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2 Kings

2 Kings 1

2 Kings 1:2

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

How was Ahaziah injured?

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

2 Kings 1:4

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

Why was Ahaziah going to certainly die?

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

2 Kings 1:8

ULT	UST
And they said to him, "A man, a master of hair, and a belt of skin was tied around his waist." And he said, "He was Elijah the Tishbite."	*They replied, "He was wearing a hairy cloak, and he had a wide leather belt around his waist." The king said, "Then that was Elijah the Tishbite!"*

What did Elijah wear?

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

2 Kings 1:10

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

What consumed the captain and his fifty men?

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

2 Kings 1:13

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

How did the third captain approach Elijah?

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

2 Kings 1:17

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

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

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

2 Kings 2

2 Kings 2:1

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

When did Elijah leave with Elisha from Gilgal?

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

2 Kings 2:3

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

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

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

2 Kings 2:8

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

Why did the river divide on both sides?

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

2 Kings 2:9

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

For what did Elisha ask?

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

2 Kings 2:11

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

How did Elijah go up into heaven?

Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

2 Kings 2:14

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

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

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

2 Kings 2:16

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

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

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

2 Kings 2:17

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

For how long did the fifty men search for Elijah?

The fifty men searched for three days.

2 Kings 2:19

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

What was the problem at Jericho?

The water was bad and the land was not fruitful.

2 Kings 2:21-22

How was the water healed?

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

2 Kings 2:23-24

When some boys mocked Elisha, what curse happened to them?

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

2 Kings 3

2 Kings 3:2

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

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

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

2 Kings 3:6

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

Why did King Joram leave Samaria?

King Joram left Samaria to mobilize all Israel for war.

2 Kings 3:9

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

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

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

2 Kings 3:11

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

What had Elisha done for Elijah?

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

2 Kings 3:14

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

Why did Elisha pay attention to the king of Israel?

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

2 Kings 3:15

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

When did the hand of Yahweh come upon Elisha?

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

2 Kings 3:20

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

When was the country filled with water?

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

2 Kings 3:21

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

Who from the Moabites gathered themselves together to fight?

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

2 Kings 3:22-23

What did the Moabites think when they saw the water?

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

2 Kings 3:27

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

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

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

2 Kings 4

2 Kings 4:1

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

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

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

2 Kings 4:3

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

From where should the woman borrow jars?

The woman should borrow jars from her neighbors.

2 Kings 4:6

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

When did the oil stop flowing?

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

2 Kings 4:10

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

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

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

2 Kings 4:16

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

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

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

2 Kings 4:18-19

When did the child develop pain in his head?

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

2 Kings 4:20

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

Where did the child sit until he died?

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

2 Kings 4:25

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

Where was the man of God?

The man of God was at Mount Carmel.

2 Kings 4:26

ULT	UST
Now please run to meet her and say to her, 'Is welfare to you? Is welfare to your husband? Is welfare to the child?'" And she said, "Peace."	*Run to her and ask her if everything is all right with her and her husband and with her child!" So Gehazi ran to her and asked her, but she told him that she did not want to stop to answer his questions.*

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

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

2 Kings 4:27

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

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

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

2 Kings 4:29

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

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

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

2 Kings 4:31

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

What did Gehazi lay on the child's face?

He laid the staff on the child's face.

2 Kings 4:34

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

How did the boy's body grow warm?

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

2 Kings 4:35

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

What did the child do before he opened his eyes?

The child sneezed seven times and then opened his eyes.

2 Kings 4:38-39

Who gathered wild gourds?

One of the prophets gathered wild gourds.

2 Kings 4:40-41

How did Elisha remove the death from the pot?

Elisha threw some flour into the pot.

2 Kings 4:42-43

How many people ate the twenty loaves of barley bread?

One hundred people ate the twenty loaves of barley bread.

2 Kings 5

2 Kings 5:1

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

What had Yahweh given to Aram by Naaman?

Yahweh had given deliverance to Aram.

2 Kings 5:3

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

Whom did the little girl say would heal her master?

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

2 Kings 5:6

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

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

Naaman took the letter to the king of Israel.

2 Kings 5:7

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

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

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

2 Kings 5:10

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

What was Naaman told to do to be clean?

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

2 Kings 5:11

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

How did Naaman think Elisha would heal him?

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

2 Kings 5:14

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

Like what was Naaman's flesh restored?

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

2 Kings 5:15

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

After Naaman was healed, what did he know?

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

2 Kings 5:18

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

For what did Naaman ask Yahweh to pardon him?

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

2 Kings 5:22

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

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

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

2 Kings 5:24

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

What did Gehazi hide in the house?

He hid the bags of silver in the house.

2 Kings 5:26-27

What happened because Gehazi lied?

Because Gehazi lied, he became a leper.

2 Kings 6

2 Kings 6:1-2

Why did the sons of the prophets want to build a place to live?

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

2 Kings 6:5

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

Why was the man who lost the axe head worried?

He was worried because the axe was borrowed.

2 Kings 6:6

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

How did Elisha make iron float?

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

2 Kings 6:12

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

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

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

2 Kings 6:15

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

Why was Elisha's servant worried?

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

2 Kings 6:18-19

How did Elisha lead the Arameans to Samaria?

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

2 Kings 6:20

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

Where were the Arameans when Yahweh opened their eyes?

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

2 Kings 6:22-23

What did the king of Israel do to the Arameans?

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

2 Kings 6:25

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

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

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

2 Kings 6:28-29

What did the woman tell the king was troubling her?

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

2 Kings 6:32

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

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

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

2 Kings 7

2 Kings 7:2

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

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

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

2 Kings 7:3

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

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

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

2 Kings 7:6

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

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

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

2 Kings 7:11

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

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

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

2 Kings 7:12

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

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

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

2 Kings 7:15

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

Of what was the road full?

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

2 Kings 7:18-19

What did the captain say when Elisha told him, "About this time in the gate of Samaria, two measures of barley will be available for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel."?

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

2 Kings 8

2 Kings 8:1-2

Why did the woman whose son Elisha restored to life live in the land of the Philistines seven years?

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

2 Kings 8:3

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

Why did the woman go to the king?

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

2 Kings 8:5

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

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

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

2 Kings 8:9

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

What did Hazael take with him to give to Elisha?

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

2 Kings 8:11-12

Why did the man of God weep?

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

2 Kings 8:14-15

After Hazael told the king of Aram that he would recover, what did he do to King Ben Hadad?

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

2 Kings 8:18

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

Who was Jehoram's wife?

Jehoram's wife was Ahab's daughter.

2 Kings 8:19

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

Why was Yahweh not willing to destroy Judah?

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

2 Kings 8:20

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

When did Edom revolt from under the hand of Judah?

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

2 Kings 8:27

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

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

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

2 Kings 8:29

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

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

King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel.

2 Kings 9

2 Kings 9:1-3

Why did one of the sons of the prophets take a little bottle of oil in his hand and go to Ramoth Gilead?

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

2 Kings 9:6

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

Who poured the oil on Jehu's head?

The prophet poured the oil on Jehu's head.

2 Kings 9:7

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

How would Yahweh avenge the blood of his servants?

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

2 Kings 9:10

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

What was going to happen to Jezebel?

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

2 Kings 9:12-13

What did the servants of Jehu's master do after Jehu said he was anointed as king?

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

2 Kings 9:15

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

Why had King Joram gone back to Jezreel?

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

2 Kings 9:17-18

What did the watchman see the messenger do?

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

2 Kings 9:20

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

How did the watchman know Jehu was driving the chariot?

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

2 Kings 9:21

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

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

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

2 Kings 9:24

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

What happened after Jehu shot Joram between his shoulders?

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

2 Kings 9:26

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

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

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

2 Kings 9:28

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

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

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

2 Kings 9:30

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

What happened when Jehu came to Jezreel?

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

2 Kings 9:32-33

Who threw Jezebel down?

Some eunuchs threw Jezebel down.

2 Kings 9:35

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

Why could no one bury Jezebel?

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

2 Kings 10

2 Kings 10:3

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

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

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

2 Kings 10:4-5

Why did the elders and guardians of Ahab's descendants not make any man king?

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

2 Kings 10:7

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

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

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

2 Kings 10:10

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

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

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

2 Kings 10:13-14

How many brothers of Ahaziah did Jehu meet and kill?

He met and killed forty-two men.

2 Kings 10:15

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

Why did Jehu take Jonadab into the chariot?

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

2 Kings 10:19

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

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

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

2 Kings 10:21

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

To where did the worshipers of Baal come?

They came into the temple of Baal.

2 Kings 10:24

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

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

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

2 Kings 10:27

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

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

They made the house of Baal into a latrine.

2 Kings 10:29

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

How did Jehu not leave the sins of Jeroboam?

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

2 Kings 10:30

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

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

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

2 Kings 10:34

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

Where were the other matters concerning Jehu written?

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

2 Kings 11

2 Kings 11:1-2

Who was Athaliah not able to kill?

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

2 Kings 11:4

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

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

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

2 Kings 11:7

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

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

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

2 Kings 11:10

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

What did Jehoiada hand over to the commanders?

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

2 Kings 11:14

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

Why did Athaliah tear her clothes and shout?

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

2 Kings 11:15-16

Why was Athaliah killed at the king's house?

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

2 Kings 11:17-18

After Jehoiada made a covenant, what did the people do?

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

2 Kings 11:19-20

When Joash sat on the throne of the kings, how did the people respond?

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

2 Kings 12

2 Kings 12:2

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

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

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

2 Kings 12:4

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

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

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

2 Kings 12:6-7

Why did Joash tell the priests to take no more money from the taxpayers?

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

2 Kings 12:9

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

Who put money into the chest?

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

2 Kings 12:12

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

For what did the workers use the money?

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

2 Kings 12:16

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

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

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

2 Kings 12:18

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

How did King Joash prevent King Hazael from attacking Jerusalem?

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

2 Kings 12:21

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

Who attacked Joash?

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

2 Kings 13

2 Kings 13:4-5

Why did Yahweh give Israel a rescuer?

Jehoahaz implored Yahweh, so Yahweh gave Israel a rescuer.

2 Kings 13:7

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

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

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

2 Kings 13:15

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

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

He told Joash to bring a bow and some arrows.

2 Kings 13:18-19

What happened because Joash hit the ground only three times?

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

2 Kings 13:21

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

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

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

2 Kings 13:23

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

Why did Yahweh not drive Israel away from his presence?

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

2 Kings 14

2 Kings 14:5

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

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

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

2 Kings 14:6

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

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

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

2 Kings 14:9

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

What trampled down the thistle?

A wild beast in Lebanon trampled down the thistle.

2 Kings 14:14

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

What did Jehoash take to Samaria from Jerusalem?

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

2 Kings 14:19

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

How did Amaziah die?

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

2 Kings 14:22

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

What did Uzziah do to Elath?

Uzziah rebuilt Elath and restored it to Judah.

2 Kings 14:25

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

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

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

2 Kings 14:26-27

Because Yahweh saw there was no rescuer for Israel, how did he save them?

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

2 Kings 15

2 Kings 15:5

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

How did Yahweh afflict King Azariah?

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

2 Kings 15:7

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

Who became king in Azariah's place?

Jotham, his son, became king in his place.

2 Kings 15:10

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

Where did Shallum kill Zechariah?

Shallum killed Zechariah in front of the people.

2 Kings 15:12

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

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

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

2 Kings 15:13-14

Why did Shallum reign only one month in Samaria?

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

2 Kings 15:16

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

Why did Menahem attack Tiphsah and all who were there?

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

2 Kings 15:19-20

How did Menahem collect the one thousand talents of silver to give Pul?

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

2 Kings 15:25

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

Who killed Pekahiah?

Pekah killed Pekahiah.

2 Kings 15:29-30

Why did Hoshea form a conspiracy against Pekah?

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

2 Kings 15:34

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

Whose example did Jotham follow?

Jotham followed the example of his father, Uzziah.

2 Kings 16

2 Kings 16:3

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

What did Ahaz do to his son?

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

2 Kings 16:5

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

What could Rezin not do when he attacked Jerusalem?

When Rezin attacked Jerusalem, he could not conquer Ahaz.

2 Kings 16:8

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

What gift did Ahaz give the king of Assyria?

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

2 Kings 16:10-11

What altar did Ahaz want Uriah to replicate?

Ahaz wanted to replicate the altar at Damascus.

2 Kings 16:13

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

Who made his burned offering and his grain offering?

The king made his burned offering and his grain offering.

2 Kings 16:15

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

What was the purpose of the bronze altar?

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

2 Kings 16:18

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

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

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

2 Kings 17

2 Kings 17:3

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

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

Hoshea became his servant and brought him tribute.

2 Kings 17:4

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

How had Hoshea been plotting against Shalmaneser?

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

2 Kings 17:7

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

Why did the captivity happen?

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

2 Kings 17:12

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

What had Yahweh said the Israelites must not do?

Yahweh had said they must not worship idols.

2 Kings 17:13

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

By whom had Yahweh testified to Israel and to Judah?

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

2 Kings 17:14

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

The Israelites were very stubborn like whom?

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

2 Kings 17:17

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

How did the Israelites sell themselves?

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

2 Kings 17:22-23

Why did Yahweh remove Israel from his sight?

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

2 Kings 17:25

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

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

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

2 Kings 17:28

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

What did the priest teach the new people in Bethel?

The priest taught them how they should fear Yahweh.

2 Kings 17:29

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

Where did every ethnic group put the gods they made?

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

2 Kings 17:32

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

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

The new nations also honored Yahweh.

2 Kings 17:34-35

How did the new people in Israel not honor Yahweh?

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

2 Kings 17:40

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

How did the nations in Israel not listen?

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

2 Kings 18

2 Kings 18:4

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

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

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

2 Kings 18:9-10

For how long did Shalmaneser king of Assyria attack Samaria?

Shalmaneser king of Assyria attacked Samaria for three years.

2 Kings 18:11-12

Why did the king of Assyria carry Israel captive away to Assyria?

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

2 Kings 18:15

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

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

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

2 Kings 18:17-18

From where did Tartan and Rabsaris and the chief commander call to King Hezekiah?

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

2 Kings 18:21

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

What would happen if a man leaned on Egypt?

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

2 Kings 18:23

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

What wager did the king of Assyria make?

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

2 Kings 18:25

ULT	UST
'"Now have I come up against this place to destroy it without Yahweh? Yahweh said to me, 'Go up against this land and destroy it.'"'"	*Furthermore, do not think that we have come to destroy Jerusalem without Yahweh's help. It is Yahweh himself who told us to come here and destroy this land!"*

What did Yahweh tell the king of Assyria to do?

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

2 Kings 18:26

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

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

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

2 Kings 18:28

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

In what language did the chief commander shout?

The chief commander shouted in the Jews' language.

2 Kings 18:31

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

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

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

2 Kings 18:36

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

What did King Hezekiah command?

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

2 Kings 19

2 Kings 19:1

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

What did King Hezekiah do when he heard the report?

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

2 Kings 19:4

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

What did Hezekiah say Yahweh might do?

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

2 Kings 19:7

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

What would Yahweh do to stop the king of Assyria?

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

2 Kings 19:10

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

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

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

2 Kings 19:14

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

Where did Hezekiah spread the letter from the messengers?

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

2 Kings 19:19

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

Why should Yahweh save the people of Judah?

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

2 Kings 19:22

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

Against whom did the king of Assyria raise his voice?

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

2 Kings 19:24

ULT	UST
I, I dug, and I drank foreign waters. And with the sole of my feet I will dry up all of the streams of Matsor."	*Yahweh says that the Assyrian king is boasting that in order to march through desolate regions, he and his soldiers have dug wells in other countries to get water. He is also boasting that he will conquer Matsor, which people also call Egypt, as easily as a person can stamp out a small puddle of water.*

Who said he would dry up all the streams of Matsor under the soles of his feet?

Sennacherib said he would dry up all the streams of Matsor under the soles of his feet.

2 Kings 19:25

ULT	UST
Have you not heard? From long ago, I did it; from days of antiquity, I formed it. Now I have brought it, that you should be for devastating fortified cities into ruined heaps.	*But Yahweh says that the Assyrian king should realize that he planned long ago for those things to happen. Now he is causing them to occur. That is why the king's army has been capturing and destroying many cities that were surrounded by high walls.*

Who determined long ago that impregnable cities would be reduced into heaps of ruins?

Yahweh determined long ago that impregnable cities would be reduced into heaps of ruins.

2 Kings 19:28

ULT	UST
Because of your raging against me, and your arrogance has come up into my ears, I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your lips, and I will make you return on the way by which you came.'	*Yahweh says that he has heard the king yelling at him angrily. As a result, he is going to force him to return to his own country without conquering Jerusalem by the same route that he took to get here. It will be as if Yahweh puts a hook in his nose and a bit in his mouth in order to make him go where he wants him to go.*

What would Yahweh put in Sennacherib's nose?

Yahweh would put his hook in Sennacherib's nose.

2 Kings 19:29

ULT	UST
And this will be the sign for you. This year, you will eat wild grain, and in the second year, its offspring. But in the third year, sow and harvest, and plant vineyards and eat their fruit.	*Here is a sign for you, Hezekiah, to show that this message is truly from Yahweh. This year, you and your people will eat wild grain. Next year, you will eat the grain that grows from the seeds of those wild plants. But the following year, you Israelites will be able to plant grain and harvest it. You will be able to plant vineyards and eat the grapes.*

What would be the sign for Hezekiah?

The sign would be that the people of Judah would eat what grows wild, and in the second year what grows from that.

2 Kings 19:34

ULT	UST
'For I will cover over this city to save it, for my sake and for the sake of David my servant.'"	*Yahweh says that he will defend this city and prevent the Assyrians from destroying it. He will do that to show that he is the one true God and because of what he promised to his servant David, that his descendants would always rule in Jerusalem."*

Why would Yahweh defend Jerusalem?

Yahweh would defend Jerusalem for his own sake and for his servant David's sake.

2 Kings 19:35

ULT	UST
And it happened in that night that the angel of Yahweh went out and struck in the camp of Assyria 185, 000. And they arose early in the morning and behold, all of them were dead corpses.	*That night, an angel representing Yahweh went to the place where the Assyrian soldiers had set up their tents. He killed 185, 000 of the soldiers. When the rest of the soldiers woke up the next morning, they saw the dead bodies of all those soldiers.*

How did Yahweh defend Jerusalem?

The angel of Yahweh went out and struck the camp of the Assyrians, putting to death 185,000 soldiers.

2 Kings 20

2 Kings 20:1

ULT	UST
In those days, Hezekiah was sick to dying. And Isaiah, the son of Amoz, the prophet, came to him and said to him, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Command regarding your house, for you are dying, and you will not live.'"	*Around that time, Hezekiah became so sick that he was in danger of dying. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz came to him and told him, "Yahweh says that you should tell the people in your palace what you want them to do after you die. You should do that because you are not going to recover from this illness. Instead, you are going to die."*

What did Yahweh tell Hezekiah to do because he would die?

Yahweh told Hezekiah to set his house in order, for he would die.

2 Kings 20:5

ULT	UST
"Return, and you shall say to Hezekiah, the leader of my people, 'Thus says Yahweh, the God of David your father, "I have heard your prayer. I have seen your weeping. Behold me, healing you. On the third day, you will go up to the house of Yahweh.	*"Go back to Hezekiah, the king of Judah, and tell him that I, Yahweh, the God whom his ancestor King David worshiped, have heard what he prayed. I have seen how he has been crying. Tell him that I will heal him. Two days from now, he will be able to go to my temple.*

Why was Yahweh about to heal Hezekiah?

Because Yahweh heard Hezekiah's prayer and saw his tears, he was about to heal him.

2 Kings 20:7

ULT	UST
And Isaiah said, "Bring a cake of figs." And they brought it, and they put it on the sore, and he lived.	*Isaiah came back and told Hezekiah what Yahweh had said, then he told Hezekiah's servants, "Make a paste from figs." The servants made the fig paste and put it on the sore place on Hezekiah's body. Then he recovered.*

How did Hezekiah recover?

A lump of figs was put on his boil, and he recovered.

2 Kings 20:10-11

How did Yahweh change the shadow?

Yahweh brought the shadow ten steps backward from where it had moved to on the stairway of Ahaz.

2 Kings 20:13

ULT	UST
And Hezekiah listened to them, and he showed them the whole house of his treasure, the silver and the gold and the spices and the fine oil and the house of his armor and everything that was found in his treasuries. There was not a thing that Hezekiah did not show them in his house or in all of his realm.	*When the messengers arrived, Hezekiah listened when they read the letter to him from Berodach Baladan. Then he showed them all the valuable possessions he was keeping in his palace. He showed them the silver and the gold, the spices, the special olive oil, and the weapons for his soldiers. He showed them all the valuable things that were in his storerooms and in other places in his kingdom.*

What did Hezekiah show the messengers from the king of Babylon?

Hezekiah showed them everything in his house and kingdom.

2 Kings 20:18

ULT	UST
‘And they will take some of your sons who will come forth from you, whom you will beget, and they will be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’”	*He is also telling you that the Babylonian army will force some of your own descendants to go to Babylon. There they will be eunuchs in the royal palace.”*

What would happen to the sons born from Hezekiah?

The people of Babylon would take away the sons born from him, and they would become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

2 Kings 20:19

ULT	UST
And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “The word of Yahweh that you have spoken is good.” For he said, “Is it not, if peace and stability will be in my days?”	*Then Hezekiah replied to Isaiah, “I accept what Yahweh has said in the message you have delivered.” He said that because he was thinking, “Even if that happens, the people of my kingdom will live peacefully and safely for as long as I am alive.”*

Why did Hezekiah think that the word of Yahweh was good?

Hezekiah thought that the word of Yahweh was good because there would be peace and stability in his days.

2 Kings 21

2 Kings 21:3

ULT	UST
And he returned and built the high places that Hezekiah his father had destroyed. And he set up altars for Baal, and he made an Asherah, just as Ahab, the king of Israel, had done. And he prostrated himself to the whole army of the heavens, and he served them.	*His father Hezekiah had destroyed the shrines where the Judeans had worshiped on the tops of hills. But Manasseh commanded his workers to rebuild those shrines. He had his workers build altars for Baal. He also had them set up a pole for the worship of the goddess Asherah, as King Ahab of Israel had previously done. Manasseh also bowed down to the sun, moon, and stars to worship them.*

What did Manasseh rebuild?

Manasseh rebuilt the shrines that Hezekiah, his father, had destroyed.

2 Kings 21:6

ULT	UST
And he made his son pass through the fire, and he practiced divination, and he observed signs, and he made a ritual pit and familiar spirits. He multiplied doing evil in the eyes of Yahweh, making him angry.	*He even burned his own son as a sacrifice to a false god. He performed rituals to practice sorcery. He allowed people to dig pits so they could use them try to contact people who had died. People also used those pits to try to talk to spirits that they thought could tell them things that people otherwise could not know. He did very many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil, and that made Yahweh very angry.*

With whom did Manasseh consult?

Manasseh practiced divination, and he observed signs, and he made a ritual pit and familiar spirits.

2 Kings 21:7

ULT	UST
And he put the image of Asherah that he made in the house about which Yahweh had said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all of the tribes of Israel, I will put my name forever.	*He placed the pole for the worship of the goddess Asherah inside the temple building. That was the place about which Yahweh had said to David and his son Solomon, "I will make Jerusalem, and especially this temple, places where people will always worship me. I chose Jerusalem for that purpose from among all of the cities in the land of Israel.*

What did Manasseh place in the house of Yahweh?

Manasseh placed the carved figure of Asherah that he had made in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 21:11

ULT	UST
"Because Manasseh, the king of Judah, has done these evil abominations more than all that the Amorite did who was to his face, and he has also made Judah sin with his idols,	*"Yahweh is angry with King Manasseh of Judah because he has done disgusting evil things. They are worse than the things the Amorites did who lived in the land before the Israelites. Manasseh has also influenced the people of Judah to sin against Yahweh by worshiping the idols that he has made.*

Whom did Manasseh act more wickedly than?

Manasseh acted more wickedly than the Amorites who were before him.

2 Kings 21:14-15

Why would the remnant become victims and plunder for all their enemies?

The remnant would become victims and plunder for all their enemies because his people have done things that he has told them are very evil.

2 Kings 21:16

ULT	UST
And Manasseh also poured out very much innocent blood, until he filled Jerusalem mouth to mouth, besides his sin by which he made Judah sin by doing evil in the eyes of Yahweh.	*Manasseh also had his soldiers kill very many innocent people throughout the city of Jerusalem. He did this in addition to committing sins that influenced the people of Judah to commit sins by doing things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil.*

How much innocent blood did Manasseh shed?

Manasseh shed so much innocent blood that he filled Jerusalem from one end to another with death.

2 Kings 21:23

ULT	UST
And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and they killed the king in his house.	*Amon's officials plotted against him. They assassinated him in his palace.*

How did Amon die?

The servants of Amon conspired against him and put the king to death in his own house.

2 Kings 21:26

ULT	UST
And one buried him in his tomb in the garden of Uzza. And Josiah his son reigned in his place.	*The Judeans buried Amon in the tomb in the garden that Uzza had formerly owned. Amon's son Josiah became the next king.*

Where was Amon buried?

The people buried Amon in his tomb in the garden of Uzza.

2 Kings 22

2 Kings 22:2

ULT	UST
And he did right in the eyes of Yahweh, and he walked in every way of David his father, and he did not turn away, right or left.	*Josiah did things that pleased Yahweh. He behaved in the same godly manner as his ancestor King David had behaved. He did not behave differently at all.*

How did Josiah walk?

Josiah walked in all the ways of David his ancestor, and he did not turn away either to the right or to the left.

2 Kings 22:3-5

What did Josiah want Hilkiah to give to the workmen who were in the house of Yahweh?

Josiah wanted Hilkiah to give the money that was brought into the house of Yahweh to the workmen who were in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:7

ULT	UST
However, the silver given to their hand shall not be reckoned with them, because they are acting in faithfulness.	*The men who supervise the work are completely honest. So you do not need to require them to report how they spend the money you give them.*

Why was no accounting required for the money that was given to the workmen?

No accounting was required for the money that was given to the workmen, because they handled it faithfully.

2 Kings 22:8

ULT	UST
And Hilkiah the great priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found a scroll of the Law in the house of Yahweh." And Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan, and he read it.	*So Shaphan did that, and later Hilkiah reported to him, "I have found a scroll in the temple that records the laws that God gave to Moses." Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan, and he read it.*

What did Hilkiah find in the house of Yahweh?

Hilkiah found the Book of the Law in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:11

ULT	UST
And it happened when the king heard the words of the scroll of the Law that he tore his clothes.	*When the king heard the laws that Shaphan was reading to him from the scroll, he tore his robes to show how concerned he was that Yahweh would punish the Judeans.*

When the king heard the words of the law, what did he do?

When the king heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes.

2 Kings 22:14

ULT	UST
And Hilkiah the priest went with Ahikam and Akbor and Shaphan and Asaiah to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum, the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, the keeper of the clothes (now she was living in Jerusalem, in the Second Quarter), and they spoke to her.	*So Hilkiah, Ahikam, Akbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to consult a woman whose name was Huldah. She was a prophetess, and she lived in the Second Quarter of Jerusalem. She was married to Shallum, whose father was Tikvah and whose grandfather was Harhas. Shallum took care of the garments that the priests wore in the temple. Those five men told Huldah about the scroll that Hilkiah had found.*

Where did Huldah live?

Huldah lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter.

2 Kings 22:19

ULT	UST
“Because your heart is tender and you humbled yourself from the face of Yahweh when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its dwellers, that they would become a horror and a curse, and you tore your clothes and wept to my face, now I, I have also heard.” The declaration of Yahweh.	*he is going to treat him mercifully. Yahweh will do that because he was so sad and he acted humbly toward me when he heard what Yahweh said he was going to do to punish this city and the people who live here. Yahweh said that he was going to do something so terrible that it would horrify people. People would curse other places by saying they wanted them to become like Jerusalem. But when King Josiah heard that, he wept and tore his robes to show his distress. He knew that Yahweh was watching him. That is why Yahweh declares that he is going to treat him mercifully.*

Why did Yahweh listen to the king of Judah?

Yahweh listened to the king of Judah because his heart was tender and because he humbled himself before Yahweh and because he tore his clothes and wept before Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:20

ULT	UST
“Therefore, behold me, gathering you to your fathers, and you will be gathered to your graves in peace, and your eyes will not see all of the disaster that I am bringing upon this place.”’” And they brought a word back to the king.	*Yahweh wants you to tell Josiah that because he was sorry for the sins of Judah, Yahweh is going to allow him to die peacefully. The Judeans will bury him in the same place where people buried his ancestors. Yahweh is still going to cause something terrible to happen to Jerusalem and the people who live in it. But Josiah will not be alive to see that.” The officials returned to King Josiah and reported what Huldah had told them.*

What would the eyes of the king of Judah not see?

His eyes would not see any of the disaster that Yahweh would bring on the place and its inhabitants.

2 Kings 23

2 Kings 23:2

ULT	UST
And the king went up to the house of Yahweh, and every man of Judah and all of the dwellers of Jerusalem with him, and the priests and the prophets, and all of the people from small and to great. And he read in their ears all of the words of the scroll of the covenant having been found in the house of Yahweh.	*Those elders, along with many ordinary people from Judah and Jerusalem, gathered in the temple courtyard with the king. Many priests and prophets also came. A great crowd representing all the kinds of people in the city was there. While they all listened, the king read to them from the scroll that had been in the temple. He all of the laws that Yahweh had given the Israelites when he made his solemn agreement with them.*

In whose hearing did the king read all the words of the book of the covenant?

The king read all the words of the book of the covenant in the hearing of all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, prophets, and all the people, from small to great.

2 Kings 23:3

ULT	UST
And the king stood by the pillar, and he cut a covenant to the face of Yahweh to walk after Yahweh and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all of the heart and with all of the soul, to raise up the words of this covenant written on that scroll. And all of the people stood in the covenant.	*Then the king stood next to a pillar on the temple porch and he made a solemn agreement with Yahweh that he would live as Yahweh wanted him to live. He promised to obey all of Yahweh's laws sincerely and devotedly. In that way, the solemn agreement that the scroll from the temple described became the law of Israel once again. The Judean people who had gathered at the temple courtyard promised to obey that solemn agreement.*

What did all the people agree to do?

All the people agreed to obey the covenant.

2 Kings 23:4

ULT	UST
And the king commanded Hilkiah the great priest and the priests of the second rank and the keepers of the threshold to bring out from the temple of Yahweh all of the vessels having been made for Baal and for Asherah and for the whole army of the heavens. And he burned them outside of Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and he brought their ashes to Bethel.	*Then the king gave a command to the high priest Hilkiah, the other leading priests, and the priests who supervised the courtyard entrance. He told them to remove from the temple all the objects that people had been using to worship Baal, Asherah, and the sun, moon, and stars. They took those outside the city to the Kidron Valley and burned them completely there. Then they took all the ashes to the city of Bethel.*

What did the king burn outside Jerusalem in the fields in the Kidron Valley?

The king burned all the vessels that were made for Baal and Asherah, and for all the stars of heaven outside Jerusalem in the fields in the Kidron Valley.

2 Kings 23:7

ULT	UST
And he tore down the houses of the cultic prostitutes that were by the house of Yahweh, where women were weaving houses there for Asherah.	*There were male prostitutes living in small houses near the temple. In those houses, women also wove articles that people used in the worship of Asherah. Josiah tore down those houses and ended the activities that took place in them.*

What rooms did the king clear out?

The king cleared out the rooms of the male prostitutes who were by the temple of Yahweh.

2 Kings 23:9

ULT	UST
(However, the priests of the high places did not go up to the altar of Yahweh in Jerusalem. Rather, they ate unleavened bread in the midst of their brothers.)	*(Josiah did not allow the priests he had brought to Jerusalem from the hilltop shrines to offer sacrifices on the altar in the temple courtyard in Jerusalem. But he did allow them to eat the food that the priests received as their share of sacrifices that people brought.)*

Where were the priests of those shrines where incense was burned allowed to eat unleavened bread?

The priests of those shrines where incense was burned were allowed to eat unleavened bread in Jerusalem.

2 Kings 23:11

ULT	UST
And he removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun from the entrance of the house of Yahweh, by the chamber of Nathan Melech the eunuch, which was in the precincts. And he burned the chariots of the sun with fire.	*Previous kings of Judah had dedicated horses to pull chariots in processions in honor of the sun. There were stables for those horses near the entrance to the temple. A royal official whose name was Nathan Melech was responsible for the horses, and he lived in an apartment near the stables. King Josiah had his servants take the horses away from the temple and destroy the chariots by burning them.*

Where were the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun?

The horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun were in an area at the entrance to the temple of Yahweh, near the room of Nathan Melech.

2 Kings 23:13

ULT	UST
And the king defiled the high places that were on the face of Jerusalem, which were on the right of the Mount of Destruction, which Solomon, the king of Israel, had built for Ashtoreth, the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom, the abomination of the sons of Ammon.	*King Solomon had built shrines east of Jerusalem, on the south side of the Mount of Destruction, for the disgusting gods that other people groups worshiped. He built a shrine for Ashtoreth, whom the Sidonians worshiped. He built one for Chemosh, whom the Moabites worshiped. And he built one for Milcom, whom the Ammonites worshiped. Josiah commanded his servants to ruin those shrines.*

Who built the Mount of Destruction?

Solomon king of Israel built the Mount of Destruction.

2 Kings 23:16

ULT	UST
And Josiah turned and saw the graves that were there on the mountain, and he sent and took bones from the graves and burned them on the altar. So he defiled it, according to the word of Yahweh that the man of God proclaimed who had proclaimed these things.	*Then Josiah looked around and saw some tombs on a nearby hill. He commanded his servants to take bones out of those tombs and burn them on the altar. This made the altar ritually unclean. Josiah did exactly what Yahweh had told a prophet many years before to say would happen.*

Why did Josiah burn bones on the altar at Bethel?

He burned bones on the altar to defile it.

2 Kings 23:17-18

Whose bones did Josiah not move?

Josiah did not move the bones of the man of God who came from Judah and the prophet who had come from Samaria.

2 Kings 23:22

ULT	UST
Now like this Passover was not done from the days of the judges who judged Israel or all of the days of the kings of Israel or the kings of Judah,	*During all the years when the judges ruled Israel, and during all the years when kings reigned in Israel and Judah, the Israelites had not celebrated Passover like that.*

For how long had such a Passover celebration not been held?

Such a Passover celebration had not been held from the days of the judges who ruled Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel or Judah.

2 Kings 23:25

ULT	UST
And to his face a king was not like him, who returned to Yahweh with all of his heart and with all of his soul and with all of his strength, according to all of the Law of Moses. And after him, one has not arisen like him.	*Josiah sincerely, devotedly, and powerfully led the Judeans to worship Yahweh once again. He obeyed all the laws of Moses. No previous king was as devoted to Yahweh as he was, and no later king was that devoted either.*

How did Josiah turn to Yahweh?

Josiah turned to Yahweh with all his heart, all his soul, and all his strength.

2 Kings 23:26

ULT	UST
However, Yahweh did not turn from the great burning of his nose with which his nose burned against Judah because of all of the provocations by which Manasseh had provoked him.	*Even so, King Manasseh had done many things that had made Yahweh extremely angry with the people of Judah, and he continued to be very angry.*

From what did Yahweh not turn?

Yahweh did not turn from his great anger.

2 Kings 23:29

ULT	UST
In his days, Pharaoh Neco, the king of Egypt, went up to the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River. And King Josiah went to meet him, but he killed him at Megiddo when he saw him.	*While Josiah was the king of Judah, Pharaoh Neco of Egypt led his army north to the Euphrates River to help the king of Assyria. King Josiah led his army to fight the army of Egypt. The two armies fought at the city of Megiddo, and Josiah died in the battle there.*

Who went to fight against the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River?

Pharaoh Neco, king of Egypt, went to fight against the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River.

2 Kings 23:33

ULT	UST
And Pharaoh Neco bound him in Riblah, in the land of Hamath, from reigning in Jerusalem. And he imposed tribute on the land, 100 kikkars of silver and a kikkar of gold.	*At the city of Riblah in the district of Hamath, Pharaoh Neco made Jehoahaz his prisoner so that he would no longer rule in Jerusalem. Neco then forced the people of Judah to pay to him a tribute of about 3. 3 metric tons of silver and 33 kilograms of gold.*

Why did Pharaoh Neco put Jehoahaz in chains at Riblah in the land of Hamath?

Pharaoh Neco put him in chains at Riblah in the land of Hamath, so he might not reign in Jerusalem.

2 Kings 23:35

ULT	UST
And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh, but he assessed the land to give the silver according to the mouth of Pharoah. From a man according to his assessment, he exacted the silver and the gold from the people of the land to give to Pharoah Neco.	*In order to pay Neco the silver and gold that he had demanded, Jehoiakim collected a tax from the people of Judah. He collected more from the rich people and less from the poor people. After he had collected the silver and gold from them, he paid it to Neco.*

How did Jehoiakim get the money to pay Pharaoh?

Jehoiakim taxed the land to pay the money, in order to pay Pharaoh.

2 Kings 24

2 Kings 24:2

ULT	UST
And Yahweh sent against him raiding bands of Chaldeans and raiding bands of Aram and raiding bands of Moab and raiding bands of the sons of Ammon. And he sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken by the hand of his servants the prophets.	*Then Yahweh allowed Chaldean that is, Babylonian, Aramean, Moabite, and Ammonite raiders to come into the land of Judah and steal the people's crops and valuable possessions. Yahweh had said through his prophets that he would punish the Judeans, and that is just what happened.*

What had Yahweh spoken through his servants the prophets?

Yahweh had spoken through his servants the prophets that bands of Chaldeans, Arameans, Moabites, and Ammonites would destroy Judah.

2 Kings 24:4

ULT	UST
and also for the innocent blood that he poured out, for he had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and Yahweh was not willing to forgive.	*Manasseh had also had his soldiers kill very many innocent people throughout the city of Jerusalem. Yahweh would not forgive that.*

What was Yahweh not willing to pardon?

Yahweh was not willing to pardon that Manasseh filled Jerusalem with innocent blood.

2 Kings 24:7

ULT	UST
And the king of Egypt did not resume again to go out from his land, because the king of Babylon took all that had been to the king of Egypt from the wadi of Egypt to the Euphrates River.	*The king of Babylon led his soldiers to conquer the whole area that the Egyptians had formerly controlled, from the brook at the boundary of Egypt to the Euphrates River. After that, the king of Egypt did not lead his soldiers anywhere outside of his country.*

Why did the king of Egypt not attack any more out of his land?

The king of Egypt did not attack any more out of his land because the king of Babylon had conquered all the lands that had been controlled by the king of Egypt.

2 Kings 24:12

ULT	UST
And Jehoiachin, the king of Judah, went out to the king of Babylon, he and his mother and his servants and his commanders and his eunuchs. And the king of Babylon took him in the year of eight to his reigning.	*Then King Jehoiachin and his mother, advisors, military officers, and palace officials all surrendered to King Nebuchadnezzar. Nebuchadnezzar had been king for eight years when he captured Jehoiachin.*

When did Nebuchadnezzar capture Jehoiachin?

Nebuchadnezzar captured Jehoiachin in the eighth year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign.

2 Kings 24:14

ULT	UST
And he exiled all of Jerusalem and all of the commanders and all of the mighty of valor, exiling 10, 000 and every craftsman and smith. One was not left except the poor of the people of the land.	*They forced 10, 000 people to leave Jerusalem and go to Babylon. These people included the military officers and the wealthy Judeans. They also included the skilled workers and the metalworkers. The Babylonians left only the poorest people in Judah.*

Who was left in the land?

Only the poorest people were left in the land.

2 Kings 24:17

ULT	UST
And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, his uncle, king in his place, and he changed his name to Zedekiah.	*Then Nebuchadnezzar appointed Jehoiachin's uncle Mattaniah to be the king of Judah instead of him. He changed Mattaniah's name to Zedekiah.*

To what name did the king of Babylon change Mattaniah's name?

The king of Babylon changed Mattaniah's name to Zedekiah.

2 Kings 25

2 Kings 25:3

ULT	UST
On nine of the month, then famine seized the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.	*Because the Babylonians had surrounded the city, the people could not bring in any food. By the ninth day of the fourth month of that year, they had no food left.*

Why was there no food for the people of the land?

The famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

2 Kings 25:4

ULT	UST
And the city was breached, and all of the men of war at night the way of the gate between the two walls that were near the garden of the king (now the Chaldeans were against the city all around), and he went the way of the Arabah.	*Then the Chaldean soldiers that is, the Babylonian soldiers broke through the city wall and entered the city. King Zedekiah and the Judean soldiers tried to escape at night when the Chaldeans would not see them. They used the gate near the king's garden to go through the inner and outer walls of the city. Zedekiah and the soldiers tried to escape through the Jordan River valley. But the Chaldeans had surrounded the city, and some of their soldiers saw where they went.*

Where did all the fighting men flee?

All the fighting men fled at night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden.

2 Kings 25:7

ULT	UST
And they slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah to his eyes. And he blinded the eyes of Zedikiah, and he bound him with two bronze chains, and he brought him to Babylon.	*Then he forced Zedekiah to watch as his soldiers killed all of his sons. Then the soldiers gouged out Zedekiah's eyes. They put bronze chains on his hands and feet and brought him as a prisoner to the city of Babylon.*

What happened to Zedekiah after his sons were slaughtered?

After Zedekiah's sons were slaughtered, the Chaldeans put out his eyes, bound him in bronze chains, and brought him to Babylon.

2 Kings 25:10

ULT	UST
And all of the army of the Chaldeans who were with the chief of the guards tore down the walls of Jerusalem all around.	*Then the Chaldean soldiers who had come to Jerusalem with Nebuzaradan tore down the walls all around Jerusalem.*

Who destroyed all the walls around Jerusalem?

All the army of the Babylonians who were under the commander of the bodyguard destroyed all the walls around Jerusalem.

2 Kings 25:12

ULT	UST
But the chief of the guards let some of the poor of the land remain as vinedressers and as farmers.	*But Nebuzaradan allowed some of the very poor people to stay in Judah to take care of the vineyards and to plant crops in the fields.*

Why did the bodyguard leave some of the poorest of the land?

The bodyguard left some of the poorest of the land to work the vineyards and fields.

2 Kings 25:16

ULT	UST
The two pillars, the one sea, and the stands that Solomon had made for the house of Yahweh, a weight was not for the bronze of all of these vessels.	*There was too much bronze for the Babylonians to weigh in the two pillars, the carts, and the giant water basin that people called the sea. King Solomon had commanded his workers to make those things for Yahweh's temple.*

How much bronze did the two pillars contain?

The two pillars contained more bronze than could be weighed.

2 Kings 25:21

ULT	UST
And the king of Babylon struck them and killed them in Riblah in the land of Hamath. And Judah went into exile away from its land.	*There at the city of Riblah, in the province of Hamath, the king of Babylon had his soldiers kill all of the prisoners. That is what happened when the Babylonians forcefully took the people of Judah away from their land.*

What did the king of Babylon do to the people taken prisoner by the commander of the bodyguard?

The king of Babylon put them to death.

2 Kings 25:22

ULT	UST
Now as for the people having been left in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, left, he appointed Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, over them.	*King Nebuchadnezzar allowed some people to continue living in Judah. He appointed Gedaliah to be their governor. Gedaliah was the son of Ahikam and the grandson of Shaphan.*

Whom did Nebuchadnezzar put in charge of the people who remained in the land of Judah?

Nebuchadnezzar put Gedaliah in charge of them.

2 Kings 25:26

ULT	UST
Then all of the people from small and to great and the captains of the armies arose and went to Egypt, for they were afraid from the face of the Chaldeans.	*This made the Judeans who were still living in the land very afraid of what the Chaldeans would do to them. So a large number of them fled to Egypt. The army commanders also fled there.*

Why did all the people and the commanders of the soldiers go to Egypt?

All the people and the commanders of the soldiers went to Egypt, because they were afraid of the Babylonians.

2 Kings 25:27

ULT	UST
And it happened in year 37 of the exile of Jehoiachin, the king of Judah, in month 12, on 27 of the month, Evil Merodach, the king of Babylon, in the year of his reigning, lifted the head of Jehoiachin, the king of Judah, from the house of imprisonment.	*After the Babylonians took King Jehoiachin of Judah to Babylon, 37 years went by. Then Nebuchadnezzar's son Evil Merodach became the king of Babylon. On the twenty-seventh day of the twelfth month of his first year as king, he released Jehoiachin from prison.*

When was Jehoiachin released from prison?

Jehoiachin was released from prison in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin, in the year that Evil Merodach began to reign.

2 Kings 25:29-30

What food did Jehoiachin eat?

Jehoiachin ate regularly at the king's table for the rest of his life. And a regular food allowance was given to him every day for the rest of his life.