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1 Kings

1 Kings 1

1 Kings 1:1

ULT	UST
Now King David had aged, he had come into days, and they covered him with garments, but it was not warm for him.	*When King David was very old, even though his helpers put many blankets on top of him at night, he still felt cold.*

What problem did King David have when he became old?

Although they covered King David with blankets, he could not get warm.

1 Kings 1:4

ULT	UST
Now the young woman was beautiful to abundance. And she became one caring for the king, and she served him, but the king did not know her.	*Abishag was very beautiful. She came to the royal court and took care of the king. Even though she lay in bed with him to keep him warm, the king did not have sexual relations with her.*

Although Abishag was very beautiful and served the king by caring for him, what did David not do with her?

The king did not have sexual relations with Abishag.

1 Kings 1:5

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

How did Adonijah the son of Haggith exalt himself?

Adonijah wanted to be king, so he prepared for himself chariots and horses and 50 men to run ahead of him.

1 Kings 1:6

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

Did King David discipline his son Adonijah and correct his actions?

No, King David had never rebuked him for anything that he did.

1 Kings 1:7

ULT	UST
And his words were with Joab, the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest. And they helped after Adonijah.	*One day Adonijah spoke with Joab, David's army commander, and with Abiathar the priest, and they promised to help him become the next king.*

Who were the two men who followed and helped Adonijah?

Joab and Abiathar helped Adonijah in his plot to become king.

1 Kings 1:9-10

Who did Adonijah not invite to his sacrifice?

Adonijah did not invite Nathan the prophet, Benaiah, the mighty men, or his brother Solomon.

1 Kings 1:11-12

Who warned Bathsheba the mother of Solomon that Adonijah had become king and that her life was in danger?

Nathan the prophet warned Bathsheba that her life and the life of her son Solomon were both in danger.

1 Kings 1:13

ULT	UST
Go, and come to King David, and you shall say to him, 'My lord the king, you, have you not sworn to your female servant, saying, "Surely Solomon your son will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne"? Then why does Adonijah reign?'	*Go right away to King David. Say to him, 'Your Majesty, you solemnly promised me that my son Solomon would become the king after you die. You said that he would sit on your throne and rule. But instead, Adonijah has proclaimed himself king.'*

What questions did Nathan tell Bathsheba to ask King David?

Nathan the prophet told Bathsheba to ask David whether he promised her that Solomon would be king and to ask why Adonijah is trying to be the next king.

1 Kings 1:17

ULT	UST
And she said to him, "My lord, you, you swore to your female servant by Yahweh your God, 'Surely Solomon your son will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne.'	*She replied, "Your Majesty, you solemnly promised me, with Yahweh your God as your witness, that my son Solomon would become the king after you died. You promised that he would sit on your throne and rule.*

What promise had King David sworn to Bathsheba?

David had sworn to Bathsheba that her son Solomon would be king after David died.

1 Kings 1:18-19

What did Bathsheba tell King David that Adonijah had done?

Bathsheba told him that Adonijah had become king without David knowing it, and that he had sacrificed animals in abundance.

1 Kings 1:21

ULT	UST
And it will happen, when my lord the king lies down with his fathers, that I will be, I and my son Solomon, offenders."	*If you do not confirm that you want Solomon to be king, then after you have died, people will treat me and Solomon my son as rebels, and they will execute us because we did not help Adonijah become king."*

What did Bathsheba fear would happen when David died?

She feared that she and her son Solomon would be regarded as if we had done something wrong.

1 Kings 1:24

ULT	UST
And Nathan said, "My lord the king, you, have you said, 'Adonijah will reign after me, and he will sit on my throne'?	*Then Nathan said, "Your Majesty, I do not recall you saying that Adonijah would become king after you.*

What question did Nathan the prophet ask of King David?

Nathan asked him if David had said that Adonijah would reign after him and sit on his throne as king.

1 Kings 1:24-25

Why did Nathan the prophet come to visit King David?

Nathan the prophet came to inform King David that Adonijah was setting himself up as king without David's knowledge.

1 Kings 1:29-30

What oath did King David make to Bathsheba?

David made an oath that Solomon the son of Bathsheba would reign after him and sit on his throne in David's place.

1 Kings 1:32-34

What did King David tell Zadok, Nathan, and Benaiah to do for his son Solomon?

King David told his three loyal subjects to take Solomon to Gihon on David's own mule and to anoint him as king over Israel.

1 Kings 1:39-40

How did the people respond when Zadok anointed Solomon as king?

The people said "Long live King Solomon!" and rejoiced loudly.

1 Kings 1:51

ULT	UST
And it was declared to Solomon, saying, "Behold, Adonijah fears King Solomon. And behold, he has grasped the horns of the altar, saying, 'Let King Solomon swear to me as today if he will kill his servant with the sword.'"	*Then someone told Solomon, "Listen, Adonijah is afraid of you, so he has gone to the sacred tent and is holding onto the altar. He is saying, 'Before I leave the sacred tent, I want King Solomon to swear to me that he will not order his soldiers to execute me.'"*

What did Adonijah do when he heard the news that David had made Solomon the king of Israel?

Adonijah was afraid of Solomon, and went into the temple of God and took hold of the horns of the altar.

1 Kings 1:53

ULT	UST
And King Solomon sent, and they brought him down from beside the altar. And he came and prostrated himself to King Solomon. And Solomon said to him, "Go to your house."	*Then King Solomon sent some men to get Adonijah, and they brought him back from the altar. He came to Solomon and bowed down respectfully in front of him. Then Solomon told him, "You may go home."*

What did King Solomon tell Adonijah to do when they brought him before Solomon?

King Solomon told Adonijah to go to his house.

1 Kings 2

1 Kings 2:3

ULT	UST
And you shall keep the keeping of Yahweh your God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as written in the law of Moses, so that you may succeed in all that you do and everywhere that you turn there,	*Do what Yahweh your God has told you to do. Conduct yourself as he wants you to do. Obey every one of the commandments that Moses recorded in the laws that he gave us. If you do this, you will prosper in all that you do and wherever you go.*

What did King David tell his son Solomon?

David told his son to obey everything that God directed and instructed them to do.

1 Kings 2:4

ULT	UST
so that Yahweh may raise up his word, which he spoke about me, saying, 'If your sons keep their way, to walk to my face in truth with all of their heart and with all of their soul,' saying, 'a man to you will not be cut off from upon the throne of Israel.'	*If you continually do that, Yahweh will do what he promised me. He said, 'If your descendants do what I tell them to do, and faithfully obey my commands with all their inner beings, they will always be the ones who will rule Israel.'*

What was Yahweh's promise to David?

Yahweh promised that David would never cease to have a descendant on Israel's throne.

1 Kings 2:5-6

What did King David's tell Solomon about Joab, the son of Zeruiah?

King David told Solomon not to let him die peacefully.

1 Kings 2:7

ULT	UST
But to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite do covenant faithfulness, and let them be among the eaters at your table. For thus they came near to me, when I fled from the face of Absalom your brother.	*But act kindly toward the children of Barzillai the Gileadite. Let them eat meals with you in the palace. Do that because Barzillai helped me when I was running away from your older brother Absalom.*

What had the sons of Barzillai done for King David?

The sons of Barzillai had given David food and drink when he fled from Absalom.

1 Kings 2:8

ULT	UST
And behold, with you is Shimei, the son of Gera, the Benjaminite from Bahurim. And he, he cursed me with a severe curse on the day of my going to Mahanaim. But he, he went down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by Yahweh, saying, 'If I should kill you with the sword.'	*I also want you to punish Shimei son of Gera, that Benjaminite from the town of Bahurim. Remember that he cursed me terribly on the day when I left Jerusalem and fled to the town of Mahanaim. Later he came to welcome me back when I was crossing the Jordan River to return to my royal palace, and he asked me to forgive him. I solemnly promised him that I would not execute him. I guaranteed that promise by my devotion to Yahweh.*

What had Shimei done to King David?

Shimei had violently cursed King David.

1 Kings 2:9

ULT	UST
But now, may you not acquit him. For you are a wise man, and you know what you shall do to him. And you shall make his gray hair go down with blood to Sheol."	*But now you must surely punish him. You are a wise man, so you will know what you should do to him. Make sure that he does not die peacefully in his old age."*

What did Kind David tell Solomon to do to Shimei?

David told Solomon not to let Shimei go free from punishment, but to bring him down to the grave with blood.

1 Kings 2:11

ULT	UST
And the days that David had reigned over Israel were 40 years. In Hebron he had reigned 7 years, and in Jerusalem he had reigned 33 years.	*David had been the king of Israel for 40 years. He had ruled for 7 years in Hebron and for 33 years in Jerusalem.*

How long did King David reign over Israel?

David reigned for 40 years.

1 Kings 2:15

ULT	UST
And he said, "You, you know that the kingdom was to me, and all of Israel had set their faces on me to reign. But the kingdom turned and became to my brother, for it was to him from Yahweh.	*He said, "You certainly know that all the Israelite people expected me to be their king because I am David's oldest living son. But that did not happen. Instead, my younger brother became king, because that is what Yahweh wanted.*

What did Adonijah say to Bathsheba when he came to her?

Adonijah said that all Israel expected him to be King but Yahweh gave it to his brother Solomon.

1 Kings 2:16

ULT	UST
And now, one request I am requesting from you. Do not turn away my face." And she said to him, "Speak."	*But I want to request one thing from you. Please do not refuse to do it." She replied, "Tell me what you want me to do."*

What did Adonijah request from Bathsheba?

Adonijah requested that she ask Solomon for Abishag the Shunammite to be given to him as his wife.

1 Kings 2:20-21

Why did Bathsheba go to Solomon?

Bathsheba went to Solomon to ask that Abishag would be given to Adonijah as his wife.

1 Kings 2:23

ULT	UST
And King Solomon swore by Yahweh, saying, "Thus may God do to me, and thus may he add, for against his life Adonijah has spoken this word.	*Then Solomon made a solemn promise, guaranteeing it by his devotion to Yahweh. He said, "By asking to marry Abishag, Adonijah has shown that he is not truly loyal to me, so he deserves to die! If I do not execute him, may God kill me instead and do other terrible things to me.*

What did King Solomon say in response to Bathsheba?

Solomon said that Adonijah had spoken this request at the cost of his life.

1 Kings 2:25

ULT	UST
And King Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and he attacked him, and he died.	*Then King Solomon ordered Benaiah son of Jehoiada to go and kill Adonijah, and Benaiah did that.*

Who did King Solomon send to execute Adonijah?

Solomon sent Benaiah son of Jehoiada to execute Adonijah.

1 Kings 2:27

ULT	UST
So Solomon drove out Abiathar from being a priest to Yahweh, to fulfill the word of Yahweh that he had spoken concerning the house of Eli at Shiloh.	*So Solomon dismissed Abiathar from being Yahweh's high priest. As a result, he made happen what Yahweh had said would happen to the descendants of Eli. Many years before at Shiloh, Yahweh had said that someday they would no longer serve him as priests.*

What did King Solomon tell Abiathar the priest to do?

Solomon told Abiathar to go back to his fields and dismissed him from being priest.

1 Kings 2:28

ULT	UST
And the report came to Joab, for Joab had turned aside after Adonijah, but he had not turned aside after Absalom. And Joab fled to the tent of Yahweh, and he grasped the horns of the altar.	*Joab had supported Adonijah when he tried to become the king, although he had not supported Absalom earlier. So when Solomon punished Adonijah and Abiathar, who had also supported him, someone came and told Joab about that. Joab ran to the sacred tent and held onto the projections at the corners of the altar because he thought no one would harm him there.*

Where did Joab go to flee from Solomon?

Joab fled to the tent of Yahweh and took hold of the horns of the altar.

1 Kings 2:29

ULT	UST
And it was declared to King Solomon that Joab had fled to the tent of Yahweh, and behold, he was beside the altar. And Solomon sent Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, saying, "Go, attack him."	*When someone told Solomon that Joab had run to the sacred tent and was alongside the altar, Solomon told Benaiah, "Go and execute Joab."*

What did King Solomon send Benaiah son of Jehoiada to do?

Solomon sent him to kill Joab.

1 Kings 2:30

ULT	UST
And Benaiah came to the tent of Yahweh, and he said to him, "Thus says the king, 'Come out!'" And he said, "No, for here I will die." And Benaiah brought back word to the king, saying, "Thus Joab spoke, and thus he answered me."	*So Benaiah went to the sacred tent and told Joab, "The king commands you to come out." But Joab replied, "No, if I must die, I will die here." So Benaiah went back to the king and reported how Joab had responded when he told him to come out of the sacred tent.*

What did Joab say to Benaiah the son of Jehoiada?

Joab told him that he would not come out of the temple and would die at the altar.

1 Kings 2:31

ULT	UST
And the king said to him, "Do just as he has spoken and attack him and bury him. And you shall remove the blood that Joab poured out without cause from upon me and from upon the house of my father.	*The king replied to him, "Do just what he has said. Kill him and bury his body. If you do that, Yahweh will not punish me or my family for not providing justice for the two men whom Joab killed in peacetime for what they did during a war.*

What did King Solomon tell Benaiah to do to Joab?

Solomon told Benaiah to do as Joab had said.

1 Kings 2:32-33

Why did King Solomon want Joab to be killed?

Solomon wanted Joab to be killed because Joab murdered two righteous men, Abner, commander of the army of Israel, and Amasa, the commander of the army of Judah, without King David knowing about it.

1 Kings 2:35

ULT	UST
And the king put Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, in place of him over the army, and the king put Zadok the priest in place of Abiathar.	*Then King Solomon appointed Benaiah to be the army commander instead of Joab, and he appointed Zadok to be the only high priest, instead of Abiathar being a high priest as well.*

What did King Solomon do to reward Benaiah son of Jehoiada?

Solomon put him in charge of the army in place of Joab.

1 Kings 2:36

ULT	UST
And the king sent and called for Shimei, and he said to him, "Build a house for yourself in Jerusalem and dwell there. And do not go out from there where or where.	*Then the king sent a messenger to summon Shimei. When Shimei arrived, the king told him, "You must come and live here in Jerusalem. Build a house for yourself and stay in it. Do not leave the city to go anywhere else.*

Where did King Solomon allow Shimei to live?

Solomon told Shimei that he could live in Jerusalem.

1 Kings 2:37

ULT	UST
And it will happen on the day of your going out and you pass over the wadi of Kidron, knowing, you shall know that dying, you shall die. Your blood will be on your head."	*You can be sure that if you ever leave Jerusalem and go farther from the city than the Kidron Brook, I will have one of my soldiers execute you, and it will be your own fault."*

What warning did King Solomon give to Shimei when he allowed him to live in Jerusalem?

Solomon told Shimei that if he left Jerusalem to go any other place, he would die.

1 Kings 2:40

ULT	UST
So Shimei arose and saddled his donkey and went to Gath, to Achish, to seek his slaves. And Shimei went and brought back his slaves from Gath.	*he traveled on his donkey to that city. He found his slaves staying with King Achish, and he took them back home with him.*

Why did Shimei saddle his donkey and leave Jerusalem to go to Gath?

Shimei went to Gath to bring back two of his servants who had run away from him.

1 Kings 2:44

ULT	UST
And the king said to Shimei, "You, you know all of the evil that your heart knows, which you did to David my father. And Yahweh will return your evil on your head.	*The king also said to Shimei, "You know quite well in your inner being what evil things you did to my father David. Now Yahweh is going to punish you for doing those evil things.*

What did King Solomon say that Shimei had done to Yahweh?

Solomon told Shimei that he had not kept his oath to Yahweh, and that Yahweh would return his evil back on his own head.

1 Kings 2:46

ULT	UST
And the king commanded Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, and he went out and attacked him, and he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.	*Then the king ordered Benaiah son of Jehoiada to execute Shimei. Benaiah took him out of the palace and executed him with this sword. By executing Adonijah, Joab, and Shimei and exiling Abiathar, Solomon obtained complete control of the kingdom of Israel.*

What did King Solomon do when he was told that Shimei had left Jerusalem?

Solomon told Benaiah the son of Jehoiada to put Shimei to death.

1 Kings 3

1 Kings 3:1

ULT	UST
And Solomon made himself a son-in-law to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. And he took the daughter of Pharaoh and brought her into the City of David until his finishing to build his house and the house of Yahweh and the wall of Jerusalem round about.	*Then Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Solomon married his daughter and brought her to live in the part of Jerusalem that people called the City of David. She lived there until Solomon's workers had finished building his palace, the temple of Yahweh, and the wall around Jerusalem.*

How did King Solomon ally himself with Pharaoh king of Egypt?

Solomon allied himself to Pharaoh by marrying his daughter.

1 Kings 3:3

ULT	UST
And Solomon loved Yahweh, to walk in the statutes of David his father, but at the high places he was sacrificing and burning incense.	*Solomon loved Yahweh, and so he obeyed Yahweh just as his father David had done. But he, too, offered sacrifices and burned incense on hilltop shrines before he built the temple.*

What thing did King Solomon do that was not a statute of Yahweh?

Solomon sacrificed and burned incense at the high places.

1 Kings 3:4

ULT	UST
And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for it was the great high place. Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.	*One day King Solomon went to the city of Gibeon to offer sacrifices. He went there because the main place of worship for the Israelites was there at that time. Solomon offered a thousand sacrifices that he burned completely on the altar.*

Where was the great shrine located?

The great shrine was located in Gibeon.

1 Kings 3:5

ULT	UST
At Gibeon, Yahweh appeared to Solomon in a dream that night. And God said, “Ask! What shall I give to you?”	*That night, while Solomon was still at Gibeon, Yahweh appeared to him in a dream. He told him, “Tell me what you want, and I will give it to you.”*

How did Yahweh appear to King Solomon?

Yahweh appeared to Solomon in a dream at night.

1 Kings 3:9

ULT	UST
So may you give to your servant a hearing heart to judge your people, to discern between good to evil. For who is able to judge this your heavy people?”	*So please enable me think clearly so that I can rule your people well. Enable me to understand whether what people are doing is right or wrong. That way I will be able to fulfill the important task of making sure that your people treat one another fairly.”*

What did King Solomon ask of Yahweh?

Solomon asked Yahweh to give him an understanding heart to judge his people.

1 Kings 3:10

ULT	UST
And the thing was good in the eyes of the Lord, that Solomon had requested this thing.	*Yahweh was very pleased that Solomon had asked for this.*

Did King Solomon’s request please the Lord?

Yes, Solomon’s request pleased the Lord.

1 Kings 3:12

ULT	UST
behold, I have done according to your word. Behold, I have given to you a wise and discerning heart, that one like you has not been to your face and one like you will not arise after you.	*I will certainly do what you requested. I will indeed enable you to become very wise. As a result, you will be wiser than anyone who has already lived, and no one who lives later will ever be as wise as you are now.*

What did God give to King Solomon?

God gave Solomon a wise and understanding heart, so that there was no one else like him either before or after him.

1 Kings 3:13

ULT	UST
And also, what you have not requested, I have given to you, both riches and honor, so that there will not be a man like you among kings all of your days.	*I will also give you things that you did not ask for. I will enable you to become very rich, and people will honor you greatly. For as long as you live, no other king will have more wealth than you, and people will not honor any other king more than they honor you.*

Did God give King Solomon something for which he did not ask?

Yes, God gave Solomon both riches and honor.

1 Kings 3:14

ULT	UST
And if you walk in my ways to keep my statutes and my commandments, just as David your father walked, then I will lengthen your days."	*If you conduct your life as I want you to, and if you obey everything I have commanded, just as your father David did, then I will also enable you to live for many years."*

What did God say he would do if Solomon walked in God's statutes and commands as King David did?

God said he would lengthen Solomon's days.

1 Kings 3:15

ULT	UST
And Solomon awoke, and behold, it had been a dream. And he entered Jerusalem, and he stood to the face of the Box of the Covenant of the Lord. And he offered burnt offerings, and he made peace offerings. And he made a feast for all of his servants.	*Then Solomon woke up, and he realized that God had been speaking to him in a dream. He went back to Jerusalem and stood in front of the sacred tent where the sacred chest was. There he offered many sacrifices that he burned completely on the altar. He also offered fellowship sacrifices. Then he made a great feast for all his officials.*

What did King Solomon do after he woke up from sleeping?

Solomon entered Jerusalem and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings and made a feast for his servants.

1 Kings 3:16

ULT	UST
Then two women, prostitutes, came to the king, and they stood to his face.	*Shortly after that, two prostitutes came to King Solomon to have him decide a dispute between them. They stood in front of him to present their cases.*

Who came and stood before King Solomon?

Two women who were prostitutes came and stood before Solomon.

1 Kings 3:20

ULT	UST
And she arose in the middle of the night, and she took my son from my side, and your female servant was asleep. And she laid him in her bosom. And her son, the one having died, she laid in my bosom.	*So she got up while it was still night. I was asleep, and my baby boy was sleeping next to me. She picked him up and brought him to her bed, and she brought her dead baby boy and put him in my bed.*

What did the one woman say to King Solomon?

The one woman said that the other woman took her living son from her and laid the other woman's dead son at her breast while she slept.

1 Kings 3:25

ULT	UST
And the king said, “Divide the living child in two, and give half to one and half to the other.”	*Then the king told his servants, “Cut the baby boy who is still alive into two parts. Give one part to each of these women.”*

What command did King Solomon give to his servants?

Solomon said to bring a sword and divide the living child in two and give the parts to the two women.

1 Kings 3:26

ULT	UST
And the woman whose son was the living one spoke to the king, for her compassions for her son were kindled. And she said, “Please, my lord, give the living child to her, but killing, you must not kill him!” But this one was saying, “He will not be either for me or for you. Divide.”	*But the woman whose son was alive felt great love for him and did not want him to die. So she said to the king, “No, Your Majesty! Please do not have your servants cut him in half and kill him! You may give him to the other woman.” But the other woman said to her, “No, neither you nor I will have him alive.” Then she told the servants, “Cut him in half.”*

What did the first woman say to King Solomon?

The first woman said to give the living child to the second woman and not kill it.

1 Kings 3:27

ULT	UST
And the king answered and said, “Give the living child to her, and killing, you shall not kill him. She is his mother.”	*Then the king pointed to the woman who had said not to cut the child in half and said, “Do not kill the child, but give him to her. She is truly his mother.”*

What did King Solomon say to do with the living child?

Solomon said to give the living child to the first woman, his mother, and do not kill it.

1 Kings 3:28

ULT	UST
And all of Israel heard the judgment that the king had judged, and they were afraid from the face of the king, because they saw that the wisdom of God was within him to do justice.	*The Israelite people heard about how King Solomon had judged this case. This made them afraid to do anything wrong, because they knew that he would recognize that they had done wrong. They realized that God had enabled him to be very wise so that he could decide people's cases fairly.*

What did all of Israel do when they heard of the judgment the king had given?

All of Israel feared the king because they saw the wisdom that God put within him to do justice.

1 Kings 4

1 Kings 4:1

ULT	UST
Now King Solomon was king over all of Israel.	*During the time when Solomon was the king of Israel,*

Was Solomon king over all Israel?

Yes, Solomon was king over all of Israel.

1 Kings 4:2-5

Did King Solomon have officials and officers?

King Solomon had many men who were officials and officers.

1 Kings 4:7

ULT	UST
Now to Solomon were 12 deputies over all of Israel, and they sustained the king and his house. A month in the year was upon one to sustain.	*Solomon divided Israel into twelve districts. He appointed a man to supervise the collection of food from each district for him and the others who lived and worked in the palace. Each district governor was responsible for providing the food for one month in each year.*

How long did each of Solomon's deputies provide food for his household?

Each deputy had to make provision for one month of the year.

1 Kings 4:20

ULT	UST
Judah and Israel were numerous, like the sand that is at the sea for abundance, eating and drinking and rejoicing.	*There were very many people in Judah and Israel at that time, just as there are very many grains of sand on the seashore. They had plenty of food to eat and beverages to drink, and they were happy.*

How numerous were Judah and Israel?

Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand on the seashore.

1 Kings 4:21

ULT	UST
And Solomon was ruling over all of the kingdoms from the River to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt, bringing tribute and serving Solomon all of the days of his life.	*Solomon's kingdom extended from the Euphrates River in the northeast to the region of Philistia in the west and to the border of Egypt in the southwest. Throughout his reign, he ruled the people groups in that area, and they brought him tribute.*

How far did Solomon rule?

Solomon ruled over the kingdoms from the River to the land of the Philistines and to the border of Egypt.

1 Kings 4:22-23

What was Solomon's provision for one day?

Solomon's provision for one day included flour, meal, oxen, sheep, deer, gazelles, roebucks, and fattened fowl.

1 Kings 4:25

ULT	UST
And Judah and Israel dwelled in safety, a man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan and to Beersheba, all of the days of Solomon.	*For the whole time that Solomon reigned, the people of Judah and Israel were safe throughout their entire territory. They were able to plant and harvest abundant crops without anyone disturbing them.*

How did Judah and Israel live all of the days of Solomon?

Judah and Israel lived in safety, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, all the days of Solomon.

1 Kings 4:26

ULT	UST
And 40, 000 stalls of horses were to Solomon for his chariotry, and 12, 000 horsemen.	*Solomon had 40, 000 stalls for the horses that pulled his chariots. He had 12, 000 men who rode on horses.*

How many stalls of horses did Solomon have for his chariots?

Solomon had 40,000 stalls of horses for his chariots.

1 Kings 4:28

ULT	UST
And they brought the barley and the straw for the horses and for the steed to the place where it should be there, a man according to his ordinance.	*They also brought barley and straw for the horses that pulled the chariots and for the fast horses that messengers rode. Just as the king required them to do, they brought these things to the stalls where the horses stayed.*

What was brought for Solomon's horses?

Barley and straw were brought for the chariot horses and the work horses.

1 Kings 4:29

ULT	UST
And God gave wisdom to Solomon and very much understanding and breadth of heart like the sand that is on the shore of the sea.	*God enabled Solomon to be wise and to understand things very well. God also enabled Solomon to learn about and remember a huge number of things.*

What did God give to Solomon?

God gave Solomon great wisdom and understanding.

1 Kings 4:31

ULT	UST
And he was wiser than every man, than Ethan the Ezrahite and Heman and Calcol and Darda, the sons of Mahol. And his name was in all of the surrounding nations.	*People considered Ethan the Ezrahite and the three sons of Mahol, Heman, Calcol, and Darda, to be very wise. But Solomon was even wiser than they were and wiser than anyone else. People in all the nearby countries heard about Solomon.*

How far did Solomon's fame reach?

Solomon's fame reached to all of the surrounding nations.

1 Kings 4:32

ULT	UST
And he spoke 3, 000 proverbs, and his songs were 1, 005.	*Solomon composed 3, 000 proverbs, and he wrote 1, 005 songs.*

How many proverbs and songs did Solomon have?

Solomon had 3,000 proverbs and 1,005 songs.

1 Kings 4:34

ULT	UST
And they came from all of the peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from with all of the kings of the earth who had heard about his wisdom.	*People came from many different parts of the world to listen to the wise things that Solomon said. Many kings learned how wise Solomon was, and they sent people to listen to him and then return and tell them what Solomon had said.*

How far did people come to hear the wisdom of Solomon?

People came from all over the world to hear the wisdom of Solomon.

1 Kings 5

1 Kings 5:1

ULT	UST
And Hiram, king of Tyre, sent his servants to Solomon when he heard that they had anointed him as king in place of his father, for Hiram was a friend to David all of the days.	*Hiram, the king of the city of Tyre, had always been an ally of King David. So when he heard that Solomon had succeeded his father David as king, he sent messengers to Solomon to congratulate him.*

Who sent servants to Solomon?

Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon.

1 Kings 5:3

ULT	UST
“You, you know David my father, that he was not able to build a house for the name of Yahweh his God from the face of the warfare with which they surrounded him until Yahweh put them under the soles of his foot.	*“You know that my father David wanted to build a temple in which we could worship Yahweh our God. But he was not able to do that, because the enemy kings around him kept attacking him. Yahweh finally enabled him to defeat all his enemies.*

Why was David not able to build a house for the name of Yahweh?

David was not able to build a house for the name of Yahweh because he led his soldiers to fight many wars against his enemies.

1 Kings 5:5

ULT	UST
And behold me, saying to build a house for the name of Yahweh my God, just as Yahweh spoke to David my father, saying, ‘Your son, whom I will put in your place on your throne, he, he will build the house for my name.’	*So I am now planning to build a temple in which we can worship Yahweh our God. I will be doing what Yahweh promised my father David when he told him, ‘I am going to make one of your sons the next king after you die, and that son will build a temple where you Israelites can worship me.’*

What did Yahweh tell David?

Yahweh told David, “Your son whom I will set on the throne will build a temple for my name.”

1 Kings 5:6

ULT	UST
And now, command, and may they cut for me cedars from Lebanon, and may my servants be with your servants, and I will give to you the wage of your servants according to all that you say. For you, you know that there is no man among us knowing how to cut trees like the Sidonians."	*So I am asking you to order your workers to cut down cedar trees in Lebanon to make lumber for me. My men will work with them, and I will pay your workers whatever you ask. I want to hire your workers because, as you know, none of us Israelites know how to cut down trees as well as you Sidonians do."*

What did Solomon ask Hiram to do?

Solomon asked Hiram to command his servants to cut cedars from Lebanon for him.

1 Kings 5:7

ULT	UST
And it happened, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly. And he said, "Blessed be Yahweh today, who has given to David a wise son over this numerous people."	*When Hiram heard the message from Solomon, he was very happy. He said, "I thank Yahweh today for giving David such a wise son to rule that great nation!"*

What did Hiram do when he heard Solomon's words?

Hiram rejoiced greatly and said, "May Yahweh be blessed today."

1 Kings 5:8

ULT	UST
And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, "I have heard what you sent to me. I, I will do all of your desire with the trees of cedar and with the trees of cypress.	*He sent this message back to Solomon, "You sent messengers to ask me to do something, and I agree to do it. I will provide as many cedar and cypress logs as you want.*

Did Hiram do what Solomon asked him to do?

Yes, Hiram sent word saying, "I will do all you desire concerning the timber of cedar and cypress."

1 Kings 5:9

ULT	UST
And my servants will bring down from Lebanon to the sea, and I, I will set rafts on the sea to the place that you send to me, and I will break them up there. And you, you will lift. And you, you will do my desire by giving the bread of my house."	*My workers will bring the logs down from the Lebanon mountains to the sea. Then they will tie the logs together to make rafts, and they will float them along the coast to the place that you indicate to me. Then my workers will untie the rafts, and your workers can take the logs out of the sea and bring them to Jerusalem. In exchange, I ask you to supply food for the people to whom I serve meals in my palace."*

What would Hiram's servants do with the trees?

Hiram's servants brought the trees down from Lebanon to the sea, where they were made into rafts to sail the wood to the place that Solomon indicated.

What did Hiram want Solomon to do for him?

Hiram desired that Solomon would supply food for his men.

1 Kings 5:11

ULT	UST
And Solomon gave to Hiram 20, 000 cors of wheat as food for his house and 20 cors of beaten oil. Thus Solomon would give to Hiram year by year.	*Each year Solomon provided Hiram with over 2, 000 metric tons of wheat and over 4, 000 liters of pure olive oil to feed the people in his palace.*

What food did Solomon give to Hiram?

Solomon gave Hiram 20,000 measures of wheat and 20 measures of pure oil olive oil every year.

1 Kings 5:12

ULT	UST
And Yahweh gave wisdom to Solomon, just as he had spoken to him. And peace was between Hiram and between Solomon, and the two of them cut a covenant.	*Yahweh had promised that he would make Solomon wise, and he did that. Solomon and Hiram made a treaty with each other and agreed to be friends.*

Was there peace between Hiram and Solomon?

Yes, there was peace between Hiram and Solomon, and the two of them made a covenant.

1 Kings 5:13

ULT	UST
And King Solomon brought up forced labor from all of Israel. And the forced labor was 30, 000 men.	*King Solomon required 30, 000 Israelite men to become his workers.*

How many forced laborers did Solomon have out of Israel?

Solomon had 30,000 forced laborers out of Israel.

1 Kings 5:14

ULT	UST
And he sent them to Lebanon, 10, 000 by month, in shifts. They were a month in Lebanon, two months in his house. And Adoniram was over the forced labor.	*Solomon's official Adoniram supervised these men. Each month 10, 000 of them went to Lebanon and worked for a month there. Then those men went back home for two months and other men went to work in Lebanon.*

Who did Solomon put over all of the forced laborers?

Solomon put Adoniram over all of the forced laborers.

1 Kings 5:16

ULT	UST
apart from the commanders of the deputies of Solomon who were over the work, 3, 300 were the ones ruling over the people doing the work.	*Solomon also assigned 3, 300 men to supervise the work of all these other men.*

Did Solomon have men who supervised all of the workers?

Yes, Solomon had 3,300 chief officers who were over the work and supervised the workers.

1 Kings 5:17

ULT	UST
And the king commanded, and they removed great stones, valuable stones, to found the house, stones of hewing.	*The stone workers did what King Solomon had ordered them to do. They cut huge blocks of stone from quarries. They made sure that the stone in the blocks was solid. They trimmed the blocks to make them smooth and straight. That way the blocks could be the foundation of the temple.*

What did the workers quarry for the foundation of the house of Yahweh?

The workers quarried large stones for the foundation of the house of Yahweh.

1 Kings 6

1 Kings 6:1

ULT	UST
And it happened, in year 80 and year 400 of the going out of the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt, in the fourth year, in the month of Ziv (it is the second month), of the reigning of Solomon over Israel, that he built the house of Yahweh.	*Solomon's workers began to build the temple 480 years after the Israelite people left Egypt. That was the fourth year that Solomon was the king of Israel, The workers started constructing a temple for Yahweh in the second month of that year, the month of Ziv.*

When did Solomon begin building the temple of Yahweh?

Solomon began building the temple of Yahweh in the 480th year after the people of Israel came out of Egypt.

1 Kings 6:2

ULT	UST
And the house that King Solomon built for Yahweh, 60 cubits was its length, and 20 was its width, and 30 cubits was its height.	*Inside, the main part of the temple was nearly 28 meters long, over 9 meters wide, and nearly 14 meters high.*

What were the dimensions of the temple that Solomon built for Yahweh?

The temple that Solomon built was 60 cubits long, 20 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high.

1 Kings 6:4

ULT	UST
And he made for the house windows with narrowed frames.	*There were windows in the temple walls. The workers decorated these windows with beautiful metal cross-pieces.*

Did Solomon make windows for the house?

Yes, Solomon made framed windows for the house.

1 Kings 6:7

ULT	UST
And the house, in its being built, was built of finished stone from a quarry. So hammers or the chisel, any implement of iron, was not heard in the house in its being built.	*When the workers cut out huge stones for the foundation of the temple at quarries, they also trimmed the stones there to make them smooth and straight. Because the workers used their hammers and chisels and other iron tools at the quarries, there was no loud noise at the site where the workers were constructing the temple.*

Where were the stones for the house prepared?

The stones for the house were prepared at the quarry.

1 Kings 6:9

ULT	UST
And he built the house and finished it. And he roofed the house with beams and boards of cedars.	*After Solomon's workers finished building the walls of the temple, they made a roof for the building. They laid cedar beams across its width, and then they laid cedar boards in rows on top of the beams.*

What did Solomon use to cover the house?

Solomon covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.

1 Kings 6:10

ULT	UST
And he built the addition against all of the house, five cubits was its height, and it held onto the house with wood of cedars.	*When the workers built the addition, its weight rested against the temple. But the workers put cedar beams on the ledges that supported the addition as a cushion to prevent damage to the stone walls of the temple. Each floor of the addition was two and one third meters high.*

How were the side rooms joined to the house?

The side rooms were joined to the house with beams of cedar.

1 Kings 6:13

ULT	UST
and I will dwell in the midst of the sons of Israel, and I will not forsake my people Israel."	*I will live in it among the Israelite people. I will never abandon them."*

Did Yahweh promise to live among the people of Israel?

Yes, Yahweh promised to live among the people of Israel and to never abandon them.

1 Kings 6:15

ULT	UST
And he built the walls of the house on the inside with boards of cedar. From the floor of the house to the walls of the ceiling, he overlaid wood on the inside, and he overlaid the floor of the house with boards of cypress.	*they began to work on the inside of the temple. As he instructed them to do, they paneled the walls from the floor to the ceiling with cedar wood. They made the floor out of cypress planks.*

What did Solomon use to build the interior walls of the house?

Solomon used boards of cedar to build the interior walls of the house.

1 Kings 6:17

ULT	UST
And 40 by the cubit was the house (that is, the nave) to the face of it.	*The front part of the temple, the Holy Place, occupied the other eighteen meters of its length.*

What was the length of the main hall of the house?

The main hall of the house was 40 cubits long.

1 Kings 6:19

ULT	UST
And he prepared the inner sanctuary in the midst of the house on the inside to put the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh there.	*And as for the room that the workers built at the back of the temple to be the Most Holy Place, where Yahweh's sacred chest would be,*

Why did Solomon prepare the inner sanctuary inside the house?

Solomon prepared the inner sanctuary inside the house in order to place the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh there.

1 Kings 6:22

ULT	UST
So he overlaid all of the house with gold until finishing all of the house. And the whole of the altar that was to the inner sanctuary, he overlaid with gold.	*In this way, the workers covered all the walls of the temple with gold. They also covered the altar just outside the Most Holy Place with gold.*

What did Solomon use to overlay the inside of the temple and the altar of the inner sanctuary?

Solomon overlaid the entire interior of the temple and the altar of the inner sanctuary with gold.

1 Kings 6:23

ULT	UST
And he made in the inner sanctuary two cherubs of wood of oil. Ten cubits was its height.	*They made large statues from olive wood of two creatures with wings to put inside the Most Holy Place. The first statue was about four and one half meters high.*

What was the height of the cherubs that Solomon made for the most holy place?

Solomon made the two cherubs for the most holy place ten cubits high.

1 Kings 6:27

ULT	UST
And he put the cherubs in the midst of the inner house. And they spread out the wings of the cherubs, and the wing of the one touched against the wall, and the wing of the second cherub was touching against the second wall. And their wings toward the middle of the house were touching wing to wing.	*The workers placed these statues next to each other in the Most Holy Place. They arranged their wings so that the inner wing of one touched the inner wing of the other in the center of the room, and their outer wings touched the side walls of the room.*

Where did Solomon place the cherubs he had made?

Solomon placed the cherubs in the midst of the inner house.

1 Kings 6:29

ULT	UST
And all of the walls of the house round about, he carved with engravings of carvings of cherubs and palm trees and opened ones of flowers, from the inside and to the outside.	*The workers had decorated the walls of the Holy Place with artistic carvings of winged creatures and palm trees and blooming flowers before they covered the walls with gold. So both the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place had decorative carvings.*

What did Solomon carve on the walls of the house?

Solomon carved figures of cherubs, palm trees, and open flowers on the walls of the house.

1 Kings 6:31

ULT	UST
And the entrance of the inner sanctuary, he made doors of wood of oil. The lintel, the doorposts, were a fifth.	*The workers made a set of doors from olive wood to serve as the entrance to the Most Holy Place. The height and width of these doors was one fifth the height and width of the wall, so they were about two meters high and wide.*

Did Solomon make doors for the entrance to the inner sanctuary?

Yes, Solomon made doors of olive wood for the entrance to the inner sanctuary.

1 Kings 6:38

ULT	UST
And in year 11, in the month of Bul (it is the eighth month), the house finished, in all of its matters and according to all of its plans. So he built it seven years.	*Solomon's workers finished building the temple in the eighth month, the month of Bul, of the eleventh year of his reign. They had built every part of the temple according to the design they were working from. It had taken them seven years to construct the building.*

How long did Solomon take to build the temple?

Solomon took seven years to build the temple.

1 Kings 7

1 Kings 7:1

ULT	UST
And Solomon built his house 13 years, and he finished all of his house.	*Then Solomon had his workers build a palace for him. It took them 13 years to complete it.*

How long did Solomon take to build his own palace?

Solomon took 13 years to build his own palace.

1 Kings 7:2

ULT	UST
And he built the House of the Forest of Lebanon. 100 cubits was its length and 50 cubits was its width and 30 cubits was its height, upon four rows of pillars of cedar and beams of cedar upon the pillars.	*One of the buildings they built was a large hall whose name was the House of the Forest of Lebanon. It was 46 meters long, 23 meters wide, and 14 meters high. The workers set up four rows of cedar pillars and laid cedar beams across the top of each row.*

What forest did Solomon use to build his palace?

Solomon built his palace from the Forest of Lebanon.

1 Kings 7:6

ULT	UST
And he made the Porch of Pillars. 50 cubits was its length and 30 cubits was its width. And a porch was on their face, and pillars and a roof were on their face.	*The workers built an entranceway for the House of the Forest of Lebanon. It was an open space with rows of pillars on all sides. It was 23 meters long and 14 meters wide. There was a porch in front of this entranceway. It had a roof that pillars supported.*

How big was the Porch of Pillars at Solomon’s palace?

The colonnade at Solomon’s palace was 50 cubits long and 30 cubits wide.

1 Kings 7:7

ULT	UST
And he made the Porch of the Throne where he would judge there, the Porch of Judgment. And it was covered with cedar from the floor to the floor.	*The workers also constructed a building whose name was the Porch of the Throne. It had a second name, the Porch of Judgment. That was where Solomon decided the legal cases that people asked him to judge. The workers used cedar wood to make the entire floor for this building.*

With what was floor of Solomon's Porch of Justice covered?

The floor of Solomon's Porch of Justice was covered with cedar wood.

1 Kings 7:8

ULT	UST
And his house where he would dwell there, in the other courtyard from the house of the porch, was like this work. And he made a house for the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Solomon had taken, like this porch.	*In the courtyard behind the Porch of Judgment, the workers built a residence for Solomon to live in. They made it with the same materials and in the same style as the other buildings. They also built a similar residence for his wife, who was the daughter of the king of Egypt.*

What did Solomon build for his wife, Pharaoh's daughter?

Solomon built a house like his own for Pharaoh's daughter, his wife.

1 Kings 7:10

ULT	UST
And it was founded with valuable stones, great stones, stones of ten cubits and stones of eight cubits.	*The workers used huge stone blocks for the foundation of the palace. Some of these stones were about four and a half meters long, and others were over three and a half meters long.*

How big were the foundation stones of the buildings?

The foundation stones used for the buildings were eight and ten cubits in length.

1 Kings 7:12

ULT	UST
And a great courtyard was all around, three rows of hewn stone and a row of beams of cedar, and for the inner courtyard of the house of Yahweh and for the porch of the house.	*The workers built a wall to create a large courtyard all around the palace. The wall consisted of three rows of stone with a row of cedar beams on top. It was just like the wall around the courtyard that surrounded the temple and the porch in front of it.*

How many rows of cut stones did the great courtyard surrounding the palace have?

The great courtyard surrounding the palace had three rows of cut stones.

1 Kings 7:14

ULT	UST
He was the son of a woman, a widow, from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a crafter of bronze. And he was filled with wisdom and understanding and knowledge to do all work in bronze. And he came to King Solomon, and he did all of his work.	*Hiram's mother was an Israelite woman from the tribe of Naphtali. His father, who had died, had been from the city of Tyre. His work had been to make things from bronze. Hiram himself was very skilled at making things from bronze. He agreed to come and help King Solomon by making all the bronze articles he needed for the temple.*

Who came to work with bronze for king Solomon?

Hiram came from Tyre to work with bronze for King Solomon.

1 Kings 7:15

ULT	UST
And he fashioned two bronze pillars. 18 cubits was the height of the one pillar, and a cord of 12 cubits surrounded the second pillar.	*Hiram made two bronze pillars to put in front of the temple. Each pillar was eight and one quarter meters tall and five and one half meters around.*

How many pillars of bronze did Hiram make?

Hiram made two pillars of bronze.

1 Kings 7:20

ULT	UST
And the capitals on the two pillars also from above, from near the belly that was on the other side of the network, and the pomegranates were 200, in rows all around on the second capital.	*The lower portion of each pillar top, just above each pillar, was in the shape of a ball. That was the portion that the bronze nets covered, and that was the portion that the pomegranates decorated. There were 200 bronze pomegranates in rows around each pillar top.*

What was included at the very top of the pillars?

There were two hundred pomegranates in rows at the top of the pillars.

1 Kings 7:23-25

How many oxen did the sea stand on?

The sea stood on twelve oxen, with three facing north, south, east and west.

1 Kings 7:27

ULT	UST
And he made ten bronze stands. Four by the cubit was the length of one stand, and four by the cubit was its width, and three by the cubit was its height.	*Hiram also made ten bronze carts to hold and transport smaller water basins. Each cart was nearly two meters long, nearly two meters wide, and about one and a quarter meters high.*

What was the height of the ten bronze stands that Hiram made?

The height of each of the ten stands was three cubits.

1 Kings 7:33

ULT	UST
And the work of the wheels was like the work of the wheel of a chariot. Their hands and their rims and their spokes and their hubs, the whole was cast.	*Hiram made the wheels of the carts to be like the wheels that people make for chariots. He cast every part of these wheels, the axles and rims and spokes and hubs, from bronze.*

What were the wheels underneath the panels made of?

The wheels underneath the panels were made of cast from bronze.

1 Kings 7:38

ULT	UST
And he made ten bronze basins. One basin contained 40 baths. One basin was four by the cubit. One basin was on one stand, for the ten stands.	*Hiram also made ten bronze basins, one for each of the ten carts. Each basin was nearly five meters across and held 880 liters of water.*

How much water could each of Hiram's basins hold?

Hiram's basins held 40 baths of water per basin.

1 Kings 7:40

ULT	UST
And Hiram made basins and shovels and bowls. And Hiram finished doing all of the work that he did for King Solomon for the house of Yahweh:	*Hiram also made bronze pots in which to boil meat, shovels for removing ashes, and bowls to catch the blood of the animals that the priests sacrificed. So he completed all of the work that King Solomon requested him to do for Yahweh's temple.*

Did Hiram finish the work in the temple of Yahweh?

Yes, Hiram finished all of the work that he did for King Solomon in the temple of Yahweh.

1 Kings 7:42

ULT	UST
and the 400 pomegranates for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the faces of the pillars,	*the 400 bronze pomegranates that decorated the two networks (these pomegranates were in two rows around each bronze net and they covered the round lower parts of the pillar tops),*

How many pomegranates did Hiram make for the decorative latticework?

Hiram made 400 pomegranates for the decorative latticework.

1 Kings 7:48

ULT	UST
And Solomon made all of the vessels that were in the house of Yahweh: the altar of gold, and the table that on it was the bread of the face, gold,	*Solomon's workers also made all the gold items that the priests needed to use in Yahweh's temple. They made the golden altar and the golden table that held the sacred bread.*

What did Solomon use to make all of the furnishings in the temple of Yahweh?

Solomon used gold to make all of the furnishings in the temple of Yahweh.

1 Kings 7:51

ULT	UST
And all of the work that King Solomon did for the house of Yahweh was complete. And Solomon brought in the holy things of David, his father. The silver and the gold and the vessels, he put in the storerooms of the house of Yahweh.	*So Solomon's workers finished all the work for Yahweh's temple. Then Solomon put the silver and gold and other valuable items that his father David had dedicated to Yahweh in the temple storerooms.*

What did Solomon put in the storerooms of the house of Yahweh?

Solomon put into the storerooms all of the silver, gold and furnishings that David his father had dedicated.

1 Kings 8

1 Kings 8:1

ULT	UST
Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, all of the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the fathers of the sons of Israel, to King Solomon at Jerusalem, to bring up the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh from the City of David (it is Zion).	*Solomon then sent messengers to tell all the Israelite elders, tribal leaders, and clan leaders to come to Jerusalem. He wanted them to join him in a ceremony to move Yahweh's sacred chest from the City of David (the part of Jerusalem that people now call Zion) into the temple that he had built.*

Why did Solomon assemble the leaders of Israel before himself?

Solomon assembled the leaders of Israel to bring up the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh from the City of David.

1 Kings 8:2

ULT	UST
And all of the men of Israel assembled to King Solomon in the month of Ethanim, at the feast (it is the seventh month).	*King Solomon asked the leaders to come during the Festival of Shelters, which the Israelites observed in the month of Ethanim, the seventh month of the year. So a very large crowd of Israelites also came to Jerusalem at that time to celebrate this festival.*

Who assembled before King Solomon at the feast?

All the men of Israel assembled before King Solomon at the feast.

1 Kings 8:3

ULT	UST
And all of the elders of Israel came, and the priests carried the Box.	*When the Israelite leaders had all arrived, the priests carried the sacred chest from the City of David*

Who carried the Box?

The priests carried the Box.

1 Kings 8:5

ULT	UST
And King Solomon and all of the congregation of Israel, the ones having congregated themselves to him, who were with him to the face of the Box, were sacrificing sheep and cattle that were not counted and were not numbered from abundance.	*King Solomon and that large crowd of Israelites walked ahead of Yahweh's sacred chest as the priests carried it to the temple. They sacrificed a very large number of sheep and bulls. No one was able to count how many animals they sacrificed, because there were so many.*

What was sacrificed before the Box?

King Solomon sacrificed sheep and oxen that could not be counted before the Box.

1 Kings 8:6

ULT	UST
And the priests brought the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh into its place, into the inner sanctuary of the house, into the Holy of Holies, to beneath the wings of the cherubs.	*The priests carried the sacred chest into the temple and put it where it belonged. That was in the Most Holy Place, the special room that Solomon's workers had made at the back of the temple. They placed the sacred chest under the wings of the statues of the winged creatures there.*

To where did the priests bring the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh?

The priests brought the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh into the inner sanctuary, the Holy of Holies.

1 Kings 8:11

ULT	UST
And the priests were not able to stand to minister from the face of the cloud, for the glory of Yahweh filled the house of Yahweh.	*The glorious presence of Yahweh, which the cloud expressed, filled the temple. As a result, the priests were not able to continue their work.*

What filled the house of Yahweh?

The glory of Yahweh filled his house.

1 Kings 8:14

ULT	UST
And the king turned his face around, and he blessed all of the assembly of Israel. Now all of the assembly of Israel was standing.	*Then, while all the people stood there respectfully, the king turned around and faced them, and he asked God to make good things happen for them.*

What did the king do for the assembly of Israel?

The king blessed all of the assembly of Israel while they were standing.

1 Kings 8:19

ULT	UST
However, you, you will not build the house, but rather your son coming out from your loins, he, he will build the house for my name.'	*However, you are not the one who is going to build it. Instead, one of your own sons will build a temple where the Israelites will worship me.'*

What had Yahweh told David?

Yahweh told David that his son would build the house for his name.

1 Kings 8:22

ULT	UST
And Solomon stood to the face of the altar of Yahweh, in front of all of the assembly of Israel. And he spread out his palms to the heavens,	*Then Solomon turned around again and faced the altar in the temple courtyard. The Israelite people who had gathered for this occasion could see and hear him. He lifted his hands toward the sky to pray,*

What did Solomon do before the altar of Yahweh?

Solomon stood before the altar of Yahweh and spread out his arms toward heaven.

1 Kings 8:26

ULT	UST
And now, God of Israel, may your word please be confirmed that you spoke to your servant David, my father.	*You are the God whom we Israelite people worship. So now please do what you promised to do for my father David.*

What did Solomon pray and ask of Yahweh?

Solomon prayed that the promise Yahweh made to David would be confirmed.

1 Kings 8:29

ULT	UST
that your eyes may be opened to this house night and day, to the place about which you have said, 'My name will be there,' to listen to the prayer that your servant will pray toward this place.	*I pray that you will always regard this temple favorably. You said that when we Israelites built a temple, you would be pleased to have people worship you there. So as I face this temple to acknowledge you as I pray, please answer my prayer.*

What did Solomon pray for Yahweh to do?

Solomon prayed that Yahweh would have his eyes on the temple both night and day.

1 Kings 8:30

ULT	UST
And may you listen to the supplication of your servant and your people Israel that they will pray toward this place. And you, may you hear in the place of your dwelling, in the heavens, and may you hear and forgive.	*When I pray to you, or when Israelite people pray to you, we will face this temple to acknowledge you. You will be faraway in heaven where you live, but please do what we ask and forgive us for the sins that we have committed.*

From where would Yahweh listen when Israel prayed to him?

Yahweh would listen from the heavens, the place where he lived.

1 Kings 8:32

ULT	UST
then you, may you hear in the heavens and act and judge your servants, to condemn the wicked, to put his way on his head, and to acquit the righteous, to give to him according to his righteousness.	*In that case, please pay attention in heaven and decide which of these people is telling the truth. Then punish the person who is guilty with the punishment that he deserves, and reward the person who is innocent for having done what is right.*

What did Solomon ask Yahweh to do for the righteous person?

Solomon asked that the righteous would be declared innocent and rewarded according to his righteousness.

1 Kings 8:33

ULT	UST
When your people Israel are struck to the face of an enemy because they have sinned against you, and they turn back to you and they confess your name and they pray and they supplicate toward you in this house,	*Suppose that the enemies of your Israelite people defeat their army in a battle because the Israelites have sinned against you. And suppose that the Israelites then admit that they have done wrong by sinning and that you are right to punish them for sinning. Suppose they stop acting in a sinful way. And suppose they face in the direction of this temple to acknowledge you and plead with you to help them.*

When would Israel be defeated by an enemy?

Israel would be defeated by an enemy when they sinned against Yahweh.

1 Kings 8:35

ULT	UST
When the heavens are restrained and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, and they pray toward this place and they confess your name and they turn back from their sin because you have afflicted them,	*Suppose that your Israelite people sin against you and, to punish them, you do not allow any rain to fall from the sky. Suppose that, because you are punishing them in this way, they face in the direction of this temple to acknowledge you, and they pray. Suppose that they admit that you are right to punish them for sinning. Suppose they stop acting in a sinful way.*

Why would the skies be shut and no rain fall?

The skies would be shut and rain not fall because the people sinned against Yahweh.

1 Kings 8:40

ULT	UST
so that they may fear you all of the days that they are alive on the face of the land that you gave to our fathers.	*Do this so that all of the Israelites will deeply respect you throughout their lives as they live in this land that you gave to our ancestors.*

Why did Solomon ask Yahweh to listen from heaven and forgive the sins of the people?

Solomon asked Yahweh to forgive the people so they would fear him all of the days they lived on the land Yahweh gave them.

1 Kings 8:41

ULT	UST
And also, concerning the foreigner, he who is not from your people Israel, and he comes from a distant land because of your name,	*Suppose a foreigner who does not belong to your Israelite people comes from a faraway country here to this temple because he has heard what a great God you are.*

Why would a foreigner come from a distant country?

A foreigner would come from a distant country because of Yahweh's name.

1 Kings 8:43

ULT	UST
you, may you hear in the heavens, the place of your dwelling, and may you act according to all that the foreigner has cried out to you, so that all of the peoples of the earth will know your name, to fear you as your people Israel do and to know that your name has been called over this house that I have built.	*In that case, please pay attention to their prayers in heaven where you live. Do for them what they ask you to do. Do that so that all the people groups in the world will know how great you are and revere you as we, your Israelite people, do. Then people all over the world will know that you are truly present in this temple that I have built.*

Why did Solomon ask Yahweh to do whatever the foreigner asks him to do?

Solomon asked Yahweh to do whatever the foreigner asks him to do so that all people groups would know his name and fear him.

1 Kings 8:46

ULT	UST
If they sin against you (for there is no man who does not sin) and you are angry with them and you give them to the face of an enemy and they take them captive as their captives to the land of the enemy, distant or near,	*Suppose that your people sin against you, as everyone unfortunately does, and you become angry with them. Suppose that to punish them you allow one of their enemies to defeat them and take many of them away as prisoners to their own country, perhaps even to a country that is far away.*

Why would an enemy carry Israel away captive to their land?

An enemy would carry Israel away captive because Yahweh was angry with Israel and handed them over to their enemy.

1 Kings 8:47

ULT	UST
and they bring back to their heart in the land where they have been taken captive there, and they turn back and supplicate to you in the land of their captors, saying, 'We have sinned and done iniquity, we have acted wickedly,'	*And suppose that, while your people are in that country to which their enemy took them as captives, they sincerely repent. Suppose they plead with you there and say, 'We confess that we have sinned by doing very wicked things.'*

What would the Israelites say in the land of their enemy?

The Israelites would say, "We have acted wickedly and sinned. We have acted wickedly."

1 Kings 8:48

ULT	UST
and they return to you with all of their heart and with all of their soul in the land of their enemies where they took them captive, and they pray to you in the way of their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen and the house that I have built for your name,	*Suppose that they start obeying you entirely again while they are still in the land of the enemy who captured them. Suppose that they pray to you for help while to acknowledge you they face in the direction of this land that you gave to our ancestors. Suppose that to acknowledge you they face in the direction of this city of Jerusalem, which you have chosen as the place for this temple that I have built where we Israelites can worship you.*

What would the Israelites do in the land of their enemy?

The Israelites would return to Yahweh with all their heart and all their soul and pray toward him.

1 Kings 8:50

ULT	UST
And may you forgive your people who have sinned against you and all of their transgressions that they have transgressed against you. And may you give them compassion to the face of their captors, and may they have compassion on them.	*Forgive them for all the sins that they have committed against you. Cause their enemies to feel kindly toward them and to treat them with kindness and release them.*

What did Solomon ask Yahweh to do when his people prayed to him?

Solomon asked Yahweh to forgive his people and to have compassion on them.

1 Kings 8:51

ULT	UST
For they are your people and your inheritance, whom you brought out from Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron,	*I feel that I can ask you to do all of these things because we Israelites are your people. We will always belong to you. You brought our ancestors out of Egypt, where they were greatly suffering as though they were in a blazing furnace.*

From where did Yahweh rescue his people?

Yahweh rescued his people from out of Egypt, as out of a furnace.

1 Kings 8:52

ULT	UST
for your eyes to be opened to the supplication of your servant and to the supplication of your people Israel, to listen to them in all of their crying out to you.	*And so I ask you always to pay attention to what I or any of your Israelite people may plead for you to do. When we cry out to you in prayer, please help us.*

What did Solomon ask Yahweh to do when his people cried to him?

Solomon asked Yahweh to open his eyes to their requests and to listen to them.

1 Kings 8:53

ULT	UST
For you, you separated them for yourself as an inheritance from all of the peoples of the earth, just as you spoke by the hand of Moses your servant when you brought out our fathers from Egypt, my Lord Yahweh."	*Yahweh my Lord, we are your people because you chose us from all the other people groups in the world to belong to you always. That is what you told Moses, your servant, to tell our ancestors when you delivered them from slavery in Egypt."*

Why did Yahweh separate his people from among all the peoples of the earth?

Yahweh separated his people from among all the peoples of the earth to belong to him and to receive his promises.

1 Kings 8:55

ULT	UST
And he stood, and he blessed all of the assembly of Israel in a great voice, saying,	*He turned to face the crowd and asked God to make good things happen for all the Israelite people. He said loudly,*

What did Solomon do after he finished all his prayer and request to Yahweh?

After he finished his prayer, Solomon stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel in a loud voice.

1 Kings 8:60

ULT	UST
so that all of the peoples of the earth may know that Yahweh, he is God, there is no other!	*If you do that, all the people groups in the world will know that you, Yahweh, are the only one who actually is God, and that there is no other one who is God at all.*

What did Solomon want all peoples of the earth to know?

Solomon wanted all the peoples of the earth to know that Yahweh is God and there is no other God.

1 Kings 8:61

ULT	UST
And may your heart be complete with Yahweh our God, to walk in his statutes and to keep his commandments, as this day."	*I pray that all of you Israelites will always commit yourselves fully to Yahweh and that you will always obey his laws, just as you are doing now."*

What did Solomon tell Yahweh's people to do?

Solomon told them to keep their heart true to Yahweh and to walk in his statutes and commandments.

1 Kings 8:62

ULT	UST
And the king and all of Israel with him were sacrificing sacrifices to the face of Yahweh.	*Then King Solomon and all the Israelites who had come to Jerusalem for the temple dedication offered sacrifices to Yahweh.*

Who offered sacrifices to Yahweh?

The king and all Israel with him offered sacrifices to Yahweh.

1 Kings 8:63

ULT	UST
And Solomon sacrificed a sacrifice of peace offerings that he sacrificed to Yahweh, 22, 000 cattle and 120, 000 sheep. And the king and all of the sons of Israel dedicated the house of Yahweh.	*They sacrificed 22, 000 cattle and 120, 000 sheep as fellowship sacrifices to Yahweh. In this way the king and all the Israelites who were there dedicated Yahweh's temple.*

How many oxen and sheep did Solomon sacrifice?

Solomon sacrificed 22,000 cattle and 120,000 sheep to Yahweh.

1 Kings 8:64

ULT	UST
On that day the king consecrated the middle of the courtyard that was to the face of the house of Yahweh, so that there he made the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat of the peace offerings, for the altar of bronze that was to the face of Yahweh was small from the containing of the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat of the peace offerings.	*The bronze altar in front of the temple was not big enough to hold all those sacrifices. So that day King Solomon temporarily made the middle part of the courtyard in front of the temple a sacred place. There he and the people offered sacrifices that they burned completely on the altar, the accompanying offerings of flour, and the fat of the animals that were fellowship sacrifices.*

Why did the king consecrate the courtyard that was in front of the temple of Yahweh?

The king consecrated the courtyard because the bronze altar before Yahweh was too small for all of the offerings.

1 Kings 8:66

ULT	UST
On the eighth day he sent the people away, and they blessed the king, and they went to their tents rejoicing and good of heart over all of the good that Yahweh had done for David his servant and for Israel his people.	*Once the Festival of Shelters was over, Solomon told the people they could go back to their homes. They asked God to make good things happen for him. As the people went home, they were very happy because of all the good things that Yahweh had done for David his servant and for the Israelite people, who belonged to him.*

When did the king send the people away back to their homes?

On the eighth day, the king sent the people back to their homes.

1 Kings 9

1 Kings 9:2

ULT	UST
that Yahweh appeared to Solomon a second time, just as he had appeared to him at Gibeon.	*Yahweh appeared to him in a dream. That was the same way in which he had appeared to him earlier at the city of Gibeon.*

After Solomon finished building the house of Yahweh, what did Yahweh do?

When Solomon finished the house of Yahweh, he appeared to Solomon a second time.

1 Kings 9:3

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you supplicated to my face. I have consecrated this house that you have built, to put my name there to forever. And my eyes and my heart will be there all of the days.	*Yahweh said to him, "I agree to do what asked me to do when you prayed to me at the temple. I have made the temple you built a place where I will be present in a special way so that people can always worship me there. I will always pay attention to what people pray when they face the temple, and I will always care deeply about what happens there.*

What did Yahweh say to Solomon?

Yahweh said to Solomon, "I have heard your prayer and request you made before me."

1 Kings 9:4

ULT	UST
And you, if you walk to my face just as David your father walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, if you keep my statutes and my judgments,	*And as for you, conduct your life as I want you to, just as your father David did. Obey very sincerely all the laws that I have commanded you to obey as an Israelite. If you do that,*

What did Yahweh want Solomon to obey?

Yahweh wanted Solomon to obey all the commandments and decrees that he had commanded him.

1 Kings 9:5

ULT	UST
then I will raise up the throne of your kingdom over Israel to forever, just as I spoke to David your father, saying, 'A man to you will not be cut off from upon the throne of Israel.'	*then I will make sure that you are the king of Israel for your whole life and that your descendants reign as king after you. That is what I promised to your father David. I promised him that one of his descendants would always rule Israel.*

What did Yahweh promise to David, Solomon's father?

Yahweh promised to establish the throne of David's kingdom over Israel forever.

1 Kings 9:7

ULT	UST
then I will cut off Israel from upon the face of the ground that I have given to them, and the house that I have consecrated for my name, I will send away from before my face, and Israel will be for a proverb and for a taunt among all of the peoples.	*If you do that, then I will allow an enemy to take the Israelite people away from this land that I have given to them. I will also allow an enemy to destroy this temple that I have made a place where I will be especially present. Then people throughout the world will use the Israelites as an example of a very bad thing happening to a nation. They will even mock other people by saying that they are like the Israelites.*

What did Yahweh tell Solomon he would do if Solomon did not keep his commandments?

Yahweh told Solomon that he would cut off Israel from the ground that he had given them.

1 Kings 9:8

ULT	UST
And this house that is exalted, everyone passing by it will be appalled and will hiss. And they will say, 'Why did Yahweh do thus to this land and to this house?'	*Even though this temple is now very beautiful, if you disobey me and worship other gods, someday everyone who sees where it used to be will wonder whatever happened to it. They will hiss in contempt and they will ask, 'Why did Yahweh allow an enemy to take the Israelite people away from this land and destroy their temple?'*

What would people ask when they passed by the temple of Yahweh?

People would ask, "Why has Yahweh done this to this land and to this house?"

1 Kings 9:9

ULT	UST
And they will say, ‘Because they forsook Yahweh their God, who brought their fathers out from the land of Egypt, and they held onto other gods and prostrated themselves to them and served them. Therefore Yahweh brought upon them all of this harm.’”	*Other people will reply, ‘This happened because the Israelite people abandoned Yahweh their God. He was the one who rescued their ancestors from slavery in Egypt. But they became loyal to other gods instead. They lived the way people who worship those other gods live. They even bowed down to idols that represented those gods. That is why Yahweh caused them to experience all these disasters.’”*

Why would Yahweh bring this disaster on them?

Yahweh would bring disaster on them because they abandoned their God and worshiped other gods.

1 Kings 9:10

ULT	UST
And it happened at the end of 20 years that Solomon had built the two houses, the house of Yahweh and the house of the king.	*Solomon’s workers spent 20 years building Yahweh’s temple and Solomon’s palace.*

What happened at the end of 20 years?

At the end of 20 years, Solomon finished building the temple of Yahweh and the king’s palace.

1 Kings 9:11

ULT	UST
Hiram, the king of Tyre, had supplied Solomon with trees of cedar and with trees of cypress and with gold, according to all of his delight. Then King Solomon gave to Hiram 20 cities in the land of Galilee.	*Hiram, the king of the city of Tyre, had arranged for his workers to provide Solomon with cedar and pine logs and with gold. That enabled Solomon to build everything he wanted to build. In gratitude, after his workers had completed the building projects, King Solomon gave Hiram 20 cities in the region of Galilee.*

With what did Hiram king of Tyre furnish Solomon?

Hiram king of Tyre furnished Solomon with cedar trees, cypress trees, and gold.

1 Kings 9:12

ULT	UST
And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities that Solomon had given to him, but they were not right in his eyes.	*Hiram traveled from Tyre to Galilee to visit the cities that Solomon had given to him. When he saw them, he did not like them.*

What did Hiram come from Tyre to see?

Hiram came from Tyre to see the cities that Solomon had given him.

1 Kings 9:13

ULT	UST
And he said, "What are these cities that you have given to me, my brother?" And he called them the land of Cabul, to this day.	*He said to Solomon, "My friend, those cities that you gave me are worthless." Because of that, Hiram called that region the Land of Cabul. That is still the name of that region now.*

What did Hiram call the cities which Solomon had given him?

Hiram called the cites the land of Cabul, which means worthless.

1 Kings 9:14

ULT	UST
Now Hiram had sent to the king 120 kikkars of gold.	*Hiram was so upset because he had provided Solomon with about 4, 000 kilograms of gold for the temple and for his palace.*

How much gold did Hiram send to king Solomon?

Hiram had sent 120 kikkars of gold to the king.

1 Kings 9:15

ULT	UST
Now this is the matter of the forced labor that King Solomon brought up to build the house of Yahweh and his house and the Millo and the wall of Jerusalem and Hazor and Megiddo and Gezer.	*This is an account of how King Solomon forced some of the men who lived in the land of Israel to work hard on his building projects. He forced them to work on the temple, his palace, the Millo, and the wall around Jerusalem. He also forced them to work to make the cities of Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer into fortresses.*

What did Solomon have built at Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer?

Solomon had cities built at Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer.

1 Kings 9:16

ULT	UST
Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had gone up and captured Gezer, and he had burned it with fire, and he had killed the Canaanite, the dweller of the city. And he had given it as a dowry to his daughter, the wife of Solomon.	*The city of Gezer belonged to Solomon because Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had sent his army to attack Gezer and capture it. His soldiers had burned all the houses in the city and killed all the people who lived there. They were Canaanites. Pharaoh then gave that city to his daughter as a gift when she married Solomon.*

What did Pharaoh king of Egypt do at Gezer?

Pharaoh king of Egypt took Gezer and burned it, and also killed the Canaanites in the city.

1 Kings 9:17

ULT	UST
And Solomon built Gezer and Lower Beth Horon	*Then Solomon's workers rebuilt Gezer as a border fortress city. They also built up as border fortress cities Lower Beth Horon,*

What did Solomon do at Gezer and Beth Horon?

Solomon rebuilt Gezer and Beth Horon.

1 Kings 9:21

ULT	UST
their sons who were left after them in the land, whom the sons of Israel were not able to devote them, Solomon brought them up for the forced labor of working, to this day.	*These people were descendants of members of those people groups whom the Israelites were not able to kill when they defeated those groups and occupied the land of Canaan. It was those people whom Solomon forced to work hard on his building projects. The Israelites still require those people to work for them.*

What did Solomon do with the people in the land who were not of Israel?

The people in the land who were not of Israel Solomon made into forced laborers.

1 Kings 9:22

ULT	UST
But from the sons of Israel Solomon did not make a servant, for they were men of war and his servants and his commanders and his captains and the commanders of his chariotry and his horsemen.	*But Solomon did not force any Israelite people to become slaves. Instead, some of them became his soldiers, officials, army commanders, army officers, and leaders of his chariot forces and troops who rode on horses.*

What did Solomon do with the people of Israel?

Solomon made the people of Israel become soldiers, servants, officials, officers and commanders.

1 Kings 9:23

ULT	UST
These were the commanders of the deputies who were over the work for Solomon, 550, ruling over the people doing the work.	*Solomon also had 550 officials who supervised the men who commanded the workers whom he forced to build all those places.*

How many chief officers did Solomon have?

Solomon had 550 chief officers who were over the supervisors.

1 Kings 9:25

ULT	UST
And three times in the year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar that he had built for Yahweh, and he burned incense with it, which was to the face of Yahweh. And he completed the house.	*Three times each year, on the altar that he had built for Yahweh in front of the temple, Solomon offered sacrifices that the priests burned completely on the altar and fellowship sacrifices. He also brought incense for the priests to burn with these sacrifices. In that way Solomon made the temple the place where the Israelites would come to worship Yahweh.*

What did Solomon offer three times a year?

Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar of Yahweh three times a year.

1 Kings 9:26

ULT	UST
And King Solomon made a fleet in Ezion Geber, which is near Elath on the lip of the Sea of Reeds in the land of Edom.	*King Solomon also had his workers build a fleet of ships at the city of Ezion Geber. That city is near the city of Elath on the shore of the Sea of Reeds in the territory of the Edomites.*

What did Solomon do at Ezion Geber?

Solomon built a fleet of ships at Ezion Geber.

1 Kings 9:28

ULT	UST
And they came to Ophir, and they took gold from there, 420 kikkars. And they brought it to King Solomon.	*They sailed together to the region of Ophir, and from there they brought back to Solomon about 14 metric tons of gold.*

Why did Solomon send servants to Ophir?

Solomon sent servants to Ophir to bring back gold.

1 Kings 10

1 Kings 10:1

ULT	UST
Now the Queen of Sheba heard the report of Solomon regarding the name of Yahweh. And she came to test him with difficult questions.	*The queen who ruled the land of Sheba heard that Solomon had great understanding of what Yahweh was like. She wanted to know whether what she had heard about him was true. So she traveled to Jerusalem to ask him the many difficult questions she had about God.*

Why did the queen of Sheba come to Solomon?

The queen of Sheba came to Solomon to test him with hard questions.

1 Kings 10:2

ULT	UST
And she came to Jerusalem with a very great entourage, camels carrying spices and very much gold and precious stone. And she came to Solomon and spoke to him all that was with her heart.	*She brought many of her officials with her in a large caravan. The camels were carrying spices, gemstones, and much gold as gifts for Solomon. Solomon welcomed her, and she asked him about everything she wanted to know.*

What did the Queen of Sheba bring to Jerusalem?

The Queen of Sheba brought spices, gold, and precious gemstones to Jerusalem with her.

1 Kings 10:3

ULT	UST
And Solomon declared to her all of her matters. No matter was hidden from the king that he did not declare to her.	*Solomon answered all of her questions. Not one of her questions was too difficult for him to answer.*

How many of the queen's questions did Solomon answer?

Solomon answered all of the questions of the Queen of Sheba.

1 Kings 10:5

ULT	UST
and the food of his table and the seating of his servants and the service of his attendants and their apparel and his cupbearers and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of Yahweh. And no more breath was in her.	*and she saw the food that he served. She saw how his many officials sat in different places of honor at meals. She saw how the waiters and cupbearers wore splendid uniforms. She also saw the many animals that he brought to the temple for the priests to burn completely as sacrifices. What she saw overwhelmed her.*

How did the Queen of Sheba react when she saw all of Solomon's wisdom?

When the Queen of Sheba saw all of Solomon's wisdom, it took her breath away.

1 Kings 10:7

ULT	UST
But I did not believe the words until when I came and my eyes saw, and behold, the half had not been declared to me! You have added wisdom and goodness to the report that I heard.	*But I did not believe it was true until I came here and saw it for myself. Indeed, what people told me was only half of what they could have told me about you. You are much wiser and wealthier than people told me.*

What did the queen of Sheba say to Solomon?

The queen of Sheba said to Solomon, "You have exceeded the fame that I heard about you."

1 Kings 10:8

ULT	UST
The happiness of your men! The happiness of these servants of yours, the ones standing to your face continually, the ones hearing your wisdom!	*How fortunate are your subjects! And how fortunate are your servants, who are always standing around you and listen to the wise things that you say!*

Why did the Queen of Sheba say that Solomon's servants were blessed?

The Queen of Sheba said that Solomon's servants were blessed because they heard his wisdom.

1 Kings 10:9

ULT	UST
May Yahweh your God be blessed, who has delighted in you to put you on the throne of Israel. Because Yahweh loves Israel to forever, he has set you as king, to do justice and righteousness!”	*I praise Yahweh, your God, who has shown that he is pleased with you by making you the king of Israel! Yahweh has always loved the Israelite people, and so he has appointed you to be a king who will rule them fairly and righteously.”*

How did Yahweh show his love to Israel?

Yahweh showed his love for Israel by making Solomon their king.

1 Kings 10:10

ULT	UST
And she gave to the king 120 kikkars of gold and very many spices and precious stone. There has not come again for abundance like that spice that the Queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.	*The Queen of Sheba gave King Solomon as gifts from what she had brought over 4, 000 kilograms of gold, many gemstones, and a very large amount of spices. The spices that she gave to Solomon were the greatest quantity of spices that anyone ever brought to Jerusalem.*

What did the Queen of Sheba give to Solomon?

The Queen of Sheba gave to Solomon 120 talents of gold, a large amount of spices, and precious stones.

1 Kings 10:11

ULT	UST
(And also the fleet of Hiram, which carried gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir very much wood of almug and precious stone.	*(Solomon had built a fleet of ships that King Hiram’s men sailed. Solomon built the ships to get gold from Ophir. But the crews also brought a large amount of sandalwood and many gemstones back from Ophir.*

What did the fleet of Hiram bring from Ophir?

The fleet of Hiram brought gold from Ophir, and almug wood and precious stones.

1 Kings 10:12

ULT	UST
And the king made the wood of almug a support for the house of Yahweh and for the house of the king and harps and lyres for the singers. Such wood of almug had not come and has not been seen to this day.)	*King Solomon had his workers use that wood to make furnishings for the temple and for his palace. He also had them it to make harps and lyres for the temple musicians. No one had ever brought such sandalwood to Israel before, and no one has brought s uch sandalwood to Israel since then.)*

What did the king make for the temple of Yahweh?

The king made almug wood pillars for the temple of Yahweh.

1 Kings 10:13

ULT	UST
And King Solomon gave to the Queen of Sheba all of her desire that she asked, besides what he gave to her according to the hand of King Solomon. And she turned and went to her land, she and her servants.	*The Queen of Sheba admired many things in Jerusalem and asked for them, and Solomon gave them to her. He also gave her other generous gifts from his own riches. Then she and the officials who had come with her returned to their own land.*

What did King Solomon give to the queen of Sheba?

King Solomon gave to the Queen of Sheba everything she asked for.

1 Kings 10:14

ULT	UST
And the weight of the gold that came to Solomon in one year was 666 kikkars of gold,	*Each year Solomon received over 22 metric tons of gold in tribute from kingdoms that he controlled.*

What was the weight of the gold that came to King Solomon in one year?

The weight of the gold that came to King Solomon in one year was 666 kikkars.

1 Kings 10:15

ULT	UST
apart from the men of the searchers and from the merchandise of the traders and all of the kings of the Arab and the governors of the land.	*In addition to that, merchants and traders who traveled through and within Israel paid him duties and tolls. Arabian kings also often sent him gifts of gold, and the district governors submitted the taxes they collected in gold.*

Who brought gold and silver to Solomon?

The kings of Arabia and governors in the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

1 Kings 10:16

ULT	UST
And King Solomon made 200 beaten-gold large shields (he brought up 600 gold onto one large shield)	*King Solomon told his workers to take gold and hammer it into thin sheets and cover 200 large shields with those thin sheets of gold. They used nearly seven kilograms of gold to make each large shield.*

How many large shields of beaten gold did King Solomon make?

King Solomon made 200 shields of beaten gold.

1 Kings 10:17

ULT	UST
and 300 beaten-gold shields (he brought up three gold minas onto one shield). And the king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.	*He also told his workers to make 300 smaller shields. They covered each of them with about one and a half kilograms of gold. King Solomon put all of those shields in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.*

Where did King Solomon put 300 shields of beaten gold?

King Solomon put 300 shields of beaten gold into the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon.

1 Kings 10:18

ULT	UST
And the king made a great ivory throne, and he overlaid it with refined gold.	*He also had his workers make a large throne for him. The workers inlaid this throne with ivory, and they framed the ivory with borders of very fine gold.*

What did the king make out of ivory and finest gold?

The king made a great throne of ivory and the finest gold.

1 Kings 10:19

ULT	UST
Six steps were to the throne, and a round head was to the throne from behind it. And hands were from this and from this to the place of the seat. And two lions were standing beside the hands.	*There were six steps in front of the throne. The back of the throne was rounded at the top. There was an armrest on each side of the throne. There was a statue of a lion next to each armrest.*

What was standing beside the armrests of the throne that the king made?

Two lions were standing beside the armrests of the throne that the king made.

1 Kings 10:20

ULT	UST
And 12 lions were standing there on the six steps, from this side and from that side. It had not been done thus for any of the kingdoms.	*There was also a statue of a lion on both sides of each step. So altogether there were 12 statues of lions. There was no throne like this one in any other kingdom.*

What stood on the side of the six steps at the throne?

Twelve lions were standing on the sides of the six steps at the throne.

1 Kings 10:21

ULT	UST
And all of the vessels of the drink of King Solomon were gold, and all of the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were beaten gold. There was no silver. It was not reckoned as anything in the days of Solomon.	*King Solomon and his court officials drank only from gold cups. His craftsmen also made all of the dishes for the House of the Forest of Lebanon by hammering out gold. They did not make any of these things from silver. That metal was so common during the time when Solomon ruled that people did not consider it to be valuable.*

Of what were the drinking cups in the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon made?

The drinking cups in the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon were made of pure gold.

1 Kings 10:22

ULT	UST
For a fleet of Tarshish was to the king on the sea with the fleet of Hiram. One in three years the fleet of Tarshish would come carrying gold and silver, elephant tusks and apes and peacocks.	*They had so much gold because King Solomon had a fleet of ships that were able to sail out on the sea. That is where King Hiram's ships also sailed from Tyre. The ships would sail to many different ports for three years. At the end of that time, they would bring back gold, silver, ivory, monkeys, and peacocks.*

What did the king's ships bring every three years?

Every three years, the king's ships brought gold, silver, ivory, apes, and peacocks.

1 Kings 10:24

ULT	UST
And all of the earth was seeking the face of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.	*People from many different places came to listen to the wise things that Solomon said about matters that God had enabled him to understand.*

Why did all the earth seek out Solomon?

All the earth sought out Solomon to hear the wisdom God put in his heart.

1 Kings 10:25

ULT	UST
And they were bringing, a man his gift, vessels of silver and vessels of gold and garments and weaponry and spices, horses and mules, a matter of year by year.	*Each of the people who came to him brought presents. They brought articles made from silver or gold, or robes, or weapons, or spices, or horses, or mules. The people continued to do this every year.*

What tribute did Solomon's visitors bring to him?

Those who visited brought tribute such as gold, silver, clothing, armor, and spices, horses and mules.

1 Kings 10:26

ULT	UST
And Solomon accumulated chariotry and horsemen. And 1, 400 chariots and 12, 000 horsemen were to him. And he stationed them in the cities of chariotry and with the king in Jerusalem.	*Solomon acquired a great force of chariots and riders. In his army, he had 1, 400 chariots and 12, 000 men who rode on horses. Solomon had built special cities in which to keep chariots, and he kept many of his chariots in them. But he also kept some chariots with him in Jerusalem.*

Where did Solomon station his chariots and horsemen?

Solomon stationed his chariots and horsemen in the chariot cities and in Jerusalem.

1 Kings 10:27

ULT	UST
And the king made silver in Jerusalem like stones, and he made cedars like the sycamores that are in the Shephelah for abundance.	*During the years that Solomon was king, silver became very common in Jerusalem, just as stones are common. Cedar wood became very plentiful, just as the wood is plentiful that comes from the sycamore trees that grow in the foothills of Judah.*

What did the king do with cedar wood?

The king made cedar wood become as abundant as the sycamore fig trees in the lowlands.

1 Kings 10:28

ULT	UST
And the going out of the horses that were to Solomon was from Egypt and from Kue. The traders of the king took from Kue for a price.	*Solomon imported horses from Egypt and Kue. His purchasing agents would go to Kue and buy horses there at the current price.*

From where were Solomon’s horses brought?

Solomon’s horses were brought from Egypt and Kue.

1 Kings 10:29

ULT	UST
And a chariot came up and went out from Egypt for 600 silver, and a horse for 150, and thus by their hand they brought out to all of the kings of the Hittites and to the kings of Aram.	*In Egypt, his agents bought both horses and chariots. They paid about seven kilograms of silver for each chariot and about two kilograms of silver for each horse. Agents of Solomon would then resell many of the horses and chariots to Hittite and Aramean kings.*

What was the purchase price of each chariot Solomon owned?

The chariots were purchased for 600 shekels of silver each.

1 Kings 11

1 Kings 11:1

ULT	UST
Now King Solomon loved many foreign women and the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabitesses, Ammonitesses, Edomitesses, Sidonianesses, Hittitesses,	*King Solomon had many foreign wives. First he married the daughter of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Later he married many Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women.*

Whom did King Solomon love?

King Solomon loved many foreign women.

1 Kings 11:2

ULT	UST
from the nations about which Yahweh had said to the sons of Israel, "You must not enter into them, and they must not enter into you. Surely they will stretch out your heart after their gods." Solomon clung to them in love.	*He married them even though Yahweh had told the Israelites, "You must not marry people from those groups, because if you do, they will certainly persuade you to worship the gods that they worship!" But Solomon loved these women, and so he married them anyway.*

What did Yahweh command about marrying women from foreign nations?

Yahweh commanded Israel not to marry women from foreign nations.

1 Kings 11:3

ULT	UST
And to him were 700 wives, princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives stretched out his heart.	*Solomon married 700 women who were kings' daughters. These wives led him to start worshiping foreign gods. He also had 300 secondary wives.*

What did Solomon's wives do to his heart?

Solomon's wives turned his heart away from God, worshiping foreign gods.

1 Kings 11:4

ULT	UST
And it happened in the time of the old age of Solomon that his wives stretched out his heart after other gods. And his heart was not complete with Yahweh his God like the heart of David his father.	*By the time Solomon became old, his wives persuaded him to worship the gods their people groups worshiped. He was not completely faithful to Yahweh his God as his father David had been.*

How was David's heart toward Yahweh?

David's heart was completely faithful to Yahweh his God.

1 Kings 11:5

ULT	UST
And Solomon went after Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom, the abomination of the Ammonites.	*Solomon worshiped Ashtoreth, the goddess that the Sidonians worshiped. He also worshiped Milcom, the disgusting god that the Ammonites worshiped.*

What did Solomon follow?

Solomon followed Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and Milcom, the disgusting god of the Ammonites.

1 Kings 11:6

ULT	UST
And Solomon did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, and he was not full after Yahweh like David his father.	*In that way, Solomon did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. Solomon's father David had always devoted himself entirely to Yahweh, but Solomon did not.*

What did Solomon do in the sight of Yahweh?

Solomon did that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh.

1 Kings 11:7

ULT	UST
Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is on the face of Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the sons of Ammon.	*On the hill that is to the east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a place to worship Chemosh, the disgusting god that the Moabites worshiped. He also built a place to worship Molech, the disgusting god that the Ammonites worshiped.*

What did Solomon build for Chemosh?

Solomon built a shrine for Chemosh, the idol of Moab.

1 Kings 11:8

ULT	UST
And thus he did for all of his foreign wives burning incense and sacrificing to their gods.	*Solomon built similar high places for all of his foreign wives so that they could burn incense and offer sacrifices to the gods that their people groups worshiped.*

What did Solomon do at the shrines of his foreign wives?

Solomon burned incense and sacrificed to their gods at the shrines.

1 Kings 11:9

ULT	UST
And Yahweh became angry with Solomon, for his heart had stretched away from with Yahweh, the God of Israel, the one having appeared to him two times,	*Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worshiped, had appeared to Solomon twice. Even so, Solomon began to worship gods other than Yahweh. So Yahweh became very angry with him.*

How many times did Yahweh appear to Solomon?

Yahweh appeared twice to Solomon.

1 Kings 11:10

ULT	UST
and he had commanded to him about this thing, not to go after other gods. But he did not keep what Yahweh had commanded.	*When he appeared to Solomon the second time, Yahweh had commanded him not to worship foreign gods. But Solomon had disobeyed what Yahweh told him.*

What did Yahweh command Solomon?

Yahweh commanded Solomon not to go after foreign gods.

1 Kings 11:11

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Solomon, "Because this is with you, that you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I commanded concerning you, tearing, I will tear the kingdom away from you, and I will give it to your servant.	*Yahweh told him, "You have disobeyed the laws that I gave the Israelites for their king when I made my covenant with them. So you can be sure that I am going to make someone else, one of your officials, the king of Israel.*

What did Yahweh tell Solomon he would do because of the foreign gods?

Yahweh told Solomon he would tear the kingdom from him and give it to his servant.

1 Kings 11:13

ULT	UST
Only I will not tear away all of the kingdom. I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."	*However, I will allow him to rule some of the kingdom. I will allow him to rule one tribe. I will do that in order to honor my servant David by allowing one of his descendants always to be a king. And because I have chosen Jerusalem as the location for my temple, I will allow your son to rule the tribe of Judah, whose territory includes Jerusalem."*

How many tribes did Yahweh promise to give to Solomon's son?

Yahweh promised to give one tribe to Solomon's son.

1 Kings 11:14

ULT	UST
And Yahweh raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite. He was from the seed of the king in Edom.	*Then Yahweh enabled Hadad, a son of the king of Edom, to become Solomon's enemy and lead the Edomites to rebel against him.*

Whom did Yahweh raise up as an adversary to Solomon?

Yahweh raised up Hadad the Edomite as an adversary to Solomon.

1 Kings 11:15

ULT	UST
Now it had happened, when David was in Edom, when Joab, the commander of the army, had gone up to bury the slain, that he had struck every male in Edom.	*This is what happened. Many years before, David's army had fought against Edom and conquered it. After the fighting was over, his army commander Joab had gone to Edom to supervise the Israelite soldiers who were burying their fellow soldiers whom the Edomites had killed during the war. While he was there, Joab tried to kill every Edomite man and boy.*

Who went up to bury the dead who had been killed in Edom?

Joab, the commander of the army, went up to bury the dead who were killed in Edom.

1 Kings 11:16

ULT	UST
For Joab and all of Israel dwelled there six months until he had cut off every male in Edom.	*Joab and his whole army stayed in Edom for six months so that they could kill as many Edomite males as possible.*

How long did Joab and Israel remain in Edom?

Joab and Israel remained in Edom six months.

1 Kings 11:17

ULT	UST
But Adad fled, he and Edomite men from the servants of his father with him, to enter Egypt. And Hadad was a little boy.	*Hadad was a young child at that time. But some of the officials of his father, the king of Edom, carried him away, hoping to bring him to Egypt where he would be safe.*

To where was Hadad taken?

Hadad was taken to Egypt.

1 Kings 11:19

ULT	UST
And Hadad found much favor in the eyes of Pharaoh. And he gave to him a wife, the sister of his wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.	*The king liked Hadad very much. As a result, he allowed him to marry the sister of his own wife, Queen Tahpenes.*

Whom did Pharaoh give as a wife to Hadad?

Pharaoh gave to Hadad the sister of Queen Tahpenes as his wife.

1 Kings 11:20

ULT	UST
And the sister of Tahpenes bore to him Genubath, his son, and Tahpenes weaned him in the midst of the house of Pharaoh. And Genubath was in the house of Pharaoh in the midst of the sons of Pharaoh.	*Later, the sister of Tahpenes had a baby boy. The name of this son of Hadad was Genubath. Tahpenes herself nursed him in the royal palace. He grew up there with Pharaoh's sons.*

What was the name of Hadad's son?

Hadad's son was named Genubath.

1 Kings 11:21

ULT	UST
And Hadad heard in Egypt that David had lain down with his fathers and that Joab, the commander of the army, had died. And Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Send me away, that I may go to my land."	*Much later, while Hadad was still in Egypt, he learned that King David and Joab, the commander of David's army, had both died. So he asked Pharaoh, "Please allow me to return to my own country."*

What did Hadad ask of Pharaoh?

Hadad asked Pharaoh if he might depart and go to his own country.

1 Kings 11:23

ULT	UST
And God raised up an adversary against him, Rezon, the son of Eliada, who had fled from Hadadezer, the king of Zobah, his master.	*God also enabled another man, Rezon son of Eliada, to become Solomon's enemy. Rezon had been an official of King Hadadezer, who ruled the area of Zobah. But Rezon had stopped serving him and had run away.*

What was the name of another adversary that God raised up against Solomon?

God raised up another adversary to Solomon named Rezon, the son of Eliada.

1 Kings 11:24

ULT	UST
And he gathered men to himself, and he became the commander of a raiding band when David killed them. And they went to Damascus, and they dwelled in it and they reigned in Damascus.	*This is what happened. David's army defeated Hadadezer and killed many of his soldiers. Rezon escaped with some other soldiers, and together they formed a group of outlaws with Rezon as their leader. They went to Damascus and settled there, and they took control of the city.*

To where did Rezon's men travel?

Rezon's men went to Damascus and lived there.

1 Kings 11:25

ULT	UST
And he was an adversary against Israel all of the days of Solomon, and the harm that Hadad did. And he loathed Israel, and he reigned over Aram.	*Just like Hadad, Rezon was an enemy of Israel for the rest of the time that Solomon was king. Rezon hated the Israelites bitterly. He eventually controlled the whole region of Aram.*

How long was Rezon an enemy of Israel?

Rezon was an enemy of Israel all of the days of Solomon.

1 Kings 11:26

ULT	UST
And Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite from Zeredah, and the name of his mother was Zeruah, a woman, a widow, was a servant of Solomon, and he raised a hand against the king.	*Another man who rebelled against Solomon was one of his officials. His name was Jeroboam son of Nebat. Nebat had lived in the city of Zeredah within the territory of the tribe of Ephraim. Nebat had died, so that Jereboam's mother Zeruah was a widow.*

Who else rebelled against the king?

Jeroboam the son of Nebat also rebelled against King Solomon.

1 Kings 11:27-31

Why did Jeroboam raise his hand against the king?

Jeroboam the son of Nebat raised his hand against the king because the prophet Ahijah told him he would become king of ten tribes.

1 Kings 11:28

ULT	UST
And the man Jeroboam was mighty of strength. And Solomon had seen the young man, that he was a doer of work, so he had appointed him over all of the forced labor of the house of Joseph.	*Jeroboam was a very skillful young man. He had worked on these building projects, and Solomon had seen that he was able to accomplish tasks effectively. So Solomon appointed him to supervise all the men from the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim whom he forced to work.*

What did Solomon give Jeroboam command over?

Solomon gave Jeroboam command over all the labor of the house of Joseph.

1 Kings 11:29

ULT	UST
And it happened at that time that Jeroboam went out from Jerusalem, and the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the road. And he was covering himself with a new cloak, and the two of them were by themselves in the field.	*One day as Jeroboam was leaving Jerusalem for his work in the area north of there, the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite met him on the road. The two of them were alone, away from any city. Ahijah was wearing a new robe,*

Who found Jeroboam in the road as he went out of Jerusalem?

The prophet Ahijah found Jeroboam in the road as he went out of Jerusalem.

1 Kings 11:30

ULT	UST
And Ahijah took hold of the new cloak that was upon him, and he tore it into 12 pieces.	*which he took off and tore into 12 pieces.*

What did Ahijah do to his new garment?

Ahijah took hold of the new cloak he was wearing and tore it into twelve pieces.

1 Kings 11:31

ULT	UST
And he said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces. For thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, 'Behold me, tearing the kingdom from the hand of Solomon, and I will give ten tribes to you.	*He told Jeroboam, "Take ten of these pieces for yourself, because Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, says to you, 'I am going to take the kingdom away from Solomon, and I am going to make you the ruler of ten of the tribes of Israel.*

What did Yahweh say about Solomon's kingdom?

Yahweh said that he would tear the kingdom out of Solomon's hand, giving ten tribes to Jeroboam.

1 Kings 11:32

ULT	UST
But one tribe will be to him for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city upon which I have chosen from all of the tribes of Israel.	*However, I will allow Solomon's descendants to keep ruling one tribe. I will do that in order to honor my servant David. And because I have chosen Jerusalem from all of the Israelite cities to be the location for my temple, I will allow his descendants to rule the tribe of Judah, whose territory includes Jerusalem.*

How many tribes would Solomon keep?

Solomon would keep one tribe for the sake of David.

1 Kings 11:34

ULT	UST
But I will not take all of the kingdom from his hand. Rather, I will put him as a leader all of the days of his life for the sake of David my servant, him whom I chose, who kept my commandments and my statutes.	*But I will not stop Solomon from ruling the entire kingdom of Israel while he is alive. Instead, I will allow him to remain as king. I will do that in order to honor David, whom I chose to be the king of Israel and who faithfully obeyed my laws.*

How long did Yahweh make Solomon to be ruler?

Yahweh made Solomon ruler all the days of his life.

1 Kings 11:36

ULT	UST
But to his son I will give one tribe so that there may be a lamp for David my servant all of the days to my face in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen for myself to put my name there.	*I will allow Solomon's son to rule one tribe so that I will always see one of David's descendants ruling in Jerusalem. I chose that city to be the place where the Israelites would worship me.*

In which city did Yahweh choose to put his name?

Yahweh chose to put his name in the city of Jerusalem.

1 Kings 11:38

ULT	UST
And it will be, if you hear all that I command you and you walk in my ways and you do right in my eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments, just as David my servant did, then I will be with you and I will build for you an established house, just as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.	*But you must obey everything that I command you to do. You must conduct your life as I want you to. You must do things that I consider to be right. You must obey my laws as David did. If you do those things, I will help you. I will make sure that your descendants become kings of Israel after you die, as I have done for David.*

What did Yahweh promise to do for Jeroboam if he walked in his ways?

Yahweh promised to be with him and give him an established house if Jeroboam walked in his ways.

1 Kings 11:40

ULT	UST
And Solomon sought to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt, to Shishak, the king of Egypt. And he was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.	*Solomon found out what Ahijah told Jeroboam, and so he tried to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam escaped and went to Egypt. Shishak, the king of Egypt, protected him. Jeroboam stayed there until after Solomon died.*

What did Solomon try to do to Jeroboam?

Solomon tried to kill Jeroboam.

1 Kings 11:42

ULT	UST
And the days that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all of Israel were 40 years.	*Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all of Israel for 40 years.*

How long did Solomon reign in Jerusalem?

Solomon reigned in Jerusalem for 40 years.

1 Kings 11:43

ULT	UST
And Solomon lay down with his fathers, and he was buried in the City of David, his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.	*Then Solomon died. The Israelites buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people called the City of David. Solomon's son Rehoboam became the next king.*

Who became king in Solomon's place?

Rehoboam became king in Solomon's place.

1 Kings 12

1 Kings 12:1

ULT	UST
And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all of Israel had come to Shechem to make him reign.	*Leaders from all the tribes of Israel went to the city of Shechem in order to appoint Rehoboam as their king. So Rehoboam also went there.*

Why did Rehoboam go to Shechem?

Rehoboam went to Shechem because all Israel was coming there to make him king.

1 Kings 12:3

ULT	UST
that they sent and they called for him. And Jeroboam came, and all of the assembly of Israel, and they spoke to Rehoboam, saying,	*The Israelite leaders asked him to come back to Israel, and he did. They went together to speak with Rehoboam. They told him,*

Who came with the assembly of Israel to speak to Rehoboam?

Jeroboam the son of Nebat came with the assembly of Israel to speak to Rehoboam.

1 Kings 12:4

ULT	UST
“Your father made our yoke hard. But you, now make it lighter than the hard service of your father and than his heavy yoke that he put on us, and we will serve you.”	*“Your father Solomon forced us to work very hard, but if you allow us to work less hard and allow us to pay fewer taxes, then we will agree to be your subjects.”*

What did Israel ask of Rehoboam?

All Israel asked that Rehoboam would lighten the heavy yoke his father had put on them.

1 Kings 12:5

ULT	UST
And he said to them, "Go until three days, then return to me." So the people went.	*He replied, "Go away for a couple of days to give me some time to consider that. Then come back and I will give you my answer." So those leaders and Jeroboam left.*

For how many days did Rehoboam send the people away?

Rehoboam sent the people away for three days.

1 Kings 12:6

ULT	UST
And King Rehoboam consulted with the elders who had been standing to the face of Solomon his father while he was alive, saying, "How are you advising to answer this people with a word?"	*Then King Rehoboam asked for advice from the older men who had been officials of his father Solomon while he was still living. He asked them, "What do you think I should say in response to what these Israelite leaders have asked me to do?"*

With whom did Rehoboam consult?

Rehoboam consulted with the older men who had advised Solomon his father.

1 Kings 12:7

ULT	UST
And they spoke to him, saying, "If today you will be a servant to this people and serve them and you answer them and speak good words to them, then they will be servants to you all of the days."	*They replied, "We recommend that on this occasion, you humble yourself and do what they have asked. Speak kindly to them when you reply to them. If you do that, they will always be your loyal subjects."*

What did the older men say to Rehoboam?

The older men said that Rehoboam should speak kindly to the people of Israel.

1 Kings 12:8

ULT	UST
But he forsook the counsel of the elders that they had counseled him, and he consulted with the young men who had grown up with him who were standing to his face.	*But Rehoboam decided not to do what the older men had advised him to do. Instead, he asked for advice from the younger men who had been his friends since they were boys and who were now his advisors.*

What did Rehoboam do with the advice the older men gave him?

Rehoboam decided not to follow the advice of the older men.

1 Kings 12:10

ULT	UST
And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you shall say to this people who spoke to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you, make light from upon us.' Thus you shall speak to them, 'My little finger is thicker than the loins of my father.	*Those young men who were his boyhood friends replied, "This is what you should tell these people who asked you to allow them to work less hard than your father required them to work: 'I am a harsher man than my father was.*

What did the younger men tell Rehoboam to say to the people?

The younger men told Rehoboam to say, "I am going to rule you much more harshly than my father did."

1 Kings 12:11

ULT	UST
And now, my father loaded a heavy yoke on you, but I, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I, I will discipline you with scorpions.'"	*This is my answer to you. My father required you to work hard. But I am going to make you work even harder. My father had his overseers discipline you Israelite workers harshly. But I am going to have them discipline you even more harshly.'"*

What did Rehoboam say he would use to punish the people?

Rehoboam said he would use scorpions to punish the people.

1 Kings 12:12

ULT	UST
And Jeroboam and all of the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, just as the king had spoken, saying, “Return to me on the third day.”	*A couple of days after Jeroboam and the Israelite leaders first met with Rehoboam, they came to speak with him again, just as he had told them to do.*

What had the king instructed the people to do?

The king had instructed the people to come back on the third day.

1 Kings 12:13

ULT	UST
And the king answered the people harshly, and he forsook the counsel of the elders that they had counseled him.	*The king disregarded the advice that the older men had given him. Instead, he spoke roughly to the Israelite leaders.*

How did the king answer the people?

The king answered the people harshly.

1 Kings 12:14

ULT	UST
And he spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I, I will discipline you with scorpions.”	*He told them what the younger men had advised him to say. He said, “My father required you to work hard. But I am going to make you work even harder. My father had his overseers discipline you Israelite workers harshly. But I am going to have them discipline you even more harshly.”*

What did the king say he would do with the yoke on the people?

The king said he would add to the yoke on the people.

1 Kings 12:15

ULT	UST
And the king did not listen to the people, for the turn was from with Yahweh, so that he might raise up his word, which Yahweh had spoken by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam, the son of Nebat.	*So the king did not do what the Israelite leaders wanted him to do. That was because Yahweh caused him to refuse their request. In that way, Yahweh made happen what he had told Jeroboam son of Nebat through the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite.*

Who brought about these events?

These events were brought about by Yahweh.

1 Kings 12:16

ULT	UST
And all of Israel saw that the king had not listened to them, and the people answered the king with a word, saying, "What portion is to us in David? And no inheritance in the son of Jesse! To your tents, Israel! Now see your house, David!" And Israel went to its tents.	*When the Israelite leaders realized that Rehoboam was not going to do what they had asked, they responded to him by shouting, "We do not want to be subjects of this descendant of King David! We will not accept this grandson of Jesse as our ruler! We Israelites should all go home! As for this descendant of David, he can rule his own tribe!" So the Israelite leaders returned to their homes.*

What did all Israel say when they saw that the king did not listen to them?

All Israel said they would go home and not be ruled by Rehoboam. They said he can rule his own tribe but not the others.

1 Kings 12:17

ULT	UST
(But the sons of Israel dwelling in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.)	*(After that, the only Israelites who accepted Rehoboam as their king were the members of the tribe of Judah.)*

Over what people did Rehoboam become king?

Rehoboam became king over the people of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah.

1 Kings 12:18

ULT	UST
And King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the forced labor, but all of Israel stoned him with stone, and he died. And King Rehoboam strengthened himself to go up into the chariot to flee to Jerusalem.	*King Rehoboam had an official whose name was Adoniram. He supervised the men whom Rehoboam forced to work for him. Before the Israelite leaders left, King Rehoboam sent out Adoniram to try to make them obey him. But the Israelite people killed him by throwing stones at him. When that happened, King Rehoboam got into his chariot as fast as he could and escaped to Jerusalem.*

What did Israel do to Adoram?

All Israel stoned Adoram to death with stones.

1 Kings 12:20

ULT	UST
And it happened, when all of Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, that they sent and called him to the congregation, and they made him reign over all of Israel. One was not after the house of David except the tribe of Judah by itself.	*When the people of the northern tribes heard that Jeroboam had returned from Egypt, they invited him to come to a gathering of their representatives. There they appointed him to be their king. Only the people of the tribe of Judah continued to be loyal to the kings who were descendants of David.*

Who followed the family of David?

Only the tribe of Judah followed the family of David.

1 Kings 12:21

ULT	UST
And Rehoboam entered Jerusalem, and he assembled all of the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin, 180, 000 chosen makers of war, to fight with the house of Israel to return the kingdom to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon.	*When Rehoboam got back to Jerusalem, he gathered 180, 000 of the best soldiers from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. He wanted them to fight against soldiers of the northern Israelite tribes and defeat them so that he could rule all of the Israelite tribes again.*

Why did Rehoboam assemble the house of Judah in Jerusalem?

Rehoboam assembled the house of Judah to fight against the house of Israel to return the rest of the kingdom to him.

1 Kings 12:22

ULT	UST
But the word of God was to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,	*But God spoke to the prophet Shemaiah and said to him,*

To whom did the word of God come?

The word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God.

1 Kings 12:24

ULT	UST
‘Thus says Yahweh, “You shall not go up and you shall not fight with your brothers, the sons of Israel. Return, a man to his house, for this thing has been from with me.”’” And they heard the word of Yahweh, and they returned to go, according to the word of Yahweh.	*Tell them that I say that they must not go to fight against their fellow Israelites. They must all go home. Tell them that this has happened because I wanted it to happen.” So Shemaiah went and told that to them, and they all obeyed what Yahweh had commanded them to do and went home.*

What did Yahweh say?

Yahweh said, “You must not attack or fight against your fellow Israelites. Instead, go home.”

1 Kings 12:25

ULT	UST
And Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and he dwelled in it. And he went out from there, and he built Penuel.	*Then Jeroboam told his workers to rebuild walls around the city of Shechem in the hilly area where the tribe of Ephraim lived. He moved to that city and made it his capital. Later he and his workers went from there to the city of Peniel, and they rebuilt the walls around that city to make it a border fortress.*

Where did Jeroboam build Shechem?

Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim.

1 Kings 12:26

ULT	UST
And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David.	*Then Jeroboam said to himself, "It seems likely that the descendants of David will soon rule all of Israel once again.*

What did Jeroboam think in his heart?

Jeroboam thought in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David."

1 Kings 12:27

ULT	UST
If this people goes up to make sacrifices in the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will return to their master, to Rehoboam, the king of Judah. And they will kill me, and they will return to Rehoboam, the king of Judah."	*If my subjects continue to go to Jerusalem and offer sacrifices to Yahweh at the temple there, soon they will want Rehoboam to be their king again. Then they will kill me and agree to become his subjects again."*

What did Jeroboam say about the people offering sacrifices in the temple of Yahweh?

Jeroboam said, "If these people offer sacrifices in the temple of Yahweh, they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah."

1 Kings 12:28

ULT	UST
And the king consulted, and he made two calves of gold. And he said to them, "Going up to Jerusalem is too much for you. Behold your gods, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"	*So he asked his advisors what they thought he should do, and then he did what they suggested. He told his workers to make two gold statues of calves. Then he told the people whom he ruled, "It would be too difficult for you to keep traveling to Jerusalem to worship. You people of Israel, look! These statues represent the God who rescued our ancestors from slavery in Egypt and you can worship them here!"*

What did King Jeroboam make?

King Jeroboam made two calves of gold.

1 Kings 12:29

ULT	UST
And he set one in Bethel, and he put one in Dan.	*He told his workers to place one of the statues in the city of Bethel in the south of his kingdom and one in the city of Dan in the north.*

Where did Jeroboam set up the two calves of gold?

King Jeroboam set up one calf in Bethel and one in Dan.

1 Kings 12:31

ULT	UST
And he made a house of high places. And he made priests from the extremities of the people, who were not from the sons of Levi.	*Jeroboam had his workers build shrines for worship on the top of hills. He also appointed Israelite men from many different tribes to be priests, even though the law of Moses said that only men from the tribe of Levi could be priests.*

What people did Jeroboam make into priests?

Jeroboam made priests of the people who were not among the sons of Levi.

1 Kings 12:32

ULT	UST
And Jeroboam made a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that was in Judah, and he offered on the altar. Thus he did at Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And he stationed at Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made.	*Jeroboam also held a celebration like the Festival of Shelters that people celebrated in Judah each year. However, he held it on the fifteenth day of the eighth month rather than on that day in the seventh month, as the law of Moses commanded. He went to Bethel and offered sacrifices to the golden calf statue that he had made and put there. He had the priests whom he had appointed come to Bethel and work in the shrine that his workers had built there.*

What did Jeroboam do at Bethel?

Jeroboam made a feast at Bethel like the feast that was in Judah.

1 Kings 12:33

ULT	UST
And he offered on the altar that he had made at Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, in the month that he had devised by himself. And he made a festival for the sons of Israel, and he offered on the altar to burn incense.	*Jeroboam offered sacrifices on the altar in that shrine on the fifteenth day of the eighth month. He had chosen that month himself. There on that altar he burned incense as an offering. And he declared that the people should celebrate that festival on that same day every year.*

What did Jeroboam do at the altar in Bethel?

Jeroboam went up to the altar to burn incense.

1 Kings 13

1 Kings 13:1

ULT	UST
And behold, a man of God came from Judah by the word of Yahweh to Bethel. And Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense.	*Yahweh commanded a prophet to go from where he lived in the kingdom of Judah to the city of Bethel, and the prophet obeyed him. He arrived there right at the time when Jeroboam was standing at the altar, ready to burn incense.*

Who came out of Judah by the word of Yahweh?

A man of God came out of Judah by the word of Yahweh.

1 Kings 13:2

ULT	UST
And he cried out against the altar by the word of Yahweh and said: "Altar! Altar! Thus says Yahweh, 'Behold, a son will be born to the house of David, Josiah will be his name. And he will sacrifice on you the priests of the high places, the ones burning incense on you. And they will burn the bones of a human on you.'"	*Saying what Yahweh told him to say, the prophet shouted, "This is what Yahweh says about this altar! 'I want you to know that someday King David will have a descendant whose name will be Josiah. He will come to this altar and slaughter the priests who burn incense while offering sacrifices at this shrine. He will burn the bones of dead people on this altar.'"*

What did the man of God cry out against the altar at Bethel?

The man of God cried out against the altar, "On you they will burn men's bones."

1 Kings 13:3

ULT	UST
And he gave a sign on that day, saying, "This is the sign that Yahweh has spoken, 'Behold, the altar will be split open, and the ash that is on it will be poured out.'"	*Then the prophet told them how they would know that what he had said was true. He said, "Yahweh has announced that he is going to make something happen so that you will know that what he has said is true. This altar will split apart, and the ashes that are on it will fall onto the ground."*

What sign did the man of God give about the altar?

The man of God gave a sign saying, "The altar will be split apart and the ashes on it will be poured out."

1 Kings 13:4

ULT	UST
And it happened, when the king heard the word of the man of God that he had cried out against the altar at Bethel, that Jeroboam stretched out his hand from over the altar, saying, "Seize him!" And his hand that he had stretched out against him dried up, and he was not able to bring it back to himself.	*When King Jeroboam heard what the prophet said about the altar at Bethel, at which he was standing, he pointed his finger at him and told his servants, "Seize that man!" But immediately his arm stuck in that position, and he could not lower it.*

What happened to Jeroboam's hand when he reached out from the altar?

When Jeroboam reached out from the altar, his hand was dried up so he could not draw it back to himself.

1 Kings 13:5

ULT	UST
And the altar was split open, and the ash was poured out from the altar, according to the sign that the man of God had given by the word of Yahweh.	*Then the altar split apart, and the ashes that were on it spilled out on the ground. That is exactly what the prophet had said that Yahweh had announced would happen.*

What happened to the altar?

The altar was split apart and the ashes poured out, just as the man of God described.

1 Kings 13:6

ULT	UST
And the king answered and said to the man of God, "Entreat, please, the face of Yahweh your God and pray for me, that my hand may return to me." And the man of God entreated the face of Yahweh, and the hand of the king returned to him, and it became like at the first.	*Then the king said to the prophet, "Please pray that Yahweh will be merciful to me and heal my arm!" So the prophet prayed, and Yahweh healed the king's arm so that he could move it again.*

What happened when the man of God prayed to Yahweh about Jeroboam's hand?

When the man of God prayed to Yahweh, the king's hand was restored and became as it was before.

1 Kings 13:7

ULT	UST
And the king spoke to the man of God, "Come with me to the house and refresh yourself, and I will give a gift to you."	*Then the king said to the prophet, "Come with me to my house and I will serve you a meal. I will also give you a reward for what you have done!"*

What did the king say to the man of God?

The king said to the man of God, "Come home with me, and I will give you a reward."

1 Kings 13:8

ULT	UST
But the man of God said to the king, "If you gave half of your house to me, I would not come with you, and I would not eat bread and I would not drink water in this place.	*But the prophet replied, "Even if you gave me half of what you owned, I would not go with you, and I would not eat or drink anything here.*

What did the man of God say to the king?

The man of God said to the king, "I will not go with you."

1 Kings 13:10

ULT	UST
And he went by another road, and he did not return by the road by which he had come to Bethel.	*Then the prophet started to return home. He walked on a different road than the one on which he had walked to come to Bethel.*

What did the man of God do after speaking with the king?

After speaking with the king, the man of God returned home by a different way than he came to Bethel.

1 Kings 13:11

ULT	UST
Now an old prophet was dwelling in Bethel, and his son came, and he recounted to him all of the deed that the man of God had done that day in Bethel. The words that he had spoken to the king, also they recounted them to their father.	*At that time there was an old man living in Bethel who was a prophet himself. His sons came and told him what the prophet from Judah had done there on that day. They also told him what the prophet had said to the king.*

Where did an old prophet live?

An old prophet lived in Bethel.

1 Kings 13:12

ULT	UST
And their father spoke to them, "Where is this, the road he walked?" Now his sons had seen the road that the man of God had walked who had come from Judah.	*Their father asked, "On what road did he leave to return home?" His sons had seen what road the prophet from Judah had started walking on, so they told him which road it was.*

Who saw the way that the man of God had gone from Bethel?

The old prophet's sons saw the way that the man of God walked who had come from Judah.

1 Kings 13:14

ULT	UST
And he went after the man of God, and he found him sitting under the oak tree. And he said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am."	*He went along the road to find the prophet from Judah. He found him sitting to rest under the large oak tree that was in that area. The old man asked him, "Are you the prophet who came from Judah?" He replied, "Yes, I am."*

Where did the old prophet find the man of God?

The old prophet found the man of God sitting under the oak tree.

1 Kings 13:15

ULT	UST
And he said to him, "Go with me to the house and eat bread."	*The old man said to him, "Please come home with me so that I can serve you a meal."*

What did the old prophet say to the man of God?

The old prophet said to the man of God, "Come home with me and eat food."

1 Kings 13:16

ULT	UST
And he said, "I am not able to return with you or to come with you. And I will not eat bread and I will not drink water with you in this place.	*He replied, "No, I cannot accept your invitation to go with you to your house. I can not eat or drink anything with you here.*

What was the man of God's answer to the old prophet?

The man of God answered, "I am not allowed to go with you into your house, or to eat or drink anything with you."

1 Kings 13:17-18

What was the old prophet's answer to the man of God?

The old prophet was lying to the man of God when he told him that an angel told the old prophet to bring him back to your house.

1 Kings 13:19

ULT	UST
And he returned with him, and he ate bread in his house and drank water.	*So the prophet from Judah returned with the old man to his home, and he ate a meal with him there.*

Where did the man of God go after the old prophet lied to him?

The man of God went back and ate food and drank water in his house.

1 Kings 13:20

ULT	UST
And it happened, as they were sitting at the table, that the word of Yahweh was to the prophet who had brought him back.	*While they were sitting at the table, Yahweh gave the old prophet a message to speak the prophet from Judah.*

What came to the old prophet as they sat at the table?

The word of Yahweh came to the old prophet as they sat at the table.

1 Kings 13:22

ULT	UST
and you have returned and you have eaten bread and you have drunk water in the place about which he spoke to you, "You shall not eat bread and you shall not drink water," your corpse shall not enter into the grave of your fathers.'"	*Instead, you have come back to this house and eaten a meal, even though I commanded you not to eat anything there. As a result, you will die, and people will not bury your body in the same place where people buried your ancestors.'"*

What did the word of Yahweh say to the man of God?

The word of Yahweh said, "Because you came back and ate food and drank water, your body will not be buried in the tomb of your fathers."

1 Kings 13:23

ULT	UST
And it happened after his eating bread and after his drinking that he saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet, him whom he had brought back.	*When they had finished eating, the old man had his sons get his donkey ready so that the prophet from Judah could ride on it, and the prophet left.*

What did the old prophet do after they ate?

After they ate, the old prophet saddled the man of God's donkey for him.

1 Kings 13:24

ULT	UST
And he went, and a lion found him in the road, and it killed him. And his corpse was thrown on the road, and the donkey was standing beside it, and the lion was standing beside the corpse.	*But as he was going, a lion met him and killed him. It left the prophet's body lying on the road. The donkey stood beside it, and the lion also stood beside it.*

What happened after the man of God had gone?

After the man of God had gone, a lion met him on the road and killed him.

1 Kings 13:25

ULT	UST
And behold, men were passing by, and they saw the corpse thrown in the road and the lion standing beside the corpse. And they came and spoke in the city in which the old prophet was dwelling.	*When some men who were walking along that road came to that place, they were surprised to see the prophet's body on the road and the lion standing next to it. So they went into the city of Bethel, where the old man lived, and they reported what they had seen.*

What did men do when they saw the body of the man of God lying on the road?

When men saw the man of God's body lying on the road, they came back and told it in the city of the old prophet.

1 Kings 13:26

ULT	UST
And the prophet who had brought him back from the road heard, and he said, "He is the man of God who disobeyed the mouth of Yahweh. And Yahweh gave him to the lion, and it tore him apart and killed him, according to the word of Yahweh that he spoke to him."	*When the old man who had brought the prophet from Judah to his home heard what had happened, he said, "The man whom the lion killed is the prophet who disobeyed the instructions that Yahweh gave him. Yahweh allowed the lion to attack him and kill him. That is exactly what Yahweh said would happen in the message he gave me for him!"*

What was the old prophet's answer to the men?

The old prophet answered that this was the man of God who had disobeyed the word of Yahweh.

1 Kings 13:28

ULT	UST
And he went, and he found the corpse thrown in the road and the donkey and the lion standing beside the corpse. The lion had not eaten the corpse, and it had not torn apart the donkey.	*Then the old man rode on that donkey along the road on which the prophet had started to return to Judah. He came to the place where the prophet's body had fallen on the road. He saw his other donkey and the lion standing there next to the man's body. But the lion had not eaten any of the prophet's flesh, and it had not attacked the donkey.*

What did the old prophet do after hearing the men?

The old prophet spoke to his sons to saddle his donkey, and he went and found the body left in the road.

1 Kings 13:30

ULT	UST
And he laid his corpse in his grave. And they mourned over him, "Alas, my brother!"	*He buried the prophet's body in the grave where people had buried other members of his family. Then he and other people who lived in the city mourned for him. They said, "We are so sorry that our fellow Israelite has died!"*

What did the old prophet do with the body of the man of God?

The old prophet took up the body of the man of God and buried him in his own grave.

1 Kings 13:31

ULT	UST
And it happened after his burying him that he spoke to his sons, saying, "When I die, then you shall bury me in the grave in which the man of God is buried. Lay my bones beside his bones.	*After they had buried him, the old man told his sons, "When I die, I want you to bury me in this grave where we have just buried the prophet from Judah. Put my body next to his.*

What did the old prophet say to his sons about his own burial?

The old prophet said to his sons, "When I am dead, bury me in the tomb in which the man of God is buried."

1 Kings 13:33-34

What thing became sin to the family of Jeroboam and caused it to be cut off from the face of the earth?

Jeroboam did not turn away from evil, and even more, he consecrated as priests anyone who wanted to be a priest.

1 Kings 14

1 Kings 14:1

ULT	UST
At that time Abijah, the son of Jeroboam, became sick.	*Shortly after Jeroboam chose to ignore Yahweh's warning about the hilltop shrines, his son Abijah became very sick.*

What happened to Abijah the son of Jeroboam?

Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

1 Kings 14:2

ULT	UST
And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Arise, please, and change yourself, so they will not know that you are the wife of Jeroboam. And you shall go to Shiloh. Behold, Ahijah the prophet is there. He, he spoke about me as king over this people.	*Jeroboam told his wife, "I want you to disguise yourself so that no one will recognize that you are my wife. Then go to the city of Shiloh. That is where the prophet Ahijah lives. He is the man who met me and told me that I would become the king of Israel.*

What did Jeroboam ask his wife to do?

Jeroboam asked his wife to disguise herself and go to the prophet Ahijah in Shiloh.

1 Kings 14:3

ULT	UST
And you shall take in your hand ten loaves of bread and cakes and a jar of honey, and you shall go to him. He, he will declare to you what will happen to the boy."	*Take with you ten loaves of bread, some small flat cakes, and a jar of honey. Give them to him as gifts. Tell him about our son, and he will tell you whether he will become well again."*

Why did Jeroboam ask his wife to go to the prophet Ahijah?

Jeroboam asked his wife to go to the prophet Ahijah to find out what would happen to his sick son.

1 Kings 14:4

ULT	UST
And the wife of Jeroboam did thus. And she arose and went to Shiloh, and she entered the house of Ahijah. (Now Ahijah was not able to see, for his eyes had set because of his age.)	*So that is what his wife did. She went to Shiloh, to Ahijah's house. Ahijah was not able to see, since he was very old and his eyes were no longer healthy.*

What was wrong with Ahijah's eyes?

Since Ahijah was old, he was blind and his eyes could not see.

1 Kings 14:5

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Ahijah, "Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to seek a word from you about her son, for he is sick. Like this and like this you shall speak to her. And it will happen when she comes that she will be disguising herself."	*But before she got there, Yahweh told Ahijah that Jeroboam's wife was coming to inquire about their son, who was very sick. He told him that when she arrived, she would be pretending to be someone else. Yahweh told Ahijah what he should say to her.*

Who told Ahijah, "The wife of Jeroboam is coming to see you."?

Yahweh told Ahijah, "The wife of Jeroboam is coming to see you to seek advice concerning her son."

1 Kings 14:6

ULT	UST
And it happened, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet coming into the entrance, that he said, "Enter, wife of Jeroboam. Why is this, you are disguising yourself? Now I have been sent to you harshly.	*So when Ahijah heard her footsteps as she entered the doorway, he said to her, "Come in. I know you are Jeroboam's wife, so do not pretend that you are someone else. Yahweh has told me to tell you some bad news.*

What did Ahijah say to the wife of Jeroboam?

When Ahijah heard her come in at the door he said to her, "I know you are Jeroboam's wife, so do not pretend that you are someone else."

1 Kings 14:8

ULT	UST
and I tore the kingdom away from the house of David and I gave it to you, but you are not like my servant David, who kept my commandments and who walked after me with all of his heart, to do only the right in my eyes,	*I stopped David's descendants from ruling most of the people of the kingdom of Israel, and I allowed you to become the king of those Israelites instead. But you have not been like David, who served me very well. He obeyed my commandments very sincerely and wanted to do only things that I considered to be right.*

What did the God of Israel say about Jeroboam?

The God of Israel said to Jeroboam, "You are not like my servant David, who kept my commandments."

1 Kings 14:9

ULT	UST
and you have been evil to do more than all who were to your face, and you have gone and made for yourself other gods and molded images to anger me, and you have thrown me behind your back,	*But you have done more wicked things than any of the men who were kings of Israel before you. You have rejected me, and you have made me very angry by making metal images of other gods so that you and others could worship them.*

What did Jeroboam do to provoke Yahweh to anger?

Jeroboam cast metal images to provoke Yahweh to anger.

1 Kings 14:10

ULT	UST
therefore, behold me, bringing harm to the house of Jeroboam, and I will cut off from Jeroboam one pissing against a wall, one restrained and one set free in Israel. And I will burn after the house of Jeroboam, just as dung burns until the finishing of it.	*Therefore, I am going to make terrible things happen to your family. I will allow someone to kill all of the males in your household, whether they are family members or servants, no matter where they live in your kingdom. I will completely destroy your family, just as fire completely destroys dung when people burn it.*

What disaster would Yahweh bring on Jeroboam?

Yahweh said that he would cut off from him every male of his household, whether they are family members or servants, whether they are young or old.

1 Kings 14:11

ULT	UST
The one to Jeroboam dying in the city, dogs will eat, and the one dying in the field, birds of the sky will eat.” For Yahweh has spoken.’	*Dogs will eat the bodies of any members of your household who die in cities. Scavenger birds will eat the bodies of any members of your household who die in the countryside.’ This will surely happen, since Yahweh has said that it will happen.*

What would happen to anyone of Jeroboam’s family who died in the city?

Any of Jeroboam’s family who died in the city would be eaten by dogs.

1 Kings 14:12-13

What would all Israel do for the child of Jeroboam?

All Israel would mourn for and bury the child of Jeroboam.

1 Kings 14:15

ULT	UST
And Yahweh will strike Israel, just as a reed sways in the waters, and he will uproot Israel from upon this good ground that he gave to their fathers. And he will scatter them beyond the River because they made their Asherahs, provoking Yahweh.	*Yahweh will punish the people of Israel. He will unsettle them, just as the strong, flowing water of a river unsettles the reeds that grow on its banks. He will finally expel the Israelite people from this good land that he gave to our ancestors. The Israelites have worshiped statues of the goddess Asherah, and by doing that, they have made Yahweh very angry. As a result, he will allow enemies to take them as captives into lands on the far side of the Euphrates River.*

How far did Yahweh say that he would scatter Israel?

Yahweh said that he would scatter Israel beyond the Euphrates River.

1 Kings 14:15-16

What did Yahweh say that Jeroboam led Israel to do?

Yahweh said that Jeroboam led Israel to worship statues of the goddess Asherah, as he was doing.

1 Kings 14:17

ULT	UST
And the wife of Jeroboam arose and went, and she came to Tirzah. She was entering at the threshold of the house, and the boy died.	*Then Jeroboam's wife got up and left, and she traveled back home to the city of Tirzah. Just as she was walking through the door of her house, her son died.*

What happened when Jeroboam's wife came to the threshold of the house?

When Jeroboam's wife came to the threshold of the house, the child died.

1 Kings 14:18

ULT	UST
And they buried him, and all of Israel mourned for him, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.	*People throughout Israel mourned for him, and his family was able to bury him. That is just what Yahweh had told the prophet Ahijah, his servant, to say would happen.*

What did all Israel do after the child died?

All Israel buried him and mourned for him.

1 Kings 14:19

ULT	UST
Now the rest of the matters of Jeroboam, how he fought and how he reigned, behold them, written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel.	*The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Jeroboam did, including the wars that his army fought and how he ruled.*

Where were the other matters concerning Jeroboam written?

The other matters concerning Jeroboam were written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel.

1 Kings 14:20

ULT	UST
And the days that Jeroboam reigned were 22 years. And he lay down with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place.	*Jeroboam ruled for 22 years. Then he died, and his son Nadab became the next king.*

How many years did Jeroboam reign before he slept with his fathers?

Jeroboam reigned for 22 years, and he slept with his fathers.

1 Kings 14:21

ULT	UST
Now Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was a son of 41 years when he reigned. And he reigned 17 years in Jerusalem, the city where Yahweh had chosen to put his name there from all of the tribes of Israel. And the name of his mother was Naamah the Ammonitess.	*Meanwhile, Solomon's son Rehoboam was ruling Judah. He had been 41 years old when he started to rule, and he ruled for 17 years. He ruled in Jerusalem, the city that Yahweh chose to be the place where the Israelites would worship him. Rehoboam's mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess.*

Who was reigning in Judah?

Rehoboam the son of Solomon was reigning in Judah.

1 Kings 14:22

ULT	UST
And Judah did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. And they made him jealous more than all that their fathers had done by their sins that they sinned.	*The people of the kingdom of Judah did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. They committed more sins than their ancestors had committed. This made Yahweh very angry, because they were worshiping idols, and they should have been worshiping only him.*

How did Judah provoke Yahweh to jealousy?

Judah provoked Yahweh to jealousy with the sins they committed.

1 Kings 14:23

ULT	UST
And they built for themselves, they also, high places and pillars and Asherahs on every high hill and under every green tree.	*Just as the northern Israelites had done, the Judeans built places to worship foreign gods. On high hills and under big trees, they built shrines and set up stone pillars and made wooden images to represent the goddess Asherah.*

What did Judah build on every high hill and under every green tree?

Judah built shrines and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every green tree.

1 Kings 14:24

ULT	UST
And also a cultic prostitute was in the land. They did according to all of the abominations of the nations that Yahweh had dispossessed from the face of the sons of Israel.	*There were also male shrine prostitutes at these places of worship. The Israelite people did the same disgraceful things that the people had done whom Yahweh had forced to leave so that the Israelites could possess the land.*

What despicable things did the nations do?

The Israelite people did the same disgraceful things with male prostitutes that the people had done whom Yahweh had forced to leave so that the Israelites could possess the land.

1 Kings 14:25

ULT	UST
And it happened that in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem.	*When Rehoboam had been ruling for almost five years, King Shishak of Egypt came with his soldiers to attack Jerusalem.*

In what year did Shishak come up against Jerusalem?

In the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak came up against Jerusalem.

1 Kings 14:26

ULT	UST
And he took the treasures of the house of Yahweh and the treasures of the house of the king. And he took everything. And he took all of the shields of gold that Solomon had made.	*They defeated the Judeans, and then his soldiers took away the valuable things they found in Yahweh's temple and in the royal palace. They also took many other valuable things they found. Because they took the gold shields that Solomon's workers had made,*

What shields did Shishak take away from Jerusalem?

Shishak took all the shields of gold that Solomon had made.

1 Kings 14:27

ULT	UST
And King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place, and he committed them to the hand of the commanders of the runners, the ones keeping the entrance of the house of the king.	*King Rehoboam had his workers make bronze shields to replace them. He had the officers of the soldiers who guarded the entrance to his palace take care of these shields.*

What did King Rehoboam do with the shields of bronze that he made?

King Rehoboam put them into the hands of the palace guards.

1 Kings 14:28

ULT	UST
And it happened that whenever the king entered the house of Yahweh, the runners bore them, and they brought them back to the chamber of the runners.	*Whenever the king was going to come into the temple, those guards got those shields and held them, and after he left the temple, they returned the shields to their storeroom.*

When would the guards carry the shields of bronze?

Whenever the king entered the house of Yahweh, the guards would carry the shields.

1 Kings 14:29

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

Where were the other matters of King Rehoboam written?

The other matters of King Rehoboam were written in book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah.

1 Kings 14:31

ULT	UST
And Rehoboam lay down with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the City of David. And the name of his mother was Naamah the Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his place.	*Then Rehoboam died, and people buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people call the City of David. That is where people had buried his ancestors. Rehoboam's mother Naamah was an Ammonitess, and that is why he became devoted to idol worship. After Rehoboam died, his son Abijam became the next king.*

Who became king in Rehoboam's place?

Abijah, Rehoboam's son, became king in his place.

1 Kings 15

1 Kings 15:1

ULT	UST
Now in the year of 18 to King Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, Abijam reigned over Judah.	*Abijah became the king of Judah when Jeroboam had been the king of Israel for almost 18 years.*

When did Abijah begin to reign over Judah?

Abijah began to reign over Judah in the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam.

1 Kings 15:2

ULT	UST
He reigned three years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Maacah, the daughter of Abishalom.	*Abijah ruled for three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Maacah daughter of Abishalom.*

How long did Abijah rule in Jerusalem?

Abijah ruled in Jerusalem for three years.

1 Kings 15:3

ULT	UST
And he walked in all of the sins of his father that he had done to his face. And his heart was not complete with Yahweh his God like the heart of David his father.	*Abijah committed the same kind of sins that his father had committed. He was not completely faithful to Yahweh his God as his ancestor David had been.*

Was Abijah's heart devoted to Yahweh his God?

Abijah's heart was not devoted to Yahweh his God.

1 Kings 15:4

ULT	UST
But for the sake of David, Yahweh his God gave to him a lamp in Jerusalem by raising up his son after him, and by making Jerusalem stand,	*But Yahweh had promised to David that one of his descendants would always be king in Jerusalem. So Yahweh allowed Abijah's son to become king after he died. Yahweh also did not allow any enemies to conquer Jerusalem.*

Why did Yahweh raise up a son for Abijah in Jerusalem?

Yahweh raised up a son for Abijah for the sake of David.

1 Kings 15:5

ULT	UST
because David had done right in the eyes of Yahweh, and he had not turned from all that he had commanded him all of the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.	*Yahweh did that because David had done the things that he had told the Israelites were good to do. When Yahweh had told David to do something, David had always obeyed. The only time when David disobeyed Yahweh was when he had sexual relations with the wife of Uriah the Hittite and tried to hide what he had done by causing him to die in battle.*

In what matter did David turn away from Yahweh?

David only turned away from Yahweh in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

1 Kings 15:6

ULT	UST
And war was between Rehoboam and between Jeroboam all of the days of his life.	*The kingdoms of Judah and Israel had been enemies when Rehoboam and Jeroboam were their kings, and they continued to be enemies all during the time that Abijah ruled.*

What happened all the days of Abijah's life?

There was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of Abijah's life.

1 Kings 15:8

ULT	UST
And Abijam lay down with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. And Asa his son reigned in his place.	*Abijah died, and the Israelites buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people call the City of David. His son Asa became the next king.*

When Abijah slept with his fathers, who became king in his place?

When Abijah slept with his fathers, Asa became king in his place.

1 Kings 15:9

ULT	UST
Now in the year of 20 to Jeroboam, the king of Israel, Asa reigned as the king of Judah.	*Asa started to rule Judah after Jeroboam had been the king of Israel for almost 20 years.*

When did Asa begin to reign over Judah?

Asa began to reign over Judah in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel.

1 Kings 15:10

ULT	UST
And he reigned 41 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom.	*He ruled in Jerusalem for 41 years. His grandmother was Maacah daughter of Abishalom.*

How many years did Asa reign in Jerusalem?

Asa reigned 41 years in Jerusalem.

1 Kings 15:11

ULT	UST
And Asa did right in the eyes of Yahweh like David his father.	*Asa did the things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were good to do, as his ancestor David had done.*

What did Asa do in the eyes of Yahweh?

Asa did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, as David had done.

1 Kings 15:12

ULT	UST
And he made the cultic prostitutes pass over from the land, and he removed all of the idols that his fathers had made.	*He forced the male shrine prostitutes to leave Israel, and he also destroyed all of the idols that his ancestors had made.*

What did Asa do in the land?

Asa removed the male prostitutes and the idols his ancestors had made in the land.

1 Kings 15:13

ULT	UST
And also Maacah his mother, he removed her from being queen mother because she had made a horror for Asherah. And Asa cut down her horror, and he burned it in the wadi of Kidron.	*His grandmother Maacah had been in the influential position of queen mother, but he removed her from that position. He did that because she had made a disgusting wooden statue for the goddess Asherah. Asa had his servants cut down the statue and burn it in the Kidron Valley.*

Whom did Asa remove from being queen?

Asa removed his own grandmother Maacah from being queen.

1 Kings 15:14

ULT	UST
But they did not remove the high places. Nevertheless, the heart of Asa was complete with Yahweh all of his days.	*He did not order his servants to destroy the shrines for worship on the top of hills. Even so, he was completely faithful to Yahweh for the whole time that he lived.*

What was the condition of Asa's heart toward Yahweh?

Asa's heart was completely dedicated to Yahweh all his days.

1 Kings 15:15

ULT	UST
And he brought the holy things of his father and his holy things into the house of Yahweh, silver and gold and vessels.	*He told his servants to put in Yahweh's temple the valuable things that his father had dedicated. He also told them to put there the things that he had dedicated. These included gold, silver, and other valuable articles.*

What did Asa bring into the house of Yahweh?

Asa brought all the items that his father had dedicated to God and all the gold and silver things that he had dedicated to God into the house of Yahweh.

1 Kings 15:16

ULT	UST
And war was between Asa and between Baasha, the king of Israel, all of their days.	*Asa fought wars against Baasha king of Israel during the whole time that he reigned.*

With whom was Asa at war?

Asa was at war with Baasha king of Israel all their days.

1 Kings 15:17

ULT	UST
And Baasha, the king of Israel, went up against Judah, and he built Ramah so as not to give going out or coming in to Asa, the king of Judah.	*Baasha's army invaded Judah. They captured the city of Ramah just north of Jerusalem. Then they started to build a wall around it so that it would be a border fortress and they would be able to prevent people from entering or leaving Asa's kingdom of Judah.*

Why did Baasha build up Ramah?

Baasha built up Ramah so that no one would enter into or leave the area that King Asa ruled.

1 Kings 15:18

ULT	UST
And Asa took all of the silver and the gold remaining in the storerooms of the house of Yahweh and the storerooms of the house of the king, and he gave them into the hand of his servants. And King Asa sent them to Ben Hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, the king of Aram, the dweller in Damascus, saying,	*So Asa had his officials collect all of the silver and golden articles that were still in the storerooms in the temple and his palace. He told them to bring those things to Damascus and give them to Ben Hadad, the king who ruled Aram from that city. Ben Hadad was the son of Tabrimmon and the grandson of Hezion. Asa told his officials to tell Ben Hadad,*

What did Asa do with all the silver and gold from the storerooms of the house of Yahweh?

Asa sent the silver and gold to Ben Hadad, the grandson of the king of Aram, who lived in Damascus.

1 Kings 15:19

ULT	UST
“A covenant between me and between you, between my father and between your father. Behold, I have sent to you a gift of silver and gold. Go, break your covenant with Baasha, the king of Israel, that he may go up from against me.”	*“My father had an alliance with your father, and I would like to have an alliance with you. To make that alliance, I am giving you this silver and gold. So please break the alliance you have with Baasha, the king of Israel, and attack him. That way he will stop invading my kingdom because he will have to send his army to fight your army.”*

What did Asa say to Benhadad?

Asa said to Benhadad, “Let there be a treaty between me and you, as there was between my father and your father.”

1 Kings 15:20

ULT	UST
And Ben Hadad listened to King Asa, and he sent the commanders of the armies that were to him against the cities of Israel. And he struck Ijon and Dan and Abel Beth Maacah and all of Chinnereth, with all of the land of Naphtali.	*When the officials spoke that message to Ben Hadad, he agreed to do what Asa wanted. He ordered his commanders to lead their soldiers to attack some areas in the kingdom of Israel. They attacked the cities of Ijon, Dan, and Abel Beth Maacah, the region of Chinnereth, and the whole territory of the tribe of Naphtali.*

What did Benhadad do after he listened to Asa?

After he listened to Asa, Benhadad sent his armies to attack the cities of Israel.

1 Kings 15:21

ULT	UST
And it happened, when Baasha heard, that he ceased from building Ramah, and he dwelled in Tirzah.	*When Baasha learned that Ben Hadad's armies were attacking Israel, he ordered his soldiers to stop building the wall around Ramah. He and his soldiers returned to his capital city of Tirzah and stayed there.*

What did Baasha do when he heard about this?

When Baasha heard about the attacks, he stopped building up Ramah.

1 Kings 15:22

ULT	UST
And King Asa made all of Judah hear. None was exempt. And they carried away the stones of Ramah and its wood, with which Baasha had been building. And with them King Asa built Geba of Benjamin and Mizpah.	*Then King Asa sent messengers to tell the men throughout his kingdom of Judah that he was requiring them all to go to Ramah. They were to carry away the stones and timber that Baasha's soldiers had been using to build a wall around that city. With those stones and timber, King Asa had his workers fortify the city of Mizpah and the city that people call Geba that is within the territory of the tribe of Benjamin.*

What did Asa do with the materials that had been used to build up Ramah?

Asa took the materials that had been used to build up Ramah and used them to build up Geba and Mizpah.

1 Kings 15:23

ULT	UST
Now the rest of all of the matters of Asa and all of his might and all that he did and the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah? (But in the time of his old age he became sick in his feet.)	*The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Asa did during his reign, including the battles that his armies won and the cities that he had his workers fortify. (When Asa became old, he got a foot disease.)*

Where were all of Asa's matters written?

All of Asa's matters were written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah.

1 Kings 15:24

ULT	UST
And Asa lay down with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place.	*Asa died, and the Israelites buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people call the City of David. That is where people had also buried his ancestors. Asa's son Jehoshaphat became the next king.*

After Asa slept with his fathers, who became king in his place?

After Asa slept with his fathers, his son Jehoshaphat became king in his place.

1 Kings 15:25

ULT	UST
Now Nadab, the son of Jeroboam, reigned over Israel in year two of Asa, the king of Judah. And he reigned over Israel two years.	*Nadab son of Jeroboam started to rule Israel after Asa had been the king of Judah for almost two years. Nadab ruled Israel for two years.*

Who began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa?

Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa.

1 Kings 15:26

ULT	UST
And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. And he walked in the way of his father and in his sin that he caused Israel to sin.	*He did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. He behaved in the sinful way his father had behaved. He continued to lead the Israelites to sin by worshiping the calf statues at the shrines in Bethel and Dan.*

How did Nadab walk in the sight of Yahweh?

Nadab did evil in the sight of Yahweh and walked in the ways of his father and in his sin.

1 Kings 15:27

ULT	UST
And Baasha, the son of Ahijah, from the house of Issachar, conspired against him, and Baasha struck him at Gibbethon, which is to the Philistines. Now Nadab and all of Israel were besieging against Gibbethon.	*King Nadab and his soldiers were attacking the city of Gibbethon in the region of Philistia. One of his military commanders, Baasha son of Ahijah from the tribe of Issachar, plotted against him with some of the other commanders. Baasha killed Nadab at Gibbethon.*

What did Baasha son of Ahijah do at Gibbethon?

Baasha the son of Ahijah killed Nadab at Gibbethon.

1 Kings 15:29

ULT	UST
And it happened when he reigned that he struck all of the house of Jeroboam. He did not leave any breathing one to Jeroboam, until he had destroyed him, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken by the hand of his servant Ahijah the Shilonite	*As soon as he became king, Baasha commanded his soldiers to kill all the rest of Jeroboam's living descendants. He made sure that none of them survived. That is exactly what Yahweh had said would happen in the message that he gave to Ahijah the Shilonite, his servant.*

What did Baasha do as soon as he became king?

As soon as Baasha became king, he killed all of the family of Jeroboam. He did not leave one of Jeroboam's descendants breathing.

1 Kings 15:32

ULT	UST
And war was between Asa and between Baasha, the king of Israel, all of their days.	*The armies of Asa and Baasha were continually at war with one another.*

How long was there war between Asa and Baasha?

There was war between Asa and Baasha all their days.

1 Kings 15:33

ULT	UST
In year three of Asa the king of Judah, Baasha, the son of Ahijah, reigned over all of Israel in Tirzah 24 years.	*Baasha son of Ahijah, started to rule Israel from the city of Tirzah after Asa had been the king of Judah for almost three years. He ruled for 24 years.*

How long did Baasha reign in Tirza?

Baasha reigned in Tirza for 24 years.

1 Kings 15:34

ULT	UST
And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. And he walked in the way of Jeroboam and in his sin that he caused Israel to sin.	*Baasha did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. He behaved the way King Jeroboam had behaved. He continued to lead the Israelites to sin by worshiping the calf statues at the shrines in Bethel and Dan.*

How did Baasha live?

Baasha did evil in the sight of Yahweh and lived in the way of Jeroboam. encouraging his people to sin in the same way that he sinned.

1 Kings 16

1 Kings 16:2

ULT	UST
“Because I raised you from the dust and made you the leader over my people Israel, but you walked in the way of Jeroboam and caused my people Israel to sin, provoking me by their sins,	*“You were an insignificant person, but I allowed you to become the king of Israel. Despite that, you have done the same evil things that King Jeroboam did. You have led the people of Israel to commit sins, and that has made me very angry.*

Out of what did Yahweh raise Baasha?

Yahweh raised him out of the dust.

1 Kings 16:4

ULT	UST
The one to Baasha dying in the city, dogs will eat, and the one to him dying in the field, birds of the sky will eat.”	*Dogs will eat the bodies of any members of your household who die in cities. Scavenger birds will eat the bodies of any members of your household who die in the countryside.”*

What would eat anyone belonging to Baasha who died in the city?

The dogs would eat anyone belonging to Baasha who died in the city.

1 Kings 16:7

ULT	UST
And also by the hand of Jehu, the son of Hanani, the prophet, the word of Yahweh was to Baasha and to his house and against all of the evil that he had done in the eyes of Yahweh, provoking him with the work of his hands, by being like the house of Jeroboam and because he had struck him.	*Baasha did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. The things he did made Yahweh very angry. Baasha did the same kind of things that King Jeroboam and his descendants who ruled as kings after him had done. Yahweh was also angry with Baasha because he killed all of Jeroboam’s family. That was why Yahweh gave a message to the prophet Jehu son of Hanani saying that he would destroy Baasha and his family.*

Why did the word of Yahweh come against Baasha and his family?

The word of Yahweh came against Baasha and his family both because of all the evil he did in the sight of Yahweh and also because he had killed all of Jeroboam’s family.

1 Kings 16:8-10

What was Elah doing when Zimri killed him?

Elah was drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza when Zimri killed him.

1 Kings 16:11

ULT	UST
And it happened that when he reigned, as soon as he sat on his throne, he struck all of the house of Baasha. He did not leave to him one pissing against a wall, both his kinsmen and his friend.	*Once Zimri became king, as soon as he could, he commanded his soldiers to kill Baasha's whole remaining family. He killed every male in Baasha's family and all of Baasha's male friends.*

When did Zimri kill all the family of Baasha?

When Zimri began to reign, as soon as he had sat on his throne, he killed all the family of Baasha.

1 Kings 16:15

ULT	UST
In the year of 27, the year to Asa, the king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven days in Tirzah. Now the people were camping against Gibbethon, which was to the Philistines.	*In that way, Zimri became the next king of Israel. This happened after Asa had been the king of Judah for 27 years. But Zimri ruled in Tirzah for only seven days. At that time, the Israelite army was attacking the city of Gibbethon in the region of Philistia.*

To whom did Gibbethon belong?

Gibbethon belonged to the Philistines.

1 Kings 16:18

ULT	UST
And it happened, when Zimri saw that the city had been taken, that he entered into the citadel of the house of the king. And he burned the house of the king over himself with fire, and he died,	*When Zimri realized that Omri's soldiers had captured the city, he went into his palace and set it on fire. The palace burned down, and he died in the fire.*

Where did Zimri kill himself?

Zimri killed himself in the citadel attached to the king's palace, burning it down over himself and dying in the fire.

1 Kings 16:21

ULT	UST
Then the people of Israel were divided in half. Half of the people were behind Tibni, the son of Ginath, to make him reign, and half were behind Omri.	*After Zimri died, the Israelite soldiers disagreed about who should be the next king. Many of them wanted Tibni son of Ginath to be the king. But many others wanted Omri to be the king.*

About what two leaders were the people of Israel divided into two parts?

The people of Israel divided into two parts about who should be their king, Tibni or Omri.

1 Kings 16:24

ULT	UST
Then he bought the hill of Samaria from Shemer for two silver kikkars. And he built on the hill, and he called the name of the city that he built Samaria, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill.	*Then Omni bought the hill that people now call Samaria from a man whose name was Shemer. He paid him about 66 kilograms of silver for it. Then Omri had his workers build a city on that hill. He called the city Samaria because Shemer was the name of the man who had owned the hill previously.*

Why did Omri call the name of the city Samaria?

Omri called the name of the city Samaria, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill.

1 Kings 16:28

ULT	UST
And Omri lay down with his fathers, and he was buried in Samaria. And Ahab his son reigned in his place.	*Then Omri died, and the Israelites buried him in Samaria. His son Ahab became the next king.*

Who became king in Omri's place?

Ahab his son became king in his place.

1 Kings 16:32

ULT	UST
And he set up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal that he built in Samaria.	*He built a temple in Samaria where people could worship Baal, and he put an altar in that temple for making sacrifices to Baal.*

Who had built the house of Baal in Samaria?

Ahab had built the house of Baal in Samaria.

1 Kings 16:34

ULT	UST
In his days, Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho. By Abiram, his firstborn, he founded it, and by Segub, his youngest, he set up its doors, according to the word of Yahweh that he spoke by the hand of Joshua, the son of Nun.	*During the years when Ahab ruled, a man whose name was Hiel, who came from the city of Bethel, rebuilt the city of Jericho. When Hiel and his family and servants started restoring the foundations of the city, his oldest son Abiram died. And they had nearly finished the rebuilding and were putting the doors in the gates of the city, his youngest son Segub died. Joshua son of Nun had said this would happen to the sons of anyone who rebuilt Jericho. Yahweh had led Joshua to say that, and that is exactly what happened.*

What caused the loss of Hiel's son Abiram?

Hiel began rebuilding Jericho, causing the loss of his oldest son, Abiram.

1 Kings 17

1 Kings 17:1

ULT	UST
Now Elijah the Tishbite, from the Tishbites of Gilead, said to Ahab, "The life of Yahweh, the God of Israel, to whose face I stand, if there will be dew or rain these years except by the mouth of my word."	*There was a man whose name was Elijah. He came from the city of Tishbe. He was one of the Tishbites who lived in the region of Gilead. One day he went to Samaria to speak with King Ahab. He told him, "Yahweh is the God whom we Israelites should worship, and he is the God whom I obey. I swear by Yahweh there will be no dew or rain for the next several years unless I say so."*

What ominous message did Elijah give to Ahab?

Elijah told Ahab that as Yahweh lives, there would be no dew or rain unless he said so.

1 Kings 17:4

ULT	UST
And it will happen that you shall drink from the wadi. And I have commanded the ravens to sustain you there."	*When you get there, you can drink water from the brook. And I will have ravens bring food to you there."*

Who did Yahweh command to feed Elijah while Elijah was at the brook Cherith?

Yahweh commanded the ravens to feed Elijah at the brook Cherith.

1 Kings 17:7

ULT	UST
And it happened, at the end of some days, that the wadi dried up because no rain was in the land.	*But after a while, because it had stopped raining anywhere in Israel, the brook dried up.*

What happened when there was no rain in the land?

The brook dried up when there was no rain in the land.

1 Kings 17:8-10

Where did Elijah go after the brook dried up?

Yahweh sent Elijah to a widow in Zarephath.

1 Kings 17:12

ULT	UST
And she said, “The life of Yahweh your God, if there is to me a bread-cake, but only the fullness of a palm of flour in a jar and a little bit of oil in a jug. And behold me, gathering two sticks, and I will enter, and I will make it for me and for my son, and we will eat it, and we will die.”	*But she replied, “I swear by Yahweh your God that I do not have even a single loaf of bread in my house. I have only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I was going to gather a few sticks and then go home and make a fire so that I could cook a meal with them. My son and I would eat that meal, and after that, we would die from hunger.”*

Why was the widow gathering two sticks?

The widow was gathering two sticks so she could go in and cook for herself and her son, that they could eat, and die from hunger.

1 Kings 17:14

ULT	UST
For thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour will not finish, and the jug of oil will not lack, up to the day Yahweh gives rain on the face of the ground.’”	*You will be able to do that because Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, has told me, ‘There will be flour in that jar and olive oil in that jug right up to the time when I make it rain on the earth and crops grow again!’”*

For how long would the widow’s jar of meal and jug of oil be full?

They would be full until the day that Yahweh sent rain on the earth.

1 Kings 17:17

ULT	UST
And it happened after these things that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick, and his sickness became very strong until breath did not remain in him.	*Some time later, the son of the woman in whose home Elijah was staying became sick. He kept getting sicker, and finally he died.*

How sick was the woman's son?

The son's sickness was so severe that there was no more breath left in him.

1 Kings 17:21

ULT	UST
And he stretched himself out over the child three times. And he called out to Yahweh and said, "Yahweh my God, please let the life of this child return into his midst."	*Then Elijah stretched himself on top of the boy's body three times. He cried out to Yahweh, "Yahweh my God, please cause this boy to become alive again!"*

What did Elijah do to save the child?

Elijah stretched himself on the child three times; he cried out to Yahweh and said, "Yahweh my God, please let this child become alive again."

1 Kings 17:22-24

How did the woman know that Elijah was a man of God?

The woman knew that Elijah was a man of God when her son revived, and Elijah took the child and gave him to his mother.

1 Kings 18

1 Kings 18:1-2

What message did Yahweh ask Elijah to give to Ahab during the severe famine?

Yahweh asked Elijah to tell Ahab he would send rain on the land.

1 Kings 18:3-4

How did Obadiah honor Yahweh when Jezebel was killing the prophets of Yahweh?

Obadiah honored Yahweh by hiding 100 prophets by fifties in a cave and feeding them with bread and water.

1 Kings 18:5

ULT	UST
And Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go into the land, to all of the springs of water and to all of the wadis. Perhaps we will find grass, and we will keep alive a horse or a mule, and we will not cut off from the cattle."	*Ahab told Obadiah, "I want you to go throughout the country and check every spring and every stream bed to see whether we can find enough grass to feed the horses and mules so that they will not all die. If we can find grass, we will also not have to slaughter all of the cattle."*

Why did Ahab and Obadiah go through the land to all the water springs and brooks?

Ahab and Obadiah were searching for water and grass so they could keep a horse or a mule alive.

1 Kings 18:7-8

What dangerous message did Elijah ask Obadiah to tell Ahab?

Elijah asked Obadiah to tell Ahab that Elijah is here.

1 Kings 18:9-11

Why was Obadiah reluctant to tell Ahab that “Elijah is here.”?

Obadiah was reluctant to tell Ahab, “Elijah is here,” because all the nearby nations had taken an oath swearing that Elijah was not there.

1 Kings 18:12

ULT	UST
And it will happen that I, I will go from with you, and the Spirit of Yahweh will carry you to where I do not know. And I will come to declare to Ahab, but he will not find you, and he will kill me. But your servant has been fearing Yahweh from my youth.	*I believe that when I leave you, the Spirit of Yahweh will take you away somewhere, and I will not know where he has taken you. So when I tell Ahab that you are here, and he comes here and discovers that you are not here, he will kill me! But I do not deserve to die, because I have revered Yahweh ever since I was a boy.*

What did Obadiah think would happen as soon as he left Elijah?

Obadiah thought the Spirit of Yahweh would carry Elijah some place Obadiah would not know.

1 Kings 18:14-15

What did Elijah tell Obadiah to calm his fears?

Elijah told Obadiah that as Yahweh lives, he would surely show himself to Ahab that day.

1 Kings 18:16-17

What did Ahab call Elijah when he met him?

Ahab called Elijah “one troubling Israel” when he met him.

1 Kings 18:18

ULT	UST
And he said, "I have not troubled Israel, but rather you and the house of your father, by your forsaking the commandments of Yahweh and going after the Baals.	*Elijah replied, "I am not the one who has caused trouble for the people of Israel! You and your family are the ones who have done that! You have refused to obey Yahweh's commands, and you have worshiped idols representing Baal instead.*

How did Elijah respond to Ahab calling him a "troublemaker"?

Elijah told the king that Ahab and his father's family were the troublemakers because they abandoned the commandments of Yahweh to follow the Baals.

1 Kings 18:19

ULT	UST
And now, send, gather to me all of Israel to Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, eaters at the table of Jezebel."	*So I want you to command leaders from throughout Israel to meet me at Mount Carmel. I want you to tell the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah to go there also. Your wife Jezebel supports those prophets."*

Who did Elijah say to gather on Mount Carmel?

Elijah said to gather all the people of Israel, along with the 450 prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah who eat at Jezebel's table.

1 Kings 18:21

ULT	UST
And Elijah approached to all of the people, and he said, "Until when will you be limping on two opinions? If Yahweh is God, go after him, but if Baal, go after him." But the people did not answer him a word.	*Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, "You must not remain undecided any longer about who is truly God! If Yahweh is God, then you should worship him. If Baal is God, then you should worship him!" But the people said nothing in reply.*

Who did Elijah tell the people they should follow?

Elijah told the people to follow Yahweh if he was God or follow Baal if he was truly God.

1 Kings 18:22-24

What proposal did Elijah bring before the people?

Elijah proposed that he and the prophets of Baal each call upon their god to consume the sacrifice of a bull by fire to prove which one was God.

1 Kings 18:26

ULT	UST
And they took the bull that one gave to them, and they prepared, and they called on the name of Baal from morning and to midday, saying, "Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and there was no answering. And they limped beside the altar that one had made.	*So they chose one of the bulls and cut it into pieces. They built an altar and put wood on it, and they placed the pieces on the altar. Then they prayed to Baal specifically as their god all through that morning. They shouted, "Baal, answer us!" Then they danced wildly around the altar that they had made. But no one spoke to them from the sky or did anything in response to their prayer.*

How long did the prophets of Baal call on Baal?

The prophets of Baal called on Baal from morning until noon.

1 Kings 18:28

ULT	UST
And they called out with a great voice, and they cut themselves, according to their custom, with swords and with spears until a pouring of blood was on them.	*So they shouted even more loudly. They slashed themselves with swords and spears, as they typically did when they worshiped Baal, until blood covered their bodies.*

After Elijah mocked the prophets of Baal at noon, what did the prophets of Baal do?

The prophets of Baal cried more loudly and cut themselves with swords and spears.

1 Kings 18:29

ULT	UST
And it happened, when midday passed, that they prophesied until the offering of the grain offering. But there was no voice, and there was no answering, and there was no attention.	*They kept calling out to Baal until the middle of the afternoon, when it would soon be the time when it was customary to make a grain offering. But no one spoke to them from the sky or did anything in response to their prayer or paid any attention to it.*

How long did the prophets of Baal continue their raving?

The prophets of Baal were raving until the time of the evening sacrifice.

1 Kings 18:30-32

What did Elijah do to the ruined altar of Yahweh?

Elijah repaired the altar of Yahweh with twelve stones.

1 Kings 18:32

ULT	UST
And with the stones he built an altar in the name of Yahweh. And he made a trench around the altar like the house of two seahs of seed.	*With these stones, Elijah rebuilt Yahweh's altar. Then he dug a ditch around the altar that was large enough to hold about 15 liters of grain.*

What did Elijah make around the altar of Yahweh?

Elijah dug a trench around the altar of Yahweh.

1 Kings 18:33-34

What did Elijah have the people do to the wood and the bull for the burnt offering?

Three times Elijah had the people fill four jars with water and pour them on the burnt offering and the wood.

1 Kings 18:38-39

How did the people of Israel respond when the fire of Yahweh fell and consumed the sacrifice and everything around it?

The people lay face down on the ground and said, “Yahweh, he is God! Yahweh, he is God!”

1 Kings 18:40

ULT	UST
And Elijah said to them, “Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let a man from them escape.” And they seized them. And Elijah led them down to the wadi Kishon, and he slaughtered them there.	*Then Elijah commanded the people, “Seize all the prophets of Baal! Do not allow any of them to escape!” So the people seized all the prophets of Baal. They brought them down the mountain to the Kishon valley, and Elijah had the people execute them all there.*

What did Elijah do with the prophets of Baal?

Elijah brought the prophets of Baal down to the brook of Kishon and killed them.

1 Kings 18:43-44

What did the servant of Elijah see after he looked toward the sea seven times?

On the seventh time, the servant saw a cloud as small as a man’s hand.

1 Kings 18:44

ULT	UST
And it happened on the seventh time that he said, “Behold, a small cloud like the palm of a man is coming up from the sea.” And he said, “Go up, say to Ahab, ‘Harness and go down so the rain does not stop you.’”	*When the servant went the seventh time, he came back and told Elijah, “I saw a cloud forming above the sea. It was very small, like a person’s hand.” Then Elijah told him, “Go and tell King Ahab to have his servants get his chariot ready so he can go home right away. If he does not do that, the rain will stop him!”*

What did Elijah tell his servant to say to Ahab?

Elijah told his servant to tell Ahab to make ready his chariot and go down so the rain would not stop him.

1 Kings 18:46

ULT	UST
And the hand of Yahweh was on Elijah, and he girded up his loins, and he ran to the face of Ahab to your coming to Jezreel.	*Yahweh gave extra strength to Elijah. He tucked his cloak into his belt so that he could run, and he ran ahead of Ahab's chariot all the way to Jezreel.*

What did Elijah do as Ahab rode and went to Jezreel?

Elijah tucked his robe in his belt and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

1 Kings 19

1 Kings 19:1-2

What threat did Jezebel make to Elijah?

Jezebel told Elijah that by the next day she would have killed him, just like he killed all those prophets of Baal.

1 Kings 19:3

ULT	UST
And he saw, and he arose and went for his life, and he came to Beersheba, which is to Judah. And he made his servant stay there.	*When Elijah received her message, he realized he could not stay safely within the kingdom of Israel. So he took his servant with him and fled far to the south to Beersheba in the kingdom of Judah. He left his servant there.*

How did Elijah respond to the threat from Jezebel?

Elijah fled for his life to Beersheba.

1 Kings 19:4

ULT	UST
And he, he went the journey of a day into the wilderness, and he came and sat under a juniper tree. And he asked, regarding his life, to die, and he said, "Enough! Take my life now, Yahweh, for I am not better than my fathers."	*Then he walked for a whole day into the desolate area south of Beersheba. He came to a juniper tree and sat down in its shade. Then he prayed that Yahweh would allow him to die. He said, "Yahweh, I cannot endure anymore. So please allow me to die, just as my ancestors died."*

Why did Elijah request that he might die?

Elijah requested that he might die because he felt he was no better than his dead ancestors.

1 Kings 19:5

ULT	UST
And he lay down and slept under a juniper tree. And behold this, an angel was touching him, and he said to him, "Arise, eat!"	*Then Elijah lay down under that juniper tree and fell asleep. While he was sleeping, an angel tapped him and woke him up and said to him, "You need to get up and eat some food."*

What happened as Elijah was sleeping under a juniper tree?

An angel touched Elijah and said to him, "Get up and eat."

1 Kings 19:6

ULT	UST
And he looked, and behold, by his head was a bread-cake of hot stones and a jug of water. And he ate and drank, and he returned and lay down.	*Elijah looked around and saw some bread nearby that someone had baked on hot stones. He also saw a jar of water. So he ate the bread and drank some water, then he lay down to sleep again.*

What did Elijah see and do after the angel touched him?

Elijah saw bread that had been baked on coals and a jug of water. Elijah ate and drank, and then he lay down again.

1 Kings 19:8

ULT	UST
So he arose, and he ate and drank. And he went in the strength of that food 40 days and 40 nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.	*So Elijah got up and ate more food and drank more water. That made him strong enough to travel for 40 days and nights all the way to Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to the Israelites.*

How long did it take Elijah to get to Horeb, the mountain of God?

Elijah traveled 40 days and 40 nights to Horeb.

1 Kings 19:9-10

How did Elijah respond when Yahweh asked him what he was doing in a cave?

Elijah told Yahweh that he had been very zealous for him, but the people of Israel had forsaken his covenant, destroyed his altars, and killed his prophets, and he was the only one left, and they sought to kill him too.

1 Kings 19:15-16

What did Yahweh tell Elijah to do?

Yahweh told Elijah to return to the wilderness near Damascus to anoint Hazael to be king over Aram, Jehu to be king over Israel, and Elisha to be a prophet in his place.

1 Kings 19:18

ULT	UST
But I will leave in Israel 7, 000, all of the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him."	*But no one will kill the 7, 000 people in Israel who have never bowed down to worship Baal or reverently kissed his idol."*

How did Yahweh respond to Elijah's claim that he was the only prophet left in the land?

Yahweh told Elijah there were 7,000 people in Israel who never worshiped Baal.

1 Kings 19:19-20

What excuse did Elisha give to Elijah after he draped his cloak on him?

Elisha asked Elijah to let him kiss his mother and father before he followed him.

1 Kings 20

1 Kings 20:1-3

What was the message which Ahab received from Ben Hadad when the city of Samaria was under siege?

Ben Hadad told Ahab that his silver and gold as well as his wives and children were now Ben Hadad's possessions.

1 Kings 20:4-6

How did Ben Hadad respond to Ahab's willingness to give him his silver, gold, wives, and children?

Ben Hadad informed Ahab that he was sending his servants the next day, and they would seize with their hands anything valuable of Ahab's and bring it to him.

1 Kings 20:7-8

What was the advice which the king of Israel received from all the elders of the land and the people?

The elders of the land and the people told the king not to listen or consent to the demands of Ben Hadad.

1 Kings 20:9

ULT	UST
And he said to the messengers of Ben Hadad, "Say to my lord the king, 'All that you sent to your servant at first, I will do, but this thing I am not able to do.'" And the messengers went and returned him word.	*So Ahab told Ben Hadad's messengers, "Tell the king that I still agree to give him the things that he first requested. But I do not agree to what he is now demanding further." The messengers went back to King Ben Hadad and told him that.*

What was the message Ahab sent back to Ben Hadad?

Ahab told Ben Hadad that he was agreeable to his first demand, but he could not accept his second demand.

1 Kings 20:10

ULT	UST
And Ben Hadad sent to him and said, "Thus may the gods do to me, and thus may they add, if the dust of Samaria is enough for handfuls for all of the people who are at my feet!"	*Then Ben Hadad sent messengers back to Ahab. They told him on his behalf, "We will destroy your city completely. There will not be enough debris left for each of my soldiers to have a handful of it! If we do not do that, I ask the gods to destroy me completely and do other terrible things to me!"*

What was the response of Ben Hadad to the message of Ahab?

Ben Hadad took an oath that he would reduce Samaria less than a handful of ashes.

1 Kings 20:11-12

What did Ben Hadad say when the king of Israel told him that he should not boast as if the battle were over?

Ben Hadad told his soldiers to prepare to attack the city.

1 Kings 20:13-15

Who did Yahweh say would win the battle for Israel against the great army of the Arameans?

Yahweh told Ahab that the 232 young soldiers commanded by the district governors would win the battle for Israel.

1 Kings 20:16-17

When the young soldiers advanced first, what were Ben Hadad and the 32 lesser kings who were supporting him doing?

Ben Hadad and his 32 lesser kings were drinking themselves drunk.

1 Kings 20:20-21

What happened to Ben Hadad and the Arameans?

Ben Hadad escaped on a horse with some horsemen, and many of the Arameans were killed in a great slaughter.

1 Kings 20:22

ULT	UST
And the prophet came near to the king of Israel and said to him, "Go, strengthen yourself, and know and see what you shall do, because at the return of the year the king of Aram will be coming up against you."	*Then that same prophet went to King Ahab and told him, "The king of Aram is going to attack you with his army again in the springtime of next year. So you must increase the size of your army and make careful preparations."*

What message did the prophet bring to the king of Israel?

The prophet told the king of Israel that the king of Aram would return against them again, so Israel should strengthen itself and think carefully and prepare for what they would do.

1 Kings 20:23

ULT	UST
And the servants of the king of Aram said to him, "Their gods are gods of the hills. Therefore they were stronger than us. But indeed, we shall fight them in the plain, surely we will be stronger than them.	*After the Israelites defeated the Aramean army, Ben Hadad's officials told him, "The gods that the Israelites worship are gods who live in the hills, and Samaria is built on a hill. That is why their soldiers were able to defeat us when we fought them there. But if we fight against them in the plains, we will certainly defeat them because their gods will not be able to help them there.*

What did the servants of the king of Aram give as the reason for Israel being stronger in battle than the Arameans?

The servants of the king of Aram told him Israel was stronger than the Arameans, since their god is a god of the hills.

1 Kings 20:26

ULT	UST
And it happened at the return of the year that Ben Hadad mustered Aram. And he went up to Aphek for battle with Israel.	*In the spring of the following year, Ben Hadad gathered his soldiers and marched with them to the city of Aphek to fight against the Israelite army.*

What did Ben Hadad do after the beginning of the new year?

Ben Hadad mustered the Arameans and went up to Aphek to fight against Israel.

1 Kings 20:28

ULT	UST
And a man of God came near and spoke to the king of Israel and said, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Because Aram has said, "Yahweh is a god of the hills, but he is not a god of the valleys," I will give all of this great multitude into your hand, and you will know that I am Yahweh.'"	*A prophet came to King Ahab and told him, "Here is a message from Yahweh for you. He says, 'The Arameans are saying that I am a god who lives in the hills, and so I will not be able to help you if they fight you in a valley. I am going to prove that they are wrong by enabling your soldiers to defeat their huge army here in this valley. Then you will recognize that I, Yahweh, am the only true God.'"*

What did a man of God say to the king of Israel concerning the Arameans?

The man of God said that because the Arameans said God was a god of the hills and not a god of the valleys, God was going to place the Aramean army into the hands of the king of Israel in the valley.

1 Kings 20:29-30

What was the outcome of the battle between the armies?

Israel killed 100,000 Aramean footmen in one day. The rest fled to Aphek, into the city where a wall fell on 27,000 men who were left, and Ben Hadad fled into the city, into an inner room.

1 Kings 20:31-32

What did Ben Hadad's servants do for Ben Hadad?

Ben Hadad's servants put sackcloth on their waists and ropes around their heads and went to the king of Israel and begged the king of Israel to let Ben Hadad live.

1 Kings 20:33-34

What proposal did Ben Hadad make to Ahab when he was summoned to meet with him in his chariot?

Ben Hadad told Ahab that he would restore to him the cities which had been taken from Israel if Ahab would let him go.

1 Kings 20:35-36

Why was one of the prophets killed by a lion?

One of the prophets was killed by a lion because he did not obey the voice of Yahweh by hitting his fellow prophet.

1 Kings 20:37-38

How did the prophet disguise himself from the king after he had been hit and wounded?

The prophet disguised himself from the king with a bandage over his eyes.

1 Kings 20:39-40

Why did the prophet tell a story to the king of Israel?

The prophet told the story to the king of Israel to deceive him, so the king would make a ruling which would result in the forfeit of the king's own life.

1 Kings 20:41-42

What bold statement did the prophet make to the king of Israel?

The prophet told the king that he would lose his own life since he had allowed the man to live whom Yahweh had sentenced to death.

1 Kings 21

1 Kings 21:1-2

What did Ahab the king of Samaria want from Naboth the Jezreelite?

Ahab, king of Samaria, wanted the vineyard from Naboth, which was near his palace.

1 Kings 21:2

ULT	UST
And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give your vineyard to me, and it will be to me for a garden of vegetables, for it is near beside my house. And let me give to you in its place a better vineyard than it. If it is good in your eyes, let me give to you silver of the price of this."	*Ahab went to Naboth and said to him, "Your vineyard is close to my palace. I would like to buy it so that I can use the land for a vegetable garden. In exchange, I will give you a better vineyard somewhere else, or if you prefer, I will pay you what your vineyard is worth in silver."*

What did Ahab offer Naboth for his vineyard?

Ahab offered to give Naboth a better vineyard or to pay him in silver.

1 Kings 21:3

ULT	UST
And Naboth said to Ahab, "Profane to me from Yahweh, from my giving the inheritance of my fathers to you!"	*But Naboth replied, "I inherited that land from my ancestors and the law of Moses does not allow me to sell it. Yahweh would be very displeased with me if I sold that land to you, so I will not sell it!"*

Why did Naboth refuse to give his vineyard to Ahab?

Naboth refused to give his vineyard to Ahab because it was the inheritance of his ancestors.

1 Kings 21:4

ULT	UST
And Ahab entered into his house sullen and angry because of the word that Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him, for he had said, "I will not give to you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed, and he turned his face away, and he did not eat bread.	*Ahab became angry and depressed when Naboth told him that he would not sell him the vineyard that he had inherited from his ancestors. Ahab went home and lay down on his bed. He turned his face toward the wall, and he refused to eat anything.*

What did Ahab do when Naboth refused to give up his vineyard?

Ahab became resentful and angry, went to bed, and refused to eat any food.

1 Kings 21:7

ULT	UST
And Jezebel his wife said to him, "Now you, you do the kingship over Israel. Get up, eat bread, and let your heart be good! I, I will give to you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."	*Jezebel replied, "You are the king of Israel, so you can have whatever you want! Now get up and eat some food, and do not let what Naboth said bother you. I will get his vineyard for you."*

Who told Ahab to get up from bed, eat, and be happy?

Ahab's wife, Jezebel, told him to get out of bed, eat, and be happy. She said she would get the vineyard for him.

1 Kings 21:8-11

What did Jezebel do to make sure Ahab would get Naboth's vineyard?

Jezebel had two dishonest men falsely accuse Naboth of blasphemy against God and the king at a public fast.

1 Kings 21:10

ULT	UST
And seat two men, sons of wickedness, in front of him, and let them witness against him, saying, 'You blessed God and the king.' And take him out and stone him, and may he die."	*Then get two very dishonest men and seat them opposite him as witnesses against him. Tell those men to testify that they heard Naboth cursing God and me, King Ahab. Declare that he is guilty, and take Naboth out of the city and kill him by throwing stones at him."*

What would be the penalty for Naboth's blasphemy?

Naboth would be taken out and stoned to death.

1 Kings 21:17-18

Who did Yahweh send to the vineyard to meet Ahab?

Yahweh sent Elijah the Tishbite to the vineyard.

1 Kings 21:18

ULT	UST
"Arise! Go down to meet Ahab, the king of Israel, who is in Samaria. Behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down there to possess it.	*"I want you to go right away and speak to Ahab, the king of Israel, whose main palace is in Samaria. He is now in Jezreel, and he has gone to the vineyard that belongs to a man whose name is Naboth. He has gone there to claim that he now owns it.*

What did Ahab do when Jezebel told him that Naboth was dead?

When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he went to the vineyard to take possession of it.

1 Kings 21:19

ULT	UST
And you shall speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says Yahweh, “Have you murdered and also taken possession?”’ And you shall speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says Yahweh, “In the place where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth, the dogs will lick your blood, even you.”’”	*Give Ahab this message from me. Tell him that I say, ‘I know that you have murdered Naboth and taken his land!’ Give him this further message from me. Tell him that I say, ‘When Naboth died, dogs came and licked up his blood. You are also going to die, and dogs will lick up your blood in that same place. Yes, this will happen to you!’”*

What did Elijah tell Ahab would happen to him because of his sin?

Elijah told Ahab that dogs would lick his blood where they had licked the blood of Naboth.

1 Kings 21:22

ULT	UST
And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha, the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation by which you have provoked me, and you have caused Israel to sin.’	*I will allow someone to kill your entire family, just as people killed the entire families of Jeroboam son of Nebat and Baasha son of Ahijah. I will do this because you have caused me to become very angry and because you have led the Israelite people to sin.’*

What message did Elijah deliver to Ahab from Yahweh?

Elijah told Ahab that Yahweh said his family will all be killed, because he had provoked Yahweh and caused Israel to sin.

1 Kings 21:23

ULT	UST
And also about Jezebel Yahweh has spoken, saying, ‘Dogs will eat Jezebel at the rampart of Jezreel.’	*Yahweh has also told me that your wife Jezebel is going to die and that dogs will eat her body near the outer wall of Jezreel.*

What would happen to Jezebel?

The dogs would eat Jezebel by the rampart of Jezreel.

1 Kings 21:27

ULT	UST
And it happened, when Ahab heard these words, that he tore his garments and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and he fasted. And he lay down in sackcloth, and he walked softly.	*When Ahab heard the message from Yahweh that Elijah had spoken, to show that he was sorry for all the sins that he had committed,he tore his clothes. He also wore clothes made from rough, uncomfortable cloth, and he did not eat anything. He kept wearing those rough clothes even when he got into bed to sleep. He also walked very quietly.*

What did Ahab do when he heard these words?

Ahab tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his body, fasted and showed that he was sorry for the sins he had committed.

1 Kings 21:29

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“Have you seen that Ahab has humbled himself from to my face? Because he has humbled himself from my face, I will not bring harm in his days. In the days of his son, I will bring harm on his house.”	*“As you are aware, Ahab is acting very humbly now because he wants me to see that he is sorry for the evil things he has done. So I am not going to destroy his family while he is still alive. I am going to destroy his family after he dies and his son becomes king.”*

What did Yahweh do when Ahab humbled himself before him?

Yahweh said that he would not bring this disaster in Ahab’s day, but would do it in his son’s day.

1 Kings 22

1 Kings 22:1

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And they continued three years without war between Aram and between Israel.	*For the next three years, the kingdoms of Aram and Israel did not fight any wars against each other.*

How long was there no war between Aram and Israel?

For three years there had been no war between Aram and Israel.

1 Kings 22:2

ULT	UST
And it happened in the third year that Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, went down to the king of Israel.	*Then King Jehoshaphat, who ruled Judah, went to visit King Ahab, who ruled Israel.*

Who was the king of Judah?

The king of Judah was Jehoshaphat.

1 Kings 22:4

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And he said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to battle at Ramoth Gilead?" And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Like me, like you. Like my people, like your people. Like my horses, like your horses."	*Then Ahab turned toward Jehoshaphat and asked, "Will you lead your army and join me as I lead my army to fight to recapture Ramoth Gilead?" Jehoshaphat replied, "Yes, I will lead my army and join you as you lead your army. My soldiers and their horses will fight alongside your soldiers and their horses."*

What did the king of Israel ask Jehoshaphat to do with him?

The king of Israel asked Jehoshaphat to go to Ramoth Gilead and make war on the king of Aram.

1 Kings 22:6

ULT	UST
And the king of Israel gathered the prophets, about 400 men, and he said to them, "Shall I go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for the Lord will give it into the hand of the king."	*So Ahab summoned his prophets. There were about 400 of them. He asked them, "Should I lead my army to fight to recapture Ramoth Gilead, or should I not do that?" They answered, "Yes, go and attack them, because God will enable your army to recapture the city so that it will belong to you again."*

Who did the king of Israel call together to seek the will of Yahweh in this matter?

The king of Israel gathered the prophets, 400 men, and asked them about making war on Aram.

1 Kings 22:9

ULT	UST
So the king of Israel called to a eunuch and said, "Hasten Micaiah, the son of Imlah."	*So King Ahab told one of his officers to summon Micaiah immediately.*

From what other prophet did the king of Israel seek advice?

The king of Israel called upon Micaiah, the son of Imlah.

1 Kings 22:12

ULT	UST
And all of the prophets were prophesying thus, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for Yahweh will give it into the hand of the king."	*The other prophets who were there said the same thing. They told Ahab, "If you go and attack Ramoth Gilead, you will succeed in conquering it, because Yahweh will enable you to defeat its defenders!"*

As the kings Ahab and Jehoshaphat sat on their thrones before the prophets, what was the prophesy they heard?

As the kings Ahab and Jehoshaphat sat on their thrones, all the prophets said to them that they should attack Ramoth Gilead and win.

1 Kings 22:15

ULT	UST
And he came to the king, and the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth Gilead for battle, or shall we refrain?" And he said to him, "Go up and prosper, for Yahweh will give it into the hand of the king."	*When Micaiah came to Ahab, Ahab asked him, "Micaiah, should I lead my army to fight to recapture Ramoth Gilead, or should I not do that?" Micaiah replied, "If you go and attack Ramoth Gilead, you will succeed in conquering it, because Yahweh will enable you to defeat its defenders."*

Was Micaiah in agreement with all the other prophets?

Yes, Micaiah was in agreement with all the other prophets.

1 Kings 22:17

ULT	UST
And he said, "I saw all of Israel scattered on the hills like a flock when no shepherd is to them. And Yahweh said, 'No masters are to these. Let them return, a man to his house, in peace.'"	*So Micaiah said to him, "The truth is that in a vision I saw that the Israelite soldiers had scattered on the hills, the way sheep scatter when they do not have a shepherd. And Yahweh said, 'Their master is dead. So let them all stop fighting and go home.'"*

What bad news did Micaiah tell the king of Israel?

Micaiah told the king of Israel that they would have no shepherd and would be scattered.

1 Kings 22:21-23

How did Micaiah tell the king of Israel that he would be enticed to go to Ramoth Gilead?

Micaiah told the king of Israel that he would be enticed to go to Ramoth Gilead by the lies his prophets would tell him.

1 Kings 22:26-27

What did the king of Israel order to be done to Micaiah?

The king of Israel ordered that Micaiah be seized and put in prison and be fed only a little bread and water until the king of Israel returned safely.

1 Kings 22:30

ULT	UST
And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself and come into the battle, but you, wear your robes." And the king of Israel disguised himself, and he came into the battle.	*King Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "When I lead my army into battle, I will wear different clothes so that no one will recognize that I am the king of Israel. But you should wear your royal robes." So Ahab put on different clothes, and they both led their armies into the battle.*

What did the king of Israel do to avoid capture in the battle at Ramoth Gilead?

The king of Israel disguised himself to avoid capture at Ramoth Gilead.

1 Kings 22:34

ULT	UST
But a man drew the bow in his innocence, and he struck the king of Israel between the joints and between the armor. And he said to his charioteer, "Turn your hand and bring me out from the camp, for I am wounded."	*But one Aramean soldier shot an arrow at the Israelite soldiers without aiming at anyone in particular. The arrow struck Ahab where the parts of his armor joined together and so it went through the armor and into his body. Ahab told the driver of his chariot, "This arrow has wounded me! So turn the chariot around and get me out of the midst of the fighting!"*

How did Ahab receive a serious wound at the battle of Ramoth Gilead?

A soldier of Aram shot his bow at random and the arrow struck Ahab between the joints of his armor, wounding him.

1 Kings 22:37

ULT	UST
And the king died, and he came to Samaria. And they buried the king in Samaria.	*After King Ahab died, his soldiers brought his body back to Samaria and buried it there.*

Where was Ahab buried?

Ahab was buried in Samaria.

1 Kings 22:40

ULT	UST
And Ahab lay down with his fathers. And Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.	*When Ahab died, his son Ahaziah became the next king.*

Who became king at the death of Ahab?

His son Ahaziah became king of Israel.

1 Kings 22:42

ULT	UST
Jehoshaphat was a son of 35 years when he reigned, and he reigned 25 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.	*Jehoshaphat was 35 years old when he started to rule, and he ruled in Jerusalem for 25 years. His mother was Azubah daughter of Shilhi.*

How long did Jehoshaphat reign in Jerusalem?

Jehoshaphat reigned in Jerusalem for 25 years.

1 Kings 22:43

ULT	UST
And he walked in every way of Asa his father, he did not turn from it, doing right in the eyes of Yahweh. However, they did not remove the high places. The people were still sacrificing and burning incense at the high places.	*Jehoshaphat was a good king, just as his father Asa had been. Throughout his life, he did things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were good to do. However, he did not order his servants to destroy the shrines for worship on the top of hills. So the people continued to offer sacrifices and burn incense at those shrines.*

What was said about the reign of Jehoshaphat?

It was said that Jehoshaphat did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh.

1 Kings 22:51-52

What was said about the reign of Ahaziah?

It was said that Ahaziah did the evil things that his father and mother had done and the evil things that Jeroboam had done, leading the Israelite people to worship idols.