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Revelation

Revelation 1

Revelation 1:1

ULT:

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to him to show to his servants what must happen soon. And he signified, sending through his angel to his servant John,

UST:

{This book is about} things that God revealed to Jesus the Messiah. These things are just about to happen. God revealed them to Jesus so that he could tell the people who believe in him about them. Jesus shared these things by sending his angel {to show them} to {me,} John, a man who serves him faithfully.

Who gave this revelation, to whom did he give it, and to whom was he supposed to show it?

The revelation of Jesus Christ came from God, and is being shown to his servants.

When must the events of the revelation happen?

The events of the revelation must happen soon.

Revelation 1:2

ULT:

who attested the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, as much as he saw.

UST:

I, John, am reporting {to you} everything that I saw concerning this message from God that Jesus the Messiah revealed to me.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 1:3

ULT:

Blessed {are} the one reading and the ones hearing the words of this prophecy and keeping the things having been written in it, for the time {is} near.

UST:

How happy is the person who reads this book of prophecy {for others to hear}, and how happy are all who hear it and obey what this prophecy says, because these events will happen soon.

Who will be blessed by this book?

The one who reads aloud, listens to, and keeps what has been written in this book will be blessed.

Revelation 1:4

ULT:

John, to the seven churches in Asia: Grace to you and peace from the one being and the one having been and the one coming and from the seven spirits who {are} before his throne,

UST:

I, John, am writing this letter to you seven groups of believers in the province of Asia. May God continue to be kind to you and make you peaceful. God exists, he has always existed, and he will come {and judge everyone} in the future. May the seven spirits who are in front of the throne of God also continue to be kind to you and make you peaceful.

Who wrote this book, and to whom did he write?

John wrote this book, and he wrote it to the seven churches in Asia.

Revelation 1:5

ULT:

and from Jesus Christ, “the faithful witness,” “the firstborn” from the dead and “the ruler of the kings of the earth.” To the one loving us and having released us from our sins by his blood

UST:

May Jesus the Messiah also continue to be kind to you and make you peaceful. He has reliably told us the message from God. He is the first one whom God caused to become alive again after he had died. He is the one who rules the kings of the world. Because he loves us, he shed his blood for us when he died on the cross, and as a result, God has forgiven our sins.

What three titles does John give to Jesus Christ?

John gives Jesus Christ these titles: the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Revelation 1:6

ULT:

and he has made us a kingdom, priests to God and his Father—to him {be} the glory and the power to the ages. Amen.

UST:

Jesus is the one who has caused us to become people over whose lives God rules. He has also made us priests who serve God, who is the Father of Jesus. May people glorify Jesus and acknowledge him as their ruler throughout eternity. May it be so!

What has Jesus made believers?

Jesus has made believers a kingdom and priests for his God and Father.

Revelation 1:7

ULT:

“Behold, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him,” and all the tribes of the earth “will mourn because of him.” Yes, Amen.

UST:

Pay attention! Jesus is going to come back from heaven through the sky. Everyone will see him, including those who killed him by nailing him to a cross. When they see him coming, every people group in the world will grieve {in sorrow for their sins}. May it be just like that!

Who will see Jesus when he comes?

Every eye, that is, every person, will see Jesus when he comes, including those who pierced him.

Revelation 1:8

ULT:

"I am the alpha and the omega," says the Lord God, "the one being and the one having been and the one coming, the Ruler of All."

UST:

The Lord God says: "I am the one who began all things. I am the one who will cause all things to come to an end. I am the one who exists, who has always existed, and who will come {and judge everyone} in the future. I am the one who rules over everything and everyone."

How does the Lord God describe himself?

The Lord God describes himself as the alpha and the omega, the one who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Ruler of All.

Revelation 1:9

ULT:

I, John, your brother and partner in the suffering and kingdom and endurance {that are} in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

UST:

I, John, believe in Jesus as you do. Like you, I am patiently enduring the troubles that everyone experiences whose life Jesus rules. {The Roman government had put} me {in exile} on the island of Patmos because I was telling people God's message about who Jesus is.

Why was John on the island of Patmos?

John was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

Revelation 1:10

ULT:

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,

UST:

It was a Sunday, the day {on which believers gather to worship because God made Jesus alive again on that day}. The Holy Spirit inspired me so that I could see and hear things in a vision. I heard someone speaking behind me. His voice was as loud as the blast of a horn.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 1:11

ULT:

saying, “Write what you see on a scroll and send it to the seven churches—to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

UST:

{The person speaking} said {to me}, “Write what you see on a scroll. Send what you have written to seven groups of believers. {Send it to the believers} in the cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.”

What did the loud voice behind John tell him to do?

The loud voice told John to write what he saw on a scroll and send it to the seven churches.

Revelation 1:12

ULT:

And I turned around to see the voice that was speaking with me, and having turned, I saw seven golden lampstands,

UST:

{When I heard this voice,} I turned my head to see who was speaking to me. When I turned, I saw seven golden lamp holders.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 1:13

ULT:

and in the middle of the lampstands {one} like a son of man, wearing a foot-length robe and a golden sash wrapped around {his} chest.

UST:

In the midst of the lamp holders I saw someone who looked like a human being. He wore a robe that reached down to his feet. He also wore a band of golden fabric across his chest.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 1:14

ULT:

Now his head and hair {were} white as wool—white as snow—and his eyes {were} like a flame of fire,

UST:

The hair on his head was gleaming like white wool or like white snow. His eyes were {bright} like a fiery flame.

John saw a man behind him. What kind of hair and eyes did the man have?

The man had hair as white as wool or snow and eyes like a flame of fire.

Revelation 1:15

ULT:

and his feet {were} like bronze as having been refined in a furnace, and his voice {was} like the sound of many waters,

UST:

His feet shone like bronze that the heat of a furnace had refined. {When he spoke,} his resonant voice was like the noise of a great river of rushing water.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 1:16

ULT:

and having seven stars in his right hand and a sharp, double-edged sword coming out of his mouth, and his face as the sun shines in its strength.

UST:

{The one who looked like a human} was holding seven stars in his right hand. A sword with two sharp edges was extending from his mouth. His face shone as brightly as the sun shines during the middle of the day.

What was in the right hand of the man, and what was coming out of his mouth?

The man had seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp, double-edged sword was coming out of his mouth.

Revelation 1:17

ULT:

And when I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man, but he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid! I am the first and the last

UST:

When I saw him, I bowed down in front of him. I was so overcome that I could not move. But he put his right hand on me and said to me, "Do not be afraid! I am the one who began all things, and I am the one who will cause all things to end.

What did John do when he saw the man?

John fell at the man's feet like a dead man.

Revelation 1:18

ULT:

and the one living; and I became dead, but behold, I am living to the ages of the ages, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

UST:

I have been alive forever. When I came to earth, I died, but indeed I am now alive again for all eternity. I have the power to make anyone who has died become alive again.

What keys did the man say he had?

The man said he had the keys of death and of Hades.

Revelation 1:19

ULT:

Therefore, write what you have seen, and what is, and what is about to happen after these things.

UST:

Therefore, write down this vision that you are seeing of me. I will reveal the truth to you about what is happening now and about what will happen in the future. I want you to write down those things as well.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 1:20

ULT:

The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

UST:

I will explain the symbolic meaning of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lamp holders. The seven stars represent the angels of the seven groups of believers. The seven lamp holders represent the seven groups of believers.

What was the meaning of the seven stars and the seven golden lampstands?

The seven stars were the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands were the seven churches.

Revelation 2

Revelation 2:1

ULT:

To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The one holding the seven stars in his right hand, the one walking in the midst of the seven golden lampstands, says these things:

UST:

Write {this message} to the angel of the group of believers in the city of Ephesus: 'I am the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and who walks among the seven golden lamp holders. This is what I say to you:

To what angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Ephesus.

Revelation 2:2

ULT:

"I know your works and labor and your endurance and that you can not tolerate evil ones and {that} you have tested the ones calling themselves apostles but are not and you have found them {to be} false"

UST:

"I am aware of all that you have done. {I am aware of how hard} you have worked {for me}. {I am aware of how} patiently you have endured {difficult times}. {I am also aware that} you do not accept wicked people. When people falsely claim to be genuine leaders, you prove that they are lying."

How has the church in Ephesus related to evil people, and what has it done regarding the ones who call themselves apostles?

The church in Ephesus has not put up with those who are evil and has tested the false prophets.

Revelation 2:3

ULT:

and {that} you have endurance and have suffered because of my name and have not grown weary.

UST:

{I am aware of} how patiently you have endured. {I am also aware that} you have suffered for my sake. {I am also aware that} you have not abandoned your faith in me {even though you have suffered}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 2:4

ULT:

But I have against you that you have abandoned your first love.

UST:

Nevertheless, I must criticize you about something: You no longer love me as you did when you first believed in me.

What does Christ have against the church in Ephesus?

Christ has against the church in Ephesus that it has left behind its first love.

Revelation 2:5

ULT:

Therefore, remember from where you have fallen and repent and do the first works. But if not, I will come to you and I will remove your lampstand from its place—if you do not repent.

UST:

Therefore, remember how you used to love me. Love me again the way you did at first. Now if you do not love me again in that way, I will judge you and I will not allow you to continue being a group of believers.

What does Christ say he will do if the church do not repent?

Christ says he will come and remove its lampstand from its place if the church does not repent.

Revelation 2:6

ULT:

But you have this, that you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

UST:

However, I do praise you for something that you are doing well. You refuse to accept what the disciples of Nicolaus are doing. {Those disciples eat food that people have sacrificed to idols and they commit sexual sins.} I myself completely reject what they are doing.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 2:7

ULT:

Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To the one conquering, I will grant to him to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God.”’

UST:

Everyone who is spiritually discerning should pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the groups of believers. I will permit anyone who is victorious to eat {fruit} from the tree that gives life. That tree is in the garden of God.”’

What does Christ promise to those who conquer?

Christ promises to allow those who conquer to eat from the tree of life in the paradise of God.

Revelation 2:8

ULT:

And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: 'The first and the last, who became dead but lived, says these things:

UST:

Next, write {this message} to the angel of the group of believers in the city of Smyrna: 'I am the one who began all things and who will cause all things to end. I am also the one who died and became alive again. This is what I say to you:

To what angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Smyrna.

Revelation 2:9

ULT:

“I know your affliction and poverty—but you are rich—and the slander of the ones saying themselves to be Jews, but they are not, but {are} a synagogue of Satan.

UST:

“I am aware that people have persecuted you. {I am aware that} you are poor, although you have everything you need spiritually. {I am aware that} people are insulting you. Those people claim to be Jews, but they are not acting as if they truly belong to God. When they gather together, they help the devil {instead of serving God}.

What difficulties is the church in Smyrna facing?

The church in Smyrna is facing affliction, poverty, and slander.

Revelation 2:10

ULT:

Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw {some} of you into prison so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

UST:

Those people are going to make you suffer. Do not be afraid, but watch out! The devil will soon lead them to put some of you in jail. The devil wants to show that you will abandon your faith in me if you suffer. You will have to suffer for ten days. But remain loyal to me even if you have to die. If you do, I will give you {everlasting} life as a reward.

What does Christ promise to those who are faithful until death?

Christ promises that he will give the crown of life to those who are faithful until death.

Revelation 2:11

ULT:

Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. The one conquering will certainly not be hurt by the second death.”

UST:

Everyone who is spiritually discerning should pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the groups of believers. Whoever is victorious will never die a second time.”

What does Christ say about the one conquering?

The one conquering will certainly not be hurt by the second death.

Revelation 2:12

ULT:

And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: 'The one having the sharp, double-edged sword says these things:

UST:

Next, write {this message} to the angel of the group of believers in the city of Pergamum: 'I am the one who has a sword with two sharp edges. This is what I say to you:

To what angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Pergamum.

Revelation 2:13

ULT:

"I know where you live, where the throne of Satan {is}, yet you hold my name and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives.

UST:

"I am aware of where you live. {It is a place} where Satan controls people. {I am also aware that} you are very loyal to me. You did not abandon your faith in me even when people attacked {your fellow believer} Antipas. He told others about me, and he remained loyal to me. People killed him right in front of you, because Satan has such an influence in your city.

How does Christ describe the place where this church lives?

Christ describes this as a place where Satan's throne is.

What did the church in Pergamum do in the days when Antipas was killed?

The church in Pergamum did not deny its faith in Jesus even in the days when Antipas was killed.

Revelation 2:14

ULT:

But I have a few things against you, that you have there ones holding the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to throw a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat idol-offerings and to be sexually immoral.

UST:

Nevertheless, I must criticize you about a few things. Some people in your group firmly believe that they should do what {the ancient prophet} Balaam taught. It was Balaam who showed Balak{, the king of Moab,} how to tempt the people of Israel to sin. Balak led the Israelites to eat meat that people had sacrificed to idols. Balak also led the Israelites to commit sexual sins.

**To what two teachings do some in the church in Pergamum hold tightly?
(2:14-15)**

Some in the church in Pergamum hold tightly to the teachings of Balaam and to the teachings of the Nicolaitans.

Revelation 2:15

ULT:

Thus you also have ones holding the teaching of the Nicolaitans similarly.

UST:

Just as Balak followed Balaam's advice, some people in your group firmly believe that they may similarly do what the disciples of Nicolaus teach. {They eat food that people have sacrificed to idols and they commit sexual sins.}

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 2:16

ULT:

Repent, therefore! But if not, I will come to you quickly and wage war against them with the sword of my mouth.

UST:

But what the disciples of Nicolaus teach is wrong. So everyone in your group must stop doing those things! Now if some of you do not stop, I will immediately judge those people. I will pronounce a sentence of judgment against them and punish them.

What does Christ warn he will do if those who hold to these false teachings do not repent?

Christ warns he will come and make war against them with the sword of his mouth.

Revelation 2:17

ULT:

Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To the one conquering, I will give to him of the hidden manna, and I will give to him a white stone and on the stone a new name written that no one knows except the one receiving it.”

UST:

Everyone who is spiritually discerning should pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the groups of believers. To the one who is victorious I will award some special bread that I have hidden for him. I will also give him a white pebble upon which I have written a new name for him. No one will know what this name is except the one to whom I give it.”

What does Christ say he will give to the one conquering?

Christ promises that he will give the hidden manna and a white stone with a new name to the one conquering.

Revelation 2:18

ULT:

And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: 'The Son of God, the one having his eyes like a flame of fire and his feet like bronze, says these things:

UST:

Next, write {this message} to the angel of the group of believers in the city of Thyatira: 'I am the Son of God, whose eyes shine like a fiery flame and whose feet shine like bronze. This is what I say to you:

To what angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Thyatira.

Revelation 2:19

ULT:

"I know your works and love and faith and service and your endurance, and your last works {are} greater than the first.

UST:

"I am aware of all that you are doing. {I am aware that} you love one another because you love me. {I am aware that} you are very loyal to me. {I am aware of how} you are serving me. {I am aware that} you are enduring patiently. {Finally, I am aware that} you are now doing more than you did when you first believed in me.

What good things does Christ know about regarding the church in Thyatira?

Christ knows about the works, love, faith, service, and patient endurance of the church in Thyatira and that its last works are greater than its first works.

Revelation 2:20

ULT:

But I have against you that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, the one calling herself a prophetess, and she teaches and deceives my servants to be sexually immoral and to eat idol-offerings.

UST:

Nevertheless, I must criticize you about something. You tolerate a woman in your assembly {who is like that wicked queen in the Old Testament whose name was} Jezebel. She claims {falsely} that she teaches the truth from God. But in fact, by what she teaches, she is misleading people who believe in me. She is teaching them to commit sexual sins and to eat meat that other people have sacrificed to idols.

What does Christ have against the church in Thyatira?

Christ has against the church in Thyatira that it tolerates the immoral false prophetess Jezebel.

Revelation 2:21

ULT:

And I have given her time so that she might repent, but she is not willing to repent of her immorality.

UST:

Although I have allowed her {sufficient} time to stop teaching these things, she refuses to stop. She continues to act immorally.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 2:22

ULT:

Behold! I will throw her onto a bed, and the ones committing adultery with her into great tribulation, if they do not repent of her deeds.

UST:

Pay attention! I am going to punish her with a terrible sickness. I will also cause those who act immorally as she does to suffer greatly if they do not stop doing what she does

What does Christ warn he will do if those who commit adultery with Jezebel do not repent of her deeds?

Christ warns that he will throw these people into great tribulation if they do not repent.

Revelation 2:23

ULT:

And I will strike her children with death, and all the churches will know that I am the one searching kidneys and hearts, and I will give to each of you according to your deeds.

UST:

And {as a judgment against her,} I will kill the children {she has had as a result of her sexual immorality}. Then all the groups of believers will recognize that I examine what everyone thinks and desires. I will punish or reward each one of you as you deserve.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 2:24

ULT:

But I say to you, to the rest in Thyatira, to as many as do not hold this teaching, whoever has not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them: 'I do not put another burden on you,

UST:

But the rest of you believers in the city of Thyatira have not obeyed this woman's teachings. You have not taken part in what she calls the secret practices that Satan taught her. I have something to say to you as well. I am going to ask you to do just one thing.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 2:25

ULT:

only hold what you have until I come.'

UST:

Just continue to obey the true teaching that you have received until I return.

What does Christ tell those who have not held to the teaching of Jezebel to do?

Christ tells them to hold on tightly to what they have until he comes.

Revelation 2:26

ULT:

And the one conquering and the one keeping my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations.

UST:

To the one who is victorious, who continues to do what I command until he dies, I will give power to rule the people groups on earth.

What does Christ promise to the one conquering?

Christ promises to give authority over the nations to the one conquering.

Revelation 2:27

ULT:

'And he will rule them with an iron sceptre, as clay jars are shattered,'

UST:

Those to whom I give this authority will rule the people groups with irresistible power. They will destroy evildoers as completely as if they were smashing clay pots.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 2:28

ULT:

as I also have received from my Father, and I will give to him the morning star.

UST:

{They will rule so powerfully because} I will share with them the authority that I myself have received from God my Father. I will also give them the assurance that God is beginning a wonderful new era.

What else does Christ promise to the one conquering?

Christ also promises to give the morning star to the one conquering.

Revelation 2:29

ULT:

Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”’

UST:

Everyone who is spiritually discerning should pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the groups of believers.”’

What does Christ say the one who has an ear should hear?

Christ says that the one who has an ear, that is, the one who is able to hear, should hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Revelation 3

Revelation 3:1

ULT:

And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The one having the seven spirits of God and the seven stars says these things: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead."

UST:

Write {this message} to the angel of the group of believers in the city of Sardis: 'I am the one who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I have these things to say to you: "I am aware of what you are doing. You have a reputation for being spiritually vigorous. However, you are not really acting out of zeal for me."

To what angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Sardis.

What is the reputation of the church in Sardis, but what is the truth about them?

The reputation of the church in Sardis is that it is alive, but the truth is that it is dead.

Revelation 3:2

ULT:

Becoming waking and strengthen the remainder that is about to die, for I have not found your works completed before my God.

UST:

Be careful! You are at risk of losing your devotion for me completely. Renew the devotion that you still have left. You have not yet done all that God knows you should have done.

What does Christ warn the church in Sardis to do?

Christ warns them to wake up and strengthen what remains.

Revelation 3:3

ULT:

Remember, therefore, how you have received and heard, and be keeping and repent. But if you should not be awake, I will come like a thief and you will certainly not know at what hour I will come against you.

UST:

So remember how eagerly you accepted God's instruction when you heard it. Be sorry for disobeying and start obeying again. If you are not careful to obey me, I will judge you when you are not expecting it. You will not know at what time I am going to punish you.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 3:4

ULT:

But you have a few names in Sardis who have not stained their clothes, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.

UST:

Nevertheless, there are a few believers there in the city of Sardis who have not been doing what is wrong. They will live with me {forever} and be pure in every way. This is what they deserve.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 3:5

ULT:

The one conquering will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will certainly not wipe out his name from the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.

UST:

In this way I will completely purify the one who is victorious. I will make sure that his name always remains in the Book of Life. I will tell God my Father and his angels that I know him personally.

What does Christ promise to the one conquering?

Christ promises to clothe the one conquering in white, to keep his name in the book of life, and to confess his name before his Father and his angels.

Revelation 3:6

ULT:

Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”’

UST:

Everyone who is spiritually discerning should pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the groups of believers.”’

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 3:7

ULT:

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The Holy One, the True One, the one having the key of David, the one opening and no one will shut and shutting and no one opens, says these things:

UST:

Write {this message} to the angel of the group of believers in the city of Philadelphia: 'I am the one who always does what is right. I am the one who always says what is true. Just as King David had authority to allow people to enter the ancient city of Jerusalem, so I have the authority to allow people to enter heaven. If I create an opportunity for someone, then no one can deny him that opportunity. If I deny an opportunity to someone, then no one can give him that opportunity. I have these things to say to you:

To what angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Philadelphia.

Revelation 3:8

ULT:

"I know your works (behold, I have put before you an opened door that no one is able to shut it), that you have little power, yet you have kept my word and you have not denied my name.

UST:

"I know what you are doing. I know that although you are weak, you have obeyed my commands. You have acknowledged that you believe in me. Be aware that I am giving you an opportunity that no one will be able to deny to you.

What has the church in Philadelphia done even though they have little strength?

The church in Philadelphia has kept Christ's word and has not denied his name.

Revelation 3:9

ULT:

Behold, I will give {those} of the synagogue of Satan, the ones saying themselves to be Jews, but they are not, rather, they are lying, behold, I will make them so that they will come and bow down before your feet, and they will know that I have loved you.

UST:

Pay attention! Some people {are denying that you belong to me. Those people} claim to be Jews, but they are not acting the way people do who truly belong to God. When they gather together, they help the devil {instead of serving God}. Pay attention! I will make those people recognize that I love you. They will come and honor you greatly when they recognize this.

What will Christ make those of the synagogue of Satan do?

Christ will make those of the synagogue of Satan bow down before the feet of the believers.

Revelation 3:10

ULT:

Because you have kept my word of endurance, I will also keep you from the hour of testing being about to come upon the whole world to test the ones living on the earth.

UST:

You obeyed me when I commanded you to endure suffering patiently. And so I will keep you safe during the time of trouble that all of humanity will soon experience. How people everywhere respond to this trouble will show what they are really like.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 3:11

ULT:

I am coming quickly. Hold what you have so that no one may take your crown.

UST:

I am coming soon. So continue to believe in me. Do not let anyone cause you to lose the reward that God wants to give you.

What does Christ tell the church of Philadelphia to do since he is coming soon?

Christ tells them to hold fast to what they have so that no one may take away their crown.

Revelation 3:12

ULT:

The one conquering, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will certainly not go outside anymore, and I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, the one coming down out of heaven from my God, and my new name.

UST:

I will make the one who is victorious secure, like a pillar in the temple of my God. He will remain in God's temple forever. I will write my God's name on him. I will also write on him the name of the city of my God. That city is the New Jerusalem. It will come down out of heaven from my God. I will also write my new name on the one who is victorious.

What does Christ promise to the one conquering?

Christ promises to make the one conquering a pillar in the temple of his God, and he promises to write on him the name of his God, the name of the city of his God, and his own new name.

Revelation 3:13

ULT:

Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”’

UST:

Everyone who is spiritually discerning should pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the groups of believers.”’

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 3:14

ULT:

And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God, says these things:

UST:

Write this message to the angel of the group of believers in the city of Laodicea: 'I am the one who confirms all of God's promises. I am the one who testifies about God with complete reliability. I am the ruler over all of God's creation. I have these things to say to you:

To what angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Laodicea.

Revelation 3:15

ULT:

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were cold or hot!"

UST:

"I am aware of what you are doing. You have not abandoned your faith, but you do not love me very much. I would rather have you commit yourselves for me or even against me!"

What does Christ wish that the church in Laodicea was?

Christ wishes that the church in Laodicea was either cold or hot.

Revelation 3:16

ULT:

So, because you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I am about to spew you out of my mouth.

UST:

But you are just mediocre. You do not love me very much, but you still claim that you believe in me. That is disgusting, and because of it, I am going to reject you.

What is Christ about to do to the church in Laodicea, and why?

Christ is about to vomit the church in Laodicea out of his mouth because they are lukewarm.

Revelation 3:17

ULT:

For you say, 'I am rich and have become wealthy and have no need,' and you do not know that you are the miserable and pitiable and poor and blind and naked one.

UST:

You keep bragging about how very rich you are. You do not realize that you are actually unhappy. You need someone to pity you. You are actually poor, blind, and lacking clothes.

What does the church in Laodicea say about itself?

The church in Laodicea says that it is rich and has become wealthy and is in need of nothing.

What does Christ say that the church in Laodicea does not know?

Christ says the church in Laodicea does not know that it is miserable, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

Revelation 3:18

ULT:

I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you might become rich and white garments so that you might clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness might not be shown and salve to anoint your eyes so that you might see.

UST:

I advise you to get everything from me that you need, as if you were buying pure gold from me that would make you truly rich. Let me make you righteous, as if you were buying white garments from me so that you could be wearing clothes instead of being shamefully naked. Let me help you to understand the truth, as if you were buying eye salve from me to put on your sick eyes so that you could see.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 3:19

ULT:

I, as many as I love, rebuke and discipline. Therefore be zealous and repent.

UST:

I carefully discipline everyone I love. So sincerely change your behavior.

What does Christ do for everyone he loves?

Christ rebukes and disciplines everyone he loves.

Revelation 3:20

ULT:

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone should hear my voice and open the door, I will indeed enter to him and I will eat with him, and he with me.

UST:

Pay attention! I am urging each one of you to love me genuinely, as if I were standing at the door of your house and knocking to get you to open it. If anyone responds to me by loving me, I will become his dear friend. It will be as if he heard me calling from his door and he opened it and I came into his house and we ate a meal together.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 3:21

ULT:

The one conquering, I will grant to him to sit with me on my throne, as I also have conquered and have sat with my Father on his throne.

UST:

I have been victorious and now rule with my Father. In the same way, I will permit everyone who is victorious to rule with me.

What does Christ promise to the one conquering?

Christ promises to let the one conquering sit with him on his throne.

Revelation 3:22

ULT:

Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”””

UST:

Everyone who is spiritually discerning should pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the groups of believers.”””

What does Christ say the one who has an ear should do?

Christ says that the one who has an ear, that is, who is able to hear, should hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 4

Revelation 4:1

ULT:

After these things I looked and behold, a door opened in heaven and the first voice like a trumpet that I had heard speaking with me saying, “Come up here and I will show you what must happen after these things.”

UST:

After these things, I, John, saw something remarkable: a door open in heaven! The one who had spoken to me previously, whose voice had been like a loud trumpet, spoke to me again. He said, “Come up here! I will show you events that must happen later.”

What did John see opened?

John saw an open door in heaven.

What did the voice say he would show John?

The voice said he would show John what must happen after these things.

Revelation 4:2

ULT:

Immediately I was in the Spirit and behold, a throne was appearing in heaven, and on the throne one sitting.

UST:

At once the Holy Spirit inspired me so that I could see and hear things in a vision. I saw something remarkable: A throne was there in heaven and someone was sitting on that throne.

What was someone sitting on in heaven?

Someone was sitting on a throne in heaven.

Revelation 4:3

ULT:

And the one sitting {was} like in appearance to a jasper stone and to a carnelian, and a rainbow {was} around the throne, like in appearance to an emerald.

UST:

The ruler who sat on the throne shone like a bright red jasper gem and like an orange carnelian gem. Around the throne a rainbow was shining like a brilliant green emerald gem.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 4:4

ULT:

And around the throne {were} 24 thrones, and sitting on the thrones {were} 24 elders dressed in white garments, and on their heads {were} golden crowns.

UST:

Around the throne there were 24 other thrones. On those thrones 24 elders were sitting. They were wearing pure white garments and they had golden crowns on their heads.

What was around the throne in heaven?

Around the throne were 24 thrones with 24 elders seated on them.

Revelation 4:5

ULT:

And from the throne come out lightnings and sounds and thunders, and seven lamps of fire burn before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God.

UST:

Flashes of lightning and peals of thunder came out from the throne. In front of the throne, seven torches were burning. These torches represented the seven spirits of God.

What were the seven lamps burning in front of the throne?

The seven lamps were the seven spirits of God.

Revelation 4:6

ULT:

And before the throne {was} as a glass sea, like crystal, and in the midst of the throne and around the throne {were} four living creatures, being full of eyes before and behind.

UST:

In front of the throne there was also something that looked like a sea made of glass. It was clear like crystal. A living creature stood on each of the four sides of the throne. Eyes covered each creature, all around its body.

What four things were around the throne?

Four living creatures full of eyes were around the throne.

Revelation 4:7

ULT:

And the first living creature {was} like a lion, and the second living creature {was} like a calf, and the third living creature having a face as of a man, and the fourth living creature {was} like a flying eagle.

UST:

The first living creature resembled a lion. The second living creature resembled a bull. The third living creature had a face like that of a human being. The fourth living creature resembled a flying eagle.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 4:8

ULT:

And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings apiece, being full of eyes around and underneath, indeed do not have rest night and day, saying, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Ruler of All, the one having been and the one being and the one coming.”

UST:

Each of the four living creatures had six wings. Eyes completely covered these living creatures. All the time, without stopping, they say: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God who rules over everything and everyone. He is the one who has always existed, who exists now, and who will come {and judge everyone} in the future.”

What word describing God do the four living creatures repeat night and day?

Night and day the four living creatures repeat the word “holy.”

Revelation 4:9

ULT:

And whenever the living creatures will give glory and honor and thanks to the one sitting on the throne, the one living to the ages of the ages,

UST:

The living beings repeatedly praise, honor, and thank God, who sits upon the throne and who lives forever. When they do, the 24 elders also kneel before God at his throne. They bow down to God, who lives forever. They place their crowns in front of his throne and they say, (vv9-10)

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 4:10

ULT:

the 24 elders will fall before the one sitting on the throne and worship the one living to the ages of the ages, and they will lay their crowns before the throne, saying,

UST:

The living beings repeatedly praise, honor, and thank God, who sits upon the throne and who lives forever. When they do, the 24 elders also kneel before God at his throne. They bow down to God, who lives forever. They place their crowns in front of his throne and they say, (vv9-10)

What do the 24 elders do when the living creatures give glory to God?

The 24 elders fall down (that is, bow down) before the throne and lay down their crowns.

Revelation 4:11

ULT:

“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, because you have created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

UST:

“God our Lord, you deserve to have all creatures glorify you and honor you and acknowledge how powerful you are. You deserve this because you created everything. Yes, everything exists just as you determined to create it.”

Why do the elders say that God is worthy to receive glory, honor, and power?

The elders say that God is worthy because God created all things and by his will they existed and were created.

Revelation 5

Revelation 5:1

ULT:

And I saw in the right hand of the one sitting on the throne a scroll, written on the inside and on the back, having been sealed with seven seals.

UST:

Then I saw that the person who was sitting on the throne was holding a scroll in his right hand. He had written words on both sides of the scroll. But he had then sealed the scroll shut with seven pieces of wax{, so no one could read what he had written}.

What did John see in the right hand of the one seated on the throne?

John saw a scroll written on the inside and the back and sealed with seven seals.

Revelation 5:2

ULT:

And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who {is} worthy to open the scroll and to break its seals?”

UST:

I saw a powerful angel who was asking in a loud voice: “Who is the person who qualifies to break open the pieces of wax on the scroll and then unroll the scroll {and read what it says}?”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 5:3

ULT:

And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to read it.

UST:

Yet no heavenly being, no person on the earth, and no one in the abode of the dead was sufficiently worthy to open the scroll and read it.

At first, who was able to open the scroll or read it? (5:3-4)

No one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was worthy to open the scroll or read it.

Revelation 5:4

ULT:

And I was weeping much because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to read it.

UST:

When I saw that no one anywhere was sufficiently worthy to open the scroll and read it, I wept bitterly. {I wept because I knew that what God had written was important, but I thought that no one would ever find out what he had written}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 5:5

ULT:

And one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered to open the scroll and its seven seals."

UST:

But one of the elders said to me, "You do not need to weep! Here is the person we are looking for! He is the {person whom the prophets described as the} Lion from the tribe of Judah and as a branch that would grow from David's roots. He is victorious! Therefore, he is {sufficiently} worthy to break open the seven pieces of wax on the scroll and open the scroll!"

Who did the elder tell John was able to open the scroll and its seven seals?

The elder told John that the Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, was able to open the scroll and its seven seals.

Revelation 5:6

ULT:

And I saw, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as having been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent into all the earth.

UST:

Then I saw that a lamb was standing by the throne. The four living beings and the elders surrounded him. He was alive, but he had marks that showed that others had once killed him violently. He had seven horns. He also had seven eyes. Those are the seven spirits of God that God sends throughout all the world.

Who was standing among the elders?

A Lamb, looking as though he had been killed, was standing among the elders.

What were the seven horns and seven eyes on the Lamb?

The seven horns and seven eyes were the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Revelation 5:7

ULT:

And he came and took {the scroll} from the right hand of the one sitting on the throne.

UST:

The Lamb came up to the throne, and the person who was sitting on the throne handed the scroll to him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 5:8

ULT:

And when he took the scroll, the four living creatures and the 24 elders fell before the Lamb, each one having a harp and golden bowls being full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

UST:

As soon as {the Lamb} accepted the scroll, the four living beings and the 24 elders knelt down in front of the Lamb. The elders each held a harp and some golden bowls that contained incense. The incense symbolized the prayers of people who belong to God.

What were the gold bowls full of incense that the elders had?

The gold bowls full of incense were the prayers of the saints.

Revelation 5:9

ULT:

And they sing a new song, saying, “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slaughtered and with your blood you bought {people} for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

UST:

The living beings and the elders sang a song that no one had ever sung before. They sang {to the Lamb}, “You deserve to receive this scroll and to break open its pieces of wax {so that you can read what it says}. {You deserve this} because when you gave up your life, you paid with your own blood to set people free from sin so that they could worship and obey God. You did this for people all over the world.

Why was the Lamb worthy to open the scroll?

The Lamb was worthy because he was slaughtered and with his blood he bought people for God from every tribe, language, people, and nation.

Revelation 5:10

ULT:

And you made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign on the earth.”

UST:

You have caused them to become people over whom our God rules and to become people who will lead others to worship God. They will be rulers of the people who live in the world.”

Where will these priests of God reign?

The priests of God will reign on the earth.

Revelation 5:11

ULT:

And I looked and heard the sound of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders, and the number of them was myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,

UST:

As I was seeing {these events}, I heard many angels singing. These angels surrounded the throne, the living beings, and the elders. There were millions of angels, so many that no one could count how many there were.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 5:12

ULT:

saying in a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb having been slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.”

UST:

The angels were singing loudly, “The Lamb who gave up his life deserves for everyone to honor, glorify, and bless him and acknowledge how powerful, wealthy, wise, and strong he is!”

What did the angels say the Lamb was worthy to receive?

The angels said the Lamb was worthy to receive power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and praise.

Revelation 5:13

ULT:

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea and everything in them saying, “To the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb {be} praise and honor and glory and power to the ages of the ages.”

UST:

Then I also heard every creature that exists in heaven, on the earth, underneath the earth, and in the sea—yes, every creature in all of those places—singing, “May everyone forever praise and honor and glorify the one sitting on the throne and the Lamb and acknowledge how powerful they are!”

Who said that the one on the throne and the Lamb should be praised to the ages of the ages (that is, forever)?

Every creature said that the one on the throne and the Lamb should be praised to the ages of the ages.

Revelation 5:14

ULT:

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

UST:

When the millions of angels and every creature sang these things, the four living beings said, "So be it!" Then the elders knelt down on the ground in front of both God and the Lamb to worship them.

What did the elders do when they heard the four living creatures say "Amen"?

The elders fell down (that is, bowed down) and worshiped.

Revelation 6

Revelation 6:1

ULT:

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying, as with a voice of thunder, "Come!"

UST:

Then I saw the Lamb open the first of the seven pieces of wax that sealed the scroll. When he did, I heard one of the four living beings say as loudly as a clap of thunder, "Come forth!"

What did John see the Lamb do with the scroll?

John saw the Lamb open one of the seven seals on the scroll.

Revelation 6:2

ULT:

And I looked and behold, a white horse, and the one sitting on it having a bow! And a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and that he might conquer.

UST:

Then I saw something remarkable: a white horse whose rider was holding a bow {and arrows}! God gave him a crown {to wear in recognition of the victories he was going to win}. The rider went out from heaven fully capable to fight and defeat God's enemies.

What did John see after the first seal was opened?

John saw a white horse whose rider went out conquering.

Revelation 6:3

ULT:

And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come!"

UST:

Then the Lamb opened the second piece of wax that sealed the scroll. When he did, I heard the second living being say, "Come forth!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 6:4

ULT:

And another horse, fiery red, came out! And to the one sitting on it, it was granted to him to take peace from the earth, and so that they will slaughter one another, and a great sword was given to him.

UST:

Then another horse appeared. It was bright red. There was also a rider sitting on that horse. God gave the rider the power to cause wars on the earth. That way the world's people would kill each other. For this purpose, God gave the rider on the bright red horse a huge sword.

What did John see after the second seal was opened?

John saw a fiery red horse whose rider was allowed to take peace away from the earth.

Revelation 6:5

ULT:

And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come!" And I looked and behold, a black horse, and the one sitting on it having a balance in his hand.

UST:

The Lamb then opened the third piece of wax that sealed the scroll. When he did, I heard the third living being say, "Come forth!" I then saw something else remarkable: a black horse whose rider was holding a pair of balance scales!

What did John see after the third seal was opened?

John saw a black horse whose rider held a pair of scales in his hand.

Revelation 6:6

ULT:

And I heard {something} like a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A choenix of wheat for a denarius and three choenices of barley for a denarius, but do not harm the oil and the wine."

UST:

Then I heard a sound like a voice coming from among the four living beings. It said, "Make wheat so scarce that a person will have to work an entire day to earn enough money to buy one liter of it. Also make barley so scarce that a person will have to work an entire day to earn enough money to buy three liters of it. However, make sure that olive oil and wine remain so plentiful that their prices do not increase."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 6:7

ULT:

And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come!"

UST:

The Lamb then opened the fourth piece of wax that sealed the scroll. When he did, I next heard the fourth living being say, "Come forth!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 6:8

ULT:

And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And the one sitting on it was named Death, and Hades was following after him. And authority was given to them over one fourth of the earth, to kill with the sword and with famine and with death and by the wild animals of the earth.

UST:

I then saw something else remarkable: a horse that was pale because it was diseased and that had two riders. The name of the first rider was The One Who Causes People to Die. The name of the rider sitting behind him on the horse was The Place Where Dead People Go. God gave these riders the power to kill a quarter of all the people in the world. They could kill them by causing wars or famine or epidemics or by making wild animals come into populated areas and kill people.

What did John see after the fourth seal was opened?

John saw a pale horse whose rider was named Death.

Revelation 6:9

ULT:

And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of the ones having been slaughtered because of the word of God and because of the testimony that they were having.

UST:

The Lamb then opened the fifth piece of wax that sealed the scroll. When he did, I saw, at the base of an altar in heaven, the souls of people whom others had killed because they spoke God's message faithfully as reliable witnesses.

What did John see after the fifth seal was opened?

John saw the souls of those who had been killed because of the word of God and the testimony they held.

Revelation 6:10

ULT:

And they cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Until when, holy and true Ruler, do you not judge and avenge our blood from the ones living on the earth?”

UST:

These souls called out {to God} loudly, “You, Master, always do what is right and decide what is right! So please condemn and punish the people on the earth who killed us!”

What did the souls under the altar want to know from God?

The souls wanted to know how long it would be until God avenged their blood.

Revelation 6:11

ULT:

And a white robe was given to each of them, and it was said to them that they should wait yet a little time until should be completed both their fellow servants and their brothers {who} were going to be killed as they also {were}.

UST:

Then God gave each of them a white flowing robe. God told them to be patient a little longer, because there were others who were also going to die rather than deny their faith in Jesus. But as soon as all of them had died, God would punish the people who had killed them and had killed the people whose souls were now in heaven.

How long were the souls told they would have to wait?

The souls were told they would have to wait until the full number of fellow servants and brothers (that is, fellow believers) were killed.

Revelation 6:12

ULT:

And I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and a great earthquake happened, and the sun became black, like sackcloth {made} of hair; and the full moon became like blood,

UST:

Then I saw the Lamb open the sixth piece of wax that sealed the scroll. When he did, the earth shook violently. The sun turned very dark, like mourning cloth woven from black goat hair. The moon was full and it became as red as blood.

What did John see after the sixth seal was opened? (6:12-13)

John saw an earthquake, the sun becoming black, the moon becoming like blood, and the stars falling to the earth.

Revelation 6:13

ULT:

and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its unseasonable fruit, being shaken by a great wind.

UST:

Then the stars fell from the sky down to the earth. They fell just as figs left on a fig tree all fall off when the tree shakes in a very strong wind.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 6:14

ULT:

And the sky was split like a scroll being rolled up, and all the mountains and islands were removed from their places.

UST:

The sky split open and rolled away in both directions, just as a scroll rolls away in both directions if it splits in two. All the mountains and islands also moved out of their places.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 6:15

ULT:

And the kings of the earth and the magnates and the chiliarchs and the rich and the powerful and every slave and free {person} hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

UST:

Then all the people on earth, even kings, high-ranking officials, military officers, rich people, and influential individuals, hid within caves and mountain rocks.

What did John see the kings, generals, rich, powerful, and everyone else doing? (6:15-16)

John saw them hiding in caves and asking the rocks to fall on them and hide them.

Revelation 6:16

ULT:

and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one sitting on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb,

UST:

They told the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and cover us! That way God, who sits on the throne in heaven, will not be able to see us! And that way the Lamb will not be able to punish us!

From what did the kings, generals, rich, powerful, and everyone else want to be hidden?

They wanted to be hidden from the one seated on the throne and from the anger of the Lamb.

Revelation 6:17

ULT:

because the great day of their anger has come, and who is able to stand?"

UST:

For today is the terrible day on which God and the Lamb will punish people who have done wrong, and we know that none of us are innocent!"

What day had come?

The great day of the anger of the one sitting on the throne and the Lamb had come.

Revelation 7

Revelation 7:1

ULT:

After this, I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth so that wind would not blow on the land or on the sea or on any tree.

UST:

After these events I saw four angels standing on the earth. One was standing to the north of me, one to the east, one to the south, and one to the west. They were keeping the winds from those directions from blowing on the land or on the sea or against any tree.

What were the four angels standing on the four corners of the earth doing when John saw them?

The four angels were holding back the four winds of the earth.

Revelation 7:2

ULT:

And I saw another angel coming up from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God. And he cried in a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was given to them to harm the earth and the sea,

UST:

Then I saw another angel coming towards me from the east. This angel was holding a tool that would create the mark of the only true God. This angel called out loudly to the four angels whom God had allowed to keep the winds from blowing on the land and the sea.

What did the angel coming from the rising of the sun (that is, the east) say must be done before the earth, sea, and trees were harmed? (7:2-3)

The angel said that the servants of God must be sealed on their foreheads before the earth, sea, and trees were harmed.

Revelation 7:3

ULT:

saying, *“Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we might seal the servants of our God on their foreheads.”*

UST:

The angel told {the other four angels}, “Wait, first we must mark the people who believe in and obey our God with a seal on their foreheads. Until then, do not keep the winds from blowing on the land or the sea or any tree.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 7:4

ULT:

And I heard the number of the ones having been sealed: 144 thousands, having been sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

UST:

{Then the angel and his fellow angels marked all of the people who believed in and obeyed God.} I heard someone say how many people they had marked. It was 144, 000 people from every tribe of Israel.

How many people were sealed and who were they?

144 thousands (that is, 144,000 people) were sealed, and they were from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

Revelation 7:5

ULT:

from the tribe of Judah, 12 thousands having been sealed; from the tribe of Reuben, 12 thousands; from the tribe of Gad, 12 thousands;

UST:

The angels marked 12, 000 people from the tribe of Judah with a seal. {They also marked} 12, 000 people from the tribe of Reuben. From the tribe of Gad {they also marked} 12, 000 people.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 7:6

ULT:

from the tribe of Asher, 12 thousands; from the tribe of Naphtali, 12 thousands; from the tribe of Manasseh, 12 thousands;

UST:

{The angels marked} 12, 000 people from the tribe of Asher with a seal. {They also marked} 12, 000 people from the tribe of Naphtali. From the tribe of Manasseh {they also marked} 12, 000 people.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 7:7

ULT:

from the tribe of Simeon, 12 thousands; from the tribe of Levi, 12 thousands; from the tribe of Issachar, 12 thousands;

UST:

{The angels marked} 12, 000 people from the tribe of Simeon with a seal. {They also marked} 12, 000 people from the tribe of Levi. From the tribe of Issachar {they also marked} 12, 000 people.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 7:8

ULT:

from the tribe of Zebulun, 12 thousands; from the tribe of Joseph, 12 thousands; from the tribe of Benjamin, 12 thousands having been sealed.

UST:

{The angels marked} 12, 000 people from the tribe of Zebulun with a seal. {They also marked} 12, 000 people from the tribe of Joseph. From the tribe of Benjamin they also marked 12, 000 people with a seal.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 7:9

ULT:

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude that, to number it, no one was able, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, having been clothed in white robes, and palm branches {were} in their hands,

UST:

After these events, I saw something remarkable: a huge crowd of people! There were so many people in the crowd that no one could count them. They came from every nation, tribe, and people group, and they spoke every language. They all stood in front of the throne, where the Lamb was. They all wore flowing white robes, and they were all holding palm branches.

What did John then see before the throne of God and in front of the Lamb?

John saw a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language before the throne.

Revelation 7:10

ULT:

and they cry out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation {is} to our God, the one sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

UST:

They were shouting loudly, “Our God, who rules over everything, has saved us! The Lamb has saved us!”

The great multitude called out that salvation belonged to someone. To whom did it belong?

Those before the throne called out that salvation belonged to God and to the Lamb.

Revelation 7:11

ULT:

And all the angels had stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

UST:

Then all the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living beings. The angels all knelt down in front of the throne with their faces on the ground and worshiped God.

What did the angels, elders, and living creatures do as they worshiped God?

They fell on their faces, that is, they lay down and put their faces on the ground, as they worshiped God.

Revelation 7:12

ULT:

saying, "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength {be} to our God, to the ages of the ages! Amen!"

UST:

The angels all said, "Yes, may it be so! We praise, glorify, thank, and honor you, our God, forever! We proclaim forever that you are wise, powerful, and strong! May it be so!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 7:13

ULT:

And one of the elders responded, saying to me, "These, the ones having been clothed in white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?"

UST:

One of the elders then said to me, "I want to make sure you know who these people are who are wearing white flowing robes and where they have come from."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 7:14

ULT:

And I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming from the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

UST:

I answered him, "Sir, I need you to tell me who they are." He then told me: "These are the people who remained faithful to Jesus during a time of great persecution. This showed that they have become pure from sin by trusting in Jesus, who shed his blood for them when he died on the cross."

Who did the elder say were the ones clothed in white robes before the throne?

The elder said they were the ones who had come out of the great tribulation.

How had the ones before the throne made their robes white?

They had made their robes white by washing them in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 7:15

ULT:

Because of this they are before the throne of God, and they worship him day and night in his temple. And the one sitting on the throne will dwell with them.

UST:

Therefore, they remain in front of God's throne. They worship God inside his temple without stopping. God, the one who rules from the throne in heaven, will protect them.

What did the elder say God would do for those who were clothed in white robes? (7:15-16)

God would spread his tent over them so they would not be hungry or thirsty or burned by the sun anymore.

Revelation 7:16

ULT:

They will not hunger anymore, nor will they thirst anymore, nor will the sun fall on them at all, nor any heat,

UST:

God will make sure that they always have enough food to eat. God will also make sure that they always have enough to drink. The rays of the sun will never again burn them. The heat from the sun will never again exhaust them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 7:17

ULT:

because the Lamb at the midst of the throne will shepherd them and guide them to springs of the waters of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. ”

UST:

This is because the Lamb who is by the throne will care for them just as a shepherd cares for his sheep. The Lamb will enable them to receive everlasting life, as if they were drinking from springs where fresh, pure water flows. God will help them to stop crying and be joyful. ”

What did the elder say the Lamb would do for those who are clothed in white robes?

The Lamb will shepherd them and guide them to springs of living water.

Revelation 8

Revelation 8:1

ULT:

And when he opened the seventh seal, silence happened in heaven for about half an hour.

UST:

Then the Lamb opened the seventh piece of wax that sealed the scroll. When he did, there was no sound at all in heaven for a short time.

There was silence in heaven after something happened. What happened?

There was silence in heaven after the Lamb opened the seventh seal.

Revelation 8:2

ULT:

And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

UST:

I then saw the seven angels who are God's personal attendants. He gave each of them a trumpet.

What was given to the seven angels who stand before God?

Seven trumpets were given to the seven angels who stand before God.

Revelation 8:3

ULT:

And another angel came and was stationed at the altar having a golden censer, and much incense was given to him so that he would offer {it} with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne.

UST:

Another angel then came and stood at the altar. He had a golden bowl for burning incense. God gave him a large quantity of incense to offer with the prayers of all God's people on the golden altar in front of God's throne.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 8:4

ULT:

And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose up before God from the hand of the angel.

UST:

{The angel started burning the incense.} The smoke from the incense burning in the container that the angel was holding went up to God along with the prayers of God's people.

What rose up before God?

The smoke of incense with the prayers of the saints rose up before God.

Revelation 8:5

ULT:

And the angel took the censer and filled it from the fire of the altar and threw {it} onto the earth, and thunders and sounds and lightnings and an earthquake happened.

UST:

Then the angel took the golden incense bowl and filled it with coals of fire from the altar. He threw these coals and the burning incense onto the earth. When he did, thunder crashed and rumbled, lightning flashed, and the earth shook.

What happened when the angel threw fire from the altar down onto the earth?

When the angel threw down the fire, there there were crashes of thunder, loud sounds, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

Revelation 8:6

ULT:

And the seven angels having the seven trumpets prepared themselves that they might trumpet.

UST:

Then the seven angels, each of whom had one of the seven trumpets, got ready to blow them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 8:7

ULT:

And the first trumpeted, and hail happened, and fire, mixed with blood, and it was thrown onto the earth, and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

UST:

Then the first angel blew his trumpet, and hail and fire appeared. There was blood in the midst of the hail and fire. All of it poured down onto the earth. The fire burned up one third of everything on the surface of the land, one third of the trees, and all the green grass.

What happened when the first angel sounded a trumpet?

When the first angel sounded a trumpet, a third of the earth was burned up along with a third of the trees and all the green grass.

Revelation 8:8

ULT:

And the second angel trumpeted, and {something} like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood,

UST:

Then the second angel blew his trumpet, and something that was like a huge mountain that was on fire fell into the ocean. As a result, one third of the ocean became blood,

What happened when the second angel sounded a trumpet? (8:8-9)

When the second angel sounded a trumpet, a third of the sea became blood, a third of the creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

Revelation 8:9

ULT:

and a third of the creatures having life in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

UST:

one third of the living creatures in the ocean died, and one third of the ships in the ocean sank

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 8:10

ULT:

And the third angel trumpeted, and a great star fell from the sky, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters.

UST:

Then the third angel blew his trumpet, and a huge star fell from the sky. The star was blazing as if it were on fire. Parts of the star fell into one third of the rivers and into {one third of} the springs of water on earth.

What happened when the third angel sounded a trumpet? (8:10-11)

When the third angel sounded a trumpet, a third of the waters became wormwood and many people died.

Revelation 8:11

ULT:

And the name of the star is called Wormwood. And a third of the waters became wormwood, and many of the men died from the waters that had been made bitter.

UST:

The name of the star is Bitterness. When it fell into one third of the rivers and springs, their water became poisonous. Many people died from drinking that poisonous water.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 8:12

ULT:

And the fourth angel trumpeted, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened, and the day, a third of it did not shine, and likewise the night.

UST:

Then the fourth angel blew his trumpet, and God struck the sun, the moon, and the stars so that they lost their light for one third of the time. The sun did not shine during one third of the day, and the moon and stars did not shine during one third of the night.

What happened when the fourth angel sounded a trumpet?

When the fourth angel sounded a trumpet, it became dark for a third of the day and the night.

Revelation 8:13

ULT:

And I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in mid-heaven saying in a loud voice, “Woe, woe, woe, to the ones living on the earth from the remaining sounds of the trumpet of the three angels who are going to trumpet.”

UST:

Then, as I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying high in the sky shouting loudly, “Three terrible things will happen to the people who live on the earth when the three remaining angels blow their trumpets! They are about to blow them!”

Why did the eagle say “Woe, woe, woe to the ones living on the earth”?

The eagle said “Woe, woe, woe, to the ones on the earth” because of the remaining three trumpet blasts.

Revelation 9

Revelation 9:1

ULT:

And the fifth angel trumpeted, and I saw a star having fallen from the sky to the earth, and the key of the shaft of the abyss was given to it.

UST:

Then the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. God gave it the key to the deep, dark pit.

What kind of star did John see when the fifth angel sounded a trumpet?

When the fifth angel sounded a trumpet, John saw a star from heaven that had fallen to the earth.

Revelation 9:2

ULT:

And he opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke went up from the shaft like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened from the smoke of the shaft.

UST:

When he opened that pit, a huge amount of smoke rose from it, as if it were a great burning furnace. The smoke prevented anyone from seeing the light of the sun and the sky.

What did the star do?

The star opened the shaft of the abyss.

Revelation 9:3

ULT:

And locusts came from the smoke onto the earth, and power was given to them as scorpions of the earth have power.

UST:

Then locusts came out of the smoke and started swarming the earth. God gave these locusts the power to sting people just as scorpions sting people.

What did God tell the locusts from the pit to do? (9:3-4)

God told the locusts not to damage the earth but only the people who did not have the seal of God.

Revelation 9:4

ULT:

And it was told to them that they should not harm the grass of the earth or any green plant or any tree, if not the men who did not have the seal of God on {their} foreheads.

UST:

God told the locusts that they should not eat up all the grass on the ground and all the plants and all the leaves on the trees {as locusts usually do}. God told the locusts just to sting the people who did not have the mark on their foreheads that showed they belonged to God.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 9:5

ULT:

And it was given to them that they should not kill them, but that they would be tormented for five months and their torment {would be} like the torment of a scorpion when it might strike a man.

UST:

God did not allow the locusts to kill those people. Instead, the locusts kept torturing people for five months. The pain those people felt was like the pain that a scorpion causes when it stings someone.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 9:6

ULT:

And in those days, men will seek death, but they will certainly not find it, and they will long to die, but death flees from them.

UST:

During the time when the locusts torture people who refuse to belong to God, those people {will be in so much pain that they} will want to die. But God will make sure those people stay alive {to experience the punishment for their sin}.

What would the people tormented by the locusts seek but not find?

The people tormented by the locusts would seek death but would not find it.

Revelation 9:7

ULT:

And the appearance of the locusts {was} like horses prepared for war. And on their heads {were something} like crowns resembling gold, and their faces {were} like faces of men.

UST:

The locusts looked like horses that were ready for battle. They had what looked like golden crowns on their heads. Their faces were like human faces.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 9:8

ULT:

And they had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were as of lions,

UST:

They had long hair like women's long hair. Their teeth were as strong as lions' teeth.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 9:9

ULT:

and they had breastplates like iron breastplates, and the sound of their wings {was} like the sound of many chariots of horses running into battle.

UST:

They wore breastplates made of metal. When they were flying, their wings made a noise like the roar of many horses pulling chariots and rushing into battle.

What did the wings of the locusts sound like?

The wings of the locusts sounded like many chariots and horses running into battle.

Revelation 9:10

ULT:

And they have tails and stingers as scorpions do, and in their tails {is} their power to harm men for five months.

UST:

They had tails like the tails of scorpions. With these tails they could sting people. Their power to harm people during those five months was in their tails.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 9:11

ULT:

They have over them a king, the angel of the abyss. His name in Hebrew {is} Abaddon, and in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

UST:

The king who ruled over them was the angel of the deep, dark pit. His name in the Hebrew language is Abaddon. In the Greek language it is Apollyon. Both of these names mean Destroyer.

Who was the king over the locusts?

The king over the locusts was the angel of the abyss.

Revelation 9:12

ULT:

The first woe has passed. Behold, two woes are still coming after these {things}.

UST:

{After five months the locusts went away.} That ended the first terrible event. But be aware that two more terrible events are still to come.

What did John call the locusts that came when the fifth angel sounded a trumpet?

John called these locusts the “first woe.”

Revelation 9:13

ULT:

And the sixth angel trumpeted, and I heard a voice from the horns of the golden altar before God,

UST:

Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four corners of the golden altar that is in God's presence.

From where did John hear a voice when the sixth angel sounded a trumpet?

When the sixth angel sounded a trumpet, John heard a voice coming from the golden altar before God.

Revelation 9:14

ULT:

saying to the sixth angel, the one having the trumpet, "Release the four angels having been bound at the great river Euphrates."

UST:

The voice was saying to the sixth angel, the one who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels whom I have bound at the great river Euphrates."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 9:15

ULT:

And the four angels having been prepared for the hour and day and month and year were released so that they might kill a third of men.

UST:

Then those four angels went free. They had been waiting for that exact moment. They went free so they could enable their soldiers to kill one third of humanity.

What happened to the four angels after the voice spoke?

After the voice spoke, the four angels were released to kill a third of humanity.

Revelation 9:16

ULT:

And the number of the horse soldiers {was} two myriads of myriads; I heard their number.

UST:

I heard someone say how many soldiers there were riding on horses. The number was 200,000,000.

How many horse soldiers did John see?

John saw two myriads of myriads of horse soldiers, that is, two hundred million (200,000,000) horse soldiers.

Revelation 9:17

ULT:

And thus in the vision I saw the horses and the ones riding on them: having fiery and hyacinth and sulfurous breastplates. And the heads of the horses {were} as heads of lions, and from their mouths comes fire and smoke and sulfur.

UST:

In the vision I saw what the horses and the soldiers who rode them looked like. The soldiers wore breastplates that were red like fire, blue like sapphire, and yellow like sulfur. The heads of the horses were like the heads of lions. From their mouths came fire, smoke, and fumes of burning sulfur.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 9:18

ULT:

By these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the sulfur coming out from their mouths, a third of men were killed.

UST:

Those three things—the fire, the smoke, and the burning sulfur from the horses' mouths—killed one third of humanity.

What plagues killed a third of humanity?

The plagues of fire, smoke, and sulfur from the mouths of the horses killed a third of humanity.

Revelation 9:19

ULT:

For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails {are} like snakes, having heads, and with them they injure.

UST:

But the power of the horses was also in their tails, as well as in their mouths. Their tails were like snakes, and they had heads that bit people.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 9:20

ULT:

And the rest of men, the ones not killed in these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so that they will not worship demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which are able neither to see nor to hear nor to walk.

UST:

But there were still people whom the plagues of fire and smoke and burning sulfur did not kill. Those people did not stop doing sinful things. They also did not stop worshiping demons and idols that they had made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood. The people did not stop worshiping the idols even though they were lifeless statues that could not help people.

How did the people not killed in the plagues respond?

The people not killed in the plagues did not repent of their works, that is, they did not stop worshiping demons and idols.

Revelation 9:21

ULT:

And they did not repent of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their sexual immorality, nor of their thefts.

UST:

They also did not stop murdering other people, practicing sorcery, acting in sexually immoral ways, and stealing things.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 10

Revelation 10:1

ULT:

And I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven clothed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head and his face like the sun and his feet like pillars of fire

UST:

Then in the vision I saw another mighty angel come down out of heaven. A cloud surrounded him. There was a rainbow over his head. His face shone brightly like the sun. His legs glowed like columns of fire.

What did the face and feet of the mighty angel that John saw look like?

The angel had a face like the sun and feet like pillars of fire.

Revelation 10:2

ULT:

and having in his hand an opened little scroll. And he put his right foot on the sea and {his} left on the land,

UST:

He had in his hand a small scroll that was open. He set his right foot on the ocean and his left foot on the land.

Where did the angel stand?

The angel stood with his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land.

Revelation 10:3

ULT:

and he shouted in a loud voice, as a lion roars, and when he shouted, the seven thunders spoke their own voices.

UST:

He shouted something in a voice as loud as the roar of a lion. As he shouted, I heard seven thunderclaps. {In the thunder were words that I could understand.}

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 10:4

ULT:

And when the seven thunders spoke, I was going to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal what the seven thunders said and do not write it."

UST:

I was about to record what the thunders had said. But then a voice from heaven told me, "Keep secret what the thunders said! Do not write it down!"

What did the voice from heaven tell John not to write?

The voice from heaven told John not to write what the seven thunders said.

Revelation 10:5

ULT:

And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven

UST:

Then the angel whom I had seen standing on the ocean and the land raised his right hand toward heaven {in order to swear an oath}.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 10:6

ULT:

and swore by the one living to the ages of the ages, who created heaven and the {things} in it and the earth and the {things} in it and the sea and the {things} in it, “There will be no more time,

UST:

He asked God, who lives forever and who created everything that exists, to confirm that what he said was true. The angel said that God would no longer delay in doing what he had planned to do.

By whom did the mighty angel swear?

The mighty angel swore by him who lives to the ages of the ages (that is, forever), who created heaven, the earth, the sea, and the things in them.

Revelation 10:7

ULT:

but in the days of the sound of the seventh angel, when he is going to trumpet, then the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he proclaimed to {his} own servants the prophets.”

UST:

He said that when the time came for the seventh angel to blow his trumpet, then God would finish his secret plan. That is what God told his servants the prophets long ago.

What did the mighty angel say would be accomplished in the days of the sound of the seventh angel?

The angel said that when the seventh angel sounded a trumpet, the mystery of God would be accomplished.

Revelation 10:8

ULT:

And the voice that I heard from heaven was speaking with me again and saying: "Go, take the opened scroll in the hand of the angel standing on the sea and on the land."

UST:

Then the one whom I had heard speak from heaven spoke to me again. He said, "Go and take the open scroll from the hand of the angel who is standing on the ocean and on the land."

What did the voice tell John to take from the mighty angel?

The voice told John to take an open scroll from the angel.

Revelation 10:9

ULT:

And I went to the angel, telling him to give the little scroll to me. And he says to me, "Take and eat it, and it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet like honey."

UST:

So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "Take it and eat it. When you eat it, it will taste sweet like honey, but after you eat it, your stomach will hurt."

What did the angel say would happen when John ate the scroll?

The angel said that the scroll would taste sweet in John's mouth but that it would make his stomach bitter.

Revelation 10:10

ULT:

And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it, and it was sweet like honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.

UST:

So I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. When I ate it, it tasted sweet like honey, but after I ate it, my stomach hurt.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 10:11

ULT:

And they said to me, "It is necessary for you to prophesy again about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

UST:

Then someone said to me, "You must speak God's messages again about many nations, many people groups, speakers of many languages, and many kings."

After he ate the scroll, about what was John told to prophesy?

John was told to prophesy about many peoples, nations, languages, and kings.

Revelation 11

Revelation 11:1

ULT:

And a reed like a measuring rod was given to me, saying, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar and the ones worshiping in it."

UST:

Then an angel gave me a reed similar to a measuring stick. God said to me, "Go to my temple, measure it and the altar in it, and count the people who are worshiping there."

What was John told to measure?

John was told to measure the temple of God and the altar and the ones worshiping in the temple.

Revelation 11:2

ULT:

But cast out the courtyard outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles, and they will trample the holy city for 42 months.

UST:

But do not measure the courtyard outside of the temple building. I have given that to the non-Jewish people groups. As a result, they will oppress the people who live in the city of Jerusalem for 42 months.

For how long would the Gentiles trample the holy city?

The Gentiles would trample the holy city for 42 months.

Revelation 11:3

ULT:

And I will grant to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."

UST:

I will send two witnesses to announce what I reveal to them for 1, 260 days. They will show they are sad about the people's sin by wearing rough clothes that someone has woven from goat hair."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 11:4

ULT:

These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.

UST:

*Those witnesses are the ones whom the two olive trees and the two lampstands represent.
Those trees and lampstands are in the presence of the Lord, who rules the earth.*

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 11:5

ULT:

And if anyone wishes to harm them, fire comes out from their mouth and devours their enemies, and if anyone should wish to harm them, he must be killed in this way.

UST:

Now if anyone tries to harm those witnesses, they breathe fire out of their mouths and burn them up. In this way the two witnesses will certainly kill anyone who wants to harm them.

What were the two witnesses given the authority to do to anyone who wished to harm them?

The two witnesses were given the authority to kill with fire anyone who wished to harm them.

Revelation 11:6

ULT:

They have authority to close up the sky so that no rain might fall during the days of their prophesy, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every plague as often as they may desire.

UST:

Those witnesses will have the authority to command no rain to fall from the sky during the time that they are announcing what God reveals to them. They also will have the authority to cause the water in lakes and streams to become blood. They will also have the authority to make many kinds of plagues happen on the earth. They will do these things when they sense that this will emphasize their message from God.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 11:7

ULT:

And when they finish their testimony, the beast coming up from the abyss will make war against them, and he will conquer them and kill them.

UST:

But when they have finished announcing their message from God, the beast that comes up from the deep, dark pit will attack them. The beast will defeat them and kill them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 11:8

ULT:

And their corpses {will be} in the public square of the great city, which is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.

UST:

Now the two witnesses were announcing God's message in the great city that people symbolically call Sodom because its people are very evil. People also call that city Egypt because its people treat God's people badly. That is also the city where Jesus, whom the witnesses were serving, died on a cross. To insult the witnesses, the people of the city will not bury their bodies. They will leave their bodies lying in the city's open area.

Where will the bodies of the two witnesses lie?

Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city.

Revelation 11:9

ULT:

And those from people and tribe and language and nation look at their corpses for three and a half days, and they do not permit their corpses to be placed in a tomb.

UST:

Individuals from many people groups, tribes, language groups, and nations will look at those dead bodies for three and a half days. But the people of the city will not allow anyone to bury those bodies.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 11:10

ULT:

And the ones living on the earth rejoice over them and celebrate and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented the ones living on the earth.

UST:

When the people who do not honor God see that the witnesses are dead, they will be very glad and hold a celebration. They will even send gifts to each other to celebrate. They will be so happy because the two prophets are dead who sent plagues that made them suffer.

How will the people of the earth react when the two witnesses are killed?

The people of the earth will rejoice and celebrate and send gifts to one another when the two witnesses are killed.

Revelation 11:11

ULT:

But after three and a half days, a breath of life from God entered into them and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on the ones seeing them.

UST:

But after three and a half days, God will make them alive again. They will stop lying dead and stand up! The people who see them alive again will be terrified.

What will happen to the two witnesses after three and a half days? (11:11-12)

After three and a half days, a breath of life will enter the two witnesses and they will stand on their feet.

Revelation 11:12

ULT:

And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And they went up into heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them.

UST:

Then the two witnesses will hear a loud voice from heaven saying to them: "Come up here!" Then they will go up into heaven in a cloud. Their enemies will watch them go up.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 11:13

ULT:

And at that hour a great earthquake happened, and a tenth of the city fell. And in the earthquake, the names of 7,000 men were killed, and the rest became terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

UST:

At that same time there will be a great earthquake, as a result of which a tenth of the buildings in the city will collapse. That will kill 7, 000 people. The rest of the people will become very afraid and acknowledge that the true God had justly punished them for killing the witnesses.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 11:14

ULT:

The second woe has passed. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

UST:

That will be the second terrible event. Be aware that the third terrible event will happen soon afterwards.

After the two witnesses go up to heaven and there is an earthquake, what has passed?

After the two witnesses go up to heaven and there is an earthquake, the second woe has passed.

Revelation 11:15

ULT:

And the seventh angel trumpeted, and loud voices happened in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become {the kingdom} of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign to the ages of the ages.”

UST:

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and voices in heaven shouted loudly, “The Lord our God and the Messiah whom he has appointed will now rule all the people in the world! They will continue to rule those people forever!”

When the seventh angel sounded a trumpet, what did loud voices in heaven say?

When the seventh angel sounded a trumpet, loud voices in heaven said that the kingdom of the world had become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.

Revelation 11:16

ULT:

And the 24 elders sitting on their thrones before God fell upon their faces and worshiped God,

UST:

The 24 elders who sit on thrones around God's throne bowed down with their faces on the ground and worshiped him.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 11:17

ULT:

saying, “We give thanks to you, Lord God, Ruler of All, the one being and the one having been, because indeed you have taken your great power and have reigned.

UST:

They said: “Lord God, you are the one who rules over everything! You are the one who exists now! You are the one who has always existed! We thank you that you have so powerfully defeated everyone who has rebelled against you, and you now rule over all the people in the world.

What did the elders say that the Lord God had now done?

The elders said that the Lord God had taken his great power and reigned.

Revelation 11:18

ULT:

And the nations were enraged, but your wrath has come and the time for the dead to be judged, and to give a reward to your servants the prophets and to the saints and to the ones fearing your name, the small and the great, and to destroy the ones destroying the earth.”

UST:

The unbelieving people of the nations were raging angrily at you. As a result, you have punished them. You have decided that this is the right time for you to judge all those who have died. You are rewarding your servants who spoke your message and the people who belong to you, You are rewarding all those who honor you, whoever they are. You have decided that it is time for you to destroy the people who have been destroying the earth.”

According to the elders, what time had now come?

The elders said that the time had now come for the dead to be judged and for God to reward his servants and destroy the ones destroying the earth.

Revelation 11:19

ULT:

And the temple of God in heaven was opened and the ark of the covenant of the Lord was seen in his temple. And flashes of lightning and loud sounds and crashes of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm happened.

UST:

Then God opened the doors his temple in heaven, and in it I saw the sacred chest that contains symbols of God's promise. Lightning was flashing. I heard the rumbling of thunder. The earth shook, and large hailstones fell from the sky.

What was then opened in heaven?

God's temple was then opened in heaven.

Revelation 12

Revelation 12:1

ULT:

And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and a crown of 12 stars on her head,

UST:

Then something very significant appeared in the sky. It was a woman who was wearing the sun as her clothing. She was standing on the moon. On her head was a crown that was made of 12 stars.

What great sign was seen in heaven?

The great sign seen in heaven was a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.

Revelation 12:2

ULT:

and having in the womb, and she cries out, suffering birth pains and being tormented to give birth.

UST:

She was about to have a baby. She was screaming in pain because it was so difficult to deliver her baby.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 12:3

ULT:

And another sign was seen in heaven: and behold, a large red dragon having seven heads and ten horns and seven diadems on his heads.

UST:

Then something else significant appeared in the sky. It was a huge red dragon. It had seven heads and ten horns. It had a royal crown on each of its heads.

What other great sign was seen in heaven?

The other great sign seen in heaven was a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads.

Revelation 12:4

ULT:

*And his tail sweeps away a third of the stars of heaven and hurled them down to the earth.
And the dragon stood before the woman being about to give birth so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.*

UST:

*The dragon's tail dragged a third of the stars out of the sky and threw them onto the earth.
The dragon set himself in front of the woman who was about to give birth so that he could eat her child as soon as he was born.*

What did the dragon's tail do?

The dragon's tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and hurled them down to earth.

What did the dragon want to do when the woman gave birth?

The dragon wanted to devour the woman's child when she gave birth.

Revelation 12:5

ULT:

And she gave birth to a son, a male, who is going to rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched away to God and to his throne,

UST:

Then the woman gave birth to a son. He is destined to rule all groups of people with complete authority. God snatched away this child {for safety} and brought him up to his throne in heaven.

What was the male child going to do?

The male child was going to rule all the nations with an iron scepter.

To where was the male child snatched away?

The male child was snatched away to God and to his throne.

Revelation 12:6

ULT:

and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God there so that they might nourish her there for 1,260 days.

UST:

But the woman fled to a desolate region. God had made a place ready for her there where people would take care of her for 1, 260 days.

To where did the woman flee?

The woman fled into the wilderness.

Revelation 12:7

ULT:

And a war happened in heaven. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought {them}.

UST:

Then a battle began in heaven. Michael and the angels he commanded fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back {against Michael and his angels}.

Who fought in heaven?

Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels.

Revelation 12:8

ULT:

But he was not strong enough, nor was a place found for them any longer in heaven.

UST:

But the dragon lost the battle, and God did not allow the dragon and his angels to stay in heaven after that.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 12:9

ULT:

And the great dragon was thrown down, the ancient serpent called Diabolos and Satan, the one deceiving the whole world. He was thrown down to the earth and his angels were thrown down with him.

UST:

Instead, God threw the huge dragon out of heaven. That dragon is the same evil spirit who appeared as a serpent long ago. His names are the Devil and Satan. He deceives everyone who lives in the world. God threw him and all of his angels down to the earth.

What happened to the dragon and his angels as a result of the battle?

The dragon and his angels were thrown down to the earth.

Who is the dragon?

The dragon is the ancient serpent called Diabolos and Satan.

Revelation 12:10

ULT:

And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ, because the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, the one accusing them before our God day and night.

UST:

Then I heard someone in heaven shout loudly, “Now our God has saved his people by his power, and he rules all people! Now his Messiah has begun to rule! This is because God has thrown the accuser of our fellow believers out of heaven. He was continually coming to God and accusing believers of doing wrong things.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 12:11

ULT:

And they conquered him through the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, indeed, they did not love their lives unto death.

UST:

But our fellow believers overcame him. This is because the Lamb shed his blood as a sacrifice for them and because they spoke the truth about him to other people. They did not want just to stay alive. They were willing to die if necessary for speaking the truth about him.

How did the brothers conquer the dragon?

The brothers conquered the dragon through the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.

Revelation 12:12

ULT:

Therefore, rejoice, heavens, and the ones dwelling in them! Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you, having great anger, knowing that he has little time!"

UST:

So all of you living in heaven should rejoice! But terrible things will happen to you people who live on the earth and travel on the ocean because the devil is now among you. He is very angry because he knows that he has only a short time before God judges and punishes him."

How much time does the dragon know he has?

The dragon knows he has only a little time.

Revelation 12:13

ULT:

And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had borne the male.

UST:

When the dragon realized that God had thrown him down to the earth, he tried to attack the woman who had given birth to a son.

What did God give the woman when the dragon pursued her? (12:13-14)

When the dragon pursued her, God gave the woman wings to fly to the place prepared for her, where she would be nourished.

Revelation 12:14

ULT:

But two wings of a great eagle were given to the woman so that she might fly to the wilderness, to her place where she is nourished there for a time and times and half a time, away from the face of the serpent.

UST:

But God gave the woman two wings like the wings of a very large eagle. These enabled her to fly away to a desolate region. God had prepared a safe place for her there. In that place, God took care of her for three and one-half years. The serpent{, that is, the dragon,} was not able to reach her there.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 12:15

ULT:

And the serpent poured water like a river out from his mouth after the woman so that he might make her stream-borne.

UST:

Then the serpent poured a flood of water out of his mouth toward the woman. He was trying to sweep her away with the water.

After the earth helped the woman, what did the dragon do? (12:15-17)

The dragon went off to make war with those who keeping God's commandments and having the testimony about Jesus.

Revelation 12:16

ULT:

But the earth helped the woman, indeed, the earth opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon poured out from his mouth.

UST:

But the ground helped the woman. The ground opened up a big hole and the flood that the dragon poured out from his mouth went down into the hole.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 12:17

ULT:

And the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war with the rest of her seed, the ones keeping the commandments of God and having the testimony of Jesus.

UST:

Then the dragon was very angry with the woman, so he went away to fight against the rest of her children. They are the people who obey God's commandments and who speak the truth about Jesus.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 12:18

ULT:

And he stood on the sand of the sea.

UST:

Then the dragon stood on the ocean shore.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 13

Revelation 13:1

ULT:

And I saw a beast coming up from the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on its horns {were} ten crowns, and on its heads {was} a blasphemous name.

UST:

Then I saw a beast come up out of the ocean. It had ten horns and seven heads. On each of its horns there was a royal crown. On each of its heads there was a name that insulted God.

From where did the beast come that John saw?

The beast that John saw came up from the sea.

Revelation 13:2

ULT:

And the beast that I saw was like a leopard and its feet {were} as of a bear and its mouth {was} as the mouth of a lion, and the dragon gave to it his power and his throne and great authority.

UST:

This beast was like a leopard, but its feet were like the feet of a bear. Its mouth was like the mouth of a lion. The dragon made the beast very powerful. He also gave him the supreme right to rule over people as their king.

What did the dragon give to the beast?

The dragon gave the beast his power, his throne, and great authority.

Revelation 13:3

ULT:

And one of its heads {was} as if it had been slain unto death, but its wound of death had been healed. And the whole earth was astonished after the beast,

UST:

One of the heads of the beast looked as if someone had wounded it so that it had died. But that wound had healed. As a result, all the people of the earth marveled at the beast and obeyed it.

Why was the whole earth astonished?

The whole earth was astonished because the beast had a wound of death (a fatal wound) that had been healed.

Revelation 13:4

ULT:

and they worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who {is} like the beast, and who is able to war with it?"

UST:

They worshiped the dragon because he had given the beast authority to rule over them. They also worshiped the beast. They said, "No one is as powerful as the beast! No one could ever fight against it!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 13:5

ULT:

And to it was given a mouth speaking great {things} and blasphemies, and authority was given to it to act for 42 months.

UST:

The dragon enabled the beast to speak proudly and to insult God. The dragon also enabled it to rule the people on earth. But God would only allow the beast to rule for 42 months.

What did the beast say with the mouth it was given? (13:5-6)

The beast spoke great (proud) things and blasphemies against God, his name, his tabernacle, and those living in heaven.

Revelation 13:6

ULT:

And it opened its mouth unto blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name and his dwelling, the ones dwelling in heaven.

UST:

When the beast spoke, it insulted God. It said that God was not really like what people believed him to be like. The beast also insulted the people in heaven among whom God lives.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 13:7

ULT:

And to it was granted to make war with the saints and to conquer them, and authority was given to it over every tribe and people and language and nation.

UST:

The dragon enabled the beast to fight against God's people and conquer them. The dragon also gave the beast the right to rule over people no matter what tribe they came from or what group they belonged to or what language they spoke or where they lived.

What was the beast allowed to do against the saints?

The beast was allowed to make war against the saints and to conquer them.

Revelation 13:8

ULT:

And all the ones living on the earth will worship it, of whom his name has not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb having been slain from the foundation of the world.

UST:

The names of some of the people living on earth do not appear in the Book of Life. Those people will worship the beast. The Book of Life belongs to the Lamb. The Lamb gave up his life at the beginning of the world in order to become the Savior.

Who will not worship the beast?

Anyone whose name is written in the Book of Life will not worship the beast.

Revelation 13:9

ULT:

If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

UST:

Everyone who wants to understand must listen carefully to this message from God.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 13:10

ULT:

If anyone {is} for captivity, he departs; if anyone will be killed by the sword, it is necessary for him to be killed by the sword. Here is the endurance and the faith of the saints.

UST:

If anyone's enemies are going to capture him, they will capture him. If anyone's enemies are going to kill him with a sword, they will kill him with a sword. So God's people must endure suffering and remain faithful to him.

What qualities does John say the saints must have?

John says that the saints must have endurance and faith.

Revelation 13:11

ULT:

And I saw another beast coming up from the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb but it was speaking like a dragon.

UST:

Then I saw another beast come up from the earth. It had two small horns on its head as a sheep has. But its voice sounded like a dragon's voice.

From where did the other beast come that John saw?

The other beast that John saw came up out of the earth.

What kind of horns and voice did the other beast have?

The other beast had horns like a lamb but its voice sounded like a dragon's voice (it was speaking like a dragon).

Revelation 13:12

ULT:

And it exercises all the authority of the first beast before it, and it makes the earth and the ones living on it that they will worship the first beast, of whom his wound of death had been healed.

UST:

This beast from the earth carries out all the orders of the beast from the sea. It requires the people who live on the earth to worship the beast from the sea. That is the beast that almost died but whose wound healed.

The other beast caused those who live on the earth to do something. What was it?

The other beast caused those who live on the earth to worship the first beast.

Revelation 13:13

ULT:

And it does great signs, so that it might even cause fire to come down from heaven to the earth before men.

UST:

The beast from the earth also did amazing miracles. It even caused fire to fall from the sky onto the earth while people watched.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 13:14

ULT:

And it deceives the ones living on the earth through the signs that have been granted to it to do before the beast, telling the ones living on the earth to make an image to the beast that has the wound of the sword and has lived.

UST:

The dragon gave the beast from the earth the power to do these miracles on behalf of the beast from the sea. The beast from the earth used the miracles to deceive the people who live on the earth. It told them to make an idol that looked like the beast from the sea. That was the beast that survived a sword wound that seemed to kill it.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 13:15

ULT:

And it was granted to it to give breath to the image of the beast so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause whoever does not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

UST:

The dragon gave the beast from the earth the power to make that idol live. Then the idol that looked like the beast from the sea was able to speak. The beast from the earth then commanded that anyone who refused to worship the idol would be killed.

What did the other beast do to whoever did not worship the image of the beast?

The other beast caused whoever did not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Revelation 13:16

ULT:

And it causes everyone, the small and the great and the rich and the poor and the free and the slave, that they might give to them a mark on their right hand or on their forehead,

UST:

The beast from the earth also required each person to have a mark on his right hand or on his forehead. This requirement applied to important people and unimportant people. It applied to people who were rich and people who were poor. It applied to free people and to slaves. It applied to everyone!

What did the other beast cause everyone to receive?

The other beast caused everyone to receive a mark on the right hand or on the forehead.

Revelation 13:17

ULT:

and that no one would be able to buy or to sell except the one having the mark, the name of the beast or the number of its name.

UST:

Then the beast from the earth ordered that no one could buy or sell anything if he did not have this mark. This mark was the name of the beast from the sea or the number that stood for its name.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 13:18

ULT:

Here is wisdom: The one having understanding, let him calculate the number of the beast. For it is the number of a man, and its number is 666.

UST:

You must think wisely about this: Anyone who understands things well can figure out the identity of the beast from the sea. That is because the number that stands for its name actually represents the name of a man. That number is 666.

What is the number of the beast?

The number of the beast is 666.

Revelation 14

Revelation 14:1

ULT:

And I looked and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him {were} 144 thousands having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads.

UST:

But then I saw the Lamb standing on Mount Zion in Jerusalem. With him were 144, 000 people. He had written his name and his Father's name on their foreheads.

Whom did John see standing on Mount Zion?

John saw the Lamb and 144 thousands (144,000 people) standing on Mount Zion.

Revelation 14:2

ULT:

And I heard a sound from heaven like the sound of many waters and like the sound of great thunder; and the sound that I heard {was} like harpists harping on their harps.

UST:

I also heard a sound from heaven. It was as loud as the sound of a huge waterfall or of mighty thunder. It also sounded like many people playing on harps.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 14:3

ULT:

And they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders, and no one was able to learn the song except the 144 thousands having been bought from the earth.

UST:

This sound was of the people I saw singing a new song. They were standing in front of the throne and the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had saved these 144, 000 people from among all the people on the earth. Only they could learn that song.

Who was able to learn the new song that was sung before the throne?

Only the 144,000 people who had been bought from the earth were able to learn the new song.

Revelation 14:4

ULT:

These are they who have not been defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones following the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been bought from among men as first fruits for God and for the Lamb,

UST:

Those 144, 000 people are spiritually pure, as virgins are morally pure. They have not made themselves impure by worshiping any false god. They are the ones who accompany Jesus, the one who is like a lamb, wherever he goes. They represent all those whom he has saved so far from among the people of the earth. Those who have believed in Jesus will share their faith and lead many others to believe in God and Jesus.

Who have been bought as first fruits for God and for the Lamb? (14:4-5)

The 144,000 blameless people have been bought as first fruits to God and to the Lamb.

Revelation 14:5

ULT:

and no lie has been found in their mouth, for they are blameless.

UST:

These people never denied Jesus. They always lived pure lives.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 14:6

ULT:

And I saw another angel flying in midair, having the eternal gospel to proclaim to the ones living on the earth, even to every nation and tribe and language and people,

UST:

Then I saw another angel flying through the sky. He was bringing God's eternal good news from heaven so that he could proclaim it to the people who live on earth. He will proclaim it to every nation, to every tribe, to speakers of every language, and to every people group.

To whom did the angel give the eternal message of good news?

The angel gave the eternal message of good news to every nation, tribe, language, and people on the earth.

Revelation 14:7

ULT:

saying in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship the one having made the heaven and the earth and the sea and the springs of water."

UST:

He said in a loud voice, "Honor God and praise him because it is now time for him to judge everyone! Worship him because he is the one who created heaven and earth and the ocean and the fresh water."

What did the angel tell those the ones living on the earth to do?

The angel told them to fear God and to give him glory.

What hour (time) did the angel say had come?

The angel said the hour of God's judgment had come.

Revelation 14:8

ULT:

And another, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen has Babylon the Great, who caused all the nations to drink from the wine of the passion of her immorality!”

UST:

And then another angel came after that one. This angel said, “The very evil city of Babylon has now become a complete ruin! Babylon forced the people of every nation to be unfaithful to God by worshiping idols.”

What did the second angel say had happened?

The second angel said that Babylon the Great had fallen.

Revelation 14:9

ULT:

And another angel, a third, followed them, saying in a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,

UST:

Yet another angel came afterward. This angel said in a loud voice, "If people worship the beast and its image or allow someone to put its mark on their foreheads or on their hands,

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 14:10

ULT:

he will also drink from the wine of the wrath of God having been poured undiluted into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur before the holy angels and before the Lamb.

UST:

God will duly punish them. They will stagger from the punishment as if they had drunk strong wine. He will torment them in burning sulfur as his holy angels and the Lamb are watching.

What did the third angel say would happen to anyone who worshiped the beast and received his mark?

The third angel said that those who worshiped the beast and received his mark would be tormented with fire and sulfur.

Revelation 14:11

ULT:

And the smoke of their torment goes up to the ages of the ages, and they have no rest day and night, the ones worshiping the beast and his image and if anyone receives the mark of his name.

UST:

The smoke from the fire that torments them will rise forever. God will torment them all the time without stopping. This is what will happen to the people who worship the beast and its image or who allow someone to write its name on them.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 14:12

ULT:

Here is the endurance of the saints, the ones keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

UST:

God's people are those who obey what God commands and who trust in Jesus. They must continue to do these things faithfully {because those who disobey God and deny Jesus will experience these torments}.

What quality did John say the saints should have?

John said that the saints should have endurance.

Revelation 14:13

ULT:

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write, 'Blessed {are} the dead dying in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

UST:

Then I heard someone speaking from heaven and saying, "Write this: How fortunate from now on are those who die as faithful believers in Jesus." The Holy Spirit says, "Yes, after they die, they will no longer have to endure suffering. Instead, it will be clear that they were doing the right things."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 14:14

ULT:

And I looked and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud one like a son of man, having a golden crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.

UST:

Then I saw something else very significant. I saw a white cloud, and someone was sitting on the cloud who looked like a human being. He was wearing a golden crown on his head. He held a sharp sickle in his hand.

Whom did John see seated on a white cloud?

John saw one like a son of man seated on a white cloud.

Revelation 14:15

ULT:

And another angel came out of the temple, crying out in a loud voice to the one sitting on the cloud: "Extend your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, since the harvest of the earth has been ripened."

UST:

Still another angel came out of the temple in heaven. In a loud voice, he said to the one who was sitting on the cloud, "The grain on the earth is ripe. So this is the time to reap it. So use your sickle to reap the grain."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 14:16

ULT:

And the one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle upon the earth, and the earth was harvested.

UST:

Then the person who looked like a human being and who was sitting on the cloud used his sickle to harvest all of the grain on the earth.

What did the one sitting on the cloud do?

The one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle and harvested the earth.

Revelation 14:17

ULT:

And another angel came out from the temple in heaven, also having a sharp sickle himself.

UST:

Another angel then came out of the heavenly sanctuary. This angel was also holding a sharp sickle.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 14:18

ULT:

And another angel {came} from the altar, the one having authority over the fire, and he shouted in a loud voice to the one having the sharp sickle, saying, "Send out your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the grapevine of the earth, for their grapes have ripened."

UST:

One more angel came from the altar. He is the one who takes care of the fire of the altar. He said in a loud voice to the angel who was holding the sickle, "The grapes on the earth are ripe! So use your sickle to cut the bunches of grapes off of the earth's grapevines. Then collect those bunches of grapes."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 14:19

ULT:

And the angel swung his sickle to the earth and harvested the grapevine of the earth, and he threw {the grapes} into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

UST:

So the angel used his sickle to harvest the grapes. Then he threw the grapes into the huge winepress that represents the place where God will punish people for what they have done wrong.

What did the angel with the sickle do?

The angel with the sickle harvested the grapevine of the earth and threw the grapes into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

Revelation 14:20

ULT:

And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out from the winepress up to the bridles of the horses for 1,600 stadia.

UST:

God trampled the grapes in the winepress outside the city. When he did, blood poured out of the winepress! It flowed in such quantity that it formed a stream that was a meter and a half deep and extended for three hundred kilometers.

What came out from the winepress when it was trampled?

Blood came out from the winepress when it was trampled.

Revelation 15

Revelation 15:1

ULT:

And I saw another great and marvelous sign in heaven: seven angels having seven final plagues, for with them the wrath of God was finished.

UST:

Then something else very significant appeared in the sky. I saw seven angels. God had given them the duty to punish rebellious people in seven different ways. This is the last time that God will punish people this way, because through these punishments he will have given people on earth all of the punishment that they deserve.

What did the seven angels have whom John saw?

The seven angels had seven final plagues.

Revelation 15:2

ULT:

Then I saw as it were a sea of glass having been mixed with fire and the ones being victorious over the beast and over his image and over the number of his name standing on the sea of glass having the harps of God.

UST:

I also saw a great flat area of glass that was sparkling with light. I also saw the people who had overcome the beast by not worshiping it or its image and by not allowing anyone to mark them with the number that represents the beast's name. They were standing on the large flat area of glass. They were holding harps that God had given them.

Who was standing by the sea?

The ones being victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name were standing by the sea.

Revelation 15:3

ULT:

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous {are} your deeds, Lord God, Ruler of All. Righteous and true {are} your ways, King of the Ages.

UST:

They were singing a song such as God's servant Moses sang long ago. It was the same kind of song that the Lamb now sings. They sang, "Lord God, who rules over everything, all that you do is very marvelous! You always act entirely righteously. You rule as King forever!

Whose song were those standing by the sea singing?

Those standing by the sea were singing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb.

How were God's ways described in the song?

God's ways were described as righteous and true.

Revelation 15:4

ULT:

Who will certainly not fear {you}, Lord, and glorify your name? For {you} alone {are} holy. For all the nations will come and worship before you, because your righteous deeds have been manifested.”

UST:

O Lord, everyone will fear you and honor you because you alone are holy. Yes, people from every group will come and bow down to you in worship because you have shown that you have judged everyone in the right way.”

According to the song, who will come and worship God?

All nations will come and worship God.

Revelation 15:5

ULT:

And after these things I looked, and the temple of the dwelling of the testimony in heaven had been opened.

UST:

Then, after that, I saw that the doors of the temple in heaven were open. That heavenly temple was like the tent on earth that had held the sacred chest.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 15:6

ULT:

And the seven angels having the seven plagues came out from the temple, having been clothed with clean, bright linen and with golden sashes having been wrapped around {their} chests.

UST:

The seven angels whose duty it was to punish rebellious people in seven different ways came out of the temple. The angels were wearing clean, white linen garments. They were also wearing bands of golden fabric around their chests.

Who then came out from the temple?

The seven angels having the seven plagues then came out from the temple.

Revelation 15:7

ULT:

And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls being full of the wrath of the God living to the ages of the ages.

UST:

One of the four living creatures gave each of the seven angels a golden bowl. Inside each bowl was a different kind of punishment for people who had done wrong. The angels would administer these punishments on behalf of God, who lives forever and ever.

What did one of the four living creatures give to the seven angels?

One of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven bowls full of the wrath of God.

Revelation 15:8

ULT:

And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one was able to enter into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

UST:

Then smoke that expressed the presence of the glorious and all-powerful God filled the temple. {The smoke remained there while the angels were administering the plagues.} Only after the seven angels finished punishing the people of the earth in seven different ways could anyone enter the temple again.

Until when could no one enter the temple?

No one could enter the temple until the seven plagues were completed.

Revelation 16

Revelation 16:1

ULT:

And I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God onto the earth.”

UST:

Next I heard someone in the temple speak in a loud voice to the angels who had the seven bowls. He told them, “Go from here and pour out what you have in your seven bowls onto the earth. This is how God will punish people for their sins.”

What did the voice tell the seven angels to do?

The voice told the seven angels to go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of God’s wrath onto the earth.

Revelation 16:2

ULT:

And the first went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and a bad and harmful sore happened on the men having the mark of the beast and the ones worshiping its image.

UST:

So the first angel went and poured out what he had in his bowl onto the earth. As a result, terrible sores broke out on the people who had allowed the beast's servants to write the beast's name on them. These were the people who had worshiped the beast's image.

What happened when the first angel poured out his bowl?

The people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped its image got bad sores.

Revelation 16:3

ULT:

And the second poured out his bowl into the sea and it became blood as of a corpse, and every living soul in the sea died.

UST:

Then the second angel poured out what he had in his bowl on the ocean. As a result, the water of the sea turned into blood. That blood was decayed and stinky like the blood of a dead person. Every creature that lived in the ocean died.

What happened when the second angel poured out his bowl?

The sea became like the blood of a dead person.

Revelation 16:4

ULT:

And the third poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and it became blood.

UST:

Then the third angel poured out what he had in his bowl upon the earth's rivers and springs. As a result, the water in them turned into blood.

What happened when the third angel poured out his bowl?

The rivers and springs of water became blood.

Revelation 16:5

ULT:

And I heard the angel of the waters saying, “You are righteous, the one being and the one who was, the Holy One, because you have judged these.

UST:

Then I heard the angel who was in charge of those waters say to God, “O God, you exist and have always existed. You are supremely holy. You are a fair judge of people.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 16:6

ULT:

Because they poured out the blood of the saints and prophets, you have also given blood to them to drink; they are worthy.”

UST:

The people who rebelled against you murdered your holy people and the prophets. So you are just in punishing them by giving them blood to drink.”

Why was it true and just that God gave these people blood to drink?

It was true and just because these people had poured out the blood of God’s saints and prophets.

Revelation 16:7

ULT:

And I heard the altar saying, “Yes, Lord God, Ruler of All, your judgments {are} true and righteous.”

UST:

Then I heard the altar answer, “Yes, Lord God, you who rule over everything, you punish people completely fairly.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 16:8

ULT:

And the fourth poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was granted to it to scorch men with fire.

UST:

Then the fourth angel poured out what he had in his bowl on the sun. As a result, the sun became so hot that it burned people very badly.

What happened when the fourth angel poured out his bowl?

The sun scorched people with fire.

Revelation 16:9

ULT:

And men were scorched a great scorch and they blasphemed the name of the God having authority over these plagues, but they did not repent to give him glory.

UST:

Because the sun burned people so badly, they said evil things about God because he had the power to punish them in these ways. But they still refused to stop doing wrong things and they still refused to praise him.

How did the people respond to these plagues?

The people did not repent to give God glory.

Revelation 16:10

ULT:

And the fifth poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom became darkened. And they were chewing their tongues from the pain,

UST:

Then the fifth angel poured out what he had in his bowl on the throne of the beast. As a result, it became dark where the beast ruled. {Because it was like night all the time, the people whom the beast ruled could feel the pain of their terrible sores even more.} So they were biting their tongues because of this pain.

What happened when the fifth angel poured out his bowl?

The kingdom of the beast became darkened.

Revelation 16:11

ULT:

and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pain and because of their sores, but they did not repent of their deeds.

UST:

They also said evil things about God who rules in heaven because their sores were so painful. But they refused to stop doing wrong things.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 16:12

ULT:

And the sixth poured out his bowl upon the great river, the Euphrates, and its water was dried up so that the way of the kings from the rising of the sun might be prepared.

UST:

Then the sixth angel poured out what he had in his bowl on the Euphrates River. As a result, the water in the river dried up so that the rulers from the eastern countries could cross it with their armies.

What happened when the sixth angel poured out his bowl?

The water of the Euphrates River was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the rising of the sun (from the east).

Revelation 16:13

ULT:

And I saw, out from the mouth of the dragon and out from the mouth of the beast and out from the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs,

UST:

Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs. One came out of the mouth of the dragon. One came out of the mouth of the beast. And one came out of the mouth of the false prophet.

What did the three unclean spirits go out to do? (16:13-14)

The three unclean spirits went out to gather the kings of the world for battle on the great day of God.

Revelation 16:14

ULT:

for they are spirits of demons performing signs, who go out to the kings of the whole world to gather them together for battle on the great day of God, the Ruler of All.

UST:

Now those spirits were demons that were able to do miracles. They went out to the rulers of the entire earth to gather their armies. Those armies will fight a battle on the important day when Almighty God punishes his enemies.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 16:15

ULT:

("Behold! I am coming like a thief! Blessed {is} the one watching and keeping his garments so that he might not walk around naked and they see his indecency.")

UST:

(I heard the Lord Jesus say, "You must listen carefully to me: I am coming unexpectedly, like a thief. It will be good for people who stay alert and keep on living in the right way. They will not feel shame when I return. They will be just like a person who keeps his clothes on so that he does not feel shame in front of other people.")

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 16:16

ULT:

And they brought them together at the place called Armageddon in Hebrew.

UST:

The evil spirits gathered the rulers at a place whose name in the Hebrew language is Armageddon.

What was the name of the place where the kings of the world were brought together?

The name of the place was Armageddon.

Revelation 16:17

ULT:

And the seventh poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out from the temple from the throne, saying, "It has happened!"

UST:

Then the seventh angel poured what he had in his bowl into the air. As a result, someone said with a loud voice from the throne in the temple, "God has now finished punishing rebellious people."

What happened when the seventh angel poured out his bowl? (16:17-18)

A loud voice said, "It is has happened!" and there was lightning, sounds, thunder, and an earthquake.

Revelation 16:18

ULT:

And lightning and sounds and thunder happened, and a great earthquake happened, such as had not happened since man had been on the earth, so powerful an earthquake, so great.

UST:

Then lightning flashed, thunder rumbled, and the earth shook violently. There had not been such a powerful earthquake during the whole time that people have lived on the earth.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 16:19

ULT:

And the great city came into three parts and the cities of the nations fell, and Babylon the Great was remembered before God to give to her the cup of the wine of the wrath of his anger.

UST:

As a result of this earthquake, the giant city split into three parts. God also destroyed the cities in the other nations. God did not forget that the people of Babylon had sinned very much. So he made them experience the punishments they so justly deserved.

At this time, what did God remember?

At this time, God remembered to give Babylon the Great the cup of the wine of the wrath of his anger.

Revelation 16:20

ULT:

And every island fled, and the mountains were not found.

UST:

Also as a result of the earthquake, every island disappeared, and the mountains became flat land.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 16:21

ULT:

And great hail, about a talent in weight, comes down from heaven upon men, and men blasphemed God because of the plague of hail, because that plague is exceedingly great.

UST:

Then huge hailstones, each weighing 33 kilograms, fell from the sky onto people. Then people said evil things about God because he had punished them in this terrible way with those huge, heavy hailstones.

How did the people respond to the plague of hail?

The people blasphemed God.

Revelation 17

Revelation 17:1

ULT:

And one of the seven angels holding the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute sitting on many waters,

UST:

One of the seven angels who had the bowls came over to me. He said, "Come with me. I want to show you how God will punish the evil prostitute whom you saw sitting near a great river.

What did the angel say he would show John?

The angel said he would show John the judgment of the great prostitute.

Revelation 17:2

ULT:

with whom the kings of the earth committed sexual immorality and the ones living {on} the earth were intoxicated from the wine of her sexual immorality.”

UST:

The kings of the earth have worshiped the idols she wanted them to worship. The people they rule have also worshiped those idols. It was as if they had gotten drunk on wine that she gave them.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 17:3

ULT:

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast being full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.

UST:

Then the Holy Spirit inspired me so that I could see and hear things in a vision. The angel carried me away to a desolate area. There I saw a woman who was riding on a red beast. The beast had written names all over itself. They were names that insulted God. The beast had seven heads and ten horns.

On what was the woman sitting?

The woman was sitting on a scarlet beast that had seven heads and ten horns.

Revelation 17:4

ULT:

And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet and adorned with gold and precious stone and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup being full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality,

UST:

Now the woman was wearing purple and red clothes. She had gold jewelry with precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand. That cup was full of something to drink that stands for the awful things she does when she commits sexual immorality.

What was in the cup which the woman held in her hand?

The cup was full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality.

Revelation 17:5

ULT:

and on her forehead had been written a name, a mystery: Babylon the Great, the Mother of Prostitutes and of the Abominations of the Earth.

UST:

And there was a name in writing on her forehead. The name had a secret meaning. That name was: The Great Babylon, the Mother of Prostitutes and of the Immoral Things in the World.

What was the woman's name?

The woman's name was "Babylon the Great, the Mother of Prostitutes and of the Abominations of the Earth."

Revelation 17:6

ULT:

And I saw the woman being drunk from the blood of the saints and from the blood of the witnesses of Jesus and, having seen her, I wondered a great wonder.

UST:

I saw that the woman had become drunk because she had drunk the blood of God's people. Those people had suffered for proclaiming the truth about Jesus. When I saw her, that astonished me completely.

With what was the woman drunk?

The woman was drunk with the blood of the saints and witnesses for Jesus.

Revelation 17:7

ULT:

But the angel said to me, "Why are you wondering? I will tell to you the mystery of the woman and of the beast carrying her having the seven heads and the ten horns.

UST:

The angel said to me, "This should not astonish you. I will explain to you the hidden meaning of the woman and of the beast on which she rides. That beast has seven heads and ten horns.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 17:8

ULT:

The beast that you saw was and is not but is about to come up from the abyss, and it is going to destruction, and the ones living on the earth whose names have not been written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world will wonder, seeing the beast that was and is not but will come.

UST:

The beast that you saw lived previously. Now he is no longer alive. But he is about to come back up from the deep, dark pit. Eventually God will destroy him. But this beast will appear again after having lived previously and then dying. Seeing him will astonish the people on the earth whose names God did not write in the Book of Life before he created the world.

From where did the beast come on which the woman sat?

The beast came up from the abyss.

To where was the beast going?

The beast was going to destruction.

Revelation 17:9

ULT:

Here {is} the mind having wisdom: The seven heads are seven hills where the woman is sitting on them, and they are seven kings;

UST:

People need to think wisely to understand this: The seven heads of the beast that the woman is riding represent seven hills. Those are the seven hills of the city that the woman represents. The heads also represent seven rulers.

What were the seven heads of the beast? (17:9-10)

The seven heads were seven hills on which the woman was seated, and they were also seven kings.

Revelation 17:10

ULT:

the five have fallen, the one is, the other has not yet come, and when he comes, it is necessary for him to remain a little.

UST:

Five of those rulers have died. One is still alive. The seventh ruler has not yet come. And when he comes, he will rule for only a short time.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 17:11

ULT:

And the beast that was and is not is itself also an eighth, but it is from the seven and is going to destruction.

UST:

The beast that lived previously and then was not alive will be an eighth ruler. He is actually one of those seven rulers. God will certainly destroy him.

To where was the beast going?

The beast was going to destruction.

Revelation 17:12

ULT:

And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they are receiving authority as kings with the beast for one hour.

UST:

Now the ten horns that you saw represent ten rulers who have not yet begun to rule. But they will rule people together with the beast, though only for a short time.

What were the ten horns of the beast?

The ten horns were ten kings.

Revelation 17:13

ULT:

These have one mind, and they give their power and authority to the beast.

UST:

Those rulers will all agree to do the same thing. As a result, they will give the beast their power to rule.

What will the kings and the beast do when they are of one mind? (17:13-14)

When they are of one mind, they will make war against the Lamb.

Revelation 17:14

ULT:

They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will conquer them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings and the ones with him {are} called and chosen and faithful.”

UST:

The rulers and the beast will fight against the Lamb. He will defeat them because he is the Lord who rules over all other lords and the King who rules over all other kings. The people who are with him are the ones whom God has chosen and called to himself and who keep serving him faithfully.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 17:15

ULT:

And he says to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages."

UST:

Then the angel said to me, "The waters that you saw in the city where the prostitute sits represent a large number of people from many different backgrounds."

What were the waters where the prostitute was sitting?

The waters were peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages.

Revelation 17:16

ULT:

And the ten horns that you saw and the beast, they will hate the prostitute and they will make her desolated and naked and they will consume her flesh and they will burn her completely with fire,

UST:

And the ten horns that you saw represent rulers. They and the beast will hate the prostitute. So they will plunder the city and leave nothing in it. Then they will destroy the city the way a wild animal devours another animal. They will burn down the city completely.

What would the kings and the beast do to the woman?

They would make the woman desolated and naked, consume her flesh, and burn her completely with fire.

Revelation 17:17

ULT:

for God has put into their hearts to do his purpose and to do one purpose and to give their kingdom to the beast until the words of God will be fulfilled.

UST:

They will do that because God has caused them to decide to do what he wants them to do. As a result, they will all agree together to let the beast have their power to rule until God has accomplished what he said.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 17:18

ULT:

And the woman whom you saw is the great city having a kingdom over the kings of the earth."

UST:

And the prostitute that you saw represents the very evil city whose leaders rule over the other rulers in the world."

What was the woman that John saw?

The woman that John saw was the great city that has a kingdom over the kings of the earth.

Revelation 18

Revelation 18:1

ULT:

After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his glory.

UST:

After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. God had given great authority to this angel. The angel was shining so brightly that he lit up the earth.

What announcement did the angel with great authority make? (18:1-2)

The angel announced that Babylon the Great had fallen.

Revelation 18:2

ULT:

And he cried out in a mighty voice, saying, "Babylon the Great has fallen! And she has become a habitation of demons and a hold of every unclean spirit and a hold of every unclean and detested bird.

UST:

The angel shouted very loudly, "God is about to destroy the evil city of Babylon completely. {People will no longer live in the ruins of the city.} All kinds of evil spirits will live there. All kinds of disgusting scavenger birds will also live there.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 18:3

ULT:

For all the nations have drunk from the wine of her immoral passion and the kings of the earth have committed sexual immorality with her and the merchants of the earth have become rich from the power of her luxury.”

UST:

God is going to destroy Babylon because that evil city influenced many people groups to devote themselves to idol worship. Babylon influenced the rulers of those groups, and they made their people worship idols. Babylon also set an example of living in luxury. This made people in other places want to live in the same way. Those who sold luxury goods made a lot of money selling the goods to those people.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 18:4

ULT:

And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out from her, my people, so that you might not share in her sins and so that you might not receive from her plagues.

UST:

Then I heard someone else speak from heaven. He said, “My people, run away from that evil city of Babylon! If you stay there, you may sin as the people there do. And if you sin as they do, I will punish you in the same way that I will punish them.

What did the voice from heaven tell God’s people to do?

The voice told God’s people to come out from Babylon in order not share in her sins.

Revelation 18:5

ULT:

For her sins have been heaped as far as heaven, and God has remembered her offenses.

UST:

Run away because the people of that evil city have sinned very greatly and God is now going to punish them for what they have done."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 18:6

ULT:

Give back to her even as she has given, and double doubles {to her} according to her deeds; in the cup that she mixed, mix double for her.

UST:

*{The voice from heaven told the angels whom God had assigned to punish Babylon,}
“Punish the people of that city just as much as they harmed other people. In fact, cause them to suffer twice as much as they caused other people to suffer.*

What amount of payment did God give back to Babylon for what she had done?

God paid back Babylon double for what she had done.

Revelation 18:7

ULT:

As much as she glorified herself and lived in luxury, give her just as much torture and grief. For she says in her heart, 'I sit {as} a queen and I am not a widow and I will certainly not see mourning.'

UST:

The people of the city of Babylon honored themselves. They indulged in pleasures. To the same extent that they did that, torment them and cause them to grieve. Do that because they were confident that they would always rule other people. They were confident that they could provide themselves with everything they needed. They were confident that nothing bad would ever happen to them.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 18:8

ULT:

Because of this in one day her plagues will come: death and mourning and famine, and she will be consumed by fire, for the Lord God judging her {is} mighty.”

UST:

Because the people of Babylon are so wicked, terrible things will happen to them all at once. Some will die and others will mourn for them. People will be hungry because they will have no food. The city will burn up completely. The Lord God is able to punish her in these ways because he is mighty.”

What plagues will come on Babylon in one day?

Death, mourning, and famine will come on Babylon in one day, and she will be consumed with fire.

Revelation 18:9

ULT:

And the kings of the earth, the ones having committed sexual immorality and having lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning,

UST:

The rulers of the peoples who live on earth worshiped idols with the people of Babylon. They indulged in pleasures with the people of Babylon. So they will mourn greatly for the city when they see it burning up.

How did the kings and merchants of the earth respond when they saw Babylon's judgment?

When the kings and merchants of the earth saw Babylon's judgment, they wept and wailed over her.

Why will the kings, merchants and ship's captains stand at a distance from Babylon at her time of judgment? (18:9-10)

They will stand at a distance because they are afraid of her torment.

Revelation 18:10

ULT:

standing from afar because of the fear of her torment, saying, "Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come."

UST:

Those rulers will stand far away from Babylon because they will be afraid that God will punish them too if they get too close. They will say, "How very terrible it is for the Great Babylon, that strong city! God is punishing the people who live there so quickly!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 18:11

ULT:

And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, because no one buys their cargo anymore—

UST:

And the merchants of the earth will mourn greatly for the city because no one living there will ever again buy the things that they have to sell.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 18:12

ULT:

cargo of gold and silver and precious stone and pearls and fine linen and purple cloth and silk and scarlet cloth and every citron wood and every ivory vessel and every vessel from the costliest wood and bronze and iron and marble

UST:

They sell ornaments made of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls. They sell expensive cloth made of fine linen and silk, expensive cloth that is dyed purple and crimson. They sell many kinds of scented wood and many kinds of items made of ivory, the most expensive wood, bronze, iron, and marble. They sell cinnamon, spices, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine flour, and grain. They sell cattle, sheep, horses, and chariots. They even sell human beings as slaves. (vv12-13)

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 18:13

ULT:

and cinnamon and spice and incense and myrrh and frankincense and wine and oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep and horses and chariots and bodies and souls of men.

UST:

They sell ornaments made of gold, silver, precious stones, and pearls. They sell expensive cloth made of fine linen and silk, expensive cloth that is dyed purple and crimson. They sell many kinds of scented wood and many kinds of items made of ivory, the most expensive wood, bronze, iron, and marble. They sell cinnamon, spices, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, olive oil, fine flour, and grain. They sell cattle, sheep, horses, and chariots. They even sell human beings as slaves. (vv12-13)

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 18:14

ULT:

And your autumn fruit of the desire of {your} soul has gone away from you, and all the luxurious and the splendid has perished from you, and they will certainly not be found any longer.

UST:

Yes, the good things the people of Babylon longed to have are gone! God has punished them by destroying their many valuable possessions! They have lost those possessions permanently.

What kinds of things perished from Babylon?

Luxurious and splendid things perished from Babylon.

Revelation 18:15

ULT:

The merchants of these things, having become rich, will stand afar off from her because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning,

UST:

Many merchants earned a lot of money by selling these things. Those merchants will stand far away from Babylon because they will be afraid that God will punish them too if they get too close. They will mourn greatly

Why will the kings, merchants and ship's captains stand at a distance from Babylon at her time of judgment?

They will stand at a distance because they are afraid of her torment.

Revelation 18:16

ULT:

saying, “Woe, woe to the great city having been dressed in fine linen and purple and scarlet and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls,

UST:

and they will say, “Very terrible things have happened to that great city! That city was like a woman who dressed in clothes made of fine linen and expensive cloth dyed purple and crimson and who wore gold jewelry with precious stones and pearls.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 18:17

ULT:

for in one hour so much wealth has been destroyed.” And every shipmaster and every one sailing to a place and sailors and as many as work the sea stood from afar

UST:

But God has destroyed all these expensive things so quickly!” Every ship captain, every ship passenger, all sailors, and all others who do work involving the ocean will stand far away from the city.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 18:18

ULT:

and were crying out, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, “What {is} like the great city?”

UST:

When they see the smoke of the fire that is burning there, they will shout, “No other city has ever been like that great city!”

What question did the ship captains ask about Babylon?

The ship captains asked, “What city is like the great city?”

Revelation 18:19

ULT:

And they threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and mourning, saying, “Woe, woe, the great city, by which all the ones having ships in the sea became rich from her wealth, for in one hour she has been destroyed.”

UST:

They will even throw dust on their heads {to show that they are sad}. Then they will shout in great distress, “Very terrible things have happened to Babylon. The people who lived in that city bought many expensive things, so that people who owned ships earned a lot of money by transporting those things there. God has destroyed that city so quickly!”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 18:20

ULT:

("Rejoice over her, heaven, also you saints and apostles and prophets, for God has judged your judgment against her!")

UST:

Then someone spoke from heaven saying, "You who live in heaven, rejoice over what has happened to Babylon! You who are God's people, including you apostles and prophets, rejoice because God has justly punished the people of that city because they harmed you so badly!"

What were heaven and the saints, apostles, and prophets told to do when God judged Babylon?

Heaven and the saints, apostles, and prophets were told to rejoice when God judged Babylon.

Revelation 18:21

ULT:

And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw {it} into the sea, saying, “Thus Babylon, the great city, will be thrown down with violence, and she will certainly not be seen anymore,

UST:

Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large stone for grinding grain and he threw it into the ocean. Then he said, “God will destroy the great city of Babylon abruptly! It will disappear completely, just as that stone disappeared into the ocean! Babylon will be gone forever!

After Babylon’s judgment, when will she be seen again?

After her judgment, Babylon will be seen no more.

Revelation 18:22

ULT:

and the sound of harpists and musicians and flutists and trumpeters will certainly not be heard in you anymore, and every craftsman will certainly not be found in you anymore, and the sound of a mill will certainly not be heard in you anymore.

UST:

In that city there will never again be anyone playing harps, singing, playing flutes, or blowing trumpets. There will no longer be any skilled workers making things. There will never again be people grinding grain at the mills.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 18:23

ULT:

And the light of a lamp will certainly not shine in you anymore, and the voice of a bridegroom and a bride will certainly not be heard in you anymore, for your merchants were the great ones of the earth because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery.

UST:

No lamp will ever again shine there. There will never again be the happy voices of any bridegroom and his bride. God will destroy this city because its merchants were the most important people in the world. They were so prosperous because it was as if the city used witchcraft to get every people group to live as its people did.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 18:24

ULT:

And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints and of all the ones having been slain on the earth.”

UST:

The city is also guilty of killing the prophets and others of God’s people. Indeed, {because it used violence and set an example of violence,} it is guilty of every murder that people committed on the earth!”

What was found in the great city Babylon, for which she was judged?

The blood of prophets, saints, and all who have been killed on the earth was found in Babylon.

Revelation 19

Revelation 19:1

ULT:

After these things I heard as it were the loud voice of a large crowd in heaven saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power to our God,

UST:

Next I heard what sounded like a huge crowd in heaven. They were shouting, "Hallelujah! God has saved us! Our God is glorious and mighty!"

What did the loud voice in heaven say about God's judgments? (19:1-2)

The loud voice in heaven said that God's judgments were true and righteous.

Revelation 19:2

ULT:

for his judgments {are} true and righteous, for he has judged the great prostitute who was corrupting the earth with her sexual immorality, and he has avenged the blood of his servants from her hand.”

UST:

Praise him because he judges completely fairly! He has punished the evil city that was like a prostitute, because the people of that city persuaded many other people to act immorally as they did. Praise him because he has punished them for murdering his servants!”

Why did God judge the great prostitute?

God judged the great prostitute because she corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality and shed the blood of God’s servants.

Revelation 19:3

ULT:

And they spoke a second {time}: “Hallelujah! Yes, the smoke of her rises to the ages of the ages.”

UST:

The crowd shouted again, saying, “Hallelujah! The smoke of the fire that is burning that city will go up forever!”

What will happen to the great prostitute forever and ever?

The smoke of the great prostitute will rise to the ages of the ages (forever).

Revelation 19:4

ULT:

And the 24 elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God, the One sitting on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!"

UST:

Then the 24 elders and the four living creatures prostrated themselves and worshiped God, who sits on the throne. They said: "It is true! Hallelujah!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 19:5

ULT:

And a voice came out from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all his servants and the ones fearing him, the small and the great."

UST:

Then someone spoke from the throne and said, "All of you who are his servants, praise our God! All of you who honor him, praise him, every one of you!"

What did the voice tell the servants of God to do?

The voice told the servants of God to praise him.

Revelation 19:6

ULT:

And I heard as it were the sound of a great crowd and as it were the sound of many waters and as it were the sound of powerful thunder, saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Ruler of All, reigns.

UST:

Then I heard something like the noise of a huge crowd of people. They were making a loud sound like the sound of a huge waterfall or loud claps of thunder. They were shouting, "Hallelujah! Our Lord God, who rules over everything, reigns!

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 19:7

ULT:

Let us rejoice and exult and give glory to him because the wedding of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready

UST:

We should truly celebrate, and we should honor him because now is the time for the Lamb to be united with the woman he is marrying. She has dressed for the wedding.

Why did the voice say that the servants of God should rejoice and be very happy?

The servants of God were told to rejoice and be very happy because the wedding celebration of the Lamb had come.

Revelation 19:8

ULT:

and it has been granted to her that she might be dressed in bright, clean fine linen.” (For fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.)

UST:

God has given her clean white clothes to wear. They are fine-linen clothes.” (That fabric represents the right things that God’s people do.)

With what was the bride of the Lamb dressed?

The bride was dressed in bright, clean fine linen.

Revelation 19:9

ULT:

And he says to me, "Write, 'Blessed {are} the ones having been called to the supper of the wedding of the Lamb.'" And he says to me, "These are true words of God."

UST:

Then the angel said to me, "Write how fortunate the people are whom God invites to the feast when the Lamb marries his wife!" He also said to me, "God has said this, and it is true!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 19:10

ULT:

And I fell before his feet to worship him, but he says to me, "See not! I am a fellow servant of you and your brothers having the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

UST:

Immediately I prostrated myself in front of the angel to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not worship me! I am just your fellow servant and the fellow servant of other believers who speak the truth about Jesus. God has sent me here to serve you by helping you understand the prophetic vision he has given you because you want to speak the truth about Jesus. God is the one you should worship!"

What did the angel say that the testimony of Jesus was?

The angel said that the testimony of Jesus was the spirit of prophecy.

Revelation 19:11

ULT:

And I saw heaven having been opened and behold, a white horse and the one riding on it, being called Faithful and True, and he judges and makes war in righteousness,

UST:

Then I saw the heavens open up, and I saw something amazing: Jesus riding on a white horse! Those who truly know Jesus call him Always Trustworthy. He judges all people according to what is right, and he fights against people who do what is wrong.

What was the one called whom John saw riding on a white horse? (19:11-13)

The one John saw riding on a white horse was called Faithful and True.

Revelation 19:12

ULT:

his eyes also {being} a flame of fire, and many crowns {being} on his head, having a name written that no one knows except himself,

UST:

Now his eyes shone like a burning flame. He wore many royal crowns on his head. There was a name on his clothing. Only he knows what that name means.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 19:13

ULT:

and having been clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and his name is called the Word of God.

UST:

Blood covered the cloak that he was wearing. Another of his names is the Word of God.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 19:14

ULT:

And the armies in heaven were following him on white horses, having been clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

UST:

The heavenly armies were following him. They were riding on white horses. They were wearing clean, white linen clothes.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 19:15

ULT:

And from his mouth goes out a sharp sword so that with it he might strike the nations, and he will rule them with an iron scepter, and he tramples the winepress of the wine of the wrath of the fury of God, the Ruler of All.

UST:

Jesus had a sharp sword extending from his mouth. He will use it to defeat the rebellious people groups. He himself will rule them so powerfully that no one will be able to resist him. He will destroy his enemies as if they were grapes that he was crushing in a winepress. He will do this for God, who rules over everything and will punish his enemies thoroughly because of their sins.

What does the Word of God, the rider on the white horse, use to strike down the nations?

The Word of God, the rider on the white horse, uses the sharp sword that goes out of his mouth to strike down the nations.

Revelation 19:16

ULT:

And he has a name written on {his} robe and on his thigh: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

UST:

A title appeared on his cloak at his thigh: "This is the King who rules over all other kings and the Lord who rules over all other lords."

What name is written on the Word of God's robe and thigh?

The name written on his robe and thigh is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Revelation 19:17

ULT:

And I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out in a loud voice, saying to all the birds flying in midheaven, "Come, be gathered together for the great supper of God,

UST:

Then I saw an angel standing in the light of the sun. He called loudly to all the flesh-eating birds flying high in the sky, "Come and gather for the large feast that God is providing for you!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 19:18

ULT:

so that you might eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of chiliarchs and the flesh of the mighty and the flesh of horses and of the ones sitting on them and the flesh of all, both of free and of slaves and of small and of great.”

UST:

Come and eat the flesh of God's enemies who will die in this battle! Eat the flesh of kings, of army commanders, of people who fought powerfully, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of many other kinds of people.”

What were the birds flying overhead called to eat at the great supper?

The birds were called to eat the flesh of kings, chiliarchs (commanders), mighty warriors, horses and their riders, and all kinds of people.

Revelation 19:19

ULT:

And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies having been gathered to make war with the one sitting on the horse and with his army.

UST:

Then I saw the beast and the kings of earth with their armies. They had gathered together to fight against the rider on the horse and his army.

What did the beast and the kings of the earth gather to do?

They gathered to make war with the one sitting on the white horse and his army.

Revelation 19:20

ULT:

And the beast was captured and with him the false prophet having performed signs before him, by which he deceived the ones having received the mark of the beast and the ones worshiping his image. The two were thrown living into the lake of fire burning with sulfur.

UST:

But the rider on the white horse captured the beast and the false prophet. The false prophet is the one who had performed miracles in the beast's presence. By doing that he had deceived the people who had accepted the beast's mark on their foreheads and who had worshiped its image. Then God threw the beast and the false prophet alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

What happened to the beast and the false prophet?

The beast and the false prophet were both thrown alive into lake of fire burning with sulfur.

Revelation 19:21

ULT:

And the rest were killed by the sword of the one sitting on the horse, coming out from his mouth, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

UST:

And the rider on the horse killed the rest of their armies with his sword, the one that extended from his mouth. Birds came and ate as much as they wanted of the flesh of the people and horses that he had killed.

What happened to the rest of those who fought against the one sitting on the horse?

The rest were killed by the sword coming out of the mouth of the one sitting on the horse.

Revelation 20

Revelation 20:1

ULT:

And I saw an angel coming down from heaven having the key to the abyss and a great chain in his hand.

UST:

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven. He had the key to the deep, dark pit and he was carrying a large chain in his hand.

What did the angel coming down from heaven have in his hand?

The angel had in his hand the key to the abyss and a great chain.

Revelation 20:2

ULT:

And he seized the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years.

UST:

The angel seized the dragon. That dragon is the ancient serpent—the devil, that is, Satan. The angel bound him with the chain. That chain would hold him for a thousand years.

How long would Satan remain bound? (20:2-3)

Satan would remain bound for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:3

ULT:

And he threw him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him so that he would not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, it is necessary for him to be released for a short time.

UST:

The angel threw him into the deep, dark pit. He shut the door of the pit, locked it, and sealed it to prevent anyone from opening it. He did this so that Satan would no longer deceive the many people groups until after those thousand years. At that time, God will release Satan for a short time.

What did the angel do with Satan?

The angel threw Satan into the bottomless pit.

What would Satan not be able to do while he was bound?

Satan would not be able to deceive the nations while he was bound.

Revelation 20:4

ULT:

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them and judgment was given to them, both the souls of the ones having been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God and those who did not worship the beast or his image and did not receive the mark on the forehead or on their hand. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

UST:

Then I saw thrones on which people were sitting. God made those people judges. I also saw the souls of other people whose enemies had killed them by cutting their heads off. Their enemies did that because they had spoken the truth from God about Jesus. I also saw the souls of other people whose enemies had not killed them but who had refused to worship the beast or its image. They had not allowed the beast's servants to put the beast's mark on them, either on their foreheads or on their hands. They all became alive again and they ruled with the Messiah during those thousand years.

What happened to those who had refused to receive the mark of the beast?

Those who had refused to receive the mark of the beast came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:5

ULT:

(The rest of the dead did not live until the thousand years were ended.) This {is} the first resurrection.

UST:

These were the people who lived again the first time that God caused dead people to live again. The rest of the people who had died did not live again until after those thousand years.

When would the rest of the dead come to life?

The rest of the dead would come to life when the thousand years were ended.

Revelation 20:6

ULT:

Blessed and holy {is} the one having a part in the first resurrection! Over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

UST:

God will be pleased with those who live again this first time. Yes, God will consider them to belong to him in a special way. They will not die a second time. Instead, they will be priests who serve God and the Messiah. They will rule with the Messiah during those thousand years.

What would those who took part in the first resurrection do?

Those who took part in the first resurrection would be priests of God and Christ and would reign with him for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:7

ULT:

But when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison,

UST:

At the end of the thousand years, God will release Satan from the deep, dark pit.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 20:8

ULT:

and he will go out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, of whom their number {will be} like the sand of the sea.

UST:

Satan will go out to deceive the rebellious people groups all over the earth. {These are the nations that the prophet Ezekiel called} Gog and Magog. Satan will gather them to fight against God's people. There will be so many of them fighting against God's people that no one will be able to count them, just as no one can count the grains of sand on the ocean shore.

What will Satan do at the end of the thousand years?

At the end of the thousand years, Satan will be released to go out to deceive the nations.

Revelation 20:9

ULT:

And they went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the encampment of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

UST:

They will march from many places on the earth. They will surround the army of God's people where it is in battle formation. That will be at Jerusalem, the city that God loves. But God will send fire down from heaven and it will burn up all of his enemies.

What happened when the camp of the saints was surrounded?

When the camp of the saints was surrounded, fire came down from heaven and devoured Gog and Magog.

Revelation 20:10

ULT:

And the devil deceiving them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet {were}, and they will be tormented day and night to the ages of the ages.

UST:

Then God will throw the devil, who had deceived those people, into the lake of burning sulfur. This is also where God had thrown the beast and the false prophet. As a result, they will continually suffer severely forever.

What was done with the devil at this time?

The devil was thrown into the lake of fire to be tormented forever.

Revelation 20:11

ULT:

And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it, from whose face earth and heaven fled, and no place was found for them.

UST:

Then I saw a huge white throne on which God was sitting. {He was so fearsome that} the land and the sky disappeared completely when he appeared.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 20:12

ULT:

And I saw the dead, both the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the {Book} of Life. And the dead were judged from the {things} written in the books, according to their deeds.

UST:

Then I saw people of all kinds who had died but who were now alive again standing in front of God's throne. God opened the books in which he records what people do. God also opened another book, the Book of Life. God writes in that book the names of people who have eternal life. God judged the people who had died and who were now alive again according to what they had done, which he had recorded in the books.

By what were the dead judged before the great white throne?

The dead were judged by what was recorded in the books, the result of what they had done.

Revelation 20:13

ULT:

And the sea gave up the dead in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead in them, and they were judged, each one, according to their deeds.

UST:

The people whose bodies were in the sea became alive again, and the people whose bodies were in graves on the land also became alive again. {They all stood in front of God's throne, and} God judged each of them according to what each one had done.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 20:14

ULT:

And Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

UST:

Then God took the place where souls went after dying physically and threw that place itself into the burning lake. The burning lake is where people go when they die spiritually.

What is the second death?

The second death is the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:15

ULT:

And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

UST:

Then God saw whose names he had written in the book that lists the people who have eternal life. If someone's name was not in that book, God threw him into the burning lake.

What happened to all whose names were not found written in the Book of Life?

All whose names were not found written in the Book of Life were thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21

Revelation 21:1

ULT:

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had gone away, and the sea was no more.

UST:

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth had disappeared, and the oceans no longer existed.

What had happened to the first heaven and earth?

The first heaven and earth had passed away.

What had replaced the first heaven and earth?

A new heaven and earth had replaced the first heaven and earth.

Revelation 21:2

ULT:

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

UST:

I saw the city of Jerusalem, which is special to God, in a new form. It was coming down to earth from God in heaven. The city looked very beautiful, like a bride on her wedding day.

What came down from heaven?

The holy city, new Jerusalem, came down from heaven.

Revelation 21:3

ULT:

And I heard a great voice from the throne saying, "Behold! The dwelling of God {is} with men, and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them.

UST:

Then I heard a loud voice calling out from the throne of God. The voice said, "Listen to this! Now God will live right where people live! They will belong to him, and God himself will stay with them.

Where did the voice from the throne say that God would now dwell?

The voice said that God would now dwell with human beings.

Revelation 21:4

ULT:

And he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will not be any longer, nor grieving, nor crying, nor pain. They will not be any longer; the first {things} have gone away.”

UST:

He will comfort them so that they are no longer sad. None of them will ever again die or mourn or cry or suffer pain. God has taken away those things, so they are gone forever.”

What had now passed away?

Tears, death, grieving, crying, and pain had now passed away.

Revelation 21:5

ULT:

And the one sitting on the throne said, "Behold! I make all {things} new." And he says to me, "Write, for these words are trustworthy and true."

UST:

Then God said from the throne, "Listen to this! I am now making everything new!" He also said to me, "Write these things that I have told you. You can be confident that I will certainly cause them to happen."

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 21:6

ULT:

And he said to me, "It has happened! I {am} the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the one thirsting I will give freely from the spring of the water of life.

UST:

He also said to me, "I have completed all these things! I am the one who began all things and the one who will cause all things to end. To everyone who wants it, I will freely give everlasting life, as if I were giving them a drink from a spring whose water keeps people alive.

By what name did the one seated on the throne call himself?

The one seated on the throne called himself the Alpha and the Omega.

Revelation 21:7

ULT:

The one conquering will inherit these {things}, and I will be his God, and he will be my son.

UST:

I will give this to all who are victorious over Satan. And I will be their God, and they will be my children.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 21:8

ULT:

But for the cowardly and the unbelieving and the abhorred and murderers and fornicators and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their place {will be} in the lake burning with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

UST:

But all the others will suffer in the lake of burning sulfur. That is what it means to die a second time. Those who are cowards will suffer this way. So will those who do not believe in me, those who do detestable things, those who murder people, those who sin sexually, those who practice witchcraft, those who worship idols, and all those who tell lies.”

What will happen to the cowardly, unbelieving, and abhorred and to murderers, fornicators, sorcerers, idolaters, and liars?

Their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

Revelation 21:9

ULT:

And one of the seven angels holding the seven bowls being full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."

UST:

Then an angel came to me. He was one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls of the wine that caused the seven last ways of suffering. He said to me, "Come with me. I will show you the people who will live together with the Lamb forever!"

What is the bride, the wife of the Lamb? (21:9-10)

The bride, the wife of the Lamb, is the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

Revelation 21:10

ULT:

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

UST:

Then the Holy Spirit inspired me so that I could see and hear things in a vision. The angel took me to the top of a very high mountain. There he showed me the city that is special to God, the new Jerusalem. It was coming down out of heaven from God.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 21:11

ULT:

having the glory of God, its brilliance {being} like a most precious stone, like a stone of jasper shining like crystal.

UST:

The city was shining with brilliant light that came from God himself. It was sparkling like a priceless jasper gemstone, and it was clear like crystal.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 21:12

ULT:

Having a great and high wall having 12 gates and 12 angels at the gates and names having been written that are the 12 tribes of the sons of Israel.

UST:

A very high wall surrounded the city. The wall had twelve gates. An angel stood at each gate. The names of the twelve tribes of Israel appeared over the gates. Each gate had the name of one tribe.

What was written on the gates of new Jerusalem?

The names of the 12 tribes of the sons of Israel were written on the gates of new Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:13

ULT:

On the east {were} three gates, and on the north {were} three gates, and on the south {were} three gates, and on the west {were} three gates.

UST:

Three gates were on the east side of the city. Three gates were on the north side. Three gates were on the south side. And three gates were on the west side.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 21:14

ULT:

And the wall of the city had 12 foundations, and on them {were} the 12 names of the 12 apostles of the Lamb.

UST:

The city wall had twelve foundation stones. On each foundation stone was the name of one of the twelve apostles whom the Lamb had appointed.

What was written on the foundations of new Jerusalem?

The names of the 12 apostles of the Lamb were written on the foundations of new Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:15

ULT:

And the one speaking with me had a golden measuring rod so that he might measure the city and her gates and her wall.

UST:

The angel who was speaking to me carried a golden measuring rod. He used it to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 21:16

ULT:

And the city is laid out square, and her length {is} as much as the width. And he measured the city with the rod to 12,000 stadia: Her length and width and height are equal.

UST:

The city was square in shape, that is, it was as long as it was wide. After the angel measured the city with his rod, he reported that it was 2,200 kilometers long and that its width and height were the same as its length.

In what shape was new Jerusalem laid out?

New Jerusalem was laid out square.

Revelation 21:17

ULT:

And he measured her wall, 144 cubits by the measurement of a man, which is of an angel.

UST:

He measured its wall and reported that it was 66 meters high. The angel used the measurement that people normally use.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 21:18

ULT:

And the material of her wall {is} jasper, and the city {is} pure gold, like pure glass.

UST:

The stones of the city wall were like the green stone that people call jasper. The buildings of the city were pure gold and they showed reflections the way clear glass does.

Of what was the city built?

The city was built of pure gold, like clear glass.

Revelation 21:19

ULT:

The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone. The first foundation {was} jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,

UST:

The foundations of the city wall were beautiful precious stones. Each foundation was a different stone. The first foundation stone was jasper. The second foundation stone was sapphire. The third foundation stone was chalcedony. The fourth foundation stone was emerald.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 21:20

ULT:

the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst.

UST:

The fifth foundation stone was sardonyx. The sixth foundation stone was carnelian. The seventh foundation stone was chrysolite. The eighth foundation stone was beryl. The ninth foundation stone was topaz. The tenth foundation stone was chrysoprase. The eleventh foundation stone was jacinth. And the twelfth foundation stone was amethyst.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 21:21

ULT:

And the 12 gates {were} 12 pearls; each one of the gates individually was from one pearl, and the street of the city {was} pure gold, like transparent glass.

UST:

The twelve gates of the city were each huge pearls. Each gate was a single pearl. The city streets were pure gold and they showed reflections the way clear glass does.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 21:22

ULT:

And I saw no temple in her, for the Lord God, the Ruler of All, is her temple, and the Lamb.

UST:

There was no temple in the city. That was because the Lord God himself, who rules over all, and the Lamb were there. So there was no need for a temple.

Why is there no temple in the new Jerusalem?

There is no temple in the new Jerusalem because the Lord God and the Lamb are her temple.

Revelation 21:23

ULT:

And the city has no need of the sun, nor of the moon, that they might illumine her, for the glory of God illumined {her}, and her lamp {is} the Lamb.

UST:

Now the city will not need the sun or the moon for light, because the light coming from God and from the Lamb will be all the light that it needs.

What is the source of light in new Jerusalem?

The source of light in new Jerusalem is the glory of God and the Lamb.

Revelation 21:24

ULT:

And the nations will walk by the light of her, and the kings of the earth bring their glory into her.

UST:

The way people live in the city will be an example to all of the world's people groups. The rulers of the earth will bring their treasures into the city to honor God and the lamb.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 21:25

ULT:

And her gates will certainly not be shut by day, for night will not be there.

UST:

It will never be night in the city. So no one will ever shut the gates of the city as one usually does at the end of a day.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 21:26

ULT:

And they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into her,

UST:

The people of the world will also bring their wealth into the city.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 21:27

ULT:

but everything unclean will certainly not enter into her and the one doing abomination and falsehood, if not the ones having been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb.

UST:

But nothing that is morally impure will ever enter that city. No one who does things that God considers detestable and no one who tells lies will ever enter it. Only those people whose names God has written in the book that belongs to the Lamb will be there. That is the book that lists the names of people who have everlasting life.

What will never enter new Jerusalem?

Nothing unclean will ever enter new Jerusalem.

Revelation 22

Revelation 22:1

ULT:

And he showed to me the river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb,

UST:

Then the angel showed me the river that causes people who drink from it to live forever. The water was sparkling and clear like crystal. The river was flowing out from the thrones where God and the Lamb were sitting.

What did John see flowing from the throne of God?

John saw the river of the water of life flowing from the throne of God.

Revelation 22:2

ULT:

in the middle of its public square. And on this side and on that side of the river {was} the tree of life, bearing 12 fruits, giving its fruit according to each month, and the leaves of the tree {are} for the healing of the nations.

UST:

It flowed down through the middle of the city's open area. On each side of the river was a tree with fruit that causes people who eat it to live forever. These trees produce fruit 12 times a year. They produce a crop each month. The people groups use the leaves of the trees as medicine.

For what purpose will people use the leaves of the tree of life?

The leaves of the tree of life are for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:3

ULT:

And there will no longer be any curse, and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will serve him.

UST:

There will never be anyone or anything there that God will curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city. God's servants will worship him there.

What will there no longer be in the city? (22:3-5)

There will no longer be any curse, and there will be no more night.

Where will the throne of God and of the Lamb be?

The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city.

Revelation 22:4

ULT:

And they will see his face, and his name {will be} on their foreheads.

UST:

They will see him face to face, and his name will appear on their foreheads.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 22:5

ULT:

And there will be no more night, and they have no need of {the} light of a lamp or of the light of the sun, because the Lord God will shine on them, and they will reign to the ages of the ages.

UST:

There will never again be night. God's servants will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun because the Lord God will shine his light upon them. They will rule forever.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 22:6

ULT:

And he said to me, “These words {are} trustworthy and true, and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must happen soon.”

UST:

The angel said to me: “These things that God has shown you are true, and he will certainly make them happen. The Lord God who inspires the prophets sent his angel to show the people who serve him the events that must happen soon.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 22:7

ULT:

“And behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed {is} the one keeping the words of the prophecy of this book.”

UST:

Jesus says to all his people, “Listen to this! I am coming soon; God will abundantly bless everyone who obeys the prophetic message in this book.”

**Jesus says that a person who does something with this book will be blessed.
What does that person do?**

A person who keeps (obeys) the words of the prophecy of this book will be blessed.

Revelation 22:8

ULT:

And I, John, {am} the one seeing and hearing these {things}. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel showing me these {things}.

UST:

I, John, am the one who heard and saw in a vision these things that I have written down. When I had heard and seen them, I immediately lay down in front of the angel who had shown me these things in order to worship him.

What did the angel tell John to do when John fell down (bowed down) to worship the angel? (22:8-9)

The angel told John not to worship him but to worship God.

Revelation 22:9

ULT:

But he says to me, "See not! I am a fellow servant of you and of your brothers the prophets and of the ones keeping the words of this book. Worship God!"

UST:

But he said to me, "Do not worship me! I am just a servant of God like you! I am also a servant like your fellow believers who are the prophets, and like those who obey the message in this book. Instead, worship God!"

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 22:10

ULT:

And he says to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

UST:

He also said to me, "Do not keep secret the message about what God has foretold in this book, because it is almost time for him to fulfill this message.

Why was John told not to seal up the words of the prophecy of this book?

John was told not to seal up the words of the prophecy of this book because the time was near.

Revelation 22:11

ULT:

Let the one being unrighteous still be unrighteous, and let the filthy {one} still be filthy, and let the righteous {one} still do righteousness, and let the holy {one} still be holy.

UST:

Since that time is near, if those who act in an evil manner want to continue to act that way, let them continue to do so. If those who are vile want to continue to be vile, let them continue to do so. God will soon punish them for that. But those who are acting righteously should continue to act righteously. Those who are acting as people should who belong to God should continue to act that way.”

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 22:12

ULT:

Behold, I am coming quickly, and my reward {is} with me, to render to each one as his work is.

UST:

Jesus says to all people: "Listen! I am coming soon! And I will punish or reward everyone according to what each one has done.

What did the Lord say would be with him when he comes?

The Lord said his reward would be with him when he came.

Revelation 22:13

ULT:

I {am} the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

UST:

I am the one who began all things and the one who will cause all things to end. I am before all things and I am at the end of all things.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 22:14

ULT:

Blessed {are} the ones washing their robes so that their authority over the tree of life will be and they may enter into the city by the gates.

UST:

God is very pleased with the people who stop living in wrong ways and start living in right ways. Because they do that, those people will be able to eat the fruit of the tree that enables people to live forever. They will be able to go through the gates into the holy city.

What blessings will those who wash their robes receive?

Those who wash their robes will be able to eat from the tree of life and enter the city by its gates.

Revelation 22:15

ULT:

Outside {are} dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters and everyone loving and doing falsehood.

UST:

But others will not enter that city. This includes people who do wicked things, practice witchcraft, sin sexually, murder others, worship idols, or lie continually.

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 22:16

ULT:

I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify these things to you concerning the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star.”

UST:

I, Jesus, sent my angel to announce these things that will affect you groups of believers. Mysteriously, I am both the ancestor of King David and his descendant whom the prophets promised would come. I am the one who is like the bright morning star.”

How does Jesus say he is related to David?

Jesus says he is the root and offspring of David.

Revelation 22:17

ULT:

And the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!" And let the one hearing say, "Come!" And the one thirsting, let him come. The one desiring, let him take the water of life freely.

UST:

The Holy Spirit and the people who belong to God say, "Come!" Whoever hears this should also say, "Come!" Everyone who wants everlasting life should receive it! God will give everlasting life as a free gift to everyone who desires it!

(There are no questions for this verse)

Revelation 22:18

ULT:

I testify to everyone hearing the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone might add to them, God will add to him the plagues written in this book.

UST:

I, John, solemnly warn everyone who hears the message about what I have foretold in this book: If anyone adds anything to this message, God will punish him in the ways that this book tells about.

What will God do to anyone who adds to the words of the prophecy of this book?

God will add the plagues written in this book to anyone who adds to the words of its prophecy.

Revelation 22:19

ULT:

And if anyone might take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share from the tree of life and from the holy city written in this book.

UST:

And if anyone takes away any of the message about the things I have foretold in this book, God will take away that person's right to eat fruit from the tree that enables people to live forever. God will also take away that person's right to enter the new Jerusalem. I describe both these things in this book.

What will God do to anyone who takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy?

God will take away the share of the tree of life and the holy city from anyone who takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy.

Revelation 22:20

ULT:

The one testifying these {things} says, “Yes! I am coming quickly.” Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

UST:

Jesus, who says that all these things are true, says, “Certainly I am coming soon!” I, John, reply, “May it be so! Lord Jesus, come!”

What are Jesus’ last words in this book?

Jesus’ last words are, “Yes! I am coming quickly.”

Revelation 22:21

ULT:

The grace of the Lord Jesus {be} with the saints. Amen.

UST:

*I pray that our Lord Jesus will continue to act kindly to all of you who are God's people.
May it be so!*

What is the last word in this book?

The last word in this book is "Amen."