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Judges

Judges 1

Judges 1:2

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said, “Judah will go up. Behold, I have given the land into his hand.”	*Yahweh replied, “The soldiers of the tribe of Judah must attack first. I have already made the people of Judah the owners of the land in Canaan that Joshua assigned to them.”*

Who would lead the people of Israel when they went up against the Canaanites to fight against them?

Judah would lead the people of Israel against the Canaanites to fight against them.

Judges 1:5

ULT	UST
And they found Adoni-Bezek at Bezek, and they fought against him. And they struck the Canaanite and the Perizzite.	*The king of Bezek, Adoni-Bezek, personally commanded his army to defend his city. But the Israelite soldiers were able to defeat his army of Canaanites and Perizzites.*

Against whom did the soldiers of Judah fight?

The soldiers of Judah fought against the Canaanites, the Perizzites, and Adoni-Bezek.

Judges 1:7

ULT	UST
And Adoni-Bezek said, “70 kings with the thumbs of their hands and their feet cut off were gathering beneath my table. According to what I have done, so God has repaid to me.” Then they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.	*Adoni-Bezek said, “My army captured 70 kings. We cut off their thumbs and big toes. After that, we gave them little to eat, and we humiliated them. Because I did that to them, now God has done the same thing to me.” Then the soldiers took Adoni-Bezek to the city of Jerusalem. That was where he died.*

Who gathered their food from under Adoni-Bezek’s table?

Seventy kings, who had their thumbs and their big toes cut off, gathered their food from beneath Adoni-Bezek’s table.

Judges 1:10

ULT	UST
Then Judah went down to the Canaanite living in Hebron. (Now the name of Hebron previously was Kiriath Arba.) And they struck Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmai.	*The soldiers from the tribes of Judah and Simeon also went to fight against the Canaanites who lived in the city of Hebron. (People used to call that city Kiriath Arba). Those Canaanites were from the clans of Sheshai, Ahiman, and Talmai. The soldiers defeated them.*

What was the previous name of Hebron?

The name of Hebron was previously Kiriath Arba.

Judges 1:13

ULT	UST
And Othniel, the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, the one younger than him, captured it. So he gave to him Aksah, his daughter, for a wife.	*Caleb had a younger brother whose name was Kenaz. Kenaz had a son whose name was Othniel. Othniel commanded the soldiers who captured the city of Kiriath Sepher. So Caleb allowed Othniel to marry his daughter Aksah.*

What did Caleb give to Othniel?

Caleb gave Achsah, his daughter, to be Othniel’s wife.

Judges 1:15

ULT	UST
And she said to him, “Give to me a blessing. Since you have given me land of the Negeb, you shall also give to me springs of waters.” So Caleb gave to her the upper springs and the lower springs.	*She replied, “Please do a favor for me. You have given my husband and me some land in an area where it is very dry. So please also give us some land that has springs on it.” So Caleb gave her some land on higher ground that had a spring and some land on lower ground that had a spring.*

Since Achsah was given land in the Negeb, what did she want her father to give her?

Since Achsah now had land in the Negeb, she wanted him to give her springs of water.

Judges 1:16

ULT	UST
Now the sons of the Kenite, the father-in-law of Moses, went up from the City of Palms with the sons of Judah to the wilderness of Judah that is in the Negeb of Arad. And he went and he dwelled with the people.	*The father-in-law of Moses was a Kenite. Some of his descendants had been living in the area of Jericho, which people called the City of Palms. They went with some people from the tribe of Judah to the wilderness in the southern part of the territory that belonged to that tribe. They settled with those Judeans in the dry region that is around the city of Arad.*

Where is the wilderness of Judah?

The wilderness of Judah is in the Negeb.

Judges 1:19

ULT	UST
Now it happened that Yahweh was with Judah and he possessed the hill country. But he did not dispossess the dwellers of the valley, for chariotry of iron was to them.	*So Yahweh helped the soldiers from Judah to capture the hill country. But they could not force the people who were living in the plains to leave. That was because those people had better weapons. They had chariots that had iron parts.*

Why could the people of Judah not drive out the dwellers of the valley?

They could not drive out the dwellers of the valley because they had iron chariots.

Judges 1:21

ULT	UST
But the Jebusite, the dweller of Jerusalem, the sons of Benjamin did not dispossess. So the Jebusite has dwelled with the sons of Benjamin in Jerusalem until this day.	*But the tribe of Benjamin could not force the Jebusites to stop living in the city of Jerusalem. So those Jebusites stayed in Jerusalem and lived there with the tribe of Benjamin. They are still living with them there now.*

Why did the Jebusites live with the people of Benjamin in Jerusalem?

Because the people of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Jerusalem, the Jebusites lived with the people of Benjamin in Jerusalem.

Judges 1:25

ULT	UST
So he showed them the entrance of the city, and they struck the city to the mouth of the sword, but the man and all of his family they sent away.	*So the man showed them a way to get into the city. The soldiers from the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh went in and killed all the people who lived in the city. But they allowed the man and his whole family to leave safely.*

What happened to the man who showed the spies from the house of Joseph how to get into Bethel?

The spies let the man and his family get away.

Judges 1:28

ULT	UST
Now it happened that Israel became strong and he put the Canaanite to forced labor, but he did not dispossess him.	*Later, the Israelites became stronger, and they forced the Canaanites to work for them as their slaves. But they did not force all the Canaanites to leave their land.*

When Israel became strong, what did they do to the Canaanites?

When Israel became strong, they forced the Canaanites to serve them with hard labor, but they never drove them out completely.

Judges 1:32

ULT	UST
So the Asherite dwelled in the midst of the Canaanite, the dweller of the land, because he did not dispossess him.	*So those Canaanites continued to live in those cities. The people of the tribe of Asher lived with them, because they were not able to force them to leave.*

Why did the tribe of Asher live among the Canaanites?

The tribe of Asher lived among the Canaanites because they did not drive the Canaanites out of the land.

Judges 1:35

ULT	UST
And the Amorite resolved to dwell at Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim, but the hand of the house of Joseph became heavy and they became forced labor.	*The Amorites fought hard to keep living at Mount Heres and in the cities of Aijalon and Shaalbim, and so the Israelites were not able to force them to leave. But when the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh became stronger, they forced those Amorites to work as their slaves.*

Who conquered the Amorites at Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim?

The house of Joseph conquered them.

Judges 2

Judges 2:1

ULT	UST
And the angel of Yahweh went up from Gilgal to Bochim and said, “I am bringing you up from Egypt, and I have brought you to the land that I swore to your fathers. And I have said, ‘I will forever not break my covenant with you.	*An angel representing Yahweh went from Gilgal to a place that the people of Israel would soon call Bochim. He said to the Israelite people, “Your ancestors were slaves in Egypt, but I set them free, and they escaped. I promised your ancestors that I would give this land to you, and I have now brought you to it. I told them I would never break the promises I made to them.*

Where did the angel of Yahweh bring the people of Israel?

The angel of Yahweh brought them to the land he swore to give to their fathers.

Judges 2:4

ULT	UST
Now it happened, as the angel of Yahweh spoke these words to all the sons of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice and wept.	*After the angel representing Yahweh had said these things to all the Israelites, they cried loudly.*

When the angel said he would not drive the Canaanites out before the people of Israel, what did they do?

When the angel said he would not drive the Canaanites out before the people of Israel, they cried out and wept.

Judges 2:7

ULT	UST
And the people served Yahweh all of the days of Joshua and all of the days of the elders who had lengthened their days after Joshua, who had seen all of the great deed of Yahweh that he had done for Israel.	*The Israelites had obeyed Yahweh for as long as Joshua was alive. After he died, there were still some older leaders alive who had seen all the miracles that Yahweh had done for Israel. For as long as those leaders were alive, the people had continued to obey Yahweh.*

How long did the people serve Yahweh?

The people served Yahweh during the lifetimes of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him.

Judges 2:12

ULT	UST
And they forsook Yahweh, the God of their fathers, the one having brought them out from the land of Egypt, and they went after other gods from the gods of the peoples who were around them, and they bowed down to them. So they angered Yahweh.	

What gods did the people of Israel go after?

The people of Israel went after the gods of the peoples who were around them.

Judges 2:15

ULT	UST
In all that they went out, the hand of Yahweh was against them for calamity, just as Yahweh had spoken and just as Yahweh had sworn to them. And it narrowed to them greatly.	*Whenever the Israelites went to fight their enemies, Yahweh always worked against them and allowed their enemies to defeat them. That was just what he had warned them he would do. So the Israelites were greatly distressed.*

What had Yahweh sworn to Israel?

Yahweh had sworn that wherever Israel went out to fight, Yahweh would allow their enemies to defeat them.

Judges 2:16

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh raised up judges, and they saved them from the hand of their plunderers.	*But then Yahweh brought leaders to them. These leaders rescued the Israelites from the powerful enemies who had been attacking them.*

What did the judges do?

The judges saved the people of Israel from the power of those who were stealing their possessions.

Judges 2:19

ULT	UST
But it happened, at the death of the judge, they turned and acted corruptly more than their fathers, to walk after other gods, to serve them, and to bow down to them. They did not drop any of their deeds or any of their stubborn ways.	*But after that leader died, the people stopped living as God wanted. Instead, they did even more evil things than the Israelites who had lived before them. They worshiped other gods and bowed down to them and did what they thought those gods wanted them to do. They stubbornly continued to do very wicked things.*

What happened when the judge died?

When the judge died, the people of Israel would turn away and do things that were even more corrupt than their fathers had done.

Judges 2:22

ULT	UST
for the testing of Israel by them, whether they will be keeping the way of Yahweh, to walk in them just as their fathers kept them, or not."	*Instead, I will use those people groups to create difficult situations for the Israelites. That will show whether or not they will consistently do what I want them to do, as their ancestors did."*

Why would Yahweh not drive out from Israel any of the nations that Joshua left when he died?

Yahweh would not drive out from Israel any of the nations that Joshua left when he died, so that Yahweh could test Israel to see whether or not they would do what Yahweh wanted them to do as their ancestors had.

Judges 3

Judges 3:1

ULT	UST
Now those nations that Yahweh left for the testing of Israel by them, all who had not known any of the wars of Canaan,	*The younger Israelites had not fought in any of the wars against the Canaanites. Yahweh wanted them to show faith and courage. So he allowed some enemy people groups to stay in the land.*

Why did Yahweh leave nations to test Israel?

Yahweh left nations to test Israel to teach warfare to the new generation of the Israelites who had not known it before.

Judges 3:4

ULT	UST
And they were for the testing of Israel by them, to know whether they would hear the commandments of Yahweh, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.	*Yahweh left those people groups there to test the Israelites. He wanted to see whether they would obey the commands that he had told Moses to give to their ancestors.*

What would Yahweh do by means of the remaining nations?

Yahweh would test Israel by means of the remaining nations to confirm whether they would obey the commandments he gave their ancestors through Moses.

Judges 3:7

ULT	UST
So the sons of Israel did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. And they forgot Yahweh their God and they served the Baals and the Asherahs.	*The Israelites then did things that Yahweh had said were very wicked. They stopped worshiping Yahweh, the God their ancestors had worshiped. Instead, they started to worship idols that represented gods such as Baal and goddesses such as Asherah.*

What did the people of Israel serve?

They served the Baals and the Asherahs.

Judges 3:9

ULT	UST
Then the sons of Israel cried out to Yahweh, and Yahweh raised up a savior for the sons of Israel, and he saved them: Othniel, the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, the one younger than him.	*But when the people of Israel pleaded with Yahweh to help them, he brought a leader to rescue them. This leader was Othniel, the son of Caleb's younger brother Kenaz.*

Who did Yahweh first raise up, who would come to help the people of Israel?

Yahweh first raised up Othniel, the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

Judges 3:12

ULT	UST
Then the sons of Israel resumed to do evil in the eyes of Yahweh. So Yahweh strengthened Eglon, the king of Moab, against Israel, because they did evil in the eyes of Yahweh.	*Then the Israelites once again did things that Yahweh had said were very wicked. Because they were doing these things, Yahweh gave Eglon, the king of Moab, a stronger army than the Israelites had so that he could defeat them.*

Who gave strength to Eglon, the king of Moab?

Yahweh gave strength to Eglon, the king of Moab.

Judges 3:15

ULT	UST
Then the sons of Israel cried out to Yahweh, and Yahweh raised up a savior for them, Ehud, the son of Gera, a Benjaminite, a man impeded in his right hand. And the sons of Israel sent tribute by his hand to Eglon, the king of Moab.	*After that, the Israelites again pleaded with Yahweh to help them. So he brought another leader to rescue them. This leader was Ehud, the son of Gera. He was from the tribe of Benjamin, and he was left-handed. King Eglon of Moab made the Israelites send him goods such as gold, silver, animals, and crops every year so that he would not attack them. This time, the Israelites put Ehud in charge of delivering those goods.*

When did Yahweh raise up Ehud to help the people of Israel?

Yahweh raised up Ehud to help the people of Israel when they cried out to him for help.

Judges 3:16

ULT	UST
And Ehud made a sword for himself, and two mouths were to it; a cubit was its length. And he bound it onto his right thigh beneath his clothing.	*Ehud had made a special sword to bring with him on this trip. Both of its edges were sharp, and it was only half a meter long. He hid it under his clothes by strapping it onto his right thigh.*

Where did Ehud strap on the sword he made?

He strapped it on under his clothing on his right thigh.

Judges 3:20

ULT	UST
Then Ehud came to him. Now he was sitting in the upper room of coolness that was to him, alone. And Ehud said, "A word from God is to me for you." And he arose from upon the throne.	*This left Eglon sitting all by himself in the room of his palace where he stayed cool in the heat of summer. Ehud came close to him and said, "I have a message for you from God." The king stood up from his throne to receive the message.*

Who was with Ehud and the king when Ehud told him the message?

Only Ehud and the king were there.

Judges 3:22

ULT	UST
And the handle also went in after the blade, and the fat closed around the handle, for he did not pull the sword from his belly, and excrement came out.	*Ehud plunged the sword in so far that even the handle went into the king's belly. Ehud did not pull the sword out. He left it there, with the king's fat surrounding it. From the force of the blow, Eglon's bowels discharged.*

Why did fat close over the handle of the sword?

Fat closed over the handle because Ehud did not draw the sword out of the king's body.

Judges 3:24

ULT	UST
And he went out, and his servants came, and they looked, and behold, the doors of the upper room were bolted. So they said, "Surely he is covering his feet in the chamber of coolness."	*Then Ehud ran away from the palace. King Eglon's servants came back, but they found that someone had locked the doors to the room. They said to each other, "The king must be relieving himself in there."*

When the king's servants saw that the doors of the upper room were bolted, what did they think?

When the king's servants saw that the doors of the upper room were bolted, they thought he was relieving himself in the coolness of the upper room.

Judges 3:26

ULT	UST
But Ehud escaped during their delaying, and he passed the carved images, and he fled to Seirah.	*The servants had taken so long to enter the king's room that Ehud had time to escape. He ran back to Israel, passed by the boundary stones at Gilgal, and arrived at the city of Seirah.*

When did Ehud escape?

While the servants were waiting, wondering what they should do, Ehud escaped.

Judges 3:28

ULT	UST
Now he had said to them, "Follow after me, for Yahweh has given your enemies, Moab, into your hand." So they went down after him and they captured the fords of the Jordan opposite Moab, and they did not allow anyone to cross over.	*Ehud told the men he was leading, "Yahweh is going to enable us to defeat our enemies, the people of Moab. So follow me!" So they followed him down to the Jordan River, and they stationed some of their men at the place where people could walk across the river into Moab. That way they could kill any people from Moab who tried to cross the river to escape.*

How did the people of Israel prevent the Moabites from crossing the river?

The people of Israel captured the fords of the Jordan across from the Moabites.

Judges 3:31

ULT	UST
After him was Shamgar, the son of Anath, and he struck Philistines, 600 men, with a goad of the ox. So he also saved Israel.	*After Ehud died, Shamgar, the son of Anath, became their leader. In one battle, Shamgar killed 600 Philistine soldiers even though his only weapon was an ox goad. In that way, he rescued the Israelites from the Philistines.*

With what did Shamgar kill 600 Philistines?

Shamgar killed the Philistines with a stick used to goad the cattle.

Judges 4

Judges 4:3

ULT	UST
Then the sons of Israel cried out to Yahweh, for 900 chariots of iron were to him, and he oppressed the sons of Israel with might 20 years.	*Sisera's army had 900 chariots that had iron parts. He cruelly oppressed the Israelites for 20 years. Then they pleaded with Yahweh to help them.*

Why did the people of Israel call out to Yahweh for help?

The people of Israel called out to Yahweh for help because Sisera had 900 iron chariots and he had been oppressing the people of Israel for 20 years.

Judges 4:5

ULT	UST
And she was sitting beneath the Palm Tree of Deborah, between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the sons of Israel came up to her for justice.	*She would sit under her palm tree (which people called Deborah's Palm Tree) at a place between Ramah and Bethel in the hilly area where the descendants of Ephraim lived. The Israelites would come to her and ask her to help them settle their disputes.*

Why did the people of Israel come to Deborah?

The people of Israel came to Deborah to settle their disputes.

Judges 4:7

ULT	UST
and I will draw out to you, to the wadi of Kishon, Sisera, the commander of the army of Jabin, and his chariotry and his multitude, and I will give him into your hand'?"	*Sisera is the commander of King Jabin's army. Yahweh will make him come near you with his chariots and his army. He will come to the Kishon River a few miles away from you. Yahweh will enable your men to defeat them."*

Where would Yahweh make Sisera meet Barak?

Yahweh would make Sisera meet Barak by the river of Kishon.

Judges 4:9

ULT	UST
And she said, "Going, I will go with you, only that it will not be your honor upon the way that you are going, for Yahweh will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.	*She replied, "I will certainly go with you. But because you would not go without me, Yahweh will enable a woman to defeat Sisera. The result will be that no one will honor you for doing that." So Deborah left her home and went with Barak to Kedesh.*

Why would Yahweh make a woman defeat Sisera?

Yahweh would make a woman defeat Sisera because Barak would not go without Deborah.

Judges 4:11

ULT	UST
Now Heber the Kenite had separated himself from Kain, from the sons of Hobab, the father-in-law of Moses. And he had pitched his tent near an oak tree in Zaanannim, which is near Kedesh.	*Now there was a man whose name was Heber who was a Kenite. (He was a descendant of Moses' father-in-law Hobab.) He had moved away from the rest of the Kenites. He was living at this time near the big oak tree at Zaanannim, near Kedesh.*

From whom did the Kenites descend?

The Kenites descended from Hobab, Moses' father-in-law.

Judges 4:16

ULT	UST
But Barak pursued after the chariotry and after the army unto Harosheth Haggoyim, and all of the army of Sisera fell by the mouth of the sword. Not even one remained.	*But Barak and his soldiers chased after the other chariots and enemy soldiers all the way to Harosheth Haggoyim. They killed all of the soldiers in Sisera's army. None of them got away.*

How many of the army of Sisera survived?

None of the army of Sisera survived.

Judges 4:17

ULT	UST
But Sisera fled on his feet to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite, for there was peace between Jabin, king of Hazor, and the house of Heber the Kenite.	*But Sisera ran away to the place where Heber the Kenite was staying. He went up to the tent where Heber's wife Jael lived. He did that because Heber and his family were good friends of Sisera's master Jabin, the king of the city of Hazor, so he thought Jael would hide him.*

Why did Sisera go to the tent of Jael?

Sisera went to the tent of Jael because there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor, and the house of Heber, Jael's husband.

Judges 4:19

ULT	UST
And he said to her, "Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty." So she opened a skin of milk and let him drink, and she covered him.	*He said to her, "I am thirsty, so would you please give me some water?" So she opened a leather container of milk, and she gave him a drink. Then she covered him with the blanket again.*

When Sisera asked for water, what did Jael give him?

When Sisera asked for water, Jael gave him milk.

Judges 4:21

ULT	UST
Then Jael, the wife of Heber, took a peg of the tent, and she put the hammer in her hand, and she came to him in secret, and she drove the peg into his temple and pounded it into the ground, for he was sleeping deeply and was weary, and he died.	*Sisera was very exhausted, so he soon fell asleep. While he was sleeping, Jael picked up a hammer and a tent peg and crept quietly over to him. Suddenly she pounded the peg into his skull. She hammered it all the way through his head until it stuck into the ground. This killed Sisera.*

How did Jael kill Sisera?

Jael hammered the tent peg into the side of his head and it pierced through him and went down into the ground.

Judges 5

Judges 5:4

ULT	UST
Yahweh, at your going forth from Seir, at your marching from the field of Edom, the earth shook, the heavens also dripped, the dark clouds also dripped water.	*Yahweh, when you came from Seir, when you marched from that land that people also call Edom, thunder shook the earth and clouds poured down rain from the skies.*

When did the earth shake?

The earth shook when Yahweh went out from Seir, when he marched from Edom.

Judges 5:8

ULT	UST
He chose new gods, then fighting was at the gates; was a shield seen, or a spear, among 40, 000 in Israel?	*When the Israelite people abandoned Yahweh and began to worship different gods, enemies attacked their cities. The Israelites could barely defend themselves because they had hardly any weapons.*

What was not seen among 40,000 in Israel?

Neither shields nor spears were seen among 40,000 in Israel.

Judges 5:10

ULT	UST
Riders of white donkeys, sitters on carpet, walkers on the road, consider!	*You wealthy people who ride on white donkeys, sitting on nice, padded saddles, and you poorer people who just walk on the road, think about all this!*

What things were used as saddles on the white donkeys?

Carpets were used as saddles on the white donkeys.

Judges 5:13

ULT	UST
Then the remnant came down to the nobles, the people of Yahweh came down to me against the warriors.	*The Israelite people who had scattered for safety came down from the highlands to where their leaders were gathering an army. These were men who were loyal to Yahweh, and they came to help me, Barak, fight against the enemy soldiers.*

Why did the people of Yahweh come down?

The people of Yahweh came down to help Barak fight against the warriors.

Judges 5:18

ULT	UST
Zebulun was a people reproaching its soul unto death, also Naphtali on the heights of the field.	*But the soldiers from the tribe of Zebulun risked their lives on the battlefield. The soldiers from the tribe of Naphtali also risked their lives in order to occupy the high ground on the battlefield.*

What would Zebulun risk?

The people of Zebulun would risk their lives to the point of death.

Judges 5:20

ULT	UST
From the heavens the stars fought, from their courses they fought against Sisera.	*It was as if the stars in the sky fought for us, and as if those stars fought against Sisera, as they moved across the sky.*

What fought against Sisera from their courses across the heavens?

The stars fought against Sisera as they moved across the heavens.

Judges 5:23

ULT	UST
‘Curse Meroz!’ said the angel of Yahweh. ‘Cursing, you shall curse the dwellers of it, because they did not come to the aid of Yahweh, to the aid of Yahweh against the warriors.’	*After the battle, an angel representing Yahweh said, ‘The people who live in the town of Meroz did not help Yahweh by stopping Sisera’s army from retreating. And so you must call for Yahweh to punish them by making bad things happen to them.’*

Why did the angel of Yahweh curse Meroz?

The angel of Yahweh cursed Meroz because they did not come to help Yahweh.

Judges 5:26

ULT	UST
They reached out, her hand to the peg and her right hand to a hammer of workmen. And she struck Sisera, she crushed his head, and she shattered and pierced his temple.	*Then, when Sisera was asleep, Jael picked up a tent peg with her left hand and a heavy hammer with her right hand. She pounded the tent peg into Sisera’s head so hard that it went right through his temple. This smashed his head.*

To what did Jael put her hand?

In one hand she took the tent peg and in her other hand, a workman’s hammer.

Judges 5:28

ULT	UST
Through the window she looked and wailed, the mother of Sisera, through the lattice, ‘Why has his chariot delayed to come? Why do the hoofbeats of his chariots tarry?’	*Sisera’s mother looked out through her window to see whether he was returning from the battle. She asked, ‘Why is he taking so long to come home in his chariot? Why have I not yet heard his chariot horses pounding the ground with their feet?’*

Where did the mother of Sisera look out?

The mother of Sisera looked out of a window through the lattice.

Judges 5:31

ULT	UST
So may all of your enemies perish, Yahweh! But may the lovers of him be like the going forth of the sun in its strength.” Then the land rested 40 years.	*But that is not what happened! Yahweh, I hope that all your enemies will die as Sisera did! And I wish that all those who love you, Yahweh, will be as strong as the sun when it rises!” After that, the land of Israel was a peaceful place for the next 40 years.*

Like what should those who love Yahweh be?

Those who love Yahweh should be as strong as the sun when it rises.

Judges 6

Judges 6:2

ULT	UST
So the hand of Midian prevailed over Israel. From the face of Midian, the sons of Israel made for themselves dens, which were in the mountains, and caves and strongholds.	*The people of Midian treated the Israelites so cruelly that they hid from them. The Israelites made places where they could live on mountains, in caves, and in other safe locations.*

What did the people of Israel do because of Midian?

To hide from the cruelty of Midian, the people of Israel made dens and caves in the mountains to live in.

Judges 6:3

ULT	UST
Now it happened, when Israel sowed, that Midian came up and Amalek and the sons of the east, that they came up against him.	*This is what the enemies of the Israelites were doing to them. The Israelites would plant crops in their fields. Once those crops began to grow, enemies from Midian and Amalek and from desert tribes would come into Israel.*

What happened any time the Israelites planted their crops?

Any time the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, the Amalekites, and the people from the east would attack the Israelites.

Judges 6:5

ULT	UST
For they and their livestock would come up, and their tents, and they would come like the abundance of the locust in multitude. And of them and of their camels there was no counting. And they came into the land to destroy it.	*They came into Israel with their tents and their livestock. When they came, there were so many of them that they seemed like a huge swarm of locusts. One could hardly count how many of them arrived riding on their camels. They came into the land of Israel and ruined the land, so that crops could not grow there.*

How many Midianites and Amalekites would attack?

So many Midianites and Amalekites would attack that it was impossible to count them.

Judges 6:10

ULT	UST
And I said to you, "I am Yahweh your God. You shall not fear the gods of the Amorite, when you are dwelling in their land." But you have not heard my voice.'"	*I told your ancestors, "I am Yahweh, the God whom you must worship. Once you Israelites are living in the land that belonged to the Amorites, you must not worship the gods that they worshiped." But you have disobeyed what I told them.'"*

In whose land were the people of Israel living?

They were living in the land of the Amorites.

Judges 6:11

ULT	UST
Now the angel of Yahweh came and sat beneath the oak that was in Ophrah, which was to Joash the Abiezrite. And Gideon, his son, was threshing wheat in the winepress to hide from the face of Midian.	*One day an angel representing Yahweh came and sat under a big oak tree in the town of Ophrah. That tree belonged to Joash, who was from the clan of Abiezer. Joash's son Gideon was threshing wheat in the pit where they pressed grapes to make wine. He was threshing the grain there because it was a place where the people of Midian could not see him.*

Why was Gideon separating out the wheat by beating it on the floor in the winepress?

Gideon was working in the winepress in order to hide from the Midianites.

Judges 6:13

ULT	UST
And Gideon said to him, "Excuse me, my lord, but if Yahweh is with us, then why has all of this happened to us? And where are all of his wonders that our fathers recounted to us, saying, 'Did not Yahweh bring us up from Egypt?' But now Yahweh has forsaken us and given us into the palm of Midian."	*Gideon replied, "Pardon me for asking, sir, but if Yahweh is really helping us, then why have all these bad things happened to us? Yahweh is not doing any miracles for us like the ones that our ancestors have told us about. They have said that he rescued them from being slaves in Egypt. But now Yahweh has abandoned us. He is allowing the people from Midian to rule us."*

What did Gideon think Yahweh had done to the people of Israel?

Gideon thought Yahweh had forsaken them and had allowed the people of Midian to rule over them.

Judges 6:15

ULT	UST
And he said to him, "Excuse me, my lord, by what shall I save Israel? Behold, my thousand is the weak one in Manasseh, and I am the young one in the house of my father."	*Gideon replied, "I am sorry, sir, but I do not believe that I can rescue the Israelites. This is why I cannot: my clan is the smallest and weakest one in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least important person in my whole family!"*

Why did Gideon think he could not deliver Israel?

Gideon thought he could not deliver Israel because his family was the weakest in Manasseh and he was the youngest in his family.

Judges 6:18

ULT	UST
Please do not depart from this place until my coming to you, and I will bring out my offering and set it to your face." And he said, "I will stay until your returning."	*I would like to go and prepare a special meal and bring it to you. Please do not leave here until I get back." Yahweh answered, "I agree. I will wait here until you come back."*

Why did Yahweh wait for Gideon?

Yahweh waited for Gideon to bring him an offering.

Judges 6:20

ULT	UST
And the angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and place them on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so.	*But Yahweh told Gideon, "Put the meat and the bread on this rock. Then pour the broth on top of it." So that is what Gideon did.*

Where did the angel of God tell Gideon to put the meat and unleavened bread?

The angel of God told Gideon to put the meat and unleavened bread on a rock.

Judges 6:21

ULT	UST
Then the angel of Yahweh stretched out the end of the staff that was in his hand. And he touched upon the meat and upon the unleavened bread, and fire came up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. Then the angel of Yahweh went from his eyes.	*Then the angel representing Yahweh reached out and touched the meat and bread with the tip of the walking stick that he was holding. Flames came up from the rock and completely burned up the meat and the bread! And then the angel representing Yahweh disappeared.*

What happened when the angel of Yahweh stretched out the end of the staff in his hand?

When the angel of Yahweh stretched out the end of the staff in his hand, touching the meat and the unleavened bread, a fire went up out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread.

Judges 6:23

ULT	UST
But Yahweh said to him, "Peace to you! Do not fear. You will not die."	*But Yahweh called to him and said, "You are safe. You do not have to be afraid. I am not going to kill you."*

Why was Gideon afraid when he understood that he had seen the angel of Yahweh?

Gideon was afraid when he understood that he had seen the angel of Yahweh because he thought he would die.

Judges 6:26

ULT	UST
And you shall build an altar to Yahweh your God on the head of this stronghold, in the arrangement. Then you shall take the second bull and you shall offer an offering on the wood of the Asherah that you shall cut down."	*Build a plain stone altar here on this hill to worship me, your God Yahweh. Take the wood from the Asherah pole that you cut down and use it to make a fire. Then burn the meat of that seven-year-old bull on that fire as a burnt offering to me."*

What did Yahweh tell Gideon to build on the top of the stronghold?

Yahweh told him to build an altar to Yahweh on the top of the stronghold.

Judges 6:27

ULT	UST
So Gideon took ten men from his servants and he did according to what Yahweh had spoken to him. Now it happened, because he feared the house of his father and the men of the city from doing by day, that he did by night.	*Then Gideon got ten of his servants and together they did what Yahweh had commanded him to do. But he was afraid of what the other members of his family and the other people who lived in the town would do to him if they found out that he had done that. So they did it at night.*

Why did Gideon do what Yahweh told him to do at night?

Gideon did what Yahweh told him to do at night because he was too afraid of his father's household and the men of the city to do it during the day.

Judges 6:30

ULT	UST
Then the men of the city said to Joash, "Bring out your son, that he may die, because he tore down the altar of Baal and because he cut down the Asherah that was beside it."	*The men of the town came to the house of Joash. They told him, "Bring your son out here! We want to kill him to punish him for destroying the altar of our god Baal and for cutting down the Asherah pole where we worship!"*

Why did the men of the town want to put Gideon to death?

The men wanted to put Gideon to death because he tore down the altar of Baal and because he cut down the Asherah beside it.

Judges 6:32

ULT	UST
And one called him on that day Jerubbaal, saying, "May Baal contend against him, since he tore down his altar."	*And that was how Gideon got the nickname Jerubbaal, which means, "Let Baal defend himself." People said, "Yes, Baal should be the one to punish this man for tearing down his altar."*

Why was Gideon given the name, "Jerubbaal"?

Gideon was given the name "Jerubbaal" because it meant "Let Baal defend himself" and they said that Baal should be the one to punish him, since it was his altar Gideon had torn down.

Judges 6:37

ULT	UST
behold, I am putting a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If dew shall be upon the fleece alone, but on all of the ground is dryness, then I will know that by my hand you will save Israel just as you have spoken."	*Please confirm that by doing something for me. Tonight I will put a dry wool fleece on this place where people thresh grain. Tomorrow morning, if only the fleece is wet with dew and the ground is dry, then I will know that you are going to enable me to rescue the people of Israel as you promised."*

What did Gideon do to find out if Yahweh intended to use him to save Israel?

Gideon put a woolen fleece on the threshing floor. He said that if there was dew only on the fleece, and if it was dry on all the ground, then he would know that Yahweh would use him to save Israel.

Judges 6:38

ULT	UST
And it happened that he arose early on the next day and squeezed the fleece and wrung dew from the fleece, the fulness of a bowl of water.	*And that is what happened. When Gideon got up the next morning, he picked up the fleece and he squeezed enough dew from it to fill a bowl with water! But the ground all around the fleece was dry.*

When Gideon squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew, how much water was there?

When Gideon squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew, there was enough water to fill a bowl.

Judges 6:39

ULT	UST
Then Gideon said to God, "May your nose not burn against me, but may I speak only this time. May I please test only this time with the fleece? Please may dryness be on the fleece alone, and on all of the ground may dew be."	*Then Gideon said to God, "Please do not be angry with me, but I would like to ask you to do one more thing. Tonight let me put the fleece out again. This time, please let only the fleece remain dry, and let the whole ground become wet with dew."*

What was Gideon's second test for God?

Gideon's second test was for God to make the fleece dry, and let there be dew on all the ground around it.

Judges 7

Judges 7:2

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for my giving Midian into their hand, lest Israel glorify itself over me, saying, 'My hand has saved me.'	*Yahweh said to Gideon, "You have too many soldiers with you. Suppose I allow all of you to fight the army of Midian and your army defeats them. Then the Israelites will boast that they defeated their enemies by themselves, without my help.*

Why did Yahweh have the fearful soldiers return?

Yahweh had the fearful soldiers return so that Israel could not boast against Yahweh saying that their own power had saved them.

Judges 7:4

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh said to Gideon, "Still the people are too many. Bring them down to the water, and I will refine it for you there. And it will be, of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go with you, but all of whom I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go."	*But Yahweh told Gideon, "You still have too many soldiers! Take them down to the spring, and there I will show you which ones to bring. I will tell you which ones to take with you and which ones not to take with you."*

Why did Yahweh tell Gideon to take the soldiers down to the water?

Yahweh said that there were still too many soldiers and this would be the way that he would tell Gideon which ones would go with him.

Judges 7:5

ULT	UST
So he brought the people down to the water, and Yahweh said to Gideon, "Anyone who laps with his tongue from the water just as a dog laps, you shall set him apart, and anyone who kneels upon his knees to drink."	*When Gideon took the men down to the spring, Yahweh told him, "Watch how the men drink. Put in one group the men who scoop up the water with their hands and lick it with their tongues the way dogs do. Put in another group the men who kneel down and put their faces in the water to drink."*

How did Yahweh tell Gideon to separate the soldiers?

Yahweh told Gideon to set apart everyone who lapped up the water as a dog laps from those who knelt down to drink.

Judges 7:8

ULT	UST
So the people took provision into their hand and their shofars, but every man of Israel he sent away, a man to his tents, but he held onto the 300 men. Now the camp of Midian was to him from below, in the valley.	*So the 300 soldiers who were staying with Gideon collected the food that the other men had brought. They also collected the ram's horns they had brought. Then Gideon sent those other men home, but he kept the 300 soldiers with him. The army of Midian was camping in the valley below Gideon and his army.*

How many soldiers did Gideon keep?

Gideon kept 300 soldiers and sent the rest home.

Judges 7:11

ULT	UST
and you shall hear what they are speaking, and afterward, your hands will be strong and you shall go down against the camp." So he went down, he and Purah his servant, to the edge of the armed ones who were in the camp.	*Listen to what some of the Midianite soldiers are saying. Then you will be very encouraged, and you will be ready to attack their army." So Gideon took Purah with him and they went secretly to where sentries were guarding the enemy camp.*

If Gideon was afraid, what would strengthen Gideon's courage?

If Gideon was afraid, he was told to go down to the camp and listen to what they were saying, and his courage would be strengthened to attack the camp.

Judges 7:14

ULT	UST
And his comrade answered and said, "This is nothing except if it is the sword of Gideon, the son of Joash, the man of Israel. God has given into his hand Midian and all of the camp."	*His friend replied, "Your dream can mean only one thing. It means that God is going to enable Gideon son of Joash, that Israelite man, to lead his soldiers to defeat our combined armies from Midian and its allies."*

When one man was telling a dream to his companion, who did the companion say the dream was about?

When one man was telling a dream to his companion, the companion said the dream was about Gideon. God had given him victory over Midian and all their army.

Judges 7:16

ULT	UST
Then he divided the 300 men into three companies, and he put shofars in the hand of all of them, and empty jars, and torches inside of the jars.	*Gideon then divided his 300 soldiers into three groups. He gave each soldier a ram's horn to blow as a trumpet. He also gave each one a torch and an empty clay jar to cover the torch and hide its light.*

What did Gideon give his 300 soldiers?

Gideon gave them all ram's horns and empty jars, with a torch inside each jar.

Judges 7:19

ULT	UST
So Gideon and the 100 men who were with him came to the edge of the camp, at the start of the middle watch. Stationing, they had just stationed the guards, and they blew on the shofars and shattered the jars that were in their hand.	*A new group of guards was just replacing the guards who had been watching the camp since the start of the night. That was when Gideon and the 100 men with him arrived at the edge of the Midianite camp. They suddenly blew their horns and broke the jars they were carrying. The torches that had been inside the jars shone brightly.*

When did Gideon's men blow the trumpets and break the jars that were in their hands?

Just as the Midianites were changing the guard, Gideon's men blew on the ram's horns and broke the jars that were in their hands.

Judges 7:22

ULT	UST
And they blew the 300 shofars, and Yahweh set the sword of a man against his comrade and against all of the camp. And the camp fled unto Beth Shittah, toward Zererah, unto the edge of Abel Meholah, by Tabbath.	*While the 300 Israelite men kept blowing their horns, Yahweh caused the Midianites to start fighting each other with their swords. Some of them killed each other. The others ran away. Some fled south to the town of Beth Shittah. Some fled to the town of Zererah. Others ran away as far as the outskirts of the town of Abel Meholah, near the town of Tabbath.*

When the soldiers blew the three hundred shofars, what did Yahweh do?

When they blew the three hundred shofars, Yahweh set every Midianite man's sword against his comrades and against all their own army.

Judges 7:24

ULT	UST
And Gideon sent messengers through all of the hill country of Ephraim, saying, "Come down to meet Midian and capture before them the waters unto Beth Barah and the Jordan." So every man of Ephraim was summoned, and they captured the waters unto Beth Barah and the Jordan.	*Gideon sent messengers throughout the hilly area where the tribe of Ephraim lived. The messengers told the men there, "Go down and attack the fleeing Midianite soldiers. So that those soldiers do not escape, put guards at the shallow places where people can wade across rivers and streams. Put guards at the crossings of the streams in the area of Beth Barah and the crossings of the Jordan River." So the men of Ephraim came and put guards in those places.*

How far did the men of Ephraim take control of the waters?

The men of Ephraim put guards at the shallow river crossings as far as Beth Barah and the Jordan River.

Judges 8

Judges 8:1

ULT	UST
And the men of Ephraim said to him, "What is this thing you have done to us, not calling to us when you went to fight against Midian?" And they contended with him in strength.	*Then the soldiers from the tribe of Ephraim told Gideon, "You have not treated us fairly! You should have given us the opportunity to help you fight against the army of Midian!" They argued very angrily with Gideon.*

Why did the men of Ephraim argue with Gideon?

The men of Ephraim argued with Gideon because he had not called them to help him when he went to fight against Midian.

Judges 8:5

ULT	UST
And he said to the men of Succoth, "Please give loaves of bread to the people who are at my feet, for they are weary, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian."	*When they arrived at the town of Succoth, Gideon said to the town leaders, "Please give my soldiers something to eat. They are tired and hungry, and we are still trying to capture the Midianite kings, Zebah and Zalmunna."*

For what did Gideon ask the men of Succoth?

Gideon asked the men of Succoth for loaves of bread for his soldiers.

Judges 8:8

ULT	UST
Then he went up from there to Penuel, and he spoke to them like this, but the men of Penuel answered him just as the men of Succoth had answered.	*Next Gideon and his 300 men went to the town of Penuel and asked for food there. But the town leaders of Penuel also refused to give them anything to eat.*

Why did Gideon tell the men of Penuel that he would pull down the tower?

Gideon told the men of Penuel that he would pull down the tower because they would not give his army bread, just as the men of Succoth had refused.

Judges 8:11

ULT	UST
Then Gideon went up the road of the ones lodged in tents, from the east to Nobah and Jogbehah. And he struck the camp, and the camp was in security.	*Gideon and his men took the road through the wilderness on which caravans travel. This took them east of the villages of Nobah and Jogbehah. The Midianite soldiers were feeling safe out in the wilderness, so Gideon was able to attack them by surprise.*

Why did Gideon defeat the enemy army past Nobah and Jogbehah?

Gideon defeated the enemy army because they were feeling safe and not expecting an attack.

Judges 8:15

ULT	UST
Then he went to the men of Succoth and said, "Behold, Zebah and Zalmunna, about whom you taunted me, saying, 'Is the palm of Zebah and Zalmunna now in your hand, that we are giving bread to your weary men?'"	*Then Gideon and his men went into Succoth and said to those leaders, "Here are Zebah and Zalmunna! When we were here before, you made fun of me. You said 'You have not caught Zebah and Zalmunna yet! So we are not going to give your hungry troops anything to eat.'"*

Whom did Gideon show to the men of Succoth before he punished them?

Gideon showed Zebah and Zalmunna to the men of Succoth before he punished them.

Judges 8:19

ULT	UST
And he said, "They were my brothers, the sons of my mother! The life of Yahweh, if you had let them live, I would not have killed you."	*Gideon replied, "Those men were my own brothers! I swear by Yahweh that I would spare your lives now if you had spared their lives then."*

What men did Zebah and Zalmunna kill at Tabor?

Zebah and Zalmunna killed Gideon's brothers.

Judges 8:20

ULT	UST
Then he said to Jether his firstborn, "Arise, kill them!" But the youth did not draw his sword, for he feared, for he was still a youth.	*Then Gideon turned to his oldest son, Jether. He told him, "Now you kill these two kings!" But Jether was still only a boy, so he was afraid. So he did not pull out his sword to kill them.*

Why did Jether not draw his sword?

Jether did not draw his sword for he was afraid; he was still a young boy.

Judges 8:23

ULT	UST
But Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you myself, and my son will not rule over you. Yahweh will rule over you."	*But Gideon told them, "No, I will not be your king. My son will not be your king either. Yahweh is your real king."*

Who did Gideon say would rule over the men of Israel?

Gideon said Yahweh would rule over the men of Israel.

Judges 8:24

ULT	UST
But Gideon said to them, "Let me request a request from you, that a man give to me an earring of his spoil." For earrings of gold were to them, for they were Ishmaelites.	*But he added, "There is one thing that I would like you to do for me. Would each of you please give me one earring from the things you captured after the battle?" (The Midianite soldiers were descendants of Ishmael, and it was their custom to wear golden earrings.)*

For what did Gideon ask the men of Israel?

Gideon asked them for the earrings from their spoil.

Judges 8:27

ULT	UST
Then Gideon made it into an ephod and placed it in his city, in Ophrah, and all of Israel whored after it there. And it was for a snare to Gideon and to his house.	*Gideon used the gold to make a sacred garment. He set it up in his hometown of Ophrah. The people of Israel started going there to worship it, instead of worshiping only Yahweh. Gideon and his family had great trouble because of this.*

What did Gideon make out of the earrings?

Gideon made an sacred garment out of the earrings.

What did Israel do to the golden ephod?

Israel worshiped the ephod.

Judges 8:33

ULT	UST
Now it happened, when Gideon died, that the sons of Israel turned and whored after the Baals. And they made for themselves Baal-Berith as a god.	*But as soon as Gideon died, the Israelites were unfaithful to Yahweh. They once again worshiped idols that represented gods such as Baal. They made an idol that they called Baal-Berith, and they worshiped it as their god.*

What happened as soon as Gideon was dead?

As soon as Gideon was dead, the people of Israel turned again and worshiped the Baals.

Judges 9

Judges 9:1

ULT	UST
Now Abimelech, the son of Jerubbaal, went to Shechem to the brothers of his mother, and he spoke to them and to all of the clan of the house of the father of his mother, saying,	*Gideon's son Abimelech went to talk with his mother's brothers in the city of Shechem. He spoke to them and to all his mother's relatives. He said,*

Who was Abimelech's father?

Abimelech's father was Gideon who was also called Jerubbaal.

Judges 9:3

ULT	UST
And the brothers of his mother spoke all of these things for him in the ears of all of the lords of Shechem, and their heart turned after Abimelech, for they said, "He is our brother."	*So Abimelech's mother's brothers gathered all the leaders of Shechem. They told them everything that Abimelech wanted them to say. The leaders decided to allow Abimelech to rule over them, considering that he was their relative.*

Why did the leaders of Shechem agree to follow Abimelech?

They agreed to follow Abimelech because he was their relative.

Judges 9:4

ULT	UST
Then they gave 70 silver to him from the house of Baal-Berith, and with them Abimelech hired worthless and reckless men, and they went after him.	*So the leaders of Shechem took about a kilogram of silver from the temple of their god Baal-Berith and gave it to Abimelech. He used that money to hire some wicked and violent men. They did whatever he told them to do.*

For what did Abimelech use the 70 pieces of silver?

Abimelech used the 70 pieces of silver to hire wicked and violent men.

Judges 9:5

ULT	UST
Then he went to the house of his father in Ophrah and he killed his brothers, the sons of Jerubbaal, 70 men upon one stone. But Jotham was left, the youngest son of Jerubbaal, for he had hidden himself.	*Abimelech and the men he had hired went to Ophrah, his father's town. There they murdered his 70 brothers, the sons of his father Gideon. They brought each one of them to a huge rock and killed him there. But Gideon's youngest son Jotham escaped because he hid from Abimelech and his men.*

Why was Jotham not murdered?

Jotham was not murdered because he hid himself.

Judges 9:18

ULT	UST
but today you have arisen against the house of my father and have killed his sons, 70 men upon one stone, and you have made Abimelech, the son of his female slave, reign over the lords of Shechem because he is your brother—	*But now you have rebelled against my father's family. You have murdered 70 of his sons on one huge rock. And you have appointed Abimelech to be the king who will rule you people of Shechem. You think he will treat you well because he is your relative. But he has no right to be a king, since he is only the son of my father's slave girl, not of one of his full legal wives.*

On what day did Jotham address the leaders of Shechem?

Jotham addressed them on the same day that they had risen up against his father's house and killed 70 of his sons.

Judges 9:20

ULT	UST
But if not, may fire go forth from Abimelech, and may it consume the lords of Shechem and Beth Millo, and may fire go forth from the lords of Shechem and from Beth Millo, and may it consume Abimelech."	*But if what you did was not right, then I hope that Abimelech destroys you leaders of Shechem and you officers from the fort, and I hope that you destroy him!"*

What was the curse of Jotham?

The curse of Jotham was for fire to come out from Abimelech to burn up the men of Shechem and Beth Millo, and for fire to come out from the men of Shechem and Beth Millo to burn up Abimelech.

Judges 9:24

ULT	UST
the violence of the 70 sons of Jerubbaal to come, and their blood to put, upon Abimelech their brother who killed them and upon the lords of Shechem who strengthened his hands to kill his brothers.	*The 70 sons of Jerubbaal were Abimelech's half-brothers, but he hired men to kill them. The leaders of Shechem gave him the money to have men kill his half-brothers. So God made them enemies so that they would suffer violently, just as they had caused others to suffer violently. God did this to punish them for the murders they had committed.*

Why did God allow the leaders of Shechem to deal treacherously with Abimelech?

God allowed the leaders of Shechem to deal treacherously with Abimelech so that the violence done to the 70 sons of Jerubbaal might be avenged.

Judges 9:25

ULT	UST
And the lords of Shechem put ambushers against him on the tops of the hills, and they robbed everyone who passed by them on the road, and it was told to Abimelech.	*The leaders of Shechem decided not to rely on Abimelech anymore. Instead, they had some of their men hide up high on the hills around the city. From there these men could see travelers approaching, and they surprised them and robbed them when they got close. Abimelech heard about what they were doing.*

Who did the leaders of Shechem hope to ambush?

The leaders of Shechem hoped to ambush Abimelech.

Judges 9:28

ULT	UST
Then Gaal, the son of Ebed, said, "Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? Is he not the son of Jerubbaal, and is not Zebul his deputy? Serve the men of Hamor, the father of Shechem. But we, why should we serve him?	*Gaal son of Ebed said, "We should not allow Abimelech to rule over us! His mother was from Shechem, but his father was Jerubbaal, an Israelite. So he is not really one of us! We should not allow Zebul to rule over us either, since it was Abimelech who appointed him as governor of our city. Instead, our ruler should be one of the descendants of Hamor, who founded our city of Shechem. We should not be allowing a foreigner like Abimelech to rule us.*

Who wished the people would serve him instead of Abimelech?

Gaal wished the people would serve him.

Judges 9:30

ULT	UST
And Zebul, the ruler of the city, heard the words of Gaal, the son of Ebed, and his nose burned.	*When Zebul, the governor of Shechem, heard Gaal son of Ebed talking about Abimelech this way, he became very angry.*

When was Zebul's anger kindled?

When Zebul heard what Gaal was saying about removing Abimelech, he became angry.

Judges 9:31

ULT	UST
And he sent messengers to Abimelech in deceit, saying, "Behold, Gaal, the son of Ebed, and his brothers are come to Shechem, and behold, they are inciting the city against you.	*But Zebul did not show that he was angry. He sent messengers to warn Abimelech, but he pretended he was sending them for some other reason. The messengers told Abimelech, "Be careful! A certain man, Gaal son of Ebed, has brought a group of men that he commands to Shechem. You need to know that they are getting the people who live in Shechem to rebel against you.*

Why did Zebul send messengers to Abimelech?

He sent messengers to Abimelech in order to warn him that Gaal, the son of Ebed, was inciting the city against him.

Judges 9:36

ULT	UST
And Gaal saw the people and he said to Zebul, "Behold, a people is coming down from the tops of the hills!" But Zebul said to him, "The shadow of the hills, you are seeing as men."	*When Gaal saw the soldiers, he said to Zebul, "Look! There is a group of people coming down from the hills!" But Zebul said, "You are just seeing the shadow that one hill casts on another as the sun gets higher in the sky. That dark shape is not a group of people. It only looks like one."*

How did Zebul describe the men Gaal saw coming down the hills?

Zebul said they were shadows of the hills.

Judges 9:38

ULT	UST
Then Zebul said to him, "Where now is your mouth, by which you said, 'Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him?' Is this not the people that you despised? Indeed, go out now and fight with it."	*Then Zebul said to Gaal, "Earlier you spoke boastfully. You said, 'We should not allow Abimelech to rule over us!' That is who you see coming: the army that you said you could easily defeat. So now that they are here, go out and fight them!"*

What did Zebul tell Gaal to do?

Zebul told Gaal to go out and fight against Abimelech.

Judges 9:40

ULT	UST
And Abimelech pursued him, and he fled from his face. And many wounded fell, up to the entrance of the gate.	*Abimelech and his men defeated them and chased them when they ran away. They stabbed and killed many of Gaal's men all the way back to the city gate of Shechem.*

What happened when Gaal fought Abimelech?

Abimelech pursued Gaal, and Gaal fled before Abimelech, and many fell with deadly wounds before the entrance to the city gate.

Judges 9:45

ULT	UST
And Abimelech fought with the city all of that day. And he captured the city, and he killed the people who were in it. Then he tore down the city and sowed it with salt.	*Abimelech and his soldiers fought against the people of Shechem all that day. When they finally conquered the city, they killed all the people who lived there. They tore down all of the buildings. Then they threw salt over the ruins to show that they never wanted anyone to live there again.*

What did Abimelech do after he captured the city?

Abimelech killed the people, tore down the city, and spread salt over it.

Judges 9:46

ULT	UST
And all of the lords of the tower of Shechem heard, and they entered into the citadel of the house of El-Berith.	*A group of soldiers lived in a fortress near Shechem that had a defensive tower. When their commanders heard what had happened, all of them went inside the fortress, which was also a temple of their god El-Berith.*

Where did the leaders of the tower of Shechem enter?

The leaders of the tower of Shechem entered the citadel of the house of El-Berith.

Judges 9:49

ULT	UST
So all the people also cut, a man a branch, and they went after Abimelech. And they set them against the citadel, and they burned the citadel upon them with fire. So all of the men of the tower of Shechem also died, about 1, 000 men and women.	*So each one of the soldiers also cut a branch, and they carried them down the mountain, following Abimelech. They went to the fortress and piled the branches against its walls. Then they set the branches on fire. About 1, 000 men and women were inside the tower near Shechem. The fire burned up the fortress and killed all of them too.*

How did Abimelech kill all the leaders and people in the tower of Shechem?

Abimelech went up to Mount Zalmon, piled branches around the fortress and set it on fire, killing all the people in it.

Judges 9:53

ULT	UST
But one woman threw an upper millstone onto the head of Abimelech, and it crushed his skull.	*But when Abimelech came near the tower, a woman who was on the roof dropped a large grinding stone on his head. It cracked the bone of his skull.*

When Abimelech came near the entrance of the tower of Thebez, what happened to him?

When Abimelech came near the entrance of the tower of Thebez, a woman on the roof dropped a millstone on his head and it crushed his skull.

Judges 9:54

ULT	UST
Then he cried hastily to the young man bearing his armor and said to him, "Draw your sword and kill me, lest they say about me, 'A woman killed him.'" So his young man stabbed him, and he died.	*The servant who was carrying Abimelech's weapons was nearby. Abimelech quickly ordered him, "Pull out your sword and kill me with it! I do not want people to say about me, 'A woman killed Abimelech.'" So the servant stabbed Abimelech with his sword, and that killed him.*

Why did Abimelech tell his armor-bearer to draw his sword and kill him?

Abimelech told his armor-bearer to draw his sword and kill him so no one would say a women killed Abimelech.

Judges 10

Judges 10:1

ULT	UST
Now after Abimelech, Tola, the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar, arose to save Israel. And he was dwelling in Shamir, in the hill country of Ephraim.	*After Abimelech died, Tola, the son of Puah and grandson of Dodo became a leader. He rescued the Israelites from their enemies. He belonged to the tribe of Issachar. However, he lived in the town of Shamir in the hilly area where the descendants of Ephraim live.*

Where was Shamir?

Shamir was in the hill country of Ephraim.

Judges 10:6

ULT	UST
Then the sons of Israel resumed to do evil in the eyes of Yahweh. And they served the Baals and the Ashtoreths and the gods of Aram and the gods of Sidon and the gods of Moab and the gods of the sons of Ammon and the gods of the Philistines. And they forsook Yahweh and did not serve him.	*Once again the Israelites did things that Yahweh said were very wicked. They worshiped various idols that represented gods such as Baal. They also worshiped female fertility goddesses such as Ashtoreth. They also worshiped the gods that people worshiped in the countries of Aram and Moab and in the city of Sidon. And they worshiped the gods that the Ammonites and Philistines worshiped. But they did not worship Yahweh at all anymore.*

Why did Yahweh burn with anger toward the people of Israel?

The people of Israel forsook Yahweh and no longer served him, so he became angry with Israel.

Judges 10:9

ULT	UST
Then the sons of Ammon crossed the Jordan to fight also with Judah and with Benjamin and with the house of Ephraim, and it narrowed to Israel greatly.	*The Ammonites crossed over the Jordan River and also fought against the people of the tribes of Judah, Benjamin, and Ephraim. They made the Israelites suffer terribly.*

Why was Israel greatly distressed?

The Ammonites crossed over the Jordan to fight against the people of Judah, Benjamin, and Ephraim, so that Israel was greatly distressed.

Judges 10:14

ULT	UST
Go and cry out to the gods upon whom you have chosen. Let them save you in the time of your distress."	*See whether the gods you are worshiping can rescue you now that you are in trouble again!"*

To whom did Yahweh tell the people of Israel to call out for help?

Yahweh told the people to call out to the gods that they had worshiped to show them that those gods could not save them.

Judges 10:16

ULT	UST
And they removed the foreign gods from the midst of them, and they served Yahweh. And his soul wore out with the trouble of Israel.	*Then the Israelites threw away the idols that represented the foreign gods they had been worshiping. They worshiped Yahweh instead. Yahweh saw that they were suffering greatly. He felt compassion for them and decided to help them.*

Why could Yahweh no longer bear the misery of Israel?

Israel removed the foreign gods from their midst and they worshiped Yahweh, so he had compassion on them.

Judges 11

Judges 11:1

ULT	UST
Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a warrior of valor, but he was the son of a whoring woman. Now Gilead had begotten Jephthah.	*There was a man from the region of Gilead whose name was Jephthah. He was a great soldier. But his mother was a prostitute. His father was a man whose name was Gilead.*

Who were Jephthah's parents?

Jephthah was the son of a prostitute and Gilead.

Judges 11:6

ULT	UST
And they said to Jephthah, "Come, and you shall be a commander for us so we may fight with the sons of Ammon."	*They said to him, "Come back with us and lead our army. That way we will be able to defeat the Ammonite army."*

Why did the elders of Gilead go to bring Jephthah back from the land of Tob?

The elders of Gilead went to bring Jephthah back from the land of Tob so he would be their commander in their fight against the Ammonites.

Judges 11:8

ULT	UST
Then the elders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "Therefore we have now returned to you. So you shall come with us and fight with the sons of Ammon, and you shall be for us the head of all of the dwellers of Gilead."	*The leaders of Gilead said to Jephthah, "That is exactly why we are coming to you now, because we are in trouble. Come back with us and lead our soldiers against the Ammonite army. If you do, we will make you the leader over everyone who lives in Gilead."*

Why did the elders of Gilead come to Jephthah?

The elders of Gilead came to Jephthah because they wanted him to come with them to fight the Ammonites and be their leader.

Judges 11:9

ULT	UST
Then Jephthah said to the elders of Gilead, "If you have brought me back to fight with the sons of Ammon and Yahweh gives them over to my face, I will be the head for you."	*Jephthah answered them, "So if I go back to Gilead with you to fight against the army of Ammon, and if Yahweh helps us to defeat them, then I will be your leader."*

If the elders of Gideon brought Jephthah home again to fight against the soldiers of Ammon, and if Yahweh gave them victory over them, what would happen to Jephthah?

If the elders of Gideon brought Jephthah home again to fight against the soldiers of Ammon, and if Yahweh gave them victory over them, Jephthah would be their leader.

Judges 11:13

ULT	UST
And the king of the sons of Ammon said to the messengers of Jephthah, "Because Israel took my land in his coming up from Egypt, from the Arnon and to the Jabbok and to the Jordan. So now return them in peace."	*The Ammonite king replied to Jephthah's messengers, "I am invading because you Israelites took our land when you came here from Egypt. You took all of our land east of the Jordan River, from the Arnon River in the south to the Jabbok River in the north. So now give it back to us without a fight."*

Why did the people of Ammon come to fight to take the land of Israel?

The people of Ammon came to take the land of Israel because they claimed that when Israel came up out of Egypt, Israel seized the land of Ammon.

Judges 11:17

ULT	UST
Then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, "Please may I pass through your land." But the king of Edom did not listen. And he also sent to the king of Moab, but he did not consent. So Israel dwelled in Kadesh.	*From there the Israelites sent messengers to the king of the Edomites. They asked him, "Please allow us to walk across your land." But the king of the Edomites refused. When they sent the same message to the king of the Moabites, he also refused to allow them to go through his land. So the Israelites stayed at Kadesh for a long time.*

Who was not willing to let Israel pass?

The king of Edom and the king of Moab were not willing to let Israel pass.

Judges 11:21

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh, the God of Israel, gave Sihon and all of his people into the hand of Israel, and they struck them. So Israel possessed all of the land of the Amorite inhabiting that land.	*But Yahweh, the God of Israel, made the Israelite army stronger than the army of Sihon. So the Israelites destroyed that enemy army. Then they took possession of all the land where those Amorites had lived.*

Who gave Israel victory over Sihon?

Yahweh, the God of Israel, gave Israel victory over Sihon.

Judges 11:26

ULT	UST
In the dwelling of Israel in Heshbon and in its daughters and in Aroer and in its daughters and in all of the cities that are upon the banks of the Arnon, 300 years, why then did you not deliver during that time?	*The Israelites have been living for the past 300 years in the city of Heshbon and the town of Aroer and in the villages around them. They have also been living in settlements along the Arnon River. But during all of that time, you Ammonites have not tried to capture those areas for yourselves.*

For how long did Israel live in Heshbon and its villages and in Aroer and its villages and in all the cities that are along the banks of the Arnon?

Israel lived for 300 years in Heshbon and Aroer and their villages as well as in all the cities that are along the banks of the Arnon.

Judges 11:31

ULT	UST
then it shall be, the one coming out, whoever comes out of the doors of my house to greet me in my returning in peace from the sons of Ammon, that he will be to Yahweh, and I will offer him as a burnt offering."	*when I return safely from defeating the Ammonites, then I will devote to you the first person who comes out of my house to greet me. I will sacrifice that person by burning him up completely on an altar."*

If Yahweh gave Jephthah victory over the people of Ammon, what did Jephthah vow to do?

If Yahweh gave Jephthah victory over the people of Ammon, Jephthah would offer up as a burnt offering whoever came out of the doors of his house to greet him.

Judges 11:32

ULT	UST
Then Jephthah passed through to the sons of Ammon to fight with them, and Yahweh gave them into his hand.	*Then Jephthah and his soldiers went from Mizpah to attack the Ammonites. Yahweh enabled his army to defeat them.*

When Jephthah passed through to the people of Ammon to fight against them, who gave him the victory?

When Jephthah passed through to the people of Ammon to fight against them, Yahweh gave him victory.

Judges 11:34

ULT	UST
Then Jephthah came to Mizpah, to his house, and behold, his daughter was coming out to greet him with timbrels and with dances. And except her alone, there was not to him a son or daughter apart from her.	*When Jephthah returned to his home in Mizpah, his daughter was the first one to come out of the house to meet him. She was joyfully playing a tambourine and dancing. Since he had no other sons or daughters, she was his only child.*

How many children did Jephthah have?

Jephthah had only one child, this daughter.

Judges 11:37

ULT	UST
Then she said to her father, "May this thing be done for me. Refrain from me two months so I may go, and I will go down upon the hills and weep upon my virginity, I and my companions."	*But then she asked him, "Please do something for me first. Do not offer me as a sacrifice right away. Let me go into the hills and wander around with my friends for two months. Let me grieve with them the fact that I will never get married and have children."*

What did Jephthah's daughter want to do before he did everything he had promised?

She wanted him to leave her alone for two months, that she could go down to the hills and grieve over her virginity.

Judges 11:39

ULT	UST
And it happened at the end of two months that she returned to her father, and he did to her his vow that he had vowed. And she had not known a man. And it became a custom in Israel.	*After two months, she returned to her father Jephthah, and he did to her what he had solemnly promised. So his daughter never married. Because of that, the Israelites now have a custom.*

What did Jephthah do with his daughter?

He did what he had promised in the vow he had made.

Judges 12

Judges 12:1

ULT	UST
And a man of Ephraim was summoned, and he crossed over northward. And they said to Jephthah, "Why did you cross over to fight with the sons of Ammon but did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house over you with fire."	*The men of the tribe of Ephraim got ready for battle. They crossed the Jordan River and went northeast to where Jephthah was. They said to Jephthah, "You should not have gone to fight the Ammonites without asking us to help you. We will burn down your house with you inside it!"*

What did the men of Ephraim want to do to Jephthah's house because he did not call them to go with him?

The men of Ephraim wanted to burn Jephthah's house down because he did not call them to go with him to fight against the people of Ammon.

Judges 12:4

ULT	UST
And Jephthah assembled all of the men of Gilead and fought with Ephraim. And the men of Gilead struck Ephraim because they said, "You, Gilead, are fugitives of Ephraim in the midst of Ephraim, in the midst of Manasseh."	*The Ephraimites insulted the Gileadites. They said, "You Gileadites are just runaway people from Ephraim. You live between Ephraim and Manasseh." Because the Ephraimites insulted them, Jephthah gathered all the men of Gilead. They fought against the men of Ephraim and defeated them.*

Why did the men of Gilead attack the men of Ephraim?

The men of Gilead attacked the men of Ephraim because Ephraimites said the Gileadites were fugitives from Ephraim.

Judges 12:6

ULT	UST
then they said to him, “Please say ‘Shibboleth.’” And he said “Sibboleth,” for he was not able to pronounce it correctly. Then they seized him and slaughtered him at the fords of the Jordan. And at that time 42, 000 from Ephraim fell.	*the men of Gilead would tell him, “Say the word ‘Shibboleth.’” The Ephraimites could not pronounce that word correctly. They would say “Sibboleth” instead. When they said that, the men of Gilead knew they were from Ephraim. Then they would catch them and kill them at the river crossing. At that time they killed 42, 000 people from the tribe of Ephraim.*

How did the men of Gilead test if a man was from Ephraim?

They would tell him to say “Shibboleth.” And if he said, “Sibboleth,” (for the Ephraimites could not pronounce the word correctly), the Gileadites would seize him and kill him at the fords of the Jordan.

Judges 13

Judges 13:2

ULT	UST
Now there was one man from Zorah, from the clan of the Danite, and his name was Manoah. And his wife was barren and had not given birth.	*There was a man whose name was Manoah who lived in the town of Zorah. He belonged to the tribe of Dan. His wife could not have children.*

What clan was Manoah from?

Manoah was from the clan of Dan.

Judges 13:5

ULT	UST
For behold, you will conceive and bear a son. And a razor will not go up on his head, for the boy will be a Nazirite of God from the womb. And he will begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines."	*You must do this because you are going to become pregnant and have a son who must not drink or eat these things. You must dedicate him to God as a Nazirite as soon as you give birth to him. Therefore you must never cut his hair. He will begin to stop the Philistines from ruling the Israelites."*

Why was no razor to come onto the child's head?

No razor was to come onto his head, for the child was to be a Nazirite to God.

Judges 13:6

ULT	UST
And the woman came and said to her husband, saying, "A man of God came to me, and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of God, very awesome. And I did not ask him from where he was, and he did not declare his name to me.	*The woman ran and told her husband, "A man from God came to me. He looked like an angel from God. Looking at him made me afraid. I did not ask where he came from, and he did not tell me his name.*

What did the man of God look like?

The man of God looked like an angel of God.

Judges 13:9

ULT	UST
And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman. And she was abiding in the field, but Manoah her husband was not with her.	*God did what Manoah asked. The angel representing God came again to the woman while she was out working in the field. But her husband Manoah was not with her.*

When the angel of God came a second time, who was there?

When the angel of God came a second time, only Manoah's wife was there.

Judges 13:12

ULT	UST
And Manoah said, "Now may your words come to pass. What will be the manner of the boy and his work?"	*Manoah asked him, "When what you have said comes true, what rules should the boy follow? What work should he do?"*

What did Manoah ask the angel about?

Manoah asked the angel about the rules for the boy and what his work would be.

Judges 13:16

ULT	UST
And the angel of Yahweh said to Manoah, "If you detain me, I will not eat of your bread. But if you prepare a burnt offering, to Yahweh you shall offer it." For Manoah did not know that he was the angel of Yahweh.	*The angel replied, "All right, I will stay, but I will not eat a meal. If you want to prepare something, you should offer it as a burnt offering to Yahweh." Now Manoah did not realize that this was an angel representing Yahweh.*

If Manoah prepared a burnt offering, to whom was he to offer it?

If Manoah prepared a burnt offering, he was to offer it to Yahweh.

Judges 13:20

ULT	UST
For it happened, in the going up of the flame from the altar toward the heavens, that the angel of Yahweh went up in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife were watching, and they fell on their faces to the ground.	*As the flame went up from the altar toward the sky, the angel went up in the flame. When Manoah and his wife saw this, they knelt down and put their faces to the ground as an act of humble worship.*

What wonderful thing did Yahweh do while Manoah and his wife were watching?

While Manoah and his wife were watching, the angel of Yahweh went up in the flame of the altar.

Judges 13:25

ULT	UST
And the Spirit of Yahweh began to agitate him in Mahaneh Dan, between Zorah and between Eshtaol.	*Samson went to live in the town of Mahaneh Dan, between the towns of Zorah and Eshtaol. There the Spirit of Yahweh began to make him want to stop the Philistines from ruling the Israelites.*

Where did Yahweh's Spirit begin to stir Samson?

Yahweh's Spirit began to stir Samson in Mahaneh Dan.

Judges 14

Judges 14:2

ULT	UST
And he went up and declared to his father and to his mother and said, “I saw a woman in Timnah from the daughters of the Philistines. And now, get her for me for a wife.”	*Samson went back home and told his parents, “I saw a young Philistine woman in Timnah. I want you to arrange for me to marry her.”*

Who did Samson want his parents to get for him to be his wife?

Samson wanted his parents to get for him a woman in Timnah, one of the daughters of the Philistines, to be his wife.

Judges 14:3

ULT	UST
And his father and his mother said to him, “Is there not among the daughters of your brothers and among all of my people a woman, that you are going to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?” And Samson said to his father, “Get her for me, for she is right in my eyes.”	*His parents said to him, “There are many young women in our own tribe of Dan and among our people of Israel. You can marry one of them. You should not marry someone from a people group that does not worship Yahweh.” But Samson told his father, “No, I like her very much, and so I want you to arrange for me to marry her.”*

Why did Samson want his parents to get him the woman in Timnah as his wife?

He wanted his parents to get him the woman in Timnah as his wife, for when he looked at her, she pleased him.

Judges 14:6

ULT	UST
Then the Spirit of Yahweh rushed on him, and he tore it as the tearing of a kid, and there was not anything in his hand. And he did not declare to his father or to his mother what he had done.	*The Spirit of Yahweh gave Samson great strength. He ripped the lion apart with his bare hands as easily as if it had been a young goat. But he did not tell his parents what he had done.*

How was Samson able to tear the lion apart?

Yahweh’s Spirit suddenly came on him, and he tore the lion apart.

Judges 14:8

ULT	UST
And he returned after some days to take her, and he turned to see the carcass of the lion, and behold, a swarm of bees was in the body of the lion, and honey.	*Later, Samson went back to marry her. On the way, he went to look at the dead lion. He saw that a swarm of bees had made a nest in the lion's body and produced some honey.*

What was in the carcass of the lion?

There was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcass of the lion.

Judges 14:13

ULT	UST
But if you are not able to declare it to me, then you will give to me 30 linen garments and 30 changes of clothes." And they said to him, "Put your riddle and we will hear it."	*But if you can not answer it, then you must give me 30 linen garments and 30 changes of clothes." They told him, "We agree. Tell us your riddle, and we will try to solve it."*

What would Samson get if the 30 companions could not answer his riddle?

Samson would get 30 linen robes and 30 changes of clothes if the 30 companions could not answer his riddle.

Judges 14:15

ULT	UST
And it happened on the seventh day that they said to the wife of Samson, "Entice your husband that he may declare to us the riddle, lest we burn you and the house of your father with fire. Did you invite us to dispossess us? Is it not so?"	*On the last day of the feast, they said to Samson's bride, "Get the answer to the riddle for us from your bridegroom. If you do not, we will burn you and your family to death. We did not come to this feast to become poor!"*

What would happen to Samson's wife if she did not entice her husband to get the answer to the riddle?

If Samson's wife did not entice her husband to get the answer to the riddle, the 30 companions would burn up her and her father's house.

Judges 14:17

ULT	UST
And she wept on him for the seven days during which the feast was to them. And it happened on the seventh day that he declared it to her, for she had pressed him. And she declared the riddle to the sons of her people.	*But she kept crying for the rest of the feast. Finally, as it was about to end, he told her the answer to the riddle because she had kept bothering him. She went and told the answer to the Philistine young men.*

For how long did Samson's wife cry in order to get the answer to the riddle?

She cried for the seven days that the feast lasted.

Judges 14:19

ULT	UST
And the Spirit of Yahweh rushed on him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and he struck 30 men from them. And he took their spoils, and he gave the changes of clothes to the declarers of the riddle. And his nose burned, and he went up to the house of his father.	*Then the Spirit of Yahweh gave Samson great strength. He went to the city of Ashkelon and killed 30 men there. He took their clothes and gave them to the men who had answered his riddle. But he was very angry about what had happened. He went back to his father's house without marrying the woman.*

How did Samson get 30 changes of clothing?

Samson went down to Ashkelon and killed 30 men among those people and took their changes of clothing.

Judges 15

Judges 15:2

ULT	UST
And her father said, "Saying, I said that hating, you hated her, so I gave her to your companion. Is not her younger sister better than she? Please let her be to you instead of her."	*Her father told him, "I honestly thought that you hated her. So I had her marry the young man who was your helper at the wedding feast. But her younger sister is even prettier. You can marry her instead."*

When Samson went to visit his wife, why did her father not allow him to go in?

The father thought Samson hated his wife, so had already given her to one of Samson's companions.

Judges 15:5

ULT	UST
And he kindled fire in the torches and sent them into the standing grain of the Philistines, and he burned from stack and to standing grain, and to grove of olive tree.	*He lit the torches and let the foxes run through the Philistines' fields. The fire burned the grain they had harvested and the grain that was still in the fields. It also burned their olive trees.*

How did Samson retaliate after finding out his wife had been given to another?

Samson retaliated by catching 300 foxes, tying torches to them, and letting them go in the Philistines' grain.

Judges 15:6

ULT	UST
And the Philistines said, "Who has done this?" And they said, "Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he took his wife and gave her to his companion." And the Philistines went up and burned her and her father with fire.	*The Philistine leaders asked, "Who did this?" Someone told them, "Samson did it. He was supposed to marry the daughter of a man who lived in the town of Timnah. But that man had his daughter marry Samson's best man instead." In revenge, the Philistines went and killed Samson's fiancée and her father by burning them.*

When the Philistines were told that Samson burned their fields, what did they do?

When the Philistines were told that Samson burned their fields, they burned his wife and her father.

Judges 15:8

ULT	UST
Then he struck them leg on thigh, a great striking. And he went down and stayed in the cleft of the rock of Etam.	*Samson attacked the Philistines furiously and killed many of them. Then he went and hid in a cave in the rock of Etam.*

Why did Samson kill a great number of Philistines?

Samson killed a great number of Philistines to avenge the killing of his wife and her father.

Judges 15:10

ULT	UST
And the men of Judah said, "Why have you come up against us?" And they said, "We have come up to bind Samson, to do to him just as he has done to us."	*The men of Judah asked them, "Why have you come to fight us?" The Philistines answered, "We have come to capture Samson. He killed many of us, and so we are going to kill him."*

Why did the Philistines come up to attack Judah?

The Philistines came up to attack Judah so they could capture Samson in order to kill him as he had killed so many of them.

Judges 15:12

ULT	UST
And they said to him, "We have come down to bind you, to give you into the hand of the Philistines." And Samson said to them, "Swear to me that you will not strike me yourselves."	*The men of Judah told Samson, "We have come to tie you up. We are going to give you to the Philistines." Samson said to them, "Promise me that you will not kill me yourselves."*

When the men of Judah came to tie up Samson, what did he make them swear?

When the men of Judah came to tie up Samson, he made them swear that they would not kill him themselves.

Judges 15:15

ULT	UST
And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, and he stretched out his hand and took it, and with it he struck 1, 000 men.	*Then Samson saw a donkey's jawbone lying on the ground. It was new, so it was hard. He picked it up and used it to kill 1, 000 men.*

With what did Samson kill 1,000 men?

Samson killed 1,000 men with a fresh jawbone of a donkey.

Judges 15:18

ULT	UST
But he was very thirsty, so he called to Yahweh and said, "You have given this great salvation by the hand of your servant, and now shall I die of thirst and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?"	*Samson was very thirsty. He called out to Yahweh, "You have given me this great victory. But now I am afraid that I will die of thirst. Then the Philistines, who do not worship you, will take my body and treat it shamefully!"*

After Samson killed 1,000 men with a fresh jawbone of a donkey, how did he think he would die?

After Samson killed 1,000 men with a fresh jawbone of a donkey, he thought he would die of thirst.

Judges 15:19

ULT	UST
Then God split open the hollow place that is in Lehi, and water came out from it. And he drank and his spirit returned, and he revived. Therefore, he called its name En-Hakkore, which is in Lehi to this day.	*Then God split open a hollow place in Lehi. Water came out of it. When Samson drank some of that water, he felt strong again. So he named that spring En Hakkore. It is still in Lehi today.*

How did Samson get water?

God split open the hollow place at Lehi, and water came out.

Judges 16

Judges 16:2

ULT	UST
And it was told to the Gazites, saying, "Samson has come here." So they encircled and they lay in ambush for him all of the night at the gate of the city. And they kept themselves quiet all of the night, saying, "At the light of the morning, then we will kill him."	*People told the leaders of the Gazites, "Samson has come inside our city!" So the leaders sent men to surround the place where Samson was. They waited there secretly all night. The leaders also put guards at the city gate. But they did not try to capture Samson that night. They decided that once day came, they would be able to see clearly to catch him and kill him.*

When did the Gazites plan to kill Samson?

The Gazites planned to kill Samson at daylight.

Judges 16:3

ULT	UST
Now Samson lay down until the middle of the night, but he arose in the middle of the night, and he seized the doors of the gate of the city and the two doorposts. And he pulled them up with the bar, and he put them on his shoulders, and he brought them up to the head of the hill that is at the face of Hebron.	*But Samson did not stay where he was all night. At midnight, he got up. He went to the city gate to leave the city, but he found that it was barred shut. So he lifted the entire gate up out of the ground, the doors and their posts and the bar. He carried all of this on his shoulders uphill for many miles, all the way to the top of the hill near the town of Hebron.*

How did Samson escape Gaza?

Samson took hold of the city gate and its two posts, and he pulled them up out of the ground, bar and all.

Judges 16:5

ULT	UST
And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and they said to her, "Entice him and see in what his great strength is and in what we shall overcome him, that we may bind him to humble him. And we ourselves will give to you, a man, 1, 100 silver."	*The Philistine leaders came to her and said, "See if you can get Samson to tell you what makes him so strong. See if you can find out how we can capture him and tie him up so that he cannot get away. If you do that, each of us will give you 1, 100 pieces of silver."*

If Delilah enticed Samson to tell her the secret of his strength, what would the leaders of the Philistines give her?

If Delilah enticed Samson to tell her the secret of his strength, each of the Philistine leaders would give her 1,100 pieces of silver.

Judges 16:9

ULT	UST
Now the ambush was staying for her in the room. And she said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But he broke the cords just as a string of flax is broken in its touching fire. So his strength was not known.	*Some men were hiding in one of the other rooms in her house to capture Samson when they were sure that the bowstrings would restrain him. Delilah called out, "Samson! The Philistines have come here to capture you!" But Samson woke up and snapped the bowstrings as easily as fire burns through string. So the Philistines did not find out what made Samson so strong.*

When Delilah told Samson the Philistines were upon him, what did he do?

When Delilah told Samson the Philistines were upon him, he broke the cords with which he was tied.

Judges 16:12

ULT	UST
So Delilah took new ropes, and she bound him with them. And she said to him, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" And the ambush was staying in the room. But he broke them from upon his arms like thread.	*So Delilah once again told the Philistine leaders what Samson had said. She got some new ropes, and she had men hide in one of the rooms in her house. When Samson fell asleep, she tied him up with the ropes. Then she called out, "Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!" But Samson woke up and snapped the ropes off his arms as easily as if they had been threads.*

When Samson tore off the new ropes from his arms, where were the men lying in wait?

When Samson tore off the new ropes from his arms, the men were waiting in one of the rooms of the house.

Judges 16:16

ULT	UST
And it happened that she pressed him with her words all of the days and she urged him, and his soul wore out to death.	*Day after day she nagged him relentlessly to tell her his secret. He felt as if he was going to die from her nagging.*

How much did Delilah beg Samson to tell her his secret?

She begged him so much that he wished he would die.

Judges 16:17

ULT	UST
So he declared to her all of his heart, and he said to her, "A razor has not gone up on my head, for I have been a Nazirite of God from the womb of my mother. If I were shaved, then my strength would turn from me, and I would weaken and I would be like all of man."	*So finally Samson told her the whole truth. He told her, "My parents dedicated me to God as a Nazirite on the day I was born. Because of that, no one has ever cut my hair. If someone did shave the hair off my head, then I would lose my great strength. I would have only the strength of an ordinary person."*

Why had Samson never cut the hair on his head?

Samson had never cut the hair on his head, for he had been a Nazirite of God from his mother's womb.

Judges 16:19

ULT	UST
And she put him to sleep on her knees, and she called to a man, and she shaved the seven locks of his head, and she began to humble him, and his strength turned from upon him.	*Then she got Samson to fall deeply asleep. Then she called one of the Philistine men to come and cut off Samson's hair. This would enable the Philistines to capture him, because he would lose his great strength.*

How was Delilah able to subdue Samson?

Delilah was able to subdue him when the locks of his head were shaven off, for his strength left him.

Judges 16:21

ULT	UST
And the Philistines seized him and gouged out his eyes. And they brought him down to Gaza and they bound him with bronze fetters. And he was grinding in the house of prisoners.	*Instead, the Philistine men captured him. They blinded him by gouging out both of his eyes so that he could no longer attack any of them. Then they took him to Gaza. They put him in prison there and put bronze chains on him so he could not escape. They made him turn a large millstone to grind grain every day.*

What work did the Philistines make Samson do?

The Philistines made Samson turn the millstone to grind grain in the prison.

Judges 16:23

ULT	UST
Now the lords of the Philistines gathered themselves to sacrifice a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and for celebration, for they said, "Our god has given into our hand Samson, our enemies."	*Then the Philistine leaders had a big celebration. They offered many sacrifices to their god Dagon. They praised him, saying, "Our god has enabled us to capture Samson, who did so many things to harm us!"*

Why did the leaders of the Philistines gather together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god?

The leaders of the Philistines had a celebration to offer sacrifices to Dagon their god because they said he had conquered Samson.

Judges 16:26

ULT	UST
And Samson said to the young man holding onto his hand, "Let me rest. Let me feel the columns upon which the house is set so I may support myself on them."	*Samson said to the servant who was leading him by the hand because he was blind, "I want to rest. Place my hands against the two pillars that support the roof so that I can lean against them."*

Who helped Samson touch the columns on which the building rested?

The young man leading Samson by the hand led him so he could touch the columns which supported the building.

Judges 16:28

ULT	UST
Then Samson called to Yahweh and he said, "Lord Yahweh, please remember me, and please strengthen me only this time, O God, so I may avenge myself with one vengeance against the Philistines for my two eyes."	*Samson prayed to Yahweh and said, "Lord Yahweh, please think about me again! Please, God, give me strength just once more so that I can take revenge on the Philistines for gouging out my eyes!"*

Why did Samson want God to strengthen him?

Samson wanted God to strengthen him so that he could have revenge in one blow on the Philistines for taking his two eyes.

Judges 16:30

ULT	UST
Then Samson said, "My soul shall die with the Philistines!" And he stretched out with his strength, and the house fell on the lords and on all of the people who were in it. So the ones dying whom he killed at his death were more than those he killed in his life.	*Then Samson shouted, "I am going to kill all these Philistines, even though I have to die myself!" He pushed on the pillars as hard as he could, and he broke them and the temple collapsed. This killed the Philistine leaders and all the other people who were in the temple. So Samson killed more people when he died than he had killed while he was alive.*

How many people did Samson kill when the building fell?

Samson killed more at his death than those he had killed during his life.

Judges 17

Judges 17:2

ULT	UST
And he said to his mother, “The 1, 100 silver that was taken from you, and you swore, and also you spoke in my ears, behold, the silver is with me. I myself took it.” His mother said, “Blessed be my son by Yahweh!”	*One day he said to his mother, “Someone stole 1, 100 pieces of silver from your house. I heard you ask Yahweh to make bad things happen to whoever did that. I confess that I took that silver, and I still have it.” His mother replied, “My son, may Yahweh do good things for you because you admitted this!”*

What did Micah steal?

Micah stole 1,100 pieces of silver from his mother.

Judges 17:3

ULT	UST
And he returned the 1, 100 silver to his mother, and his mother said, “Consecrating, I consecrate the silver to Yahweh, from my hand to my son to make an idol and a molded image. And now, I return it to you.”	*Micah gave the 1, 100 pieces of silver back to his mother. Then she said, “I am dedicating some of this silver to Yahweh. I am giving it to you, my son, so that you can have someone mold a figure from it. I will give you enough silver to do that.”*

For what did Micah’s mother set apart the silver?

Micah’s mother said she had dedicated the silver to Yahweh, for her son to make an idol.

Judges 17:5

ULT	UST
And the man Micah, to him was a house of gods. And he made an ephod and teraphim, and he filled the hand of one of his sons, and he was to him for a priest.	*Micah made a shrine in which he worshiped idols. He made the kind of vest that priests wear. He also made some small, personal idols. Micah appointed one of his sons to be his priest at this shrine.*

To what did Micah appoint one of his sons?

He appointed one of his sons to become his priest.

Judges 17:8

ULT	UST
And the man went from the city, from Bethlehem in Judah, to sojourn in where he might find. And he entered the hill country of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, to make his way.	*Then he left Bethlehem to look for another place to live. As he was looking, he came to Micah's house in the hilly area that belongs to the tribe of Ephraim.*

Why did the Levite leave Bethlehem?

The Levite left Bethlehem to go and find a place to live.

Judges 17:10

ULT	UST
And Micah said to him, "Stay with me and be to me for a father and for a priest, and I myself will give to you ten silver for the days, and a set of garments and your sustenance." So the Levite went in.	*Micah told him, "You may live in my house with me. You can advise me and be my priest. Each year I will give to you ten pieces of silver and some new clothes. I will also provide food for you." So the Levite stayed there.*

What did Micah ask the Levite to be to him?

Micah asked the Levite to live with him and be an adviser and a priest to him.

Judges 17:13

ULT	UST
Then Micah said, "Now I know that Yahweh will be good to me, because the Levite is to me for a priest."	*Then Micah said, "Now I know that Yahweh will do good things for me, because I have a Levite as my priest."*

Why did Micah think Yahweh would be good to him?

Micah thought Yahweh would be good to him because he had a Levite as his priest.

Judges 18

Judges 18:1

ULT	UST
In those days a king was not in Israel. Now in those days, the tribe of the Danite was seeking for itself an inheritance to dwell, for one had not fallen to it up to that day in the midst of the tribes of Israel for an inheritance.	*At that time the Israelites had no king. And at that time people of the tribe of Dan wanted more land where they could live. The other Israelite tribes had been able to occupy the territories that their leaders had assigned to them. But the tribe of Dan had not yet been able to occupy all of their territory.*

Why were the descendants of Dan looking for a territory in which to live?

The descendants of Dan were looking for a territory in which to live because they had not been able to occupy all of the territory that had been assigned to them.

Judges 18:5

ULT	UST
And they said to him, "Please inquire of God that we may know, will our way prosper, upon which we are going?"	*So they said to him, "Please ask God to tell us whether we will succeed in what we are trying to do on this journey."*

What did the people of Dan want the Levite to ask God?

The people of Dan wanted the Levite to ask God if they would succeed in what they were trying to do.

Judges 18:9

ULT	UST
And they said, "Arise, and let us go up against them! For we have seen the land, and behold, it is very good. And are you being silent? May you not slacken yourselves to go to enter to possess the land!	*They replied, "We have found some land, and we can assure you that it is very good. So we should go and attack the people who live there. We should not stay here and do nothing. We should go right away and take possession of that land!*

What did the five men from Dan want to do with the land of Laish?

The five men from Dan wanted to take possession of the land so their people could live there.

Judges 18:14

ULT	UST
Then the five men having gone to spy on the land of Laish answered and said to their brothers, "Do you know that in these houses are an ephod and teraphim and an idol and a molded image? And now, consider what you shall do."	*The five men who had explored the land near Laish said to their fellow Danites, "We want to inform you that in one of these houses, there is a sacred vest, several household idols, and a silver molded figure. Think about the advantages of having those things for ourselves."*

What did the five men say was in the houses of Laish?

The five men said that in the houses of Laish there were a sacred vest, household idols, and a silver molded figure.

Judges 18:24

ULT	UST
And he said, "My gods, which I made, you took, and the priest, and you went. And what is still to me? So what is this, you say to me, 'What to you'?"	*Micah replied, "You took away my own silver idols and my priest! Those were the things I valued the most. So you should not be asking me why I have come after you with an army."*

Why was Micah angry?

Micah was angry because the Danites stole the idols he had made and his priest and they were leaving.

Judges 18:26

ULT	UST
And the sons of Dan went on their way, for Micah perceived that they were stronger than him. And he turned and returned to his house.	*Then the men from the tribe of Dan continued walking. Micah realized that those soldiers would defeat him and his neighbors if they fought. So he turned around and went home.*

Why did Micah turn and go back to his house?

When Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his house.

Judges 18:28

ULT	UST
And there was not a deliverer, for it was far from Sidon and no thing was to them with man. Now it was in the valley that is to Beth Rehob. And they built the city, and they dwelled in it.	*There was no group of people to rescue the people of Laish. The city was far from Sidon, so the people who lived there could not help them. And the people of Laish had no other allies. (Laish was in a valley near the town of Beth Rehob.) The people of the tribe of Dan rebuilt the city and lived there themselves.*

Why was there no one to rescue the people of Laish?

There was no one to rescue the people of Laish because it was a long way from Sidon and they had no other allies.

Judges 18:30

ULT	UST
And the sons of Dan raised up the idol for themselves. And Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests for the tribe of the Danite until the day of the exile of the land.	*The people of the tribe of Dan began to worship the silver molded figure that had belonged to Micah. They appointed Jonathan son of Gershom, the grandson of Moses, to be their priest. His descendants continued to be their priests until the Assyrians captured the Israelites who lived in that area and took them away to other countries.*

Who were the priests for the tribe of the Danites?

Jonathan, the son of Gershom, (the grandson of Moses) and his sons were priests for the tribe of Dan.

Judges 19

Judges 19:1

ULT	UST
Now it happened in those days, and a king was not in Israel, that a man, a Levite, was sojourning in the flanks of the hill country of Ephraim. He took for himself a woman, a concubine, from Bethlehem in Judah.	*At that time the Israelites had no king. There was a Levite who lived in a remote place in the hilly area where the people of the tribe of Ephraim live. He had married a woman as a secondary wife. She was from the city whose name is Bethlehem that is in the area where the tribe of Judah lives.*

Where was the Levite living?

The Levite was living in a remote area of the hill country of Ephraim.

Judges 19:3

ULT	UST
And her husband arose and went after her to speak to her heart to cause her to return. And his young man was with him, and a pair of donkeys. And she brought him into the house of her father, and the father of the young woman saw him, and he was glad to meet him.	*Then her husband went to Bethlehem to try to persuade her to live with him again. He brought his servant and two donkeys with him. When he arrived at her father's house, she invited him to come in. When her father saw him, he was happy that he had come.*

Where did the Levite's concubine bring him?

The concubine brought the Levite into the house of her father.

Judges 19:6

ULT	UST
So they sat down, and the two of them ate together, and they drank. Then the father of the young woman said to the man, "Please consent and lodge, and may your heart be good."	*So the two men had a meal together. Then the wife's father said to the Levite, "Please agree to stay another night. Relax and have a good time."*

Although the Levite intended to go home, what did his father-in-law want him to do?

His father-in-law wanted him to stay and spend the night.

Judges 19:9

ULT	UST
And the man arose to go, he and his concubine and his young man. But his father-in-law, the father of the young woman, said to him, "Behold, please, the day has subsided toward evening. Please lodge. Behold the declining of the day. Lodge here, and may your heart be good. Then you shall get up early tomorrow to your road, and you shall go to your tent."	*Then the Levite got up to leave with his wife and his servant. But the woman's father said, "Please do not leave. See how the sun is getting lower in the sky. See how dark it is getting already. You should stay here tonight and have a good time. Then you can leave on your journey tomorrow morning and get all the way home in one day."*

What did the Levite's father-in-law ask him to do again on the fifth day?

His father-in-law asked him to stay another night and have a good time.

Judges 19:12

ULT	UST
But his master said to him, "We shall not turn aside into a city of a foreigner, where none from the sons of Israel are here. But we shall cross over to Gibeah."	*But his master told him, "No, it would not be good for us to stay here where foreign people live. There are no Israelite people here. We should go on to the city of Gibeah."*

Why did the Levite not want to spend the night in Jebus?

The Levite did not want to stay in a city where there were no other Israelites.

Judges 19:15

ULT	UST
So they turned aside there to enter to lodge in Gibeah. And they entered and they sat down in the open area of the city, but no one was receiving them into the house to lodge.	*So they stopped there in Gibeah to stay for the night. They went into the public square of that city and sat down as travelers did who were hoping that someone would give them a place to stay. But no one who went through the square invited them to stay in his house for the night.*

Why did the Levite and his servant sit down in the city square?

They sat down in the city square, for no one had offered them a place to stay for the night.

Judges 19:16

ULT	UST
Then behold, an old man coming from his work, from the field in the evening. And the man was from the hill country of Ephraim, and he was sojourning in Gibeah. But the men of the place were Benjaminite.	*But then an old man came by. He had been out working in the fields all day. He was from the hilly area where the people of the tribe of Ephraim live. But at that time, he was living in Gibeah. He did not belong to the tribe of Benjamin as most of the people there did.*

From what tribe were the men living in Gibeah?

The men living in Gibeah were from the tribe of Benjamin.

Judges 19:20

ULT	UST
But the old man said, "Peace to you! Surely all of your need is upon me. Surely you must not lodge in the open area."	*The old man said, "I will take care of you. I will provide you with a place to stay. I do not want you to have to spend the night in the open square."*

What did the old man warn the Levite not to do?

The old man warned the Levite not to spend the night in the open square.

Judges 19:22

ULT	UST
They were making their heart good, but behold, men of the city, men of sons of wickedness, encircled themselves around the house, pounding repeatedly on the door. And they spoke to the old man, the master of the house, saying, "Bring out the man who came to your house, that we may know him."	*While they were having a good time together, a group of very wicked men from that city surrounded the house and started to bang on the door. They shouted to the old man whose house it was, "Bring out the man who has come to your house! We are all going to rape him!"*

Why did the wicked men of the city want the old man to bring out the man who was staying in his house?

The wicked men of the city wanted the old man to bring out the man who came was staying in his house so they could have sex with him.

Judges 19:24

ULT	UST
Behold, my virgin daughter and his concubine. Please let me bring them out, and you may humble them and do to them the good in your eyes. But to this man do not do this thing of outrage!"	*Listen, I have an unmarried daughter living with me in my home. This man's wife is also here. I will bring them out to you, and you can have sex with them and do whatever you want to them. But do not do such a terrible thing to this man!"*

Who did the old man offer to the wicked men in place of the Levite?

The old man offered them his virgin daughter and the Levite's concubine.

Judges 19:26

ULT	UST
And the woman came at the turning of the morning, and she fell down at the entrance of the house of the man where her master was there, until the light.	*The sun was rising when the woman got back to the old man's house, where her husband was staying. But she collapsed at the doorway and remained there until it became light.*

What happened at dawn?

At dawn the wicked men let the concubine go. She came and she fell down at the door of the man's house where her master was, and she lay there until it was light.

Judges 19:28

ULT	UST
And he said to her, "Arise, and let us go." But there was no answering, so he took her on the donkey, and the man arose and went to his place.	*He said to her, "Come on, we can go now." But she did not answer, because she was dead. He put her body on one of the donkeys, and he and his servant traveled back to his home.*

What did the Levite do when his concubine did not answer him?

When the Levite's concubine did not answer him, he put her body on the donkey and set out for home.

Judges 19:29

ULT	UST
And he came to his house, and he took a knife, and he seized his concubine, and he cut her to her bones, into 12 pieces, and he sent her into all of the border of Israel.	*When he arrived at his home, he took a knife and cut his wife's body into twelve pieces. Then he sent one piece into the territory of each of the tribes of Israel, along with a messenger to tell what had happened.*

What did the Levite do to his concubine's body?

The Levite cut her up into twelve pieces and sent the pieces to each of the tribes throughout Israel.

Judges 20

Judges 20:1

ULT	UST
Then all of the sons of Israel came forth, and the congregation was assembled as one man, from Dan and unto Beersheba and the land of Gilead, to Yahweh at Mizpah.	*Then many people from throughout Israel traveled to Mizpah so they could meet together there and talk about what to do. They came from as far north as the city of Dan and from as far south as the city of Beersheba. They also came from the region of Gilead east of the Jordan River. They asked Yahweh to be present with them and guide their discussion.*

Who gathered together before Yahweh at Mizpah?

All the people from Dan to Beersheba, including the land of Gilead, gathered together before Yahweh at Mizpah.

Judges 20:5

ULT	UST
And the lords of Gibeah arose against me, and they encircled the house at night against me. Me, they intended to kill, but my concubine, they humbled, and she died.	*That evening, a gang of men who seem to be able to do whatever they want in that city surrounded the house where we were staying. They wanted to rape me, and they would have killed me afterwards. I know that because they raped my wife all night so that she died.*

What did the Levite say the men of Gibeah did to him?

The Levite said the men of Gibeah surrounded the house in order to abuse and kill him.

Judges 20:13

ULT	UST
And now, give over the men, the sons of wickedness, who are in Gibeah, that we may kill them so that we may burn up evil from Israel." But they were not willing, Benjamin, to listen to the voice of their brothers, the sons of Israel.	*Those wicked men live in the city of Gibeah. Surrender them to us so that we can execute them. That way we can get rid of the influence that the wicked thing they did is having on the people of Israel." But the people of the tribe of Benjamin refused to surrender the men as the other Israelites had demanded.*

Why did the tribes of Israel tell Benjamin to give them those wicked men of Gibeah?

The tribes of Israel told Benjamin to give them those wicked men of Gibeah, so they might put them to death in order to completely remove this evil from Israel.

Judges 20:14

ULT	UST
Then the sons of Benjamin gathered themselves from the cities to Gibeah, to come out to battle with the sons of Israel.	*The men who lived in other cities in the territory of Benjamin gathered at Gibeah to defend it against the other Israelites when they attacked.*

Why did the people of Benjamin come together at Gibeah?

The people of Benjamin came together at Gibeah to defend it against the people of Israel.

Judges 20:16

ULT	UST
Among all of this people were 700, a chosen man, impeded in his right hand, each of them slinging with a stone at a hair and he would not miss.	*Among those soldiers there were 700 skilled warriors who were left-handed. They could all sling stones and hit targets with great accuracy.*

What was special about the 700 chosen men?

The 700 chosen men were left-handed; each of them could sling a stone with great accuracy.

Judges 20:18

ULT	UST
And they arose and went up to Bethel. And the sons of Israel inquired of God, and they said, "Who should go up for us at the start to the battle with the sons of Benjamin?" And Yahweh said, "Judah at the start."	*Those other Israelites wanted to ask God for advice. So they went to Bethel where the sacred chest was at that time. They asked, "Which tribe's soldiers should lead the attack when we go and fight against the tribe of Benjamin?" Yahweh answered, "The soldiers from the tribe of Judah should lead the attack."*

Why did Judah attack Benjamin?

The people asked God and he told them that Judah should attack first.

Judges 20:26

ULT	UST
Then all of the sons of Israel went up, and all of the people, and they came to Bethel. And they wept, and they sat there to the face of Yahweh, and they fasted on that day until the evening, and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings to the face of Yahweh.	*That afternoon, the soldiers who had survived went to Bethel. All the other Israelites who had come to support the army went with them. They sat there in Yahweh's presence and mourned. They ate nothing that day until the sun set. At the sacred tent the priests made sacrifices for them that they burned completely on the altar, and they also made fellowship sacrifices.*

After Benjamin killed many soldiers of Israel, what did the soldiers of Israel do?

After Benjamin killed many soldiers of Israel, the soldiers of Israel wept and fasted before Yahweh until evening. They also offered burnt offerings and peace offerings to Yahweh.

Judges 20:27

ULT	UST
Then the sons of Israel inquired of Yahweh, for the Box of the Covenant of God was there in those days	*The people of Israel asked Yahweh to guide them. The sacred chest of God was in Bethel at that time.*

Where was the Box of the Covenant of God in those days?

The Box of the Covenant of God was in Bethel at that time.

Judges 20:32

ULT	UST
And the sons of Benjamin said, "They are being beaten to our faces as at the first." But the sons of Israel had said, "Let us flee and let us draw him from the city to the roads."	*The men of the tribe of Benjamin thought, "We are defeating them as we did before!" But the Israelite soldiers had only retreated in order to trick the soldiers from Benjamin into leaving the city and going down the roads.*

When the soldiers of Israel drew away from the city, what did the people of Benjamin think?

When the soldiers of Israel drew away from the city, the people of Benjamin thought they had defeated them and they were running away.

Judges 20:36

ULT	UST
And the sons of Benjamin saw that they were defeated. For the men of Israel had given place to Benjamin because they were confident in the ambush that they had set against Gibeah.	*Finally the soldiers from the tribe of Benjamin recognized that they were going to lose the battle. They realized that the Israelite soldiers had only retreated because they knew they had other soldiers hiding around Gibeah who would come and attack them from behind.*

Why had the men of Israel retreated?

The men of Israel had retreated because they wanted the Benjaminites to be drawn out of the city where they had men hidden outside Gibeah waiting to attack them.

Judges 20:38

ULT	UST
Now a sign was to the men of Israel with the ambush, "Make great" for them sending up a signal of smoke from the city	*The main group of Israelite soldiers knew when to stop fleeing and turn around and attack because they had arranged for the soldiers who were hiding to give them a signal. They told them to set the city on fire once they had entered it so that a great cloud of smoke would rise from it into the sky.*

What was the signal between the soldiers of Israel and the men hiding in secret?

The arranged signal between the soldiers of Israel and the men hiding in secret was that a great cloud of smoke would rise up out of the city.

Judges 20:42

ULT	UST
So they turned to the face of the men of Israel to the way of the wilderness, but the battle overtook him, and those who were from the cities were destroying him in the midst of him.	*So the soldiers from the tribe of Benjamin tried to run away toward the desolate area outside the city to escape from the Israelite soldiers. But they were not able to escape, because the rest of the Israelite soldiers were coming at them from the other direction. They were caught between the two groups.*

Why could the men of Benjamin not escape?

The men of Benjamin ran away from the soldiers of Israel, trying to escape into the wilderness, but they were caught between the two groups of Israelites.

Judges 20:47

ULT	UST
But 600 men turned and fled to the wilderness, to the rock of Rimmon, and they stayed at the rock of Rimmon four months.	*But 600 soldiers from the tribe of Benjamin escaped into a desolate area. They got safely to the rock of Rimmon, and they stayed there for four months.*

How many soldiers of Benjamin turned and fled to the wilderness?

Six hundred men were able to escape to the wilderness.

Judges 21

Judges 21:3

ULT	UST
And they said, “Why, Yahweh, God of Israel, should this be in Israel, to be missing today one tribe from Israel?”	*They kept saying, “Yahweh, you are the God of us Israelite people. But one of our Israelite tribes does not exist anymore! This should not have happened to us!”*

Why did the men of Israel say that one of their tribes might not exist anymore?

The men of Israel worried that the Benjaminite tribe would no longer exist since they had promised to not allow their daughters to marry a Benjaminite so the remaining men would not have women to marry.

Judges 21:5

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel said, “Who is it who did not go up with the assembly from all of the tribes of Israel to Yahweh?” For a great oath had been regarding whoever did not go up to Yahweh at Mizpah, saying, “Dying, he shall be caused to die.”	*Then the Israelites started asking whether the people of any city in one of the tribes of Israel had not come when they met to ask Yahweh for guidance. They were asking this because they had all sworn very solemnly that they would kill any group that did not come when they met with Yahweh at Mizpah.*

Who would certainly be put to death?

Anyone who did not come when they met with Yahweh at Mizpah would certainly be put to death.

Judges 21:8

ULT	UST
And they said, “Who is the one from the tribes of Israel who did not go up to Yahweh at Mizpah?” And behold, a man had not come to the camp from Jabesh Gilead for the assembly.	*That is why the people were asking whether the people from any city in one of the tribes of Israel had not sent anyone to Mizpah when the Israelites met with Yahweh there. They thought they recalled that no one had come from the city of Jabesh Gilead to the meeting at Mizpah.*

Which of the cities did not come to meet with Yahweh at Mizpah?

No one from the city of Jabesh Gilead had come to meet with Yahweh at Mizpah.

Judges 21:12

ULT	UST
And they found among the dwellers of Jabesh Gilead 400 young women, a virgin who had not known a man by the lying of a male, and they brought them to the camp at Shiloh, which was in the land of Canaan.	*So those soldiers went to Jabesh Gilead and killed all the men, married women, and children. But in that city they found 400 young women there who had never been married. So they brought them to Shiloh, where they had all gone by then. That city was across the river from the region where the city of Jabesh Gilead was.*

Who did the men take from those living in Jabesh Gilead?

The men took 400 young women who had never slept with a man from those living in Jabesh Gilead.

Judges 21:14

ULT	UST
So Benjamin returned at that time, and they gave to them the women who were alive from the women of Jabesh Gilead. But they did not find enough for them.	*So the Benjaminites then came back from the rock of Rimmon. The Israelites allowed them to marry the young women from Jabesh Gilead whom they had not killed. But there were only 400 women. That was not enough women for those 600 men.*

What was the problem when the Benjaminites were given the women of Jabesh Gilead?

When the Benjaminites were given the women of Jabesh Gilead, there were not enough women for all of them to marry.

Judges 21:19

ULT	UST
So they said, "Behold, a feast of Yahweh is at Shiloh from days to days." (That is from the north to Bethel, from the rising of the sun to the road going up from Bethel to Shechem and from the south to Lebonah.)	*Then they had an idea. They remembered, "Every year there is a festival to honor Yahweh at Shiloh." (That city is north of Bethel and east of the road that extends from Bethel to Shechem. It is south of the city of Lebonah.)*

Where was Shiloh?

Shiloh was north of Bethel, east of the road that went up from Bethel to Shechem, and south of Lebonah.

Judges 21:21

ULT	UST
And you shall look, and behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in the dances, then you shall come out from the vineyards, and you shall catch for yourselves a man his wife from the daughters of Shiloh, and you shall go to the land of Benjamin.	*Keep watching for the young women to come out of Shiloh to dance. When they come out, run out from the vineyards. Each of you men can seize one of the young women of Shiloh. Then you can all return to your homes in the territory of Benjamin with those women as your wives.*

When were the Benjaminites to each rush out of the vineyards and grab a wife from the young women of Shiloh?

When the young women from Shiloh came out to dance, each Benjaminite was to rush out of the vineyards and grab a young woman as his wife.

Judges 21:22

ULT	UST
And it will happen, when their fathers or their brothers come to contend with us, that we will say to them, 'Grant us them, for we did not take, a man his wife, in the battle. For you have not given to them at this time, that you should be guilty.'"	*If their fathers or brothers come to us and demand that you give the women back, we will say to them, 'Please allow us to give your young women to the men of Benjamin as wives. Do this because, when we fought them, we did not leave any women alive who could be their wives. And you are not giving your young women now to the men from the tribe of Benjamin as wives. They stole them. So you will not be guilty of breaking the oath that we all swore not to give any of our daughters as a wife to any of them.'"*

Why would the men of Shiloh not be guilty of breaking their oath?

The men of Shiloh were told that they had not broken their oath since they had not given their daughters to the Benjaminites as wives but instead, the young women had been stolen.

Judges 21:25

ULT	UST
In those days a king was not in Israel. A man did the right in his eyes.	*At that time, Israel did not have a king, and everyone did what they thought they should do.*

How did everyone live in those days when Israel had no king?

Everyone did what he thought was right in his own eyes.