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2 Kings

2 Kings 1

2 Kings 1:1

ULT	UST
<i>And Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab.</i>	<i>After King Ahab died, the Moabites rebelled against Israel.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 1:2

ULT	UST
<i>And Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber that {was} in Samaria, and he injured {himself}. And he sent messengers, and he said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron, if I will live from this injury."</i>	<i>One day, Ahaziah, the new king of Israel, was in his room on an upper floor of his palace in Samaria. The window of that room had wooden slats, and he fell through them {down to the floor below} and hurt himself badly. So he sent for some messengers and commanded them, "Go and ask Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether or not I will recover from this injury."</i>

How was Ahaziah injured?

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

2 Kings 1:3

ULT	UST
<i>But the angel of Yahweh said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, '{Is it} because there is no God in Israel you are going to inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron?"</i>	<i>But an angel representing Yahweh told Elijah the Tishbite, "King Ahaziah has sent some messengers to Ekron to ask Baal Zebub whether he is going to recover. Go and meet those messengers and tell them to tell Ahaziah that he should have consulted God right here in Israel."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 1:4

ULT	UST
<i>And therefore, thus says Yahweh, "The bed where you have gone up there, you will not come down from it, for dying, you will die."'" So Elijah went.</i>	<i>Yahweh says that you should tell King Ahaziah that because he consulted Baal Zebub instead, he will never {recover from this injury}. He will never} get out of bed again. Instead, he is certainly going to die." So Elijah went to meet the messengers.</i>

Why was Ahaziah going to certainly die?

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

2 Kings 1:5

ULT	UST
<i>And the messengers returned to him. And he said to them, "What {is} this, you have returned?"</i>	<i>{After Elijah told them that,} the messengers returned to the king {instead of going to Ekron}. The king asked them, "Why have you come back so quickly?"</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 1:6

ULT	UST
<i>And they said to him, "A man came up to meet us, and he said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you, and you shall say to him, "Thus says Yahweh: '{Is it} because there is no God in Israel you are sending to inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore the bed where you have gone up there, you will not come down from it, for dying, you will die.''"</i>	<i>They replied, "A man came to meet us and told us to go back to the king who sent us and tell him that Yahweh says he should have consulted God right here in Israel. He should not have sent messengers to ask Baal Zebub whether he was going to recover! The man told us to tell you that because you did that, you will never {recover from this injury and} get out of bed again. Instead, you are certainly going to die."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 1:7

ULT	UST
<i>And he said to them, "What {was} the custom of the man who came up to meet you and spoke these words to you?"</i>	<i>The king asked them, "What did the man look like who met you and told you that?"</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 1:8

ULT	UST
<i>And they said to him, “A man, a master of hair; and a belt of skin was tied around his waist.” And he said, “He {was} Elijah the Tishbite.”</i>	<i>They replied, “He was wearing a hairy cloak, and he had a wide leather belt around his waist.” The king said, “Then that was Elijah the Tishbite!”</i>

What did Elijah wear?

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

2 Kings 1:9

ULT	UST
<i>And he sent to him a captain of fifty and his fifty. And he went up to him, and behold, {he was} sitting on the head of a hill. And he said to him, “Man of God, the king says, ‘Come down.’”</i>	<i>Then the king sent an officer with his fifty soldiers to seize Elijah. They {went to look for him and} found him sitting on the top of a hill. The officer shouted up to him, “You prophet, the king commands you to come down here {so that we can bring you to him}!”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 1:10

ULT	UST
<i>And Elijah answered and said to the captain of the fifty, “And if I {am} a man of God, let fire come down from the heavens, and let it consume you and your fifty.” And fire came down from the heavens, and it consumed him and his fifty.</i>	<i>Elijah replied to the officer, “I am a prophet, as you say. So I command fire to come down from the sky and burn you up along with your fifty soldiers!” Immediately fire came down from the sky and burned up the officer and his fifty soldiers.</i>

What consumed the captain and his fifty men?

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

2 Kings 1:11

ULT	UST
<i>And he returned and sent to him another captain of fifty and his fifty. And he answered and said to him, “Man of God, thus says the king, ‘Come down quickly!’”</i>	<i>{When the king found out about that,} he sent another officer with fifty more soldiers to seize Elijah. {They went to where Elijah was, and} the officer called out to him, “You prophet, the king commands you to come down immediately!”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 1:12

ULT	UST
<i>And Elijah answered and said to them, “If I {am} a man of God, let fire come down from the heavens, and let it consume you and your fifty.” And fire from God came down from the heavens, and it consumed him and his fifty.</i>	<i>Elijah replied to the officer, “I am a prophet, as you say. So I command fire to come down from the sky and burn you up along with your fifty soldiers!” Then God sent fire down from the sky, and it burned up that officer and his fifty soldiers.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 1:13

ULT	UST
<i>And he returned and sent a third captain of fifty and his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up and came and knelt on his knees in front of Elijah, and he pleaded with him and said to him, “Man of God, please let my life and the life of these your fifty servants be valuable in your eyes.</i>	<i>{When the king found out about that,} he sent yet another officer with fifty more soldiers. {They went to where Elijah was, and} the officer went up to the top of the hill {alone}. He bowed down {respectfully} in front of Elijah. Then he begged him to be merciful. He said, “You prophet, please do not kill me and my fifty soldiers!</i>

How did the third captain approach Elijah?

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

2 Kings 1:14

ULT	UST
<i>Behold, fire came down from the heavens, and it consumed the first two captains of fifty and their fifties. But now, let my life be valuable in your eyes.”</i>	<i>We know that fire came down from the sky and killed the first two officers and their soldiers. But please do not kill me {and my soldiers}!”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 1:15

ULT	UST
<i>And the angel of Yahweh said to Elijah, “Go down with him. Do not be afraid of his face.” And he arose and went down with him to the king.</i>	<i>Then the angel representing Yahweh told Elijah, “Go with this man. Do not be afraid of the king.” So Elijah got up and went with the captain {and his soldiers} to the king.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 1:16

ULT	UST
<i>And he said to him, “Thus says Yahweh, ‘Because you sent messengers to inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron—{was it} because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his word?—therefore, the bed where you have gone up there, you will not come down from it, for dying, you will die.’”</i>	<i>{When} Elijah {arrived, he} told the king, “Yahweh says that you should not have sent messengers to go to Ekron to ask Baal Zebub, their god, whether you would recover. You acted as though there was no God in Israel to consult. So you will not recover from this injury. Instead, you will certainly die!”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 1:17

ULT	UST
<i>And he died, according to the word of Yahweh that Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his place in the year of two to Jehoram, the son of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, because a son was not to him.</i>	<i>So Ahaziah died, just as Yahweh told Elijah to say would happen. Ahaziah had no son to succeed him as king. So Jehoram{, another son of Ahab,} became the next king. This happened when Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat had been ruling Judah for almost two years.</i>

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

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

2 Kings 1:18

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Ahaziah that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Ahaziah did.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 2

2 Kings 2:1

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened, when Yahweh took up Elijah in a whirlwind {to} the heavens, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.</i>	<i>When Yahweh was about to take the prophet Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and his fellow prophet Elisha left the city of Gilgal {in the territory of Ephraim, where Elijah had been staying with a community of prophets}.</i>

When did Elijah leave with Elisha from Gilgal?

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

2 Kings 2:2

ULT	UST
<i>And Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, because Yahweh has sent me to Bethel." And Elisha said, "The life of Yahweh, and the life of your soul, if I should leave you." And they went down {to} Bethel.</i>	<i>Elijah told Elisha, "Yahweh has told me to go to the city of Bethel, but I would like you to stay here." But Elisha replied, "I am not going to separate from you. I swear by Yahweh and by your own life that I will not do that!" So they went to Bethel together.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 2:3

ULT	UST
<i>And sons of the prophets who {were in} Bethel came out to Elisha, and they said to him, "Do you know that today Yahweh is taking your master from over your head?" And he said, "I, I also know. Be quiet."</i>	<i>A group of prophets lived in the city of Bethel. Some of them came out and asked Elisha, "Do you know that Yahweh is going to take your master Elijah away from you today?" Elisha told them, "Yes, I know that. Please do not say anything further about it."</i>

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

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

2 Kings 2:4

ULT	UST
<i>And Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, because Yahweh has sent me {to} Jericho." And he said, "The life of Yahweh, and the life of your soul, if I should leave you." And they came {to} Jericho.</i>	<i>Then Elijah told Elisha, "Yahweh has told me to go to the city of Jericho, but I would like you to stay here." But Elisha replied again, "I am not going to separate from you. I swear by Yahweh and by your own life that I will not do that!" So they went to Jericho together.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 2:5

ULT	UST
<i>And sons of the prophets who {were} in Jericho drew near to Elisha, and they said to him, "Do you know that today Yahweh is taking your master from over your head?" And he said, "I, I also know. Be quiet."</i>	<i>A group of prophets lived in the city of Jericho. Some of them came up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that Yahweh is going to take your master Elijah away from you today?" Elisha told them, "Yes, I know that. Please do not say anything further about it."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 2:6

ULT	UST
<i>And Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, because Yahweh has sent me to the Jordan." And he said, "The life of Yahweh, and the life of your soul, if I should leave you." And the two of them went on.</i>	<i>Then Elijah told Elisha, "Yahweh has told me to go to the Jordan River, but I would like you to stay here." But again Elisha replied, "I am not going to separate from you. I swear by Yahweh and by your own life that I will not do that!" So they continued walking together.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 2:7

ULT	UST
<i>And fifty men from the sons of the prophets went, and they stood opposite at a distance. And the two of them stood by the Jordan.</i>	<i>Fifty men from the group of prophets who lived in Jericho followed them. They stood where they could watch Elijah and Elisha from a distance as the two of them stopped at the bank of the Jordan River.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 2:8

ULT	UST
<i>And Elijah took his cloak and rolled {it} up, and he struck the waters, and they were divided, here and here. And the two of them crossed over on dry ground.</i>	<i>Then Elijah took off his cloak and rolled it up. He hit the water with it, and path opened up for them through the Jordan River. The ground on this pathway became dry, and that allowed them to walk across to the other side.</i>

Why did the river divide on both sides?

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

2 Kings 2:9

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from with you." And Elisha said, "Then may a double portion of your spirit please be to me."</i>	<i>When they got to the other side, Elijah told Elisha, "Tell me what you would like me to do for you before Yahweh takes me away." Elisha replied, "{Since I am going to be your successor,} I want you to leave me twice as much of your spirit as you leave to any other prophet{, as if I were your firstborn son}."</i>

For what did Elisha ask?

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

2 Kings 2:10

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "In asking, you have made difficult. If you see me being taken from with you, it will be thus for you. But if not, it will not be."</i>	<i>Elijah replied, "You have asked for something that would be difficult for me to make happen. But if you see me when Yahweh takes me from you, then you will get what you have requested. If you do not see me, then you will not get it."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 2:11

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened, they were going, going and speaking, and behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire, and they separated between the two of them. And Elijah went up in a whirlwind {to} the heavens.</i>	<i>They continued to walk {away from the Jordan River}. They were talking together as they walked. Suddenly a fiery chariot that fiery horses were pulling appeared. Its driver drove the chariot between Elijah and Elisha to separate them. Then a whirlwind came and lifted Elijah up into the sky.</i>

How did Elijah go up into heaven?

Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

2 Kings 2:12

ULT	UST
<i>And Elisha was looking, and he was crying out, "My father, my father, the chariotry of Israel and its horsemen!" Then he no longer saw him. And he seized his clothes and tore them into two pieces.</i>	<i>When Elisha saw this, he cried out, "Oh, my master! You protected Israel so well, but now you are gone!" Elijah disappeared into the sky, and Elisha never saw him again. Then Elisha tore his robe into two pieces {to show that he was very sad}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 2:13

ULT	UST
<i>And he lifted up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from on him. And he returned, and he stood on the lip of the Jordan.</i>	<i>Elijah's cloak had fallen off when the whirlwind lifted him up. Elisha picked up the cloak and walked back to the Jordan River and stood at the water's edge.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 2:14

ULT	UST
<i>And he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from on him, and he struck the waters and said, "Where {is} Yahweh, the God of Elijah, even he?" And he struck the waters, and they were divided, here and here, and Elisha crossed over.</i>	<i>He rolled up the cloak and struck the water with it. As he did that, he cried out, "If Yahweh, the God of Elijah, is present, may he do for me what he did for Elijah!" A path opened up for him through the water, and Elisha went across.</i>

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

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

2 Kings 2:15

ULT	UST
<i>And sons of the prophets who {lived} in Jericho saw him from opposite, and they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha!” And they came to meet him, and they prostrated themselves to him, to the ground.</i>	<i>The group of prophets who had come from Jericho saw from a distance what had happened. They exclaimed, “Elisha now has the power that Elijah had!” They walked over to Elisha and bowed down very low in front of him {to show their respect}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 2:16

ULT	UST
<i>And they said to him, “Behold, please, there are with your servants fifty men, sons of valor. Please, let them go, and let them seek your master, lest the Spirit of Yahweh has lifted him up and thrown him onto one of the mountains or into one of the valleys.” And he said, “Do not send {them}.”</i>	<i>Then one of them told him, “Sir, we are concerned that after the Spirit of Yahweh picked up Elijah, he may have dropped him onto some mountain or into some valley. We would like to send fifty of our strongest men to look for him {on the other side of the river}.” Elisha replied, “No, do not send them.”</i>

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

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

2 Kings 2:17

ULT	UST
<i>But they urged him until he felt shame, so he said, “Send {them}.” And they sent fifty men, and they searched three days, but they did not find him.</i>	<i>But they kept asking, and finally he felt embarrassed {because it appeared that he did not care about Elijah}. So he said, “Very well, send them.” So they had fifty men search for three days, but they did not find Elijah.</i>

For how long did the fifty men search for Elijah?

The fifty men searched for three days.

2 Kings 2:18

ULT	UST
<i>And they returned to him (and he was staying in Jericho), and he said to them, “Did I not say to you, ‘Do not go’?”</i>	<i>Elisha went back to Jericho to wait for them. When they returned and told him they had not found Elijah, he told them, “I told you that you should not go, because he was actually in heaven and you would not find him!”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 2:19

ULT	UST
<i>And the men of the city said to Elisha, "Behold, please, the dwelling place of the city {is} good, just as my lord is seeing. But the waters {are} bad, so the land is miscarrying."</i>	<i>Then the leaders of Jericho came to talk with Elisha. One of them told him, "Sir, you can see that this is a very nice place to live in. But the water is harmful to drink. It is causing the women and female animals that live here to have miscarriages."</i>

What was the problem at Jericho?

The water was bad and the land was not fruitful.

2 Kings 2:20

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "Bring to me a new bowl, and put salt there." And they brought {it} to him.</i>	<i>Elisha told them, "Put some salt in a new bowl and bring it to me." So they did that.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 2:21

ULT	UST
<i>And he went out to the source of the waters, and he threw salt there. And he said, "Thus says Yahweh, 'I have healed these waters. Death and miscarrying will not still be from there.'"</i>	<i>Then Elisha went out to the spring from which the people in the town got water. He threw the salt into the spring. Then he said, "Yahweh declares that he has made this water safe. Drinking it will no longer cause the women and female animals here to have miscarriages."</i>

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

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

2 Kings 2:22

ULT	UST
<i>And the waters were healed, to this day, according to the word of Elisha that he spoke.</i>	<i>And the water became safe, just as Elisha declared it would. Since that time, it has remained pure.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 2:23

ULT	UST
<i>And he went up from there {to} Bethel, and he was going up on the road, and young men came out from the city, and they mocked him. And they said to him, "Go up, bald {one}! Go up, bald {one}!"</i>	<i>Elisha left Jericho and went to Bethel. As he was walking along the road, a group of boys came out from Bethel and started to make fun of him. They kept shouting at him, "Go away, you bald-headed man!"</i>

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

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

2 Kings 2:24

ULT	UST
<i>And he turned behind him, and he saw them, and he cursed them in the name of Yahweh. And two female bears came out from the forest, and they tore apart from them 42 of the boys.</i>	<i>Elisha turned around to look at them. He declared that Yahweh had cursed them. Immediately two female bears came out of the woods and mauled {and killed} 42 of them.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 2:25

ULT	UST
<i>And he went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned {to} Samaria.</i>	<i>Elisha continued past Bethel and went to Mount Carmel. After that, he returned to the city of Samaria.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3

2 Kings 3:1

ULT	UST
<i>Now Jehoram, the son of Ahab, reigned over Israel in Samaria in the year of 18 to Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah. And he reigned {for} 12 years.</i>	<i>After Jehoshaphat had been ruling Judah for almost 18 years, Jehoram son of Ahab became the king of Israel. He ruled that kingdom from the city of Samaria for 12 years.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3:2

ULT	UST
<i>And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, however, not like his father or like his mother. For he removed the pillar of Baal that his father had made.</i>	<i>He did things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. But he did not do as many evil things as his father Ahab and his mother Jezebel had done. He destroyed the stone pillar for worshiping Baal that his father had set up.</i>

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

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

2 Kings 3:3

ULT	UST
<i>However, he clung to the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin. He did not turn away from it.</i>	<i>However, he did not destroy the golden calves that Jeroboam son of Nebat had made. When Jeroboam made those calves, he led the Israelites to sin {by worshiping idols}. Jehoram did not lead the people to stop doing that.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3:4

ULT	UST
<i>Now Mesha, the king of Moab, was a sheep breeder. And he rendered to the king of Israel 100, 000 lambs and 100, 000 rams {with} wool.</i>	<i>Mesha, the king of Moab, raised sheep. Because the king of Israel controlled Moab, {every year} Mesha had to give him 100,000 lambs and 100,000 rams that had full coats of wool.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3:5

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened after the death of Ahab that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel.</i>	<i>But after King Ahab died, Mesha rebelled {and refused to pay this tribute to} the king of Israel.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3:6

ULT	UST
<i>And King Jehoram went out from Samaria on that day, and he mustered all of Israel.</i>	<i>When Mesha rebelled, King Jehoram left the city of Samaria and gathered soldiers from throughout Israel {to reconquer the Moabites}.</i>

Why did King Joram leave Samaria?

King Joram left Samaria to mobilize all Israel for war.

2 Kings 3:7

ULT	UST
<i>And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, saying, "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to war against Moab?" And he said, "I will go up. Like me, like you. Like my people, like your people. Like my horses, like your horses."</i>	<i>Then he sent messengers to Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah. They told him on behalf of Jehoram, "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you lead your army and join me as I lead my army to fight to reconquer Moab?" Jehoshaphat told them to tell Jehoram, "Yes, I will help you. I will lead my army and join you as you lead your army. My soldiers and their horses will fight alongside your soldiers and their horses."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3:8

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "Where {is} this, the way we shall go up?" And he said, "The way of the wilderness of Edom."</i>	<i>Jehoram then sent the messengers back to ask Jehoram, "What route should we take to attack Moab?" Jehoshaphat told them to tell Jehoram, "We should attack Moab through the desolate area in the land of Edom."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3:9

ULT	UST
<i>And, the king of Israel, went with the king of Judah and the king of Edom, and they went around, a journey of seven days. But water was not for the camp or for the animals that {were} at their feet.</i>	<i>So the kings of Israel and Judah led their armies along that route. When they got to Edom, the king of Edom joined them with his army. They spent seven days marching around the southern end of the Sea of the Arabah. By that time, there was no water left for the soldiers or for the animals they had with them.</i>

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

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

2 Kings 3:10

ULT	UST
<i>And, the king of Israel, said, “Alas! For Yahweh has called these three kings to give them into the hand of Moab.”</i>	<i>The king of Israel exclaimed, “This is a terrible situation! It seems that Yahweh has led us three kings and our armies here so that the Moabite army can defeat us!”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3:11

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehoshaphat said, “{Is there} not here a prophet of Yahweh, that we might seek Yahweh by him?” And one of the servants of, the king of Israel, answered and said, “Elisha, the son of Shaphat, {is} here, who poured water onto the hands of Elijah.”</i>	<i>Jehoshaphat said, “We should ask Yahweh what we should do. Is one of his prophets here?” One of Jehoram’s army officers replied, “Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He was Elijah’s servant.”</i>

What had Elisha done for Elijah?

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

2 Kings 3:12

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehoshaphat said, “The word of Yahweh is with him.” And, the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.</i>	<i>Jehoshaphat said, “Yahweh will give him a message for us.” So those three kings went to speak with Elisha.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3:13

ULT	UST
<i>And Elisha said to the king of Israel, "What to me and to you? Go to the prophets of your father and to the prophets of your mother!" And, the king of Israel said to him, "No, for Yahweh has called these three kings to give them into the hand of Moab."</i>	<i>Elisha told the king of Israel, "You have no right to ask me for help! You worship Baal, just as your father and mother did, so ask Baal's prophets to help you." But Jehoram replied, "No, we want you to ask Yahweh because it seems that Yahweh has led us three kings and our armies here so that the Moabite army can defeat us."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3:14

ULT	UST
<i>And Elisha said, "The life of Yahweh of armies, to whose face I stand, that unless I were lifting the face of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, if I would look at you and if I would regard you."</i>	<i>Elisha replied, "I serve Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies. I swear by Yahweh that I am only helping you at all because you have Jehoshaphat king of Judah with you, and I respect him."</i>

Why did Elisha pay attention to the king of Israel?

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

2 Kings 3:15

ULT	UST
<i>But now, bring to me a harpist." And it happened when the harpist harped that the hand of Yahweh was upon him.</i>	<i>So bring someone to me who plays the harp." {So they did that, and} when the person played the harp, Yahweh gave Elisha the power to prophesy.</i>

When did the hand of Yahweh come upon Elisha?

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

2 Kings 3:16

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "Thus says Yahweh: 'Make this valley ditches, ditches.'"</i>	<i>He said, "Yahweh is telling you to dig as many ditches as you can in this valley,</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3:17

ULT	UST
<i>For thus says Yahweh, 'You will not see wind, and you will not see rain, but this valley will be filled {with} water. And you will drink, you and your cattle and your animals.'</i>	<i>because he is going to make it rain too far away for you to see, but the water from the storm will flow into this valley. As a result, your soldiers, your livestock, and your pack animals will have plenty of water to drink.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3:18

ULT	UST
<i>And this is easy in the eyes of Yahweh, for he will give Moab into your hand.</i>	<i>Yahweh considers that an easy thing to do{, since he will also do something much greater}. He will enable you to defeat the army of Moab.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3:19

ULT	UST
<i>And you will strike every fortified city and every choice city, and you will fell every good tree, and you will stop up all of the springs of water, and you will ruin every good portion with stones."</i>	<i>You will conquer every important city in Moab, including those that have high walls around them. You will cut down all their fruit trees. You will stop the water from flowing from their springs. And you will ruin their fertile fields by covering them with rocks."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3:20

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened in the morning when the grain offering went up that behold, waters were coming from the way of Edom, and the land was filled with the waters.</i>	<i>Early the next morning, it was the time when the Israelites customarily offered a grain sacrifice. They suddenly saw water flowing toward them from the direction of Edom. It filled all the ditches they had dug.</i>

When was the country filled with water?

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

2 Kings 3:21

ULT	UST
<i>And all of Moab heard that the kings had come up to fight with them. And they were summoned, from every one tying a belt and upwards, and they stood at the border.</i>	<i>The people of Moab learned that the three kings had come with their armies to fight against them. So they summoned all of their soldiers, including youths who were just learning to fight. The Moabite soldiers set up a defensive position at the border of their land with Edom.</i>

Who from the Moabites gathered themselves together to fight?

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

2 Kings 3:22

ULT	UST
<i>And they arose early in the morning, and the sun rose over the waters. And Moab saw the waters from opposite, red like blood.</i>	<i>When they got up early the next morning, they looked over to where the other armies were. They saw the sunrise reflecting on the water, and this made the water look red like blood.</i>

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

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

2 Kings 3:23

ULT	UST
<i>And they said, "This {is} blood! Destroying, the kings have destroyed themselves, and they have struck, a man his fellow. And now, to the spoil, Moab!"</i>	<i>They exclaimed, "Look, that is blood! Soldiers from those three kingdoms must have fought and killed each other. As a result, the armies must have destroyed each other! So let us go and take their weapons and possessions!"</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3:24

ULT	UST
<i>And they came to the camp of Israel, and Israel arose, and they struck Moab, and they fled from their face. And they came into it, and they struck Moab.</i>	<i>So they went to the area where the soldiers from Israel, Judah, and Edom had set up their tents. But those soldiers attacked the Moabite soldiers and forced them to retreat. The Israelite, Judean, and Edomite soldiers pursued them into the land of Moab. They began attacking the people there.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3:25

ULT	UST
<i>And they tore down the cities, and they threw, a man his stone, {on} every good portion and filled it. And they stopped up every spring of water, and they felled every good tree, until one left its stones {only} in Kir Hareseth. And the slingers went around, and they struck it.</i>	<i>Those soldiers destroyed the Moabite cities. Whenever they passed fertile fields, they threw many rocks onto them. They stopped the water from flowing from the springs. They cut down the fruit trees. Finally {the Moabite capital of} Kir Hareseth was the only city they had not destroyed. Israelite, Judean, and Edomite soldiers threw stones from slings from places all around the city and killed many of the defenders on its walls.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3:26

ULT	UST
<i>And the king of Moab saw that the battle was stronger than him. And he took with him 700 men drawing a sword to break through to the king of Edom, but they were not able.</i>	<i>The king of Moab realized that his enemies were defeating him. So he gathered 700 soldiers who fought well with swords. He led them to try to fight their way through to where the king of Edom was leading his soldiers. But they were not able to do that.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 3:27

ULT	UST
<i>So he took his firstborn son, who would reign in his place, and he offered him {as} a burnt offering on the wall. And great wrath was against Israel, and they departed from upon him, and they returned to the land.</i>	<i>Then the king of Moab took his oldest son, who would have become the next king after he died, and offered him as a burnt sacrifice. He did this on top of the city wall {so people could see it}. Then there was great anger against the attacking soldiers, and they left and all went back to their own countries.</i>

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

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

2 Kings 4

2 Kings 4:1

ULT	UST
<i>Now a woman from the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, “Your servant, my husband, has died, and you, you know that your servant was fearing Yahweh. But the creditor has come to take two of my children for himself as slaves.”</i>	<i>One day the widow of one of the young prophets came to Elisha and pleaded with him. She told him, “My husband, who was one of the prophets you were training, has died. You know very well that he revered Yahweh greatly. But now someone who lent him money has come and is demanding repayment. {I can not pay him back, so} he is threatening to take away two of my children as slaves {as his payment}!”</i>

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

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

2 Kings 4:2

ULT	UST
<i>And Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Declare to me. What is there to you in the house?” And she said, “There is not to your maidservant anything in the house except a jar of oil.”</i>	<i>Elisha replied, “What can I do to help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?” She replied, “I only have a container of olive oil.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:3

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, “Go, ask for yourself vessels from outside, from all of your neighbors, empty vessels. Do not get few.</i>	<i>Elisha said, “Go out to your neighbors and borrow from them as many empty containers as you can.</i>

From where should the woman borrow jars?

The woman should borrow jars from her neighbors.

2 Kings 4:4

ULT	UST
<i>Then come and shut the door behind you and behind your sons, and pour into all of those vessels. And the full, set aside.”</i>	<i>Bring the containers home. Once you and your children are inside the house, shut the door. Then pour olive oil from your container into the containers you have borrowed. When each one is full, set it aside and start filling another one.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:5

ULT	UST
<i>And she went from him, and she shut the door behind her and behind her sons. They were bringing to her, and she was pouring.</i>	<i>So she left Elisha {and borrowed as many containers as she could from her neighbors}. Then she gathered her children inside her house and shut the door. Her children kept bringing the containers to her, and she kept pouring the oil from her container into them.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:6

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened as she was filling the vessels that she said to her son, “Bring to me another vessel.” And he said to her, “There is not another vessel.” And the oil stopped.</i>	<i>When she had filled a certain container{, her children did not bring her another one}. So she called to one of her sons, “Bring me another container!” But he answered, “There are no more containers!” Right then the olive oil stopped flowing.</i>

When did the oil stop flowing?

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

2 Kings 4:7

ULT	UST
<i>And she came and declared to the man of God, and he said, “Go, sell the oil and repay your debt. And you may live on the rest, you and your sons.”</i>	<i>She went to Elisha and told him what had happened. He told her, “Now go and sell the oil. With the money you get, repay what you owe. There will be enough money left over for you to keep buying food for yourself and your children.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:8

ULT	UST
<i>And it was the day, and Elisha went over to Shunem, and a great woman {was} there, and she constrained him to eat bread. And it happened that as often as he passed by, he turned aside to there to eat bread.</i>	<i>One day Elisha went to the city of Shunem. There was a wealthy woman who lived there {with her husband}. That day she insisted that Elisha come to her house for a meal. {So he did, and after that,} every time Elisha was in Shunem, he went to her house to eat a meal.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:9

ULT	UST
<i>And she said to her husband, "Behold, please, I know that he {is} a holy man of God, the one passing by to us regularly.</i>	<i>One day the woman told her husband, "Please listen to me. I am sure that the man who often comes here is a holy prophet.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:10

ULT	UST
<i>Please, let us make a small upper room of a wall, and let us put for him there a bed and a table and a chair and a lampstand. And it will be, when he comes to us, he may turn aside to there."</i>	<i>Let us please build a small room for him on our flat roof. Let us put a bed, a table, a chair, and a lampstand in it. If we do that, whenever he comes here, he will have a place to stay."</i>

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

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

2 Kings 4:11

ULT	UST
<i>And it was the day, and he came to there. And he turned aside to the upper chamber, and he lay down there.</i>	<i>One day Elisha came to Shunem and went up to that room to rest.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:12

ULT	UST
<i>And he said to Gehazi his servant, "Call for this Shunammite." And he called for her, and she stood to his face.</i>	<i>He told his servant Gehazi, "Tell the Shunamite woman {who lives here} that I want to speak with her." So Gehazi went to get her. She came and stood just outside Elisha's room.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:13

ULT	UST
<i>And he said to him, "Please say to her, 'Behold, you have cared all of this care for us. What to do for you? Is there to speak for you to the king or to the commander of the army?' " But she said, "I am living in the midst of my people."</i>	<i>Elisha told Gehazi, "Tell her that we are both grateful for all the kind things that she has done for us. Then ask her what we can do for her. Ask whether she has a complaint that we may bring to the king or the army commander on her behalf." {When Gehazi told her that,} she replied, "I am living peacefully with my friends and neighbors {and have no complaint against any of them}."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:14

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "But what to do for her?" And Gehazi said, "Indeed, there is not a son to her, and her husband {is} old."</i>	<i>{After she left,} Elisha asked, "So what we can do for her?" Gehazi answered, "Well, she has no son, and her husband is now too old to have children."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:15

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "Call to her." And he called to her, and she stood at the entrance.</i>	<i>Elisha told Gehazi, "Ask her to come back again." So Gehazi went to get her. She came and stood in front of the open doorway of Elisha's room.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:16

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "In this season, according to the time of reviving, you will embrace a son." And she said, "No, my lord, man of God, do not lie to your maidservant."</i>	<i>Elisha told her, "By this time next year you will be holding your infant son in your arms." But she protested, "Sir, please do not deceive me by saying things like that. After all, you are a prophet!"</i>

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

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

2 Kings 4:17

ULT	UST
<i>And the woman conceived, and she bore a son in that season, according to the time of reviving, as Elisha had spoken to her.</i>	<i>But a few months later, the woman became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son at that time the following year, just as Elisha had predicted.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:18

ULT	UST
<i>And the child grew. And it was the day, and he went out to his father, to the reapers.</i>	<i>As the boy was growing up, one day his father was working with the men who were harvesting his grain. The boy went out to the field to be with his father.</i>

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

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

2 Kings 4:19

ULT	UST
<i>And he said to his father, "My head, my head!" And he said to a servant, "Carry him to his mother."</i>	<i>Suddenly the boy exclaimed, "My head hurts very badly!" His father told one of his servants, "Carry him home to his mother."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:20

ULT	UST
<i>And he picked him up and brought him to his mother. And he sat on her knees until noon, then he died.</i>	<i>So the servant carried him home, and his mother held him on her lap all that morning. But then the boy died.</i>

Where did the child sit until he died?

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

2 Kings 4:21

ULT	UST
<i>And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God. And she shut on him, and she went out.</i>	<i>She carried him up to Elisha's room and laid him on the bed. She left him there and went out and closed the door.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:22

ULT	UST
<i>And she called to her husband and said, "Please send to me one of the servants and one of the donkeys, and let me run to the man of God, and let me return."</i>	<i>Then she asked her husband {without telling him that their son had died}, "Please send me one of the servants and a donkey. I want to go quickly to the prophet. I will also come back quickly."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:23

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "Why are you going to him today? {It is} not a new moon and not a Sabbath." And she said, "Peace."</i>	<i>Her husband responded, "Why do you want to go to the prophet today? This is not the day when we celebrate the new moon festival, and it is not the Sabbath{, so he will not be leading any religious ceremonies that you can attend}." She replied, "Please just let me go," {and he agreed.}</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:24

ULT	UST
<i>And she saddled the donkey, and she said to her servant, "Drive and go! Do not slacken for me to ride unless I say to you."</i>	<i>So a servant came and saddled the donkey for her. She told her servant, "Get the donkey moving, and let us go. Do not slow down to make it easier for me to ride unless I tell you to do so!"</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:25

ULT	UST
<i>And she went, and she came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. And it happened, when the man of God saw her from opposite, that he said to Gehazi his servant, "Behold, that Shunammite."</i>	<i>So they traveled as quickly as they could to Mount Carmel, where Elisha was. When Elisha saw her in the distance, he told Gehazi, "Look, here comes that Shunammite woman!"</i>

Where was the man of God?

The man of God was at Mount Carmel.

2 Kings 4:26

ULT	UST
<i>Now please run to meet her and say to her, ‘{Is} welfare to you? {Is} welfare to your husband? {Is} welfare to the child?’” And she said, “Peace.”</i>	<i>Run to her and ask her if everything is all right with her and her husband and with her child!” {So Gehazi ran to her and asked her;} but she told him that she did not want to stop to answer his questions.</i>

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

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

2 Kings 4:27

ULT	UST
<i>And she came to the man of God, to the mountain, and she held onto his feet. And Gehazi approached to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone, for her soul {is} bitter to her, but Yahweh has hidden from me, and he has not declared to me.”</i>	<i>When she came to where Elisha was, she bowed down and grasped Elisha’s feet {to show that she desperately wanted him to do something for her}. Gehazi came over to push her away, but Elisha told him, “Let her stay here! She is feeling great distress about something, but Yahweh has not told me at all what it is.”</i>

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

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

2 Kings 4:28

ULT	UST
<i>And she said, “Did I request a son from my lord? Did I not say, ‘Do not deceive me?’”</i>	<i>Then she told Elisha, “Sir, I never asked you to enable me to have a son. In fact, when you told me that I would have a son, I asked you not to deceive me.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:29

ULT	UST
<i>And he said to Gehazi, "Gird your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go. If you find a man, you shall not bless him, and if a man blesses you, you shall not answer him. And you shall put my staff on the face of the young man."</i>	<i>Then Elisha {realized that something must have happened to her son, so he} told Gehazi, "Tuck your cloak into your belt {so that you can run fast}. Take my staff with you and go to her home. Do not stop to talk to anyone on the way. {Go quickly to where her son is and} lay the staff on the child's face {so that Yahweh may cause him to become alive again}."</i>

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

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

2 Kings 4:30

ULT	UST
<i>And the mother of the young man said, "The life of Yahweh and the life of your soul, if I should leave you." And he arose, and he went after her.</i>	<i>But the boy's mother said, "I swear by Yahweh and your own life that I will not leave here and go home until you agree to come with me." So Elisha returned with her to her home.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:31

ULT	UST
<i>And Gehazi went on to their faces, and he put the staff on the face of the young man, but there was no voice, and there was no hearing. And he returned to meet him, and he declared to him, saying, "The young man did not awaken."</i>	<i>Gehazi hurried quickly to the woman's house ahead of them. When he arrived there, he laid the staff on the boy's face. But he did not say anything, and he did not react when Gehazi spoke to him. So Gehazi went back and met Elisha, who was on his way to Shunem. He told him, "The boy did not become alive again."</i>

What did Gehazi lay on the child's face?

He laid the staff on the child's face.

2 Kings 4:32

ULT	UST
<i>And Elisha entered the house, and behold, the young man was dead, having been laid on his bed.</i>	<i>When Elisha arrived at the house, he found the boy lying dead on the bed in his room {where his mother had put him}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:33

ULT	UST
<i>And he went in, and he shut the door behind the two of them, and he prayed to Yahweh.</i>	<i>Elisha went into the room by himself and shut the door. Then he prayed to Yahweh.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:34

ULT	UST
<i>And he went up, and he lay on the child, and he put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and his palms on his palms. And he stretched out upon him, and the flesh of the child became warm.</i>	<i>Then he climbed onto the bed and lay down on top of the boy's body. He put his mouth on the boy's mouth. Then he put his eyes on the boy's eyes. Then he put his hands on the boy's hands. He stretched his body out over the boy's body. After that, the boy's body started to become warm.</i>

How did the boy's body grow warm?

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

2 Kings 4:35

ULT	UST
<i>And he returned, and he walked in the house, once here and once here. And he went up, and he stretched out upon him. And the young man sneezed until seven times, and the young man opened his eyes.</i>	<i>Elisha went back down to the house and walked around for a while. Then he went back up to the room. He stretched his body out over the boy's body again. The boy sneezed seven times, and then he opened his eyes!</i>

What did the child do before he opened his eyes?

The child sneezed seven times and then opened his eyes.

2 Kings 4:36

ULT	UST
<i>And he called to Gehazi, and he said, "Call to that Shunammiteess." And he called her, and she came to him. And he said, "Pick up your son."</i>	<i>Then Elisha summoned Gehazi. He told him, "Call the boy's mother." So Gehazi went and got her, and when she came to the room, Elisha told her, "You may take your son."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:37

ULT	UST
<i>And she came in, and she fell at his feet, and she prostrated herself to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.</i>	<i>She came into the room and bowed down low in front of Elisha {to honor him and thank him}. Then she picked up her son and took him back into her house.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:38

ULT	UST
<i>And Elisha returned to Gilgal (and famine {was} in the land), and the sons of the prophets were sitting to his face. And he said to his servant, "Put on the large pot, and boil stew for the sons of the prophets."</i>	<i>Then Elisha returned to Gilgal. At that time, there was a famine in that area. One day many young prophets had gathered to hear Elisha's teaching. He told his servant, "Put a large pot on the fire and make some stew for these men."</i>

Who gathered wild gourds? (4:38-39)

One of the prophets gathered wild gourds.

2 Kings 4:39

ULT	UST
<i>And one went out to the field to gather herbs, and he found a vine of the field, and he gathered from it gourds of the field, the fullness of his garment. And he came, and he sliced {them} into the pot of stew, for they did not know.</i>	<i>One of the prophets went outside to look for wild vegetables {to add to the stew}. He found a wild vine that had many gourds on it. He collected as many as he could hold in the fold of his robe and brought them back. No one there knew that those gourds were poisonous, so he cut them up and added them to the stew.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:40

ULT	UST
<i>And they poured out for the men to eat. And it happened, as they ate from the stew, that they, they cried out and said, "Death {is} in the pot, man of God!" And they were not able to eat.</i>	<i>Those who prepared the stew served it to the prophets. But after the prophets had tasted it, {they knew something bad was in it, so} they cried out, "Sir, there is something in this stew that would kill us {if we ate more of it}!" So they could not eat it.</i>

How did Elisha remove the death from the pot? (4:40-41)

Elisha threw some flour into the pot.

2 Kings 4:41

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "Then bring flour." And he threw {it} into the pot, and he said, "Pour {it} out for the people, that they may eat." And a harmful thing was not in the pot.</i>	<i>Elisha said, "Bring me some flour." {They brought him some, and} he threw it in the pot. Then he said, "Go ahead and serve this. The prophets can now eat it safely." So they ate it, and it did not harm them.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:42

ULT	UST
<i>And a man came from Baal Shalishah, and he brought to the man of God bread of firstfruits, 20 {loaves of} bread of barley and fresh grain in his sack. And he said, "Give to the people, that they may eat."</i>	<i>One day a man from the city of Baal Shalishah brought Elisha an offering from the first grain he harvested that year. He brought 20 loaves of barley bread and a sack of fresh grain. Elisha told his servant, "Give this food to the group of prophets so that they will have something to eat."</i>

How many people ate the twenty loaves of barley bread? (4:42-43)

One hundred people ate the twenty loaves of barley bread.

2 Kings 4:43

ULT	UST
<i>And the one serving him said, "How shall I set this to the face of a hundred men?" And he said, "Give to the people that they may eat, for thus says Yahweh, 'Eating and leaving over.'"</i>	<i>But his servant responded, "I will not be able to feed a hundred prophets with only that much food." But Elisha replied, "Serve it as a meal to the prophets, because Yahweh says that there will be enough food for everyone. In fact, there will be more than enough!"</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 4:44

ULT	UST
<i>And he set to their faces, and they ate, and they left over, according to the word of Yahweh.</i>	<i>So he served the food to the prophets. They all ate as much they wanted, and there was more than enough food. That was just what Yahweh had promised would happen.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 5

2 Kings 5:1

ULT	UST
<i>Now Naaman, the commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man to the face of his master; and he was lifted of face, because through him Yahweh gave deliverance to Aram. And the man was mighty of valor, a leper.</i>	<i>A certain man whose name was Naaman was the commander of the Aramean army. Yahweh had enabled him to win many victories for Aram, and so the king of Aram admired and honored him. Naaman was a great warrior. Unfortunately, he also had leprosy.</i>

What had Yahweh given to Aram by Naaman?

Yahweh had given deliverance to Aram.

2 Kings 5:2

ULT	UST
<i>And Aram went out {in} raiding bands, and they captured a young girl from the land of Israel. And she was to the face of the wife of Naaman.</i>	<i>Some groups of Aramean soldiers went on raids into the land of Israel. They captured a young girl and brought her back to Aram. She became a servant of Naaman's wife.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 5:3

ULT	UST
<i>And she said to her mistress, "Oh that my lord {was} to the face of the prophet who {is} in Samaria! Then he would remove him from his leprosy."</i>	<i>One day that girl told her, "I wish that my master Naaman could go to the prophet who lives in the city of Samaria. That prophet would heal him of his leprosy."</i>

Whom did the little girl say would heal her master?

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

2 Kings 5:4

ULT	UST
<i>And one came and declared to his master, saying, "Like this and like this the girl spoke who {is} from the land of Israel."</i>	<i>{Naaman's wife told her husband} what the girl from Israel had said. So Naaman went and reported that to the king.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 5:5

ULT	UST
<i>And the king of Aram said, "Go, enter, and let me send a letter to, the king of Israel." And he went, and he took in his hand 10 kikkars of silver and 6,000 gold and 10 changes of clothes.</i>	<i>The king told him, "Very well, go right away to the land of Israel. I will write a letter for you to bring to the king of Israel {in which I will ask him to help you}." So Naaman went to Israel. He brought with him {as a gift} 330 kilograms of silver; 66 kilograms of gold, and 10 sets of expensive clothing.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 5:6

ULT	UST
<i>And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, "And now, when this letter comes to you, behold, I have sent to you Naaman my servant, and you shall remove him from his leprosy."</i>	<i>When Naaman arrived, he gave the king of Israel the letter. The king of Aram had written in it, "I am writing this letter to introduce my army commander Naaman. I want you to heal him of his leprosy."</i>

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

Naaman took the letter to the king of Israel.

2 Kings 5:7

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened when the king of Israel read the letter that he tore his clothes, and he said, "{Am} I God, killing and making alive, that this {one} is sending to me to remove a man from his leprosy? For surely, please know and see that he is seeking a quarrel with me."</i>	<i>When the king read the letter, he tore his clothes {to show his distress}. He told his officials, "I am not God! I am not able to cause people to live or to die! So this man should not be asking me to cure someone of leprosy. If you think about it, the king of Aram must want a reason to attack us {and he will pretend to be offended if I do not do what he asks}."</i>

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

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

2 Kings 5:8

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes that he sent to the king saying, “Why did you tear your clothes? Please let him come to me, and let him know that there is a prophet in Israel.”</i>	<i>The prophet Elisha heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes. So he sent a message to the king. He told him, “You did not need to feel such distress that you tore your clothes. Send Naaman to me. He will learn that there is a prophet in Israel {through whom Yahweh can heal him}.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 5:9

ULT	UST
<i>So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariots. And he stood {at} the entrance of the house of Elisha.</i>	<i>So Naaman went with his horses and chariots to Elisha’s house, He waited outside the door.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 5:10

ULT	UST
<i>And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, and you shall wash seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will return to you, and be clean.”</i>	<i>But {rather than coming out to speak to Naaman,} Elisha sent a messenger to tell him, “Go to the Jordan River. Go down into its water seven times to wash yourself. Then your skin will become healthy again. You will no longer have leprosy.”</i>

What was Naaman told to do to be clean?

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

2 Kings 5:11

ULT	UST
<i>And Naaman became angry, and he went, and he said, “Behold, I said to myself, ‘Coming out, he will come out, and he will stand, and he will call on the name of Yahweh his God, and he will wave his hand over the place, and he will remove the leprosy.’”</i>	<i>But this made Naaman furious, and he left Elisha’s house. He {stopped and} told his servants, “I expected him to come out of his house and stand in front of me. I was sure that he would ask Yahweh his God to heal me. I expected him to wave his hand over the area where I have leprosy and heal me!”</i>

How did Naaman think Elisha would heal him?

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

2 Kings 5:12

ULT	UST
<i>{Are} not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all of the waters of Israel? Shall I not bathe in them and become clean?" And he turned, and he went away in heat.</i>	<i>Surely the Abanah River and the Pharpar River in Damascus have better water than any river in Israel! The prophet should have told me to wash in those rivers in order to become healthy again!" Naaman was so furious that he started to leave again.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 5:13

ULT	UST
<i>But his servants approached, and they spoke to him and said, "My father, {if} the prophet had spoken a great matter to you, would you not have done {it}? Then how much more when he has said to you, 'Wash and be clean'?"</i>	<i>But his servants came to him, and one of them said, "Sir, if that prophet had told you to do something difficult, you would certainly have done it. So you should certainly be willing to do a simple thing such as he described when he told you to wash yourself in the Jordan River in order to become clean."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 5:14

ULT	UST
<i>So he went down, and he dipped in the Jordan seven times, according to the word of the man of God. And his flesh returned like the flesh of a little boy, and he became clean.</i>	<i>So Naaman went to the Jordan River and went down into its water seven times, as the prophet had instructed him to do. Then his skin became smooth once again, like the skin of a young child. He no longer had leprosy.</i>

Like what was Naaman's flesh restored?

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

2 Kings 5:15

ULT	UST
<i>And he returned to the man of God, he and all of his camp, and he came and stood to his face. And he said, "Behold, please, I know that there is no God in all of the earth except in Israel. And now, please take a blessing from your servant."</i>	<i>Then Naaman and the soldiers who were with him returned to Elisha's house. This time Elisha met with them personally. Naaman told him, "Now I know that the God whom you Israelites worship is the only true God anywhere. Please accept these gifts that I have brought you."</i>

After Naaman was healed, what did he know?

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

2 Kings 5:16

ULT	UST
<i>But he said, "The life of Yahweh, to whose face I stand, if I should take." And he urged him to take, but he refused.</i>	<i>But Elisha replied, "I swear by Yahweh, the God whom I serve, that I will not accept any gifts from you." Naaman urged him to accept something, but Elisha refused to accept anything.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 5:17

ULT	UST
<i>And Naaman said, "But {if} not, let dirt, the burden of a pair of mules, please be given to your servant, for your servant will no longer make a burnt offering or sacrifice to other gods, but rather to Yahweh.</i>	<i>Then Naaman said, "All right, but I have one request. From now on, I am going to offer sacrifices only to Yahweh, not to any other god. So please allow me to take back with me as much soil from Israel as two mules can carry {so that I can spread out that soil to make a place where I can worship Yahweh}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 5:18

ULT	UST
<i>For this matter, may Yahweh forgive your servant. When my master comes {to} the house of Rimmon to prostrate himself there, and he is leaning himself on my hand, and I prostrate myself {in} the house of Rimmon, when I prostrate myself {in} the house of Rimmon, may Yahweh please forgive your servant in this matter."</i>	<i>But there is one thing {I will have to do} for which I ask Yahweh to forgive me. When my master, {the king of Aram,} goes into the temple of Rimmon and bows down {to the idol} there, he needs to lean on my arm for support. That requires me to bow down as well{, but I will not intend that as an act of worship}. I ask Yahweh to forgive me for bowing down {to the idol of Rimmon}."</i>

For what did Naaman ask Yahweh to pardon him?

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

2 Kings 5:19

ULT	UST
<i>And he said to him, "Go in peace." And he went from him a length of land.</i>	<i>Elisha replied, "{Yahweh will forgive you, so} you may return home without worrying about that." So Naaman and his servants started to travel home.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 5:20

ULT	UST
<i>And Gehazi, the servant of Elisha, the man of God, said, "Behold, my master spared Naaman, that Aramean, from taking from his hand what he brought. The life of Yahweh, if I do not run after him and take something from him!"</i>	<i>But then Elisha's servant Gehazi said {to himself}, "My master Elisha should have accepted the gifts that this Aramean man Naaman brought. I swear by Yahweh that I am going to catch up with him and get something from him."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 5:21

ULT	UST
<i>So Gehazi pursued after Naaman. And Naaman saw one running after him, and he got down from upon the chariot to meet him. And he said, "Peace?"</i>	<i>So Gehazi ran to catch up with Naaman. When Naaman saw that a man was running after him, he stopped the chariot in which he was riding and climbed down from it in order to speak with the man. {When Gehazi arrived,} he asked him, "Is everything all right?"</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 5:22

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "Peace. My master sent me, saying, 'Behold, even now two young men from the sons of the prophets have come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give to them a kikkar of silver and two changes of clothes.'"</i>	<i>Gehazi replied, "Yes, everything is all right. But two young prophets from the hilly area where the descendants of Ephraim live have just arrived to stay with Elisha for a while. He wants to give them something. So he sent me to ask you for a disk of {33 kilograms of} silver and two sets of clothing."</i>

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

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

2 Kings 5:23

ULT	UST
<i>And Naaman said, "Be willing, take two kikkars." And he urged him, and he bound two silver kikkars in two bags and two changes of clothes. And he gave {them} to two of his servants, and they carried {them} to his face.</i>	<i>Naaman replied, "Certainly, and I hope you will accept two silver disks{, one for each of those prophets}." {Gehazi pretended to be reluctant, but} Naaman urged him to accept the second disk{, and Gehazi agreed}. So Naaman had his servants tie up a silver disk and a set of clothing in each of two bags. He instructed two of his servants to carry these bags back to Elisha, and they walked ahead of Gehazi as they returned.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 5:24

ULT	UST
<i>And he came to the hill, and he took {them} from their hand, and he deposited {them} in the house. And he sent the men away, and they went.</i>	<i>When they arrived at a certain hill {in Samaria}, Gehazi took the bags from the servants and sent them back to Naaman. He brought the bags into his own house {and hid them there}.</i>

What did Gehazi hide in the house?

He hid the bags of silver in the house.

2 Kings 5:25

ULT	UST
<i>And he, he came, and he stood beside his master. And Elisha said to him, "From where, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant did not go here or here."</i>	<i>Then he went to Elisha {and acted as if nothing had happened}. Elisha asked him, "Where did you go, Gehazi?" Gehazi replied, "I did not go anywhere."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 5:26

ULT	UST
<i>And he said to him, "Did my heart not go when the man turned from upon his chariot to meet you? {Is this} a time to take silver or to take clothing or olives trees or vineyards or sheep or cattle or male servants or female servants?"</i>	<i>Elisha told him, "You must realize that my spirit was there with you when Naaman got out of his chariot to talk with you! This is certainly no time to accept gifts of silver or clothing and {sell them to buy} olive groves or vineyards or sheep or oxen or male and female servants!"</i>

What happened because Gehazi lied? (5:26-27)

Because Gehazi lied, he became a leper.

2 Kings 5:27

ULT	UST
<i>Now the leprosy of Naaman will cling to you and to your seed to forever.” And he went out from to his face, afflicted with leprosy like snow.</i>	<i>Because you have done this, you and all of your future descendants will have leprosy just as Naaman did!” Before Gehazi even left the room, he became a leper. His skin became as white as snow.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6

2 Kings 6:1

ULT	UST
<i>And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "Behold, please, the place where we are sitting there to your face is too narrow for us.</i>	<i>One day representatives of the group of prophets {in Jericho} came to Elisha, and one of them said on their behalf, "Listen, {our community has grown, so} this hall where we meet with you is now too small to hold all of us.</i>

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

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

2 Kings 6:2

ULT	UST
<i>Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let us take from there, a man one beam, and let us make for ourselves there a place to sit there." And he said, "Go."</i>	<i>Allow us to go to the forest in the Jordan River valley and cut down some trees. Then each of us will carry some of the wood to a site where we can build a new meeting hall." And Elisha told them, "Very well, you may go and do that."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:3

ULT	UST
<i>And the one said, "Please be willing and go with your servants." And he said, "I, I will go."</i>	<i>The one who was speaking on behalf of all of the prophets told Elisha, "Please agree to come with us." Elisha replied, "Very well, I will come with you."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:4

ULT	UST
<i>And he went with them. And they came to the Jordan, and they cut down trees.</i>	<i>So they went together to the Jordan River valley. The prophets began cutting down trees.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:5

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened, one was felling a beam, and the iron fell into the water. And he cried out and said, "Alas, my lord, for it was lent!"</i>	<i>But while one of them was cutting down a tree, the axe head {that he had secured to a wooden handle came loose and} fell into the water. He cried out to Elisha, "This is terrible! I had to borrow that axe head{, and it will be very difficult for me to afford to replace it}."</i>

Why was the man who lost the axe head worried?

He was worried because the axe was borrowed.

2 Kings 6:6

ULT	UST
<i>And the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place, and he cut off a stick, and he threw {it} to there, and the iron floated.</i>	<i>Elisha replied, "Where did the axe head fall into the water?" The man showed him the place, and then Elisha cut off a stick and threw it into the water at that place. The axe head rose to the surface of the water.</i>

How did Elisha make iron float?

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

2 Kings 6:7

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "Lift {it} up for yourself." And he stretched out his hand and took it.</i>	<i>Elisha said, "There is your axe head. You can pull it out of the water." And the man reached out and pulled the axe head out of the water.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:8

ULT	UST
<i>Now the king of Aram was fighting with Israel. And he consulted with his servants, saying, "At such and such a place my camp {shall be}."</i>	<i>At this time the king of Aram was planning to attack Israel. After discussing various possibilities with his officers, he told them to have his soldiers set up their tents in a certain place.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:9

ULT	UST
<i>And the man of God sent to the king of Israel saying, “Guard yourself from passing by that place, for Aram is coming down there.”</i>	<i>But Elisha sent messengers to tell the king of Israel, “The Aramean soldiers are going to set up their tents there, so stay away from that place.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:10

ULT	UST
<i>And the king of Israel sent to the place that the man of God had said to him and warned him, and he guarded himself there, not once and not twice.</i>	<i>The king of Israel sent soldiers to the place that Elisha had warned him about. {The soldiers discovered that the Arameans were there,} so the king stayed away from there. This happened repeatedly.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:11

ULT	UST
<i>And the heart of the king of Aram was enraged about this matter. And he called to his servants, and he said to them, “Will you not declare to me who from us {is} for the king of Israel?”</i>	<i>The king of Aram became very angry about this. He summoned his army officers and told them, “I demand to know which one of you is revealing our plans to the king of Israel!”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:12

ULT	UST
<i>And one from his servants said, “No, my lord the king, but Elisha, the prophet who {is} in Israel, declares to the king of Israel the things that you speak in the room of your bed.”</i>	<i>One of his officers answered, “Your Majesty, it is not any of us. Instead, there is a prophet whose name is Elisha who lives in Israel. He tells the king of Israel even our most secret plans {because Yahweh reveals them to him}.”</i>

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

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

2 Kings 6:13

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, “Go and see where he {is}, and I will send, and I will take him.” And it was declared to him, saying, “Behold, in Dothan.”</i>	<i>The king of Aram replied, “Go and find out where he is. When you do, I will send some men there to capture him.” Someone told him, “We know that he is in the city of Dothan.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:14

ULT	UST
<i>And he sent horses and chariotry and a heavy army to there, and they came {at} night, and they surrounded around the city.</i>	<i>So the king sent a large group of soldiers to Dothan with their horses and chariots. They came at night {so that no one would know they had come} and surrounded the city {so that no one could escape}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:15

ULT	UST
<i>And the servant of the man of God arose early to arise, and he went out, and behold, an army surrounding the city, and horse and chariot. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my lord! What shall we do?"</i>	<i>Early the next morning, Elisha's servant got up and went outside the house. He saw that Aramean soldiers with their horses and chariots were surrounding the city. The servant {went back inside the house and} exclaimed to Elisha, "Oh, no! Sir, they have trapped us!"</i>

Why was Elisha's servant worried?

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

2 Kings 6:16

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "Do not fear, for those who {are} with us {are} more numerous than those who {are} with them."</i>	<i>Elisha replied, "Do not be afraid! There are many more soldiers defending us than there are attacking us."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:17

ULT	UST
<i>And Elisha prayed and said, "Yahweh, please open his eyes, that he may see." And Yahweh opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw, and behold, the hill was full {of} horses and chariotry of fire around Elisha.</i>	<i>Then Elisha prayed, "Yahweh, please enable my servant to see {the spiritual army that is defending us}!" So Yahweh enabled the servant to see spiritual realities. When he looked out, he saw that a great number of fiery horses and chariots were protecting Elisha by surrounding the hill on which people had built the city of Dothan.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:18

ULT	UST
<i>And they came down to him, and Elisha prayed to Yahweh and said, "Please strike this nation with blindness." And he struck them with blindness, according to the word of Elisha.</i>	<i>The Aramean soldiers started to advance toward him. So Elisha prayed, "Yahweh, please make all these soldiers blind!" Yahweh answered his prayer and made them blind.</i>

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

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

2 Kings 6:19

ULT	UST
<i>And Elisha said to them, "This {is} not the way, and this {is} not the city. Go after me, and let me lead you to the man whom you seek." And he led them to Samaria.</i>	<i>Then Elisha told them, "You have taken the wrong road, and so you have come to the wrong city. Follow me, and I will take you to the man you are searching for." But he led them to the city of Samaria.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:20

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened when they entered Samaria that Elisha said, "Yahweh, open the eyes of these, that they may see." And Yahweh opened their eyes, and they saw, and behold, {they were} in the midst of Samaria.</i>	<i>Once they got inside the city, Elisha prayed, "Yahweh, please enable these soldiers to see again!" And Yahweh enabled them to see again. When they looked around, they realized that they were inside Samaria.</i>

Where were the Arameans when Yahweh opened their eyes?

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

2 Kings 6:21

ULT	UST
<i>And the king of Israel said to Elisha when he saw them, "Shall I strike {them}? Shall I strike {them}, my father?"</i>	<i>When the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, "Sir, should I order my soldiers to kill them all?"</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:22

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, “Do not strike {them}. Are you striking those whom you capture with your sword and with your bow? Put bread and water to their faces that they may eat and drink, and let them go to their master.”</i>	<i>Elisha replied, “No, do not kill them. If your army captured enemy soldiers in a battle, you would not kill them. Give these men something to eat and drink, and then allow them to return to their king.”</i>

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

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

2 Kings 6:23

ULT	UST
<i>And he provided a great provision for them, and they ate and they drank, and he sent them, and they went to their master. And the raiding bands of Aram did not continue any longer to come into the land of Israel.</i>	<i>So the king of Israel told his servants to serve a big feast to them. Once they had eaten and drunk all they wanted, he sent them back home. They returned to the king of Aram {and told him what had happened}. So after that, groups of Aramean soldiers stopped going on raids into the land of Israel.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:24

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened after this that Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, gathered all of his camp, and he went up and besieged against Samaria.</i>	<i>However, some time later, Ben Hadad king of Aram assembled his entire army and led it to the city of Samaria. His soldiers surrounded the city {and did not let anyone go into or out of it}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:25

ULT	UST
<i>And a great famine was in Samaria, and behold, {they were} besieging against it, until the head of a donkey was at 80 silver, and a fourth of a kab of dung of doves {was} at 5 silver.</i>	<i>As a result, soon there was almost no food in the city. People were paying nearly a kilogram of silver for a donkey's head. They were even paying 55 grams of silver for about a cup of dove's dung.</i>

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

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

2 Kings 6:26

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened, the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, and a woman cried out to him, saying, "Save, my lord the king!"</i>	<i>One day the king of Israel was walking on top of the city wall. A woman cried up to him, "Your Majesty, please help me!"</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:27

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "No, let Yahweh save you. From where will I save you? From the threshing floor or from the winepress?"</i>	<i>He replied, "Yahweh will have to help you. I certainly can not help you. We have no grain or wine left in the city!"</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:28

ULT	UST
<i>And the king said to her, "What to you?" And she said, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son, and we will eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.'</i>	<i>But then he asked, "What is your problem?" She replied, "Several days ago, that woman over there told me that {because we had no other food,} I should give up my baby boy so that we could kill and eat him. She promised that if I agreed to that, we could kill and eat her baby boy the next day.</i>

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

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

2 Kings 6:29

ULT	UST
<i>So we boiled my son, and we ate him. And I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son, and we will eat him.' But she hid her son."</i>	<i>So we {killed my son and} boiled his flesh and ate it. The next day, I told her to give up her son so that we could kill and eat him. But she hid her son {so that we would not do that}."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:30

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened when the king heard the words of the woman that he tore his clothes. And he was passing by on the wall, and the people saw, and behold, sackcloth {was} on his flesh, from beneath.</i>	<i>When the king heard what the woman said, he tore his robe {to show that he was very upset}. The people who were standing close to the wall were able to look up and see that the king was wearing rough cloth underneath his robe {to show Yahweh how sorry he was for his sins and those of the people}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:31

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "Thus may God do to me, and thus may he add, if the head of Elisha, the son of Shaphat, remains on him today."</i>	<i>The king exclaimed, "I am going to order my soldiers to execute Elisha today by cutting off his head! If I do not do that, may God kill me instead and do other terrible things to me!"</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 6:32

ULT	UST
<i>And Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. And he sent a man from his face. Before the messenger came to him, then he, he said to the elders, "Do you see that this son of a murderer has sent to remove my head? See, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and you shall press him with the door. {Is} the sound of the feet of his master not behind him?"</i>	<i>So the king sent a soldier to execute Elisha. Elisha was sitting in his house with some of the elders of Samaria. Before the soldier arrived, Elisha spoke to the elders. He told them, "Yahweh has shown me that {the king of Israel,} that violent person, has sent a soldier here to kill me. Listen, when the soldier arrives, do not open the door. Instead, hold the door shut to keep him out. The king will be arriving shortly after that soldier."</i>

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

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

2 Kings 6:33

ULT	UST
<i>He was still speaking with them, and behold, the messenger was coming down to him. And he said, "Behold, this calamity {is} from Yahweh. Why should I wait for Yahweh any longer?"</i>	<i>While he was still speaking, the soldier arrived{, and the king arrived right after him}. The king told Elisha, "Listen, Yahweh has caused us to have this trouble. So I am not going to wait any longer for him to help us."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 7

2 Kings 7:1

ULT	UST
<i>And Elisha said, "Hear the word of Yahweh. Thus says Yahweh: 'At {this} time tomorrow, a seah of flour {will be} at a shekel, and two seahs of barley {will be} at a shekel in the gate of Samaria.'"</i>	<i>Elisha told everyone there, "Listen to what Yahweh says. He says that at this time tomorrow, at the marketplace here in Samaria, you will be able to buy six liters of good flour for about ten grams of silver, and you will be able to buy twelve liters of barley for about ten grams of silver."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 7:2

ULT	UST
<i>And the captain who {was} to the king, leaning himself on his hand, answered the man of God and said, "Behold Yahweh, making windows in the heavens, may this thing be?" And he said, "Behold you, seeing with your eyes, but from there you will not eat."</i>	<i>The officer accompanying the king told Elijah, "That could not happen even if Yahweh opened the windows of the sky {and sent grain down to us}!" Elisha responded, "{Because you have said that,} you will see it happen, but you will not eat any of the food!"</i>

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

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

2 Kings 7:3

ULT	UST
<i>Now four men were lepers {at} the entrance of the gate. And they said, a man to his fellow, "Why are we sitting here until we die?"</i>	<i>Now there were four men who had leprosy who were sitting outside the gate of the city of Samaria. They told each other, "We should not stay here until we starve to death."</i>

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

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

2 Kings 7:4

ULT	UST
<i>If we say, 'We will enter the city,' then famine {is} in the city, and we will die there. But if we sit here, then we will die. And now, come, let us fall to the camp of Aram. If they let us live, we will live. And if they kill us, then we will die."</i>	<i>If we go into the city, we will die there, since there is no food there. If we remain sitting here, we will die here. So let us go and surrender to the army of Aram. If they kill us, we will die. But they might give us food. Then we would live."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 7:5

ULT	UST
<i>So they arose in the twilight to go to the camp of Aram. And they came to the edge of the camp of Aram, and behold, not a man {was} there.</i>	<i>So when it started to get dark, those four men went to the place where the Aramean soldiers had set up their tents. But when they arrived at that place, they discovered that no soldiers were there.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 7:6

ULT	UST
<i>For the Lord had made the camp of Aram hear the sound of chariotry, the sound of a horse, the sound of a great army. And they said, a man to his brother, "Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to come against us."</i>	<i>What had happened was that Yahweh had caused the army of Aram to hear something that sounded like a large army approaching with chariots and horses. The Aramean soldiers told each other, "Listen! The king of Israel has hired the kings of Egypt and the Hittites to come and attack us with their armies!"</i>

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

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

2 Kings 7:7

ULT	UST
<i>And they arose, and they fled in the twilight. And they abandoned their tents and their horses and their donkeys, the camp just as it {was}, and they fled for their life.</i>	<i>The Aramean solders were very afraid that enemy soldiers would kill them if they stayed where they were. So they all ran away, even though it was getting dark. They left their tents and their horses and donkeys behind. In fact, they did not take anything with them from the camp.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 7:8

ULT	UST
<i>And those lepers came to the edge of the camp, and they went into one tent, and they ate, and they drank. And they carried away from there silver and gold and clothing, and they went, and they hid {it}. Then they returned, and they went into another tent, and they carried away from there, and they went, and they hid {it}.</i>	<i>{That was why no one was there} when those four men who had leprosy arrived at the place where the soldiers of Aram had set up their tents. So they went into one tent and {found food and valuable things in it. So} they ate and drank what was there, and they took the silver and gold and clothes. They left that tent and hid those things. Then they came back and went into another tent. They took the things from there, and they went away and hid them as well.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 7:9

ULT	UST
<i>And they said, a man to his fellow, “We should not be doing thus this day. It {is} a day of good news, but we are being quiet. If we wait until the light of morning, then punishment will find us. And now, go, and let us come and inform the house of the king.”</i>	<i>But then they told each other, “Something very good has happened today, but we are not telling anyone about it. That is the wrong thing to do at a time like this. If we wait until it gets light in the morning{, then other people will discover what has happened, and} they will punish us {for not telling anyone}. We should go right now and tell the king’s officials what has happened!”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 7:10

ULT	UST
<i>And they came and called to the gatekeeper of the city. And they declared to them, saying, “We came to the camp of Aram, and behold, there was not a man there or the sound of a man, but the horse was tied, and the donkey was tied, and the tents {were} just as they {were}.”</i>	<i>So they went to the guards at the city gates and called out to them, “We went to where the army of Aram had set up their tents, but we did not see or hear anyone there. However, their horses and donkeys were still where they had tied them up, and their tents were still there too.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 7:11

ULT	UST
<i>And the gatekeepers called, and they informed the house of the king within.</i>	<i>The guards shouted the news, and some people who heard it went to the palace and reported it to the king's officials.</i>

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

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

2 Kings 7:12

ULT	UST
<i>And the king arose {at} night, and he said to his servants, "Please let me declare to you what Aram has done to us. They know that we {are} hungry, and they have gone out from the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, 'For they will come out from the city, and we will capture them alive, and we will enter into the city.'"</i>	<i>It was still night, but the king got out of bed and told his officials, "The Arameans are trying to trick us! I will tell you how. They know that we are starving here, so they have left their camp and are hiding in the fields. They think that we will {discover that the camp is empty and} leave the city {to get the food they have left in it}. Then they will {come out of hiding and} capture us and conquer the city!"</i>

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

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

2 Kings 7:13

ULT	UST
<i>And one from his servants answered and said, "Now please let us take five of the remaining horses that remain in it. Behold them, like all of the multitude of Israel who remain in it. Behold them, like all of the multitude of Israel who have finished. So let us send, and let us see."</i>	<i>But one of his officials said, "Please let us send out some men on five of our horses that are still alive. Those men can go and see what has actually happened. {If the Arameans are hiding in ambush and kill them,} they will be no worse off than the other Israelites who stay here in the city. After all, all of us Israelites here are about to starve to death."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 7:14

ULT	UST
<i>And they took two chariots {with} horses, and the king sent after the camp of Aram, saying, "Go and see."</i>	<i>The king agreed to send some men to find out where the army of Aram actually was. There were enough horses alive to pull two chariots. So the men went out on those.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 7:15

ULT	UST
<i>And they went after them to the Jordan, and behold, all of the road {was} full with clothes and equipment that Aram had thrown away in their hastening themselves. And the messengers returned, and they declared to the king.</i>	<i>All along the road, those men found clothing and weapons that the Arameans had discarded while they were running away. The men went as far as the Jordan River {and still saw no enemy soldiers, so they knew they had left Israel and gone back to Aram}. So the men returned to the king and reported what they had seen.</i>

Of what was the road full?

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

2 Kings 7:16

ULT	UST
<i>And the people went out, and they plundered the camp of Aram. And it happened, a seah of fine flour {was} at a shekel, and two seahs of barley {were} at a shekel, according to the word of Yahweh.</i>	<i>Then many of the people of Samaria left the city and went to where the army of Aram had set up their tents. They entered all the tents and took everything. {The Arameans had left much grain behind, and} as a result, people could buy six liters of good flour for about ten grams of silver, and they could buy twelve liters of barley for about ten grams of silver. That was exactly what Yahweh had said would happen.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 7:17

ULT	UST
<i>And the king appointed the captain {on} whom he was leaning himself on his hand over the gate, but the people trampled him in the gate, and he died, just as the man of God had spoken, what he spoke when the king came down to him.</i>	<i>The king appointed the officer who usually accompanied him to control the flow of people through the city gate. But the people who were rushing through the gate {knocked him over and} trampled on him. As a result, he died. That was just what Elisha had told him would happen when he came to Elisha's house with the king.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 7:18

ULT	UST
<i>And it had happened, when the man of God spoke to the king, saying, “Two seahs of barley {will be} at a shekel, and a seah of flour {will be} at a shekel, it will be at {this} time tomorrow in the gate of Samaria,”</i>	<i>Elisha had told the king, “At this time tomorrow at the marketplace here in Samaria, you will be able to buy six liters of good flour for about ten grams of silver. You will be able to buy twelve liters of barley for about ten grams of silver.”</i>

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

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

2 Kings 7:19

ULT	UST
<i>that the captain had answered the man of God and said, “Behold Yahweh, making windows in the heavens, may this thing be?” And he had said, “Behold you, seeing with your eyes, but from there you will not eat.”</i>	<i>The captain had replied, “That could not happen even if Yahweh opened the windows of the sky {and sent grain down to us}!” Elisha had responded, “{Because you have said that,} you will see it happen, but you will not eat any of the food!”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 7:20

ULT	UST
<i>And thus it happened to him, for the people trampled him in the gate, and he died.</i>	<i>And that is what happened to him. The people who were rushing through the gate {knocked him over and} trampled on him. As a result, he died.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8

2 Kings 8:1

ULT	UST
<i>Now Elisha had spoken to the woman whose son he had made live, saying, “Arise and go, you and your house, and sojourn in where you will sojourn, for Yahweh has called for a famine, and also it will come upon the land {for} seven years.”</i>	<i>Several years earlier, Elisha had spoken to the Shunammite woman whose son he had made live again. He had told her, “Yahweh is going to allow a famine to occur in Israel. This famine will last for seven years. So you and your family should go and live somewhere else for a while {where there will be food to eat}.”</i>

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

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

2 Kings 8:2

ULT	UST
<i>And the woman arose and did according to the word of the man of God. And she went, she and her house, and she sojourned in the land of the Philistines {for} seven years.</i>	<i>The woman had done what Elisha told her to do. She and her family had gone to live in the region of Philistia for seven years.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:3

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened at the end of seven years that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines. And she went out to cry out to the king for her house and for her land.</i>	<i>After those seven years were over, she and her family returned to Israel. {By this time someone else was living in her house and on her land, so} the woman went to the king to ask him to order that person to return her house and her land to her.</i>

Why did the woman go to the king?

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

2 Kings 8:4

ULT	UST
<i>And the king was speaking to Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, "Please recount to me all of the great {things} that Elisha has done."</i>	<i>{Just as she arrived,} the king was speaking with Gehazi, Elisha's servant. The king was saying to him, "Tell me about all the miracles that Elisha has done."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:5

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened, he was recounting to the king that he had made the dead live, and behold, the woman whose son he had made live was crying out to the king for her house and for her field. And Gehazi said, "My lord the king, this {is} the woman, and this {is} her son, whom Elisha made live."</i>	<i>Just as Gehazi was telling the king how Elisha had caused the woman's son to become alive again, that woman came in and asked the king to enable her to get her house and land back. Gehazi exclaimed, "Your Majesty, this is the woman I was just telling you about, and this is her son, whom Elisha caused to become alive again!"</i>

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

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

2 Kings 8:6

ULT	UST
<i>And the king inquired of the woman, and she recounted to him. And the king assigned to her a eunuch, saying, "Return everything that {is} to her and all of the produce of the field from the day she left the land and until now."</i>	<i>So the king asked her about this, and she told him the whole story of what Elisha had done. Then the king assigned one of his officials to help her. He told him, "Make sure that this woman gets her house and land back. Also give her as many crops as grew on her land while she was away."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:7

ULT	UST
<i>And Elisha came to Damascus. Now Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, was sick. And it was declared to him, saying, "The man of God has come to here."</i>	<i>Later Elisha traveled to the city of Damascus. At that time, King Ben Hadad of Aram was very sick. When someone told him that Elisha had come to Damascus,</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:8

ULT	UST
<i>And the king said to Hazael, “Take a gift in your hand, and go to meet the man of God. And you shall inquire of Yahweh through him, saying, ‘Will I live from this sickness?’”</i>	<i>the king told his official Hazael, “Go and speak with Elisha. Bring him a gift {from me}, and ask him to ask Yahweh if I will recover from this illness.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:9

ULT	UST
<i>And Hazael went to meet him, and in his hand he took a gift and every good {thing} of Damascus, a burden of 40 camels. And he came and stood to his face, and he said, “Your son Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, has sent me to you, saying, ‘Will I revive from this sickness?’”</i>	<i>So Hazael went to speak with Elisha. As a gift, he brought him many of the goods that people produced in Damascus. It took 40 camels to carry everything he brought. When Hazael met with Elisha, he told him, “Your friend Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, has sent me to ask you whether he will recover from his illness.”</i>

What did Hazael take with him to give to Elisha?

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

2 Kings 8:10

ULT	UST
<i>And Elisha said to him, “Go, say to him, ‘Reviving, you will revive.’ But Yahweh has made me see that dying, he will die.”</i>	<i>Elisha told Hazael, “You may go back and tell him that he will surely recover from this illness. However, Yahweh has shown me that he is going to die {some other way}.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:11

ULT	UST
<i>And he made his face stand, and he set {it} until shaming, and the man of God wept.</i>	<i>Then Elisha looked steadily at Hazael for a long time. That made Hazael feel embarrassed. Then Elisha started to cry.</i>

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

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

2 Kings 8:12

ULT	UST
<i>And Hazael said, "Why is my lord weeping?" And he said, "Because I know what harm you will do to the sons of Israel. Their fortresses, you will send into fire, and their choice youths, you will kill with the sword, and their infants, you will dash to pieces, and their pregnant women, you will rip open."</i>	<i>Hazael asked, "Sir, why are you crying?" Elisha replied, "Because Yahweh has enabled me to know the terrible things that you will do to the people of Israel. Your soldiers will burn down their cities that now have walls around them. They will kill their best young soldiers in battle. They will throw their babies against stones to kill them. And they will use their swords to split open the bellies of their pregnant women {and kill the children in their wombs}."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:13

ULT	UST
<i>And Hazael said, "But what {is} your servant, a dog, that he should do this great thing?" And Elisha said, "Yahweh has made me see you king over Aram."</i>	<i>Hazael replied, "I am an insignificant person. I do not have the power to do the things you have described." Elisha replied, "Yahweh has revealed to me that you will become the king of Aram."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:14

ULT	UST
<i>And he went from with Elisha, and he came to his master. And he said to him, "What did Elisha say to you?" And he said, "He said to me, 'Reviving, you will revive.'"</i>	<i>Then Hazael left Elisha and returned to the king. The king asked Hazael, "What did Elisha tell you?" Hazael replied, "He told me that you would surely recover."</i>

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

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

2 Kings 8:15

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened on the next day that he took a cloth and dipped {it} in water and spread {it} over his face, and he died. And Hazael reigned in his place.</i>	<i>But the next day{, while the king was sleeping,} Hazael got a thick cloth and soaked it in water. Then he spread it over the king's face so that he would not be able to breathe. As a result, he died. Then Hazael became the king of Aram instead of Ben Hadad.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:16

ULT	UST
<i>And in the year of five to Joram, the son of Ahab, the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, Jehoram, the son of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, reigned.</i>	<i>After Joram son of Ahab had been ruling Israel for almost five years, Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat became one of the rulers of Judah. Jehoshaphat continued to be a ruler himself.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:17

ULT	UST
<i>He was a son of 32 years when he reigned, and he reigned 8 years in Jerusalem.</i>	<i>Jehoram was 32 years old when he became a ruler, and he ruled in Jerusalem for eight years.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:18

ULT	UST
<i>And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab did, for the daughter of Ahab was a wife to him. And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh.</i>	<i>Jehoram's wife was the daughter of King Ahab. As a result, he behaved just as the kings of Israel behaved who were descendants of Ahab. He did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil.</i>

Who was Jehoram's wife?

Jehoram's wife was Ahab's daughter.

2 Kings 8:19

ULT	UST
<i>But Yahweh was not willing to destroy Judah, for the sake of David his servant, just as he had said to him, to give to him a lamp for his sons all of the days.</i>	<i>However, Yahweh had promised his servant David that his descendants would always be kings. So Yahweh did not want to allow the enemies of the kingdom of Judah to destroy it.</i>

Why was Yahweh not willing to destroy Judah?

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

2 Kings 8:20

ULT	UST
<i>In his days, Edom rebelled from under the hand of Judah, and they made a king rule over them.</i>	<i>During the time when Jehoram ruled, the Edomites rebelled against Judah. They appointed their own king.</i>

When did Edom revolt from under the hand of Judah?

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

2 Kings 8:21

ULT	UST
<i>So Joram passed over to Zair, and all of the chariotry with him. And it happened, he, he arose {at} night, and he struck Edom, having surrounded him, and the commanders of the chariotry, but the people fled to its tents.</i>	<i>So Joram went with his army and all of his chariots to the city of Zair. The commanders of the Edomite army came and surrounded them with their chariots. Jehoram had to make a {surprise} attack at night{in order to escape}. Then the regular soldiers ran away and went home{, so Joram was not able to reconquer Edom}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:22

ULT	UST
<i>And Edom rebelled from under the hand of Judah, to this day. Then Libnah rebelled at that time.</i>	<i>Since that time, Judah has no longer controlled Edom. Around that same time, the people of the city of Libnah also rebelled against Judah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:23

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Joram and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Jehoram did.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:24

ULT	UST
<i>And Joram lay down with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the City of David. And Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.</i>	<i>Then Joram died, and the Judeans buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people called the City of David. That is where people had buried his ancestors. Joram's son Ahaziah became the next king.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:25

ULT	UST
<i>In the year of 12, the year to Joram, the son of Ahab, the king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, the king of Judah, reigned.</i>	<i>After Joram son of Ahab had been ruling Israel for almost 12 years, Ahaziah son of Jehoram became the king of Judah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:26

ULT	UST
<i>Ahaziah {was} a son of 22 years when he reigned, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Athaliah, the daughter of Omri, the king of Israel.</i>	<i>Ahaziah was 22 years old when he became the king. He ruled in Jerusalem for one year. His mother's name was Athaliah. Her father was {Ahab, the son of} King Omri of Israel.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:27

ULT	UST
<i>And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like the house of Ahab, for he {was} a son-in-law of the house of Ahab.</i>	<i>Because Ahaziah's mother was a daughter of Ahab, he behaved just as the kings of Israel behaved who were descendants of Ahab. He did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil.</i>

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

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

2 Kings 8:28

ULT	UST
<i>And he went with Joram, the son of Ahab, to war with Hazael, the king of Aram, at Ramoth Gilead, but the Arameans struck Joram.</i>	<i>Ahaziah led his army to join King Jehoram of Israel and his army to fight against the army of King Hazael of Aram. Their armies started fighting at the city of Ramoth Gilead. The Aramean soldiers wounded Jehoram in the battle there.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 8:29

ULT	UST
<i>And King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel from the wounds {with} which the Arameans had struck him at Ramah when he fought with Hazael, the king of Aram. And Ahaziah, the son of Jehoram, the king of Judah, went down to see Joram, the son of Ahab, in Jezreel because he was infirm.</i>	<i>So King Joram left Ramah, where his army had been fighting against the army of King Hazael of Aram. Because the Arameans had wounded him, he went back to the city of Jezreel to recover from his wounds. King Ahaziah of Judah learned that he had gone there to recover. So he went to Jezreel to visit him.</i>

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

King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel.

2 Kings 9

2 Kings 9:1

ULT	UST
<i>And Elisha the prophet called to one of the sons of the prophets and said to him, "Gird your loins, and take this flask of oil in your hand, and go {to} Ramoth Gilead.</i>	<i>Meanwhile, the prophet Elisha summoned one of the young prophets he was training. He told him, "Tuck your cloak into your belt {so that you can run fast}. Go to the city of Ramoth Gilead. Take this jar of olive oil with you.</i>

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

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

2 Kings 9:2

ULT	UST
<i>And you shall come to there, and see Jehu, the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, there. And you shall come, and you shall make him arise from the midst of his brothers, and you shall bring him {to} a chamber in a chamber.</i>	<i>When you arrive there, look for a man whose name is Jehu son of Jehoshaphat son of Nimshi. When you find him, ask him to come with you into a private room, away from his companions.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:3

ULT	UST
<i>And you shall take the flask of oil, and you shall pour {it} on his head, and you shall say, 'Thus says Yahweh, "I have anointed you as king over Israel."' Then you shall open the door, and you shall flee, and you shall not delay."</i>	<i>Then pour the olive oil on his head and tell him, 'Yahweh declares that he is appointing you to be the king of Israel.' Then open the door and run away as quickly as you can."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:4

ULT	UST
<i>So the young man, the young man, the prophet, went {to} Ramoth Gilead.</i>	<i>So that young prophet went to Ramoth Gilead.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:5

ULT	UST
<i>And he came, and behold, the commanders of the army were sitting, and he said, "A word {is} to me for you, O commander." And Jehu said, "For whom, from all of us?" And he said, "For you, O commander."</i>	<i>When he arrived, he found the officers of the army meeting together {in the courtyard of a house}. He said, "Sir, I have a message for you." Jehu replied, "Which one of us is the message for?" The young prophet replied, "It is for you, sir."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:6

ULT	UST
<i>And he arose and came to the house. And he poured the oil on his head and said to him, "Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, 'I have anointed you as king over the people of Yahweh, over Israel.'</i>	<i>So Jehu got up and went with the young prophet into the house. There the young prophet poured the olive oil on Jehu's head. Then he told him, "Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, declares that he is appointing you to be the king of his Israelite people.</i>

Who poured the oil on Jehu's head?

The prophet poured the oil on Jehu's head.

2 Kings 9:7

ULT	UST
<i>And you shall strike the house of Ahab, your master, and I will avenge the blood of my servants the prophets and the blood of all of the servants of Yahweh from the hand of Jezebel.</i>	<i>Ahab's wife Jezebel murdered many of his prophets and many other Israelites who worshiped him. To punish them for these murders, Yahweh wants you to kill the entire family of Ahab. You formerly served him as a military commander.</i>

How would Yahweh avenge the blood of his servants?

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

2 Kings 9:8

ULT	UST
<i>And all of the house of Ahab will perish, and I will cut off from Ahab one passing against a wall, both one restrained and one set free in Israel.</i>	<i>Everyone in Ahab's family must die. So kill all of the males in his household, whether they are family members or servants, no matter where they live in the kingdom of Israel.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:9

ULT	UST
<i>And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha, the son of Ahijah.</i>	<i>Earlier, I had people destroy the families of Jeroboam son of Nebat and Baasha son of Ahijah {because those kings were so wicked}. I want you to destroy the family of Ahab in the same way.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:10

ULT	UST
<i>And dogs will eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and {there will be} no burying.” And he opened the door, and he fled.</i>	<i>When Jezebel dies, no one will bury her body. Instead, dogs will eat her body on the property near the city of Jezreel {that belonged to Naboth}.” After the young prophet said this, he went out the door and ran away.</i>

What was going to happen to Jezebel?

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

2 Kings 9:11

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehu came out to the servants of his master; and one said to him, “Peace? Why did this madman come to you?” And he said to them, “You, you know the man and his talk.”</i>	<i>When Jehu came out of the house to where the other officers were, one of them asked him, “Is everything all right? Why did that crazy person come and speak with you?” Jehu replied, “You know very well what kinds of silly things young prophets like him say.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:12

ULT	UST
<i>And they said, “A lie! Now declare to us.” And he said, “Like this and like this he spoke to me, saying, ‘Thus says Yahweh, “I have anointed you as king over Israel.”’”</i>	<i>They responded, “No, he must have come to tell you something important. Tell us what he said!” Jehu replied, “All right, this is what he said. He told me that Yahweh said that he was appointing me to be the king of Israel.”</i>

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

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

2 Kings 9:13

ULT	UST
<i>And they hurried and took, a man his garment, and they put {them} under him at the top of the steps. And they blew on a shofar, and they said, "Jehu is king."</i>	<i>They had Jehu stand in a high place {where people could see him}. Then they all quickly took off their cloaks and spread them on the ground beneath his feet {to honor him}. They blew on a ram's horn {to show that they were making an important announcement} and shouted, "Jehu is now the king!"</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:14

ULT	UST
<i>So Jehu, the son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi, conspired against Joram. Now Joram had been guarding in Ramoth Gilead, he and all of Israel, from the face of Hazael, the king of Aram.</i>	<i>Then Jehu and the other commanders made plans to kill Joram so that Jehu could replace him as king. King Joram and his army had been defending Ramoth Gilead against the attacking army of Hazael king of Aram.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:15

ULT	UST
<i>But King Joram had returned to be healed in Jezreel from the wounds {with} which the Arameans had struck him when he fought with Hazael, the king of Aram. And Jehu said, "If it is your soul, may an escaper not go out from the city to go to declare in Jezreel."</i>	<i>But the Arameans had wounded Joram as he was fighting against their army. Joram had returned to the city of Jezreel to recover from his wounds. Jehu told the other commanders, "If you really want me to be king, make sure that no one leaves this city to warn the people of Jezreel {that I am planning to go there}."</i>

Why had King Joram gone back to Jezreel?

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

2 Kings 9:16

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehu rode and went to Jezreel, because Joram was lying down there. Now Ahaziah, the king of Judah, had gone down to see Joram.</i>	<i>Then Jehu and his officers got into their chariots and rode to Jezreel. That was where Joram was still recovering. King Ahaziah of Judah was there visiting Jehoram.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:17

ULT	UST
<i>And a watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel, and he saw the multitude of Jehu as he came, and he said, "I am seeing a multitude." And Jehoram said, "Take a horseman and send {him} to meet them, and he shall say, 'Peace?'"</i>	<i>A lookout was standing on top of the tower in Jezreel. He saw Jehu and his men approaching. He called out, "I see a lot of men approaching!" King Jehoram {heard what the watchman said, so he} told his soldiers, "Send someone out on a horse to ask them whether they are coming peacefully."</i>

What did the watchman see the messenger do? (9:17-18)

The watchman saw the messenger speak to the men but did not come back ahead of them.

2 Kings 9:18

ULT	UST
<i>And the rider of the horse went to meet him, and he said, "Thus says the king, 'Peace?'" And Jehu said, "What to you and to peace? Turn around to after me." And the watchman declared, saying, "The messenger has come to them, but he has not returned."</i>	<i>So a man rode out on a horse to meet Jehu. The man told him, "The king asks whether you are coming peacefully." Jehu replied, "I do not have to tell you that. Get into the group of men behind me {and follow me to the city}!" The lookout in the tower {saw this and} reported that the messenger had reached the group of men who were approaching {and had spoken with them,} but he was not coming back ahead of them.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:19

ULT	UST
<i>So he sent out a second rider of a horse, and he came to them, and he said, "Thus says the king: 'Peace.'" And Jehu said, "What to you and to peace? Turn around to after me."</i>	<i>So King Jehoram sent another messenger to tell Jehu that he hoped he was coming peacefully. Again Jehu replied, "I do not have to tell you that. Get into the group of men behind me {and follow me to the city}!"</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:20

ULT	UST
<i>And the watchman declared, saying, "He has come to them, but he has not returned, and the driving {is} like the driving of Jehu, the son of Nimshi, for he drives with madness."</i>	<i>Then the watchman reported again, "That messenger also reached them, but he is not coming back ahead of them. And the leader of that group of men must be Jehu son of Nimshi, because he is driving his chariot so recklessly!"</i>

How did the watchman know Jehu was driving the chariot?

The watchman knew Jehu was driving the chariot, for he was driving wildly.

2 Kings 9:21

ULT	UST
<i>And Joram said, "Harness." And one harnessed his chariot. And Jehoram, the king of Israel, went out with Ahaziah, the king of Judah, a man in his chariot, and they went out to meet Jehu. And they found him on the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.</i>	<i>Jehoram told one of his attendants, "Get my chariot ready for me." So his attendants did that. Then King Jehoram and King Ahaziah each rode out in his own chariot toward Jehu. They met Jehu just as he arrived on the property that had belonged to Naboth.</i>

How did Joram king of Israel ride out to meet Jehu?

Joram king of Israel rode out with Ahaziah king of Judah, each in his chariot, to meet Jehu.

2 Kings 9:22

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened when Jehoram saw Jehu that he said, "Peace, Jehu?" And he said, "What peace, during the prostitutions of Jezebel your mother and her many sorceries?"</i>	<i>When Jehoram met Jehu, he asked him, "Have you come here peacefully, Jehu?" Jehu replied, "There can be no peace while {you and} your mother Jezebel are leading the Israelites to worship so many false gods and practicing so much witchcraft!"</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:23

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehoram turned his hands and fled, and he said to Ahaziah, "Treachery, Ahaziah!"</i>	<i>Jehoram cried out, "Ahaziah, Jehu is rebelling against me!" Then Jehoram turned his chariot around and tried to escape.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:24

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehu filled his hand with the bow, and he struck Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out from his heart. And he sank down in his chariot.</i>	<i>But Jehu got his bow and shot an arrow that hit Jehoram in the back between his shoulder blades. The arrow entered Jehoram's body and went right through his heart. He slumped down dead in his chariot.</i>

What happened after Jehu shot Joram between his shoulders?

After Jehu shot Joram between his shoulders, the arrow went through Joram's heart, and he sank down in his chariot.

2 Kings 9:25

ULT	UST
<i>And he said to Bidkar his captain, "Pick {him} up and throw him onto the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite. For remember, me and you riding {in} pairs after Ahab his father, and Yahweh lifted this burden against him,</i>	<i>Then Jehu told his captain Bidkar, "Take his body and throw it here onto the field that belonged to Naboth. Remember what happened when you and I were riding together behind King Jehoram's father Ahab. Yahweh spoke about Ahab {through Elijah}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:26

ULT	UST
<i>"If I have not seen the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons yesterday," the declaration of Yahweh, "and I will repay you on this portion," the declaration of Yahweh. And now, pick {him} up, throw him onto the portion, according to the word of Yahweh."</i>	<i>He said that he had seen Ahab murder Naboth and his sons the day before. He solemnly promised that he would punish Ahab right here in this same field! So take Jehoram's body and throw it onto this field! That will make happen exactly what Yahweh said would happen."</i>

What would bring to pass the things that were told would happen by the word of Yahweh?

Taking Joram's body and throwing him into that field would bring to pass the things that were told would happen by the word of Yahweh.

2 Kings 9:27

ULT	UST
<i>And Ahaziah, the king of Judah, saw, and he fled the way of the house of the garden. And Jehu pursued after him, and he said, "Strike him too in the chariot!" At the ascent of Gur, which {is} near Ibleam. And he fled {to} Megiddo, and he died there.</i>	<i>When King Ahaziah saw what happened, he left the property through a pavilion that led into the adjacent palace gardens. But Jehu {and his men} chased him. Jehu told his men, "Shoot him as well!" {So they shot him with arrows} while he was riding in his chariot on the road up to Gur, near the city of Ibleam. Ahaziah continued riding in his chariot until he reached the city of Megiddo, but he died there.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:28

ULT	UST
<i>And his servants caused him to ride to Jerusalem, and they buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the City of David.</i>	<i>His officials brought his body back to Jerusalem in his chariot. The Judeans buried him in the tombs in the part of Jerusalem that people called the City of David. That was where they had also buried his ancestors.</i>

Who was buried in his sepulchre with his fathers in the City of David?

Ahaziah was buried in his sepulchre with his fathers in the City of David.

2 Kings 9:29

ULT	UST
<i>Now in the year of 11, the year to Joram, the son of Ahab, Ahaziah had reigned over Judah.</i>	<i>Ahaziah had become the king of Judah when Joram son of Ahab had been ruling Israel for almost 11 years.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:30

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehu came to Jezreel. And Jezebel heard, and she set her eyes in paint, and she made good her head, and she looked down through the window.</i>	<i>Then Jehu went to Jezreel. When Jezebel the queen mother heard what had happened, she put on eye makeup and combed her hair to make it beautiful. Then she looked out the window of the palace toward the street below.</i>

What happened when Jehu came to Jezreel?

When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it, and she painted her eyes, arranged her hair, and looked out the window.

2 Kings 9:31

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehu came in the gate, And she said, "Peace, Zimri, murderer of his master?"</i>	<i>As Jehu was entering the city gate, she called out to him, "Your life will not be peaceful! You will be just like Zimri, who also murdered his king!"</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:32

ULT	UST
<i>And he lifted his face to the window, and he said, "Who {is} with me? Who?" And two, three eunuchs looked down to him.</i>	<i>Jehu looked up toward the window and called out, "Will anyone there help me?" Two or three palace officials looked down at him from windows.</i>

Who threw Jezebel down? (9:32-33)

Some eunuchs threw Jezebel down.

2 Kings 9:33

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "Throw her down." And they threw her down, and some of her blood sprinkled on the wall and on the horses, and he trampled her.</i>	<i>Jehu told them, "Throw her down!" So they threw her down, and Jehu ordered his men to drive their chariots over her body. {This killed her, and} some of her blood splattered on the city wall and on the horses that were pulling the chariots.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:34

ULT	UST
<i>And he entered, and he ate and drank. Then he said, "Look after this cursed woman, please, and bury her; for she {was} the daughter of a king."</i>	<i>Then Jehu went into the palace and had a meal there. Then he told some of his men, "Jezebel brought Yahweh's curse on herself {through the idolatry and violence she committed}. However, she was a king's daughter, and so she should receive a proper burial. Please take her body and bury it."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:35

ULT	UST
<i>So they went to bury her, but they did not find of her except the skull and the feet and the palms of the hands.</i>	<i>But when they went to get her body to bury it, the only things left were her skull, her feet, and the front part of her hands.</i>

Why could no one bury Jezebel?

When they went to bury her, they found no more of her than the skull, the feet, and the palms of her hands.

2 Kings 9:36

ULT	UST
<i>And they returned, and they declared to him. And he said, "It {is} the word of Yahweh that he spoke by the hand of his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 'In the portion of Jezreel, dogs will eat the flesh of Jezebel,</i>	<i>When they reported this to Jehu, he said, "That is what Yahweh said would happen!" He said through his servant Elijah that dogs would eat Jezebel's body on the property that belonged to Naboth.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 9:37

ULT	UST
<i>and the corpse of Jezebel will be like dung on the face of a field in the portion of Jezreel, that they will not say, "This is Jezebel."'"</i>	<i>Dung dissolves into the ground {so that no one recognizes it anymore}. Yahweh said that in the same way, no one would be able to recognize Jezebel's body. They would just know that she died somewhere on Naboth's property.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10

2 Kings 10:1

ULT	UST
<i>Now to Ahab {were} 70 sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and he sent {them} {to} Samaria, to the commanders of Jezreel, the elders, and to the guardians of Ahab, saying,</i>	<i>There were 70 members of King Ahab's family living in Samaria. Many of the officials who had served in the royal palace in Jezreel had fled to Samaria after Jehu rebelled. Jehu wrote a letter and sent copies of it to those officials, to the elders of the city of Samaria, and to the people who were caring for Ahab's family. This is what he wrote:</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:2

ULT	UST
<i>"And now, when this letter comes to you, and the sons of your master {are} with you, and chariotry and horses and a fortified city and weapon {are} with you,</i>	<i>"Jehoram's sons are there with you, and ordinarily one of them would succeed him as king. You are in a city that has walls around it, and you have chariots, horses, and weapons. So as soon as you receive this letter,</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:3

ULT	UST
<i>then you shall look for the good and right {one} from the sons of your master, and you shall set {him} on the throne of his father, and you shall fight for the house of your master."</i>	<i>decide which of Jehoram's sons you think is the most qualified to be the next king of Israel. Proclaim him as your king, and then prepare to fight to defend him."</i>

What did Jehu's letter tell the elders and guardians of Ahab's descendants to do?

It told the elders and guardians of Ahab's descendants to select the best and most deserving of their master's descendants and set him on his father's throne and then defend him.

2 Kings 10:4

ULT	UST
<i>And they were very, very afraid, and they said, "Behold, two kings did not stand to his face, so we, how will we stand?"</i>	<i>But when they received those letters, what Jehu had written terrified them. They said, "When two kings, Jehoram and Ahaziah, fought against him, he killed them. We are just ordinary people. So if we try to fight him, he will certainly kill us."</i>

Why did the elders and guardians of Ahab's descendants not make any man king? (10:4-5)

They did not make any man king because they realized that not even the two kings could stand before Jehu.

2 Kings 10:5

ULT	UST
<i>And he who {was} over the house and he who {was} over the city and the elders and the guardians sent to Jehu, saying, "We {are} your servants, and all that you say to us, we will do. We will not make a man king. Do the good in your eyes."</i>	<i>So the officer in charge of the palace, the mayor of the city, the elders of the city, and the people who were caring for Ahab's family wrote back to Jehu. They told him, "We are willing to be your subjects. We will do whatever you tell us to do. We will not appoint anyone to become our king. Do whatever you think is best."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:6

ULT	UST
<i>And he wrote a second letter to them, saying, "If you {are} for me and you are listening to my voice, take the heads of the men of the sons of your master and come to me at {this} time tomorrow in Jezreel." Now the sons of the king {were} 70 men, with the great {ones} of the city raising them.</i>	<i>So Jehu wrote back to them and said, "If you accept me as your king and are ready to obey me, kill all of King Ahab's male descendants. Cut off their heads and bring them to me here in Jezreel by this time tomorrow." Now the leaders of the city of Samaria were rearing 70 male descendants of King Ahab.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:7

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened when the letter came to them that they took the sons of the king and slaughtered 70 men. And they put their heads in baskets and sent {them} to him in Jezreel.</i>	<i>When a messenger brought Jehu's letter to the leaders of Samaria and they read it, they killed all 70 of Ahab's male descendants and cut off their heads. They put their heads in baskets and sent them to Jehu at Jezreel.</i>

What did the elders and guardians of Ahab's descendants do to the king's sons?

They took the king's sons and killed them, seventy persons, put their heads in baskets, and sent them to Jehu in Jezreel.

2 Kings 10:8

ULT	UST
<i>And a messenger came and declared to him, saying, "They have brought the heads of the sons of the king." And he said, "Put them {in} two piles {at} the entrance of the gate until morning."</i>	<i>A messenger came to Jehu and told him, "They have brought the heads of Ahab's male descendants." Jehu responded, "Put their heads in two piles at the city gate. Leave them there until tomorrow morning."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:9

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened in the morning that he went out and stood, and he said to all of the people, "You {are} righteous. Behold, I, I conspired against my master and killed him. But who struck all of these?"</i>	<i>The next morning he went out and stood at the city gate. He told the people who had gathered there, "I am the one who plotted against King Jehoram and killed him. You are not guilty of doing that. And I am not guilty of killing all of these descendants of Ahab."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:10

ULT	UST
<i>Know then that nothing from the word of Yahweh that Yahweh spoke about the house of Ahab has fallen to the ground. For Yahweh has done what he spoke by the hand of his servant Elijah."</i>	<i>Instead, Yahweh has done what he said through his servant Elijah that he would do. As a result, you can be sure that everything Yahweh said would happen to Ahab's family has in fact happened."</i>

Why did Jehu say that no part of Yahweh's word, the word that he spoke concerning the family of Ahab, would fall to the ground?

Jehu said that no part of Yahweh's word, the word that he spoke concerning the family of Ahab, would fall to the ground, for Yahweh had done what he spoke about through his servant Elijah.

2 Kings 10:11

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehu struck everyone remaining to the house of Ahab in Jezreel and all of his great {ones} and his acquaintances and his priests, until he left to him no survivor.</i>	<i>Then Jehu executed all the other relatives of Ahab in Jezreel. He also executed all of Ahab's officers, close friends, and priests. He did not allow any of them to remain alive.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:12

ULT	UST
<i>And he arose and came. And he was going {to} Samaria, he {was in} Beth Eked of the Shepherds on the way,</i>	<i>Then Jehu left Jezreel and went toward Samaria. On his way there, he came to Beth Eked of the Shepherds.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:13

ULT	UST
<i>and Jehu found the brothers of Ahaziah, the king of Judah. And he said, "Who {are} you?" And they said, "We {are} the brothers of Ahaziah, and we have come down for the welfare of the sons of the king and the sons of the queen mother."</i>	<i>There he met some relatives of King Ahaziah of Judah. He asked them, "Who are you?" They replied, "We are relatives of King Ahaziah. We are going to Jezreel to visit the family of {Ahaziah's cousin} King Jehoram, including the other children of his mother Jezebel."</i>

How many brothers of Ahaziah did Jehu meet and kill? (10:13-14)

He met and killed forty-two men.

2 Kings 10:14

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "Seize them alive!" And they seized them alive, and they slaughtered them at the pit of Beth Eked, 42 men, and he did not leave a man from them.</i>	<i>Jehu told his men, "Seize them!" So they seized them, and they killed all of them at the pit of Beth Eked. They killed all 42 of the relatives of Ahaziah whom they met. They did not allow any of them to remain alive.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:15

ULT	UST
<i>And he went from there, and he found Jehonadab, the son of Recab, to meet him. And he blessed him, and he said to him, "Is your heart right, just as my heart {is} with your heart?" And Jehonadab said, "It is." "If it is, give your hand." And he gave his hand. Then he lifted him to himself into the chariot.</i>	<i>Then Jehu continued to travel toward Samaria. He met Jehonadab son of Rechab, who was coming to join him. Jehu greeted him and told him, "I am willing to work with you. Are you willing to work with me?" Jehonadab replied, "Yes, I am." Jehu said, "If you are, then let us shake hands." So they shook hands. Then Jehu helped him to get into his chariot.</i>

Why did Jehu take Jonadab into the chariot?

Jehu took Jonadab into the chariot because Jonadab said his heart was with Jehu, and he gave Jehu his hand.

2 Kings 10:16

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "Come with me and see my zeal for Yahweh." And they caused him to ride in his chariot.</i>	<i>Jehu told him, "Come with me and let me show you how eager I am for the Israelites to worship Yahweh." So Jehu's men arranged for Jehonadab to ride with Jehu in his chariot {to Samaria}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:17

ULT	UST
<i>And he entered Samaria, and he struck everyone remaining to Ahab in Samaria until he destroyed him, according to the word of Yahweh that he spoke to Elijah.</i>	<i>When they arrived in Samaria, Jehu killed all of Ahab's relatives who were still alive there. He did not spare any of them. That was exactly what Yahweh had told Elijah would happen to Ahab's family.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:18

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehu gathered all of the people, and he said to them, "Ahab served Baal a little. Jehu will serve him much.</i>	<i>Then Jehu gathered the people of Samaria and told them, "I am going to worship Baal much more than King Ahab did.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:19

ULT	UST
<i>And now, call to me all of the prophets of Baal, all of his servants, and all of his priests. Let not a man be missing, for a great sacrifice {is} to me for Baal. Everyone who is missing will not live.” But Jehu was acting with cunning in order to destroy the servants of Baal.</i>	<i>So now summon all of Baal’s prophets and priests and all the other Israelites who worship Baal. I am going to offer a great sacrifice to Baal, and I want all of them to be there. I will have my soldiers execute any of them who do not come to the sacrifice.” But Jehu was deceiving them. He was planning to kill everyone who worshiped Baal.</i>

Why did Jehu gather all the prophets of Baal, all his worshipers, and all his priests?

He gathered them deceitfully, with the intent to kill the worshipers of Baal.

2 Kings 10:20

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehu said, “Consecrate a solemn assembly for Baal.” And they proclaimed.</i>	<i>Then Jehu commanded, “Announce that we are going to set aside a day to honor Baal.” So his messengers went out and proclaimed that there would be a celebration on that day.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:21

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehu sent into all of Israel, and all of the servants of Baal came, and a man was not left who had not come. And they entered the house of Baal, and the house of Baal was filled mouth to mouth.</i>	<i>Jehu sent messengers throughout Israel telling the people who worshiped Baal to gather in Samaria on a certain day. All those people came that day. They went into the huge temple of Baal and filled it from one side to the other.</i>

To where did the worshipers of Baal come?

They came into the temple of Baal.

2 Kings 10:22

ULT	UST
<i>And he said to him who {was} over the wardrobe, “Bring out clothing for all of the servants of Baal.” And he brought out to them the vestment.</i>	<i>Then Jehu spoke to the person who took care of the sacred robes in Baal’s temple. He told him to bring out enough robes so that everyone who worshiped Baal would have one to wear. So the person did that.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:23

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehu entered the house of Baal with Jehonadab, the son of Recab, and he said to the servants of Baal, "Search and see that there are not with you here from the servants of Yahweh, but only servants of Baal."</i>	<i>Then Jehu went into the temple of Baal with Jonadab. He told the people who were worshipers of Baal, "Look around and make sure that no one who worships Yahweh has come in. Only people who worship Baal should be here."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:24

ULT	UST
<i>And they came in to make sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had stationed for himself 80 men outside, and he had said, "The man who escapes from the men whom I am bringing into your hands, his life in place of his life."</i>	<i>Then he and Jonadab prepared to offer {fellowship} sacrifices and burnt offerings to Baal. But Jehu had stationed 80 of his men outside the temple. He had told them, "I want you to kill all the people who are in this temple. I will have my soldiers execute any of you who allows any of them to escape!"</i>

What would happen if any of the worshipers of Baal escaped?

If any of the worshipers of Baal escaped, whoever let that man escape, his life would be taken for the life of he who escaped.

2 Kings 10:25

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened, when he finished making the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the runners and to the captains, "Go, strike them! Let not a man go out!" And they struck them to the mouth of the sword, and the runners and the captains threw {them}, and they went to the city of the house of Baal.</i>	<i>As soon as he had finished making the burnt offerings, Jehu gave an order to the guards and officers he had stationed outside. He told them, "Go in to the temple and kill the worshipers of Baal! Do not allow any of them to escape!" So the guards and officers went in and killed every one of them. Then they dragged their bodies outside the temple. Then they went into the inner room of the temple</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:26

ULT	UST
<i>And they brought out the pillars of the house of Baal, and they burned it.</i>	<i>and got the sacred images of Baal that were there. They brought them out of the temple and burned them.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:27

ULT	UST
<i>And they broke down the pillar of Baal, and they broke down the house of Baal, and they made it a latrine, to this day.</i>	<i>They also smashed the large stone pillar outside the temple that represented Baal. Then they tore down the temple. People then used it for a bathroom, and people continued to do that afterwards.</i>

Into what did the guards and captains make the house of Baal?

They made the house of Baal into a latrine.

2 Kings 10:28

ULT	UST
<i>So Jehu destroyed Baal from Israel.</i>	<i>That is how Jehu ended the worship of Baal in Israel.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:29

ULT	UST
<i>Only the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin, Jehu did not turn away from after them, the calves of gold that {were in} Bethel and that {were} in Dan.</i>	<i>The one form of idolatry that Jehu allowed to continue was the worship of the golden statues of calves in the cities of Bethel and Dan. King Jeroboam had sinned by making those statues, and he led the people of Israel to sin by worshiping them.</i>

How did Jehu not leave the sins of Jeroboam?

Jehu did not leave the sins of Jeroboam because he worshiped the golden calves in Bethel and Dan.

2 Kings 10:30

ULT	UST
<i>And Yahweh said to Jehu, "Because you did well by doing right in my eyes, according to all that {was} in my heart you did to the house of Ahab, sons of the fourth will sit for you on the throne of Israel."</i>	<i>Then Yahweh told Jehu, "I wanted someone to destroy Ahab's descendants, and you did that. Because you obeyed me and did what I had decided was proper, I promise that your son, grandson, great-grandson, and great-great-grandson will all be kings of Israel."</i>

Why would Jehu's descendants sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation?

Because Jehu did well in executing what was right in Yahweh's eyes, and did to the house of Ahab and did all that was in Yahweh's heart, his descendants would sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation.

2 Kings 10:31

ULT	UST
<i>But Jehu was not careful to walk in the law of Yahweh, the God of Israel, with all of his heart. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam, who caused Israel to sin.</i>	<i>But Jehu did not carefully and completely obey the laws of Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worship. He did not stop committing the sins that Jeroboam had committed, which he had also led the Israelite people to commit.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:32

ULT	UST
<i>In those days, Yahweh began to cut off Israel. And Hazael struck them in every border of Israel</i>	<i>At that time, Yahweh began to allow enemies to conquer some of the territory of Israel. The army of King Hazael of Aram conquered much of the Israelite territory</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:33

ULT	UST
<i>from the Jordan from the rising of the sun, all of the land of Gilead, the Gadite and the Reubenite and the Manassite, from Aroer, which {is} near the valley of Arnon, and Gilead and Bashan.</i>	<i>east of the Jordan River. That was the region of Gilead, where the tribes of Gad and Reuben and half of the tribe of Manasseh lived. Hazael conquered territory as far south as the city of Aroer by the Arnon Valley. He conquered further territory in Gilead as far north as Bashan.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:34

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Jehu and all that he did and all of his might, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Jehu did, including the victories that his armies won.</i>

Where were the other matters concerning Jehu written?

The other matters concerning Jehu, and all that he did, and all his power, were written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel.

2 Kings 10:35

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehu lay down with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his place.</i>	<i>Then Jehu died, and the Israelites buried him in Samaria. His son Jehoahaz became the next king.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 10:36

ULT	UST
<i>And the days that Jehu had reigned over Israel {were} 28 years in Samaria.</i>	<i>Jehu had ruled in Samaria as the king of Israel for 28 years.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 11

2 Kings 11:1

ULT	UST
<i>Now Athaliah {was} the mother of Ahaziah, and she saw that her son had died. And she arose, and she destroyed all of the seed of the kingdom.</i>	<i>Someone told King Ahaziah's mother Athaliah that Jehu had killed her son. She ordered soldiers to kill all the members of Ahaziah's family who might become the next king.</i>

Who was Athaliah not able to kill? (11:1-2)

Athaliah could not kill Joash because the soldiers could not find him.

2 Kings 11:2

ULT	UST
<i>But Jehosheba, the daughter of King Joram, the sister of Ahaziah, took Joash, the son of Ahaziah, and she stole him away from the midst of the sons of the king being killed, him and his nurse, in the room of the beds. And they hid him from the face of Athaliah, and he was not killed.</i>	<i>But Jehosheba, who was King Jehoram's daughter and Ahaziah's half-sister, rescued Ahaziah's very young son Joash. She hid him and his nursemaid in a room in the palace where people kept bedding supplies. So the soldiers whom Athaliah had sent did not kill him when they killed the rest of Ahaziah's sons.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 11:3

ULT	UST
<i>And he was with her {in} the house of Yahweh, being hidden six years, and Athaliah reigned over the land.</i>	<i>For the next six years, the priests hid Joash in Yahweh's temple with Jehosheba. Meanwhile, Athaliah ruled Judah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 11:4

ULT	UST
<i>And in the seventh year, Jehoiada sent, and he took the commanders of hundreds to the Carite and to the runners, and he brought them to himself at the house of Yahweh. And he cut a covenant with them, and he made them swear in the house of Yahweh, and he showed them the son of the king.</i>	<i>But after those six years, Jehoiada {the high priest} sent messengers to get the officers who commanded the royal bodyguards and the palace guards. He told them to come to him at the temple. He had them make a solemn agreement with him {that they would do what he told them to do}. They swore an oath {by Yahweh} in his temple {that they would do this}. Then he showed them Joash, the son of King Ahaziah.</i>

What did the commanders of hundreds of the Carite and of the guard have to do before they saw the king's son?

The commanders of hundreds of the Carite and of the guard had to make a covenant with Jehoiada and swear an oath in the house of Yahweh. Then he showed them the king's son.

2 Kings 11:5

ULT	UST
<i>And he commanded them, saying, "This {is} the thing that you shall do. A third of you coming in on the Sabbath indeed {shall be} keepers of the keeping of the house of the king,</i>	<i>He gave them these instructions. "Many of you guards will come on duty on the Sabbath day. When you do, divide yourselves into three groups. One group must guard the palace building.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 11:6

ULT	UST
<i>and a third {shall be} at the gate of Sur, and a third {shall be} at the gate behind the runners. And you shall keep the keeping of the house, as a barrier.</i>	<i>Another group must guard the Sur Gate. The other group must guard the gate where the palace guards usually stand. This will keep anyone from leaving the palace area.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 11:7

ULT	UST
<i>And the two of the hands among you, everyone going out on the Sabbath, even they shall keep the keeping of the house of Yahweh for the king.</i>	<i>Many others of you guards will be going off duty on the Sabbath day. {Instead of leaving,} you must guard the temple in two groups to protect young King Joash.</i>

What did the two groups who were not serving on the Sabbath have to do?

The two groups who were not serving on the Sabbath had to guard the house of Yahweh to protect young King Joash.

2 Kings 11:8

ULT	UST
<i>And you shall surround around the king all around, a man with his weapons in his hand, and one coming to the ranks shall be killed. And be with the king when he goes out and when he comes in. ”</i>	<i>You must arm yourselves with your weapons and stand all around the king {to protect him}. Kill anyone who approaches your ranks {to try to harm the king}. If he goes anywhere, go with him. ”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 11:9

ULT	UST
<i>And the captains of the hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded. And they took, a man his men, the ones coming in on the Sabbath with the ones going out on the Sabbath, and they came to Jehoiada the priest.</i>	<i>The officers who commanded the guards did exactly what Jehoiada told them to do. Each one brought to Jehoiada the guards whom he commanded. This included the guards who were just finishing their work and those who were about to start their work on the Sabbath day.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 11:10

ULT	UST
<i>And the priest gave to the captains of the hundreds the spears and the shields that {were} to King David that {were} in the house of Yahweh.</i>	<i>Some spears and shields that had belonged to King David were in the temple. Jehoiada distributed them to the commanders of the guards {to give to their men}.</i>

What did Jehoiada hand over to the commanders?

Jehoiada handed over to the commanders the spears and shields that had been King David's, which were in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 11:11

ULT	UST
<i>And the runners stood, a man with his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, to the altar and to the house, around the king all around.</i>	<i>The guards took those weapons and formed a line all across the front of the temple. They stood between the temple building and the altar in its courtyard. In that way they provided complete protection for the king.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 11:12

ULT	UST
<i>And he brought out the son of the king, and he set a crown on him, and the testimony, and they made him king, and they anointed him. And they struck palm, and they said, "May the king live!"</i>	<i>Then Jehoiada the high priest brought Joash out of the temple. He put a crown on his head and gave him a scroll that recorded Yahweh's laws. Then he poured olive oil on Joash's head and proclaimed that he was now the king. The people clapped their hands and shouted, "May King Joash rule for a long time!"</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 11:13

ULT	UST
<i>And Athaliah heard the sound of the runners {and} the people, and she came to the people {at} the house of Yahweh.</i>	<i>Athaliah heard the noise that the guards and the other people were making. So she came to the temple where the people had gathered.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 11:14

ULT	UST
<i>And she looked, and behold, the king was standing by the pillar, according to the custom, and the commanders and the trumpeters {were} near the king, and all of the people of the land were rejoicing and blasting on trumpets. And Athaliah tore her clothes, and she called out, "Conspiracy! Conspiracy!"</i>	<i>She saw Joash, the new king, standing next to one of the big pillars on the temple porch. That was where new kings customarily stood. She saw that the commanders of the palace guards and musicians playing trumpets were standing next to him. She heard a crowd of ordinary Israelites shouting joyfully. Some of them were blowing trumpets. She tore her clothes {to show her distress} and shouted, "You are traitors! You have betrayed me!"</i>

Why did Athaliah tear her clothes and shout?

Athaliah tore her clothes and shouted because she saw King Joash standing by the pillar.

2 Kings 11:15

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehoiada the priest commanded the commanders of hundreds, the officers of the force, and said to them, "Bring her from the house to the ranks. And the one coming after her, kill with the sword." For the priest said, "Let her not be killed in the house of Yahweh."</i>	<i>Jehoiada told the officers who commanded the guards, whom he had put in charge of the armed men that day, "Have the guards take her away from the temple. Kill anyone who tries to rescue her!" He said that because he did not want his men to kill her near Yahweh's temple.</i>

Why was Athaliah killed at the king's house? (11:15-16)

Athaliah was killed at the king's house, for the priest had said, "Do not let her be killed in the house of Yahweh."

2 Kings 11:16

ULT	UST
<i>And they put two hands to her, and she went the way of the entrance of horses {to} the house of the king, and she was killed there.</i>	<i>The guards formed two lines so that she could walk safely between them back to the palace. She walked through the entrance that horses used to get into the palace courtyard. The guards killed her there.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 11:17

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehoiada cut a covenant between Yahweh and between the king and between the people, to become a people for Yahweh, and between the king and between the people.</i>	<i>Then Jehoiada had King Joash and the people make a solemn agreement with Yahweh that they would always be loyal to him as their God. He also had the people make a solemn agreement with Joash that they would be loyal to him as their king.</i>

After Jehoiada made a covenant, what did the people do? (11:17-18)

After Jehoiada made a covenant, the people tore down the house of Baal, smashed Baal's altars and his idol figures to pieces, and killed Mattan, the priest of Baal.

2 Kings 11:18

ULT	UST
<i>And all of the people of the land went {to} the house of Baal, and they tore down his altar, and they shattered his images thoroughly, and they killed Mattan, the priest of Baal, to the face of the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of Yahweh.</i>	<i>Then the large crowd of Israelites who had gathered went to the temple of Baal. They destroyed the main altar and smashed the statues of Baal into pieces. They also killed Mattan, the priest of Baal, right in front of the other altars in the temple. Jehoiada then stationed guards at the temple of Yahweh.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 11:19

ULT	UST
<i>And he took the commanders of the hundreds and the Carite and the runners and all of the people of the land, and they brought the king down from the house of Yahweh, and they entered the way of the gate of the runners {into} the house of the king. And he sat on the throne of the kings.</i>	<i>Then Jehoiada, the officers who commanded the guards, the royal bodyguards, and the palace guards brought the king from the temple to the palace. All the people who had gathered there followed them. Joash entered the palace at the gate where the palace guards usually stood. He sat down on the same throne where the previous kings of Judah had sat.</i>

When Joash sat on the throne of the kings, how did the people respond? (11:19-20)

When Joash sat on the throne of the kings, all the people of the land rejoiced.

2 Kings 11:20

ULT	UST
<i>And all of the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet, for they had killed Athaliah with the sword {at} the house of the king.</i>	<i>The Judeans were glad that the guards had killed Athaliah at the palace. The city of Jerusalem became peaceful after she died.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 11:21

ULT	UST
<i>Joash {was} a son of seven years when he reigned.</i>	<i>Joash was seven years old when he became the king of Judah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 12

2 Kings 12:1

ULT	UST
<i>In the year of seven to Jehu, Joash reigned. And he reigned 40 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Zibiah, from Beersheba.</i>	<i>When Jehu had been ruling Israel for almost seven years, Joash became the king of Judah. He ruled in Jerusalem for 40 years. His mother was Zibiah. She was from the city of Beersheba.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 12:2

ULT	UST
<i>And Joash did right in the eyes of Yahweh all of his days because Jehoiada the priest instructed him.</i>	<i>Jehoiada the priest instructed him. As a result, throughout his life, Joash did things that pleased Yahweh.</i>

Why did Joash do what was right in the eyes of Yahweh all the time?

Joash did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh all the time, because Jehoiada the priest was instructing him.

2 Kings 12:3

ULT	UST
<i>Only they did not remove the high places. The people were still sacrificing and burning incense on the high places.</i>	<i>However, Joash did not destroy the shrines on the tops of hills. The Judeans continued to offer sacrifices and burn incense at those places {instead of at the place that God had chosen for them in Jerusalem}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 12:4

ULT	UST
<i>And Joash said to the priests, "All of the silver of the sacred things that is brought {into} the house of Yahweh, the silver passing over a man, the silver of the lives of his valuation, all of the silver that goes up onto the heart of a man to bring {into} the house of Yahweh,</i>	<i>Joash told the priests, "People give money to Yahweh's temple for several reasons. The law requires them to give some money to support the temple. Sometimes people dedicate people or animals to Yahweh and redeem them with money. And sometimes people just want to give money to the temple.</i>

By what were the people motivated to give money for the temple?

The people were motivated by Yahweh in their hearts to give.

2 Kings 12:5

ULT	UST
<i>the priests shall take for themselves, a man from his acquaintance, and they shall strengthen the damage of the house in every {place} where damage is found there.”</i>	<i>Each priest must take the money from the people who come to him, and he must use that money to pay for the repair of any damages that he discovers in the temple.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 12:6

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened in the year of 23, the year to King Joash, the priests had not strengthened the damage of the house.</i>	<i>But after Joash had been ruling for almost 23 years, the priests still had not made repairs in the temple.</i>

Why did Joash tell the priests to take no more money from the taxpayers? (12:6-7)

Joash told the priests this because they had not repaired anything in the temple.

2 Kings 12:7

ULT	UST
<i>And King Joash called for Jehoiada the priest and for the priests, and he said to them, “Why are you not strengthening the damage of the house? And now, you shall not take silver from your acquaintances, but for the damage of the house you shall give it.”</i>	<i>So Joash summoned Jehoiada and the other priests and told them, “I told you that when people gave money for various reasons, you should use it to make repairs to the temple. But you have not been doing that. So do not collect that money any longer. Instead, use it to pay workers to make the repairs.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 12:8

ULT	UST
<i>And the priests agreed not to accept silver from the people and not to strengthen the damage of the house.</i>	<i>The priests agreed that they would no longer collect that money or do the repair work.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 12:9

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehoiada the priest took a box and bored a hole in its lid, and he put it beside the altar, on the right side. When a man came {to} the house of Yahweh, then the priests keeping the threshold put into there all of the silver brought {to} the house of Yahweh.</i>	<i>Then Jehoiada took a chest and made a hole in its top. He put the box on the right side of the altar {in the temple courtyard}. Often people {gave some money for the temple} when they came to the temple courtyard. {When they did,} the priests who supervised the courtyard entrance put that money in the box.</i>

Who put money into the chest?

The priests who were guarding the temple entrance put into the chest all the money that was brought to the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 12:10

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened, when they saw that silver {was} abundant in the box, that the scribe of the king went up with the great priest, and they bound {it}, and they weighed the silver found {at} the house of Yahweh.</i>	<i>Whenever the priests realized that there was a lot of money in the chest, they would ask the king's secretary and the high priest to come and collect it. The secretary and priest took the money out of the chest and tied it up in bags. Then they weighed the bags to determine the value of this silver that people had given to the temple.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 12:11

ULT	UST
<i>And they gave the silver that was weighed into the hands of the doers of the work, the ones appointed {over} the house of Yahweh. And they brought it out to the craftsmen of wood and to the builders, the ones making the house of Yahweh,</i>	<i>Then they would distribute the money to the men who supervised the work in the temple. The supervisors would use that money to pay the carpenters and builders who did the repair work in the temple.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 12:12

ULT	UST
<i>and to the masons and to the hewers of stone and to buy wood and stones of hewing to strengthen the damage of the house of Yahweh and for everything that came out concerning the house to strengthen {it}.</i>	<i>They also used the money to pay masons and stone cutters and to buy timber and stones that workers had shaped. They used the timber and stone to repair damages in the temple. They also used the money to pay for all the other expenses of the repair work.</i>

For what did the workers use the money?

The workers used the money for buying timber and cutting stone to repair the temple of Yahweh, and for all that was needed to be paid to repair it.

2 Kings 12:13

ULT	UST
<i>However, {in} the house of Yahweh, bowls of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, {or} any {other} articles of gold or articles of silver were not made from the silver brought {to} the house of Yahweh,</i>	<i>But they did not use any of that money to pay for silver cups or wick trimmers or bowls or trumpets or any other silver or gold items that the priests would use in the temple.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 12:14

ULT	UST
<i>because they gave it to the doers of the work. And they strengthened the house of Yahweh with it.</i>	<i>Instead, the supervisors gave all of that money to the men who were doing the work of repairing the temple.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 12:15

ULT	UST
<i>And they did not reckon with the men into whose hand they gave the silver to give to the doers of the work, for they were acting in faithfulness.</i>	<i>The men who supervised the work acted honestly. So when the king's secretary and the high priest gave them money to pay the workers, they never required them to report how they had spent that money.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 12:16

ULT	UST
<i>The silver of the guilt offering and the silver of the sin offerings was not brought into the house of Yahweh. They were to the priests.</i>	<i>Sometimes people gave money to the priests who offered the animals that they brought as sacrifices for guilt or sin. That money belonged to the priests, so the supervisors did not use it to repair the temple.</i>

Why was the money for the guilt offerings and the money for the sin offerings not brought into the temple of Yahweh?

The money for the guilt offerings and the money for the sin offerings was not brought into the temple of Yahweh, because it belonged to the priests.

2 Kings 12:17

ULT	UST
<i>Then Hazael, the king of Aram, went up and fought against Gath, and he captured it. And Hazael set his face to go up against Jerusalem.</i>	<i>Later, Hazael king of Aram led his army to attack the city of Gath. They conquered it. Then he decided to lead his army to attack Jerusalem.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 12:18

ULT	UST
<i>And Joash, the king of Judah, took all of the holy things that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, his fathers, the kings of Judah, had consecrated and his holy things and all of the gold found in the treasuries of the house of Yahweh and the house of the king, and he sent {them} to Hazael, the king of Aram, and he went up from upon Jerusalem.</i>	<i>So King Joash of Judah got all of the gold and silver items that the previous kings, Jehoshaphat, Jehoram, and Ahaziah, had dedicated to Yahweh. He also got the gold and silver items that he had dedicated. He also got all of the gold that was in the storerooms of the temple and his palace. He sent this treasure to King Hazael {to persuade him to stop attacking Jerusalem}. So King Hazael led his army away from Jerusalem.</i>

How did King Joash prevent King Hazael from attacking Jerusalem?

Joash took all the holy objects that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah had consecrated to Yahweh, his own holy things, and all the gold that was found in the storerooms of the houses of Yahweh and of the king, and he sent them to Hazael, king of Aram. Then Hazael went away from Jerusalem.

2 Kings 12:19

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Joash and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Joash did.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 12:20

ULT	UST
<i>And his servants arose, and they conspired a conspiracy, and they struck Joash {in} Beth Millo, on the descent {to} Silla.</i>	<i>Joash's officials plotted against him, and two of them ambushed him in Beth Millo, on the road that goes down to the district of Silla.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 12:21

ULT	UST
<i>And Jozabad, the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad, the son of Shomer, his servants, struck him, and he died. And they buried him with his fathers in the City of David. And Amaziah his son reigned in his place.</i>	<i>The two officials who ambushed Joash were Jozabad son of Shimeath and Jehozabad son of Shomer. They killed him. The Judeans buried Joash in the part of Jerusalem that people called the City of David. That is where people had also buried his ancestors. Then Joash's son Amaziah became the next king of Judah.</i>

Who attacked Joash?

Jozabad, the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad, the son of Shomer, his servants, attacked Joash.

2 Kings 13

2 Kings 13:1

ULT	UST
<i>In the year of 23, the year to Joash, the son of Ahaziah, the king of Judah, Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, reigned over Israel in Samaria, 17 years.</i>	<i>After Joash had been ruling Judah for almost 23 years, Jehoahaz son of Jehu became the king of Israel. He ruled in the city of Samaria for 17 years.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:2

ULT	UST
<i>And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. And he walked after the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin. He did not turn away from it.</i>	<i>Jehoahaz did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. Jeroboam son of Nebat had sinned {by making calf idols}, and he made the people of Israel sin {by worshiping those idols}. Jehoahaz sinned in that same way, and he did not repent.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:3

ULT	UST
<i>And the nose of Yahweh burned against Israel, and he gave them into the hand of Hazael, the king of Aram, and into the hand of Ben Hadad, the son of Hazael, all of the days.</i>	<i>Yahweh became very angry with the Israelite people. So he allowed the armies of King Hazael of Aram and his son Ben Hadad to defeat the Israelites many times.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:4

ULT	UST
<i>Then Jehoahaz entreated the face of Yahweh, and Yahweh listened to him because he saw the oppression of Israel, for the king of Aram oppressed them.</i>	<i>The Arameans were treating the Israelites very badly. So Jehoahaz prayed to Yahweh for help. Yahweh saw how badly the Arameans were treating the Israelites, so he did give Jehoahaz the help he asked for.</i>

Why did Yahweh give Israel a rescuer? (13:4-5)

Jehoahaz implored Yahweh, so Yahweh gave Israel a rescuer.

2 Kings 13:5

ULT	UST
<i>And Yahweh gave to Israel a savior, and they came out from under the hand of Aram. And the sons of Israel dwelled in their tents as yesterday, the third day.</i>	<i>Yahweh sent a leader to Israel who rescued them from the control of the Aramean king. After that, the Israelites lived peacefully as they had done previously.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:6

ULT	UST
<i>Nevertheless, they did not turn aside from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who caused Israel to sin. He walked in it, and also the Asherah stood in Samaria.</i>	<i>But even after that, the Israelites continued to commit the same kind of sins that Jeroboam and his descendants committed. Jeroboam had led the people of Israel to sin {by worshiping idols}, and they continued to sin in that way. Also, the pole that people used in the worship of the goddess Asherah remained in Samaria.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:7

ULT	UST
<i>For he did not leave people to Jehoahaz except 50 horsemen and 10 chariots and 10,000 foot soldiers, for the king of Aram destroyed them and made them like dust to threshing.</i>	<i>The Aramean army killed so many of Jehoahaz's soldiers that he had only 50 men left who rode on horses. He had only 10 chariots and 10,000 other soldiers left. The Arameans were so powerful compared to the Israelites that it was as if they could knock them down and walk over them.</i>

The king of Aram destroyed the army of Israel and made them like what?

The king of Aram had destroyed the army of Israel and made them like the dust at threshing time.

2 Kings 13:8

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Jehoahaz and all that he did and his might, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Jehoahaz did, including the battles that he fought.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:9

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehoahaz lay down with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria, and Jehoash his son reigned in his place.</i>	<i>Jehoahaz died, and the Israelites buried him in Samaria. Then his son Joash became the next king.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:10

ULT	UST
<i>In the year of 37, the year to Joash, the king of Judah, Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, reigned over Israel in Samaria, 16 years.</i>	<i>Jehoash son of Jehoahaz started to rule in Israel after King Joash had been ruling in Judah for 37 years. Jehoash ruled in Samaria for 16 years.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:11

ULT	UST
<i>And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn aside from all of the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin. He walked in it.</i>	<i>He did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. Jeroboam son of Nebat had sinned {by making calf idols}, and he made the people of Israel sin {by worshiping those idols}. Jehoash sinned in that same way, and he did not repent.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:12

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Jehoash and all that he did and his might {with} which he fought with Amaziah, the king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Joash did, including the victory that his army won against the army of King Amaziah of Judah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:13

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehoash lay down with his fathers, and Jeroboam sat on his throne. And Jehoash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.</i>	<i>When Joash died, the Israelites buried him in Samaria. That was where they had buried other kings of Israel. His son Jeroboam became the next king.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:14

ULT	UST
<i>Now Elisha had become sick with his sickness with which he would die. And Jehoash, the king of Israel, went down to him, and he wept over his face, and he said, "My father, my father, the chariotry of Israel and its horsemen!"</i>	<i>Then Elisha became very ill. Just before he died, King Joash went to Elisha and cried because he was so sad that he was going to die. He cried out, "Sir, you protected Israel so well, but now you are going to die!"</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:15

ULT	UST
<i>And Elisha said to him, "Bring a bow and arrows." And he brought to him a bow and arrows.</i>	<i>Elisha told him, "Bring me a bow and some arrows." So the king did that.</i>

When Elisha was sick, what did he tell Joash to bring?

He told Joash to bring a bow and some arrows.

2 Kings 13:16

ULT	UST
<i>And he said to, the king of Israel, "Make your hand ride on the bow." And he made his hand ride. And Elisha put his hands over the hands of the king.</i>	<i>Then Elisha told the king to hold the bow in his left hand {and the bowstring in his right hand}. So the king did that. Elisha then put his own hands on top of the king's hands.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:17

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "Open the window to the east." And one opened {it}. And Elisha said, "Shoot." And he shot. And he said, "The arrow of victory to Yahweh, and the arrow of victory against Aram. And you will strike Aram at Aphek to finishing."</i>	<i>Then Elisha told him, "Have someone open that window through which we can look to the east." So a servant opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot an arrow {toward the east}!" So the king did that. Then Elisha told him, "That arrow represents how Yahweh will enable you to defeat the Aramean army. Your army will completely defeat them at the city of Aphek."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:18

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "Take the arrows." And he took {them}. And he said to the king of Israel, "Strike on the ground." And he struck three times, and he stopped.</i>	<i>Then Elisha told him, "Pick up the other arrows." So he picked up the arrows. Then Elisha told the king, "Hit the ground with them!" So he hit the ground with them. But he only did that three times.</i>

What happened because Joash hit the ground only three times? (13:18-19)

Because he hit the ground only three times, he would strike Aram only three times.

2 Kings 13:19

ULT	UST
<i>And the man of God became angry with him, and he said, "Striking five or six times, then you would have struck Aram to finishing. But now, you will strike Aram three times."</i>	<i>This made Elisha angry with him. He exclaimed, "You should have struck the ground five or six times! If you had done that, your army would have completely destroyed the Aramean army {in a series of battles}. Instead, your army is only going to win three battles against them."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:20

ULT	UST
<i>And Elisha died, and they buried him. Now raiding bands of Moab came into the land {at} the coming {of} the year.</i>	<i>Then Elisha died, and the Israelites buried him. At that time groups of raiders from Moab were coming into Israel each year during the spring.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:21

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened, they were burying a man, and behold, they saw a raiding band, and they threw the man into the grave of Elisha. And the man went and touched the bones of Elisha, and it happened that he arose onto his feet.</i>	<i>Around that time, while some Israelites were carrying a man's body to where they wanted to bury him, they saw a group of those raiders. They {were afraid, so they} quickly threw that man's body into the same tomb where Elisha's body was {and ran away}. But as soon as the man's body touched Elisha's body, the dead man became alive again and stood up!</i>

What happened to the man who was buried in Elisha's grave?

The man who was buried in Elisha's grave revived and stood up on his feet as soon as the man touched Elisha's bones.

2 Kings 13:22

ULT	UST
<i>Now Hazael, the king of Aram, had oppressed Israel all of the days of Jehoahaz.</i>	<i>King Hazael of Aram had treated the Israelite people badly throughout the reign of Jehoahaz.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:23

ULT	UST
<i>But Yahweh was gracious to them and had compassion on them, and he turned to them because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And he was not willing to destroy them, and he has not cast them away from his face until now.</i>	<i>But Yahweh felt sorry for the Israelite people, so he treated them better than they deserved. He helped them because of the solemn agreement he had made with {their ancestors} Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He wanted them to continue being a nation. So he still did not allow enemies to take the Israelites away from their land.</i>

Why did Yahweh not drive Israel away from his presence?

Yahweh was gracious to Israel and had compassion on them and concern for them because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. So Yahweh did not destroy them, and he did not drive them away from his presence.

2 Kings 13:24

ULT	UST
<i>And Hazael, the king of Aram, died, and Ben Hadad his son reigned in his place.</i>	<i>When Hazael died, his son Ben Hadad became the next king of Aram.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 13:25

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, returned and took the cities from the hand of Ben Hadad, the son of Hazael, that he had taken from the hand of Jehoahaz his father in battle. Three times Joash struck him, and he made the cities of Israel return.</i>	<i>Ben Hadad son of Hazael had fought and defeated Jehoash's father Jehoahaz. He had captured several cities. But Joash defeated Ben Hadad three times. In that way, he recaptured those cities and made them part of Israel again.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14

2 Kings 14:1

ULT	UST
<i>In the year of two to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the king of Israel, Amaziah, the son of Joash, the king of Judah, reigned.</i>	<i>After Jehoash son of Jehoahaz had been ruling Israel for almost two years, Amaziah son of Joash became the king of Judah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:2

ULT	UST
<i>He was a son of 25 years when he reigned, and he reigned 29 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Jehoaddan, from Jerusalem.</i>	<i>He was 24 years old when he started to rule, and he ruled in Jerusalem for 29 years. His mother was Jehoaddin. She was from the city of Jerusalem.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:3

ULT	UST
<i>And he did right in the eyes of Yahweh, only not like David his father. Like all that Joash his father did, he did.</i>	<i>Amaziah did many things that pleased Yahweh, but not to the extent that King David, his ancestor, had done. He did the same kind of good things that his father Joash had done.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:4

ULT	UST
<i>Only, the high places were not removed. The people were still sacrificing and burning incense at the high places.</i>	<i>However, Amaziah did not destroy the shrines on the tops of hills. The Judeans continued to offer sacrifices and burn incense at those places {instead of at the place that God had chosen for them in Jerusalem}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:5

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened, as soon as the kingdom was strong in his hand, that he struck his servants, the ones having struck the king, his father.</i>	<i>As soon as Amaziah was completely in control of his kingdom, he had his soldiers execute the officials who had murdered his father, King Joash.</i>

What did Amaziah do as soon as his rule was well established?

As soon as his rule was well established, Amaziah killed the servants who had murdered his father, the king.

2 Kings 14:6

ULT	UST
<i>But the sons of the ones striking, he did not kill, as written in the book of the law of Moses, what Yahweh commanded, saying, "Fathers shall not be killed for sons, and sons shall not be killed for fathers. Rather, a man shall be killed for his sin."</i>	<i>But he did not tell his servants to execute those officials' children. He obeyed what Moses wrote in the book of laws that Yahweh gave him. He wrote, "You must not execute parents for crimes that their children commit, and you must not execute children for crimes that their parents commit. You must only execute people for the sins that they themselves commit."</i>

Why did Amaziah not put the sons of the assassins to death?

Amaziah did not put the sons of the assassins to death because Yahweh had commanded him, saying, "The fathers must not be put to death for their children, neither must the children be put to death for their parents. Instead, every person must be put to death for his own sin."

2 Kings 14:7

ULT	UST
<i>He, he struck Edom in the Valley of Salt, 10,000, and he captured Sela in battle. And he called its name Joktheel, to this day.</i>	<i>Amaziah led his army and defeated the Edomite army in the Valley of Salt. The Judeans killed 10,000 Edomites. They captured the city of Sela. Amaziah gave that city a new name, Joktheel, and that is still its name.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:8

ULT	UST
<i>Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, the king of Israel, saying, "Come, let us see one another's faces."</i>	<i>Then Amaziah sent messengers to King Jehoash of Israel to tell him, "I challenge you to a battle!"</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:9

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehoash, the king of Israel, sent to Amaziah, the king of Judah, saying, "A thornbush that {was} in Lebanon sent to a cedar that {was} in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son as a wife.' But a beast of the field that {was} in Lebanon passed by, and it trampled the thornbush.</i>	<i>But in reply, King Jehoash had his messengers tell King Amaziah a story that taught a lesson. They said, "Once a little thornbush was growing in the mountains in Lebanon. It sent a message to a great cedar tree. It told the cedar that it should allow the son of the thornbush to marry its daughter. But as a wild animal in Lebanon was walking along, it stepped on the thornbush and crushed it."</i>

What trampled down the thistle?

A wild beast in Lebanon trampled down the thistle.

2 Kings 14:10

ULT	UST
<i>Striking, you have struck Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Be honored, but stay in your house. For why should you contend with calamity, so that you will fall, you and Judah with you?"</i>	<i>{The messengers continued to say on behalf of Jehoash,} "The meaning of my story is that you have become very proud because your army defeated the army of Edom. But you should be happy about that and not fight a further war with me. If you cause trouble by fighting against me, you will surely cause great harm to happen to you and to your people."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:11

ULT	UST
<i>But Amaziah did not listen. So Jehoash, the king of Israel, went up, and they saw one another's faces, he and Amaziah, the king of Judah, at Beth Shemesh, which {is} to Judah.</i>	<i>But Amaziah did not withdraw his challenge. So Jehoash led his army to fight against the army of Amaziah. They fought a battle at the city of Beth Shemesh in Judah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:12

ULT	UST
<i>And Judah was struck to the face of Israel. And they fled, a man to his tent.</i>	<i>The Israelite army defeated the army of Judah, and the Judean soldiers ran away and went home.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:13

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehoash, the king of Israel, captured Amaziah, the king of Judah, the son of Jehoash, the son of Ahaziah, at Beth Shemesh. And he came to Jerusalem, and he broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the Gate of Ephraim to the Gate of the Corner, 400 cubits.</i>	<i>Jehoash's army captured King Amaziah at Beth Shemesh. Then they marched to Jerusalem and tore down the wall around the city from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate. That section of the wall was about 180 meters long.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:14

ULT	UST
<i>And he took all of the gold and the silver and all of the articles found {in} the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the house of the king, and sons of pledges. And he returned to Samaria.</i>	<i>Jehoash's soldiers seized all the gold and silver and valuable items that were in Yahweh's temple and that Amaziah was keeping in the royal palace. They also took some prisoners to make sure that Amaziah would not attack Israel. Then Jehoash returned to Samaria.</i>

What did Jehoash take to Samaria from Jerusalem?

He took all the gold and silver, all the objects that were found in the house of Yahweh, and the valuable things in the king's palace, and hostages also.

2 Kings 14:15

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Jehoash, what he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah, the king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Jehoash did, including more about how he and his army fought and defeated the army of King Amaziah of Judah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:16

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehoash lay down with his fathers, and he was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. And Jeroboam his son reigned in his place.</i>	<i>When Jehoash died, the Israelites buried him in Samaria. That was where they had buried other kings of Israel. His son Jeroboam became the next king.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:17

ULT	UST
<i>And Amaziah, the son of Joash, the king of Judah, lived 15 years after the death of Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz, the king of Israel.</i>	<i>King Amaziah of Judah lived for 15 more years after King Jehoash of Israel died.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:18

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Amaziah, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Amaziah did.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:19

ULT	UST
<i>And they conspired a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish. But they sent after him to Lachish, and they killed him there.</i>	<i>Some people in Jerusalem plotted against Amaziah, so he ran away to the city of Lachish. But those people sent men to follow him to Lachish, and those men killed him there.</i>

How did Amaziah die?

A conspiracy was made against Amaziah in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish. But men were sent after him to Lachish and they killed him there.

2 Kings 14:20

ULT	UST
<i>And they carried him on the horses, and he was buried in Jerusalem with his fathers in the City of David.</i>	<i>{To honor him,} his officials brought his body back to Jerusalem in his own chariot. They buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people called the City of David. That was where people had also buried his ancestors.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:21

ULT	UST
<i>And all of the people of Judah took Azariah (now he {was} a son of 16 years), and they made him king in place of his father Amaziah.</i>	<i>Then the Judeans appointed Amaziah's son Azariah as the next king. He became king when he was 16 years old.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:22

ULT	UST
<i>He, he built up Elath, and he returned it to Judah after the king lay down with his fathers.</i>	<i>After his father Amaziah died, Azariah led his army to recapture the city of Elath. He then fortified that city.</i>

What did Uzziah do to Elath?

Uzziah rebuilt Elath and restored it to Judah.

2 Kings 14:23

ULT	UST
<i>In the year of 15, the year to Amaziah, the son of Joash, the king of Judah, Jeroboam, the son of Joash, the king of Israel, reigned in Samaria, 41 years.</i>	<i>When Amaziah son of Joash had been ruling Judah for almost 15 years, Jeroboam son of Jehoash became the king of Israel. He ruled in the city of Samaria for 41 years.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:24

ULT	UST
<i>And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn away from all of the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.</i>	<i>He did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. Jeroboam son of Nebat had sinned {by making calf idols}, and he made the people of Israel sin {by worshipping those idols}. This Jeroboam {sinned in that same way, and he} did not repent.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:25

ULT	UST
<i>He, he restored the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of Yahweh, the God of Israel, that he spoke by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, who {was} from Gath Hepher.</i>	<i>Jeroboam led his soldiers to reconquer much of the territory that the Israelites had previously controlled, from Lebo Hamath {in the north} to the Sea of the Arabah in the south. That is exactly what Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worship, promised would happen. He said that in a message he gave to the prophet Jonah son of Amittai, who came from the city of Gath Hepher.</i>

Through whom did Jeroboam hear that he should restore the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the sea of the Arabah?

Jeroboam heard through Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, that he should restore the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the sea of the Arabah.

2 Kings 14:26

ULT	UST
<i>For Yahweh saw the very bitter affliction of Israel, and none restrained and none set free and no helper for Israel.</i>	<i>Yahweh made that promise and kept it because he saw that the Israelites' enemies were causing them to suffer greatly. He also saw that no one at all was able to rescue them.</i>

Because Yahweh saw there was no rescuer for Israel, how did he save them? (14:26-27)

Because Yahweh saw there was no rescuer for Israel, Yahweh saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Jehoash.

2 Kings 14:27

ULT	UST
<i>But Yahweh had not said that he would wipe out the name of Israel from under the heavens, so he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam, the son of Joash.</i>	<i>But Yahweh had not said that he would destroy the Israelites completely. So he enabled King Jeroboam to rescue them.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:28

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Jeroboam and all that he did and his might, how he fought and how he brought Damascus and Hamath of Judah back into Israel, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Jeroboam did. He was a strong king. He led his armies to recapture the territories in the areas of Damascus and Hamath that Judean kings had formerly controlled. He made them part of his kingdom of Israel.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 14:29

ULT	UST
<i>And Jeroboam lay down with his fathers, with the kings of Israel, and Zechariah his son reigned in his place.</i>	<i>When Jeroboam died, the Israelites buried him in Samaria. That was where they had buried other kings of Israel. His son Zechariah became the next king.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15

2 Kings 15:1

ULT	UST
<i>In the year of 27, the year to Jeroboam, the king of Israel, Azariah, the son of Amaziah, the king of Judah, reigned.</i>	<i>After Jeroboam had been ruling Israel for almost 27 years, Azariah, the son of King Amaziah, began to rule Judah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:2

ULT	UST
<i>He was a son of 16 years when he reigned, and he reigned 52 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Jekoliah, from Jerusalem.</i>	<i>He was 16 years old when he started to rule, and he ruled in Jerusalem for 52 years. His mother was Jecoliah. She was from the city of Jerusalem.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:3

ULT	UST
<i>And he did right in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that Amaziah his father had done.</i>	<i>He did things that pleased Yahweh. He did the same good things that his father Amaziah had done.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:4

ULT	UST
<i>Only, the high places were not removed. The people still were sacrificing and burning incense at the high places.</i>	<i>However, Azariah did not destroy the shrines on the tops of hills. The Judeans continued to offer sacrifices and burn incense at those places {instead of at the place that God had chosen for them in Jerusalem}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:5

ULT	UST
<i>And Yahweh touched the king, and he was a leper until the day of his death, and he lived in a house of separation. And Jotham, the son of the king, {was} over the house, judging the people of the land.</i>	<i>{Azariah committed a serious sin,} and Yahweh punished him by causing him to become a leper. Azariah remained a leper for the rest of his life. He had to live in a house away from other people. His son Jotham was in charge of the royal palace and decided cases that Judeans brought to him.</i>

How did Yahweh afflict King Azariah?

Yahweh afflicted the king so that he was a leper to the day of his death and lived in a separate house.

2 Kings 15:6

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Azariah and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Azariah did.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:7

ULT	UST
<i>And Azariah lay down with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the City of David. And Jotham his son reigned in his place.</i>	<i>When Azariah died, the Judeans buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people called the City of David. That is where people had also buried his ancestors. Ahaziah's son Jotham became the next king.</i>

Who became king in Azariah's place?

Jotham, his son, became king in his place.

2 Kings 15:8

ULT	UST
<i>In the year of 38, the year to Azariah, the king of Judah, Zechariah, the son of Jeroboam, reigned over Israel in Samaria, six months.</i>	<i>After Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost 38 years, Zechariah son of Jeroboam became the king of Israel. He ruled in the city of Samaria for six months.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:9

ULT	UST
<i>And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, just as his fathers had done. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.</i>	<i>He did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. That is what his ancestors who were kings of Israel had done. Jeroboam son of Nebat had sinned {by making calf idols}, and he made the people of Israel sin {by worshiping those idols}. Zechariah {sinned in that same way, and he} did not repent.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:10

ULT	UST
<i>And Shallum, the son of Jabesh, conspired against him, and he struck him in front of the people, and he killed him. And he reigned in his place.</i>	<i>Then Shallum son of Jabesh plotted against Zechariah. He assassinated him right in public. Then he became the next king.</i>

Where did Shallum kill Zechariah?

Shallum killed Zechariah in front of the people.

2 Kings 15:11

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Zechariah, behold them, written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel.</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Zechariah did.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:12

ULT	UST
<i>It {was} the word of Yahweh that he had spoken to Jehu, saying, "Sons of the fourth will sit for you on the throne of Israel." And it was thus.</i>	<i>Yahweh had told Jehu that his son, grandson, great-grandson, and great-great-grandson would all be kings of Israel. And that is exactly what happened.</i>

For how long would Jehu's descendants sit on the throne of Israel?

Jehu's descendants would sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation.

2 Kings 15:13

ULT	UST
<i>Shallum, the son of Jabesh, reigned in the year of 39, the year to Azariah, the king of Judah, and he reigned a month of days in Samaria.</i>	<i>After Amaziah had been ruling Judah for almost 39 years, Shallum son of Jabesh became the king of Israel. He ruled in Samaria for one month.</i>

Why did Shallum reign only one month in Samaria? (15:13-14)

Shallum reigned only one month in Samaria because Menahem the son of Gadi killed him.

2 Kings 15:14

ULT	UST
<i>Then Menahem, the son of Gadi, came up from Tirzah, and he came {to} Samaria. And he struck Shallum, the son of Jabesh, in Samaria, and he killed him. And he reigned in his place.</i>	<i>Then Menahem son of Gadi came from the city of Tirzah to Samaria and assassinated Shallum. Then Menahem became the next king.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:15

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Shallum and his conspiracy that he conspired, behold them, written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel.</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Shallum did, including how he plotted against King Zechariah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:16

ULT	UST
<i>Then Menahem struck Tiphshah and all who {were} in it and its borders, from Tirzah, because one did not open. And he struck {them}, all of its pregnant women he ripped open.</i>	<i>After he became king, Menahem led his soldiers from Tirzah to the city of Tiphshah. They destroyed the city and killed the people who lived in it and near it. His soldiers even used their swords to split open the bellies of the pregnant women in the city {and kill the children in their wombs}. They did that because {those people had not wanted Menahem to be their king, so they} had not allowed him to come into their city.</i>

Why did Menahem attack Tiphshah and all who were there?

Menahem attacked Tiphshah and all who were there because they did not open the city up to him.

2 Kings 15:17

ULT	UST
<i>In the year of 39, the year to Azariah, the king of Judah, Menahem, the son of Gadi, reigned over Israel, ten years in Samaria.</i>	<i>When Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost 39 years, Menahem son of Gadi became the king of Israel. He ruled in Samaria for ten years.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:18

ULT	UST
<i>And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin, all of his days.</i>	<i>Menahem did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. Jeroboam son of Nebat had sinned {by making calf idols}, and he made the people of Israel sin {by worshiping those idols}. Menahem {sinned in that same way, and he} did not ever repent.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:19

ULT	UST
<i>Pul, the king of Assyria, came against the land, and Menahem gave to Pul 1,000 kikkars of silver so that his hands would be with him to strengthen the kingdom in his hand.</i>	<i>Then King Pul of Assyria led his army to invade Israel. Menahem gave him about 33 metric tons of silver so that he would be his ally and help him rule Israel more powerfully.</i>

**How did Menahem collect the one thousand talents of silver to give Pul?
(15:19-20)**

Menahem collected one thousand talents of silver by requiring each of the wealthy men to pay fifty shekels of silver to him.

2 Kings 15:20

ULT	UST
<i>And Menahem brought forth the silver over Israel, over all of the mighty of valor, to give to the king of Assyria, 50 silver shekels to one man. And the king of Assyria returned, and he did not stay there in the land.</i>	<i>Menahem obtained that money from the rich men in Israel. He compelled each of them to contribute three fifths of a kilogram of silver. When Pul received that money, he ended his invasion and returned to Assyria.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:21

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Menahem and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Menahem did.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:22

ULT	UST
<i>And Menahem lay down with his fathers, and Pekahiah his son reigned in his place.</i>	<i>After Menahem died, his son Pekahiah became the next king of Israel.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:23

ULT	UST
<i>In the year of 50, the year to Azariah, the king of Judah, Pekahiah, the son of Menahem, reigned over Israel in Samaria, two years.</i>	<i>When Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost 50 years, Pekahiah son of Menahem became the king of Israel. He ruled in Samaria for two years.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:24

ULT	UST
<i>And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.</i>	<i>Pekahiah did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. Jeroboam son of Nebat had sinned {by making calf idols}, and he made the people of Israel sin {by worshiping those idols}. Pekahiah {sinned in that same way, and he} did not repent.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:25

ULT	UST
<i>And Pekah, the son of Remaliah, his captain, conspired against him, and he struck him in Samaria, in the citadel of the house of the king, Argob and Arieah, and with him 50 men of the sons of the Gileadites. And he killed him, and he reigned in his place.</i>	<i>One of Pekahiah's military officers, Pekah son of Remaliah, plotted against him. Together with 50 men from the region of Gilead, he went to the fortress in the king's palace in Samaria. There they assassinated Pekahiah and two of his officials, Argob and Arieah. Then Pekah became the next king.</i>

Who killed Pekahiah?

Pekah killed Pekahiah.

2 Kings 15:26

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Pekahiah and all that he did, behold them, written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel.</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Pekahiah did.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:27

ULT	UST
<i>In the year of 52, the year to Azariah, the king of Judah, Pekah, the son of Remaliah, reigned over Israel in Samaria, 20 years.</i>	<i>When Azariah had been ruling Judah for almost 52 years, Pekah son of Remaliah became the king of Israel. He ruled in Samaria for 20 years.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:28

ULT	UST
<i>And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. He did not turn away from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin.</i>	<i>Pekah did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. Jeroboam son of Nebat had sinned {by making calf idols}, and he made the people of Israel sin {by worshiping those idols}. Pekah {sinned in that same way, and he} did not repent.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:29

ULT	UST
<i>In the days of Pekah, the king of Israel, Tiglath Pileser, the king of Assyria, came, and he took Ijon and Abel Beth Maacah and Janoah and Kedesh and Hazor and Gilead and Galilee, all of the land of Naphtali, and he exiled them to Assyria.</i>	<i>While Pekah was the king of Israel, King Tiglath Pileser of Assyria led his army to invade the country. They captured the cities of Ijon, Abel Beth Maacah, Janoah, Kedesh, and Hazor. Those cities were in the parts of the regions of Gilead and Galilee that belonged to the tribe of Naphtali. Tiglath Pileser forced the Israelite people who had lived in those places to go to live in Assyria.</i>

Why did Hoshea form a conspiracy against Pekah? (15:29-30)

Hoshea formed a conspiracy against Pekah because Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria came and took many cities.

2 Kings 15:30

ULT	UST
<i>And Hoshea, the son of Elah, conspired a conspiracy against Pekah, the son of Remaliah, and he struck him, and he killed him. And he reigned in his place, in the year of 20 to Jotham, the son of Uzziah.</i>	<i>Then Hoshea son of Elah, plotted against Pekah. He assassinated him when Jotham son of Uzziah had been ruling Judah for almost 20 years. Then Hoshea became the next king of Israel.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:31

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Pekah and all that he did, behold them, written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel.</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Pekah did.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:32

ULT	UST
<i>In the year of two to Pekah, the son of Remaliah, the king of Israel, Jotham, the son of Azariah, the king of Judah, reigned.</i>	<i>When Pekah had been ruling Israel for almost two years, Jotham son of Azariah began to rule Judah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:33

ULT	UST
<i>He was a son of 25 years when he reigned, and he reigned 16 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok.</i>	<i>Jotham was 25 years old when he started to rule, and he ruled from Jerusalem for 16 years. His mother was Jerusha daughter of Zadok.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:34

ULT	UST
<i>And he did right in the eyes of Yahweh. Like all that Azariah his father did, he did.</i>	<i>He did many things that pleased Yahweh, just as his father Uzziah had done.</i>

Whose example did Jotham follow?

Jotham followed the example of his father, Uzziah.

2 Kings 15:35

ULT	UST
<i>Only the high places were not removed. The people still were sacrificing and were burning incense at the high places. He, he built the upper gate of the house of Yahweh.</i>	<i>However, Jotham did not destroy the shrines on the tops of hills. The Judeans continued to offer sacrifices and burn incense at those places {instead of at the place that God had chosen for them in Jerusalem}. Jotham had his workers build the upper gate of the temple courtyard.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:36

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Jotham that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Jotham did.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:37

ULT	UST
<i>In those days, Yahweh began to send Rezin, the king of Aram, and Pekah, the son of Remaliah, against Judah.</i>	<i>During the reign of Jotham, Yahweh prompted King Rezin of Aram and King Pekah of Israel to start planning to attack Judah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 15:38

ULT	UST
<i>And Jotham lay down with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. And Ahaz his son reigned in his place.</i>	<i>When Jotham died, the Judeans buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people called the City of David. That is where people had buried his ancestors. Jotham's son Ahaz became the next king.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 16

2 Kings 16:1

ULT	UST
<i>In the year of 17, the year to Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz, the son of Jotham, the king of Judah, reigned.</i>	<i>When Pekah had been ruling Israel for almost 17 years, Ahaz son of Jotham became the king of Judah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 16:2

ULT	UST
<i>Ahaz {was} a son of 20 years when he reigned, and he reigned 16 years in Jerusalem. But he did not do right in the eyes of Yahweh his God like David his father.</i>	<i>Ahaz was 20 years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for 16 years. He did not do things that pleased Yahweh, the God he should have worshiped, the way his ancestor King David had done.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 16:3

ULT	UST
<i>And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel. And he even made his son pass through the fire, like the abominations of the nations that Yahweh had driven them out from the face of the sons of Israel.</i>	<i>Instead, he behaved in the same sinful way that the kings of Israel behaved. He even burned up his son as an offering to an idol. That was one of the disgusting things that the people groups who had previously lived in the land of Canaan had done. Yahweh drove those people out so that the Israelites could settle in the land.</i>

What did Ahaz do to his son?

Ahaz put his son in the fire as a burned offering, following the detestable practices of the nations.

2 Kings 16:4

ULT	UST
<i>And he sacrificed and burned incense at the high places and on hills and under every green tree.</i>	<i>He offered sacrifices and burned incense on hilltop shrines, on the tops of many other hills, and under many big trees.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 16:5

ULT	UST
<i>Then Rezin, the king of Aram, came up with Pekah, the son of Remaliah, the king of Israel, {to} Jerusalem for battle. And they besieged against Ahaz, but they were not able to fight.</i>	<i>Then King Rezin of Aram and King Pekah of Israel led their armies to attack Jerusalem. Those armies surrounded the city, but they could not defeat the army of Ahaz and conquer it.</i>

What could Rezin not do when he attacked Jerusalem?

When Rezin attacked Jerusalem, he could not conquer Ahaz.

2 Kings 16:6

ULT	UST
<i>(At that time, Rezin, the king of Aram, restored Elath to Aram, and he drove the Judeans from Elath. And Arameans came to Elath, and they have lived there to this day.)</i>	<i>(When King Rezin of Aram led his army to invade Judah, he forced the Judeans who were occupying and defending the city of Elath to leave. He made that city part of his own kingdom. Arameans went to live in Elath, and they have continued to live there.)</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 16:7

ULT	UST
<i>And Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath Pileser, the king of Assyria, saying, "I {am} your servant and your son. Come up and save me from the palm of the king of Aram and from the palm of the king of Israel, the ones having arisen against me."</i>	<i>King Ahaz sent messengers to King Tiglath Pileser of Assyria to tell him, "I promise that I will become your subject king if you come and rescue me from the armies of Aram and Israel that are attacking me."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 16:8

ULT	UST
<i>And Ahaz took the silver and the gold found {in} the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the house of the king, and he sent a gift to the king of Assyria.</i>	<i>Ahaz took the silver and gold that was in Yahweh's temple and that he was keeping in the royal palace and sent it as tribute to the king of Assyria.</i>

What gift did Ahaz give the king of Assyria?

Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of Yahweh and among the treasures of the king's palace, and he sent it as a gift to the king of Assyria.

2 Kings 16:9

ULT	UST
<i>And the king of Assyria listened to him, and the king of Assyria came up against Damascus, and he captured it. And he exiled it to Kir, but he killed Rezin.</i>	<i>Tiglath Pileser agreed to do what Ahaz asked. He led his army to attack Damascus, and they captured the city. He executed Rezin. Then his army forced the people who lived in Damascus to leave and go to live in the city of Kir.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 16:10

ULT	UST
<i>And King Ahaz went to meet Tiglath Pileser, the king of Assyria, {in} Damascus, and he saw the altar that {was} in Damascus. And King Ahaz sent to Uriah the priest a likeness of the altar and its pattern for all of its work.</i>	<i>Then King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet King Tiglath Pileser. He saw the altar that was there. He sent Uriah, the high priest in Jerusalem, a drawing of the altar and a detailed description of how to build one like it.</i>

What altar did Ahaz want Uriah to replicate? (16:10-11)

Ahaz wanted to replicate the altar at Damascus.

2 Kings 16:11

ULT	UST
<i>And Uriah the priest built the altar according to all that King Ahaz sent from Damascus. Thus Uriah the priest did before King Ahaz came from Damascus.</i>	<i>So Uriah followed the directions that King Ahaz had sent him, and he built an altar {in Jerusalem} like the one in Damascus. Uriah worked hard to finish the altar before Ahaz returned from Damascus.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 16:12

ULT	UST
<i>And the king came from Damascus, and the king saw the altar. And the king drew near to the altar, and he offered on it.</i>	<i>When King Ahaz returned from Damascus, he inspected the altar {and approved of how Uriah had built it}. Then he brought sacrifices and offered them on the altar.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 16:13

ULT	UST
<i>And he burned his burnt offering and his grain offering and poured out his drink offering and sprinkled the blood of the peace offerings that {were} to him on the altar.</i>	<i>He burned a sacrificial animal and a grain offering on it. He also poured a wine offering onto it. He also scattered on it the blood from his fellowship sacrifices.</i>

Who made his burned offering and his grain offering?

The king made his burned offering and his grain offering.

2 Kings 16:14

ULT	UST
<i>And the altar of bronze that {was} to the face of Yahweh, he then brought forward from the face of the house, from between the altar and from between the house of Yahweh, and he put it to the side of the altar, to the north.</i>	<i>There was a bronze altar {in the temple courtyard} where the Israelites considered Yahweh to be especially present. {Uriah had positioned the new altar so that the bronze altar} was between the new altar and the temple. Ahaz had Uriah move the bronze altar away from the temple and put it on the right side of his new altar.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 16:15

ULT	UST
<i>And King Ahaz commanded Uriah the priest, saying, "On the large altar burn the burnt offering of the morning and the grain offering of the evening and the burnt offering of the king and his grain offering and the burnt offering of all of the people of the land and their grain offering and their drink offerings. And you shall sprinkle on it all of the blood of the burnt offering and all of the blood of the sacrifice. But the altar of bronze will be for me to seek."</i>	<i>Then King Ahaz ordered Uriah, "I want you to use this new altar for the sacrifices that the priests burn completely each morning and for the grain offering that they offer each evening. I also want you to use it for the burnt offerings and grain offerings that I bring. I also want you to use it for the burnt offerings, grain offerings, and wine offerings that the people bring. When the priests offer animals as burnt sacrifices or fellowship sacrifices, scatter the blood of those animals against the sides of the altar. The old bronze altar will be only for me to use when I pray."</i>

What was the purpose of the bronze altar?

The bronze altar was for Ahaz to ask for God's help.

2 Kings 16:16

ULT	UST
<i>And Uriah the priest did according to all that King Ahaz commanded.</i>	<i>So Uriah did what the king commanded him to do.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 16:17

ULT	UST
<i>And King Ahaz cut off the panels of the stands, and he removed the basin from upon them, and he took down the sea from upon the oxen of bronze that {were} beneath it and put it on a pavement of stones,</i>	<i>King Ahaz told his workers to take off the panels of the bronze carts that were outside the temple. He also told them to take off the water basins that were on them. He also had them take the giant water basin that people called a sea off the backs of the bronze statues of oxen that it rested on. He had them put it on stones they spread on the ground {so the basin would not sink into the earth}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 16:18

ULT	UST
<i>and the canopy of the Sabbath that they had built at the house and the outer entrance of the king, he removed {from} the house of Yahweh, from the face of the king of Assyria.</i>	<i>Earlier one of the kings had had his workers build a covered walkway that people could use to get to the temple courtyard on the Sabbath day. Another king had made a private entrance into the temple courtyard for the kings of Judah. Ahaz had his workers take down that walkway and close up that entrance. Ahaz did all these things in order to please the king of Assyria.</i>

Why did Ahaz remove the covered walkway for the Sabbath that they had built at the temple, along with the king's entry outside the temple of Yahweh?

Ahaz removed the covered walkway for the Sabbath they had built at the temple, along with the king's entry outside the temple of Yahweh, to please the king of Assyria.

2 Kings 16:19

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Ahaz that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Ahaz did.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 16:20

ULT	UST
<i>And Ahaz lay down with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the City of David. And Hezekiah his son reigned in his place.</i>	<i>When Ahaz died, the Judeans buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people called the City of David. That is where people had buried his ancestors. Ahaz's son Hezekiah became the next king.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17

2 Kings 17:1

ULT	UST
<i>In the year of 12 to Ahaz, the king of Judah, Hoshea, the son of Elah, reigned in Samaria over Israel, 9 years.</i>	<i>Hoshea son of Elah began to rule Israel after Ahaz had ruled Judah for 12 years. Hoshea ruled in Samaria for 9 years.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:2

ULT	UST
<i>And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, only not like the kings of Israel who were to his face.</i>	<i>He did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. However, he did not do as many evil things as the previous kings of Israel had done.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:3

ULT	UST
<i>Shalmaneser, the king of Assyria, came up against him, and Hoshea became a servant to him, and he paid tribute to him.</i>	<i>King Shalmaneser of Assyria led his army to attack and defeat the army of King Hoshea. Hoshea became a vassal of Shalmaneser, who forced the Israelites to pay him tribute each year.</i>

What did Hoshea do when he became Shalmaneser's servant?

Hoshea became his servant and brought him tribute.

2 Kings 17:4

ULT	UST
<i>And the king of Assyria found a conspiracy in Hoshea, that he had sent messengers to So, the king of Egypt, and he had not brought up tribute to the king of Assyria, as year by year. And the king of Assyria shut him up and bound him in a house of imprisonment.</i>	<i>Then Hoshea secretly plotted to rebel against the king of Assyria. He sent messengers to King So of Egypt, asking if his army would help the Israelites become free from Assyrian control. Hoshea also stopped paying tribute to Assyria each year. But the king of Assyria discovered what Hoshea was doing, so he invaded and conquered Israel and put Hoshea in prison.</i>

How had Hoshea been plotting against Shalmaneser?

Hoshea had been plotting against Shalmaneser, for Hoshea had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt.

2 Kings 17:5

ULT	UST
<i>Now the king of Assyria came up against all of the land, and he came up {to} Samaria, and he besieged against it {for} three years.</i>	<i>King Shalmaneser led his army to invade Israel. They conquered the other important cities and towns in the kingdom, and then they besieged the city of Samaria. The Israelites were able to resist for three years,</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:6

ULT	UST
<i>In the year of nine to Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria, and he exiled Israel to Assyria. And he settled them in Halah and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and {in} the cities of Media.</i>	<i>but finally the army of Assyria defeated them and conquered the city. This happened after King Hoshea had been ruling Israel for nine years. The Assyrians took the Israelites as captives to Assyria. They made them live in the city of Halah, near the Habor River in the region of Gozan, and in cities in the kingdom of Media{, which the Assyrians had conquered}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:7

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened because the sons of Israel sinned against Yahweh their God, the one having brought them up from the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. And they feared other gods,</i>	<i>This happened because the Israelite people sinned against Yahweh their God. Even though he had rescued their ancestors from Egypt, where they were slaves to Pharaoh, they began to worship other gods.</i>

Why did the captivity happen?

The captivity happened because the people of Israel had sinned against Yahweh their God.

2 Kings 17:8

ULT	UST
<i>and they walked in the statutes of the nations that Yahweh drove out from the face of the sons of Israel, and the kings of Israel that they did.</i>	<i>They imitated the things that the people groups around them did. Those were the people groups that Yahweh had forced to leave the land so that the Israelites could settle there. The people of Israel also did the same evil things that most of their kings did.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:9

ULT	UST
<i>And the sons of Israel covered things against Yahweh their God that were not thus. For they built for themselves high places in all of their cities, from a tower of watchmen to a city of fortification.</i>	<i>The Israelite people pretended they were worshiping Yahweh their God even as they did things he had forbidden. They built shrines for idols on the hills around their cities. No matter how many or few people lived in a place, they would build a shrine for it.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:10

ULT	UST
<i>And they set up for themselves pillars and Asherahs on every high hill and under every green tree.</i>	<i>They set up stone pillars to honor false gods and poles to worship the goddess Asherah. They set them up on the tops of many hills and under many big trees.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:11

ULT	UST
<i>And they burned incense there in all of the high places, like the nations that Yahweh had exiled from their faces. And they did evil things, making Yahweh angry.</i>	<i>The Israelites burned incense in the places where they worshiped those false gods. That was what the people groups had done that Yahweh forced to leave so that the Israelites could live in the land. The Israelites did many wicked things that made Yahweh angry.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:12

ULT	UST
<i>And they served idols, {about} which Yahweh had said to them, "You shall not do this thing."</i>	<i>They worshiped idols, even though Yahweh had specifically commanded them not to do that.</i>

What had Yahweh said the Israelites must not do?

Yahweh had said they must not worship idols.

2 Kings 17:13

ULT	UST
<i>And Yahweh warned Israel and Judah by the hand of all of his prophets, every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments, my statutes, according to all of the law that I commanded your fathers and that I sent to you by the hand of my servants the prophets."</i>	<i>Yahweh frequently sent his prophets and seers to warn the people of Israel and the people of Judah. The message that Yahweh spoke through them was, "Stop doing all the evil things you have been doing! Instead, obey all the laws that I gave to your ancestors and that my prophets are now telling you to obey."</i>

By whom had Yahweh testified to Israel and to Judah?

Yahweh had testified to Israel and to Judah by every prophet and every seer.

2 Kings 17:14

ULT	UST
<i>But they did not listen, and they stiffened their neck, like the neck of their fathers who did not trust in Yahweh their God.</i>	<i>But the Israelite people did not do what the prophets told them to do. They were stubborn, just as their ancestors had been. Their ancestors had not truly believed in Yahweh their God.</i>

The Israelites were very stubborn like whom?

The Israelites were very stubborn like their fathers who did not trust in Yahweh their God.

2 Kings 17:15

ULT	UST
<i>And they rejected his statutes and his covenant that he had cut with their fathers and his testimonies that he testified against them. And they walked after vapor, and they became vapor, and after the nations that {were} around them, {about} whom Yahweh had commanded them not to act like them.</i>	<i>Yahweh had given them laws to obey. He had made a covenant with their ancestors. Yahweh sent prophets to warn them to stop disobeying him. But they disregarded all those things. Instead, they worshiped worthless idols, and as a result, they became worthless themselves. Yahweh had commanded them not to do the things that the people groups did that lived near them. But they disobeyed his command.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:16

ULT	UST
<i>And they forsook all of the commandments of Yahweh their God, and they made for themselves a molded image, two calves. And they made an Asherah, and they prostrated themselves to the whole army of the heavens, and they served Baal.</i>	<i>The Israelite people completely disobeyed the commands that Yahweh had given them. They made two metal images of calves and worshiped them. They set up poles to worship the goddess Asherah, and they also worshiped the false god Baal. They bowed down to the sun, the moon, and stars.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:17

ULT	UST
<i>And they made their sons and their daughters pass through the fire. And they divined divinations, and they observed signs. And they sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of Yahweh, making him angry.</i>	<i>They also burned their own sons and daughters as sacrifices to false gods. They practiced sorcery and fortune telling. They continually chose to do things that Yahweh had told them were evil. That made Yahweh very angry.</i>

How did the Israelites sell themselves?

The Israelites sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh.

2 Kings 17:18

ULT	UST
<i>And Yahweh was exceedingly enraged at Israel, and he removed them away from his face. None was left, only the tribe of Judah alone.</i>	<i>And because Yahweh was so angry with the Israelite people, he allowed their enemies to take them away from their country. Only the people of the tribe of Judah remained in the land.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:19

ULT	UST
<i>Even Judah did not keep the commandments of Yahweh their God. And they walked in the statutes of Israel that they did.</i>	<i>But even the people of Judah did not obey the commands of Yahweh their God. Instead, they did the same evil things that the people of the northern kingdom of Israel were doing.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:20

ULT	UST
<i>And Yahweh rejected all of the seed of Israel, and he afflicted them, and he gave them into the hand of plunderers, until he cast them away from his face.</i>	<i>So Yahweh rejected the people of Israel and of Judah. He punished them by allowing others to make them suffer. Raiders came into their land and took away their valuable possessions. Finally, the armies of other nations defeated them and carried them away from their land as prisoners.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:21

ULT	UST
<i>For he tore Israel away from the house of David, and they made Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, king. And Jeroboam drove Israel away from after Yahweh, and he made them sin a great sin.</i>	<i>Earlier, Yahweh had led ten of the Israelite tribes to reject David's descendants as their kings. Instead, those tribes chose Jeroboam son of Nebat to be their king. But Jeroboam led the people of Israel to stop worshiping Yahweh {and to worship idols instead}. He led them to commit serious sins.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:22

ULT	UST
<i>And the sons of Israel walked in all of the sins of Jeroboam that he did. They did not turn away from it,</i>	<i>The Israelite people continued to do the sinful things that Jeroboam had done. They did not stop doing those sinful things.</i>

Why did Yahweh remove Israel from his sight? (17:22-23)

The people of Israel followed all the sins of Jeroboam and they did not depart from them, so Yahweh removed Israel from his sight.

2 Kings 17:23

ULT	UST
<i>until Yahweh removed Israel away from his face, according to what he had spoken by the hand of all of his servants the prophets. And Israel went into exile away from its land to Assyria, to this day.</i>	<i>So Yahweh finally allowed a foreign army to conquer the Israelites and remove them from their land. That was just what he had told his prophets to warn them would happen. The Assyrians took the Israelite people to their own land, and they are still there.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:24

ULT	UST
<i>And the king of Assyria brought {people} from Babylon and from Kuthah and from Avva and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, and he settled {them} in the cities of Samaria in place of the sons of Israel. And they possessed Samaria, and they lived in its cities.</i>	<i>To replace the Israelites, the king of Assyria ordered his soldiers to bring in groups of people from the cities of Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim. What had been the northern kingdom of Israel was now their land, and those people settled in its cities.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:25

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened, at the beginning of their settling there, they did not fear Yahweh. And Yahweh sent lions among them, and they were killing among them.</i>	<i>But when those people first arrived in Israel, they did not worship Yahweh. So Yahweh allowed lions to attack them, and the lions killed some of them.</i>

Why did Yahweh send lions among the new nations in Samaria?

The nations in Samaria did not worship Yahweh, so he sent lions among them.

2 Kings 17:26

ULT	UST
<i>And they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, "The nations that you exiled and settled in the cities of Samaria do not know the custom of the God of the land. And he has sent lions against them, and behold them, killing them because they are not knowing the custom of the God of the land."</i>	<i>Some officials of the king of Assyria {found out about this} and told him, "The people who have settled in the cities of Samaria do not know how to worship the God whom people should worship if they live in that land. So that God is allowing lions to attack them and kill them because they are not worshipping him properly."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:27

ULT	UST
<i>And the king of Assyria commanded, saying, "Make go there one from the priests whom you exiled from there. And let them go and settle there, and let him teach them the custom of the God of the land."</i>	<i>So the king of Assyria commanded his officers, "Get one of the priests whom you brought here from that place. Tell him to move back there and teach the people who are now living there how to worship the God of that land properly."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:28

ULT	UST
<i>And one from the priests whom they had exiled from Samaria came, and he settled in Bethel. And he was teaching them how they should fear Yahweh.</i>	<i>So the officers sent back one of the Israelite priests. That priest went to live in the city of Bethel. From there he taught the people who had settled in the land how to worship Yahweh properly.</i>

What did the priest teach the new people in Bethel?

The priest taught them how they should fear Yahweh.

2 Kings 17:29

ULT	UST
<i>And they were making, a nation, a nation, its gods, and they put {them} in the house of the high places that the Samaritans had made, a nation, a nation, in their cities where they were settling there.</i>	<i>But the people of each of those nations also made idols to represent their own gods. They put them in the shrines that the Israelites had built on the tops of hills. Each group of people put idols representing their gods in the shrines near the cities where they lived.</i>

Where did every ethnic group put the gods they made?

Every ethnic group made gods of their own, and put them in the shrines that the Samaritans had made.

2 Kings 17:30

ULT	UST
<i>And the men of Babylon made Succoth Benoth, and the men of Kuthah made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,</i>	<i>The people from Babylon made idols to represent their god Succoth Benoth. The people from Cuthah made idols to represent their god Nergal. The people from Hamath made idols to represent their god Ashima.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:31

ULT	UST
<i>and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak. And the Sepharvites were burning their sons in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvim.</i>	<i>The people from Avva made idols to represent their gods Nibhaz and Tartak. The people from Sepharvaim sacrificed their own children by burning them up on altars as offerings to their gods Adrammelech and Anammelech</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:32

ULT	UST
<i>And they were fearing Yahweh, but they made for themselves priests of high places from their extremities, and they were making {sacrifices} to them in the house of the high places.</i>	<i>Those people worshiped Yahweh, but they also appointed men from their own groups to be priests at the hilltop shrines. Those priests offered sacrifices in the shrines to foreign gods.</i>

Besides their own gods, who did the new nations in Israel honor?

The new nations also honored Yahweh.

2 Kings 17:33

ULT	UST
<i>They were fearing Yahweh, but they were serving their gods according to the custom of the nations {from} which they had exiled them from there.</i>	<i>So they worshiped Yahweh, but they also worshiped their own gods, just as the people living in their home countries did.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:34

ULT	UST
<i>To this day, they are acting according to the first customs. They are not fearing Yahweh, and they are not acting according to their statutes or according to their judgment or according to the law or according to the commandment that Yahweh commanded the sons of Jacob, whose name he made Israel.</i>	<i>The people who live in that area still act the way the first settlers did. Yahweh gave Jacob the new name Israel, and he gave his descendants laws to obey. But those people do not obey those laws. So they do not really worship Yahweh.</i>

How did the new people in Israel not honor Yahweh? (17:34-35)

The new people did not honor Yahweh, because he commanded that they must not fear other gods.

2 Kings 17:35

ULT	UST
<i>For Yahweh had cut a covenant with them, and he had commanded them, saying, "You shall not fear other gods, and you shall not prostrate yourselves to them, and you shall not serve them, and you shall not sacrifice to them,</i>	<i>Yahweh had made a covenant with the Israelites. He had commanded them, "Do not revere other gods or bow down to them {to honor them}. Do not worship them or offer sacrifices to them.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:36

ULT	UST
<i>except Yahweh, who brought you up from the land of Egypt with great power and an outstretched arm. You shall fear him, and you shall prostrate yourselves to him, and you shall sacrifice to him.</i>	<i>I, Yahweh, rescued you from slavery in Egypt by my very great power. So I am the only God you are to revere. I am the one to whom you must bow down {to honor}. I am the one to whom you must offer sacrifices.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:37

ULT	UST
<i>And the statutes and the judgments and the law and the commandment that he wrote for you, you shall be careful to do all of the days, and you shall not fear other gods.</i>	<i>You must always carefully obey all of the laws that I told Moses to write down for you. You must not revere other gods.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:38

ULT	UST
<i>And you shall not forget the covenant that I cut with you, and you shall not fear other gods,</i>	<i>You must never forget the covenant that I made with you. You must not revere other gods.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:39

ULT	UST
<i>except you shall fear Yahweh your God, and he, he will deliver you from the hand of all of your enemies."</i>	<i>I, Yahweh, am the only God you are to revere. If you do that, I will prevent any enemy from conquering you."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 17:40

ULT	UST
<i>But they are not careful, but rather they are acting according to their first custom.</i>	<i>But the people who live in what was the kingdom of Israel {do} not carefully {obey Yahweh's law}. Instead, they still act the way the first settlers did.</i>

How did the nations in Israel not listen?

They did not listen because they continued to do what they had done in the past.

2 Kings 17:41

ULT	UST
<i>For these nations are fearing Yahweh, but they are serving their idols. Both their sons and the sons of their sons, just as their fathers acted, they are acting to this day.</i>	<i>Each generation of these people has acted in the same way. They worship Yahweh, but they also worship idols that represent their gods. That was what their ancestors did, and that is what they still do.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18

2 Kings 18:1

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened in the year of three to Hoshea, the son of Elah, the king of Israel, Hezekiah, the son of Ahaz, the king of Judah, reigned.</i>	<i>After Hoshea had been ruling Israel for almost three years, Hezekiah son of Ahaz began to rule Judah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:2

ULT	UST
<i>He was a son of 25 years when he reigned, and he reigned 29 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Abi, the daughter of Zechariah.</i>	<i>Hezekiah was 25 years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for 29 years. His mother was Abijah daughter of Zechariah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:3

ULT	UST
<i>And he did right in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that David his father had done.</i>	<i>Hezekiah did things that pleased Yahweh, just as his ancestor King David had done.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:4

ULT	UST
<i>He, he removed the high places, and he shattered the pillars, and he cut down the Asherah. And he broke up the serpent of bronze that Moses had made, because until those days the sons of Israel were offering incense to it (and one called it Nehushtan).</i>	<i>He had his servants destroy the shrines that were on the tops of hills. He also had them smash the stone pillars that represented Baal. He had them cut down {and burn} the poles that people had set up for worshiping the goddess Asherah. He also broke into pieces the bronze replica of a snake that Moses had made. Hezekiah did that because at that time, the people were burning incense in front of it to honor it. (They had named it Nehushtan.)</i>

What were the people of Israel doing to the bronze serpent Moses had made?

The people of Israel were burning incense to the bronze serpent Moses had made.

2 Kings 18:5

ULT	UST
<i>He trusted in Yahweh the God of Israel, and after him none was like him among all of the kings of Judah or those who were to his face.</i>	<i>Hezekiah trusted in Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worshiped. No king who ruled Judah before him or after him was as devoted to Yahweh as he was.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:6

ULT	UST
<i>And he clung to Yahweh, he did not turn away from after him, and he kept his commandments, which Yahweh had commanded Moses.</i>	<i>Hezekiah remained loyal to Yahweh and did not disobey him. He carefully obeyed the commandments that Yahweh had given to Moses.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:7

ULT	UST
<i>And Yahweh was with him. In every {place} where he went out, he succeeded. And he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and he did not serve him.</i>	<i>Yahweh helped Hezekiah. As a result, he won victories wherever he led his troops to fight their enemies. Hezekiah refused to be a subject of the king of Assyria and obey him.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:8

ULT	UST
<i>He, he struck the Philistines to Gaza and its borders, from a tower of watchmen to a fortified city.</i>	<i>Hezekiah led his army against the Philistines, and they defeated them in battles throughout their territory as far south as the city of Gaza and the area around it.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:9

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened in the fourth year of King Hezekiah (it {was} the seventh year of Hoshea, the son of Elah, the king of Israel), Shalmaneser, the king of Assyria, came up against Samaria, and he besieged against it.</i>	<i>After Hezekiah had been ruling Judah for almost four years and Hoshea had been ruling Israel for almost seven years, the army of King Shalmaneser of Assyria invaded Israel and surrounded the city of Samaria.</i>

For how long did Shalmaneser king of Assyria attack Samaria? (18:9-10)

Shalmaneser king of Assyria attacked Samaria for three years.

2 Kings 18:10

ULT	UST
<i>And they captured it at the end of three years. In the year of six to Hezekiah, it {was} the year of nine to Hoshea, the king of Israel, Samaria was captured.</i>	<i>After three years, they captured the city. That was when Hezekiah had been ruling Judah for almost six years and Hoshea had been ruling Israel for almost nine years.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:11

ULT	UST
<i>And the king of Assyria exiled Israel to Assyria. And he led them into Halah and into the Habor, the river of Gozan, and {into} the cities of Media,</i>	<i>The king of Assyria commanded his soldiers to take the Israelites as captives to Assyria. They made them live in the city of Halah, near the Habor River in the region of Gozan, and in cities in the kingdom of Media{, which the Assyrians had conquered}.</i>

Why did the king of Assyria carry Israel captive away to Assyria? (18:11-12)

The king of Assyria carried Israel captive away to Assyria because they disobeyed the solemn agreement that Yahweh had made with their ancestors.

2 Kings 18:12

ULT	UST
<i>because they did not listen to the voice of Yahweh their God, but they transgressed his covenant, all that Moses, the servant of Yahweh, had commanded, and they did not listen, and they did not do.</i>	<i>That happened because the Israelites did not obey the commandments that Yahweh their God had given them. They disobeyed the solemn agreement that Yahweh had made with their ancestors. That agreement included the laws that Moses had told them to obey. They were not careful to obey those laws.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:13

ULT	UST
<i>And in 14, the year to King Hezekiah, Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, came up against all of the fortified cities of Judah, and he captured them.</i>	<i>After Hezekiah had been ruling Judah for almost 14 years, King Sennacherib of Assyria led his army to attack all of the cities in Judah that had walls around them. They started capturing these cities one by one.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:14

ULT	UST
<i>And Hezekiah, the king of Judah, sent to the king of Assyria, to Lachish, saying, "I have sinned. Turn back from against me. Whatever you put on me, I will bear." And the king of Assyria set for Hezekiah, the king of Judah, 300 kikkars of silver and 30 kikkars of gold.</i>	<i>King Hezekiah sent a message to Sennacherib at the city of Lachish, which he and his army were trying to capture. He told him, "What I did was wrong. Please tell your soldiers to stop attacking us. If you do that, I will pay you whatever you tell me to pay." The king of Assyria told Hezekiah that he had to pay him 10, 000 kilograms of silver and 1, 000 kilograms of gold.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:15

ULT	UST
<i>And Hezekiah gave all of the silver found {in} the house of Yahweh and in the storerooms of the house of the king.</i>	<i>So Hezekiah sent him all the silver that was in Yahweh's temple and that he was keeping in the royal palace.</i>

From where did Hezekiah get silver to give the king of Assyria?

Hezekiah got silver that was found in the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the king's palace.

2 Kings 18:16

ULT	UST
<i>At that time, Hezekiah cut off the doors of the temple of Yahweh and the doorposts that Hezekiah, the king of Judah, had overlaid, and he gave them to the king of Assyria.</i>	<i>{To get the gold he needed,} Hezekiah had his workers strip off the gold that he had earlier put on the doors and doorposts of the temple. He sent all that gold to the king of Assyria.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:17

ULT	UST
<i>And the king of Assyria sent the Tartan and the Rabsaris and the Rabshakeh from Lachish to King Hezekiah with a heavy army {to} Jerusalem. And they went up, and they came {to} Jerusalem. And they went up, and they came, and they stopped by the conduit of the Upper Pool that {was} on the highway of the Field of the Fuller.</i>	<i>But the king of Assyria sent {three of his most important officials,} the Tartan, the Rabsaris, and the Rabshakeh, with a large army from the city of Lachish to persuade King Hezekiah to surrender. When the army reached Jerusalem, they stopped alongside the aqueduct through which water flowed from the Upper Pool into Jerusalem. They stopped at the place where it went under the road that led to the Field of the Fuller.</i>

From where did Tartan and Rabsaris and the chief commander call to King Hezekiah? (18:17-18)

They called to King Hezekiah from the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway of the Field of the Fuller.

2 Kings 18:18

ULT	UST
<i>And they called to the king, and Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, who {was} over the house, and Shebna the scribe and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, went out to them.</i>	<i>Those officials sent a message to King Hezekiah {saying that they had a message for him from the king of Assyria}. Hezekiah sent three of his officials to speak with them. He sent Eliakim son of Hilkiah, who was in charge of the palace. He also sent Shebna, his official secretary, and Joah son of Asaph, the official who reported to the people everything that Hezekiah decided they should do.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:19

ULT	UST
<i>And the Rabshakeh said to them, “Now say to Hezekiah, ‘Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, “What {is} this trust that you trust?”</i>	<i>The Rabshakeh told them to tell Hezekiah, “The great king, the king of Assyria, says that you have no reason to expect that anyone will help you fight against him.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:20

ULT	UST
<i>You speak only a word of lips, 'Counsel and might for war.' Now in whom do you trust, that you rebel against me?</i>	<i>You claim that you have a strong enough army and good enough plans to resist him. But that is only talk. {You can not resist him alone, and} you can not depend on anyone else to help you. So you should not have rebelled against him.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:21

ULT	UST
<i>Now behold, you trust for yourself in the staff of this broken reed, in Egypt, on which a man supports himself and it goes into his palm and pierces it. Thus {is} Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to all of the ones trusting in him.'"</i>	<i>You are relying on the army of Egypt to help you. But you must realize that that is like using a broken reed as a staff for support. The pointed end of such a staff would make a hole in the hand of anyone who tried to use it! That is what the king of Egypt is like. He hurts anyone who relies on him for help."</i>

What would happen if a man leaned on Egypt?

If a man leaned on Egypt, it would stick into his hand and pierce it.

2 Kings 18:22

ULT	UST
<i>But if you say to me, 'We trust in Yahweh our God,' {is it} not he whose high places and altars Hezekiah has removed and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, 'To the face of this altar in Jerusalem you shall prostrate yourselves'?</i>	<i>{The Rabshakeh then said to Hezekiah's officials,} "Perhaps you will tell me that you are relying on Yahweh your God to help you. But he {will not help you, because} Hezekiah has insulted him by destroying his hilltop shrines and the altars on which the Judeans were offering sacrifices to him. Hezekiah has required everyone who lives in Jerusalem and elsewhere in Judah to worship only at the altar in Jerusalem.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:23

ULT	UST
<i>'And now, wager, please, with my master, with the king of Assyria. And I will give to you 2,000 horses if you are able to put riders on them for yourself.'</i>	<i>{So tell Hezekiah for me that} I am offering him a deal on behalf of my master, the king of Assyria. I will give him 2,000 horses if he still has enough healthy soldiers to ride on them!</i>

What wager did the king of Assyria make?

The king of Assyria wagered two thousand horses if Hezekiah was able to find riders for them.

2 Kings 18:24

ULT	UST
<i>But how would you turn back the face of a captain of one of the least servants of my master? So you trust for yourself in Egypt for chariots and for horsemen.'</i>	<i>But also tell him that I know that even if I gave him those horses, he would not be able to defeat even one of the weakest soldiers in our army. Tell him I know that is why he is hoping that the king of Egypt will send chariots and soldiers on horseback to help him.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:25

ULT	UST
<i>“‘Now have I come up against this place to destroy it without Yahweh? Yahweh said to me, ‘Go up against this land and destroy it.’”’”</i>	<i>Furthermore, do not think that we have come to destroy Jerusalem without Yahweh’s help. It is Yahweh himself who told us to come here and destroy this land!”</i>

What did Yahweh tell the king of Assyria to do?

Yahweh told the king of Assyria to attack Judah and destroy it.

2 Kings 18:26

ULT	UST
<i>And Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, with Shebna and Joah, said to the Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we are understanding. But do not speak with us in Judean in the ears of the people who {are} on the wall."</i>	<i>Then Eliakim told the Rabshakeh on behalf of himself and Shebna and Joah, "Sir, please speak to us in your own Aramaic language. We understand it. Do not keep speaking to us in our Judean language. The people who are standing on the wall can {hear and} understand you{, and you are frightening them}."</i>

In what language did Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah ask the chief commander to speak?

Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah asked the chief commander to speak in Aramaic.

2 Kings 18:27

ULT	UST
<i>But the Rabshakeh said to them, "Did my master send me to speak these words to your master and to you? {Was it} not to the men sitting on the wall, who will eat their dung and drink their urine with you?"</i>	<i>But the Rabshakeh told Eliakim, "You should not think that my master sent me to say these things only to your king and to you and not also to the people on the wall who are listening! {If you do not surrender, we will besiege the city, and soon} they will have nothing to eat but their own dung and nothing to drink but their own urine. The three of you will also have nothing else to eat or drink."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:28

ULT	UST
<i>And the Rabshakeh stood, and he called out in a great voice in Judean. And he spoke and said, "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria."</i>	<i>Then the Rabshakeh directly faced the people on the wall. He shouted to them in Judean, "Listen to this message from the great king, the king of Assyria."</i>

In what language did the chief commander shout?

The chief commander shouted in the Jews' language.

2 Kings 18:29

ULT	UST
<i>Thus says the king, 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he is not able to deliver you from his hand.'</i>	<i>He says that you must not allow Hezekiah to deceive you. Hezekiah will not be able to rescue you from his army.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:30

ULT	UST
<i>And do not let Hezekiah make you trust in Yahweh, saying, "Delivering, Yahweh will deliver us, and this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." "</i>	<i>He says that you must not allow Hezekiah to persuade you to rely on Yahweh by telling you that Yahweh will certainly rescue you and that the army of Assyria will never capture this city!</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:31

ULT	UST
<i>Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make a blessing with me, and come out to me, and eat, a man of his vine and a man of his fig tree, and drink, a man {from} the waters of his well,</i>	<i>Do not let Hezekiah persuade you! The king of Assyria says that you should come out of the city and surrender to him. He says that if you do that, {instead of being very hungry as you are now,} you will be able to eat the grapes and figs you have grown and drink water from your own wells.</i>

What would the king of Assyria let those who made peace with him do?

He would let them eat from their own vine and from their own fig tree, and drink from the water in their own cistern.

2 Kings 18:32

ULT	UST
<i>until I come and take you to a land like your land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive of oil and honey. So live, and do not die. And do not listen to Hezekiah when he misleads you, saying, "Yahweh will deliver us."</i>	<i>He promises that you will be able to do that until his soldiers come and take you to a land that is like your land. It will be a land where you can grow grain to make bread and grow grapes to make wine. It will be a land that has groves of olive trees that produce oil and whose bees produce honey. The king encourages you to survive {by surrendering} rather than die {by continuing to resist}. He says that Hezekiah is deceiving you when he says that Yahweh will rescue you and so you must not believe him.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:33

ULT	UST
<i>Delivering, did the gods of the nations deliver, a man his land from the hand of the king of Assyria?</i>	<i>The king reminds you that none of the gods that the people of other nations worship have been able to prevent him from conquering those nations!</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:34

ULT	UST
<i>Where {were} the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where {were} the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah? Indeed, did they deliver Samaria from my hand?</i>	<i>The gods of Hamath and Arpad did not come and rescue the people who lived there! The gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah did not come and rescue the people who lived there! And even the gods of Samaria did not prevent me from conquering it!</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:35

ULT	UST
<i>Who {are they} among all of the gods of the lands that have delivered their land from my hand, that Yahweh should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?'''</i>	<i>The king reminds you that none of these gods prevented him from conquering the people who worshiped them. So do not think that Yahweh will prevent him from conquering Jerusalem."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 18:36

ULT	UST
<i>But the people were silent and did not answer him a word, for it {was} a commandment of the king, saying, "You shall not answer him."</i>	<i>King Hezekiah had told the people, "When the Rabshakeh speaks to you, do not answer him." So the people who were listening did not say anything in reply to him.</i>

What did King Hezekiah command?

The king commanded the people to not answer the chief commander.

2 Kings 18:37

ULT	UST
<i>Then Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, who {was} over the house, with Shebna the scribe and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah, torn of clothes. And they declared to him the words of the Rabshakeh.</i>	<i>Then Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah tore their clothes {because they were extremely distressed}. They went back to Hezekiah and told him what the Rabshakeh had said.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19

2 Kings 19:1

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened when King Hezekiah heard that he tore his clothes, and he covered himself with sackcloth, and he went {into} the house of Yahweh.</i>	<i>When King Hezekiah heard what the Rabshakeh had said, {to show how distressed he was,} he tore his regular clothes and wore rough cloth instead. Then he went into {the courtyard of} Yahweh's temple {to pray}.</i>

What did King Hezekiah do when he heard the report?

When King Hezekiah heard the report, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 19:2

ULT	UST
<i>And he sent Eliakim, who {was} over the house, and Shebna the scribe and the elders of the priests, having covered themselves with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz.</i>	<i>Then Hezekiah sent Eliakim, Shebna, and some of the older priests to go and speak with the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz. All those men were also wearing rough cloth {to show their distress}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:3

ULT	UST
<i>And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah, 'This day {is} a day of trouble and chastisement and reproach, for sons have come to the birth canal, but {there is} no strength to give birth.</i>	<i>The men told Isaiah, "King Hezekiah says that we are now in great trouble. Yahweh seems to be punishing us for our sins. Foreigners are insulting us {because we do not seem to have a God who can help us}. Our lives are in danger, like the lives of the mother and child when it is time for a woman to give birth but she does not have the strength to push her baby out.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:4

ULT	UST
<i>Perhaps Yahweh your God will have heard all of the words of the Rabshakeh, him whom the king of Assyria, his master, sent to taunt the living God, and he will chastise the words that Yahweh your God has heard. And may you lift up a prayer on behalf of the remnant {that is} found.'"</i>	<i>The Rabshakeh insulted the only true God. That was what his master, the king of Assyria, sent him to do. Perhaps Yahweh your God heard everything that he said. Perhaps he will punish him for saying those things. King Hezekiah asks you to pray for those of us who are still alive here in Jerusalem."</i>

What did Hezekiah say Yahweh might do?

Hezekiah said that perhaps Yahweh will punish him for saying those things.

2 Kings 19:5

ULT	UST
<i>And the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah,</i>	<i>After the messengers from Hezekiah told Isaiah these things,</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:6

ULT	UST
<i>and Isaiah said to them, "Thus you shall say to your master; 'Thus says Yahweh, "Do not be afraid from the face of the words that you have heard, {by} which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.</i>	<i>Isaiah told them to go back to the king and tell him that Yahweh said to him, "Those soldiers of the king of Assyria insulted me {by saying that I was no better than the false gods that other nations worship}. But you should not let what they said make you afraid.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:7

ULT	UST
<i>Behold me, putting a spirit in him, and he will hear a report, and he will return to his land, and I will make him fall by the sword in his land.'"</i>	<i>I am going to send a spirit to Sennacherib {that will make him anxious}. Then he will hear a rumor that will worry him so much that he will return to his own country. There some men will assassinate him."</i>

What would Yahweh do to stop the king of Assyria?

Yahweh would put a spirit in him, and the king would hear a certain report and go back to his own land.

2 Kings 19:8

ULT	UST
<i>And the Rabshakeh returned, and he found the king of Assyria fighting against Libnah, for he had heard that he had departed from Lachish.</i>	<i>To report what had happened in Jerusalem, the Rabshakeh went to Libnah. He went there because he learned that the Assyrian army had left Lachish. The king of Assyria was then leading an attack against Libnah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:9

ULT	UST
<i>Then he heard concerning Tirhakah, the king of Cush, saying, "Behold, he has come out to fight with you." And he returned and sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying,</i>	<i>Soon after that, King Sennacherib received a report that King Tirhakah of Cush was leading his army to attack them. {So he did not attack Jerusalem right away, but instead} he sent more messengers to King Hezekiah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:10

ULT	UST
<i>"Thus you shall say to Hezekiah, the king of Judah, saying, 'Do not let your God, in whom you are trusting, deceive you, saying, "Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria."'</i>	<i>The king told his messengers to tell Hezekiah, "Yahweh your God is promising you that my army will never capture Jerusalem. You trust Yahweh, but he is not telling the truth, so do not believe him.</i>

According to Sennacherib, in what way did God deceive Hezekiah?

According to Sennacherib, God deceived Hezekiah by saying Jerusalem would not be given over into the hand of the king of Assyria.

2 Kings 19:11

ULT	UST
<i>Behold, you, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all of the lands by destroying them. So you, will you be delivered?</i>	<i>You have certainly heard what the armies of the kings of Assyria have done to all the other lands they invaded. They have completely destroyed them. So do not think that you will escape!</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:12

ULT	UST
<i>Did the gods of the nations that my fathers destroyed deliver them, Gozan or Haran or Rezeph or the sons of Eden who {were} in Tel Assar?</i>	<i>The gods of other nations did not rescue them. Instead, the armies of previous kings of Assyria destroyed them. That is what happened to the people of Gozan, Haran, and Rezeph and the Edenites who lived in Tel Assar.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:13

ULT	UST
<i>Where {is} the king of Hamath or the king of Arpad or the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, or Ivvah?'''</i>	<i>The Assyrians defeated and killed the kings of Hamath and Arpad and the cities of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivvah. '''</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:14

ULT	UST
<i>And Hezekiah took the writings from the hand of the messengers, and he read them. And he went up {to} the house of Yahweh, and Hezekiah spread it out to the face of Yahweh.</i>	<i>The messengers gave Hezekiah a letter from the Assyrian king that said the same thing they had told him. Hezekiah read the letter. Then he went to the temple. The Assyrian king had written the letter on a scroll, and Hezekiah unrolled the scroll so that the writing would be visible as he prayed to Yahweh.</i>

Where did Hezekiah spread the letter from the messengers?

Hezekiah spread the letter from the messengers in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 19:15

ULT	UST
<i>And Hezekiah prayed to the face of Yahweh and said, "Yahweh, the God of Israel, sitting {above} the cherubim, you {are} he, God, you alone, over all of the kingdoms of the earth. You, you made the heavens and the earth.</i>	<i>Then Hezekiah prayed, "Yahweh, you are the God to whom we Israelites belong. You are present in a special way above the statues of the winged creatures that are above the sacred chest in your temple. You are the only true God. You rule all the kingdoms on this earth. You are the one who created everything on the earth and in the heavens.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:16

ULT	UST
<i>Incline your ear, Yahweh, and hear. Open your eyes, Yahweh, and see. And hear the words of Sennacherib {by} which he has sent it to taunt the living God.</i>	<i>So, Yahweh, please pay attention to me as I speak, and look at what the king of Assyria has written. Listen {as I read it aloud} to what King Sennacherib has said to insult you, the only true God.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:17

ULT	UST
<i>Truly, Yahweh, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their land.</i>	<i>Yahweh, it is true that the armies of the kings of Assyria have completely destroyed many people groups and the lands in which they were living.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:18

ULT	UST
<i>And they have put their gods in the fire, for they {are} not gods, but rather the work of the hands of man, wood and stone, and they have destroyed them.</i>	<i>It is also true that they have burned up the idols of those nations. But those were not really gods. They were only wooden or stone statues. Humans made them, and that is why the Assyrians were able to destroy them so easily.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:19

ULT	UST
<i>And now, Yahweh our God, please save us from his hand, so that all of the kingdoms of the earth will know that you, Yahweh, {are} God, you alone."</i>	<i>So now, Yahweh our God, please prevent the king of Assyria from conquering us. That way the people in all the kingdoms of the world will know that you, Yahweh, are the only true God."</i>

Why should Yahweh save the people of Judah?

Yahweh should save the people of Judah so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Yahweh is God alone.

2 Kings 19:20

ULT	UST
<i>And Isaiah, the son of Amoz, sent to Hezekiah, saying, “Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, ‘What you have prayed to me about Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, I have heard.’</i>	<i>Then Isaiah sent a message to Hezekiah. He told him, “Yahweh, the God to whom we Israelites belong, says that he will do what you asked him to do when you prayed to him about Sennacherib, the king of Assyria.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:21

ULT	UST
<i>This {is} the word that Yahweh has spoken about him. ‘The virgin, the daughter of Zion, despises you, she derides you. The daughter of Jerusalem shakes a head after you.</i>	<i>Yahweh says that the people of Jerusalem will belittle him and make fun of him. They will shake their heads to ridicule him as he runs away from the city with his army.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:22

ULT	UST
<i>Whom have you mocked and taunted? And against whom have you raised a voice and lifted your eyes upward? Against the Holy {One} of Israel!</i>	<i>Yahweh says that the Assyrian king should not have insulted and made fun of him, the holy God whom the Israelites worship. He should not have shouted at him or proudly looked up at the sky.</i>

Against whom did the king of Assyria raise his voice?

The king of Assyria raised his voice against the Holy One of Israel!

2 Kings 19:23

ULT	UST
<i>By the hand of your messengers you mocked the Lord and said, “With the multitude of my chariotry, I, I went up {to} the height of the mountains, the recesses of Lebanon. And I cut down the heights of its cedars, the choicest of its cypress trees, that I might enter the lodging place of its end, the forest of its garden.</i>	<i>Yahweh says that the Assyrian king sent messengers to make fun of him. Through those messengers, {boasting about his military conquests,} he said that it was as if he had led his many chariots to the highest and most distant mountains in Lebanon. He said it was as if he and his soldiers had cut down the tallest cedar trees and best cypress trees in Lebanon. {Boasting that he would now conquer Jerusalem,} he said that it was as if he and his army would now go to the place where people most want to go in Lebanon. That is a place where workers have made a beautiful park in the midst of the forest.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:24

ULT	UST
<i>I, I dug, and I drank foreign waters. And with the sole of my feet I will dry up all of the streams of Matsor.”</i>	<i>Yahweh says that the Assyrian king is boasting that {in order to march through desolate regions,} he and his soldiers have dug wells in other countries to get water. He is also boasting that he will conquer Matsor{, which people also call Egypt,} as easily as a person can stamp out a small puddle of water.</i>

Who said he would dry up all the streams of Matsor under the soles of his feet?

Sennacherib said he would dry up all the streams of Matsor under the soles of his feet.

2 Kings 19:25

ULT	UST
<i>Have you not heard? From long ago, I did it; from days of antiquity, I formed it. Now I have brought it, that you should be for devastating fortified cities {into} ruined heaps.</i>	<i>But Yahweh says that the Assyrian king should realize that he planned long ago for those things to happen. Now he is causing them to occur. That is why the king's army has been capturing and destroying many cities that were surrounded by high walls.</i>

Who determined long ago that impregnable cities would be reduced into heaps of ruins?

Yahweh determined long ago that impregnable cities would be reduced into heaps of ruins.

2 Kings 19:26

ULT	UST
<i>And their dwellers {are} short of hand; they feel dismay and feel shame. They are vegetation of the field or green of herb; grass of roofs, blasting to the face of growing up.</i>	<i>The people who lived in those cities were not able to resist the Assyrians. This discouraged them and shamed them. The Assyrians destroyed them as easily as someone can cut down green plants that are growing in a field. The Assyrians destroyed them just as the heat of the sun destroys grass on the roof of a house before it can grow.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:27

ULT	UST
<i>But I know your dwelling and your going out and your coming in and your raging against me.</i>	<i>But, Yahweh says, he knows where the king of Assyria lives. He knows when he leaves home and when he returns. He knows when the king yells at him angrily.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:28

ULT	UST
<i>Because of your raging against me, and your arrogance has come up into my ears, I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your lips, and I will make you return on the way by which you came.'</i>	<i>Yahweh says that he has heard the king yelling at him angrily. As a result, he is going to force him to return to his own country {without conquering Jerusalem} by the same route that he took to get here. It will be as if Yahweh puts a hook in his nose and a bit in his mouth in order to make him go where he wants him to go.</i>

What would Yahweh put in Sennacherib's nose?

Yahweh would put his hook in Sennacherib's nose.

2 Kings 19:29

ULT	UST
<i>And this {will be} the sign for you. This year, you will eat wild grain, and in the second year, {its} offspring. But in the third year, sow and harvest, and plant vineyards and eat their fruit.</i>	<i>Here is a sign for you, Hezekiah{, to show that this message is truly from Yahweh}. This year, you and your people will eat wild grain. Next year, you will eat the grain that grows from the seeds of those wild plants. But the following year, you Israelites will be able to plant grain and harvest it. You will be able to plant vineyards and eat the grapes.</i>

What would be the sign for Hezekiah?

The sign would be that the people of Judah would eat what grows wild, and in the second year what grows from that.

2 Kings 19:30

ULT	UST
<i>And the remaining survival of the house of Judah will again {take} root downward, and it will make fruit upward.</i>	<i>The people in Judah who remain alive will once again prosper and have many sons and daughters, like plants whose roots go deep down into the ground and that produce much fruit.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:31

ULT	UST
<i>For a remnant will come out from Jerusalem, and a survival from Mount Zion. The zeal of Yahweh will do this.</i>	<i>People will survive the Assyrian invasion. Afterwards, many of them will move from Jerusalem on Mount Zion to resettle other parts of Judah. Yahweh will eagerly make this happen.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:32

ULT	UST
<i>Therefore, thus says Yahweh about the king of Assyria: 'He will not come to this city, and he will not shoot an arrow there, and he will not come before it {with} a shield, and he will not pour out a mound against it.</i>	<i>Yahweh declares that the king of Assyria will not bring his army to this city. His soldiers will not shoot a single arrow at it. His soldiers will not appear outside of it carrying shields. They will not build a high mound of dirt against the city wall to try to get over it.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:33

ULT	UST
<i>He will return by the way on which he came, and he will not come to this city.' The declaration of Yahweh.</i>	<i>Yahweh says that the king of Assyria will not lead his army to this city. Instead, they will return to their own country by the same route that they took to get here.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:34

ULT	UST
<i>'For I will cover over this city to save it, for my sake and for the sake of David my servant.'"</i>	<i>Yahweh says that he will defend this city and prevent the Assyrians from destroying it. He will do that to show that he is the one true God and because of what he promised to his servant David{, that his descendants would always rule in Jerusalem}."</i>

Why would Yahweh defend Jerusalem?

Yahweh would defend Jerusalem for his own sake and for his servant David's sake.

2 Kings 19:35

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened in that night that the angel of Yahweh went out and struck in the camp of Assyria 185,000. And they arose early in the morning and behold, all of them {were} dead corpses.</i>	<i>That night, an angel representing Yahweh went to the place where the Assyrian soldiers had set up their tents. He killed 185,000 of the soldiers. When the rest of the soldiers woke up the next morning, they saw the dead bodies of all those soldiers.</i>

How did Yahweh defend Jerusalem?

The angel of Yahweh went out and struck the camp of the Assyrians, putting to death 185,000 soldiers.

2 Kings 19:36

ULT	UST
<i>And he departed and went, and Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, returned and stayed in Nineveh.</i>	<i>Then King Sennacherib had his soldiers take down their tents, and he led them away from Israel. They returned to Assyria, and Sennacherib remained in the city of Nineveh.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 19:37

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened, he was prostrating himself {in} the house of Nisroch his god, and Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him with the sword, and they, they escaped {to} the land of Ararat. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.</i>	<i>One day King Sennacherib was worshiping in the temple of his god Nisroch. {Two of his sons,} Adrammelech and Sharezer, killed him with their swords. Then they escaped to the region of Ararat. Sennacherib's {other} son Esarhaddon became the next king of Assyria.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 20

2 Kings 20:1

ULT	UST
<i>In those days, Hezekiah was sick to dying. And Isaiah, the son of Amoz, the prophet, came to him and said to him, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Command regarding your house, for you are dying, and you will not live.'"</i>	<i>Around that time, Hezekiah became so sick that he was in danger of dying. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz came to him and told him, "Yahweh says that you should tell the people in your palace what you want them to do after you die. You should do that because you are not going to recover from this illness. Instead, you are going to die."</i>

What did Yahweh tell Hezekiah to do because he would die?

Yahweh told Hezekiah to set his house in order, for he would die.

2 Kings 20:2

ULT	UST
<i>And he turned his face to the wall, and he prayed to Yahweh, saying,</i>	<i>Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall {so that he could have privacy} and prayed to Yahweh. He said,</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 20:3

ULT	UST
<i>"Oh Yahweh, please remember that I have walked about to your face in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and I have done good in your eyes." And Hezekiah wept a great weeping.</i>	<i>"Yahweh, please do not forget that I have served you loyally and I have devoted myself entirely to you. I have done things that pleased you." Then Hezekiah started to cry loudly.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 20:4

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened, Isaiah had not gone out {of} the middle courtyard, and the word of Yahweh was to him, saying,</i>	<i>Isaiah {left the king, but} before he had crossed the middle courtyard of the palace, Yahweh gave him a message. He said,</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 20:5

ULT	UST
<i>“Return, and you shall say to Hezekiah, the leader of my people, ‘Thus says Yahweh, the God of David your father, “I have heard your prayer. I have seen your weeping. Behold me, healing you. On the third day, you will go up {to} the house of Yahweh.”’</i>	<i>“Go back to Hezekiah, the king of Judah, and tell him that I, Yahweh, the God whom his ancestor King David worshiped, have heard what he prayed. I have seen how he has been crying. Tell him that I will heal him. Two days from now, he will be able to go to my temple.”</i>

Why was Yahweh about to heal Hezekiah?

Because Yahweh heard Hezekiah’s prayer and saw his tears, he was about to heal him.

2 Kings 20:6

ULT	UST
<i>And I will add 15 years to your days, and I will deliver you and this city from the palm of the king of Assyria. And I will cover over this city for my sake and for the sake of David my servant.”””</i>	<i>Tell him that I will enable him to live for 15 more years. Promise him that I will prevent the king of Assyria from defeating him and conquering this city. I will defend this city to show that I am the one true God and because of what I promised to my servant David.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 20:7

ULT	UST
<i>And Isaiah said, “Bring a cake of figs.” And they brought {it}, and they put {it} on the sore, and he lived.</i>	<i>Isaiah {came back and told Hezekiah what Yahweh had said, then he} told Hezekiah’s servants, “Make a paste from figs.” The servants made the fig paste and put it on the sore place on Hezekiah’s body. Then he recovered.</i>

How did Hezekiah recover?

A lump of figs was put on his boil, and he recovered.

2 Kings 20:8

ULT	UST
<i>Now Hezekiah had said to Isaiah, “What {is} the sign that Yahweh will heal me, that I will go up on the third day to the house of Yahweh?”</i>	<i>Hezekiah had asked Isaiah {when he told him that Yahweh would heal him}, “Will Yahweh please give me a sign to show that he is going to heal me and that two days from now I will be able to go to his temple?”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 20:9

ULT	UST
<i>And Isaiah said, “This {is} the sign for you from Yahweh that Yahweh will do the thing that he has spoken. The shadow has gone forward ten steps. If it shall go back ten steps?”</i>	<i>Isaiah had replied, “Yahweh will do something that will prove to you that he will do what he promised. The shadow has gone ten steps down the stairway {that serves as a sundial}. Do you want him to make it go back up those ten steps?”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 20:10

ULT	UST
<i>And Hezekiah said, “It is easy for the shadow to stretch out ten steps. No, but let the shadow go backward ten steps.”</i>	<i>Hezekiah replied, “It would be easy to move the shadow farther down the steps {because that is how it always moves}. So do not ask Yahweh to do that. Instead, ask him to make it go back up those ten steps.”</i>

How did Yahweh change the shadow? (20:10-11)

Yahweh brought the shadow ten steps backward from where it had moved to on the stairway of Ahaz.

2 Kings 20:11

ULT	UST
<i>And Isaiah the prophet called to Yahweh, and he made the shadow go back on the steps that it had gone down on the steps of Ahaz, backward ten steps.</i>	<i>So Isaiah prayed earnestly to Yahweh, and Yahweh caused the shadow to go ten steps back up the stairs that King Ahaz had his workers build {as a sundial}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 20:12

ULT	UST
<i>At that time, Berodach Baladan, the son of Baladan, the king of Babylon, sent writings and a gift to Hezekiah, for he had heard that Hezekiah was sick.</i>	<i>Berodach Baladan had become the king of Babylon after his father Baladan died. Around this time, he learned that King Hezekiah had been very sick. So he sent messengers to him. They brought a gift to Hezekiah, along with a letter {that said how glad Berodach Baladan was that Hezekiah had recovered}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 20:13

ULT	UST
<i>And Hezekiah listened to them, and he showed them the whole house of his treasure, the silver and the gold and the spices and the fine oil and the house of his armor and everything that was found in his treasuries. There was not a thing that Hezekiah did not show them in his house or in all of his realm.</i>	<i>When the messengers arrived, Hezekiah listened when they read the letter to him from Berodach Baladan. Then he showed them all the valuable possessions he was keeping in his palace. He showed them the silver and the gold, the spices, the special olive oil, and the weapons for his soldiers. He showed them all the valuable things that were in his storerooms and in other places in his kingdom.</i>

What did Hezekiah show the messengers from the king of Babylon?

Hezekiah showed them everything in his house and kingdom.

2 Kings 20:14

ULT	UST
<i>And Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah and said to him, "What did these men say, and from where did they come to you?" And Hezekiah said, "They came from a distant land, from Babylon."</i>	<i>Then the prophet Isaiah went to Hezekiah and asked him, "Where did those men come from, and what did they say to you?" Hezekiah replied, "They came from a country that is far from here. They came from Babylon."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 20:15

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "What did they see in your house?" And Hezekiah said, "They saw everything that {is} in my house. There was not a thing in my treasuries that I did not show them."</i>	<i>Isaiah asked, "What did they see in your palace?" Hezekiah replied, "I showed them everything in my palace. I showed them all the valuable things that are in my storerooms."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 20:16

ULT	UST
<i>And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of Yahweh."</i>	<i>Then Isaiah told him, "Yahweh is telling you</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 20:17

ULT	UST
<i>'Behold, days are coming when everything that {is} in your house and that your fathers have stored up to this day will be carried away to Babylon. A thing will not be left,' says Yahweh.</i>	<i>that there will be a time when the Babylonian army will take away all the valuable things in your palace. That includes the things that your ancestors have put there over the years. They will leave nothing valuable here. This is what Yahweh is telling you.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 20:18

ULT	UST
<i>'And they will take some of your sons who will come forth from you, whom you will beget, and they will be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.'"</i>	<i>He is also telling you that the Babylonian army will force some of your own descendants to go to Babylon. There they will be eunuchs in the royal palace."</i>

What would happen to the sons born from Hezekiah?

The people of Babylon would take away the sons born from him, and they would become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

2 Kings 20:19

ULT	UST
<i>And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of Yahweh that you have spoken {is} good." For he said, "Is it not, if peace and stability will be in my days?"</i>	<i>Then Hezekiah replied to Isaiah, "I accept what Yahweh has said in the message you have delivered." He said that because he was thinking, "Even if that happens, the people of my kingdom will live peacefully and safely for as long as I am alive."</i>

Why did Hezekiah think that the word of Yahweh was good?

Hezekiah thought that the word of Yahweh was good because there would be peace and stability in his days.

2 Kings 20:20

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Hezekiah and all of his might, and how he made the pool and the conduit and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Hezekiah did, including the victories that his armies won. That book also describes how he had his workers build a reservoir in the city and a tunnel to bring water into that reservoir.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 20:21

ULT	UST
<i>And Hezekiah lay down with his fathers, and Manasseh his son reigned in his place.</i>	<i>When Hezekiah died, his son Manasseh became the next king of Judah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21

2 Kings 21:1

ULT	UST
<i>Manasseh {was} a son of 12 years when he reigned, and he reigned 55 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Hephzibah.</i>	<i>Manasseh was 12 years old when he began to rule. He ruled Judah for 55 years in Jerusalem. His mother was Hephzibah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:2

ULT	UST
<i>And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like the abominations of the nations that Yahweh had driven out from the face of the sons of Israel.</i>	<i>He did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. He imitated the disgusting practices of the nations that Yahweh had forced to leave the land of Canaan so that the Israelites could settle there.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:3

ULT	UST
<i>And he returned and built the high places that Hezekiah his father had destroyed. And he set up altars for Baal, and he made an Asherah, just as Ahab, the king of Israel, had done. And he prostrated himself to the whole army of the heavens, and he served them.</i>	<i>His father Hezekiah had destroyed the shrines where the Judeans had worshiped on the tops of hills. But Manasseh commanded his workers to rebuild those shrines. He had his workers build altars for Baal. He also had them set up a pole for the worship of the goddess Asherah, as King Ahab of Israel had previously done. Manasseh also bowed down to the sun, moon, and stars to worship them.</i>

What did Manasseh rebuild?

Manasseh rebuilt the shrines that Hezekiah, his father, had destroyed.

2 Kings 21:4

ULT	UST
<i>And he built altars in the house of Yahweh, {about} which Yahweh had said, "In Jerusalem I will put my name."</i>	<i>He directed his workers to build altars {for worshiping foreign gods} and to put them inside Yahweh's temple, even though Yahweh had said, "Jerusalem will be the place where people worship me."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:5

ULT	UST
<i>And he built altars for the whole army of the heavens in the two courts of the house of Yahweh.</i>	<i>He also had his workers make altars for the sun, moon, and stars and put them in the courtyards for the priests and the people in the temple area.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:6

ULT	UST
<i>And he made his son pass through the fire, and he practiced divination, and he observed signs, and he made a ritual pit and familiar spirits. He multiplied doing evil in the eyes of Yahweh, making {him} angry.</i>	<i>He even burned his own son as a sacrifice to a false god. He performed rituals to practice sorcery. He allowed people to dig pits so they could use them try to contact people who had died. People also used those pits to try to talk to spirits that they thought could tell them things that people otherwise could not know. He did very many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil, and that made Yahweh very angry.</i>

With whom did Manasseh consult?

Manasseh practiced divination, and he observed signs, and he made a ritual pit and familiar spirits.

2 Kings 21:7

ULT	UST
<i>And he put the image of Asherah that he made in the house {about} which Yahweh had said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all of the tribes of Israel, I will put my name forever.</i>	<i>He placed the pole for the worship of the goddess Asherah inside the temple building. That was the place about which Yahweh had said to David and his son Solomon, "I will make Jerusalem, and especially this temple, places where people will always worship me. I chose Jerusalem for that purpose from among all of the cities in the land of Israel.</i>

What did Manasseh place in the house of Yahweh?

Manasseh placed the carved figure of Asherah that he had made in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 21:8

ULT	UST
<i>And I will not add to make the foot of Israel wander from the ground that I gave to their fathers if only they will take care to act according to all that I have commanded them and to all of the law that my servant Moses commanded them.”</i>	<i>And if the Israelite people carefully obey all my commands and all the laws that I gave to them through my servant Moses, I will not make them wander again. They will be able to stay in this land that I gave to their ancestors.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:9

ULT	UST
<i>But they were not careful, and Manasseh misled them to do more evil than the nations that Yahweh had destroyed from the face of the sons of Israel.</i>	<i>But the people did not carefully obey Yahweh. Manasseh persuaded them to commit sins that were even worse than the sins that the people of the nations committed whom Yahweh destroyed so that the Israelites could settle in the land of Canaan.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:10

ULT	UST
<i>And Yahweh spoke by the hand of his servants the prophets, saying,</i>	<i>Yahweh sent prophets to warn Manasseh and the people of Judah. They said,</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:11

ULT	UST
<i>“Because Manasseh, the king of Judah, has done these evil abominations more than all that the Amorite did who {was} to his face, and he has also made Judah sin with his idols,</i>	<i>“{Yahweh is angry with} King Manasseh of Judah because he has done disgusting evil things. They are worse than the things the Amorites did who lived in the land before the Israelites. Manasseh has also influenced the people of Judah to sin against Yahweh by worshiping the idols that he has made.</i>

Whom did Manasseh act more wickedly than?

Manasseh acted more wickedly than the Amorites who were before him.

2 Kings 21:12

ULT	UST
<i>therefore, thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, 'Behold me, bringing disaster on Jerusalem and Judah that everyone hearing it, the two of his ears will tingle.</i>	<i>Therefore Yahweh, the God whom we Israelite people worship, says that he is going to make something terrible happen to Jerusalem and the rest of Judah. It will be so terrible that it will shock everyone who hears about it.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:13

ULT	UST
<i>And I will stretch over Jerusalem the measuring line of Samaria and the plumb line of the house of Ahab. And I will wipe Jerusalem away, just as one wipes a dish, he wipes {it} and turns {it} on its face.</i>	<i>He says that he will judge and punish the people of Jerusalem by the same standards that he used to judge the people of Samaria and the descendants of Ahab. When people wipe a plate clean, they turn it over to make sure that they have left nothing on it. In the same way, Yahweh will destroy Jerusalem and make sure that there is nothing left of it.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:14

ULT	UST
<i>And I will abandon the remnant of my inheritance, and I will give them into the hand of their enemies. And they will become spoil and plunder for all of their enemies,</i>	<i>Some of its people will survive, but he will not help them, even though he had chosen the Israelites as his special people. Instead, he will allow their enemies to conquer them and take them and all of their valuable possessions away from their land.</i>

Why would the remnant become victims and plunder for all their enemies? (21:14-15)

The remnant would become victims and plunder for all their enemies because his people have done things that he has told them are very evil.

2 Kings 21:15

ULT	UST
<i>because they have done evil in my eyes and they have been making me angry from the day that their fathers came out from Egypt and to this day.'"</i>	<i>He will do this because his people have done things that he has told them are very evil. This has made him very angry. They have been making him angry ever since the time when their ancestors left Egypt."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:16

ULT	UST
<i>And Manasseh also poured out very much innocent blood, until he filled Jerusalem mouth to mouth, besides his sin {by} which he made Judah sin by doing evil in the eyes of Yahweh.</i>	<i>Manasseh also had his soldiers kill very many innocent people throughout the city of Jerusalem. He did this in addition to committing sins that influenced the people of Judah to commit sins by doing things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil.</i>

How much innocent blood did Manasseh shed?

Manasseh shed so much innocent blood that he filled Jerusalem from one end to another with death.

2 Kings 21:17

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Manasseh and all that he did and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Manasseh did, including the many sins that he committed.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:18

ULT	UST
<i>And Manasseh lay down with his fathers, and he was buried in the garden of his house, in the garden of Uzza. And Amon his son reigned in his place.</i>	<i>When Manasseh died, the Judeans buried him in the garden outside his palace. A man whose name was Uzza had previously owned that land. Manasseh's son Amon became the next king of Judah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:19

ULT	UST
<i>Amon {was} a son of 22 years when he reigned, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz, from Jotbah.</i>	<i>Amon was 22 years old when he became king. He ruled Judah from Jerusalem for two years. His mother was Meshullemeth daughter of Haruz. She was from the city of Jotbah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:20

ULT	UST
<i>And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, just as Manasseh his father had done.</i>	<i>He did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil, just as his father Manasseh had done.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:21

ULT	UST
<i>And he walked in every way that his father had walked. And he served the idols that his father had served, and he prostrated himself to them.</i>	<i>He behaved just as his father had behaved. He worshiped the same idols that his father had worshiped. He bowed down to those idols to worship them.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:22

ULT	UST
<i>And he abandoned Yahweh, the God of his fathers, and he did not walk in the way of Yahweh.</i>	<i>He did not worship Yahweh, the God whom his ancestors had worshiped. He did not behave as Yahweh has said people should behave.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:23

ULT	UST
<i>And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and they killed the king in his house.</i>	<i>Amon's officials plotted against him. They assassinated him in his palace.</i>

How did Amon die?

The servants of Amon conspired against him and put the king to death in his own house.

2 Kings 21:24

ULT	UST
<i>But the people of the land struck all having conspired against King Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah his son reign in his place.</i>	<i>But then the people of Judah killed all those who had assassinated King Amon. They appointed his son Josiah to be their next king.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:25

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Amon that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Amon did.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 21:26

ULT	UST
<i>And one buried him in his tomb in the garden of Uzza. And Josiah his son reigned in his place.</i>	<i>The Judeans buried Amon in the tomb in the garden that Uzza had formerly owned. Amon's son Josiah became the next king.</i>

Where was Amon buried?

The people buried Amon in his tomb in the garden of Uzza.

2 Kings 22

2 Kings 22:1

ULT	UST
<i>Josiah {was} a son of 8 years when he reigned, and he reigned 31 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Yedidah, the daughter of Adaiah, from Bozkath.</i>	<i>Josiah was 8 years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled from Jerusalem for 31 years. His mother was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah. She was from the city of Bozkath.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 22:2

ULT	UST
<i>And he did right in the eyes of Yahweh, and he walked in every way of David his father, and he did not turn away, right or left.</i>	<i>Josiah did things that pleased Yahweh. He behaved in the same godly manner as his ancestor King David had behaved. He did not behave differently at all.</i>

How did Josiah walk?

Josiah walked in all the ways of David his ancestor, and he did not turn away either to the right or to the left.

2 Kings 22:3

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened in the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan, the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of Yahweh, saying,</i>	<i>After Josiah had been ruling for almost eighteen years, he sent his secretary Shaphan, whose father was Azaliah and whose grandfather was Meshullam, to Yahweh's temple. He told him,</i>

What did Josiah want Hilkiah to give to the workmen who were in the house of Yahweh? (22:3-5)

Josiah wanted Hilkiah to give the money that was brought into the house of Yahweh to the workmen who were in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:4

ULT	UST
<i>“Go up to Hilkiah, the great priest, and he shall complete the silver having been brought {into} the house of Yahweh, which the keepers of the threshold have collected from the people.</i>	<i>“The priests who supervise the courtyard entrance have collected money from the people and brought it into the temple. Go and tell the high priest Hilkiah to get that money, count it, and put it in bags.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 22:5

ULT	UST
<i>And let them give it into the hand of the doers of the work, the ones appointed over the house of Yahweh. And they shall give it to the doers of the work that {is} in the house of Yahweh, to strengthen the damage of the house,</i>	<i>Tell him to give the money to the men who are supervising the work of repairing the temple. They are to use it to pay the men who are doing the actual work of making the repairs that the temple needs.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 22:6

ULT	UST
<i>to the craftsmen and to the builders and to the masons, and to buy wood and stones of hewing to strengthen the house.”</i>	<i>They must use it to pay carpenters and builders and masons and to buy timber and stones that workers have shaped. The skilled workers will use that timber and stone to repair the temple.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 22:7

ULT	UST
<i>However, the silver given to their hand shall not be reckoned with them, because they are acting in faithfulness.</i>	<i>The men who supervise the work are completely honest. So you do not need to require them to report how they spend the money you give them.</i>

Why was no accounting required for the money that was given to the workmen?

No accounting was required for the money that was given to the workmen, because they handled it faithfully.

2 Kings 22:8

ULT	UST
<i>And Hilkiah the great priest said to Shaphan the scribe, “I have found a scroll of the Law in the house of Yahweh.” And Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan, and he read it.</i>	<i>{So Shaphan did that, and later} Hilkiah reported to him, “I have found a scroll in the temple that records the laws that God gave to Moses.” Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan, and he read it.</i>

What did Hilkiah find in the house of Yahweh?

Hilkiah found the Book of the Law in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:9

ULT	UST
<i>And Shaphan the scribe went to the king, and he brought a word back {to} the king and said, “Your servants have poured out the silver found in the house, and they have given it into the hand of the doers of the work, the ones appointed {over} the house of Yahweh.”</i>	<i>Then Shaphan went to King Josiah and told him, “I gave the priests your instructions, and they have emptied the chest in which they were collecting money for the temple. They have given the money to the men who are supervising the work of repairing the temple.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 22:10

ULT	UST
<i>And Shaphan the scribe declared to the king, saying, “Hilkiah the priest has given a scroll to me.” And Shaphan read it to the face of the king.</i>	<i>Then Shaphan also told the king, “Hilkiah gave me this scroll.” And Shaphan read to the king what the scroll recorded.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 22:11

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened when the king heard the words of the scroll of the Law that he tore his clothes.</i>	<i>When the king heard the laws that Shaphan was reading to him from the scroll, he tore his robes {to show how concerned he was that Yahweh would punish the Judeans}.</i>

When the king heard the words of the law, what did he do?

When the king heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes.

2 Kings 22:12

ULT	UST
<i>And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest and Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, and Akbor, the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan the scribe and Asaiah, the servant of the king, saying,</i>	<i>Then King Josiah gave special instructions to Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Akbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan his royal secretary, and Asaiah, his special advisor. He told them,</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 22:13

ULT	UST
<i>“Go, seek Yahweh for me and for the people and for all of Judah concerning the words of this scroll having been found. For great {is} the heat of Yahweh, that which is kindled against us because our fathers did not listen to the words of this scroll, to act according to everything written concerning us.”</i>	<i>“Now that Hilkiah has found this scroll, I want you to go and ask Yahweh what I and the people of Jerusalem and the rest of Judah should do about what it says. Our ancestors did not obey the commandments that this scroll records. They should have done everything that Moses wrote we should do. So Yahweh must be very angry with us.”</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 22:14

ULT	UST
<i>And Hilkiah the priest went with Ahikam and Akbor and Shaphan and Asaiah to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum, the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, the keeper of the clothes (now she was living in Jerusalem, in the Second Quarter), and they spoke to her.</i>	<i>So Hilkiah, Ahikam, Akbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to consult a woman whose name was Huldah. She was a prophetess, and she lived in the Second Quarter of Jerusalem. She was married to Shallum, whose father was Tikvah and whose grandfather was Harhas. Shallum took care of the garments that the priests wore in the temple. Those five men told Huldah about the scroll that Hilkiah had found.</i>

Where did Huldah live?

Huldah lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter.

2 Kings 22:15

ULT	UST
<i>And she said to them, “Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, ‘Say to the man who sent you to me,</i>	<i>In response, she told them, “Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, says that wants you to say something to the man who sent you to me.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 22:16

ULT	UST
<i>“Thus says Yahweh, ‘Behold me, bringing disaster to this place and upon its inhabitants, all of the words of the scroll that the king of Judah has read,</i>	<i>Yahweh says that he is going to make something terrible happen to this city and to the people who live here. He is going to punish them in the way that the scroll King Josiah read describes.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 22:17

ULT	UST
<i>because they abandoned me and burned incense to other gods, so that they made me angry by all of the works of their hands. So my heat is kindled against this place, and it will not extinguish. ’’’</i>	<i>He is going to do that because they stopped worshiping him and burned incense to {honor} other gods. They made many idols, and that made him very angry. He is so angry with them that he is going to punish them.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 22:18

ULT	UST
<i>But to the king of Judah, the one having sent you to seek Yahweh, thus you shall say to him, ‘Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, {about} the words that you heard,</i>	<i>But there is something further that you are to tell the king of Judah, who sent you to ask Yahweh about what the scroll said. Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, says that</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 22:19

ULT	UST
<i>“Because your heart is tender and you humbled yourself from the face of Yahweh when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its dwellers, that they would become a horror and a curse, and you tore your clothes and wept to my face, now I, I have also heard.” The declaration of Yahweh.</i>	<i>he is going to treat him mercifully. Yahweh will do that because he was so sad and he acted humbly toward me when he heard what Yahweh said he was going to do to punish this city and the people who live here. Yahweh said that he was going to do something so terrible that it would horrify people. People would curse other places by saying they wanted them to become like Jerusalem. But when King Josiah heard that, he wept and tore his robes {to show his distress}. He knew that Yahweh was watching him. That is why Yahweh declares that he is going to treat him mercifully.</i>

Why did Yahweh listen to the king of Judah?

Yahweh listened to the king of Judah because his heart was tender and because he humbled himself before Yahweh and because he tore his clothes and wept before Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:20

ULT	UST
<i>“Therefore, behold me, gathering you to your fathers, and you will be gathered to your graves in peace, and your eyes will not see all of the disaster that I am bringing upon this place.””” And they brought a word back {to} the king.</i>	<i>Yahweh wants you to tell Josiah that because he was sorry for the sins of Judah, Yahweh is going to allow him to die peacefully. The Judeans will bury him in the same place where people buried his ancestors. Yahweh is still going to cause something terrible to happen to Jerusalem and the people who live in it. But Josiah will not be alive to see that.” The officials returned to King Josiah and reported what Huldah had told them.</i>

What would the eyes of the king of Judah not see?

His eyes would not see any of the disaster that Yahweh would bring on the place and its inhabitants.

2 Kings 23

2 Kings 23:1

ULT	UST
<i>And the king sent, and they gathered to him all of the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.</i>	<i>King Josiah then sent messengers to summon all the elders of Jerusalem and of the other places in the kingdom of Judah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:2

ULT	UST
<i>And the king went up {to} the house of Yahweh, and every man of Judah and all of the dwellers of Jerusalem with him, and the priests and the prophets, and all of the people from small and to great. And he read in their ears all of the words of the scroll of the covenant having been found in the house of Yahweh.</i>	<i>Those elders, along with many ordinary people from Judah and Jerusalem, gathered in the temple courtyard with the king. Many priests and prophets also came. A great crowd representing all the kinds of people in the city was there. While they all listened, the king read to them from the scroll that had been in the temple. He all of the laws that Yahweh had given the Israelites when he made his solemn agreement with them.</i>

In whose hearing did the king read all the words of the book of the covenant?

The king read all the words of the book of the covenant in the hearing of all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, prophets, and all the people, from small to great.

2 Kings 23:3

ULT	UST
<i>And the king stood by the pillar, and he cut a covenant to the face of Yahweh to walk after Yahweh and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all of the heart and with all of the soul, to raise up the words of this covenant written on that scroll. And all of the people stood in the covenant.</i>	<i>Then the king stood next to a pillar {on the temple porch} and he made a solemn agreement with Yahweh that he would live as Yahweh wanted him to live. He promised to obey all of Yahweh's laws sincerely and devotedly. In that way, the solemn agreement that the scroll from the temple described became the law of Israel once again. The Judean people who had gathered at the temple courtyard promised to obey that solemn agreement.</i>

What did all the people agree to do?

All the people agreed to obey the covenant.

2 Kings 23:4

ULT	UST
<i>And the king commanded Hilkiah the great priest and the priests of the second rank and the keepers of the threshold to bring out from the temple of Yahweh all of the vessels having been made for Baal and for Asherah and for the whole army of the heavens. And he burned them outside of Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and he brought their ashes {to} Bethel.</i>	<i>Then the king gave a command to the high priest Hilkiah, the other leading priests, and the priests who supervised the courtyard entrance. He told them to remove from the temple all the objects that people had been using to worship Baal, Asherah, and the sun, moon, and stars. They took those outside the city to the Kidron Valley and burned them completely there. Then they took all the ashes to the city of Bethel.</i>

What did the king burn outside Jerusalem in the fields in the Kidron Valley?

The king burned all the vessels that were made for Baal and Asherah, and for all the stars of heaven outside Jerusalem in the fields in the Kidron Valley.

2 Kings 23:5

ULT	UST
<i>And he made cease the idol-priests whom the kings of Judah had appointed that one should burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah and the environs of Jerusalem and the ones burning incense to Baal, to the sun and to the moon and to the constellations and to the whole army of the heavens.</i>	<i>Previous kings of Judah had appointed many pagan priests to burn incense at hilltop shrines near many cities in Judah and in the area around Jerusalem. Those priests had been offering sacrifices to Baal and to the sun, moon, and stars. King Josiah stopped them from doing those things.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:6

ULT	UST
<i>And he brought out the Asherah from the house of Yahweh to outside of Jerusalem, to the Valley of Kidron, and he burned it in the Valley of Kidron. And he crushed {it} to dust, and he threw its dust over the grave of the sons of the people.</i>	<i>Josiah ordered his servants to remove the pole for the worship of the goddess Asherah that was inside the temple building. He told them to take it outside Jerusalem to the Kidron Valley and burn it. He ordered them to pound the ashes to powder and scatter the powder in a graveyard for ordinary people that was in that area.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:7

ULT	UST
<i>And he tore down the houses of the cultic prostitutes that {were} by the house of Yahweh, where women were weaving houses there for Asherah.</i>	<i>There were male prostitutes living in small houses near the temple. In those houses, women also wove articles that people used in the worship of Asherah. Josiah tore down those houses {and ended the activities that took place in them}.</i>

What rooms did the king clear out?

The king cleared out the rooms of the male prostitutes who were by the temple of Yahweh.

2 Kings 23:8

ULT	UST
<i>And he brought all of the priests from the cities of Judah, and he defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense there, from Geba to Beersheba. And he tore down the high places of the gates that {were at} the entrance of the gate of Joshua, the commander of the city, which {was} on the left of a man at the gate of the city.</i>	<i>Josiah also brought to Jerusalem all the priests who had been burning incense at hilltop shrines near other cities in Judah. He ordered his servants to demolish all of those hilltop shrines, everywhere in his kingdom. There were similar shrines in Jerusalem near the gate of Joshua, the governor of Jerusalem. That gate was to the left of the main city gate. Josiah ordered his servants to destroy those shrines as well.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:9

ULT	UST
<i>(However, the priests of the high places did not go up to the altar of Yahweh in Jerusalem. Rather, they ate unleavened bread in the midst of their brothers.)</i>	<i>(Josiah did not allow the priests he had brought to Jerusalem from the hilltop shrines to offer sacrifices on the altar in the temple courtyard in Jerusalem. But he did allow them to eat the food that the priests received as their share of sacrifices that people brought.)</i>

Where were the priests of those shrines where incense was burned allowed to eat unleavened bread?

The priests of those shrines where incense was burned were allowed to eat unleavened bread in Jerusalem.

2 Kings 23:10

ULT	UST
<i>And he defiled Topheth, which {was} in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, so that a man could not make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Molech.</i>	<i>There was a place that people called Topheth in the Valley of Ben Hinnom where people used to burn their children as sacrifices to the false god Molech. Josiah had his servants destroy that place {so that no one would do that anymore}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:11

ULT	UST
<i>And he removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun from the entrance of the house of Yahweh, by the chamber of Nathan Melech the eunuch, which {was} in the precincts. And he burned the chariots of the sun with fire.</i>	<i>Previous kings of Judah had dedicated horses to pull chariots in processions in honor of the sun. There were stables for those horses near the entrance to the temple. A royal official whose name was Nathan Melech was responsible for the horses, and he lived in an apartment near the stables. King Josiah had his servants take the horses away from the temple and destroy the chariots by burning them.</i>

Where were the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun?

The horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun were in an area at the entrance to the temple of Yahweh, near the room of Nathan Melech.

2 Kings 23:12

ULT	UST
<i>And the king tore down the altars that {were} on the roof, the upper chamber of Ahaz, that the kings of Judah had made and the altars that Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of Yahweh. And he ran from there and threw their dust into the Valley of Kidron.</i>	<i>Previous kings of Judah had built altars {for worshiping the sun, moon, and stars} on the palace roof. They were near the room that King Ahaz had made for himself. King Manasseh had also built altars in the two courtyards in the temple area. Josiah commanded his servants to destroy all those altars. He told them to take the debris from the altars away quickly and throw it down into the Kidron Valley.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:13

ULT	UST
<i>And the king defiled the high places that {were} on the face of Jerusalem, which {were} on the right of the Mount of Destruction, which Solomon, the king of Israel, had built for Ashtoreth, the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom, the abomination of the sons of Ammon.</i>	<i>King Solomon had built shrines east of Jerusalem, on the south side of the Mount of Destruction, for the disgusting gods that other people groups worshiped. He built a shrine for Ashtoreth, whom the Sidonians worshiped. He built one for Chemosh, whom the Moabites worshiped. And he built one for Milcom, whom the Ammonites worshiped. Josiah commanded his servants to ruin those shrines.</i>

Who built the Mount of Destruction?

Solomon king of Israel built the Mount of Destruction.

2 Kings 23:14

ULT	UST
<i>And he shattered the pillars, and he cut down the Asherahs, and he filled their place with bones of man.</i>	<i>He also had them smash the stone pillars that represented Baal. He had them cut down {and burn} the poles that people had set up for worshiping the goddess Asherah. And he had them scatter human bones on the ground there {to make those places ritually unclean}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:15

ULT	UST
<i>And also the altar that {was} in Bethel, the high place that Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, made, who caused Israel to sin, both that altar and the high place, he tore down, and he burned the high place. He crushed {them} to dust, and he burned the Asherah.</i>	<i>Jeroboam son of Nebat had made an altar and a shrine at Bethel. He had influenced the Israelites to sin {by worshiping idols} when he did that. Josiah had his servants tear down the altar and the shrine, and he had them burn the shrine and crush what remained into dust. He also had them burn the pole that people had been using to worship Asherah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:16

ULT	UST
<i>And Josiah turned and saw the graves that {were} there on the mountain, and he sent and took bones from the graves and burned {them} on the altar. So he defiled it, according to the word of Yahweh that the man of God proclaimed who had proclaimed these things.</i>	<i>Then Josiah looked around and saw some tombs on a nearby hill. He commanded his servants to take bones out of those tombs and burn them on the altar. This made the altar ritually unclean. Josiah did exactly what Yahweh had told a prophet {many years before} to say would happen.</i>

Why did Josiah burn bones on the altar at Bethel?

He burned bones on the altar to defile it.

2 Kings 23:17

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "What {is} this monument that I am seeing?" And the men of the city said to him, "The grave of the man of God who came from Judah and proclaimed these things that you have done against the altar of Bethel."</i>	<i>Then Josiah {saw a tomb and} asked, "Whose tomb is that?" The people of Bethel replied, "It is the tomb of the prophet who came from Judah and predicted these things that you have just done to this altar."</i>

Whose bones did Josiah not move? (23:17-18)

Josiah did not move the bones of the man of God who came from Judah and the prophet who had come from Samaria.

2 Kings 23:18

ULT	UST
<i>And he said, "Let him stay. Let not a man disturb his bones." And they rescued his bones, with the bones of the prophet who came from Samaria.</i>	<i>Josiah replied, "Leave the bones of that prophet in his tomb." So the people did not remove his bones or the bones of the old prophet who had lived in that area {and who had deceived the other prophet so that he died}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:19

ULT	UST
<i>And Josiah also removed all of the houses of the high places that {were} in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made, provoking anger. And he did to them like all of the works that he had done in Bethel.</i>	<i>Josiah also ordered his servants to destroy all the hilltop shrines that were near cities in what had been the kingdom of Israel. The kings of Israel had built those shrines and made Yahweh very angry. Josiah had his servants tear down those shrines {and burn them and crush the remains and then scatter human bones on the sites}, just as he had done to the shrine at Bethel.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:20

ULT	UST
<i>And he sacrificed on the altars all of the priests of the high places who {were} there, and he burned bones of man on them. Then he returned to Jerusalem.</i>	<i>Josiah also ordered his servants to kill all the priests of those hilltop shrines right on the altars {where they had offered sacrifices to false gods}. Then he had them burn human bones on those altars {so that no one could use them for worship again}. After that, Josiah went back to Jerusalem.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:21

ULT	UST
<i>And the king commanded all of the people, saying, "Do Passover for Yahweh your God, as written in this scroll of the covenant."</i>	<i>Then the king commanded the people, "Celebrate the Passover festival to honor Yahweh your God. That is what the Law of Moses says to do {every year}."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:22

ULT	UST
<i>Now like this Passover was not done from the days of the judges who judged Israel or all of the days of the kings of Israel or the kings of Judah,</i>	<i>During all the years when the judges ruled Israel, and during all the years when kings reigned in Israel and Judah, the Israelites had not celebrated Passover like that.</i>

For how long had such a Passover celebration not been held?

Such a Passover celebration had not been held from the days of the judges who ruled Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel or Judah.

2 Kings 23:23

ULT	UST
<i>except in the eighteenth year of King Josiah this Passover was done for Yahweh in Jerusalem.</i>	<i>But now, after Josiah had been ruling for almost 18 years, the people of Jerusalem celebrated this Passover festival to honor Yahweh.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:24

ULT	UST
<i>And Josiah also removed the ritual pits and the familiar spirits and the teraphim and the idols and all of the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, in order to raise up the words of the Law written in the scroll that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of Yahweh.</i>	<i>Furthermore, Josiah made the people who lived in Jerusalem and in other places in Judah stop doing detestable things. He forbade people to dig pits to try to contact people who had died or to try to talk to spirits that they thought could tell them secret things. He made the people throw away their household idols. He destroyed all the other kinds of idols. Hilkiah the priest had found a scroll in the temple that recorded the law of Moses. Josiah did all those things so that what the scroll recorded would become the law of Israel once again.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:25

ULT	UST
<i>And to his face a king was not like him, who returned to Yahweh with all of his heart and with all of his soul and with all of his strength, according to all of the Law of Moses. And after him, one has not arisen like him.</i>	<i>Josiah sincerely, devotedly, and powerfully led the Judeans to worship Yahweh once again. He obeyed all the laws of Moses. No previous king was as devoted to Yahweh as he was, and no later king was that devoted either.</i>

How did Josiah turn to Yahweh?

Josiah turned to Yahweh with all his heart, all his soul, and all his strength.

2 Kings 23:26

ULT	UST
<i>However, Yahweh did not turn from the great burning of his nose {with} which his nose burned against Judah because of all of the provocations {by} which Manasseh had provoked him.</i>	<i>Even so, King Manasseh had done many things that had made Yahweh extremely angry with the people of Judah, and he continued to be very angry.</i>

From what did Yahweh not turn?

Yahweh did not turn from his great anger.

2 Kings 23:27

ULT	UST
<i>And Yahweh had said, "I will also remove Judah away from my face, just as I removed Israel. And I will reject this city that I chose, Jerusalem, and the house {about} which I said, 'My name will be there.'"</i>	<i>He had said, "I will allow an enemy to take the people of Judah away to a foreign country, just as an enemy took the people of Israel away. And I will reject Jerusalem, the city that I chose to be the place for the temple in which I said people would worship me."</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:28

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Josiah and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Josiah did.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:29

ULT	UST
<i>In his days, Pharaoh Neco, the king of Egypt, went up to the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River. And King Josiah went to meet him, but he killed him at Megiddo when he saw him.</i>	<i>While Josiah was the king of Judah, Pharaoh Neco of Egypt led his army north to the Euphrates River to help the king of Assyria. King Josiah led his army to fight the army of Egypt. The two armies fought at the city of Megiddo, and Josiah died in the battle there.</i>

Who went to fight against the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River?

Pharaoh Neco, king of Egypt, went to fight against the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River.

2 Kings 23:30

ULT	UST
<i>And his servants caused him to ride dead from Megiddo and brought him {to} Jerusalem. And they buried him in his grave. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz, the son of Josiah, and they anointed him and made him king in place of his father.</i>	<i>His soldiers put his body in a chariot and transported it back to Jerusalem. There the Judeans buried him in his own tomb. Then the people of Judah chose Josiah's son Jehoahaz to be their next king. They poured olive oil on his head to show that they were appointing him as their king.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:31

ULT	UST
<i>Jehoahaz {was} a son of 23 years when he reigned, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah, from Libnah.</i>	<i>Jehoahaz was 23 years old when he became the king of Judah, but he ruled from Jerusalem for only three months. His mother was Hamutal daughter of Jeremiah. She was from the city of Libnah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:32

ULT	UST
<i>And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that his fathers had done.</i>	<i>Jehoahaz did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil, just as many of his ancestors had done.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:33

ULT	UST
<i>And Pharaoh Neco bound him in Riblah, in the land of Hamath, from reigning in Jerusalem. And he imposed tribute on the land, 100 kikkars of silver and a kikkar of gold.</i>	<i>At the city of Riblah in the district of Hamath, Pharaoh Neco made Jehoahaz his prisoner so that he would no longer rule in Jerusalem. Neco then forced the people of Judah to pay to him a tribute of about 3.3 metric tons of silver and 33 kilograms of gold.</i>

Why did Pharaoh Neco put Jehoahaz in chains at Riblah in the land of Hamath?

Pharaoh Neco put him in chains at Riblah in the land of Hamath, so he might not reign in Jerusalem.

2 Kings 23:34

ULT	UST
<i>And Pharaoh Neco made Eliakim, the son of Josiah, reign in place of Josiah his father, and he changed his name {to} Jehoiakim. But he took Jehoahaz, and he came {to} Egypt, and he died there.</i>	<i>Pharaoh Neco appointed another son of Josiah, Eliakim, to be the next king of Judah instead. He changed Eliakim's name to Jehoiakim. But he took Jehoahaz away to Egypt, and later Jehoahaz died there.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:35

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh, but he assessed the land to give the silver according to the mouth of Pharaoh. {From} a man according to his assessment, he exacted the silver and the gold {from} the people of the land to give to Pharaoh Neco.</i>	<i>In order to pay Neco the silver and gold that he had demanded, Jehoiakim collected a tax from the people of Judah. He collected more from the rich people and less from the poor people. After he had collected the silver and gold from them, he paid it to Neco.</i>

How did Jehoiakim get the money to pay Pharaoh?

Jehoiakim taxed the land to pay the money, in order to pay Pharaoh.

2 Kings 23:36

ULT	UST
<i>Jehoiakim {was} a son of 25 years when he reigned, and he reigned 11 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Zebidah, the daughter of Pedaiah, from Rumah.</i>	<i>Jehoiakim was 25 years old when he became the king of Judah, and he ruled from Jerusalem for 11 years. His mother was Zebidah daughter of Pedaiah. She was from the city of Rumah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 23:37

ULT	UST
<i>And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that his fathers had done.</i>	<i>He did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil, just as many of his ancestors had done.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 24

2 Kings 24:1

ULT	UST
<i>In his days, Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, came up, and Jehoiakim was a servant to him {for} three years. Then he returned and rebelled against him.</i>	<i>While Jehoiakim was ruling Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon led his army to invade Judah. {They defeated the Judean army, and as a result, Jehoiakim became his subject king}. But after three years, Jehoiakim rebelled {and depended on Egypt again}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 24:2

ULT	UST
<i>And Yahweh sent against him raiding bands of Chaldeans and raiding bands of Aram and raiding bands of Moab and raiding bands of the sons of Ammon. And he sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken by the hand of his servants the prophets.</i>	<i>Then Yahweh allowed Chaldean {that is, Babylonian}, Aramean, Moabite, and Ammonite raiders to come into the land of Judah and steal the people's crops and valuable possessions. Yahweh had said through his prophets that he would punish the Judeans, and that is just what happened.</i>

What had Yahweh spoken through his servants the prophets?

Yahweh had spoken through his servants the prophets that bands of Chaldeans, Arameans, Moabites, and Ammonites would destroy Judah.

2 Kings 24:3

ULT	UST
<i>Surely at the mouth of Yahweh it was against Judah, to remove {them} away from his face for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did,</i>	<i>These things happened to the people of Judah because Yahweh had decreed that they would. He had decided to allow an enemy to take the people of Judah away to a foreign country because of the many sins that King Manasseh had committed.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 24:4

ULT	UST
<i>and also {for} the innocent blood that he poured out, for he had filled Jerusalem {with} innocent blood, and Yahweh was not willing to forgive.</i>	<i>Manasseh had also had his soldiers kill very many innocent people throughout the city of Jerusalem. Yahweh would not forgive that.</i>

What was Yahweh not willing to pardon?

Yahweh was not willing to pardon that Manasseh filled Jerusalem with innocent blood.

2 Kings 24:5

ULT	UST
<i>Now the rest of the matters of Jehoiakim and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?</i>	<i>The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Jehoiakim did.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 24:6

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehoiakim lay down with his fathers, and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his place.</i>	<i>When Jehoiakim died, his son Jehoiachin became the next king.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 24:7

ULT	UST
<i>And the king of Egypt did not resume again to go out from his land, because the king of Babylon took all that had been to the king of Egypt from the wadi of Egypt to the Euphrates River.</i>	<i>The king of Babylon led his soldiers to conquer the whole area that the Egyptians had formerly controlled, from the brook at the boundary of Egypt to the Euphrates River. After that, the king of Egypt did not lead his soldiers anywhere outside of his country.</i>

Why did the king of Egypt not attack any more out of his land?

The king of Egypt did not attack any more out of his land because the king of Babylon had conquered all the lands that had been controlled by the king of Egypt.

2 Kings 24:8

ULT	UST
<i>Jehoiachin {was} a son of 18 years when he reigned, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And the name of his mother {was} Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan, from Jerusalem.</i>	<i>Jehoiachin was 18 years old when he became the king of Judah. He ruled in Jerusalem for only three months. His mother was Nehushta daughter of Elnathan. She was from the city of Jerusalem.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 24:9

ULT	UST
<i>And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that his father had done.</i>	<i>Jehoiachin did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil, just as his father had done.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 24:10

ULT	UST
<i>At that time, the servants of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, came up {to} Jerusalem, and the city entered into siege.</i>	<i>While Jehoiachin was the king, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon ordered his commanders to lead their soldiers to attack Jerusalem. They surrounded the city {and tried to conquer it}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 24:11

ULT	UST
<i>And Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, came to the city while his servants were besieging against it.</i>	<i>While they were still doing that, Nebuchadnezzar himself came to the city {with even more of his soldiers}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 24:12

ULT	UST
<i>And Jehoiachin, the king of Judah, went out to the king of Babylon, he and his mother and his servants and his commanders and his eunuchs. And the king of Babylon took him in the year of eight to his reigning.</i>	<i>Then King Jehoiachin and his mother, advisors, military officers, and palace officials all surrendered to King Nebuchadnezzar. Nebuchadnezzar had been king for eight years when he captured Jehoiachin.</i>

When did Nebuchadnezzar capture Jehoiachin?

Nebuchadnezzar captured Jehoiachin in the eighth year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign.

2 Kings 24:13

ULT	UST
<i>And he brought out from there all of the treasuries of the house of Yahweh and the treasuries of the house of the king, and he cut off all of the furnishings of gold that Solomon, the king of Israel, had made for the temple of Yahweh, just as Yahweh had spoken.</i>	<i>Just as Yahweh had said would happen, Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers seized everything that was in the storerooms of Yahweh's temple and the king's palace. They also stripped off all the gold with which King Solomon's workers had overlaid surfaces and furniture in the temple.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 24:14

ULT	UST
<i>And he exiled all of Jerusalem and all of the commanders and all of the mighty of valor, exiling 10,000 and every craftsman and smith. One was not left except the poor of the people of the land.</i>	<i>They forced 10,000 people to leave Jerusalem and go to Babylon. These people included the military officers and the wealthy Judeans. They also included the skilled workers and the metalworkers. The Babylonians left only the poorest people in Judah.</i>

Who was left in the land?

Only the poorest people were left in the land.

2 Kings 24:15

ULT	UST
<i>And he exiled Jehoiachin to Babylon. And the mother of the king and the wives of the king and his eunuchs and the leaders of the land he led {into} exile from Jerusalem to Babylon,</i>	<i>They took King Jehoiachin away to Babylon. They also took the queen mother, Jehoiachin's wives, his royal officials, and many other prominent Judeans. They made them all leave Jerusalem and go to Babylon.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 24:16

ULT	UST
<i>and all of the men of valor, 7,000, and the craftsman and the smith, 1,000, the whole, the mighty, the makers of war. And the king of Babylon brought them {into} exile to Babylon.</i>	<i>In total, they took to Babylon 7,000 wealthy people, 1,000 skilled workers and metalworkers{, and 2,000 royal and noble people}. In that way, Nebuchadnezzar removed from Judah everyone who could have made a rebellion against him.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 24:17

ULT	UST
<i>And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, his uncle, king in his place, and he changed his name {to} Zedekiah.</i>	<i>Then Nebuchadnezzar appointed Jehoiachin's uncle Mattaniah to be the king of Judah instead of him. He changed Mattaniah's name to Zedekiah.</i>

To what name did the king of Babylon change Mattaniah's name?

The king of Babylon changed Mattaniah's name to Zedekiah.

2 Kings 24:18

ULT	UST
<i>Zedekiah {was} a son of 21 years when he reigned, and he reigned 11 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother {was} Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah, from Libnah.</i>	<i>Zedekiah was 21 years old when he became king, and he ruled in Jerusalem for eleven years. His mother was Hamutal daughter of Jeremiah. She was from the city of Libnah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 24:19

ULT	UST
<i>And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like all that Jehoiakim had done.</i>	<i>Zedekiah did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil, just as {his older brother} Jehoiakim had done.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 24:20

ULT	UST
<i>For because of the nose of Yahweh it was against Jerusalem and against Judah, until he cast them away from his face. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.</i>	<i>Yahweh made these things happen to the people who lived in Jerusalem and other parts of Judah because he was very angry with them. He finally allowed the Babylonians to force them to leave their country. That happened when Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25

2 Kings 25:1

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened in the ninth year of his reigning, in the tenth month, on ten of the month, Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, came, he and all of his army, against Jerusalem. And he encamped against it, and they built a siege mound against it all around.</i>	<i>{Because Zedekiah had rebelled,} King Nebuchadnezzar led his whole army to attack Jerusalem. They arrived there after Zedekiah had been ruling for nine years, on the tenth day of the tenth month of that year. They surrounded the city and built earthen ramps against its walls to help them attack it.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:2

ULT	UST
<i>And the city entered into siege until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah.</i>	<i>The Babylonians kept attacking the city {for the next two years,} until Zedekiah had been ruling for eleven years.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:3

ULT	UST
<i>On nine of the month, then famine seized the city, and {there} was no bread for the people of the land.</i>	<i>Because the Babylonians had surrounded the city, the people could not bring in any food. By the ninth day of the {fourth month} of that year, they had no food left.</i>

Why was there no food for the people of the land?

The famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

2 Kings 25:4

ULT	UST
<i>And the city was breached, and all of the men of war at night the way of the gate between the two walls that {were} near the garden of the king (now the Chaldeans {were} against the city all around), and he went the way of the Arabah.</i>	<i>Then the Chaldean soldiers {that is, the Babylonian soldiers} broke through the city wall and entered the city. {King Zedekiah and} the Judean soldiers tried to escape at night {when the Chaldeans would not see them}. They used the gate near the king's garden to go through the inner and outer walls of the city. Zedekiah {and the soldiers} tried to escape through the Jordan River valley. But the Chaldeans had surrounded the city{, and some of their soldiers saw where they went}.</i>

Where did all the fighting men flee?

All the fighting men fled at night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden.

2 Kings 25:5

ULT	UST
<i>But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and they overtook him in the plains of Jericho. And all of his army were scattered away from him.</i>	<i>So some Chaldean soldiers chased after King Zedekiah. They caught up to him in the plains around the city of Jericho. His soldiers ran away {instead of fighting to defend him}.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:6

ULT	UST
<i>And they captured the king, and they brought him up to the king of Babylon, to Riblah. And they pronounced judgment on him.</i>	<i>So the Babylonian soldiers were able to capture King Zedekiah. They brought him to Nebuchadnezzar, who was in the city of Riblah. Nebuchadnezzar declared that Zedekiah was guilty of rebelling against him.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:7

ULT	UST
<i>And they slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah to his eyes. And he blinded the eyes of Zedekiah, and he bound him with two bronze chains, and he brought him {to} Babylon.</i>	<i>Then he forced Zedekiah to watch as his soldiers killed all of his sons. Then the soldiers gouged out Zedekiah's eyes. They put bronze chains on his hands and feet and brought him as a prisoner to the city of Babylon.</i>

What happened to Zedekiah after his sons were slaughtered?

After Zedekiah's sons were slaughtered, the Chaldeans put out his eyes, bound him in bronze chains, and brought him to Babylon.

2 Kings 25:8

ULT	UST
<i>And in the fifth month, on seven of the month, it {was} the year of 19, the year to King Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, Nebuzaradan, the chief of the guards, the servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem.</i>	<i>Nebuzaradan was one of King Nebuchadnezzar's officials. He commanded the royal bodyguards. He arrived in Jerusalem on the seventh day of the fifth month of that year. That was after Nebuchadnezzar had been ruling for 19 years.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:9

ULT	UST
<i>And he burned the house of Yahweh and the house of the king. And all of the houses of Jerusalem and every house of the great, he burned with fire.</i>	<i>He ordered his soldiers to burn down Yahweh's temple, the king's palace, and all the important buildings in Jerusalem.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:10

ULT	UST
<i>And all of the army of the Chaldeans who {were with} the chief of the guards tore down the walls of Jerusalem all around.</i>	<i>Then the Chaldean soldiers who had come to Jerusalem with Nebuzaradan tore down the walls all around Jerusalem.</i>

Who destroyed all the walls around Jerusalem?

All the army of the Babylonians who were under the commander of the bodyguard destroyed all the walls around Jerusalem.

2 Kings 25:11

ULT	UST
<i>But the rest of the people left in the city and the ones having fallen, who had fallen to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude, Nebuzaradan, the chief of the guards, exiled.</i>	<i>After that, he and his soldiers took to Babylon the people who were still alive in Jerusalem. They also took other people who lived in the region of Judah. Some Judeans had previously surrendered to the Babylonian army, and they took them away too.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:12

ULT	UST
<i>But the chief of the guards let some of the poor of the land remain as vinedressers and as farmers.</i>	<i>But Nebuzaradan allowed some of the very poor people to stay in Judah to take care of the vineyards and to plant crops in the fields.</i>

Why did the bodyguard leave some of the poorest of the land?

The bodyguard left some of the poorest of the land to work the vineyards and fields.

2 Kings 25:13

ULT	UST
<i>And the Chaldeans broke up the pillars of bronze that {were in} the house of Yahweh and the stands and the sea of bronze that {were} in the house of Yahweh, and they carried their bronze to Babylon.</i>	<i>The Chaldean soldiers broke into pieces the bronze pillars, the bronze carts, and the giant water basin that people called the sea, all of which were in the temple courtyard, and they took all the bronze to Babylon.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:14

ULT	UST
<i>And they took the pots and the shovels and the trimmers and the palms and all of the articles of bronze with which they served.</i>	<i>They also took the pots, shovels, wick snuffers, incense dishes, and other bronze items that the priests used for their work in the temple.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:15

ULT	UST
<i>And the chief of the guards took the firepans and the bowls that {were} gold gold and that {were} silver silver.</i>	<i>The soldiers also took away the pans for carrying hot coals, the small bowls, and all the other items that were pure gold or pure silver.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:16

ULT	UST
<i>The two pillars, the one sea, and the stands that Solomon had made for the house of Yahweh, a weight was not for the bronze of all of these vessels.</i>	<i>There was too much bronze for the Babylonians to weigh in the two pillars, the carts, and the giant water basin that people called the sea. King Solomon had commanded his workers to make those things for Yahweh's temple.</i>

How much bronze did the two pillars contain?

The two pillars contained more bronze than could be weighed.

2 Kings 25:17

ULT	UST
<i>The height of one pillar {was} 18 cubits, and the capital on it {was} bronze. And the height of the capital {was} three cubits, and a network and pomegranates {were} on the capital all around. The whole {was} bronze. And like these {were} to the second pillar, with a network.</i>	<i>Each of the pillars was eight and one quarter meters tall. The bronze top of each pillar was one and one third meters tall. Solomon's master craftsman had decorated the tops with bronze strands that he had formed into the shape of nets. He had also made bronze decorations in the shape of pomegranates for the pillar tops.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:18

ULT	UST
<i>And the chief of the guards took Seraiah, the high priest, and Zephaniah, the priest of the second rank, and the three guards of the threshold.</i>	<i>Nebuzaradan took some prisoners. These included the high priest Seraiah, Zephaniah, who was another leading priest, and the three priests who had supervised the courtyard entrance.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:19

ULT	UST
<i>And from the city he took a eunuch because he {was} the overseer over the men of war and five men from the seers of the face of the king who were found in the city and the scribe, the commander of the army, the one mustering the people of the land and 60 men from the people of the land found in the city.</i>	<i>The prisoners also included the royal official responsible for the army, five of the king's advisors who had not fled, the commander who recorded the names of Judean men as they came to serve as soldiers, and 60 men who were serving as soldiers and were still in the city.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:20

ULT	UST
<i>And Nebuzaradan, the chief of the guards, took them and made them go to the king of Babylon, to Riblah.</i>	<i>Nebuzaradan took them all as prisoners to the king of Babylon at the city of Riblah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:21

ULT	UST
<i>And the king of Babylon struck them and killed them in Riblah in the land of Hamath. And Judah went into exile away from its land.</i>	<i>There at the city of Riblah, in the province of Hamath, the king of Babylon had his soldiers kill all of the prisoners. That is what happened when the Babylonians forcefully took the people of Judah away from their land.</i>

What did the king of Babylon do to the people taken prisoner by the commander of the bodyguard?

The king of Babylon put them to death.

2 Kings 25:22

ULT	UST
<i>Now {as for} the people having been left in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, left, he appointed Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, over them.</i>	<i>King Nebuchadnezzar allowed some people to continue living in Judah. He appointed Gedaliah to be their governor. Gedaliah was the son of Ahikam and the grandson of Shaphan.</i>

Whom did Nebuchadnezzar put in charge of the people who remained in the land of Judah?

Nebuchadnezzar put Gedaliah in charge of them.

2 Kings 25:23

ULT	UST
<i>And all of the captains of the armies, they and the men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedaliah, and they came to Gedaliah {at} Mizpah, and Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan, the son of Kareah, and Seraiah, the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah, the son of the Maacathite, they and their men.</i>	<i>{There were} some Judean army commanders and their soldiers {whom the Babylonians had not captured. When they} found out that Nebuchadnezzar had appointed Gedaliah as the governor of Judah, the commanders and soldiers went to meet with him at the city of Mizpah. These commanders were Ishmael son of Nethaniah, Johanan son of Kareah, Seraiah son of Tanhumeth from the city of Netophah, and Jaazaniah, the son of a man from the region of Maacah.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:24

ULT	UST
<i>And Gedaliah swore to them and to their men and said to them, "Do not be afraid of the servants of the Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it will be well with you."</i>	<i>Gedaliah solemnly promised them that they could remain in Judah without being afraid of the Chaldean soldiers. He told them that if they obeyed the king of Babylon, they could live peacefully in the land.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:25

ULT	UST
<i>But it happened in the seventh month, Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, from the seed of the kingdom, came, and ten men with him, and he struck Gedaliah, and he died, and the Judeans and the Chaldeans who were with him at Mizpah.</i>	<i>But in the seventh month of that year, Ishmael son of Nethaniah went to Mizpah with ten of his soldiers. Ishmael was a descendant of King David through his grandfather Elishama. Ishmael and his men assassinated Gedaliah. They also assassinated the Judeans who were serving in his government and the Chaldean officials who were there.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:26

ULT	UST
<i>Then all of the people from small and to great and the captains of the armies arose and went {to} Egypt, for they were afraid from the face of the Chaldeans.</i>	<i>This made the Judeans who were still living in the land very afraid of what the Chaldeans would do to them. So a large number of them fled to Egypt. The army commanders also fled there.</i>

Why did all the people and the commanders of the soldiers go to Egypt?

All the people and the commanders of the soldiers went to Egypt, because they were afraid of the Babylonians.

2 Kings 25:27

ULT	UST
<i>And it happened in year 37 of the exile of Jehoiachin, the king of Judah, in month 12, on 27 of the month, Evil Merodach, the king of Babylon, in the year of his reigning, lifted the head of Jehoiachin, the king of Judah, from the house of imprisonment.</i>	<i>After the Babylonians took King Jehoiachin of Judah to Babylon, 37 years went by. Then Nebuchadnezzar's son Evil Merodach became the king of Babylon. On the twenty-seventh day of the twelfth month of his first year as king, he released Jehoiachin from prison.</i>

When was Jehoiachin released from prison?

Jehoiachin was released from prison in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin, in the year that Evil Merodach began to reign.

2 Kings 25:28

ULT	UST
<i>And he spoke good {things} to him, and he put his seat above the seat of the kings who {were} with him in Babylon.</i>	<i>He reassured Jehoiachin that he would treat him well, and he gave him a position of greater honor than the other {captive} kings whom the Babylonians had {conquered and} brought to their royal court.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)

2 Kings 25:29

ULT	UST
<i>And he changed the clothes of his imprisonment, and he ate bread regularly to his face all of the days of his life.</i>	<i>He gave Jehoiachin new clothes to replace the clothes that he had been wearing in prison, and he allowed Jehoiachin to eat meals with him every day for the rest of his life.</i>

What food did Jehoiachin eat? (25:29-30)

Jehoiachin ate regularly at the king's table for the rest of his life. And a regular food allowance was given to him every day for the rest of his life.

2 Kings 25:30

ULT	UST
<i>And his allowance, a continual allowance, was given to him from the king, a matter of a day in its day, all of the days of his life.</i>	<i>The king of Babylon also gave Jehoiachin money to buy the things he needed. He gave him a regular amount that was sufficient for his needs. The king continued to do for as long as Jehoiachin lived.</i>

(There are no questions for this verse)