of Yahweh, and he had not turned from all that he had commanded him all of the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

UST:

Yahweh did that because David had done the things that he had told the Israelites were good to do. When Yahweh had told David to do something, David had always obeyed. The only time when David disobeyed Yahweh was when he {had sexual relations with the wife of} Uriah the Hittite and {tried to hide what he had done by} causing him to die in battle.

How did Yahweh afflict King Azariah?

Yahweh afflicted the king so that he was a leper to the day of his death and lived in a separate house.

1 Kings 15:6

ULT:

And war was between Rehoboam and between Jeroboam all of the days of his life.

UST:

The kingdoms of Judah and Israel had been enemies when Rehoboam and Jeroboam were their kings, and they continued to be enemies all during the time that Abijah ruled.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:7

ULT:

Now the rest of the matters of Abijam and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah? And war was between Abijam and between Jeroboam.

UST:

The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Abijam did, including the war that he fought against King Jeroboam of Israel.

Who became king in Azariah's place?

Jotham, his son, became king in his place.

1 Kings 15:8

ULT:

And Abijam lay down with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. And Asa his son reigned in his place.

UST:

Abijah died, and the Israelites buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people call the City of David. His son Asa became the next king.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:9

ULT:

Now in the year of 20 to Jeroboam, the king of Israel, Asa reigned {as} the king of Judah.

UST:

Asa started to rule Judah after Jeroboam had been the king of Israel for almost 20 years.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:10

ULT:

And he reigned 41 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom.

UST:

He ruled in Jerusalem for 41 years. His grandmother was Maacah daughter of Abishalom.

Where did Shallum kill Zechariah?

Shallum killed Zechariah in front of the people.

1 Kings 15:11

ULT:

And Asa did right in the eyes of Yahweh like David his father.

UST:

Asa did the things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were good to do, as his ancestor David had done.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:12

ULT:

And he made the cultic prostitutes pass over from the land, and he removed all of the idols that his fathers had made.

UST:

He forced the male shrine prostitutes to leave Israel, and he also destroyed all of the idols that his ancestors had made.

For how long would Jehu's descendants sit on the throne of Israel?

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

1 Kings 15:13

ULT:

And also Maacah his mother, he removed her from {being} queen mother because she had made a horror for Asherah. And Asa cut down her horror, and he burned {it} in the wadi of Kidron.

UST:

His grandmother Maacah had been in the {influential} position of queen mother, but he removed her from that position. He did that because she had made a disgusting wooden statue for the goddess Asherah. Asa had his servants cut down the statue and burn it in the Kidron Valley.

Why did Shallum reign only one month in Samaria? (15:13-14)

Shallum reigned only one month in Samaria because Menahem the son of Gadi killed him.

1 Kings 15:14

ULT:

But they did not remove the high places. Nevertheless, the heart of Asa was complete with Yahweh all of his days.

UST:

He did not order his servants to destroy the shrines for worship on the top of hills. Even so, he was completely faithful to Yahweh for the whole time that he lived.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:15

ULT:

And he brought the holy things of his father and his holy things {into} the house of Yahweh, silver and gold and vessels.

UST:

He told his servants to put in Yahweh's temple the valuable things that his father had dedicated. He also told them to put there the things that he had dedicated. These included gold, silver, and other valuable articles.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:16

ULT:

And war was between Asa and between Baasha, the king of Israel, all of their days.

UST:

Asa fought wars against Baasha king of Israel during the whole time that he reigned.

Why did Menahem attack Tiphseh and all who were there?

Menahem attacked Tiphseh and all who were there because they did not open the city up to him.

1 Kings 15:17

ULT:

And Baasha, the king of Israel, went up against Judah, and he built Ramah so as not to give going out or coming in to Asa, the king of Judah.

UST:

Baasha's army invaded Judah. They captured the city of Ramah {just north of Jerusalem}. Then they started to build a wall around it {so that it would be a border fortress and they would be able} to prevent people from entering or leaving Asa's kingdom of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:18

ULT:

And Asa took all of the silver and the gold remaining in the storerooms of the house of Yahweh and the storerooms of the house of the king, and he gave them into the hand of his servants. And King Asa sent them to Ben Hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, the king of Aram, the dweller in Damascus, saying,

UST:

So Asa had his officials collect all of the silver and golden articles that were still in the storerooms in the temple and his palace. He told them to bring those things to Damascus and give them to Ben Hadad, the king who ruled Aram from that city. Ben Hadad was the son of Tabrimmon and the grandson of Hezion. Asa told his officials to tell Ben Hadad,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:19

ULT:

“A covenant between me and between you, between my father and between your father. Behold, I have sent to you a gift of silver and gold. Go, break your covenant with Baasha, the king of Israel, that he may go up from against me.”

UST:

“My father had an alliance with your father, and I would like to have an alliance with you. {To make that alliance}, I am giving you this silver and gold. So please break the alliance you have with Baasha, the king of Israel{, and attack him}. That way he will stop invading my kingdom {because he will have to send his army to fight your army}.”

How did Menahem collect the one thousand talents of silver to give Pul? (15:19-20)

Menahem collected one thousand talents of silver by requiring each of the wealthy men to pay fifty shekels of silver to him.

1 Kings 15:20

ULT:

And Ben Hadad listened to King Asa, and he sent the commanders of the armies that {were} to him against the cities of Israel. And he struck Ijon and Dan and Abel Beth Maacah and all of Chinnereth, with all of the land of Naphtali.

UST:

When the officials spoke that message to Ben Hadad, he agreed to do what Asa wanted. He ordered his commanders to lead their soldiers to attack some areas in the kingdom of Israel. They attacked the cities of Ijon, Dan, and Abel Beth Maacah, the region of Chinnereth, and the whole territory of the tribe of Naphtali.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:21

ULT:

And it happened, when Baasha heard, that he ceased from building Ramah, and he dwelled in Tirzah.

UST:

When Baasha learned that Ben Hadad's armies were attacking Israel, he ordered his soldiers to stop building the wall around Ramah. He and his soldiers returned to {his capital city of Tirzah} and stayed there.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:22

ULT:

And King Asa made all of Judah hear. None {was} exempt. And they carried away the stones of Ramah and its wood, {with} which Baasha had been building. And with them King Asa built Geba of Benjamin and Mizpah.

UST:

Then King Asa sent messengers to tell the men throughout his kingdom of Judah that he was requiring them all to go to Ramah. They were to carry away the stones and timber that Baasha's soldiers had been using to build a wall around that city. With those stones and timber, King Asa had his workers fortify the city of Mizpah and the city that people call Geba that is within the territory of the tribe of Benjamin.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:23

ULT:

Now the rest of all of the matters of Asa and all of his might and all that he did and the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah? (But in the time of his old age he became sick in his feet.)

UST:

The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Asa did during his reign, including the battles that his armies won and the cities that he had his workers fortify. (When Asa became old, he got a foot disease.)

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:24

ULT:

And Asa lay down with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place.

UST:

Asa died, and the Israelites buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people call the City of David. That is where people had also buried his ancestors. Asa's son Jehoshaphat became the next king.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:25

ULT:

Now Nadab, the son of Jeroboam, reigned over Israel in year two of Asa, the king of Judah. And he reigned over Israel two years.

UST:

Nadab son of Jeroboam started to rule Israel after Asa had been the king of Judah for almost two years. Nadab ruled Israel for two years.

Who killed Pekahiah?

Pekah killed Pekahiah.

1 Kings 15:26

ULT:

And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. And he walked in the way of his father and in his sin that he caused Israel to sin.

UST:

He did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. He behaved in the sinful way his father had behaved. He continued to lead the Israelites to sin {by worshiping the calf statues at the shrines in Bethel and Dan}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:27

ULT:

And Baasha, the son of Ahijah, from the house of Issachar, conspired against him, and Baasha struck him at Gibbethon, which {is} to the Philistines. Now Nadab and all of Israel were besieging against Gibbethon.

UST:

King Nadab and his soldiers were attacking the city of Gibbethon in the region of Philistia. {One of his military commanders,} Baasha son of Ahijah from the tribe of Issachar, plotted against him {with some of the other commanders}. Baasha killed Nadab at Gibbethon.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:28

ULT:

And Baasha killed him in year three of Asa, the king of Judah. And he reigned in his place.

UST:

When Baasha killed Nadab, Asa had been the king of Judah for almost three years. Baasha became the next king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:29

ULT:

And it happened when he reigned {that} he struck all of the house of Jeroboam. He did not leave any breathing one to Jeroboam, until he had destroyed him, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken by the hand of his servant Ahijah the Shilonite

UST:

As soon as he became king, Baasha commanded his soldiers to kill all the rest of Jeroboam's living descendants. He made sure that none of them survived. That is exactly what Yahweh had said would happen in the message that he gave to Ahijah the Shilonite, his servant.

Why did Hoshea form a conspiracy against Pekah? (15:29-30)

Hoshea formed a conspiracy against Pekah because Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria came and took many cities.

1 Kings 15:30

ULT:

because of the sins of Jeroboam that he sinned and that he caused Israel to sin, by his provocation {by} which he provoked Yahweh, the God of Israel.

UST:

Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worship, spoke that message because he had become very angry with Jeroboam. Jeroboam made him angry by committing many sins and leading the people of Israel to commit sins.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:31

ULT:

Now the rest of the matters of Nadab and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST:

The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Nadab did.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:32

ULT:

And war was between Asa and between Baasha, the king of Israel, all of their days.

UST:

The armies of Asa and Baasha were continually at war with one another.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:33

ULT:

In year three of Asa the king of Judah, Baasha, the son of Ahijah, reigned over all of Israel in Tirzah 24 years.

UST:

Baasha son of Ahijah, started to rule Israel from the city of Tirzah after Asa had been the king of Judah for almost three years. He ruled for 24 years.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 15:34

ULT:

And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. And he walked in the way of Jeroboam and in his sin that he caused Israel to sin.

UST:

Baasha did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. He behaved the way King Jeroboam had behaved. He continued to lead the Israelites to sin {by worshiping the calf statues at the shrines in Bethel and Dan}.

Whose example did Jotham follow?

Jotham followed the example of his father, Uzziah.

1 Kings 16

1 Kings 16:1

ULT:

And the word of Yahweh was to Jehu, the son of Hanani, against Baasha, saying,

UST:

Then Yahweh told Jehu son of Hanani to speak a message to Baasha. He told him to say,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:2

ULT:

"Because I raised you from the dust and made you the leader over my people Israel, but you walked in the way of Jeroboam and caused my people Israel to sin, provoking me by their sins,

UST:

"You were an insignificant person, but I allowed you to become the king of Israel. Despite that, you have done the same evil things that King Jeroboam did. You have led the people of Israel to commit sins, and that has made me very angry.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:3

ULT:

behold me, burning after Baasha and after his house. And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat.

UST:

So now I am going to destroy you and your family completely. That is what I did to Jeroboam and his family, and I am going to do the same thing to your family.

What did Ahaz do to his son?

Ahaz put his son in the fire as a burned offering, following the detestable practices of the nations.

1 Kings 16:4

ULT:

The one to Baasha dying in the city, dogs will eat, and the one to him dying in the field, birds of the sky will eat.”

UST:

Dogs will eat the bodies of any members of your household who die in cities. Scavenger birds will eat the bodies of any members of your household who die in the countryside.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:5

ULT:

Now the rest of the matters of Baasha and what he did and his might, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST:

The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Baasha did, including the battles that his armies won and other things that he did.

What could Rezin not do when he attacked Jerusalem?

When Rezin attacked Jerusalem, he could not conquer Ahaz.

1 Kings 16:6

ULT:

And Baasha lay down with his fathers, and he was buried in Tirzah. And Elah his son reigned in his place.

UST:

When Baasha died, the Israelites buried him in Tirzah, {his capital city}. His son Elah became the next king.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:7

ULT:

And also by the hand of Jehu, the son of Hanani, the prophet, the word of Yahweh was to Baasha and to his house and against all of the evil that he had done in the eyes of Yahweh, provoking him with the work of his hands, by being like the house of Jeroboam and because he had struck him.

UST:

Baasha did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. The things he did made Yahweh very angry. Baasha did the same kind of things that King Jeroboam and his descendants who ruled as kings after him had done. Yahweh was also angry with Baasha because he killed all of Jeroboam's family. That was why Yahweh gave a message to the prophet Jehu son of Hanani {saying that he would destroy Baasha and his family}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:8

ULT:

In the year of 26, the year to Asa, the king of Judah, Elah the son of Baasha reigned over Israel in Tirzah, two years.

UST:

Elah son of Baasha became the king of Israel after Asa had been the king of Judah for almost 26 years. Elah ruled in Tirzah until the next year.

What gift did Ahaz give the king of Assyria?

Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of Yahweh and among the treasures of the king's palace, and he sent it as a gift to the king of Assyria.

1 Kings 16:9

ULT:

And his servant Zimri, the commander of half of the chariotry, conspired against him. Now he {was} in Tirzah, drinking drunk {in} the house of Arza, who {was} over the house in Tirzah.

UST:

One day Elah was in Tirzah, drinking wine in the home of Arza, the official who was responsible for the royal palace there. Elah had a military officer whose name was Zimri. Zimri commanded the drivers of half of Elah's chariots. Zimri plotted {with some of the other officers} to kill him. Elah had already become drunk.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:10

ULT:

And Zimri entered, and he struck him and killed him, in the year of 27 to Asa, the king of Judah. And he reigned in his place.

UST:

Zimri went into Arza's house and stabbed Elah so that he died. Then Zimri became the next king of Israel. This happened when Asa had been the king of Judah for 27 years.

What altar did Ahaz want Uriah to replicate? (16:10-11)

Ahaz wanted to replicate the altar at Damascus.

1 Kings 16:11

ULT:

And it happened that when he reigned, as soon as he sat on his throne, he struck all of the house of Baasha. He did not leave to him one pissing against a wall, both his kinsmen and his friend.

UST:

Once Zimri became king, as soon as he could, he commanded his soldiers to kill Baasha's whole remaining family. He killed every male in Baasha's family and all of Baasha's male friends.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:12

ULT:

And Zimri destroyed all of the house of Baasha, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken against Baasha by the hand of Jehu the prophet

UST:

In that way Zimri destroyed Baasha's whole remaining family. That is exactly what Yahweh had said would happen in the message that he gave to the prophet Jehu about what would happen to Baasha.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:13

ULT:

concerning all of the sins of Baasha and the sins of Elah his son that they sinned, and because they caused Israel to sin, provoking Yahweh, the God of Israel, with their vapors.

UST:

That message was about how Baasha and his son Elah had sinned and led the Israelite people to sin. They both encouraged the people to worship worthless idols. This made Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worship, very angry.

Who made his burned offering and his grain offering?

The king made his burned offering and his grain offering.

1 Kings 16:14

ULT:

Now the rest of the matters of Elah and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST:

The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Elah did.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:15

ULT:

In the year of 27, the year to Asa, the king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven days in Tirzah. Now the people {were} camping against Gibbethon, which {was} to the Philistines.

UST:

In that way, Zimri became the next king of Israel. This happened after Asa had been the king of Judah for 27 years. But Zimri ruled in Tirzah for only seven days. At that time, the Israelite army was attacking the city of Gibbethon in the region of Philistia.

What was the purpose of the bronze altar?

The bronze altar was for Ahaz to ask for God's help.

1 Kings 16:16

ULT:

And the people camping heard, saying, "Zimri has conspired and has also struck the king!" And all of Israel made Omri, the commander of the army, reign over Israel on that day in the camp.

UST:

The soldiers in the Israelite army camp heard that Zimri had plotted against Elah and killed him. Right away, there in the camp, they appointed Omri, the commander of their army, to be the king of Israel {instead of Zimri}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:17

ULT:

And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all of Israel with him, and they besieged against Tirzah.

UST:

Then Omri led the entire Israelite army from Gibbethon to Tirzah, and they attacked that city.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:18

ULT:

And it happened, when Zimri saw that the city had been taken, that he entered into the citadel of the house of the king. And he burned the house of the king over himself with fire, and he died,

UST:

When Zimri realized that Omri's soldiers had captured the city, he went into his palace and set it on fire. The palace burned down, and he died in the fire.

Why did Ahaz remove the covered walkway for the Sabbath that they had built at the temple, along with the king's entry outside the temple of Yahweh?

Ahaz removed the covered walkway for the Sabbath they had built at the temple, along with the king's entry outside the temple of Yahweh, to please the king of Assyria.

1 Kings 16:19

ULT:

because of his sin that he sinned by doing evil in the eyes of Yahweh, by walking in the way of Jeroboam and in his sin that he did, causing Israel to sin.

UST:

Zimri died that way because he had sinned by doing many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. Jeroboam had sinned and led the Israelite people to sin, and Zimri did the same kind of things.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:20

ULT:

Now the rest of the matters of Zimri and his conspiracy that he conspired, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST:

The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Zimri did, including how he plotted to kill King Elah.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:21

ULT:

Then the people of Israel were divided in half. Half of the people were behind Tibni, the son of Ginath, to make him reign, and half {were} behind Omri.

UST:

After Zimri died, the Israelite soldiers disagreed about who should be the next king. Many of them wanted Tibni son of Ginath to be the king. But many others wanted Omri to be the king.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:22

ULT:

And the people who {were} behind Omri prevailed against the people who {were} behind Tibni, the son of Ginath. And Tibni died, and Omri reigned.

UST:

{The two groups of soldiers fought each other for four years, and finally} the soldiers who supported Omri defeated the ones who supported Tibni. They killed Tibni, and Omri became king.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:23

ULT:

In the year of 31, the year to Asa, the king of Judah, Omri reigned over Israel 12 years. In Tirzah he reigned six years.

UST:

Omri became king when Asa had been the king of Judah for almost 31 years. Omri ruled Israel for 12 years. For the first 6 years he ruled in Tirzah.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:24

ULT:

Then he bought the hill {of} Samaria from Shemer for two silver kikkars. And he built on the hill, and he called the name of the city that he built Samaria, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill.

UST:

Then Omni bought the hill that people now call Samaria from a man whose name was Shemer. He paid him about 66 kilograms of silver for it. Then Omri had his workers build a city on that hill. He called the city Samaria because Shemer was the name of the man who had owned the hill previously.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:25

ULT:

And Omri did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, and he did evil more than all who {were} to his face.

UST:

Omri did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. He did more evil deeds than any of the kings had done who had ruled Israel before him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:26

ULT:

And he walked in all of the way of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and in his sins {by} which he caused Israel to sin, provoking Yahweh, the God of Israel, with their vapors.

UST:

Jeroboam had sinned and led the Israelite people to sin, and Omri did the same kind of things. They both encouraged the people to worship worthless idols. This made Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worship, very angry.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:27

ULT:

Now the rest of the matters of Omri, what he did and his might that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST:

The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Omri did, including the victories that his armies won.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:28

ULT:

And Omri lay down with his fathers, and he was buried in Samaria. And Ahab his son reigned in his place.

UST:

Then Omri died, and the Israelites buried him in Samaria. His son Ahab became the next king.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:29

ULT:

Now Ahab, the son of Omri, reigned over Israel in the year of 38, the year of Asa, the king of Judah. And Ahab, the son of Omri, reigned over Israel in Samaria 22 years.

UST:

Ahab son of Omri became king of Israel when Asa had ruled Judah for almost 38 years. Ahab ruled Israel from the city of Samaria for 22 years.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:30

ULT:

And Ahab, the son of Omri, did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, more than all who {were} to his face.

UST:

Ahab did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. He did more evil deeds than any of the kings had done who had ruled Israel before him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:31

ULT:

And it happened (was his walking in the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, trivial?) that he took a wife, Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal, the king of the Sidonians. And he went and served Baal, and he bowed down to him.

UST:

It would have been bad enough if Ahab had only committed the same kind of sins that Jeroboam did. But he did things that were even worse. He married a woman whose name was Jezebel. She was the daughter of Ethbaal, the king of the city of Sidon. {Because Jezebel worshiped the false god Baal,} Ahab started to worship Baal himself, and he even bowed down to Baal {to honor him as his lord}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:32

ULT:

And he set up an altar for Baal {in} the house of Baal that he built in Samaria.

UST:

He built a temple in Samaria where people could worship Baal, and he put an altar in that temple for making sacrifices to Baal.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:33

ULT:

And Ahab made an Asherah, and Ahab added to do to provoke Yahweh, the God of Israel, more than all of the kings of Israel who were to his face.

UST:

Ahab also made an idol that represented the goddess Asherah. He did more things to make Yahweh angry than any of the previous kings of Israel had done.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 16:34

ULT:

In his days, Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho. By Abiram, his firstborn, he founded it, and by Segub, his youngest, he set up its doors, according to the word of Yahweh that he spoke by the hand of Joshua, the son of Nun.

UST:

During the years when Ahab ruled, a man whose name was Hiel, who came from the city of Bethel, rebuilt the city of Jericho. When Hiel {and his family and servants} started restoring the foundations of the city, his oldest son Abiram died. And they had nearly finished the rebuilding and were putting the doors in the gates of the city, his youngest son Segub died. Joshua son of Nun had said this would happen to the sons of anyone who rebuilt Jericho. Yahweh had led Joshua to say that, and that is exactly what happened.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 17

1 Kings 17:1

ULT:

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from the Tishbites of Gilead, said to Ahab, "The life of Yahweh, the God of Israel, to whose face I stand, if there will be dew or rain these years except by the mouth of my word."

UST:

There was a man whose name was Elijah. He came from the city of Tishbe. He was one of the Tishbites who lived in the region of Gilead. One day he went {to Samaria} to speak with King Ahab. He told him, "Yahweh is the God whom we Israelites should worship, and he is the God whom I obey. I swear by Yahweh there will be no dew or rain for the next several years unless I say so."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 17:2

ULT:

And the word of Yahweh was to him, saying,

UST:

Then Yahweh told Elijah,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 17:3

ULT:

“Go from here and turn for yourself eastward, and you shall hide yourself at the wadi of Cherith, which {is} on the face of the Jordan.

UST:

“{The king is angry with you, so} leave this city of Samaria. Travel east and hide at the Cherith Brook, near the Jordan River.

What did Hoshea do when he became Shalmaneser’s servant?

Hoshea became his servant and brought him tribute.

1 Kings 17:4

ULT:

And it will happen that you shall drink from the wadi. And I have commanded the ravens to sustain you there.”

UST:

When you get there, you can drink water from the brook. And I will have ravens bring food to you there.”

How had Hoshea been plotting against Shalmaneser?

Hoshea had been plotting against Shalmaneser, for Hoshea had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt.

1 Kings 17:5

ULT:

And he went and did according to the word of Yahweh. And he went and dwelled at the wadi of Cherith, which {is} on the face of the Jordan.

UST:

So Elijah did what Yahweh commanded him to do. He went and stayed next to the Cherith Brook, near the Jordan River.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 17:6

ULT:

And the ravens were bringing bread and meat to him in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening. And he drank from the wadi.

UST:

Every morning and every evening, the ravens brought Elijah bread and meat to eat. He drank water from the brook.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 17:7

ULT:

And it happened, at the end of some days, that the wadi dried up because no rain was in the land.

UST:

But after a while, because it had stopped raining anywhere in Israel, the brook dried up.

Why did the captivity happen?

The captivity happened because the people of Israel had sinned against Yahweh their God.

1 Kings 17:8

ULT:

And the word of Yahweh was to him, saying,

UST:

Then Yahweh told Elijah,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 17:9

ULT:

“Arise, go to Zarephath, which {is} to Sidon, and you shall dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a woman, a widow, there to sustain you.”

UST:

“Go and live in the town of Zarephath, which is near the city of Sidon. I have arranged for a widow there to give you food to eat.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 17:10

ULT:

So he arose and went to Zarephath. And he came to the entrance of the city, and behold, a woman, a widow, {was} there, gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please take to me a little water in a vessel, and I shall drink."

UST:

So Elijah did what God had told him to do. He went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the town, he saw a widow there who was gathering sticks. He said to her, "Would you please bring me a cup of water to drink?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 17:11

ULT:

And she went to take, and he called to her and said, "Please take to me a piece of bread in your hand."

UST:

As she was going to get it, he called out to her; "Would you please also bring me something to eat?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 17:12

ULT:

And she said, “The life of Yahweh your God, if {there} is to me a bread-cake, but only the fullness of a palm of flour in a jar and a little bit of oil in a jug. And behold me, gathering two sticks, and I will enter, and I will make it for me and for my son, and we will eat it, and we will die.”

UST:

But she replied, “I swear by Yahweh your God that I do not have even a single loaf of bread in my house. I have only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I was going to gather a few sticks and then go home and make a fire so that I could cook a meal with them. My son and I would eat that meal, and after that, we would die {from hunger}.”

What had Yahweh said the Israelites must not do?

Yahweh had said they must not worship idols.

1 Kings 17:13

ULT:

And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear. Come, do according to your word, only first make for me from there a little bread-cake and bring it out to me. And make for yourself and for your son afterward."

UST:

But Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid {that you will die}. Go home and do what you said you were going to do. But first, bake me a little loaf of bread from your flour and oil and bring it to me. After that, use what is left to prepare some food for yourself and for your son."

By whom had Yahweh testified to Israel and to Judah?

Yahweh had testified to Israel and to Judah by every prophet and every seer.

1 Kings 17:14

ULT:

For thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour will not finish, and the jug of oil will not lack, up to the day Yahweh gives rain on the face of the ground.'"

UST:

You will be able to do that because Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, has told me, 'There will be flour in that jar and olive oil in that jug right up to the time when I make it rain on the earth {and crops grow again}!'"

The Israelites were very stubborn like whom?

The Israelites were very stubborn like their fathers who did not trust in Yahweh their God.

1 Kings 17:15

ULT:

And she went and did according to the word of Elijah. And she ate, he and she and her house, {for} days.

UST:

So the woman did exactly what Elijah told her to do. And she and her son and Elijah had enough food every day from then on,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 17:16

ULT:

The jar of flour did not finish, and the jug of oil did not lack, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken by the hand of Elijah.

UST:

because there was always flour in that jar and olive oil in that jug. That was what Yahweh had told Elijah would happen, and that is exactly what happened.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 17:17

ULT:

And it happened after these things {that} the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick, and his sickness became very strong until breath did not remain in him.

UST:

Some time later, the son of the woman in whose home Elijah was staying became sick. He kept getting sicker, and finally he died.

How did the Israelites sell themselves?

The Israelites sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh.

1 Kings 17:18

ULT:

And she said to Elijah, "What to me and to you, man of God? Did you come to me to bring my iniquity to remembrance and to kill my son?"

UST:

So the woman went to Elijah and said to him, "I have treated you kindly as a prophet, so you had no reason to let this happen to me. It seems that you came here to make Yahweh more aware of my sins and that he has punished me by causing my son to die!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 17:19

ULT:

And he said to her, "Give your son to me." And he took him from her lap, and he brought him up to the upper room where he was dwelling there, and he laid him down on his bed.

UST:

But Elijah replied, "Give your son to me." She was holding the boy's body, but he took his body from her and carried it up to the room where he was staying. He laid the boy's body on his bed.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 17:20

ULT:

And he cried out to Yahweh and said, “Yahweh my God, have you even brought harm upon the widow with whom I am sojourning, by killing her son?”

UST:

Then Elijah cried out to Yahweh, “Yahweh my God, this widow has kindly allowed me to stay in her home. It does not seem right that you have caused her this tragedy and allowed her son to die!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 17:21

ULT:

And he stretched himself out over the child three times. And he called out to Yahweh and said, "Yahweh my God, please let the life of this child return into his midst."

UST:

Then Elijah stretched himself on top of the boy's body three times. He cried out to Yahweh, "Yahweh my God, please cause this boy to become alive again!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 17:22

ULT:

And Yahweh heard the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child returned into his midst, and he lived.

UST:

Yahweh did what Elijah asked him to do. He caused the boy to become alive again.

Why did Yahweh remove Israel from his sight? (17:22-23)

The people of Israel followed all the sins of Jeroboam and they did not depart from them, so Yahweh removed Israel from his sight.

1 Kings 17:23

ULT:

And Elijah took the child, and he brought him down from the upper room to the house, and he gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives."

UST:

Then Elijah carried the boy down from his room back into the house. He handed him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 17:24

ULT:

And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know this, that you {are} a man of God and the word of Yahweh in your mouth {is} truth.”

UST:

The woman told Elijah, “Now I know for certain that you are a prophet and that when you say a message is from Yahweh, it truly is!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18

1 Kings 18:1

ULT:

And it was many days, and the word of Yahweh was to Elijah in the third year, saying, "Go, show yourself to Ahab, and I will give rain on the face of the ground."

UST:

For a long time, almost three years, it did not rain in Israel. Then Yahweh told Elijah: "Go and meet with King Ahab so that I may make it rain again."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:2

ULT:

So Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. (Now the famine {was} strong in Samaria.)

UST:

So Elijah went to meet with Ahab. By this time, there was almost no food in Samaria for anyone to eat.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:3

ULT:

And Ahab called to Obadiah, who {was} over the house. (Now Obadiah was fearing Yahweh greatly.

UST:

{As Elijah was approaching,} Ahab summoned one of his officials. His name was Obadiah. He was in charge of the royal palace. (Obadiah greatly revered Yahweh.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:4

ULT:

Now it had happened, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of Yahweh, that Obadiah had taken 100 prophets and hidden them, 50 men in the cave, and he had sustained them {with} bread and water.)

UST:

Queen Jezebel had tried to kill all of Yahweh's prophets, but Obadiah had hidden 100 of them in two caves. He had put 50 prophets in each cave, and he had brought food and water to them.)

What were the people of Israel doing to the bronze serpent Moses had made?

The people of Israel were burning incense to the bronze serpent Moses had made.

1 Kings 18:5

ULT:

And Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go into the land, to all of the springs of water and to all of the wadis. Perhaps we will find grass, and we will keep alive a horse or a mule, and we will not cut off from the cattle."

UST:

Ahab told Obadiah, "I want you to go throughout the country and check every spring and every stream bed to see whether we can find enough grass to feed the horses and mules so that they will not all die. If we can find grass, we will also not have to slaughter all of the cattle."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:6

ULT:

And they divided the land between them to pass through it. Ahab went in one way by himself, and Obadiah went in one way by himself.

UST:

They agreed to look separately in different parts of the country. Ahab went in one direction, and Obadiah went in another direction.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:7

ULT:

And it happened that Obadiah {was} on the road, and behold, Elijah met him. And he recognized him, and he fell on his face and said, “{Is} this you, my lord Elijah?”

UST:

As Obadiah was walking along, he saw Elijah coming toward him. Obadiah recognized Elijah, and he bowed down respectfully to him. Then he said, “Is it really you, Elijah, my master?”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:8

ULT:

And he said to him, “{It is} I. Go, say to your master, ‘Behold, Elijah.’”

UST:

Elijah replied, “Yes, it is. Now go and tell your master Ahab that I am here.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:9

ULT:

And he said, "How have I sinned, that you are putting your servant into the hand of Ahab to kill me?"

UST:

Obadiah responded, "I have done nothing wrong to deserve the punishment I would get {if I told Ahab that}! {Because of what would happen next,} he would order his soldiers to kill me!"

For how long did Shalmaneser king of Assyria attack Samaria? (18:9-10)

Shalmaneser king of Assyria attacked Samaria for three years.

1 Kings 18:10

ULT:

The life of Yahweh your God, if {there} is a nation or a kingdom where my master has not sent to seek you there. If they said 'Not,' then he made the kingdom or the nation swear that it had not found you.

UST:

I swear by Yahweh your God that King Ahab sent messengers to the rulers of every kingdom and people group around us to find out whether you were living with them. Every ruler told him, 'Elijah is not here.' Ahab then demanded that the ruler solemnly swear that he was telling the truth{, and each one did}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:11

ULT:

And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, "Behold, Elijah."'

UST:

But now you are telling me, 'Go tell your master that Elijah is here!'

**Why did the king of Assyria carry Israel captive away to Assyria?
(18:11-12)**

The king of Assyria carried Israel captive away to Assyria because they disobeyed the solemn agreement that Yahweh had made with their ancestors.

1 Kings 18:12

ULT:

And it will happen that I, I will go from with you, and the Spirit of Yahweh will carry you to where I do not know. And I will come to declare to Ahab, but he will not find you, and he will kill me. But your servant {has been} fearing Yahweh from my youth.

UST:

I believe that when I leave you, the Spirit of Yahweh will take you away somewhere, and I will not know where he has taken you. So when I tell Ahab that you are here, and he comes here and discovers that you are not here, he will kill me! But {I do not deserve to die, because} I have revered Yahweh ever since I was a boy.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:13

ULT:

Has it not been declared to my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of Yahweh, that I hid 100 men from the prophets of Yahweh, 50, 50 men in the cave, and I sustained them with bread and water?

UST:

Sir, you must have heard about what I did when Jezebel wanted to kill all of Yahweh's prophets. I hid 100 of them in two caves. I put 50 prophets in each cave and brought food and water to them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:14

ULT:

And now you are saying, 'Go, say to your master, "Behold, Elijah,"' and he will kill me."

UST:

But even so, you are telling me, 'Go and tell your master that Elijah is here.' {If I do that and he comes and finds that you are not here,} he will kill me!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:15

ULT:

And Elijah said, "The life of Yahweh of Armies, to whose face I stand, surely today I will show myself to him."

UST:

But Elijah replied, "I swear by Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, the God whom I serve, that I stay right here where Ahab can find me today."

From where did Hezekiah get silver to give the king of Assyria?

Hezekiah got silver that was found in the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the king's palace.

1 Kings 18:16

ULT:

So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and he declared to him. And Ahab went to meet Elijah.

UST:

So Obadiah went and told Ahab that Elijah had returned. Ahab came to meet Elijah.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:17

ULT:

And it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, “{Is} this you, one troubling Israel?”

UST:

When he saw Elijah, he said to him, “Is it really you, {Elijah,} who have caused so much trouble for the people of Israel?”

From where did Tartan and Rabsaris and the chief commander call to King Hezekiah? (18:17-18)

They called to King Hezekiah from the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway of the Field of the Fuller.

1 Kings 18:18

ULT:

And he said, "I have not troubled Israel, but rather you and the house of your father, by your forsaking the commandments of Yahweh and going after the Baals.

UST:

Elijah replied, "I am not the one who has caused trouble for the people of Israel! You and your family are the ones who have done that! You have refused to obey Yahweh's commands, and you have worshiped idols representing Baal instead.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:19

ULT:

And now, send, gather to me all of Israel to Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, eaters at the table of Jezebel.”

UST:

So I want you to command leaders from throughout Israel to meet me at Mount Carmel. I want you to tell the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah to go there also. Your wife Jezebel supports those prophets.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:20

ULT:

And Ahab sent among all of the sons of Israel, and he gathered the prophets to Mount Carmel.

UST:

So Ahab sent messengers to command leaders from throughout Israel to go to Mount Carmel. He brought all of the prophets of Baal and Asherah there{, and Elijah went there too}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:21

ULT:

And Elijah approached to all of the people, and he said, “Until when {will} you {be} limping on two opinions? If Yahweh {is} God, go after him, but if Baal, go after him.” But the people did not answer him a word.

UST:

Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, “You must not remain undecided any longer about who is truly God! If Yahweh is God, then you should worship him. If Baal is God, then you should worship him!” But the people said nothing in reply.

What would happen if a man leaned on Egypt?

If a man leaned on Egypt, it would stick into his hand and pierce it.

1 Kings 18:22

ULT:

And Elijah said to the people, "I, I remain a prophet of Yahweh by myself, but the prophets of Baal {are} 450 men.

UST:

Then Elijah told them, "I am the only prophet of Yahweh who is still alive here in Israel, but there are 450 prophets of Baal.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:23

ULT:

Now let them give two bulls to us, and let them choose for themselves one bull, and let them cut it up. And let them set {it} on the wood, but let them not set a fire. And I, I will prepare one bull, and I will put {it} on the wood, but I will not set a fire.

UST:

Now bring two bulls here. The prophets of Baal may choose the one that they want. They may kill it and cut it into pieces, and they may {build an altar and put wood on it and} lay the pieces on the wood. But they must not set the wood on fire. I will kill the other bull and cut it in pieces and lay the pieces on wood {that I will put on an altar that I will make}. But I will not set the wood on fire.”

What wager did the king of Assyria make?

The king of Assyria wagered two thousand horses if Hezekiah was able to find riders for them.

1 Kings 18:24

ULT:

And you will call on the name of your god, and I, I will call on the name of Yahweh. And it will happen that the God who answers with fire, he {is} God.” And all of the people answered and said, “The word {is} good.”

UST:

Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “You must pray specifically to Baal as your god, and I will pray specifically to Yahweh.” Then Elijah said to the Israelite leaders, “The God who answers by sending fire {to kindle the wood and burn up the sacrifice that is on his altar} is the true God!” The Israelite leaders agreed to what Elijah proposed.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:25

ULT:

And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull, and prepare {it} first, for you are many. And call on the name of your god, but you shall not set a fire."

UST:

Then Elijah told the prophets of Baal, "You may go first, since there are so many of you. Choose one of the bulls and cut it into pieces. {Make an altar and put wood on it and put the pieces on the wood,} but do not light a fire. Then pray specifically to Baal as your god {and ask him to set the wood on fire}."

What did Yahweh tell the king of Assyria to do?

Yahweh told the king of Assyria to attack Judah and destroy it.

1 Kings 18:26

ULT:

And they took the bull that one gave to them, and they prepared, and they called on the name of Baal from morning and to midday, saying, "Baal, answer us!" But {there was} no voice, and {there was} no answering. And they limped beside the altar that one had made.

UST:

So they chose one of the bulls and cut it into pieces. {They built an altar and put wood on it,} and they placed the pieces on the altar. Then they prayed to Baal specifically as their god all through that morning. They shouted, "Baal, answer us!" Then they danced wildly around the altar that they had made. But no one spoke to them from the sky or did anything in response to their prayer.

In what language did Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah ask the chief commander to speak?

Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah asked the chief commander to speak in Aramaic.

1 Kings 18:27

ULT:

And it happened at midday that Elijah mocked them and said, "Call out with a great voice, for he is a god. Surely {he is in} contemplation, or surely {he has} a withdrawal for himself, or surely a way {is} to him. Perhaps he {is} asleep and he will awaken."

UST:

About noontime, Elijah started to make fun of them. He said, "You believe that Baal is a god, so shout more loudly {to get his attention}! Perhaps {he has not answered you because} he is thinking about something else or because he is relieving himself or because he is not home right now. Maybe he is sleeping but will wake up {if you shout loudly enough}."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:28

ULT:

And they called out with a great voice, and they cut themselves, according to their custom, with swords and with spears until a pouring of blood {was} on them.

UST:

So they shouted even more loudly. They slashed themselves with swords and spears, as they typically did when they worshiped Baal, until blood covered their bodies.

In what language did the chief commander shout?

The chief commander shouted in the Jews' language.

1 Kings 18:29

ULT:

And it happened, when midday passed, that they prophesied until the offering of the grain offering. But {there was} no voice, and {there was} no answering, and there was no attention.

UST:

They kept calling out to Baal until the middle of the afternoon, when it would soon be the time when it was customary to make a grain offering. But no one spoke to them from the sky or did anything in response to their prayer or paid any attention to it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:30

ULT:

And Elijah said to all of the people, "Come near to me." And all of the people came near to him. And he repaired the broken-down altar of Yahweh.

UST:

Then Elijah called to the people saying, "Come over here!" So they all crowded around him. There had been an altar to Yahweh there, but people who worshiped Baal had broken it apart. Elijah repaired it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:31

ULT:

And Elijah took 12 stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of Yahweh had been, saying, "Israel shall be your name."

UST:

To do that, he took 12 large stones, one to represent each of the tribes whose ancestors were the sons of Jacob. Yahweh had told Jacob, "Your name will now be Israel."

What would the king of Assyria let those who made peace with him do?

He would let them eat from their own vine and from their own fig tree, and drink from the water in their own cistern.

1 Kings 18:32

ULT:

And with the stones he built an altar in the name of Yahweh. And he made a trench around the altar like the house of two seahs {of} seed.

UST:

With these stones, Elijah rebuilt Yahweh's altar. Then he dug a ditch around the altar that was large enough to hold about 15 liters of grain.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:33

ULT:

And he arranged the wood, and he cut up the bull, and he set {it} on the wood.

UST:

Elijah stacked some wood on top of the stones. He {killed the bull and} cut it into pieces. Then he laid the pieces on top of the wood.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:34

ULT:

And he said, "Fill four jars {with} water, and pour {it} on the burnt offering and on the wood." And he said, "Do a second time," and they did a second time. And he said, "Do a third time," and they did a third time.

UST:

Then Elijah told the people there, "Fill four large jars with water, and pour the water on top of the pieces of the bull and the wood." {So they did that.} Then he told them, "Do the same thing again!" So they did it again. Then he told them, "Do it yet again!" So they did it yet again.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:35

ULT:

And the water went around the altar, and it even filled the trench with water.

UST:

The people poured so much water on the altar that it flowed all around the altar and filled the ditch at the bottom of it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:36

ULT:

And it happened at the offering of the grain offering that Elijah the prophet came near, and he said, “Yahweh, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and I {am} your servant and by your word I have done all these things.

UST:

It was now {late afternoon,} the time when it was customary to make a grain offering. Elijah walked up to the altar. He prayed, “Yahweh, you are the God whom our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Israel worshiped. Prove today that you are the God whom the Israelite people should worship. Also prove that I am your servant and that I have done all these things because you told me to do them.

What did King Hezekiah command?

The king commanded the people to not answer the chief commander.

1 Kings 18:37

ULT:

Answer me, Yahweh! Answer me so that this people may know that you, Yahweh, {are} God, and you, you have turned their heart back.”

UST:

Yahweh, please give the sign that I have described and send down fire! Do that so that these people will know that you, Yahweh, are the only true God and that you are working to make them want to worship you again!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:38

ULT:

And the fire of Yahweh fell, and it consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust. And it licked up the water that {was} in the trench.

UST:

Immediately Yahweh sent down fire from the sky. The fire burned up the pieces of meat, the wood, the stones, and the dirt that was around the altar. It even dried up all the water in the ditch!

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:39

ULT:

And all of the people saw, and they fell on their faces. And they said, “Yahweh, he {is} God! Yahweh, he {is} God!”

UST:

When the people saw that, they bowed down respectfully. People throughout the crowd shouted, “Yahweh is the true God!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:40

ULT:

And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let a man from them escape." And they seized them. And Elijah led them down to the wadi Kishon, and he slaughtered them there.

UST:

Then Elijah commanded the people, "Seize all the prophets of Baal! Do not allow any of them to escape!" So the people seized all the prophets of Baal. They brought them down the mountain to the Kishon valley, and Elijah had the people execute them all there.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:41

ULT:

And Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink, for {there is} the sound of the roar of a shower."

UST:

Then Elijah told Ahab, "Go back up {onto Mount Carmel where your servants have provisions for you} and get something to eat and drink. {But do it quickly,} because {as a prophet,} I can hear the sound of a heavy downpour{, so I know that it will soon rain very hard}!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:42

ULT:

So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the head of Carmel, and he bowed down to the ground, and he put his face between his knees.

UST:

So Ahab went back up {onto Mount Carmel} and had something to eat and drink. Elijah himself went up to the top of Mount Carmel. He bowed down reverently with his face almost to the ground {and prayed that Yahweh would make it rain}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:43

ULT:

And he said to his servant, "Go up, please, look the way of the sea." And he went up, and he looked, and he said, "{There is} not anything." And he said, "Return," seven times.

UST:

Then Elijah told his servant, "Please climb up to a place where you can look out at the sea {and see if any rain clouds are forming}." So his servant went and looked. He {came back and} told Elijah, "There are no clouds forming in the sky above the sea." Elijah kept sending him back to look, for a total of seven times.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:44

ULT:

And it happened on the seventh time that he said, "Behold, a small cloud like the palm of a man is coming up from the sea." And he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Harness and go down so the rain does not stop you.'"

UST:

When the servant went the seventh time, he came back and told Elijah, "I saw a cloud forming above the sea. It was very small, like a person's hand." Then Elijah told him, "Go and tell King Ahab to have his servants get his chariot ready so he can go home right away. If he does not do that, the rain will stop him!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:45

ULT:

And it happened to thus and to thus that the heavens darkened {with} clouds and wind, and {there} was a great shower. And Ahab rode and went to Jezreel.

UST:

Very soon a strong wind drove in so many black clouds that they made the sky dark. It began to rain very hard. Ahab was rushing in his chariot back to {his palace in} the city of Jezreel.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 18:46

ULT:

And the hand of Yahweh was on Elijah, and he girded up his loins, and he ran to the face of Ahab to your coming {to} Jezreel.

UST:

Yahweh gave extra strength to Elijah. He tucked his cloak into his belt so that he could run, and he ran ahead of Ahab's chariot all the way to Jezreel.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 19

1 Kings 19:1

ULT:

And Ahab declared to Jezebel all that Elijah had done and all that he had killed all of the prophets with the sword.

UST:

When Ahab got home, he told his wife Jezebel everything that Elijah had done on Mount Carmel. He told her specifically that Elijah had commanded the people to execute all the prophets of Baal.

What did King Hezekiah do when he heard the report?

When King Hezekiah heard the report, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Yahweh.

1 Kings 19:2

ULT:

And Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "Thus may the gods do, and thus may they add, unless about {this} time tomorrow I make your life like the life of one of them."

UST:

Then Jezebel sent a messenger to tell Elijah on her behalf, "I am going to have someone kill you by this time tomorrow, just as you killed all those prophets of Baal! If I do not do that, I hope the gods will kill me and do other terrible things to me."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 19:3

ULT:

And he saw, and he arose and went for his life, and he came {to} Beersheba, which is to Judah. And he made his servant stay there.

UST:

When Elijah received her message, he realized he could not stay safely within the kingdom of Israel. So {he took his servant with him} and fled {far to the south} to Beersheba in the kingdom of Judah. He left his servant there.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 19:4

ULT:

And he, he went the journey of a day into the wilderness, and he came and sat under a juniper tree. And he asked, {regarding} his life, to die, and he said, “Enough! Take my life now, Yahweh, for I am not better than my fathers.”

UST:

Then he walked for a whole day into the desolate area {south of Beersheba}. He came to a juniper tree and sat down {in its shade}. Then he prayed that Yahweh would allow him to die. He said, “Yahweh, I cannot endure anymore. So please allow me to die, just as my ancestors died.”

What did Hezekiah say Yahweh might do?

Hezekiah said that perhaps Yahweh will punish him for saying those things.

1 Kings 19:5

ULT:

And he lay down and slept under a juniper tree. And behold this, an angel was touching him, and he said to him, "Arise, eat!"

UST:

Then Elijah lay down under that juniper tree and fell asleep. While he was sleeping, an angel tapped him {and woke him up} and said to him, "{You need to} get up and eat some food."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 19:6

ULT:

And he looked, and behold, by his head {was} a bread-cake of hot stones and a jug of water. And he ate and drank, and he returned and lay down.

UST:

Elijah looked around and saw some bread nearby that someone had baked on hot stones. He also saw a jar of water. So he ate the bread and drank some water, then he lay down to sleep again.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 19:7

ULT:

And the angel of Yahweh returned a second time, and he touched him and said, "Arise, eat! For the journey {will be} too much for you."

UST:

Then the angel representing Yahweh came back and tapped him again {to wake him up}. The angel said, "You need more strength to go on a long journey, so get up and eat some more food."

What would Yahweh do to stop the king of Assyria?

Yahweh would put a spirit in him, and the king would hear a certain report and go back to his own land.

1 Kings 19:8

ULT:

So he arose, and he ate and drank. And he went in the strength of that food 40 days and 40 nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

UST:

So Elijah got up and ate more food and drank more water. That made him strong enough to travel for 40 days and nights all the way to Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to the Israelites.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 19:9

ULT:

And he entered into a cave there, and he lodged there. And behold, the word of Yahweh was to him, and he said to him, "What to you here, Elijah?"

UST:

He went into a cave there and slept in it. During that night, Yahweh spoke to him and asked, "Elijah, why are you here?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 19:10

ULT:

And he said, "Being jealous, I have been jealous for Yahweh, the God of Armies, for the sons of Israel have forsaken your covenant, they have torn down your altars, and they have killed your prophets with the sword. And I am left, I alone, and they seek my life, to take it."

UST:

Elijah replied, "Yahweh, commander of the heavenly armies, I have desperately wanted the Israelites to worship only you. But they have rejected the agreement that they made with you. They have torn down your altars, and they have killed your prophets. I am the only prophet whom they have not killed yet, and they are trying to kill me, too."

According to Sennacherib, in what way did God deceive Hezekiah?

According to Sennacherib, God deceived Hezekiah by saying Jerusalem would not be given over into the hand of the king of Assyria.

1 Kings 19:11

ULT:

And he said, "Go out, and you shall stand on the mountain to the face of Yahweh." And behold, Yahweh was passing over; and a great and strong wind was tearing the mountains and breaking rocks to the face of Yahweh. Yahweh {was} not in the wind. And after the wind, {there was} an earthquake. Yahweh {was} not in the earthquake.

UST:

Yahweh told him, "Go out and stand on this mountain where I can meet with you. I will be coming very soon!" As Yahweh approached, a strong windstorm struck the mountain, and it loosened rocks {so that they fell down the mountainside}. But Yahweh was not in the wind. Then there was an earthquake, but Yahweh was not in the earthquake.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 19:12

ULT:

And after the earthquake, {there was} a fire. Yahweh {was} not in the fire. And after the fire, {there was} a voice of small stillness.

UST:

Then there was a fire, but Yahweh was not in the fire. Then Elijah heard what sounded like someone whispering quietly.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 19:13

ULT:

And it happened when Elijah heard that he wrapped his face in his cloak. And he went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, a voice {was} to him, and it said, "What to you here, Elijah?"

UST:

When Elijah heard that, he covered his face with his cloak. Then he went and stood at the entrance of the cave. {Yahweh,} the person who had been whispering, asked him, "Elijah, why are you here?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 19:14

ULT:

And he said, "Being jealous, I have been jealous for Yahweh, the God of Armies, for the sons of Israel have forsaken your covenant, they have torn down your altars, and they have killed your prophets with the sword. And I am left, I alone, and they seek my life, to take it."

UST:

He replied again, "Yahweh, commander of the heavenly armies, I have desperately wanted the Israelites to worship only you. But they have rejected the agreement that they made with you. They have torn down your altars, and they have killed your prophets. I am the only prophet whom they have not killed yet, and they are trying to kill me, too."

Where did Hezekiah spread the letter from the messengers?

Hezekiah spread the letter from the messengers in the house of Yahweh.

1 Kings 19:15

ULT:

And Yahweh said to him, “Go, return to your way toward the wilderness of Damascus. And you shall come and anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

UST:

Then Yahweh told him, “Go back the way you came to the wilderness near Damascus. When you arrive there, pour olive oil on the head of {the royal official} Hazael to appoint him to be the next king of Aram.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 19:16

ULT:

And you shall anoint Jehu, the son of Nimshi, as king over Israel. And you shall anoint Elisha, the son of Shaphat, from Abel Meholah, as prophet in your place.

UST:

I also want you to pour olive oil on the head of Jehu son of Nimshi to appoint him as the next king of Israel. And I want you to pour olive oil on the head of Elisha son of Shaphat from city of Abel Meholah to appoint him as a prophet who will succeed you.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 19:17

ULT:

And it will happen that the one escaping from the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill. And the one escaping from the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill.

UST:

Hazael's soldiers will kill many people. Some people will escape from them, but Jehu's soldiers will kill many of those. Some people will even escape from them, but Elisha will kill them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 19:18

ULT:

But I will leave in Israel 7,000, all of the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

UST:

But no one will kill the 7,000 people in Israel who have never bowed down to worship Baal or reverently kissed his idol.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 19:19

ULT:

And he went from there, and he found Elisha, the son of Shaphat. And he was plowing {with} 12 pairs to his face, and he was with the twelfth. And Elijah passed over to him, and he threw his cloak on him.

UST:

So Elijah went {to Abel Meholah} and found Elisha. He was plowing a field with a pair of oxen. He was also supervising the work of eleven other men who were plowing with pairs of oxen in the same field. Elijah went over to Elisha. He took off his own coat and put it on Elisha {to show that he wanted Elisha to take his place as a prophet, and then he started to walk away}.

Why should Yahweh save the people of Judah?

Yahweh should save the people of Judah so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Yahweh is God alone.

1 Kings 19:20

ULT:

And he left the oxen, and he ran after Elijah, and he said, "Please let me kiss my father and my mother, then let me go after you." And he said to him, "Go, return, for what have I done to you?"

UST:

Elisha left the oxen standing there and ran after Elijah. He told him, "I will go with you, but I would like to say goodbye to my parents first." Elijah replied, "Very well, go home and say goodbye to them. I have not asked you to leave without doing that."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 19:21

ULT:

And he returned from after him. And he took the pair of oxen, and he sacrificed it. And with the equipment of the oxen he boiled them, the flesh. And he gave to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah, and he served him.

UST:

So Elisha left Elijah and went back home. He killed his oxen and cut them in pieces and used the wood from the plow to build a fire to boil the meat. He distributed the meat to his family and friends, and they had a farewell feast. Then he left and went with Elijah and became his helper.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20

1 Kings 20:1

ULT:

Now Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, gathered all of his army, and 32 kings with him, and horse and chariot. And he went up and besieged against Samaria, and he fought with it.

UST:

Later, King Ben Hadad of Aram attacked the city of Samaria. He marched there with all of his soldiers and horses and chariots. Thirty-two kings who were subject to him brought their own soldiers. They all surrounded Samaria and began fighting to conquer it.

What did Yahweh tell Hezekiah to do because he would die?

Yahweh told Hezekiah to set his house in order, for he would die.

1 Kings 20:2

ULT:

And he sent messengers to Ahab, the king of Israel, at the city,

UST:

Ben Hadad sent messengers into the city {to speak on his behalf} to King Ahab.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:3

ULT:

and he said to him, "Thus says Ben Hadad, 'Your silver and your gold, it {is} to me, and your wives and your sons, the best ones, they {are} to me.'"

UST:

The messengers told Ahab, "King Ben Hadad says, 'You must give to me your silver and gold, as well as your most beautiful wives and finest children.'"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:4

ULT:

And the king of Israel answered and said, "According to your word, my lord the king, I and all that {is} to me {are} to you."

UST:

King Ahab responded to Ben Hadad, "I agree to do what you have demanded. I will give you anything you want, and I will become your subject."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:5

ULT:

And the messengers returned and said, "Thus says Ben Hadad, saying, 'Indeed I sent to you, saying, "Your silver and your gold and your wives and your sons, you shall give to me,"

UST:

The messengers {told that to Ben Hadad, and} he sent them back with another message: "I sent you a message before saying that you had to give me your silver and gold and wives and children.

Why was Yahweh about to heal Hezekiah?

Because Yahweh heard Hezekiah's prayer and saw his tears, he was about to heal him.

1 Kings 20:6

ULT:

but rather, around {this} time tomorrow I will send my servants to you, and they will search your house and the houses of your servants. And it will happen, every desire of your eyes, they will put in their hand and take away.’”

UST:

In addition to that, about this time tomorrow, I will send some of my officials to search your palace and the houses of your officials. You must allow them to claim anything valuable of yours and bring it to me.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:7

ULT:

And the king of Israel called to all of the elders of the land. And he said, "Please know and see that this one is seeking harm, for he sent to me for my wives and for my sons and for my silver and for my gold, and I did not withhold from him."

UST:

Then King Ahab summoned all the leaders of Israel. He told them, "It should be obvious that this man wants to destroy us. He sent me a message insisting that I must give him my wives and children and silver and gold, and I agreed to do that{, but now he is making further unreasonable demands}."

How did Hezekiah recover?

A lump of figs was put on his boil, and he recovered.

1 Kings 20:8

ULT:

And all of the elders and all of the people said to him, "Do not hear and do not consent."

UST:

The leaders said to him, "You must not agree to his demands." The people who were in Samaria supported what the leaders said.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:9

ULT:

And he said to the messengers of Ben Hadad, "Say to my lord the king, 'All that you sent to your servant at first, I will do, but this thing I am not able to do.'" And the messengers went and returned him word.

UST:

So Ahab told Ben Hadad's messengers, "Tell the king that I still agree to give him the things that he first requested. But I do not agree to what he is now demanding further." The messengers went back to King Ben Hadad and told him that.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:10

ULT:

And Ben Hadad sent to him and said, "Thus may the gods do to me, and thus may they add, if the dust of Samaria is enough for handfuls for all of the people who {are} at my feet!"

UST:

Then Ben Hadad sent messengers back to Ahab. They told him on his behalf, "We will destroy your city completely. There will not be enough debris left for each of my soldiers to have a handful of it! If we do not do that, I ask the gods to destroy me completely and do other terrible things to me!"

How did Yahweh change the shadow? (20:10-11)

Yahweh brought the shadow ten steps backward from where it had moved to on the stairway of Ahaz.

1 Kings 20:11

ULT:

And the king of Israel answered and said, “Tell {him}, ‘Let one girding not boast like one ungirding.’”

UST:

King Ahab replied to the messengers, “Tell King Ben Hadad that someone who is putting on his armor {in order to fight a battle} should not boast like someone who is taking off his armor {because he has won a battle}.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:12

ULT:

And it happened when he heard this word (and he was drinking, he and the kings, in huts), that he said to his servants, "Set!" And they set against the city.

UST:

Ben Hadad was drinking wine with his subject kings in their headquarters when the messengers returned and told him what Ahab had said. He immediately ordered his soldiers to organize an attack against the city, and they marched out to attack it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:13

ULT:

And behold, a prophet came near to Ahab, the king of Israel, and he said, “Thus says Yahweh, ‘Have you seen all of this great multitude? Behold me, giving it into your hand today, and you will know that I {am} Yahweh.’”

UST:

At that moment, a prophet came to King Ahab and said to him, “Here is a message from Yahweh for you. He says, ‘Do not be at all afraid of the large enemy army that you see! I will enable your army to defeat them today, and you will recognize that I, Yahweh, am the only true God.’”

What did Hezekiah show the messengers from the king of Babylon?

Hezekiah showed them everything in his house and kingdom.

1 Kings 20:14

ULT:

And Ahab said, "By whom?" And he said, "Thus says Yahweh, 'By the servants of the leaders of the districts.'" And he said, "Who will bind the battle?" And he said, "You."

UST:

Ahab asked, "Which of our soldiers will defeat them?" The prophet replied, "Yahweh says that the servants whom the district governors brought with them when they came here will defeat them." The king asked, "Should I wait for the Arameans to attack us, or should I send those men out to attack them first?" The prophet replied, "Send those men out."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:15

ULT:

And he mustered the servants of the leaders of the districts, and they were 232. And after them he mustered all of the people. All of the sons of Israel {were} 7,000.

UST:

So Ahab gathered the servants whom the district governors had brought with them. There were 232 of those young men. Then Ahab counted how many Israelite soldiers were in the city of Samaria. There were only 7,000 of them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:16

ULT:

And they went out at midday. (Now Ben Hadad was drinking drunk in the huts, he and the kings, 32 kings who helped him.)

UST:

Those young men started to attack at noon, while Ben Hadad and his 32 subject kings were drinking wine in their headquarters. They had already become drunk.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:17

ULT:

And the servants of the leaders of the districts went out at first. And Ben Hadad sent, and they declared to him, saying, “Men have gone out from Samaria.”

UST:

When those young soldiers began their attack, Ben Hadad {realized something was happening} and sent some soldiers to find out what it was. They returned and reported to him, “Some soldiers are approaching us from Samaria!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:18

ULT:

And he said, "If they have gone out for peace, seize them alive, and if they have gone out for battle, seize them alive."

UST:

He said, "If they are coming out to negotiate a surrender, take them prisoner. If they are coming out to fight with us, capture them alive."

What would happen to the sons born from Hezekiah?

The people of Babylon would take away the sons born from him, and they would become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

1 Kings 20:19

ULT:

And these went out from the city, the servants of the leaders of the districts, and the army that was behind them.

UST:

Those young Israelite soldiers came out of the city {to attack the Aramean army}, and the other soldiers in the Israelite army came out of the city after them.

Why did Hezekiah think that the word of Yahweh was good?

Hezekiah thought that the word of Yahweh was good because there would be peace and stability in his days.

1 Kings 20:20

ULT:

And they struck, a man his man. And Aram fled, and Israel pursued them. And Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, escaped on a horse with the horsemen.

UST:

Each of them killed the Aramean soldier who came to fight with him. {When} the rest of the Aramean army {saw that, they} ran away, and the rest of the Israelite army pursued them. King Ben Hadad had to escape by getting on a horse and fleeing with his soldiers who rode horses.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:21

ULT:

And the king of Israel went out, and he struck the horse and the chariot. And he struck Aram a great striking.

UST:

Then King Ahab came out of the city {to lead the Israelite army}. He and his soldiers destroyed the enemy horses and chariots, and they won a great victory over the Arameans.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:22

ULT:

And the prophet came near to the king of Israel and said to him, "Go, strengthen yourself, and know and see what you shall do, because at the return of the year the king of Aram will be coming up against you."

UST:

Then that same prophet went to King Ahab and told him, "The king of Aram is going to attack you with his army again in the springtime of next year. So you must increase the size of your army and make careful preparations."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:23

ULT:

And the servants of the king of Aram said to him, "Their gods {are} gods of the hills. Therefore they were stronger than us. But indeed, we shall fight them in the plain, surely we will be stronger than them.

UST:

{After the Israelites defeated the Aramean army,} Ben Hadad's officials told him, "The gods that the Israelites worship are gods who live in the hills{, and Samaria is built on a hill}. That is why their soldiers were able to defeat us when we fought them there. But if we fight against them in the plains, we will certainly defeat them {because their gods will not be able to help them there}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:24

ULT:

And do this thing: remove the kings, a man from his place, and appoint captains instead of them.

UST:

Here is something further that you should do. You should remove the 32 kings who have been commanding their own soldiers and replace them with trained military officers.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:25

ULT:

And you, you shall muster for yourself an army like the army having fallen from with you, and a horse like the horse and a chariot like the chariot, and we will fight them in the plain. Surely will we be stronger than them.” And he listened to their voice and did so.

UST:

Then gather an army as large as the one that the Israelites defeated. Make sure that it has as many horses and chariots as the first army had. Then we will fight the Israelites in the plains, and we will certainly defeat them.” Ben Hadad decided that they were right, so he did what they suggested.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:26

ULT:

And it happened at the return of the year that Ben Hadad mustered Aram. And he went up to Aphek for battle with Israel.

UST:

In the spring of the following year, Ben Hadad gathered his soldiers and marched with them to the city of Aphek to fight against the Israelite army.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:27

ULT:

And the sons of Israel were mustered and were sustained, and they went to meet them. And the sons of Israel camped in front of them like two little flocks of goats, but Aram filled the land.

UST:

Then Ahab assembled the Israelite army and gave it food and equipment. The Israelite soldiers marched out to fight the Aramean soldiers, and they set up their tents opposite them. Compared with the great size of the Aramean army, which spread all over the countryside, the Israelite camp seemed like two small flocks of goats.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:28

ULT:

And a man of God came near and spoke to the king of Israel and said, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Because Aram has said, "Yahweh {is} a god of the hills, but he {is} not a god of the valleys," I will give all of this great multitude into your hand, and you will know that I {am} Yahweh.'"

UST:

A prophet came to King Ahab and told him, "Here is a message from Yahweh for you. He says, 'The Arameans are saying that I am a god who lives in the hills, and so I will not be able to help you if they fight you in a valley. I am going to prove that they are wrong by enabling your soldiers to defeat their huge army here in this valley. Then you will recognize that I, Yahweh, am the only true God.'"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:29

ULT:

And they camped, these opposite these, seven days. And it happened on the seventh day that the battle approached, and the sons of Israel struck Aram, 100,000 foot soldiers in one day.

UST:

The two armies remained in their camps opposite each other for seven days. Then, on the seventh day, they started fighting. The Israelite army defeated the Arameans, and that day they killed 100,000 of their soldiers.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:30

ULT:

And the remaining ones fled to Aphek, into the city, and the wall fell on 27,000 remaining men. And Ben Hadad fled and entered into the city, a chamber in a chamber.

UST:

The other Aramean soldiers ran away into the city of Aphek. But the wall of the city collapsed and killed 27,000 more of them. Ben Hadad also escaped into the city and hid in the back room of a house.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:31

ULT:

And his servants said to him, "Behold, please, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel, that they {are} kings of mercy. Please let us put sackcloth on our loins and ropes on our heads, and we will go out to the king of Israel. Perhaps he will let your soul live."

UST:

His officials came to him and said, "We have heard that the kings of Israel act mercifully. So allow us to go to King Ahab {and plead for mercy}. We will wrap rough cloth around our waists {to show humility} and ropes on our heads {to indicate that we will be his slaves}. If we do that, perhaps he will not kill you."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:32

ULT:

And they girded sackcloth on their waists and ropes on their heads, and they came to the king of Israel. And they said, "Your servant Ben Hadad says, 'Please let my soul live.'" And he said, "{Is} he still alive? He {is} my brother."

UST:

{The king permitted them to do that, so} they wrapped rough cloth around their waists and put ropes on their heads and went to speak with King Ahab. They said to him, "Your subject Ben Hadad begs you not to kill him." Ahab replied, "Is he still alive? He {does not need to be my subject,} he is my brother{, another king like me}."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:33

ULT:

And the men were observing signs, and they hastened and caught the {thing} from him. And they said, "Your brother Ben Hadad." And he said, "Come, bring him!" And Ben Hadad came out to him, and he brought him up onto the chariot.

UST:

Ben Hadad's officials were listening carefully to Ahab, and when he said "brother," they quickly repeated that word. They said, "Yes, your brother{, your fellow king} Ben Hadad." Ahab said, "Go and bring him to me." {So they went and got him, and when} Ben Hadad arrived, Ahab invited him to sit in his chariot with him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:34

ULT:

And he said to him, "I will return the cities that my father took from your father, and you may establish marketplaces for yourself in Damascus, just as my father established in Samaria." "And I, I will send you away with a covenant." And he cut a covenant with him, and he sent him away.

UST:

Ben Hadad told Ahab, "I will give back to you the Israelite cities that my father's army captured when your father was king. And I will allow you to set up market areas for your merchants in Damascus, just as my father set up market areas for his merchants in Samaria." Ahab replied, "If you make a treaty to do those things, I will allow you to go home." So Ben Hadad made a treaty with Ahab, and Ahab allowed him to go home.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:35

ULT:

And a man from the sons of the prophets said to his fellow, "By the word of Yahweh, strike me, please." But the man refused to strike him.

UST:

There was a man who was part of a group of young prophets in training. He told another young prophet in the group, "Yahweh has told me to have someone hit me hard{and injure me}. So please do that." But that man refused to hit him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:36

ULT:

And he said to him, "Because you did not listen to the voice of Yahweh, behold you, going from with me, and a lion will strike you." And he went from beside him, and a lion found him and struck him.

UST:

So the first prophet said to him, "Because you refused to do what Yahweh told you to do, as soon as you leave me, a lion will kill you." And as soon as that man left, a lion suddenly came and killed him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:37

ULT:

And he found a man and said, "Strike me, please." And the man struck him, striking and wounding.

UST:

Then the prophet went to another prophet and told him, "Hit me hard, please!" So that man hit him very hard and injured him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:38

ULT:

And the prophet went, and he stood on the road for the king. And he disguised himself with a covering over his eyes.

UST:

Then the prophet went and waited by the side of the road for King Ahab to come by. He put a bandage over his eyes so that the king would recognize him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:39

ULT:

And it happened that the king was passing by, and he, he cried out to the king and said, "Your servant went out into the middle of the battle, and behold, a man turned and brought a man to me. And he said, 'Guard this man. If missing, he is missing, then your life will be in place of his life, or you shall pay a kikkar of silver.'

UST:

As the king was going by, the prophet called out to him. He said, "Your Majesty, I was fighting in the battle {against the Arameans, and one of them wounded me so that I could not fight any longer}. So another Israelite soldier brought me an {important} Aramean soldier whom he had captured. He told me, 'Guard this man! If he escapes by any means, you will deserve to die, and you will have to pay me 33 kilograms of silver to save your life!'

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:40

ULT:

*And it happened that your servant was doing here and there, and he {was} not {there}.”
And the king of Israel said to him, “Thus {is} your judgment, you, you have decided.”*

UST:

But while I was busy doing other things, the man escaped!” King Ahab said to him, “I judge that you should suffer one of the punishments you described. It is clear from your own testimony that you deserve punishment.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:41

ULT:

And he hurried and removed the covering from upon his eyes, and the king of Israel recognized him, that he {was} from the prophets.

UST:

Then the prophet immediately took off the bandage that was covering his eyes, and King Ahab recognized him. He knew that he was one of the prophets.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:42

ULT:

And he said to him, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Because you have sent away a man of my devotion from {your} hand, so it will be your life in place of his life and your people in place of his people.'"

UST:

The prophet told him, "Here is a message from Yahweh for you. He says, 'I wanted you to kill Ben Hadad, but even though he was your prisoner {and you could have done that}, you let him go. As a result, you are going to die instead of him, and many of your people are going to die instead of his people.'"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 20:43

ULT:

And the king of Israel went to his house sullen and angry, and he came to Samaria.

UST:

Then King Ahab continued back to Samaria. He was angry and depressed when he got home.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21

1 Kings 21:1

ULT:

And it happened after these things {that} a vineyard was to Naboth the Jezreelite that was in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab, the king of Samaria.

UST:

King Ahab's main palace was in the city of Samaria. But he also had a palace in the city of Jezreel. Near that palace there was a vineyard. Naboth the Jezreelite owned that vineyard. Shortly after he returned from fighting the Arameans,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:2

ULT:

And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give your vineyard to me, and it will be to me for a garden of vegetables, for it is near beside my house. And let me give to you in its place a better vineyard than it. If it is good in your eyes, let me give to you silver of the price of this."

UST:

Ahab went to Naboth and said to him, "Your vineyard is close to my palace. I would like to buy it so that I can use the land for a vegetable garden. In exchange, I will give you a better vineyard somewhere else, or if you prefer, I will pay you what your vineyard is worth in silver."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:3

ULT:

And Naboth said to Ahab, "Profane to me from Yahweh, from my giving the inheritance of my fathers to you!"

UST:

But Naboth replied, "I inherited that land from my ancestors {and the law of Moses does not allow me to sell it}. Yahweh would be very displeased with me if I sold that land to you{, so I will not sell it}!"

What did Manasseh rebuild?

Manasseh rebuilt the shrines that Hezekiah, his father, had destroyed.

1 Kings 21:4

ULT:

And Ahab entered into his house sullen and angry because of the word that Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him, for he had said, "I will not give to you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed, and he turned his face away, and he did not eat bread.

UST:

Ahab became angry and depressed when Naboth told him that he would not sell him the vineyard that he had inherited from his ancestors. Ahab went home and lay down on his bed. He turned his face toward the wall, and he refused to eat anything.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:5

ULT:

And Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, "What is this? Your spirit {is} sullen, and you are not eating bread!"

UST:

His wife Jezebel came and asked him, "Why are you so depressed? Why are you refusing to eat anything?"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:6

ULT:

And he said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and I said to him, 'Give your vineyard to me for silver or, if you are desiring, let me give a vineyard to you in its place.' But he said, 'I will not give my vineyard to you.'"

UST:

Ahab replied, "I am depressed and not eating because of what happened when I spoke with Naboth the Jezreelite. I told him that I wanted his vineyard. I said, 'I will buy it from you for silver, or I will give you another vineyard in exchange for it.' But he told me that he would not let me have it."

With whom did Manasseh consult?

Manasseh practiced divination, and he observed signs, and he made a ritual pit and familiar spirits.

1 Kings 21:7

ULT:

And Jezebel his wife said to him, "Now you, you do the kingship over Israel. Get up, eat bread, and let your heart be good! I, I will give to you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

UST:

Jezebel replied, "You are the king of Israel, so you can have whatever you want! Now get up and eat some food, and do not let what Naboth said bother you. I will get his vineyard for you."

What did Manasseh place in the house of Yahweh?

Manasseh placed the carved figure of Asherah that he had made in the house of Yahweh.

1 Kings 21:8

ULT:

And she wrote letters in the name of Ahab, and she sealed {them} with his seal. And she sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles who {were} in his city, the dwellers with Naboth.

UST:

Then Jezebel wrote letters and signed Ahab's name on them {as if he had written them himself}. She used his official seal to seal them. Then she sent them to the older leaders and other important men who lived with Naboth in Jezreel.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:9

ULT:

And she wrote in the letters, saying, "Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth at the head of the people.

UST:

This is what she wrote in the letters: "Declare that the people of Jezreel must not eat anything on a certain day {because someone has committed a crime and it is more important for the people of the community to investigate that crime than to eat}. Tell the people to gather in the city square, and have Naboth sit in front of them {as a person whom people have accused of committing a crime}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:10

ULT:

And seat two men, sons of wickedness, in front of him, and let them witness against him, saying, 'You blessed God and the king.' And take him out and stone him, and may he die."

UST:

Then get two very dishonest men and seat them opposite him {as witnesses against him}. Tell those men to testify that they heard Naboth cursing God and me, King Ahab. {Declare that he is guilty, and} take Naboth out of the city and kill him by throwing stones at him."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:11

ULT:

And the men of his city, the elders and the nobles who were dwelling in his city, did just as Jezebel sent to them, just as was written in the letters that she sent to them.

UST:

The older leaders and other important men of Naboth's city received the letters, and they did exactly what Jezebel had told them to do in the letters that she wrote.

Whom did Manasseh act more wickedly than?

Manasseh acted more wickedly than the Amorites who were before him.

1 Kings 21:12

ULT:

They proclaimed a fast, and they seated Naboth at the head of the people.

UST:

They declared that on a certain day, the people of Jezreel should not eat anything. They gathered the people in the city square and made Naboth sit in front of them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:13

ULT:

And the two men came, the sons of wickedness, and they sat in front of him, and the men of wickedness witnessed against Naboth in front of the people, saying, "Naboth blessed God and the king." And they brought him to the outside of the city, and they stoned him with stones, and he died.

UST:

They brought in two very dishonest men and had them sit opposite Naboth {as witnesses against him}. There in front of the assembly they claimed that they had heard Naboth curse God and the king. {The leaders declared that he was guilty, so} the people took him outside the city and killed him by throwing stones at him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:14

ULT:

And they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned, and he has died."

UST:

Then those leaders sent messengers to Jezebel to tell her, "We have executed Naboth by stoning him."

Why would the remnant become victims and plunder for all their enemies? (21:14-15)

The remnant would become victims and plunder for all their enemies because his people have done things that he has told them are very evil.

1 Kings 21:15

ULT:

And it happened, when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and had died, that Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise! Possess the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite that he refused to give to you for silver, for Naboth {is} not alive, but he is dead!"

UST:

When Jezebel learned that the leaders had executed Naboth by stoning him, she told Ahab, "That man Naboth who refused to sell his vineyard to you is dead. So you can go and take possession of that land."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:16

ULT:

And it happened, when Ahab heard that Naboth had died, that Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite to possess it.

UST:

When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he went right away to the vineyard to claim that he now owned it.

How much innocent blood did Manasseh shed?

Manasseh shed so much innocent blood that he filled Jerusalem from one end to another with death.

1 Kings 21:17

ULT:

And the word of Yahweh was to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

UST:

Then Yahweh spoke to Elijah the Tishbite. He told him,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:18

ULT:

“Arise! Go down to meet Ahab, the king of Israel, who {is} in Samaria. Behold, {he is} in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down there to possess it.

UST:

“I want you to go right away and speak to Ahab, the king of Israel, whose main palace is in Samaria. He is now in Jezreel, and he has gone to the vineyard that belongs to a man whose name is Naboth. He has gone there to claim that he now owns it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:19

ULT:

And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says Yahweh, "Have you murdered and also taken possession?"' And you shall speak to him, saying, 'Thus says Yahweh, "In the place where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth, the dogs will lick your blood, even you."'"

UST:

Give Ahab this message from me. Tell him that I say, 'I know that you have murdered Naboth and taken his land!' Give him this further message from me. Tell him that I say, 'When Naboth died, dogs came and licked up his blood. You are also going to die, and dogs will lick up your blood in that same place. Yes, this will happen to you!'"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:20

ULT:

And Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you found me, my enemy?" And he said, "I have found {you} because you have sold yourself to do evil in the eyes of Yahweh.

UST:

{So Elijah went to meet with Ahab, and} Ahab said to him, "You have caught me, and you are here to avenge the crime I committed." Elijah answered, "Yes, I have caught you, because you are willingly doing things that Yahweh says are wrong.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:21

ULT:

'Behold me, bringing harm on you, and I will burn after you, and I will cut off from Ahab one pissing against a wall, both one restrained and one set free in Israel.

UST:

So this is what Yahweh says to you: 'I am going to make something terrible happen to you {and your whole family}. I am going to destroy all of you. I will allow someone to kill all of the males in your household, whether they are family members or servants, no matter where they live in Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:22

ULT:

And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha, the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation {by} which you have provoked {me}, and you have caused Israel to sin.'

UST:

I will allow someone to kill your entire family, just as people killed the entire families of Jeroboam son of Nebat and Baasha son of Ahijah. I will do this because you have caused me to become very angry and because you have led the Israelite people to sin.'

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:23

ULT:

And also about Jezebel Yahweh has spoken, saying, 'Dogs will eat Jezebel at the rampart of Jezreel.'

UST:

Yahweh has also told me that your wife Jezebel is going to die and that dogs will eat her body near the outer wall of Jezreel.

How did Amon die?

The servants of Amon conspired against him and put the king to death in his own house.

1 Kings 21:24

ULT:

The one to Ahab dying in the city, dogs will eat, and the one dying in the field, the birds of the sky will eat.”

UST:

Dogs will eat the bodies of any members of your household who die in cities. Scavenger birds will eat the bodies of any members of your household who die in the countryside.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:25

ULT:

Surely one was not like Ahab, who sold himself to do evil in the eyes of Yahweh, he whom Jezebel his wife incited.

UST:

No other king did things that Yahweh had said were wrong as willingly as Ahab did. His wife Jezebel urged him to do those wrong things.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:26

ULT:

And he acted very abominably by walking after idols, like all that the Amorite had done, whom Yahweh had dispossessed from the face of the sons of Israel.

UST:

The Amorites who lived in Canaan worshiped idols and lived in very disgusting ways as a result. That is why Yahweh took their land from them and gave it to the Israelites. Ahab did those same disgusting things.

Where was Amon buried?

The people buried Amon in his tomb in the garden of Uzza.

1 Kings 21:27

ULT:

And it happened, when Ahab heard these words, that he tore his garments and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and he fasted. And he lay down in sackcloth, and he walked softly.

UST:

When Ahab heard the message from Yahweh that Elijah had spoken, {to show that he was sorry for all the sins that he had committed,} he tore his clothes. He also wore clothes made from rough, uncomfortable cloth, and he did not eat anything. He kept wearing those rough clothes even when he got into bed to sleep. He also walked very quietly.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:28

ULT:

And the word of Yahweh was to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

UST:

Then Yahweh said to Elijah,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 21:29

ULT:

“Have you seen that Ahab has humbled himself from to my face? Because he has humbled himself from my face, I will not bring harm in his days. In the days of his son, I will bring harm on his house.”

UST:

“As you are aware, Ahab is acting very humbly now because he wants me to see {that he is sorry for the evil things he has done}. So I am not going to destroy his family while he is still alive. I am going to destroy his family after he dies and his son becomes king.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22

1 Kings 22:1

ULT:

And they continued three years without war between Aram and between Israel.

UST:

For the next three years, the kingdoms of Aram and Israel did not fight any wars against each other.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:2

ULT:

And it happened in the third year that Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, went down to the king of Israel.

UST:

Then King Jehoshaphat, who ruled Judah, went to visit King Ahab, who ruled Israel.

How did Josiah walk?

Josiah walked in all the ways of David his ancestor, and he did not turn away either to the right or to the left.

1 Kings 22:3

ULT:

And the king of Israel said to his servants, “Do you know that Ramoth Gilead is to us, but we are being silent from taking it from the hand of the king of Aram?”

UST:

{While they were talking,} Ahab said to his officials, “The city of Ramoth in the region of Gilead really belongs to us, but the Arameans are still occupying it. We ought to do something to recapture that city.”

What did Josiah want Hilkiah to give to the workmen who were in the house of Yahweh? (22:3-5)

Josiah wanted Hilkiah to give the money that was brought into the house of Yahweh to the workmen who were in the house of Yahweh.

1 Kings 22:4

ULT:

And he said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to battle {at} Ramoth Gilead?" And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Like me, like you. Like my people, like your people. Like my horses, like your horses."

UST:

Then Ahab turned toward Jehoshaphat and asked, "Will you lead your army and join me as I lead my army to fight to recapture Ramoth Gilead?" Jehoshaphat replied, "Yes, I will lead my army and join you as you lead your army. My soldiers and their horses will fight alongside your soldiers and their horses."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:5

ULT:

And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Please seek as today the word of Yahweh."

UST:

Then Jehoshaphat added, "But we should first ask Yahweh whether we should attack Ramoth Gilead."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:6

ULT:

And the king of Israel gathered the prophets, about 400 men, and he said to them, "Shall I go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for the Lord will give {it} into the hand of the king."

UST:

So Ahab summoned his prophets. There were about 400 of them. He asked them, "Should I lead my army to fight to recapture Ramoth Gilead, or should I not do that?" They answered, "Yes, go and attack them, because God will enable your army to recapture the city so that it will belong to you again."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:7

ULT:

And Jehoshaphat said, “{Is} no prophet of Yahweh still here, that we may seek from him?”

UST:

But Jehoshaphat asked, “Is there still a prophet of Yahweh here whom we could ask about this?”

Why was no accounting required for the money that was given to the workmen?

No accounting was required for the money that was given to the workmen, because they handled it faithfully.

1 Kings 22:8

ULT:

And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “{There is} still one man for seeking Yahweh from him, but I, I hate him because he does not prophesy good about me, but rather evil, Micaiah, the son of Imlah.” And Jehoshaphat said, “May the king not say thus.”

UST:

King Ahab replied, “There is still one prophet whom we can ask to tell us what Yahweh says. His name is Micaiah son of Imlah. But I hate him, because whenever he prophesies about me, he never says that anything good will happen to me. He always predicts that bad things will happen to me.” Jehoshaphat replied, “I do not feel that you should assume he will do that.”

What did Hilkiah find in the house of Yahweh?

Hilkiah found the Book of the Law in the house of Yahweh.

1 Kings 22:9

ULT:

So the king of Israel called to a eunuch and said, "Hasten Micaiah, the son of Imlah."

UST:

So King Ahab told one of his officers to summon Micaiah immediately.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:10

ULT:

Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, were sitting, a man on his throne, clothed {in} robes, by the threshing floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria. And all of the prophets were prophesying to their faces.

UST:

Ahab, the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, were both wearing their royal robes. They were each sitting on thrones in an open square just inside one of the gates in the wall of Samaria. Many prophets were standing in front of them and speaking messages that they said were from God.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:11

ULT:

And Zedekiah, the son of Kenaanah, made horns of iron for himself, and he said, "Thus says Yahweh: 'With these you will gore Aram until their finishing.'"

UST:

One of those prophets was Zedekiah son of Kenaanah. He used iron to make some horns {like the horns that bulls have}. Then he proclaimed to Ahab, "Here is a message for you from Yahweh. He says, 'Your army will keep defeating the Arameans until you have completely destroyed them, just as a bull keeps goring another animal until it has killed it!'"

When the king heard the words of the law, what did he do?

When the king heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes.

1 Kings 22:12

ULT:

And all of the prophets were prophesying thus, saying, "Go up {to} Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for Yahweh will give {it} into the hand of the king."

UST:

The other prophets who were there said the same thing. They told Ahab, "If you go and attack Ramoth Gilead, you will succeed in conquering it, because Yahweh will enable you to defeat its defenders!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:13

ULT:

And the messenger who went to call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Behold, please, the words of the prophets {with} one mouth {are} good for the king. Please let your word be like the word of one from them, and speak good."

UST:

Meanwhile, the messenger who went to summon Micaiah told him, "Listen to me! All the other prophets are predicting that King Ahab will defeat the Arameans with his army. So be sure that you say the same thing and also predict that he will defeat them."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:14

ULT:

And Micaiah said, "The life of Yahweh, surely what Yahweh says to me, I will speak it."

UST:

But Micaiah replied, "I swear by Yahweh that I will tell Ahab exactly what Yahweh tells me to say."

Where did Huldah live?

Huldah lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter.

1 Kings 22:15

ULT:

And he came to the king, and the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth Gilead for battle, or shall we refrain?" And he said to him, "Go up and prosper, for Yahweh will give {it} into the hand of the king."

UST:

When Micaiah came to Ahab, Ahab asked him, "Micaiah, should I lead my army to fight to recapture Ramoth Gilead, or should I not do that?" Micaiah replied, "If you go and attack Ramoth Gilead, you will succeed in conquering it, because Yahweh will enable you to defeat its defenders."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:16

ULT:

And the king said to him, "Up to how many times have I been making you swear that you would not speak about me except truth in the name of Yahweh?"

UST:

But King Ahab {realized that Micaiah did not really mean what he was saying, so he} told Micaiah, "I have told you many times that you must always speak truthfully when you say what Yahweh has revealed to you about me!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:17

ULT:

And he said, "I saw all of Israel scattered on the hills like a flock when no shepherd is to them. And Yahweh said, 'No masters {are} to these. Let them return, a man to his house, in peace.'"

UST:

So Micaiah said to him, "{The truth is that in a vision} I saw all the Israelite soldiers scattered on the hills, the way sheep scatter when they do not have a shepherd. And Yahweh said, 'Their master is dead. So let them all stop fighting and go home.'"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:18

ULT:

And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, “Did I not say to you, ‘He will not prophesy good about me, but rather evil’?”

UST:

Then Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, “I told you that he never says that anything good will happen to me. He always predicts that bad things will happen to me!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:19

ULT:

And he said, "Therefore, hear the word of Yahweh. I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne, and the whole army of the heavens was standing beside him on his right and on his left.

UST:

Then Micaiah continued, saying, "Let me tell you what Yahweh showed to me! {In a vision} I saw Yahweh sitting on his throne. The angels of heaven were standing on both sides of him.

Why did Yahweh listen to the king of Judah?

Yahweh listened to the king of Judah because his heart was tender and because he humbled himself before Yahweh and because he tore his clothes and wept before Yahweh.

1 Kings 22:20

ULT:

And Yahweh said, 'Who will deceive Ahab so that he may go up and fall {at} Ramoth Gilead?' And this {one} said, 'By thus,' while that {one} was saying, 'By thus.'

UST:

And Yahweh asked, 'Who can persuade Ahab to lead his army to attack Ramoth Gilead so that he will die in battle there?' Some said to do that in one way while others said to do it in a different way.

What would the eyes of the king of Judah not see?

His eyes would not see any of the disaster that Yahweh would bring on the place and its inhabitants.

1 Kings 22:21

ULT:

Then a spirit came out and stood to the face of Yahweh. And he said, 'I, I will deceive {him}.' And Yahweh said to him, 'By what?'

UST:

Finally a spirit came forward and told Yahweh, 'I will deceive him!' Yahweh asked him, 'How will you do that?'

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:22

ULT:

And he said, 'I will go out and be a spirit of falsehood in the mouth of all of his prophets.' And he said, 'You will deceive and also you will be able. Go out and do thus.'

UST:

The spirit replied, 'I will go and inspire all of Ahab's prophets to tell lies.' Yahweh said, 'You will be successful in getting them to tell lies. Go and do that!'

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:23

ULT:

And now, behold, Yahweh has put a spirit of falsehood into the mouth of all of these your prophets. For Yahweh has spoken harm against you.”

UST:

So I am telling you that Yahweh has caused all of your prophets to lie to you. Yahweh has {done that because he has} decided that something terrible is going to happen to you.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:24

ULT:

And Zedekiah, the son of Kenaanah, approached and struck Micaiah on the cheek. And he said, "What {is} this, the Spirit of Yahweh has passed over from with me to speak to you?"

UST:

Then Zedekiah walked over to Micaiah and slapped him on his face. He said, "You have said something outrageous! Yahweh's Spirit has not left me in order to speak to you!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:25

ULT:

And Micaiah said, "Behold you, seeing on that day when you enter a chamber in a chamber to hide yourself."

UST:

Micaiah replied, "You will find out for yourself {to which of us Yahweh's Spirit has truly spoken} on the day when you hide in the back room of a house!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:26

ULT:

And the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah and bring him back to Amon, the commander of the city, and to Joash, the son of the king.

UST:

King Ahab commanded his soldiers, "Seize Micaiah and take him to Amon, the governor of this city, and to my son Joash.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:27

ULT:

And you shall say, 'Thus says the king, "Put this {one} in the house of imprisonment and feed him bread of affliction and water of affliction until my coming in peace."'"

UST:

Tell them that I am commanding them to put this man in prison and give him only a little food to eat and a little water to drink each day until I return safely from the battle."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:28

ULT:

*And Micaiah said, "If returning, you return in peace, Yahweh has not spoken by me."
And he said, "Listen, peoples, all of them!"*

UST:

Micaiah replied, "If you actually return safely, it will be clear that I was not speaking a message from Yahweh" Then he said to all those who were standing there, "All of you, pay attention to what I have told King Ahab!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:29

ULT:

And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, went up {to} Ramoth Gilead.

UST:

So King Ahab of Israel and King Jehoshaphat of Judah led their armies to attack Ramoth Gilead.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:30

ULT:

And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself and come into the battle, but you, wear your robes." And the king of Israel disguised himself, and he came into the battle.

UST:

King Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "When I lead my army into battle, I will wear different clothes {so that no one will recognize that I am the king of Israel}. But you should wear your royal robes." So Ahab put on different clothes, and they both led their armies into the battle.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:31

ULT:

Now the king of Aram had commanded the 32 commanders of the chariotry that was to him, saying, "You shall not fight with small or with great except with the king of Israel alone."

UST:

The king of Aram had told the 32 men who commanded his chariot forces, "Find the king of Israel and pursue and kill only him. Do not pursue anyone else."

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:32

ULT:

And it happened, when the commanders of the chariotry saw Jehoshaphat, that they, they said, "Surely he {is} the king of Israel!" And they turned aside to fight against him, and Jehoshaphat cried out.

UST:

So when the commanders of the Aramean chariot forces saw Jehoshaphat {wearing his royal robes}, they shouted, "There is the king of Israel!" They started chasing him to attack him. But when Jehoshaphat shouted out,

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:33

ULT:

And it happened, when the commanders of the chariotry saw that he {was} not the king of Israel, that they turned back from after him.

UST:

they realized that he was not the king of Israel. So they stopped pursuing him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:34

ULT:

But a man drew with the bow in his innocence, and he struck the king of Israel between the joints and between the armor. And he said to his charioteer, "Turn your hand and bring me out from the camp, for I am wounded."

UST:

But one Aramean soldier shot an arrow at the Israelite soldiers without aiming at anyone in particular. The arrow struck Ahab where the parts of his armor joined together {and so it went through the armor and into his body}. Ahab told the driver of his chariot, "This arrow has wounded me! So turn the chariot around and get me out of the midst of the fighting!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:35

ULT:

And the battle went up on that day, and the king was propped up in the chariot opposite Aram. And he died in the evening, and the blood of the wound poured out onto the bosom of the chariot.

UST:

The Israelites and Arameans fought desperately throughout that day. Ahab's soldiers helped him keep standing up in his chariot facing the Aramean troops. The blood from his wound ran down onto the floor of the chariot. At the end of the day, he died.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:36

ULT:

And a cry passed through in the camp about the going of the sun, saying, "A man to his city, and a man to his land!"

UST:

Just as the sun was setting, the Israelite troops began shouting to each other, "{Since the king has died, we should stop fighting and} all return home!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:37

ULT:

And the king died, and he came to Samaria. And they buried the king in Samaria.

UST:

After King Ahab died, his soldiers brought his body back to Samaria and buried it there.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:38

ULT:

And one washed the chariot at the pool of Samaria. And dogs licked up his blood (now the prostitutes bathed {there}), according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken.

UST:

They washed his chariot at the pool in Samaria, the same pool where the prostitutes of the city bathed. Dogs came and licked up the king's blood, just as Yahweh had said would happen.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:39

ULT:

Now the rest of the matters of Ahab and all that he did, and the house of ivory that he built, and all of the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?

UST:

The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Ahab did. It describes how he had his workers build a palace for him and decorate it with much ivory. It also describes the cities that he had his workers build.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:40

ULT:

And Ahab lay down with his fathers. And Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.

UST:

When Ahab died, his son Ahaziah became the next king.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:41

ULT:

And Jehoshaphat, the son of Asa, reigned over Judah in year four of Ahab, the king of Israel.

UST:

Earlier, when Ahab had been ruling in Israel for four years, Jehoshaphat son of Asa started to rule Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:42

ULT:

Jehoshaphat {was} a son of 35 years when he reigned, and he reigned 25 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.

UST:

Jehoshaphat was 35 years old when he started to rule, and he ruled in Jerusalem for 25 years. His mother was Azubah daughter of Shilhi.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:43

ULT:

And he walked in every way of Asa his father, he did not turn from it, doing right in the eyes of Yahweh. However, they did not remove the high places. The people were still sacrificing and burning incense at the high places.

UST:

Jehoshaphat was a good king, just as his father Asa had been. Throughout his life, he did things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were good to do. However, he did not order his servants to destroy the shrines for worship on the top of hills. So the people continued to offer sacrifices and burn incense at those shrines.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:44

ULT:

And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

UST:

Jehoshaphat also made a peace treaty with the king of Israel.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:45

ULT:

Now the rest of the matters of Jehoshaphat, and his mighty things that he did and how he fought, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?

UST:

The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Jehoshaphat did. It describes the great things that he did and the victories that his troops won.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:46

ULT:

And the rest of the cultic prostitutes who were left in the days of Asa his father, he burned from the land.

UST:

Jehoshaphat's father Asa had ordered the male prostitutes to leave the kingdom of Judah, but some had not left. Jehoshaphat forced all the remaining ones to leave.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:47

ULT:

And no king {was} in Edom. A deputy was king.

UST:

At that time, Edom did not have a king. A deputy {whom Jehoshaphat appointed} ruled the Edomites.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:48

ULT:

Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold, but he did not go, because the ships were broken at Ezion Geber.

UST:

Jehoshaphat had his workers build at Ezion Geber a fleet of ships that were able to sail out on the sea. He wanted them to sail to Ophir to get gold. But a storm wrecked them there, so the ships never sailed to Ophir.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:49

ULT:

Then Ahaziah, the son of Ahab, said to Jehoshaphat, "Let my servants go with your servants in the ships." But Jehoshaphat was not willing.

UST:

Then Ahaziah son of Ahab suggested to Jehoshaphat, "Allow my sailors to go in the ships with your sailors," but Jehoshaphat refused.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:50

ULT:

And Jehoshaphat lay down with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. And Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

UST:

When Jehoshaphat died, the Judeans buried him where they had buried his ancestors, in the part of Jerusalem that people called the City of David. His son Jehoram became the next king of Judah.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:51

ULT:

Ahaziah, the son of Ahab, reigned over Israel in Samaria in year 17 of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah. And he reigned over Israel two years.

UST:

Earlier, Ahaziah son of Ahab had begun to rule Israel from the city of Samaria when Jehoshaphat had been ruling in Judah for 17 years. Ahaziah ruled Israel for two years.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:52

ULT:

And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. And he walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.

UST:

Ahaziah did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. He did the same evil things that his father and mother had done. And he did the same evil things that Jeroboam had done. Jeroboam was the king who had led the Israelites to sin by worshiping idols.

(There are no questions for this verse)

1 Kings 22:53

ULT:

And he served Baal, and he bowed down to him. And he provoked Yahweh, the God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

UST:

Ahaziah worshiped Baal and even bowed down to an idol of Baal. That made Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites were supposed to worship, very angry. Ahaziah angered Yahweh just as much as his father Ahab had angered him.

(There are no questions for this verse)