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Genesis

Genesis 1

Genesis 1:1

ULT	UST
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.	*This is how everything began: God created the heavens and the earth.*

What did God create in the beginning?

God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:2

ULT	UST
Now the earth was formless and empty, and darkness was over the surface of the deep waters, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.	*At first after that, the earth did not have its present form, and there was nothing living on it. It was totally dark, there was deep water everywhere, and God's Spirit was moving above the water.*

What was the Spirit of God doing in the beginning?

The Spirit of God was moving above the surface of the waters.

Genesis 1:3

ULT	UST
Then God said, "Let there be light." And there was light.	*Then God said, "I command light to start shining!" And immediately light started shining.*

How did God create light?

God created light by saying, "Let there be light."

Genesis 1:7-8

What did God make on the second day?

God made the sky, which he called the “Heavens,” between the expanses of water.

Genesis 1:10

ULT	UST
And God called the dry ground Land, and the gathered waters he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.	*Then God named the ground that had dried off Land, and he named the water which had gathered together Ocean. And he observed that what he had made was excellent.*

What did God call the dry ground and the gathered waters?

God called the dry ground “Land,” and the gathered waters he called “Seas.”

Genesis 1:11-12

What living things did God make on the third day?

God made plants, fruit trees, and vegetation on the third day.

Genesis 1:14

ULT	UST
Then God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate between the day and the night. And let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years.	*Then God said, “I command there to be sources of light in the sky that divide the daytime from the nighttime. They must also mark when important things happen, and they must show when seasons, days and years begin and end.*

What is the purpose of the lights in the sky?

They are to divide the day from the night, and for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years.

Genesis 1:16

ULT	UST
So God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night, and the stars.	*That is how God made the two bright lights, the brighter light to shine during the daytime, and the weaker light to shine during the nighttime. That is also when he made the stars.*

What did God make on the fourth day?

God made the two great lights and the stars.

Genesis 1:21

ULT	UST
So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves which the waters swarm with according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.	*That is how God made the huge sea animals and all the other types of animals that live all over the place in the water, each having its own type of young. That is also how he made all the different types of birds, each having its own type of young. God observed that what he had made was excellent.*

What did God make on the fifth day?

God made the living creatures of the water, and birds.

Genesis 1:22

ULT	UST
Then God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth."	*Then he blessed them all by saying to them, "You water animals must have many young so that you increase greatly in number and live all over the place in the ocean. You birds must also increase greatly in number all over the earth."*

What command did God give the sea creatures and birds?

Be fruitful, and multiply.

Genesis 1:26

ULT	UST
Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every moving creature moving on the earth.”	*Then God said to himself, “Now we should make human beings to be like us and act like us, and let us put them in charge of the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, the domestic animals, and the entire earth, including all the animals that live on the earth.”*

What did God make in his image?

God made man in his image.

Over what things was man made to rule?

God made man to rule over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that moves upon the earth.

Genesis 1:27

ULT	UST
Then God created man in his image. In the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.	*So God created human beings to be like himself. Yes, he made them to be like himself. He also created them to be male or female.*

What was different about how God made man?

God created man in his own image.

Genesis 1:28

ULT	UST
Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it. And rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”	*Then God blessed them by saying to them, “Have many children so that you and your descendants increase greatly in number and live all over the earth and take control of it. You are in charge of the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that live on the land.”*

What command did God give man?

He told man to be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it.

Genesis 1:29

ULT	UST
Then God said, "Behold, I have given to you every plant that yields seed that is on the surface of the whole earth and every tree that has tree fruit that yields seed inside it. They will be yours for food.	*Then he also said to them, "Listen, I am now giving to you for food all the different types of plants that produce seeds and grow anywhere on the earth, as well as all the different types of trees that produce fruit with seeds inside it. All of them are yours to eat from.*

What did God give man to eat?

God gave them every plant yielding seed and every tree with fruit.

Genesis 1:31

ULT	UST
Then God saw all that he had made, and behold, it was very good. Then there was evening, and there was morning, the sixth day.	*Then God looked at everything that he had made, and he observed that it was all very excellent. Then evening came, and later morning came, and that was the end of the sixth day.*

When God saw everything that he had made, what did he think about it?

God thought it was very good.

Genesis 2

Genesis 2:2-3

What did God do on the seventh day?

He rested from all his work, and he blessed and sanctified the day.

Genesis 2:6

ULT	UST
But mist came up from the earth and watered all of the surface of the ground.	*During that time springs of water kept seeping up from underground and supplied water to the entire surface of the land.*

Before Yahweh caused it to rain, how was the earth watered?

A mist went up from the earth.

Genesis 2:7

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh God formed the man out of dust from the ground, and he breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.	*Then Yahweh who is God took some dirt from the earth and formed the first man out of it. Then he blew his breath into the man's nostrils to make him live, so that the man became alive.*

How did Yahweh make man?

Yahweh formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed the breath of life into him.

Genesis 2:8

ULT	UST
Now Yahweh God had planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.	*Now Yahweh God had planted a large garden in the region of Eden, which was in the east, and that is where he put the man whom he had created.*

Where did Yahweh first put the man?

Yahweh first put man in the garden in Eden.

Genesis 2:9

ULT	UST
And Yahweh God had made to grow from the ground every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, and the tree of life in the middle of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.	*There Yahweh had caused all types of trees to grow from the ground that are beautiful to look at and that grow fruit that is good to eat. In the middle of the garden was the tree whose fruit makes people live forever, as well as the tree whose fruit enables people to know what is good and what is evil.*

What two trees were in the midst of the garden?

The tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:15

ULT	UST
And Yahweh God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and tend it.	*After Yahweh God placed the man in Eden Garden to cultivate it and take care of it,*

What was the man to do in the garden?

He was to work and take care of the garden.

Genesis 2:16-17

What command did Yahweh give the man about what to eat?

You may freely eat from every tree in the garden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:17

ULT	UST
but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat from it you will surely die."	*except I forbid you to eat any fruit from the tree whose fruit enables people to know what is good and what is evil. If you eat fruit from that tree, on that same day you will definitely die."*

What did Yahweh say would happen if the man violated this command?

In the day when the man violated the command, he would surely die.

Genesis 2:18

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable helper for him."	*Then Yahweh who is God said, "It is not good for the man to live by himself. So I will create someone who is just right for him to help him."*

What did Yahweh say was not good?

He said it was not good that the man was alone.

Genesis 2:19

ULT	UST
Now Yahweh God had formed from the ground every living thing of the field and every bird of the sky. So he brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.	*Now previously, Yahweh had used dirt from the ground to form all the different types of wild animals and all the different types of birds that fly in the sky. So he brought them all to the man to hear how he would name them. Whatever name the man gave to each kind of animal, that became the name for that kind of animal.*

What did Yahweh have the man do with every living creature?

The man gave every living creature a name.

Genesis 2:20

ULT	UST
And the man gave names to all the livestock and to the birds of the sky and to every living thing of the field, but for the man a suitable helper was not found.	*The man gave names to all the different kinds of livestock and to all the different kinds of birds that fly in the sky, and to all the different kinds of wild animals, but none of them was an appropriate companion to help him.*

What was not found among all the living creatures?

A suitable helper was not found for the man.

Genesis 2:21-22

How did Yahweh make the woman?

Yahweh caused the man to sleep and took one of the man's ribs and made the woman from it.

Genesis 2:23

ULT	UST
And the man said, "This one now is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because it was from a man that she was taken."	*When the man saw her, he exclaimed, "Finally! Here is someone like me who has bones and flesh from me! I will call her 'woman,' because it was from the body of a man that God took her."*

Why did the man call her "woman"?

Because she was taken from the man.

Genesis 2:24

ULT	UST
For that reason a man will leave his father and his mother, and he will cling to his wife, and they will become one flesh.	*Because of that, when a man gets married, he must leave the home of his father and mother, and he must unite with his wife, so that they become completely united.*

How do a man and woman become one flesh?

The man will unite to the woman as his wife.

Genesis 2:25

ULT	UST
And the man and his wife were both naked, but they were not ashamed.	*During that time the man and his wife did not wear any clothes, but yet they were not ashamed about it.*

Were the man and his wife ashamed of being naked?

No.

Genesis 3

Genesis 3:1

ULT	UST
Now the serpent was more crafty than every living thing of the field that Yahweh God had made. And he said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree of the garden'?"	*Now the snake was the craftiest of all the animals that Yahweh God had created. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really command you not to eat fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"*

What was the first question that the serpent asked the woman?

The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree of the garden'?"

Genesis 3:4

ULT	UST
But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.	*But the snake said to the woman, "That is not true. You will not die.*

When the woman said God told them they would die if they ate from the tree in the middle of the garden, what did the serpent say?

The serpent said, "You will not surely die."

Genesis 3:5

ULT	UST
For God knows that on the day you eat from it, then your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God in knowing good and evil."	*Actually, God knows that as soon as you eat fruit from that tree, you will understand new things, so that you will know what is right and what is wrong just like God does."*

What did the serpent say would happen to the man and woman if they ate of the fruit?

The serpent said they would be like God, knowing good and evil.

Genesis 3:6

ULT	UST
And the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. Then she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate it.	*The woman saw that the tree's fruit looked good to eat and that the tree itself was very beautiful. She also wanted to eat the fruit so that it would make her wise. So she picked some of the fruit off the tree and ate it. She also gave some of the fruit to her husband, who was there with her, and he ate it too.*

What attracted the woman to the fruit of the tree?

She saw it was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom.

Who ate of the fruit?

The woman ate, and gave some to her husband, who also ate.

Genesis 3:7

ULT	UST
Then the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made aprons for themselves.	*Suddenly they both understood new things, and they realized that their bodies were bare. So they sewed some fig tree leaves together and made clothes for themselves to cover their nakedness.*

What happened to them when they ate of the fruit?

When they ate, their eyes were opened and they knew that they were naked.

Genesis 3:8

ULT	UST
Then they heard the sound of Yahweh God walking in the garden in the breeze of the day, but the man and his wife hid from the presence of Yahweh God among the trees of the garden.	*Late that afternoon, during the cool time of the day, the man and his wife heard Yahweh God's voice as he walked in the garden, but they hid from him behind some trees in the garden.*

What did the man and woman do when God came into the garden?

They hid themselves from God.

Genesis 3:10

ULT	UST
And he said, "I heard your sound in the garden, but I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid."	*The man replied, "I heard the sound of you walking in the garden, but I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid from you."*

Why did the man hide himself from God when he came into the garden?

The man hid himself from God because he was naked, and therefore, afraid.

Genesis 3:12

ULT	UST
Then the man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it."	*The man replied, "The woman whom you put here to be with me, she is the one who gave me some of that fruit, so I ate it."*

Who did the man say was responsible for giving him the fruit?

The man said the woman was responsible.

Genesis 3:13

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, so I ate it."	*Then Yahweh God asked the woman, "What did you do?" The woman replied, "The snake tricked me, so I ate some of the fruit."*

Who did the woman say was responsible for tempting her to eat the fruit?

The woman said that the serpent deceived her.

Genesis 3:15

ULT	UST
I will also put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike you on the head, and you will strike him on the heel."	*Besides that, I will cause you and your descendants to be enemies with the woman and her descendants. In fact, her descendant will crush your head, and you will bite his heel."*

What kind of relationship did God say he would cause to exist between the serpent and the woman?

God said he would cause hostility between them.

Genesis 3:16

ULT	UST
To the woman he said, "To multiply I will multiply your pain and your childbearing; in pain you will bear children. Yet your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."	*Then God said to the woman, "I will greatly increase how much you suffer when you bear children, yes, you will suffer much pain when you give birth. But you will still desire to be with your husband, and he will dominate you."*

What curse did God give the woman regarding childbirth?

God greatly multiplied the woman's pain in childbirth.

Genesis 3:17

ULT	UST
Then to the man he said, "Since you listened to the voice of your wife and ate from the tree that I commanded you, saying, 'You must not eat from it,' the ground is cursed because of you. By painful toil you will eat from it all the days of your life.	*Then God said to Adam, "You did what your wife said and ate fruit from the tree that I commanded you not to eat any fruit from. Because of what you did, I have cursed the ground. As a result, for as long as you live, you will have to work very hard and suffer to grow enough food to eat.*

What curse did God give the man regarding his work?

God cursed the ground so that only by painful toil would the man eat from it.

Genesis 3:20

ULT	UST
Then the man called the name of his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.	*Then Adam named his wife Eve, which means "living," because she would be the mother of everyone who would ever live.*

What name did the man give the woman, and why?

The man called the woman Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.

Genesis 3:21

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh God made garments of animal skins for Adam and his wife, and he clothed them.	*Then Yahweh God made some clothes out of animal skins for Adam and his wife, and he put the clothes on them.*

What did God make for Adam and Eve, and why?

God made them garments of skins in order to clothe them.

Genesis 3:22

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. And now he must not reach out his hand and also take fruit from the tree of life and eat it and live forever!"	*Then Yahweh God said to himself, "Look! The man and his wife have become like one of us, so that they know what is good and what is evil. So now we must do something so that they do not also pick and eat fruit from the tree that gives people eternal life, which will make them live forever!"*

Why did God say that now Adam must not eat of the tree of life?

God said that since Adam now knew good and evil, he must not eat of the tree of life, because if he did, he would live forever.

Genesis 3:24

ULT	UST
And after he drove the man out, then he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubs angels and a flaming sword that was turning in every direction to guard the way of the tree of life.	*After he expelled them, he stationed to the east side of the garden some powerful cherubs angels and a burning sword that was swinging around in all directions to keep everyone away from the path to the tree whose fruit makes people live forever.*

What did God do to prevent Adam from eating from the tree of life?

God drove the man out of the garden and placed cherubs there to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 4

Genesis 4:2

ULT	UST
Then she continued on to bear his brother Abel. Now Abel became a keeper of flocks, and Cain became a worker of the ground.	*Then Eve also gave birth to Cain's brother whom they named Abel. When they grew up, Abel became a shepherd, and Cain became a crop farmer.*

What work did Cain and Abel do?

Cain worked the soil, and Abel was a shepherd.

Genesis 4:3

ULT	UST
And it happened in the course of days that Cain brought some of the fruit of the ground as an offering to Yahweh.	*As time went by, one day Cain gave some of the crops that he had grown in his fields to Yahweh as a gift to honor him.*

What offering did Cain bring to Yahweh?

Cain brought some of the fruit of the ground.

Genesis 4:4

ULT	UST
And Abel also brought some of the firstborn of his flocks and some of their fat. And Yahweh looked favorably on Abel and his offering.	*Abel also gave a gift to Yahweh, but what he gave was some of the firstborn animals from his flocks, including some of their best parts. Yahweh was pleased with Abel and his gift.*

What offering did Abel bring to Yahweh?

Abel brought some of the firstborn of his flock and some of their fat.

Genesis 4:4-5

How did Yahweh respond to the offerings of Cain and Abel?

Yahweh accepted Abel's offering, but did not accept Cain's offering.

Genesis 4:5

ULT	UST
But he did not look favorably on Cain and his offering. So Cain burned with intense anger, and his face fell.	*However, he was not pleased with Cain or his gift. So Cain became extremely angry, and he frowned.*

How did Cain react?

Cain was very angry, and his face looked dejected.

Genesis 4:7

ULT	UST
If you do right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do right, sin is crouching at the door, and its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."	*If you do what is right, I will accept you and your offering. But if you do not do what is right, then sin is like a fierce animal that is waiting outside your door to attack you. It wants to control you, but you must control it so that you do not sin."*

What did Yahweh tell Cain he needed to do in order to be accepted?

Yahweh told Cain to do what is right, and he would be accepted.

Genesis 4:8

ULT	UST
Then Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And it happened while they were in the field, then Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.	*But after that, Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field to work together." So they went out to the field, and while they were there, Cain attacked his brother and murdered him.*

Later, what happened with Cain and Abel in the field?

Cain rose up and killed Abel.

Genesis 4:9

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he replied, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"	*Later Yahweh asked Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" Cain responded, "I do not know where he is. Is it my job to take care of my brother?"*

When Yahweh asked Cain where his brother was, what did Cain say?

Cain said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

Genesis 4:12

ULT	UST
When you work the ground, it will not continue to yield its strength for you. You will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth."	*Whenever you try to farm the ground, it will no longer produce good crops for you. From now on, you will be an outcast who wanders around on the earth without a permanent home."*

What was God's curse on Cain?

God's curse on Cain was that the earth would not yield its strength to him, and he would be a fugitive and wanderer.

Genesis 4:15

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh said to him, "For that reason, anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over!" Then Yahweh put a mark on Cain so that everyone who found him would not strike him.	*Yahweh replied to him, "So then, I will warn everyone that I will take vengeance on whoever kills you and punish him seven times more severely than I am punishing you!" Then he put a mark on Cain to warn everyone who met him not to kill him.*

What did Yahweh do to make sure no one killed Cain?

Yahweh put a mark on Cain.

Genesis 4:16

ULT	UST
Then Cain went away from the presence of Yahweh and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.	*Then Cain left Yahweh's presence and lived in the region of Nod, which means "wandering," which was east of the region of Eden.*

Where did Cain go to live?

Cain lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Genesis 4:19

ULT	UST
Then Lamech took for himself two wives. The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the second was Zillah.	*When Lamech grew up, he married two wives. His first wife's name was Adah, and his other wife's name was Zillah.*

Cain's descendant Lamech had how many wives?

Lamech had two wives.

Genesis 4:23

ULT	UST
And Lamech said to his wives, "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice. Wives of Lamech, give ear to my words: For I killed a man for my wound, even a young man for my bruise.	*One day, Lamech bragged to his two wives, "Adah and Zillah, listen to what I have to say. My wives, listen to this: I killed a young man for wounding me! In fact, I killed that man just because he bruised me.*

What did Lamech tell his wives he had done?

Lamech told his wives that he had killed a man who wounded him.

Genesis 4:25

ULT	UST
Then Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son, and she called his name Seth, because she had said, "God has appointed for me another offspring in place of Abel, since Cain killed him."	*Then Adam had marital relations with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son, and she named him Seth, which means "given." She named him that because when he was born, she had said, "God has given me another child to replace Abel, whom Cain killed."*

What was the name of another son born to Adam and Eve?

Another son of Adam and Eve was named Seth.

Genesis 4:26

ULT	UST
And to Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. Then people began to call on the name of Yahweh.	*Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. During that time people began to worship God by using His name Yahweh.*

What did people begin to do in the days of Seth's son Enosh?

People began to call upon the name of Yahweh.

Genesis 5

Genesis 5:1

ULT	UST
This is the written account of the generations of Adam: On the day God created mankind, he made him in the likeness of God.	*Here is the family record of Adam and his descendants: On the day when God created human beings, he made them to be like himself.*

Of what is chapter five of Genesis a record?

Chapter five of Genesis is a record of the generations of Adam.

In whose likeness was mankind made?

Mankind was made in God's likeness.

Genesis 5:2

ULT	UST
He created them male and female, and he blessed them and called their name "mankind" on the day they were created.	*He also created them to be male and female, and on the same day that he created them, he blessed them and named them "human beings."*

What genders of mankind did God create?

God created mankind male and female.

Genesis 5:5

ULT	UST
So all the days of Adam that he lived were 930 years, and he died.	*So Adam lived a total of 930 years, and then he died.*

How long did Adam live?

Adam lived 930 years.

Genesis 5:8

ULT	UST
So all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died.	*So Seth lived a total of 912 years, and then he died.*

How long did Seth live?

Seth lived 912 years.

Genesis 5:14

ULT	UST
So all the days of Kenan were 910 years, and he died.	*So Kenan lived a total of 910 years, and then he died.*

How long did Kenan live?

Kenan lived 910 years.

Genesis 5:20

ULT	UST
So all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died.	*So Jared lived a total of 962 years, and then he died.*

How long did Jared live?

Jared lived 962 years.

Genesis 5:24

ULT	UST
And Enoch walked with God, and then he was not there, because God took him away.	*Then while he was still living in a close relationship with God, suddenly he was no longer on earth, because God had taken him away to be with him.*

What was Enoch's relationship with God, and what happened to him?

Enoch walked with God, and God took him.

Genesis 5:29

ULT	UST
and he called his name Noah, saying, "This one will comfort us from our labors and from the toil of our hands because of the ground which Yahweh has cursed."	*and he named him Noah which means "rest," because he said, "This son will give us rest from the difficult work that we have to do because Yahweh has cursed the ground."*

What did Lamech say about his son Noah?

Lamech said that Noah would give mankind rest from the work and the toil caused by the ground that Yahweh had cursed.

Genesis 5:32

ULT	UST
And Noah was a son of 500 years, then Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.	*After Noah was 500 years old, he had sons whose names were Shem, Ham, and Japheth.*

Who were the sons of Noah?

The sons of Noah were Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Genesis 6

Genesis 6:2

ULT	UST
then the sons of God saw the daughters of mankind, that they were beautiful, so they took wives for themselves from any of them that they chose.	*When those girls grew up, the sons of God saw that they were beautiful, so they chose any of them that they wanted and married them.*

When mankind multiplied on the earth, what did the sons of God do?

The sons of God took for themselves wives from the daughters of mankind.

Genesis 6:3

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh said, "My Spirit will not strive with mankind forever, because they are indeed flesh. Therefore their days will be 120 years."	*Then Yahweh said to himself, "My Spirit will not put up with human beings forever, because they are very corrupt. I will give them 120 years to repent."*

What did God now say about the length of life for mankind?

God said that mankind would live 120 years.

Genesis 6:4

ULT	UST
The Nephils were on the earth in those days and also after that, when the sons of God went to the daughters of mankind, and they bore children for them. They were the mighty ones who were from long ago, the men of renown.	*People called the Nephils lived on the earth during that time and also later on. That happened when the sons of God had relations with the daughters of human beings, and those women gave birth to children for them. Their children were the Nephils, who were the famous mighty men who lived long ago.*

Who were the mighty men of old, the men of renown?

The mighty men of old were Nephils born from the marriage of the sons of God with the daughters of men.

Genesis 6:5

ULT	UST
And Yahweh saw that the wickedness of mankind was great on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil all day long.	*Yahweh saw that the people on the earth had become very evil, and that everything they thought about and desired was completely evil all the time.*

What did Yahweh see in the hearts of mankind in those days?

Yahweh saw that the wickedness of mankind was great, and that their every thought was evil.

Genesis 6:7

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh said, "I will wipe away mankind whom I created off the surface of the ground, both mankind and animals, and crawling creatures and the birds of the sky, because I am sorry that I made them."	*So he said to himself, "I will completely destroy from the earth all the people whom I created. In fact, I will destroy not only all the people, but also all the animals, including the creatures that crawl on the ground and the birds that fly in the sky, because I regret that I ever made them."*

What did Yahweh decide to do with mankind?

Yahweh decided to wipe away mankind from the earth.

Genesis 6:8

ULT	UST
But Noah found favor in the eyes of Yahweh.	*But Yahweh was pleased with Noah.*

But who found favor with Yahweh?

Noah found favor with Yahweh.

Genesis 6:9

ULT	UST
These are the generations of Noah: He was a righteous man. He was without blemish in his generation. Noah walked with God.	*Here is more of the history about Noah and his descendants: Noah was a man who did what was right. Out of all the people living at that time, he was the only one whom God considered blameless, and he lived in a close relationship with God.*

What kind of person was Noah?

Noah was a righteous man, without fault, and a man who walked with God.

Genesis 6:14

ULT	UST
Make an ark for yourself out of gopher wood. Make the ark with rooms, and cover it inside and outside with a covering.	*Therefore you must build a very large boat for yourself and your family out of the best wood for building boats. Build rooms inside the boat, and seal it inside and outside with tar to keep water out.*

What did God tell Noah to do before God destroyed mankind?

God told Noah to build a boat, an ark of gopher wood.

Genesis 6:17

ULT	UST
And I, behold, I am bringing floodwaters on the earth to destroy all flesh that has the breath of life in it from under the heavens. Everything that is on the earth will expire!	*Listen carefully to me: I am going to bring a flood over the whole earth, which will destroy all the creatures under the sky that breathe air. As a result, every living thing that is on land will die!*

How did God say he was going to destroy all flesh that has the breath of life in it?

God said that he was going to bring a flood of waters upon the earth.

Genesis 6:18

ULT	UST
But I will establish my covenant with you, so you must go into the ark, you and your sons and your wife and the wives of your sons with you.	*But I will make a special agreement between me and you, so you must get on board the boat, and take your wife, your sons, and your sons' wives with you.*

But with whom did God establish his covenant?

God established his covenant with Noah.

Who did God tell Noah to bring on the boat?

God told Noah to bring his wife, his three sons, and his sons' wives.

Genesis 6:19

ULT	UST
And from every living creature, from all flesh, you must bring two from each kind into the ark to keep alive with you. They must be male and female.	*You must also take into the boat two of every kind of animal, so that they stay alive with you. Each pair must include one male and one female.*

What animals were to be brought on the boat to be kept alive?

Two of every kind of living creature, male and female, were to be brought on the boat.

Genesis 6:22

ULT	UST
And Noah did that; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.	*So, that is what Noah did; he did everything exactly as God had commanded him to do.*

How did Noah respond to God's commands?

Noah did all that God commanded him.

Genesis 7

Genesis 7:2-3

Seven males and females of which kinds of animals were to go on the boat?

Seven males and females of every clean animal and the birds were to go on the boat.

Genesis 7:4

ULT	UST
because in seven more days I will cause it to rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe every living thing that I have made off the surface of the ground."	*You must do that, because seven days from today I will make it rain continuously all over the earth for forty days and nights. In that way, I will completely destroy from the earth every living creature that I have made."*

How long did God say the rain would continue on the earth?

God said that the rain would continue for forty days and forty nights.

Genesis 7:6

ULT	UST
Now Noah was a son of 600 years when the floodwaters came on the earth.	*Noah was 600 years old when the flood covered the earth.*

How old was Noah when the flood came upon the earth?

Noah was six hundred years old when the flood came upon the earth.

Genesis 7:8-9

How did Noah bring the animals into the boat?

The animals came to Noah two by two and went into the boat.

Genesis 7:11

ULT	UST
In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the windows of the heavens were opened,	*When Noah was 600 years old, on the seventeenth day of the second month of the year, on that very day all the springs in the deep ocean started pouring out water. God also caused the water in the sky to start pouring down, as if he had opened huge floodgates in the sky,*

From which two sources did the waters of the flood come?

The waters came from deep underground, and from the sky.

Genesis 7:16

ULT	UST
And those that went in were male and female from all flesh; they went in just as God had commanded him. Then Yahweh shut him in.	*The animals that went into the boat were male and female pairs from every kind of living thing, which was exactly what God had commanded Noah to take along. Then after they were all inside, Yahweh closed the door of the boat behind them.*

Once all the people and animals were in the boat, who closed the door?

Yahweh shut the door after them.

Genesis 7:20

ULT	UST
The waters rose fifteen cubits above them, so that the mountains were covered.	*In fact, the water rose at least seven meters above the tops of the highest mountains, so that they were completely under water.*

How high did the water on the earth get?

The water rose fifteen cubits above the tops of the mountains.

Genesis 7:21

ULT	UST
Then all flesh that moved on the earth expired, including the birds and the livestock and the living things and all the swarming things swarming on the earth, and all mankind.	*Then all the creatures that lived on land died. That included all the birds, the livestock, and the other living creatures, including every kind of creature that lived in large groups on the earth, as well as all the people.*

Because of the flood, what died upon the earth?

All creatures that moved upon the earth, and all mankind, died.

Genesis 7:23

ULT	UST
So he wiped away every living thing that was on the surface of the ground, including mankind and livestock and crawling creatures and also the birds of the sky. So they were wiped off the earth, and only Noah was left and those who were with him in the ark.	*That is how Yahweh completely destroyed all the living creatures that were on the earth, including all people and livestock and all the other creatures that lived on the land and also the birds that flew in the sky. Yes, he completely destroyed everything that lived on the earth, so that the only ones who were still alive were Noah and his family and the animals that were with them in the boat.*

Who were the only persons left alive on the earth?

Only Noah and those with him in the ark were left alive.

Genesis 8

Genesis 8:1-2

How did God make the waters recede?

God made a wind blow, the fountains of the deep were closed, and the rain was stopped.

Genesis 8:4

ULT	UST
so that in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested on the mountains of Ararat.	*so much that on the seventeenth day of the seventh month of the year, the boat came to rest on one of the mountains in the Ararat mountain range.*

Where did the ark come to rest on the ground?

The ark came to rest upon the mountains of Ararat.

Genesis 8:9

ULT	UST
But the dove did not find a resting place for the sole of its foot, so it returned to him in the ark, for the waters were over the face of all of the earth. And he reached out his hand and took it and brought it to him into the ark.	*But water was still covering the entire earth, so the dove did not find anywhere to land and rest. Then it returned to Noah in the boat, and Noah reached out, caught it, and brought it back into the boat.*

What happened the first time Noah sent out a dove from the ark?

The first time, the dove found no place to rest her foot, and she returned to Noah in the ark.

Genesis 8:11

ULT	UST
Then the dove returned to him at evening time, and behold, there was a freshly picked olive leaf in its mouth. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth.	*That evening the dove returned to him, and he saw that it had a fresh green olive tree leaf in its beak! That is how Noah realized that the water had gone down further from the land.*

What happened the second time Noah sent out a dove from the ark?

The second time, the dove returned with a freshly plucked olive leaf.

Genesis 8:12

ULT	UST
Then he waited another seven days, and he sent out the dove, but it did not return to him again.	*Then he waited seven more days and he released the dove again, but this time it did not come back to him again.*

What happened the third time Noah sent out a dove from the ark?

The third time, the dove did not return to Noah.

Genesis 8:13

ULT	UST
So it happened in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were drying up from the earth. Then Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the surface of the ground was drying.	*So it was, when Noah was 601 years old, on the first day of the first month of the year, the water had almost dried up from the land. So Noah took off part of the roof of the boat and looked around, and he saw that much of the land's surface was almost dry.*

What did Noah see when he removed the covering of the ark and looked out?

Noah saw that the surface of the ground was drying.

Genesis 8:17

ULT	UST
Bring out with you every living thing that is with you, all flesh, including the birds and the livestock and every creeper creeping on the earth, so that they will abound on the earth and be fruitful and multiply over the earth."	*Bring out all the animals that are with you, all of them, including the birds, tame animals, and every other animal that moves on land. Then they can live all over the earth; yes, they will have many young and increase in number all over the earth."*

What did God want all the creatures on the ark to go and do as they left the ark?

God wanted all the living creatures to be fruitful and multiply on the earth.

Genesis 8:20

ULT	UST
Then Noah built an altar to Yahweh, and he took from every clean animal and from every clean bird, and he offered burnt offerings on the altar.	*Then Noah made an altar out of large stones to offer sacrifices to Yahweh. Next he chose some of every kind of animal and bird that is acceptable to sacrifice, and he killed them and burned their bodies on the altar as an offering to Yahweh to worship him.*

What did Noah do when he left the ark?

Noah built an alter to Yahweh and offering burnt offerings on the altar.

Genesis 8:21

ULT	UST
And Yahweh smelled the pleasant aroma, and Yahweh said in his heart, "Never again will I curse the ground because of mankind, though the inclination of mankind's hearts is evil from their youth. And never again will I strike every living thing as I have done.	*Yahweh smelled the aroma of the offerings and was pleased, and he thought to himself, "Never again will I curse the ground because of mankind's sins, even though everything they desire and think about is evil from the time they are children. And never again will I destroy all living creatures the way I just did.*

What two promises did God make to mankind at this time?

God promised to never again curse the ground, and to never again destroy every living thing.

What did God say was man's inclination from childhood?

God said that man's inclination from childhood was evil.

Genesis 9

Genesis 9:1

ULT	UST
Then God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.	*Then God caused Noah and his sons to prosper by saying to them, "Have many children so that you and your descendants will become numerous and live all over the earth.*

What did God tell Noah and his sons to do after they left the ark?

God told Noah and his sons to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth.

Genesis 9:3

ULT	UST
Every moving creature that lives will be for you for food. Just as the green plants, I give you everything.	*From now on every creature that is alive and moves is yours to eat as food. In the same way that I provided you green plants for food, now I provide you everything for food.*

What did God give Noah and his sons now as food?

God gave Noah and his sons both the green plants and every moving thing that lived as food.

Genesis 9:4

ULT	UST
But you must not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.	*However, you must never eat meat that still has its blood in it, which made it live.*

How did God command that meat not be eaten?

God commanded that meat not be eaten with the blood in it.

What did God say was in the blood?

God said that the life was in the blood.

Genesis 9:5-6

What did God declare was the penalty for shedding a man's blood?

God declared that the one who shed a man's blood must have his blood shed.

Genesis 9:6

ULT	UST
The one shedding the blood of a man, by mankind his blood must be shed, because in the image of God he made mankind.	*That's right, you must put to death anyone who murders a human being, because God made human beings to be like himself.*

In whose image did God make man?

God made man in God's image.

Genesis 9:9-11

What covenant promise did God make with everything that lives on the earth?

God made a covenant promise that never again will all flesh be destroyed by a flood.

Genesis 9:13

ULT	UST
I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.	*I will put my rainbow among the clouds in the sky to remind everyone that I have made this agreement with every creature that lives on the earth.*

What sign did God give of the covenant that he made with the earth?

God placed the rainbow in the clouds as the sign of the covenant he made with the earth.

Genesis 9:15

ULT	UST
then I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and never again will waters become a flood to destroy all flesh.	*then I will not forget to keep my agreement that I have established with you and with all living creatures of every kind. I promise that I will never again use a flood to destroy all living creatures.*

What covenant promise did God make with everything that lives on the earth?

God made a covenant promise that never again will all flesh be destroyed by a flood.

Genesis 9:16-17

What sign did God give of the covenant that he made with the earth?

God placed the rainbow in the clouds as the sign of the covenant he made with the earth.

Genesis 9:18

ULT	UST
And the sons of Noah who came out of the ark were Shem and Ham and Japheth; and Ham, he was the father of Canaan.	*Noah's sons who came out of the boat after the flood were Shem, Ham, and Japheth; it was Ham who was Canaan's father.*

What were the names of the three sons of Noah?

The names of the three sons of Noah were Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Genesis 9:20-21

What happened to Noah after he planted a vineyard?

After he planted a vineyard, Noah drank some of the wine and became drunk and lay naked in his tent.

Genesis 9:23

ULT	UST
But Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it across the shoulders of the two of them and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. And their faces were turned away, so that they did not see the nakedness of their father.	*However, Shem and Japheth took a robe, and held it between them at shoulder level and walked backward into the tent and covered their father's naked body with it. As they did that, they kept their faces turned away from him so that they would not see him naked.*

How did Shem and Japheth cover the nakedness of their father?

Shem and Japheth walked backwards with a garment, with faces turned the other way, in order to cover the nakedness of their father without looking at him.

Genesis 9:25

ULT	UST
and he said, "Cursed be Canaan! He will be a slave of slaves for his brothers."	*So he exclaimed about him, "I ask God to curse Ham's son Canaan! Canaan will be the lowest servant for his relatives."*

What was the curse that Noah put on Ham?

Noah cursed Ham and said, "Cursed be Canaan. May he be a servant to his brothers' servants."

Genesis 9:26-27

Who did Noah bless?

Noah blessed both Shem and Japheth.

Genesis 10

Genesis 10:5

ULT	UST
From those the coastland peoples spread out into their lands, each with its own language, according to their clans, in their nations.	*From Japheth's descendants came the people groups who lived in regions near the sea. They moved to different places and settled in their own territories, and each group spoke its own language. They each had their own families, which grew and became their own people groups.*

After the flood, the offspring of Noah eventually spread out on the earth in clans, and when they spread out, each clan had its own what?

When the clans spread out, each clan had its own language.

Genesis 10:9

ULT	UST
He was a mighty hunter before Yahweh. For that reason it is said, "Like Nimrod, a mighty hunter before Yahweh."	*He was also a great hunter whom Yahweh blessed. That is why people say about other great men, "That man is like Nimrod, a great hunter whom Yahweh blessed."*

For what was Nimrod, descendant of Ham, known?

Nimrod was known as a mighty hunter before Yahweh.

Genesis 10:10

ULT	UST
And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel and Erech and Akkad and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.	*Nimrod started ruling as king over the cities of Babel, Erech, Akkad, and Calneh, which were all located in the region of Shinar.*

What was the first of Nimrod's primary cities in the land of Shinar?

The first of Nimrod's primary cities was Babel.

Genesis 10:11

ULT	UST
From that land he went to Asshur, and he built Nineveh and Rehoboth-Ir and Calah	*From the land of Shinar he went to the region of Assyria, where he built the cities of Nineveh, Rehoboth-Ir, Calah,*

In addition to the land of Shinar, what other area did Nimrod develop with cities?

Nimrod also built cities in Assyria.

Genesis 10:15

ULT	UST
And Canaan fathered Sidon his firstborn, then Heth	*Canaan had Sidon who was his firstborn son. He was also the ancestor of the Hittites,*

What was the name of Canaan's firstborn son?

Canaan's firstborn son was Sidon.

Genesis 10:20

ULT	UST
Those are the sons of Ham according to their clans, according to their languages, in their lands, in their nations.	*Those people were Ham's descendants and each one had his own family. Each family grew and became its own people group that spoke its own language and lived in its own territory.*

After the flood, the offspring of Noah eventually spread out on the earth in clans, and when they spread out, what thing of their own did each clan have?

When the clans eventually spread out, each clan had its own language and its own land.

Genesis 10:25

ULT	UST
Then two sons were born to Eber. The name of the one was Peleg, because in his days the earth was divided. And the name of his brother was Joktan.	*Then Eber had two sons. The name of the first one was Peleg, which means "division," because during his lifetime the people on the earth divided into separate groups and spread out everywhere. Peleg's younger brother's name was Joktan.*

What happened in the days of Peleg, descendant of Shem?

In the days of Peleg, the earth was divided.

Genesis 10:31

ULT	UST
Those are the sons of Shem according to their clans, according to their languages, in their lands, according to their nations.	*Those people are Shem's descendants and each one had his own family. Each family grew and became its own people group that spoke its own language and lived in its own territory.*

After the flood, the offspring of Noah eventually spread out on the earth in clans, and when they spread out, each clan had its own what?

When the clans eventually spread out, each clan had its own language and its own land.

Genesis 10:32

ULT	UST
Those are the clans of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations. And from those the nations spread out on the earth after the flood.	*All those family groups descended from Noah's sons. Each family group had its own descendants and became its own people group. In fact, after the flood all the people groups on the earth descended from them and spread out everywhere.*

From whom did the nations come that spread over the earth after the flood?

The nations came from the clans of the sons of Noah.

Genesis 11

Genesis 11:1

ULT	UST
Now the whole earth had one language and the same words.	*Now at first, all the people on the earth spoke the same language, so that everyone understood each other.*

Immediately after the flood, how many languages were there on the whole earth?

Immediately after the flood, there was one language on the whole earth.

Genesis 11:2

ULT	UST
And it happened as they migrated from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.	*As time passed, they moved from the eastern regions and eventually came to a wide, flat valley in the region of Shinar and stayed there.*

Where did the people who migrated from the east settle?

The people settled on a plain in the land of Shinar.

Genesis 11:4

ULT	UST
Then they said, “Come, let us build a city for ourselves and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, so that we are not scattered over the face of the whole earth.”	*Then they urged each other, “Come on, we should work together and build a city for us to live in that has a very tall building that reaches high into the sky. That way we will become famous, and we will not separate from each other and live all over the earth.”*

What did the people decide to do instead of spreading across the whole earth as God had commanded?

Instead of spreading across the whole earth as God had commanded, the people decided to build a city and a tower.

What did the people want to make for themselves?

The people wanted to make a name for themselves.

Genesis 11:7

ULT	UST
Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they will not understand each other's language."	*So we must go down there now and mix up their language so that they are not able to understand what they say to each other."*

What did Yahweh come down and do to the people?

Yahweh came down and confused the people's language.

Why did God do this?

God confused their language so they would not understand each other.

Genesis 11:8

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth, and they stopped building the city.	*In that way, Yahweh caused the people to leave from there and live in different places all over the world, so that they had to stop building the city and the tall building.*

What did God then cause the people to do?

God caused the people to scatter across the face of all the earth, as he had commanded.

Genesis 11:9

ULT	UST
For that reason they called its name Babel, because there Yahweh confused the language of the whole earth, and from there Yahweh scattered them over the face of the whole earth.	*That is why the name of the city is Babel, which means "mixed up," because that is where Yahweh mixed up the language that everyone on the earth shared, and in that way he made them spread out from there all over the earth.*

What was the name of the city the people tried to build?

The name of the city was Babel.

Genesis 11:10

ULT	UST
These are the generations of Shem: Shem was the son of 100 years, then he fathered Arpachshad two years after the flood.	*This is the record of Shem's descendants: Two years after the flood began, when Shem was 100 years old, he had a son named Arpachshad.*

The offspring of which son of Noah are given in this chapter?

The offspring of Shem, son of Noah, are given in this chapter.

Genesis 11:26

ULT	UST
And Terah lived seventy years, then he fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran.	*After Terah was seventy years old, he had sons whose names were Abram, Nahor, and Haran.*

Who was the father of Abram?

The father of Abram was Terah.

Genesis 11:27

ULT	UST
Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah fathered Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot.	*Here is the history about Terah and his descendants: Terah's sons were Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran had a son whose name was Lot.*

Terah's son Haran had a son with what name?

Terah's son Haran had a son named Lot.

Genesis 11:28

ULT	UST
And Haran died in the presence of Terah his father, in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans.	*While his father was still alive, Haran died in the land where he was born, in the city of Ur where the Chaldean people lived.*

Where did Terah live?

Terah lived in Ur of the Kasdim (Chaldeans).

Genesis 11:29

ULT	UST
And Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah.	*Meanwhile Abram and Nahor each married a wife. Abram's wife was named Sarai, and Nahor's wife was Milcah. Milcah and her sister Iscah were the daughters of Nahor's brother Haran.*

What was the name of Abram's wife?

Abram's wife's name was Sarai.

Genesis 11:30

ULT	UST
But Sarai was barren; she did not have a child.	*But Sarai was not able to become pregnant, so she did not have any children.*

What problem did Abram's wife have?

Abram's wife's Sarai was barren; she had no children.

Genesis 11:31

ULT	UST
Then Terah took Abram his son, and Lot, Haran's son, his son's son, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, the wife of his son Abram, and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan. But they came to Haran, and they settled there.	*Then one day, Terah gathered his son Abram and his grandson Lot, who was Haran's son, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, who was Abram's wife, and they all left from the city of Ur where the Chaldean people lived to travel to the region of Canaan. But when they arrived at the city of Haran, they decided to live there instead.*

To where did Terah move with Abram, Sarai, and Lot?

Terah moved to Haran with Abram, Sarai, and Lot.

Genesis 12

Genesis 12:1

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh said to Abram, "You yourself must go from your land and from your relatives and from the house of your father, to the land that I will show you.	*One day Yahweh commanded Abram, "You must move away from your homeland and your relatives, including your father's family, and move to the land that I will guide you to.*

While Abram was living in Haran, what did Yahweh tell Abram to do?

Yahweh told Abram to leave his father's household and go to the land that he would show Abram.

Genesis 12:2-3

What promise did Yahweh make to Abram?

Yahweh promised that he would bless Abram, make him a great nation, and bless all the families of the earth through him.

Genesis 12:5

ULT	UST
And Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot the son of his brother and all their possessions that they had accumulated and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. Then they came to the land of Canaan.	*He took with him his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot and everything that they owned, including servants and everything else they had acquired in the city of Haran, and they all started traveling to the region of Canaan. When they arrived there,*

Who traveled with Abram?

Abram traveled with Sarai, his wife, and Lot, his brother's son.

To which land did Abram travel?

Abram traveled to the land of Canaan.

Genesis 12:7

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to Yahweh, who had appeared to him.	*but Yahweh came to Abram and said to him, "I will give this land to your descendants." So Abram built an altar out of large stones in that place and burned sacrifices on it to worship Yahweh, because Yahweh had appeared to him there.*

When Yahweh appeared to Abram, what promise did he make to Abram?

Yahweh promised to give the land of Canaan to Abram's offspring.

Genesis 12:8

ULT	UST
Then from there he went on to the mountains to the east of Bethel and pitched his tents, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to Yahweh, and he called on the name of Yahweh.	*From the city of Shechem, Abram and his family moved south to the hill country that was east of the town of Bethel. They set up their tents between Bethel to the west and the town of Ai to the east. There Abram built another altar and burned sacrifices on it to worship Yahweh, and he addressed Yahweh by his name as he worshiped him.*

How did Abram worship Yahweh?

Abram built an altar to Yahweh and called upon Yahweh's name.

Genesis 12:10

ULT	UST
Then there was a famine in the land, so Abram went down to Egypt to sojourn there because the famine was heavy in the land.	*Now there was a serious food shortage in that region. It was so severe that Abram and his family left there and went down to the country of Egypt to live for a while.*

Where did Abram go as a result of a famine in the land of Canaan?

Abram went to Egypt.

Genesis 12:11-12

What was Abram concerned about as he entered Egypt?

Abram was concerned the Egyptians would kill him and take his wife Sarai, because she was beautiful.

Genesis 12:13

ULT	UST
Please say that you are my sister so that it will go well for me for your sake and my life will live because of you."	*So please tell people that you are my sister so that they will treat me well because of you and let me live."*

What did Abram ask Sarai to tell the Egyptians about herself?

Abram asked Sarai to tell the Egyptians that she was Abram's sister.

Genesis 12:15

ULT	UST
And the officials of Pharaoh saw her, so they praised her to Pharaoh, and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.	*When some officers under Pharaoh the king of Egypt noticed her, they highly recommended her to him. So he had them bring her to his palace to be one of his wives.*

What happened to Sarai when they entered Egypt?

Pharaoh took Sarai into his household.

Genesis 12:17

ULT	UST
But Yahweh struck Pharaoh and his house with great plagues on account of Sarai the wife of Abram.	*But since King Pharaoh had taken Abram's wife Sarai, Yahweh afflicted the king and his family with severe illnesses.*

What happened to Pharaoh at this time?

Yahweh afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues.

Genesis 12:18-19

What question did Pharaoh ask Abram?

Pharaoh asked Abram why he had told him that Sarai was his sister instead of his wife.

Genesis 12:20

ULT	UST
Then Pharaoh commanded his men concerning him, and they sent him away and his wife and everything that belonged to him.	*Then King Pharaoh ordered some of his soldiers to make sure that Abram left, so they forced him to leave the country, along with his wife and everything that he owned.*

What did Pharaoh do with Abram and Sarai?

Pharaoh sent Abram and Sarai away with all their possessions.

Genesis 13

Genesis 13:1

ULT	UST
Then Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and everything that belonged to him, and Lot with him, to the Negeb.	*So Abram left the country of Egypt and traveled back to the Negeb Desert. He took with him his wife and everything that they owned, and also his nephew Lot.*

To where did Abram travel after leaving Egypt?

Abram traveled to the Negeb.

Genesis 13:2

ULT	UST
And Abram was very wealthy in livestock, in silver, and in gold.	*By that time Abram had become very rich, so that he owned many livestock and much silver and gold.*

What did Abram carry with him?

Abram carried with him many animals and much silver and gold.

Genesis 13:6-7

Why was there a dispute between Abram's and Lot's herdsmen?

There was a dispute because the land could not support Abram and Lot living close together with all their possessions.

Genesis 13:9

ULT	UST
Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you go to the left, then I will go right, or if you go to the right, then I will go left."	*Look, the entire land is available to you to choose from. Please choose where you want to live, and let's live in separate places. If you choose the land to the left of here, then I will take the land to the right. Or if you choose the land to the right of here, then I will take the land to the left."*

What offer did Abram make to Lot?

Abram offered to Lot the choice of where to live, and then Abram would find his place to live by going the other way.

Genesis 13:10-11

Where did Lot choose to live and why?

Lot chose to move east and to live in the plain of the Jordan because it was well watered.

Genesis 13:12

ULT	UST
Abram settled in the land of Canaan, and Lot settled in the cities of the plain and moved his tents as far as Sodom.	*Abram stayed where he was in the region of Canaan, while Lot lived in another part of the region among the cities in the Jordan River valley and eventually moved his tents to the city of Sodom and stayed there.*

Where did Abram then live?

Abram lived in the land of Canaan.

Genesis 13:13

ULT	UST
Now the men of Sodom were exceedingly wicked and sinful against Yahweh.	*But the people who lived in the city of Sodom were extremely wicked and were always sinning against Yahweh.*

What kind of people lived in Sodom?

The people of Sodom were wicked and sinful against Yahweh.

Genesis 13:14-15

At this time, what did Yahweh say he would give to Abram?

Yahweh promised that all the land Abram could see from where he was standing would be given to him.

Genesis 13:16

ULT	UST
And I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, which if anyone were able to count the dust of the earth, your offspring could also be counted.	*In fact, I will give you so many descendants that they will be as numerous as the specks of dust on the earth. No one will be able to count how many descendants you have, just as no one can count how many specks of dust there are.*

How many offspring did Yahweh say Abram would have?

Yahweh told Abram he would have more offspring than he could count, as many as the dust of the earth.

Genesis 13:18

ULT	UST
So Abram moved his tents and went and settled by the terebinth trees of Mamre that were near Hebron, and there he built an altar to Yahweh.	*Then Abram obeyed Yahweh and moved his tents and settled near the oak trees on the land owned by a man named Mamre, near the city of Hebron. There he built an altar out of stones and burned sacrifices on it to thank and worship Yahweh.*

Near what city did Abram then move?

Abram moved near the city of Hebron.

Genesis 14

Genesis 14:11-12

What happened at Sodom as a result of the battle of the kings in the valley of Siddim?

All the goods of Sodom were taken away, and Lot and all his possessions were also taken.

Genesis 14:14

ULT	UST
And when Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, then he led out his 318 trained men who had been born in his house, and he pursued his enemies as far as Dan.	*When Abram heard that the four kings had captured his nephew Lot, he called together 318 of his servants who had been born in his household and were skilled warriors. Then together with his allies they chased after the four kings and their armies all the way to the town of Dan.*

What did Abram do when he was told Lot had been taken away?

Abram gathered his 318 trained men to pursue them.

Genesis 14:15-16

Near what large city did Abram fight the kings, and what was the result of the battle?

Abram fought the kings near Damascus, and he brought back Lot and his possessions, and the other people.

Genesis 14:17-18

Which two kings met Abram when he returned?

The king of Sodom and Melchizedek, the king of Salem, met Abram when he returned.

Genesis 14:18

ULT	UST
Then Melchizedek the king of Salem brought out bread and wine. And he was a priest to God Most High.	*Melchizedek who was the king over the city of Salem also came there, and he brought food and wine for Abram and his men to eat and drink. King Melchizedek was also a priest who served the God who is greater than all other gods.*

What was Melchizedek's relationship to God?

Melchizedek was priest to God Most High.

What did Melchizedek bring with him when he met Abram?

Melchizedek brought bread and wine with him when he met Abram.

Genesis 14:19-20

What did Melchizedek say to Abram?

Melchizedek blessed Abram, and praised God Most High.

Genesis 14:20

ULT	UST
And praised be God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand!" Then he gave to him a tenth of everything.	*Praise the greatest God, because he enabled you to defeat your enemies!" Then Abram gave King Melchizedek ten percent of everything that he had recovered in the battle.*

What did Abram do after Melchizedek spoke to him?

Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of everything.

Genesis 14:21

ULT	UST
Then the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give to me the people, but the possessions take for yourself."	*After that, the king over the city of Sodom said to Abram, "Please return to me the people whom you rescued, but keep for yourself their belongings that you recovered."*

What offer did the king of Sodom make to Abram?

The king of Sodom offered to let Abram keep all the goods if Abram gave the people to the king.

Genesis 14:22-23

Why did Abram not want any of the possessions?

Abram did not want the king of Sodom to be able to say that he had made Abram rich.

Genesis 14:23-24

How did Abram respond to the king of Sodom's offer?

Abram said that he did not want any of the possessions except what the young men had eaten and the share of the men that went with him.

Genesis 15

Genesis 15:1

ULT	UST
After those things, the word of Yahweh came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram! I am a shield for you; your reward will be very great."	*After that, Yahweh said to Abram in a vision, "Abram, do not be afraid. I will protect you, and I will give you a very great reward."*

When Yahweh appeared to Abram, what encouragement did Yahweh give Abram?

Yahweh told Abram not to fear, and that he was Abram's shield and very great reward.

Genesis 15:2-3

About what did Abram speak to God?

Abram spoke to God of being childless and having his steward as his only heir.

Genesis 15:4

ULT	UST
Then behold, the word of Yahweh came to him, saying, "That man will not be your heir, but rather a son who comes from your bowels, he will be your heir."	*But immediately Yahweh said to Abram, "No, your servant Eliezer will not inherit your property, rather it will be your very own biological son who will inherit it."*

Who did Yahweh say would be Abram's heir?

Yahweh said that a son coming from Abram's own body would be his heir.

Genesis 15:5

ULT	UST
Then he brought him outside and said, "Please look at the heavens and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So will your offspring be."	*Then Yahweh took Abram outside his tent and said to him, "Look up at the night sky and count how many stars there are, if in fact you are able to count them all." While Abram was looking at the stars, Yahweh said to him, "That is how many descendants you will have."*

How many offspring did Yahweh say Abram would have?

Yahweh said that Abram would have offspring as numerous as the stars.

Genesis 15:6

ULT	UST
And he trusted in Yahweh, and he counted it to him as righteousness.	*Abram trusted Yahweh, and because of that, Yahweh considered him to be righteous.*

How did Abram respond to Yahweh's promise, and what did Yahweh then do?

Abram believed Yahweh, and Yahweh counted it to Abram as righteousness.

Genesis 15:8

ULT	UST
Then he said, "My Lord Yahweh, how will I know that I will possess it?"	*But Abram asked him, "Yahweh my Master, how can I be sure that this land will be mine?"*

What question did Abram ask Yahweh about the land?

Abram asked Yahweh, "How will I know that I will possess it?"

Genesis 15:10

ULT	UST
So he brought all those to him. Then he cut them in two down the middle and laid the halves opposite to each other, but the birds he did not cut in two.	*So the next day Abram brought all those animals to Yahweh and killed them. Then he cut the animals' bodies in half lengthwise and placed each half a short space across from the other half in two rows, except for the birds, which he did not cut in half.*

What did Abram then do with the animals he was told to bring?

Abram cut the animals in two and placed each half opposite the other.

Genesis 15:12

ULT	UST
And it happened, the sun was setting and a deep sleep fell on Abram, and behold, terror and great darkness fell on him.	*Later, as the sun was going down, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and suddenly, it became completely dark, and he became terrified.*

What happened to Abram when the sun was going down?

When the sun was going down Abram fell sound asleep and a deep and terrifying darkness fell on him.

Genesis 15:13

ULT	UST
Then he said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be strangers in a land that does not belong to them, and they will serve them, and they will afflict them 400 years.	*Then Yahweh said to him, "I want you to know that your descendants will live as foreigners in a country that is not their own. They will serve the people of that country as slaves, and those people will treat them cruelly for 400 years.*

For how long did Yahweh say Abram's offspring would be enslaved and oppressed?

Yahweh told Abram his offspring would be enslaved and oppressed for 400 years.

Genesis 15:14

ULT	UST
But also, the nation that they serve I will judge, and after that they will come out with great possessions.	*But I will punish those people whom they serve. After that, your descendants will leave that country and take many riches with them.*

What did Yahweh say would happen to the nation that enslaved Abram's offspring?

Yahweh said that he would judge that nation.

Genesis 15:15

ULT	UST
And you, you will go to your fathers in peace; you will be buried at a good old age.	*As for you, after you have lived a good long life, you will die peacefully and join your ancestors who have died before you.*

How did Yahweh say Abram's life would end?

Yahweh said that Abram would die in peace at a good old age.

Genesis 15:16

ULT	UST
Then in the fourth generation they will come back here, because the sin of the Amorites will not be complete until then."	*Then four generations later, your descendants will return here to live, because that is when the Amorites will have sinned as much as I will allow before I take away their land and give it to your descendants."*

What would reach its limit before Abram's offspring returned to the land promised them?

The sin of the Amorites would reach its limit before Abram's offspring returned.

Genesis 15:17

ULT	UST
And it happened, the sun went down and darkness came, and behold, there was a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch that passed between those pieces.	*When the sun had set, it became very dark. Then suddenly a clay pot appeared that was full of burning coals and had smoke coming from it, and also a blazing torch, and they both went between the animal halves.*

That night, what happened amongst the pieces of the animals Abram had prepared?

A smoking fire pot and flaming torch passed between the pieces of the animals.

Genesis 15:18-21

What covenant did Yahweh make with Abram that day?

Yahweh made a covenant with Abram that he would give this land to Abram’s offspring.

Genesis 16

Genesis 16:1-2

What idea did Sarai have for giving Abram a descendant?

Sarai told Abram to sleep with her servant, Hagar, in order to have children by her.

Genesis 16:4

ULT	UST
Then he went to Hagar, and she conceived. And she saw that she had conceived, and her mistress was despised in her eyes.	*Then Abram had marital relations with Hagar, and she became pregnant. But when she realized that she was pregnant, she started to disrespect her mistress Sarai.*

What happened between Hagar and Sarai when Hagar conceived a child with Abram?

After Hagar conceived, Hagar looked on Sarai with disrespect.

Genesis 16:5-6

What complaint did Sarai bring to Abram, and how did Abram respond?

Sarai complained that it was Abram's fault that Hagar despised her, and Abram told Sarai to do what she thought best with Hagar.

Genesis 16:6

ULT	UST
Then Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your maidservant is in your hand. Do to her what is good in your eyes." Then Sarai afflicted her, and she fled from her face.	*Abram replied to her, "Listen, you are in charge of your servant. Do with her whatever you think is best." Then Sarai treated Hagar so harshly that she ran away from home to get away from her.*

How did Sarai treat Hagar after Hagar conceived, and what did Hagar do?

Sarai treated Hagar harshly, and Hagar fled.

Genesis 16:9

ULT	UST
Then the angel of Yahweh said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit under her hands."	*But Yahweh's angel told her, "Go back home to your mistress and humbly obey her as her servant."*

In the wilderness, what did the angel of Yahweh tell Hagar to do?

The angel of Yahweh told Hagar to return to Sarai and submit to her authority.

Genesis 16:10

ULT	UST
Then the angel of Yahweh said to her, "I will greatly increase your offspring, so that they cannot be counted, because of their abundance."	*Then the angel added, "I Yahweh will give you so many descendants that no one will be able to count them all, because there will be so many of them."*

What promise did the angel of Yahweh make to Hagar?

The angel of Yahweh promised Hagar that her offspring would be too numerous to count.

Genesis 16:11

ULT	UST
Then the angel of Yahweh said to her, "Behold, you are pregnant, and you will bear a son, and you will call his name Ishmael, because Yahweh has listened to your misery.	*Then the angel also told her, "Listen, as you know, you are pregnant. You will have a son, and you are to name him Ishmael, which means 'God listens,' because Yahweh listened to you when you were suffering and has helped you.*

Why was Hagar told to name her son Ishmael?

Hagar was told to name her son Ishmael, because Yahweh had heard her affliction.

Genesis 16:12

ULT	UST
And he will be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and the hand of everyone against him, and he will live in the faces of all of his brothers."	*When Ishmael grows up, he will be proud and free like a wild donkey. He will fight against everyone, and everyone will fight against him. In fact, he will even be hostile toward all his relatives."*

How will Ishmael treat other people?

Ishmael will be hostile against every man, and will live apart from all his brothers.

Genesis 16:13

ULT	UST
Then she called the name of Yahweh who had spoken to her, "You are El Roi," because she said, "Have I really seen here the back of the one who sees me?"	*After Yahweh spoke to Hagar, she called him El Roi, which means "the God who sees." She named him that, because she had exclaimed to herself, "I just now saw the back of God who sees me!"*

What name did Hagar give Yahweh?

Hagar gave Yahweh the name, "The God who sees me."

Genesis 16:16

ULT	UST
And Abram was a son of 86 years when Hagar bore Ishmael for Abram.	*Abram was 86 years old when Hagar had Ishmael for him.*

How old was Abram when Ishmael was born?

Abram was eighty-six years old when Ishmael was born.

Genesis 17

Genesis 17:1

ULT	UST
Then Abram was a son of ninety-nine years, and Yahweh appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty. Walk before me and be without blemish.	*Years later, when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Yahweh came to him and told him, "I am God who is all-powerful. Live in a way that pleases me so that you will be blameless.*

How old was Abram when Yahweh appeared again to him to confirm his covenant with Abram?

Abram was ninety-nine years old when Yahweh again appeared to Abram.

What command did Yahweh give Abram concerning Abram's way of life?

Yahweh commanded Abram to walk before him blamelessly.

Genesis 17:5

ULT	UST
And your name will not be called Abram anymore, but your name will be Abraham, because I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.	*So your name will no longer be Abram. Rather, from now on it will be Abraham, because you will be the ancestor of many people groups.*

To what did Yahweh change Abram's name, and what does the name mean?

Yahweh changed Abram's name to Abraham, which means "father of a multitude of nations."

Genesis 17:8

ULT	UST
And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, as an eternal possession, and I will be God to them."	*I will also give to you and your descendants this land where you have been living as a foreigner, yes, the entire region of Canaan. They will own it forever, and I will be their God."*

What did Yahweh give to Abraham's offspring as part of the covenant?

Yahweh gave Abraham's offspring all the land of Canaan as part of the covenant.

What did Yahweh say would be the relationship between Abraham's offspring and Yahweh?

Yahweh said that he would be God to Abraham's offspring.

Genesis 17:10-11

What did Yahweh command be done as a sign of the covenant between Abraham and Yahweh?

Yahweh commanded that every male be circumcised as a sign of the covenant between Abraham and Yahweh.

Genesis 17:12

ULT	UST
So a son of eight days must be circumcised, every male among you throughout your generations, the one born in your house and the one bought with money from any son of a foreigner, who is not your offspring.	*For all future generations you must circumcise every baby boy who is eight days old, as well as all other males among your people. That includes males from your own family as well as those who are not your descendants but are servants whom you bought from foreigners.*

At what age was a baby to be circumcised?

A baby was to be circumcised after eight days.

Genesis 17:12-13

What was to be done with foreigners who joined a household that was in covenant with Yahweh?

Foreigners who joined a household in covenant with Yahweh were also to be circumcised.

Genesis 17:14

ULT	UST
And as for an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, indeed that person must be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."	*In fact, if any man refuses to let you circumcise him, you must send him away and not allow him to associate with my people, because he has disobeyed what I require in my agreement."*

What happened to any male who was not circumcised?

Any male who was not circumcised was cut off from his people because he had broken the covenant.

Genesis 17:15

ULT	UST
Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, do not call her name Sarai, because her name will be Sarah.	*God also told Abraham, "As for your wife Sarai, do not call her Sarai anymore. Rather, from now on her name will be Sarah.*

To what did Yahweh change Sarai's name?

Yahweh changed Sarai's name to Sarah.

Genesis 17:16

ULT	UST
And I will bless her, and I will also give to you a son from her. Indeed, I will bless her and she will become nations; kings of peoples will come from her."	*I will bless her, and I will definitely enable her to bear a son for you. In fact, I will bless her so that she will have many descendants that will become many people groups, and some of her descendants will even be kings who rule over people groups."*

What did Yahweh promise would come by Sarah?

Yahweh promised that Abraham's son would come by Sarah.

Genesis 17:17

ULT	UST
Then Abraham fell on his face, and he laughed and said in his heart, "Will a child be born to a son of 100 years? And will Sarah, who is a daughter of ninety years, bear a child?"	*When Abraham heard that, he bowed with his face to the ground before God to respect him, but he laughed silently and thought to himself, "How can a hundred-year-old man like me father a child? And how can Sarah, who is ninety years old, still have a baby?"*

How did Abraham respond to Yahweh's promise concerning Sarah?

Abraham laughed and asked how a child could be born to a man and woman who were so old.

Genesis 17:19

ULT	UST
Then God said, "No, Sarah your wife is bearing a son for you, and you will call his name Isaac. And I will establish my covenant with him as an eternal covenant for his offspring after him.	*God replied, "Yes, but it is your wife Sarah who will give birth to a son for you. You must name him Isaac. He is the one I will establish my agreement with, as a permanent agreement that I will also keep with all his descendants who live after him.*

What did God say Abraham must name the son that would come by Sarah?

God said that Abraham must name the son Isaac.

What did God say he would establish with Isaac?

God said that he would establish his covenant with Isaac.

Genesis 17:20

ULT	UST
And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I will bless him, and I will make him fruitful and multiply him very greatly. He will father twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation.	*I also heard what you asked me to do for Ishmael. So this is what I will do: I will also bless him, and I will give him many children and greatly increase the number of his descendants. In fact, he will be the father of twelve sons who become powerful leaders, and I will make him the ancestor of a large people group.*

What promise did God make concerning Ishmael?

God promised to bless Ishmael, to make him fruitful, and to make him a great nation.

Genesis 17:21

ULT	UST
However, my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear for you by this time in the next year."	*But I will establish my agreement with your son Isaac. Sarah will give birth to him at this time next year."*

What did God say he would establish with Isaac?

God said that he would establish his covenant with Isaac.

Genesis 17:24-27

After God left Abraham, what did Abraham do on that same day?

On that same day, Abraham circumcised all the males of his household.

Genesis 17:25

ULT	UST
and Ishmael his son was a son of thirteen years when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.	*and his son Ishmael was thirteen years old when Abraham circumcised him.*

How old was Ishmael when he was circumcised?

Ishmael was thirteen years old when he was circumcised.

Genesis 18

Genesis 18:2

ULT	UST
And he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing nearby him. And when he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them and bowed himself to the ground,	*Abraham looked up and saw that there were three men standing a short distance away. As soon as he saw them, he jumped up and hurried to them to greet them. Then he bowed before them with his face to the ground to show respect,*

As Abraham was sitting at his tent door, what did he see when he looked up?

Abraham saw three men standing nearby him.

Genesis 18:4-5

What did Abraham offer the men?

Abraham offered the men some water to wash their feet, and he offered some food.

Genesis 18:9

ULT	UST
Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "Behold, in the tent."	*Then one of the men asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" Abraham answered, "She is there in the tent."*

Where was Sarah when the visitor gave his prediction?

Sarah was in the tent.

Genesis 18:10

ULT	UST
Then he said, "I will surely return to you at the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son." And Sarah was listening at the opening of the tent, and it was behind him.	*Then the man said to Abraham, "I will definitely come back here to visit you at this time next year. When I do, your wife Sarah will have a baby son." Now Sarah was listening inside the entrance of the tent, which was behind the man.*

What prediction did the one visitor give concerning Sarah?

The one visitor said that when he returned, Sarah would have a son.

Genesis 18:12

ULT	UST
So Sarah laughed within herself and said, "After I am worn out, will I have pleasure? And my lord is old!"	*So she laughed to herself in disbelief and said to herself, "It does not seem possible that I could experience the pleasure of having a child now that I am too old to conceive. Besides that, my husband is also very old!"*

How did Sarah respond to the visitor's prediction?

Sarah laughed to herself when she heard the visitor's prediction.

Genesis 18:14

ULT	UST
Is anything too hard for Yahweh? At the appointed time I will return to you, at the time of life, and Sarah will have a son."	*Nothing is too difficult for Yahweh to do! At the time that I have set, I will return to you here. Yes, I will come at this time next year, and Sarah will already have a son."*

What did Yahweh, the visitor, say about Sarah's response?

Yahweh asked why Sarah laughed, and said "Is anything too hard for Yahweh?"

Genesis 18:16

ULT	UST
Then the men got up from there and looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to send them off.	*When they had finished eating, the three men got up to leave and started walking down toward the city of Sodom. Abraham escorted them for a while to see them on their way.*

When the men got up, toward where did they look?

The men looked toward Sodom.

Genesis 18:17

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said, "Should I hide from Abraham what I am doing?	*Then Yahweh thought to himself, "Should I keep secret from Abraham what I am about to do to the city of Sodom?*

What question did Yahweh ask as they walked?

Yahweh said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing?"

Genesis 18:19

ULT	UST
For I have known him so that he will command his children and his house after him, and they will keep the way of Yahweh by doing righteousness and justice, so that Yahweh will bring about for Abraham what he has said to him."	*In fact, I have chosen him so that he will train his children and his descendants, so that they will live the way I want them to live and do what is right and treat people justly. Therefore I will do for him everything I have promised him that I will do."*

What did Yahweh say Abraham must do so that Yahweh might fulfill the promises given to Abraham?

Yahweh said that Abraham must instruct his children and his household to do righteousness and justice.

Genesis 18:20-21

Why were the men going toward Sodom?

The men were going toward Sodom because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah was great, and they wanted to see if the cities were as wicked as the outcry suggested.

Genesis 18:23

ULT	UST
Then Abraham approached him and said, "Will you really sweep away the righteous with the wicked?	*Then Abraham stepped closer to Yahweh and asked him, "Certainly you will not destroy righteous people along with wicked people, will you?*

As Abraham stood with Yahweh, what question did he ask Yahweh?

Abraham asked, "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"

Genesis 18:26

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous in the city, then I will spare the whole place for their sake."	*Yahweh replied to him, "If there are fifty righteous people living in the city of Sodom, then I will spare the whole city and everyone who lives there because of them."*

What did Yahweh say he would do if there were fifty righteous within the city?

Yahweh said he would spare the whole place for their sake.

Genesis 18:28

ULT	UST
Suppose the fifty righteous lack five? Will you destroy the whole city because of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."	*But what will you do if there are only forty-five righteous people in the city instead of fifty? Will you destroy the whole city and everyone in it if there are five people too few who are righteous?" Yahweh answered, "I will not destroy the city if there are forty-five righteous people living there."*

What did Yahweh say he would do if there were forty-five righteous within the city?

Yahweh said he would spare the whole place for their sake.

Genesis 18:29

ULT	UST
Then he continued again to speak to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there?" And he said, "I will not do it for the sake of the forty."	*Then Abraham spoke again to Yahweh and asked, "What will you do if there are only forty righteous people in the city? Will you destroy it then?" Yahweh answered, "I will not destroy the city, in order to save the forty righteous people."*

What did Yahweh say he would do if there were forty righteous within the city?

Yahweh said he would spare the whole place for their sake.

Genesis 18:30

ULT	UST
Then he said, "Please do not let my Lord be angry, and let me speak: Suppose thirty are found there?" And he said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."	*Then Abraham pleaded with him, "My Lord, please do not be angry with me, but let me ask you another question: What will you do if there are only thirty righteous people living there?" He replied, "I will not destroy the city if there are thirty righteous people there."*

What did Yahweh say he would do if there were thirty righteous within the city?

Yahweh said he would spare the whole place for their sake.

Genesis 18:31

ULT	UST
Then he said, "Behold, please, I have taken it upon myself to speak to my Lord. Suppose twenty are found there?" And he said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the twenty."	*Then Abraham asked him, "My Lord, please excuse me for speaking to you so boldly. What will you do if there are only twenty righteous people living in the city?" Yahweh replied, "I will not destroy the city, in order to save the twenty righteous people."*

What did Yahweh say he would do if there were twenty righteous within the city?

Yahweh said he would spare the whole place for their sake.

Genesis 18:32

ULT	UST
Then he said, “Please do not let my Lord be angry, and let me speak just once more: Suppose ten are found there?” And he said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten.”	*Then Abraham said, “My Lord, please do not be angry with me, but let me ask you just one more thing: What will you do if there are only ten righteous people in the city?” Yahweh answered him, “I will not destroy the city, in order to save the ten righteous people.”*

What did Yahweh say he would do if there were ten righteous within the city?

Yahweh said he would spare the whole place for their sake.

Genesis 19

Genesis 19:2

ULT	UST
Then he said, "Behold, please, my lords: Please turn aside to the house of your servant and spend the night, and wash your feet. Then you can get up early and go on your way." But they said, "No, rather we will spend the night in the street."	*Then he said to them, "Sirs, please listen to this: Please come to my house so that I can serve you and you can lodge for the night there. That way too you can wash the dust off your feet. Then tomorrow morning you can get up early and continue traveling." But the two angels replied, "Thank you, but we will just stay in the public square tonight."*

When Lot saw the two angels coming into Sodom, what did he offer to them?

Lot offered that they stay at his home for the night and then leave in the morning.

What was the angels' response to Lot?

The angels said that they would spend the night in the street.

Genesis 19:3

ULT	UST
But he urged them strongly, so that they turned aside with him and entered into his house. Then he prepared a feast for them, and he baked unleavened bread, and they ate.	*However Lot continued to urgently invite them until they finally agreed and went with him to his house. Then Lot prepared a big meal for them, including some flat bread, and they sat down and ate the meal.*

At Lot's strong urging, where did the angels finally decide to spend the night?

Finally, the angels went with Lot to his home for the night.

Genesis 19:5

ULT	UST
Then they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can know them!"	*Then they shouted to Lot, "Where are the two men who came to lodge with you tonight? Bring them outside to us so that we can have relations with them!"*

What did the men of the city who surrounded Lot's house want Lot to do?

The men wanted Lot to bring out the two men who were visiting him, so they could know then carnally.

Genesis 19:8

ULT	UST
Behold, please: I have two daughters who have not known a man. Please let me bring them out to you, and you do to them as is good in your eyes. But do not do anything to these men, because for that reason they have come under the shadow of my rafters."	*Listen to this please: My two daughters have never had marital relations with a man. Allow me to bring them out to you instead so that you can do with them whatever you want. But do not harm these men, because they are my guests and I am responsible for their safety."*

What did Lot offer the men of the city instead?

Lot offered the men of the city his two daughters instead of the two visitors.

Genesis 19:9

ULT	UST
But they said, "Get back!" Then they said, "This one came to sojourn, and now he is judging us! We will treat you worse than them!" Then they pressed hard against the man Lot and came near to break down the door.	*But the men of Sodom shouted at him, "Get out of our way!" Then they complained to each other, "This guy came here as a foreigner, and now he thinks that he can judge us!" Then they shouted at Lot, "We will do worse things to you than we do to your two guests!" Then they started shoving hard against Lot and surged forward to break through the door of his house.*

How did the men respond to Lot's offer?

The men told Lot to stand back, and they almost broke down the door.

Genesis 19:11

ULT	UST
Then they struck the men who were at the entrance of the house with blindness, from the small and to the great, so that they became weary trying to find the door.	*Then those two men who were angels caused the men who were at the door of the house to be blind, including every last one of them, so that they exhausted themselves groping around trying to find the door.*

What did the angels then do?

The angels pulled Lot back into the house and struck the men outside with blindness.

Genesis 19:13

ULT	UST
because we are destroying this place. For their outcry before Yahweh is great, so Yahweh has sent us to destroy it."	*because we are about to destroy it. Yahweh has heard that the people of this city are guilty of serious sins, so he has sent us to destroy the city."*

What did the angels say they had been sent to do by Yahweh?

The angels said they had been sent to destroy the city.

Genesis 19:14

ULT	UST
Then Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law who were to take his daughters, and he said, "Get up, get out of this place, because Yahweh is destroying the city!" But it seemed like he was joking in the eyes of his sons-in-law.	*So Lot went to his future sons-in-law who were engaged to his daughters, and he warned them, "Hurry up and leave this city, because Yahweh is about to destroy it!" But his sons-in-law thought that he was joking, so they ignored him.*

How did Lot's sons-in-law respond when Lot told them to hurry and leave Sodom because it was about to be destroyed?

Lot's sons-in-law thought Lot was joking.

Genesis 19:15

ULT	UST
Then when the dawn came, the angels urged Lot, saying, "Get up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, so that you are not swept away in the punishment of the city."	*Early the next morning, the two angels urged Lot, "Hurry up and take your wife and your two daughters out of the city so that you will not die when God punishes the people of the city."*

When morning dawned, what did the angels tell Lot to do?

The angels told Lot to take his wife and daughters and get out of the city so they would not be destroyed too.

Genesis 19:16

ULT	UST
But he lingered, so the men grabbed his hand and the hand of his wife and the hands of his two daughters, because of Yahweh's mercy for him, and brought him out and set him outside the city.	*Lot hesitated, but Yahweh was being merciful to him, so the two men took hold of Lot's hand and the hands of his wife and two daughters and led them out of the city.*

Why, despite Lot's lingering, did the angels bring Lot and his family by their hands out of the city?

The angels set them outside the city because Yahweh was merciful to them.

Genesis 19:17

ULT	UST
And it happened when they had brought them out to the outside, then he said, "Flee for your life! Do not look behind you, and do not stop anywhere in the plain! Escape to the mountains so that you are not swept away!"	*As soon as the angels had taken them outside the city, one of them said to Lot, "Run away from here as fast as you can! Do not look behind you, and do not delay in the valley for any reason! Go quickly to the hill country, or else you will die!"*

What instructions did the angels give Lot when they were outside the city?

The angels told Lot and his family to flee for their lives and to not look back.

Genesis 19:22

ULT	UST
Hurry up, escape there, because I am not able to do a thing until you go there." For that reason they called the name of the town Zoar.	*But hurry up now and run there, because I cannot destroy anything until you get there." Since Lot said the town was small, the name of the town is Zoar which means "small".*

Where did the angel allow Lot and his family to flee?

Lot and his family were allowed to flee to a small city called Zoar.

Genesis 19:24

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh rained down on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from Yahweh out of the heavens,	*Then Yahweh caused fire and burning rocks to fall like heavy rain from the sky on the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.*

What did Yahweh do when Lot reached Zoar?

Yahweh rained down sulfur and fire from the sky on Sodom and Gomorrah.

Genesis 19:26

ULT	UST
But his wife from behind him looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.	*But Lot's wife, who was walking behind him, glanced back at the city, and immediately she turned into a statue of solid salt rock.*

What did Lot's wife do, and what happened to her?

Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.

Genesis 19:28

ULT	UST
and he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah and toward all the surface of the land of the plain. And he saw that, behold, smoke was rising from the land like smoke from a furnace.	*He looked down at the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and all the rest of the valley. There in front of him, he saw that lots of thick smoke was billowing up over the land like smoke from a huge fire.*

What did Abraham see early in the morning as he looked down at all the land of the plain?

Abraham saw smoke rising from the land like the smoke of a furnace.

Genesis 19:30

ULT	UST
Then Lot went up from Zoar and settled in the mountains, and his two daughters were with him, because he was afraid to settle in Zoar. So he lived in a cave, he and his two daughters.	*After that, Lot was afraid to stay in the town of Zoar, so he and his two daughters moved from there to the mountains, where they lived in a cave.*

To where did Lot then move and why?

Lot then moved to a cave in the mountains, because he was afraid to live in Zoar.

Genesis 19:31-32

What plan did Lot's daughters make involving their father?

Lot's daughters planned to make their father drunk, then lie with him so that they could have children.

Genesis 19:37-38

Which two people groups came from the daughters of Lot?

The Moabite and Ammonite people groups came from the daughters of Lot.

Genesis 20

Genesis 20:1-2

What did Abraham say about Sarah while he was living at Gerar?

Abraham said that Sarah was his sister.

Genesis 20:3

ULT	UST
But God came to Abimelech in a dream in the night and said to him, “Behold, you are dead because of the woman whom you have taken, because she is married to a husband!”	*But that night God appeared to King Abimelech in a dream and warned him, “Listen, you are about to die because the woman whom you have taken to be your wife is already married to someone else!”*

What did God say to Abimelech after he took Sarah?

God came to Abimelech in a dream and told him that he was a dead man because he had taken another man’s wife.

Genesis 20:5

ULT	UST
Did not he himself say to me, ‘She is my sister’? And she herself also said, ‘He is my brother.’ I did this in the integrity of my heart and in the innocence of my hands!”	*Abraham himself told me that Sarah was his sister. And she herself also said that he was her brother. So I took her to be my wife with a pure conscience, and I did not know that I was doing anything wrong!”*

What did Abimelech tell God that he had been told by Abraham and Sarah?

Abimelech told God that Abraham had told him Sarah was his sister, and Sarah had told him Abraham was his brother.

Genesis 20:7

ULT	UST
So now, return the wife of the man because he is a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you will live. But if you do not return her, know that you will surely die, you and all who belong to you!"	*Now then, you must give Abraham's wife back to him. He is a spokesman for me, so he will ask me to be merciful to you, so that you will not die. However, if you refuse to give Sarah back to him, you can be sure that you and all your people will definitely die!"*

What did God tell Abimelech to do, and what did God say would happen if he did not do it?

God told Abimelech to return Sarah to Abraham; otherwise, he and all his people would die.

Genesis 20:8

ULT	UST
So Abimelech got up early in the morning and called for all of his servants, and he told all those things in their ears, and the men were very afraid.	*Early the next morning King Abimelech got up and called together all of his officials. He told them everything that had happened, and they were very afraid that God would punish them.*

How did Abimelech's men respond when they heard what God had told Abimelech?

Abimelech's men were very afraid when they heard what God had told him.

Genesis 20:11

ULT	UST
And Abraham answered, "Because I said, 'Surely there is no fear of God in this place, so they will kill me because of my wife.'	*Abraham answered him, "I did it, because I thought that there was certainly no one in this city who revered God, so I was afraid they would kill me to get my wife for themselves.*

Why did Abraham say he had told Abimelech that Sarah was his sister?

Abraham said that he was afraid Abimelech would kill him because of Sarah.

Genesis 20:12

ULT	UST
And also she truly is my sister, the daughter of my father but not the daughter of my mother, and she became my wife.	*Besides that, Sarah actually is my half-sister. We have the same father, but different mothers, and after we grew up, we got married.*

In what way was Sarah actually Abraham's sister?

Sarah was the daughter of Abraham's father but not of his mother.

Genesis 20:16

ULT	UST
And to Sarah he said, "Behold, I have given 1, 000 shekels of silver to your brother. Behold, that is for you a covering of the eyes before all who are with you, so that you are vindicated for everything."	*Then he turned to Sarah and said, "Listen, I have given 12 kilos of silver to your brother. I am doing this so that everyone knows you did nothing wrong, and to compensate you for everything that has happened to you."*

What gift did Abimelech give Abraham?

Abimelech gave Abraham 1,000 {shekels of} silver.

What reason did Abimelech give Sarah as to why he gave her brother a thousand pieces of silver?

Abimelech told Sarah he had given a thousand pieces of silver to her brother to cover any offense against Sarah in the eyes of all that were with Sarah, so that she was vindicated.

Genesis 20:17

ULT	UST
Then Abraham prayed to God, and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his slave women, so that they bore children,	*Then Abraham asked God to be merciful to the king. So God healed King Abimelech, as well as his wife and his female servants, and they were able to have children again.*

What happened when Abraham prayed to God for Abimelech and his people?

God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his female slaves so that they were able to have children.

Genesis 21

Genesis 21:2

ULT	UST
so that Sarah conceived and bore a son for Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time which God had told him.	*So Sarah became pregnant and at the time God had appointed, she gave birth to a son for Abraham when he was old, just as God had promised him that she would.*

What did Yahweh do for Sarah?

Yahweh visited Sarah, and she bore a son to Abraham at the promised time.

Genesis 21:4

ULT	UST
And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac, a son of eight days, just as God had commanded him.	*Also, when Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, which was exactly what God had commanded him to do.*

When Isaac was eight days old, what did Abraham do?

When Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him.

Genesis 21:6

ULT	UST
And Sarah said, "God has brought laughter to me! Everyone who hears will laugh with me!"	*When he was born, Sarah exclaimed, "God has made me laugh for joy! Everyone who hears about this will laugh for joy with me!"*

What did Sarah say God had made her do?

Sarah said that God had made her laugh.

Genesis 21:9

ULT	UST
And Sarah saw that the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had born for Abraham, was mocking.	*But during the feast Sarah noticed that Ishmael, the son of her Egyptian handmaid Hagar and Abraham, was making fun of Isaac.*

On the day Isaac was weaned, what did Sarah see?

Sarah saw that the son of Hagar was mocking.

Genesis 21:10

ULT	UST
So she said to Abraham, "Drive away that slave woman and her son, because the son of that slave woman will not inherit with my son, with Isaac!"	*So she was angry and told Abraham, "Get rid of that servant woman and her son! Her son must never share any part of what my son Isaac inherits from you!"*

What did Sarah tell Abraham to do with Hagar and her son, and why?

Sarah told Abraham to drive away Hagar and her son, because Hagar's son would not be heir with Isaac.

Genesis 21:11

ULT	UST
And the matter was very distressing in the eyes of Abraham on account of his son.	*Abraham was very upset about that, because Ishmael was also his son and he cared about him too.*

What was Abraham's reaction to Sarah's demand?

Abraham was distressed by Sarah's demand because of his son by Hagar.

Genesis 21:12

ULT	UST
But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed in your eyes because of the boy and because of your slave woman. All that Sarah says to you, listen to her voice, because in Isaac, offspring will be called yours.	*But God told him, "Do not be upset about the boy or your servant woman. Rather, listen to everything Sarah tells you to do, and do it, because Isaac is the one who will be the ancestor of your descendants whom I promised to you.*

What did God tell Abraham to do?

God told Abraham to listen to Sarah.

Genesis 21:14

ULT	UST
Then Abraham got up early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar, putting them on her shoulder. Then he gave her the child and sent her away, and she left and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.	*Early the next morning Abraham got up, brought some food and a leather container full of water to Hagar and put them on her back. Then he sent her off with the boy, and they left and wandered around in the desert near the city of Beersheba.*

Where did Hagar and her son go after Abraham sent them out?

Hagar and her son went into the wilderness.

Genesis 21:18

ULT	UST
Get up, lift the boy, and hold on to him with your hand, because I will make him into a great nation."	*So go help the boy to get up, and take care of him, because I Yahweh will make him become the ancestor of a large people group."*

What did God tell Hagar he would do for her son?

God said he would make the son of Hagar into a great nation.

Genesis 21:19

ULT	UST
Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.	*Then God enabled Hagar to see a water well. So she went over to the well, filled her water container with water, and gave her son some water to drink.*

How did Hagar and her son survive?

God opened Hagar's eyes and she saw a well of water.

Genesis 21:20-21

What happened to Hagar's son as he grew up?

Hagar's son lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

Genesis 21:23

ULT	UST
So now, swear to me here by God if you will deal falsely with me or with my children or with my descendants. According to the kindness that I have done to you, do to me and to the land which you are sojourning in."	*Now then, please vow to me here in God's presence that you will never again deceive me or my children or my descendants. Instead, just as I have treated you kindly, vow that you will also be kind to me and my people in this country where you are living."*

What did Abimelech want Abraham to swear to do for him?

Abimelech wanted Abraham to swear that he would not deal falsely with Abimelech or with his children or with his descendants. Abimelech asked Abraham to show to him the same covenant faithfulness that Abimelech had shown to Abraham.

Genesis 21:25

ULT	UST
Then Abraham complained to Abimelech on account of the well of water that the servants of Abimelech had seized.	*Then Abraham also confronted King Abimelech about a water well that Abimelech's servants had taken control of from Abraham's servants.*

What did Abraham complain about to Abimelech?

Abraham complained to Abimelech about a well of water that Abimelech's servants had seized from him.

Genesis 21:28-30

Why did Abraham give seven female lambs to Abimelech?

Abraham gave seven female lambs to Abimelech as a witness that he had dug the disputed well.

Genesis 21:32

ULT	UST
So they cut the covenant at Beersheba. Then Abimelech and Phicol, the commander of his army, got up and returned to the land of the Philistines.	*After Abraham and King Abimelech made their peace treaty at Beersheba, Abimelech and his army captain Phicol left from there and went back to their homes in the Philistines' territory that Abimelech ruled over.*

Into what land did Abimelech return?

Abimelech returned into the land of the Philistines.

Genesis 21:33

ULT	UST
Then he planted a tamarisk tree at Beersheba, and there he called on the name of Yahweh, the God of eternity.	*Then Abraham planted an evergreen tree named tamarisk at the place called Beersheba, and there he worshiped Yahweh, who is the God who lives forever.*

What did Abraham do at the tamarisk tree in Beersheba?

Abraham worshiped Yahweh, the eternal God.

Genesis 21:34

ULT	UST
Then Abraham sojourned in the land of the Philistines many days.	*After that, Abraham lived there in the Philistines' territory for many years.*

Where did Abraham live for many days?

Abraham lived in the land of the Philistines for many days.

Genesis 22

Genesis 22:1-2

What test did God give Abraham?

God told Abraham to go the land of Moriah and offer Isaac as a burnt offering.

Genesis 22:3

ULT	UST
So Abraham got up early in the morning and saddled his donkey. Then he took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son, and he cut wood for the burnt offering. Then he got up and left for the place that God had told to him.	*So the next morning Abraham got up early and put a pack saddle on his donkey to get it ready for the trip. Then he got his son Isaac and two of his servants, and they chopped some firewood that they would use to burn the sacrifice and loaded it on the donkey. Then they started traveling to the place that God had told Abraham to go to.*

How did Abraham respond to God's command?

Abraham rose early in the morning and set out on his journey to the place God had told him.

Genesis 22:5

ULT	UST
Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here by yourselves with the donkey, and I and the boy will go over there and bow down. Then we will come back to you."	*Then he told his servants, "You two stay here with the donkey, while my son and I go to the mountain over there and worship God. Then we will come back to you."*

What did Abraham tell his two young men that he and Isaac were going to do?

Abraham told his two young men that he and Isaac were going to worship and then would return.

Genesis 22:7

ULT	UST
and Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father?” And he said, “Behold me, my son.” Then he said, “Behold the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”	*As they walked, Isaac said to Abraham, “Father?” Abraham replied, “Yes, my son?” Then Isaac asked him, “I see that we have the fire coals and the firewood, but where is the lamb that we will burn as a sacrifice to God?”*

What question did Isaac ask Abraham as they were walking together?

Isaac asked Abraham, “Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

Genesis 22:8

ULT	UST
And Abraham said, “God will see for himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” Then the two of them went on together.	*Abraham answered him, “My son, God himself will provide a lamb for us to burn as a sacrifice to him.” Then they continued walking together toward the mountain.*

How did Abraham answer Isaac’s question?

Abraham said that God himself would provide the lamb for the burnt offering.

Genesis 22:9

ULT	UST
Then they came to the place that God had told to him, and there Abraham built the altar and arranged the wood. Then he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.	*When they reached the place that God had told him to go to, Abraham built a stone altar there and put the wood on top of it. Then he tied his son Isaac’s arms and legs with rope and laid him on top of the wood on the altar.*

When they reached the place, what did Abraham prepare as the burnt offering and how did he do it?

Abraham prepared Isaac as the burnt offering by binding him and laying him on the altar.

Genesis 22:12

ULT	UST
Then he said, "Do not reach out your hand against the boy! And do not do anything to him, because now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."	*Then the angel told him, "Do not harm your son or do anything else to him. Now I know that you revere me, since you obeyed me and did not refuse to sacrifice your son to me, even though he is your only son."*

When Abraham took the knife in his hand, what did the angel of Yahweh tell Abraham?

The angel of Yahweh told Abraham not to harm Isaac.

What did the angel say that he now knew about Abraham?

The angel said that he now knew that Abraham feared God.

Genesis 22:13

ULT	UST
Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a ram was behind him, caught in the thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.	*Then Abraham looked around and there behind him he saw a ram that had its horns stuck in a bush. So he released Isaac, went over to the ram and untangled it. Then he killed it and burned it on the altar as a sacrifice to God in place of his son.*

How did God then provide the burnt offering for Abraham?

There was a ram caught in the bushes behind Abraham: Abraham used it as the burnt offering.

Genesis 22:14

ULT	UST
So Abraham called the name of that place Yahweh-Yireh, as it is said to this day, "On the mountain of Yahweh it will be seen."	*That is why Abraham named that place Yahweh-Yireh, which means "Yahweh will provide". Even today people still say, "On Yahweh's mountain he will provide what you need."*

What did Abraham call the place of the burnt offering?

Abraham called the place Yahweh-Yireh, which means "Yahweh will provide".

Genesis 22:16-17

What reason did the angel of Yahweh give for blessing Abraham?

The angel of Yahweh said he would bless Abraham because Abraham had not withheld his only son.

Genesis 22:18

ULT	UST
And in your offspring all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you listened to my voice."	*Through your descendants I will bless all the people groups on the earth. I will do that because you obeyed me.'"*

Through whom and for what reason were all nations of the earth to be blessed?

All the nations of the earth were to be blessed through Abraham's offspring because Abraham had obeyed Yahweh's command delivered by his angel.

Genesis 23

Genesis 23:2

ULT	UST
Then Sarah died in Kiriath Arba, which is Hebron, in the land of Canaan. And Abraham went to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.	*when she died in the city of Kiriath Arba, which is now called Hebron, in the region of Canaan. Abraham went to her and cried and mourned for her.*

What did Abraham first do when Sarah died?

When Sarah died, Abraham first mourned for her and wept for her.

Genesis 23:3-4

What request did Abraham make to the sons of Heth?

Abraham asked for a property to use as a burial place.

Genesis 23:5-6

How did the sons of Heth respond to Abraham's request?

The sons of Heth offered the choicest of their tombs to Abraham.

Genesis 23:10-11

When Abraham asked for Ephron the Hittite's cave as a tomb, how did Ephron respond?

Ephron offered to freely give Abraham the cave and the field next to it.

Genesis 23:12-13

How did Abraham respond to Ephron's offer?

Abraham asked to pay for the field and the cave.

Genesis 23:14-16

How did the conversation between Abraham and Ephron end?

Abraham paid 400 shekels of silver to Ephron for the piece of land.

Genesis 23:14-15

How did Ephron respond to Abraham's offer?

Ephron asked for 400 shekels of silver for the field and the cave.

Genesis 23:17-18

What was included in the purchase of the field of Ephron which was in Machpelah?

The field, the cave that was in it, and all the trees that were in the field and all around its border were included in Abraham's purchase of the field of Ephron.

Genesis 23:19

ULT	UST
Then after that, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre, which is Hebron, in the land of Canaan.	*After that, Abraham put the body of his wife Sarah in the cave in that field in the Machpelah area east of the city of Mamre, that is, Hebron, in the region of Canaan.*

What did Abraham then do with the cave?

Abraham then buried Sarah in the cave.

Genesis 24

Genesis 24:2-4

What did Abraham make his oldest servant swear to do?

Abraham made his oldest servant swear that he would get a wife for Isaac from Abraham's relatives.

Genesis 24:5-6

What did Abraham insist that the servant not do with Isaac?

Abraham insisted that the servant not take Isaac back to the land from which Abraham came.

Genesis 24:12-14

What did Abraham's servant ask God to do in order to show him which woman God had chosen for Isaac?

The servant asked that the woman whom he asked to lower her pitcher to let him get a drink would do so and offer to water his camels also.

Genesis 24:15

ULT	UST
And it happened before he had finished speaking, then behold, Rebekah was coming out, who was born to Bethuel, the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, the brother of Abraham. And her water jar was on her shoulder.	*Before Abraham's servant had even finished praying, he saw a young woman named Rebekah coming out of the city carrying a water jug on her shoulder. She was the daughter of Bethuel, who was the son of Milcah and Abraham's brother Nahor.*

What relation was Rebekah to Abraham?

Rebekah was the granddaughter of Nahor, Abraham's brother.

Genesis 24:17-18

What did Rebekah do when Abraham's servant asked for a drink of water?

Rebekah gave the servant a drink.

Genesis 24:19

ULT	UST
And after she finished giving him a drink, then she said, "I will also draw water for your camels until they have finished drinking."	*After that, she said to him, "I will also draw water for your camels until they have had enough to drink."*

What did Rebekah say after she had finished giving the servant a drink?

After Rebekah finished giving the servant a drink, she said, "I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking."

Genesis 24:26-27

What did the servant do when he heard that Rebekah was related to Abraham and that he could spend the night with her family?

The servant worshiped Yahweh and blessed him.

Genesis 24:29

ULT	UST
Now Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban, and Laban ran to the man outside at the spring.	*Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban, and he rushed out to the well where Abraham's servant was.*

Who was Rebekah's brother?

Laban was Rebekah's brother.

Genesis 24:31

ULT	UST
Then he said, "Come, blessed of Yahweh. Why are you standing out here? For I have prepared the house and a place for the camels."	*Then Laban said to him, "Come with me, you whom Yahweh has blessed. There is no need for you to stand out here. I have gotten our house ready for you and your men to stay with us and there is also a place for your camels to stay."*

What did Laban do when he met Abraham's servant?

Laban invited Abraham's servant to stay at his house.

Genesis 24:33

ULT	UST
Then food was set before him to eat, but he said, "I will not eat until I have spoken my words." So he said, "Speak."	*Then Laban's family served them a meal to eat, but the servant said to them, "Before I can eat, I need to tell you why I am here." Laban responded to him, "Please tell us what you have to say."*

What did Abraham's servant insist on doing before he ate?

Abraham's servant insisted on saying why he had come before he ate.

Genesis 24:40

ULT	UST
And he said to me, 'Yahweh, whom I walk before, will send his angel with you and make your journey succeed, so that you will take a wife for my son from my clan, and from the house of my father.	*He answered me, 'Yahweh whom I serve will send one of his angels with you. He will make you succeed on your journey, so that you will find a wife for my son from among my relatives, someone from my father's family.*

How had Abraham said that Yahweh would prosper the servant's way?

Abraham had said that Yahweh would send his angel with the servant to prosper his way.

Genesis 24:47

ULT	UST
Then I asked her and said, 'Whose daughter are you?' And she said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, a son of Nahor whom Milcah bore for him.' Then I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms.	*Then I asked her, 'Who is your father?' She answered, 'My father is Bethuel, who is one of Nahor and Milcah's sons.' After that I gave her a nose ring and bracelets to wear.*

What had the servant given Rebekah when he heard she was related to Abraham?

Abraham's servant had given Rebekah a gold ring for her nose and bracelets for her arms.

Genesis 24:50-51

How did Laban and Bethuel answer Abraham's servant when he asked them what they wanted to do regarding Rebekah?

Laban and Bethuel answered that the servant should take Rebekah and go, so that Rebekah could be the wife of Abraham's son.

Genesis 24:52-53

What did Abraham's servant do when he heard the answer from Laban and Bethuel?

The servant bowed down to Yahweh. And then he gave gifts to Rebekah and to her brother and mother.

Genesis 24:54-55

When they arose the next morning, what did Rebekah's brother and mother want the servant to do?

When they arose the next morning, they wanted Abraham's servant to stay with them for a few more days.

Genesis 24:56-58

When Abraham's servant said that he wanted to go immediately, what did Rebekah say that she wanted to do?

Rebekah said that she wanted to go with the servant.

Genesis 24:60

ULT	UST
And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "Our sister, may you become thousands of myriads, and may your offspring possess the gates of those hating them!"	*They blessed Rebekah by saying to her, "Sister, we pray that God will give you countless thousands of descendants, and that he will help them conquer all their enemies and rule over them!"*

What blessing did Rebekah's family give her as she left with Abraham's servant?

Rebekah's family blessed her that she might be the mother of thousands and that her offspring might possess the gate of those who hate them.

Genesis 24:63

ULT	UST
And Isaac went to meditate in the field as it was turning toward evening, and he lifted his eyes and saw that, behold, camels were coming.	*One day as it was becoming evening, he went to the field to pray. As he was praying, he looked up and suddenly he saw in the distance some camels coming toward him.*

What was Isaac doing when Rebekah arrived at his home?

Isaac was out in the field meditating.

Genesis 24:64-65

What did Rebekah do when she saw Isaac?

When she saw Isaac, Rebekah jumped down from the camel and covered herself with her veil.

Genesis 24:67

ULT	UST
Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother, and he took Rebekah, and she became a wife to him. And Isaac loved her, and he was comforted after his mother.	*Then Isaac took Rebekah into the tent where his mother Sarah had lived, and he married her, so that she became his wife. Isaac loved her, and he was happy again after mourning for his mother who had died.*

What did Isaac do after Abraham's servant recounted all the things that he had done?

Isaac brought Rebekah into his mother Sarah's tent and took Rebekah as his wife.

Genesis 25

Genesis 25:1

ULT	UST
Then Abraham added and took a wife, and her name was Keturah.	*Then Abraham got married again, and his wife's name was Keturah.*

What did Abraham do after his wife Sarah died?

Abraham took another wife named Keturah.

Genesis 25:5-6

How did Abraham distribute his wealth?

Abraham gave gifts to the sons of his concubines and sent them away. He left all that he owned to Isaac.

Genesis 25:7

ULT	UST
And these are the days of the years of the life of Abraham that he lived: 175 years.	*Abraham lived to be 175 years old.*

How many years did Abraham live?

Abraham lived one hundred seventy-five years.

Genesis 25:9

ULT	UST
Then Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which was before Mamre,	*His sons Isaac and Ishmael put his body in the cave of Machpelah which was in the field that had belonged to Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, east of the city of Mamre.*

Who buried Abraham?

Both Isaac and Ishmael buried Abraham.

Genesis 25:21

ULT	UST
And Isaac entreated Yahweh on behalf of his wife because she was barren. So Yahweh was entreated by him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.	*However for many years Rebekah was not able to become pregnant, so Isaac prayed that Yahweh would give her children. Yahweh did what Isaac prayed for, so that she became pregnant with twins.*

What did Isaac do because Rebekah was childless?

Isaac prayed to Yahweh for his wife; Yahweh answered his prayer, and Rebekah conceived.

Genesis 25:23

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to her, "Two nations are inside your womb, and two peoples will be divided from inside your womb. And one people will be stronger than the other people, and the older will serve the younger."	*Yahweh answered her, "The ancestors of two future people groups are inside you. They will be enemies starting now even before they are born. One of them will be more powerful than the other, so that the older son's descendants will serve the younger son's descendants."*

What did Yahweh say concerning the two children struggling within Rebekah's womb?

Yahweh said that there were two nations in her womb, one people stronger than the other, and that the older would serve the younger.

Genesis 25:25

ULT	UST
And the first came out red; all of him was like a garment of hair, so they called his name Esau.	*The first one who was born was completely covered with thick red hair. So his parents named him Esau, which means "hairy."*

Who was born first, and what did he look like?

Esau was born first, and he was red all over, like a hairy garment.

Genesis 25:26

ULT	UST
Then after that, his brother came out, and his hand was grabbing on to the heel of Esau, so he called his name Jacob. And Isaac was a son of sixty years when she bore them.	*Next his brother was born, with his hand grabbing on tightly to Esau's heel. So they named him Jacob, which means "heel-grabber." Isaac was sixty years old when Esau and Jacob were born.*

Who was born second, and what was he doing as he was born?

Jacob was born second, and he was grasping Esau's heel as he was born.

Genesis 25:27

ULT	UST
Then the boys grew up, and Esau became a man who knew hunting, a man of the field, and Jacob was a quiet man who stayed among the tents.	*When the boys grew up, Esau became a skilled hunter and he enjoyed being in the open country, but Jacob had a quiet personality and preferred to work at home.*

What kind of man was Esau?

Esau was a skillful hunter and a man of the field.

What kind of man was Jacob?

Jacob was a quiet man who spent his time in the tents.

Genesis 25:28

ULT	UST
And Isaac loved Esau, because he liked game meat in his mouth, but Rebekah loved Jacob.	*Isaac's favorite son was Esau, because he liked to eat the meat of wild animals that Esau hunted, whereas Rebekah's favorite son was Jacob.*

Who did Isaac love, and who did Rebekah love?

Isaac loved Esau, and Rebekah loved Jacob.

Genesis 25:30

ULT	UST
Then Esau said to Jacob, "Please let me devour some of that very red stuff because I am exhausted!" For that reason they called his name Edom.	*So Esau requested from Jacob, "Please let me have some of that very red soup because I feel weak and hungry!" That is why Esau's nickname was Edom, which means "red."*

What was another name for Esau?

Edom was another name for Esau.

Genesis 25:31

ULT	UST
But Jacob said, "On this day sell your birthright to me."	*But Jacob replied, "First trade your rights as the oldest son to me for the soup, then I will give you some."*

For what did Jacob ask in return for the red stew that Esau wanted to eat?

Jacob asked for Esau's birthright in return for the red stew.

Genesis 25:33

ULT	UST
But Jacob said, "Swear to me on this day!" So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob.	*Jacob insisted, "First make a vow to me today before God that your rights are now mine!" So Esau vowed to Jacob that he had traded his rights as the oldest son to him for the soup.*

What was Esau's response to Jacob's offer?

Esau swore an oath and sold his birthright to Jacob.

Genesis 25:34

ULT	UST
Then Jacob gave to Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.	*Then Jacob gave Esau some of the lentil soup with some bread, and Esau quickly ate the meal and left. In that way, Esau treated his birthright carelessly as if it had no value.*

How was Esau treating his birthright when he responded in this way to Jacob's offer?

Esau was despising his birthright when he responded to Jacob's offer in this way.

Genesis 26

Genesis 26:1

ULT	UST
Then there was a famine in the land, besides the earlier famine that was in the days of Abraham. So Isaac went to Abimelech, the king of the Philistines, to Gerar.	*Now there was another severe food shortage in the region. This was a different shortage from the one that had happened years before, while Abraham was still alive. So Isaac and his family went to the city of Gerar to ask for help from King Abimelech, who ruled over the Philistines.*

Why did Isaac move to the city of Gerar where Abimelech was the king of the Philistines?

Isaac moved to Gerar because there was a famine in the land.

Genesis 26:2

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land that I tell you.	*Then Yahweh appeared to Isaac and commanded him, "Do not go to the country of Egypt, rather stay in this land where I tell you to live.*

What had Yahweh told Isaac before Isaac moved to Gerar?

Yahweh had told Isaac not to move to Egypt, and to stay in the land about which he would tell Isaac.

Genesis 26:3

ULT	UST
Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and bless you. For to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will confirm the oath that I swore to Abraham your father.	*Live as a foreigner in this region, and I will stay with you and prosper you. In fact, I will give all the surrounding regions to you and your descendants, and I will continue to keep the vow that I made to your father Abraham*

What did Yahweh tell Isaac about the oath Yahweh had sworn to his father Abraham?

Yahweh told Isaac that he would fulfill the oath which Yahweh had sworn to Abraham.

Genesis 26:5

ULT	UST
because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my requirements, my commands, my decrees, and my laws.”	*I will do all that because Abraham obeyed me and did everything that I ever commanded him to do.”*

Why did Yahweh say he was going to do this?

Yahweh said he was going to do this because Abraham had obeyed his voice and kept his instructions, commandments, statutes, and laws.

Genesis 26:7

ULT	UST
Then the men of the place asked about his wife, and he said, “She is my sister,” because he was afraid to say, “She is my wife.” He thought, “Lest the men of the place kill me on account of Rebekah, because she is beautiful of appearance.”	*Now Rebekah was very beautiful, so the men in that city started asking Isaac about her. Isaac was afraid they might kill him in order to have her, so he lied and told them she was his sister.*

What did Isaac say to the men of Gerar about Rebekah, his wife?

Isaac told the men of Gerar that Rebekah was his sister.

Genesis 26:9-10

According to Abimelech, what could have brought guilt upon the people because of Isaac’s lie?

Because of Isaac’s lie, someone could have had sexual relations with Rebekah and brought guilt upon the people.

Genesis 26:11

ULT	UST
Then Abimelech ordered all the people by saying, “Whoever touches this man or his wife will surely be killed!”	*Then King Abimelech warned all his people, “I will definitely execute anyone who harms Isaac or his wife!”*

What command did Abimelech give regarding Rebekah?

Abimelech commanded that anyone who touched Rebekah would be put to death.

Genesis 26:16

ULT	UST
Then Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go away from us, because you are more powerful than we are."	*Then King Abimelech said to Isaac, "Please move away from us, because you are so powerful that you are a threat to us."*

What reason did Abimelech give for asking Isaac to move away from the Philistines?

Abimelech asked Isaac to move away from the Philistines because Isaac was more powerful than Abimelech.

Genesis 26:18

ULT	UST
Then Isaac returned and dug out the water wells that they had dug in the days of Abraham his father and that the Philistines had stopped up after the death of Abraham, and he called them names like the names that his father had called them.	*Then Isaac had his servants dig the dirt out of the wells that Abraham's servants had dug and that the Philistines had just filled with dirt. He gave the wells the same names that his father had given them.*

Why did Isaac have to dig out the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham?

Isaac had to dig out the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham because the Philistines had stopped them up after Abraham's death.

Genesis 26:22

ULT	UST
Then he moved from there and he dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it, so he called its name Rehoboth, and he said, "Because now Yahweh has made space for us, and we will be fruitful in the land."	*Then Isaac and his family moved from there and he had his servants dig a third well. This time Gerar's herdsmen did not argue about it, so he named it Rehoboth, which means "space," because he said, "Finally Yahweh has provided space for us, so that we will prosper in the land."*

What did Isaac name the well over which the herdsmen of Gerar did not quarrel with him?

Isaac named the well, over which the herdsmen of Gerar did not quarrel with him, Rehoboth.

Genesis 26:23-24

What did Yahweh reaffirm to Isaac when he appeared to Isaac at Beersheba?

Yahweh reaffirmed that he would bless Isaac and multiply his offspring.

Genesis 26:28-29

What covenant did Abimelech want to make with Isaac, and why?

Abimelech wanted to make a covenant that neither side would harm the other, because he saw that Yahweh was with Isaac.

Genesis 26:30-31

How did Isaac respond to Abimelech's request for a covenant between them?

Isaac made a feast, and they swore an oath with each other.

Genesis 26:34

ULT	UST
And Esau was a son of forty years, and he took as a wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite.	*When Esau was forty years old, he married two Hittite women: Judith, whose father was Beeri, and Basemath, whose father was Elon.*

From what people group were the two wives of Esau?

The two wives of Esau were from the Hittites.

Genesis 26:35

ULT	UST
And they were a grief of mind to Isaac and Rebekah.	*Isaac and Rebekah were very distressed that their son had married foreign women rather than a woman from their own religion and people.*

How was the relationship between Esau's wives and Isaac and Rebekah?

Esau's wives brought grief to Isaac and Rebekah.

Genesis 27

Genesis 27:1

ULT	UST
Then it happened, when Isaac was old and his eyes were too dim to see, then he called Esau, his older son, and said to him, "My son." And he said to him, "Behold me."	*One day when Isaac was an old man and he could no longer see, he sent for his older son Esau and said to him, "My son." Esau answered him, "Yes, sir?"*

As Isaac grew old, what was he no longer able to do?

As Isaac grew old, he was no longer able to see.

Genesis 27:3-4

What did Isaac ask Esau to do, and why?

Isaac asked Esau to go hunt and make the sort of food that he loved, so that he could eat it and bless Esau.

Genesis 27:8-10

What was Rebekah's plan for providing the food for Isaac, and why?

Rebekah told Jacob to go get two goats and she would make the food that Isaac loved, so that Jacob could take it to Isaac and receive the blessing.

Genesis 27:11-12

About what was Jacob concerned in bringing the food to Isaac?

Jacob was concerned that Esau was a hairy man and he was a smooth man, and that Isaac would touch him and find out that Jacob was a deceiver, so Isaac would curse him.

Genesis 27:15-16

How did Rebekah solve the problem of Esau being a hairy man, and Jacob a smooth man?

Rebekah put Esau's clothes on Jacob and put goatskins upon his hands and neck.

Genesis 27:20

ULT	UST
Then Isaac said to his son, "How is this you were quick to find it, my son?" And he said, "Because Yahweh your God caused it to happen before me."	*But Isaac asked him, "How were you able to find the deer so quickly, my son?" Jacob answered, "Yahweh, who is the God who takes care of you, helped me to succeed."*

When Isaac asked, how did Jacob say he had found the game so quickly?

Jacob said that Yahweh, Isaac's God, had brought the game to him.

Genesis 27:22-23

Because he was not sure, how did Isaac try to determine who was giving him the food?

Isaac touched Jacob on the hands and felt the hairy goatskins.

Genesis 27:24

ULT	UST
But he said, "Are you really my son Esau?" And he said, "I am."	*but first he wanted to be completely sure, so he asked him, "Are you really my son Esau?" Jacob answered, "Yes, I am."*

What did Jacob say when Isaac asked, "Are you really my son Esau?"?

Jacob said, "I am."

Genesis 27:26-27

What finally convinced Isaac that the person bringing the food was Esau?

When Jacob came near Isaac to kiss him, Isaac smelled Esau's clothes.

Genesis 27:29

ULT	UST
May peoples serve you, and may nations bow down to you. Be master over your brothers, and may the sons of your mother bow down to you. May those who curse you be cursed, and may those who bless you be blessed."	*I also ask God to cause nations to serve and honor you and your descendants. You will rule over your brother's descendants, and they will submit to you and bow down to you. Whoever curses you God will curse, but whoever blesses you he will bless."*

Who did Isaac say would bow down to Jacob?

Isaac said nations would bow down to Jacob and that Jacob's mother's sons would bow down to him.

Genesis 27:30-31

What did Esau do soon after Jacob left Isaac's tent?

Esau came in from hunting, prepared the food, and brought it to Isaac.

Genesis 27:34-35

What did Isaac say when Esau asked for Isaac's blessing?

Isaac said that Jacob had deceitfully taken away Esau's blessing.

Genesis 27:36

ULT	UST
Then he said, "Is it because his name is called Jacob that he has defrauded me these two times? He took my birthright, and behold, now he has taken my blessing!" Then he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"	*Then Esau exclaimed, "The name Jacob fits him exactly, because he has tricked me like this two times now! First he stole my rights as the oldest son, and now look what he has done: he has stolen my blessing!" Then Esau begged his father, "Is there still a way you can ask God to bless me?"*

In what two ways did Esau say Jacob had cheated him?

Esau said that Jacob had cheated him from his birthright and from his blessing.

Genesis 27:39-40

What was the “blessing” that Isaac gave Esau?

Isaac said that Esau would live away from the fatness of the earth, that he would serve his brother, but would eventually rebel against him and break off Jacob’s yoke.

Genesis 27:41

ULT	UST
Then Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing that his father had blessed him with, and Esau said in his heart, “The days of the mourning of my father are near; then I will kill Jacob my brother.”	*After that Esau held a grudge against Jacob because their father had blessed him. So Esau thought to himself, “Soon my father will die; then after we bury him and mourn for him, I will kill my brother Jacob.”*

What did Esau decide to do after Isaac’s death?

Esau decided to kill Jacob after Isaac’s death.

Genesis 27:43

ULT	UST
So now, my son, listen to my voice and get up, flee for yourself to Laban my brother in Haran!	*So then, my son, listen to me: Hurry and escape to the city of Haran to my brother Laban!*

What did Rebekah do after hearing Esau’s plans?

Rebekah sent Jacob to Laban, her brother, in Haran.

Genesis 28

Genesis 28:1

ULT	UST
Then Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him, and commanded him and said to him, "Do not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.	*So Isaac summoned Jacob, blessed him and told him, "You must not marry a Canaanite woman.*

What command did Isaac give Jacob before he left?

Isaac commanded Jacob not to take a Canaanite wife.

Genesis 28:2

ULT	UST
Get up, go to Paddan Aram, to the home of Bethuel the father of your mother, and take a wife for yourself from there, from the daughters of Laban the brother of your mother.	*Instead you must go right away to the region of Paddan Aram, to the home of your mother's father, Bethuel, and marry one of your uncle Laban's daughters.*

Where did Isaac tell Jacob to get a wife?

Isaac told Jacob to get a wife from the daughters of Laban, Rebekah's brother.

Genesis 28:4

ULT	UST
And may he give the blessing of Abraham to you, to you and to your offspring with you, so that you possess the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham."	*I also pray that he will bless you and your descendants the same way that he blessed Abraham, so that you will own this land where you have been living as a foreigner, the same land which God gave to him."*

Whose blessing did Isaac ask God to give Jacob?

Isaac asked God to give Jacob the blessing of Abraham.

Genesis 28:8-9

From where did Esau get one of his wives when he saw that the women of Canaan did not please Isaac?

Esau took a wife from the daughters of Ishmael, Abraham's son.

Genesis 28:12-13

What did Jacob see in his dream while on the way to Haran?

Jacob saw a stairway from earth to heaven with angels ascending and descending on it, and Yahweh standing above it.

Genesis 28:13

ULT	UST
And behold, Yahweh was standing above it, and he said, "I am Yahweh, the God of Abraham your grandfather and the God of Isaac. The land that you are lying on I will give to you and to your offspring.	*And there standing at the top of the stairway was Yahweh, and he said to Jacob, "I am Yahweh, the God whom your ancestors Abraham and Isaac serve. I will give you and your descendants this land that you are lying on.*

What did Yahweh say about the land Jacob was lying on?

Yahweh said that the land Jacob was lying on would be given to him and his offspring.

Whose blessing did Yahweh give to Jacob?

Yahweh gave Jacob the blessing of Abraham.

Genesis 28:17

ULT	UST
So he was afraid and said, "How awesome this place is! This is nothing other than the house of God, and this is the gateway of heaven!"	*He was afraid, so he also exclaimed, "This is a terrifying place! This can only be God's house! It must be the entrance to heaven!"*

What did Jacob say about the place where he had the dream?

Jacob said the place was the house of God and the gateway of heaven.

Genesis 28:19

ULT	UST
And he called the name of that place Bethel, even though Luz had been the name of the town at first.	*He named that place Bethel, which means "house of God." Previously the name of that town had been Luz.*

What name did Jacob give the place where he had the dream?

Jacob named the place Bethel.

Genesis 28:20-21

What did Jacob say Yahweh must do in order for Yahweh to be his God?

Jacob said that Yahweh must be with him and watch over him on his journey so that he returned in peace to his father's house.

Genesis 28:22

ULT	UST
and this stone that I have stood up as a pillar will be the house of God, and all that you give to me I will tithe a tenth to you."	*This stone that I have set up will be your house and mark the place that you appeared to me, and I will give back to you a tenth of everything that you give to me."*

What did Jacob promise to give Yahweh if Yahweh did these things for him?

Jacob promised to give back to Yahweh a tenth of everything Yahweh gave Jacob.

Genesis 29

Genesis 29:4

ULT	UST
Then Jacob said to them, “My brothers, where are you from?” And they said, “We are from Haran.”	*Jacob asked the shepherds, “My friends, where do you live?” They replied, “We are from the city of Haran.”*

From where were the men with whom Jacob spoke?

The men were from Haran.

Genesis 29:6

ULT	UST
Then he said to them, “Are things well for him?” And they said, “Things are well. And behold, Rachel his daughter is coming with the sheep.”	*So Jacob asked, “Is he doing well?” They answered him, “Yes, he is well. In fact, here comes his daughter Rachel now, bringing his sheep.”*

Who also came to the well with a flock of sheep?

Rachel, daughter of Laban, also came to the well with a flock of sheep.

Genesis 29:10

ULT	UST
Then it happened, when Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter of Laban his mother’s brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother’s brother, then Jacob went over and rolled the stone from over the mouth of the well, and watered the sheep of Laban his mother’s brother.	*As soon as Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of his uncle Laban with her father’s sheep, he walked over to the well, removed the stone that covered it, and drew water for his uncle’s sheep.*

What did Jacob do for Laban’s sheep?

Jacob rolled the stone from the well’s mouth and watered the sheep.

Genesis 29:12

ULT	UST
Then Jacob told Rachel that he was a relative of her father and that he was a son of Rebekah. Then she ran and told her father.	*Then he told her that he was her father's nephew, the son of her aunt Rebekah. So she ran home and told her father the news.*

What did Jacob tell Rachel, and then what did she do?

Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's relative, and then Rachel ran and told her father.

Genesis 29:13

ULT	UST
And it happened, when Laban heard the news about Jacob the son of his sister, then he ran to meet him. Then he embraced him and kissed him and brought him to his house. Then he told Laban all these things,	*When Laban heard about his sister's son Jacob, he ran out to greet him. Then he hugged him and kissed him on the cheeks and took him to his house. Then Jacob told Laban about himself and everything that had happened,*

How did Laban react when he heard about Jacob's arrival?

Laban ran to meet Jacob, embraced him, kissed him, and brought him to his house.

Genesis 29:16-17

Describe the two daughters of Laban?

Leah was the older daughter and she had delicate eyes, while Rachel was the younger and was lovely in form and appearance.

Genesis 29:18

ULT	UST
And Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, "I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter."	*Jacob was in love with Rachel, so he said to Laban, "I will work seven years for you if you will let me marry your younger daughter Rachel."*

What arrangement did Laban and Jacob make concerning Jacob's labor?

They agreed that Jacob would serve Laban seven years in return for Rachel.

Genesis 29:20

ULT	UST
So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, but in his eyes they were like a few days because of his love for her.	*So Jacob worked seven years for Laban so that he could marry Rachel, but he loved her so much that to him the time seemed to pass quickly like only a few days.*

Why did the seven years of labor seem only like a few days to Jacob?

The seven years of labor seemed only like a few days because of the love Jacob had for Rachel.

Genesis 29:23-25

How did Laban trick Jacob?

Laban gave Leah to Jacob, instead of Rachel, the night of the wedding.

Genesis 29:24

ULT	UST
And Laban gave to her Zilpah his maidservant, to Leah his daughter, to be a maidservant.	*Laban also gave his female servant Zilpah to Leah to be her personal servant.*

Who did Laban give to Leah, to be her servant?

Laban gave his female servant Zilpah to his daughter Leah, to be her servant.

Genesis 29:26

ULT	UST
But Laban said, "It is not done so in our place to give the younger before the firstborn.	*Laban replied, "It is not our custom here for the younger daughter to marry before the older daughter marries.*

Why did Laban say he had tricked Jacob?

Laban said it was not their custom to give the younger daughter in marriage before the firstborn.

Genesis 29:27

ULT	UST
Fulfill the week of this one, then we will also give you this one for service that you will serve with me for another seven years."	*So then, keep Leah as your wife and finish this week of celebrating your marriage to her. Then our family will also give you my younger daughter to marry if you will work for me for another seven years."*

What arrangement did Laban and Jacob then make concerning Jacob's labor?

They agreed that Jacob would serve Laban seven more years in return for Rachel.

Genesis 29:29

ULT	UST
And Laban gave Bilhah his maidservant to Rachel his daughter as a maidservant for her.	*Laban also gave his servant Bilhah to Rachel to be her servant.*

Who did Laban give to Rachel, to be her servant?

Laban gave Bilhah to his daughter Rachel, to be her servant.

Genesis 29:31

ULT	UST
Now Yahweh saw that Leah was hated, so he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.	*Now Yahweh knew that Jacob did not love Leah, so he made it possible for her to have children, but Rachel was not able to conceive.*

What did Yahweh do when he saw that Jacob did not love Leah?

Yahweh caused Leah to become pregnant, but Rachel was childless.

Genesis 29:32

ULT	UST
Then Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, because she said, "Because Yahweh has looked on my misery, surely now my husband will love me."	*Then Leah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Reuben, which means "See, a son!" because she exclaimed, "Now that Yahweh has seen that I am suffering and helped me, surely my husband will love me!"*

What did Leah hope would happen if she bore sons for Jacob?

Leah hoped that Jacob would love her if she bore sons for him.

What was the name of Leah's first son?

The name of Leah's first son was Reuben.

Genesis 29:35

ULT	UST
Then she conceived again and bore a son, and she said, "This time I will praise Yahweh." For that reason she called his name Judah. Then she stopped bearing.	*Once again Leah became pregnant and gave birth to another son, and she exclaimed, "Now I will praise Yahweh!" That is why she named him Judah, which means "praise." Then Leah stopped having children for a while.*

What did Leah say after she bore Judah?

After she bore Judah, Leah said, "This time I will praise Yahweh."

Genesis 30

Genesis 30:2

ULT	UST
And Jacob's anger burned against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has kept the fruit of the womb from you?"	*Jacob became very angry with Rachel and responded, "I am not God! He is the one who has prevented you from having children!"*

According to Jacob, why did Rachel have no children?

According to Jacob, God had kept Rachel from having children.

Genesis 30:3

ULT	UST
Then she said, "Behold my slave woman Bilhah. Go to her so that she will bear children on my knees, and I also will be built up from her."	*Then Rachel told him, "You can have my servant woman Bilhah as a wife. Have marital relations with her so that she will have children for me, so that I too can have a family."*

What did Rachel do in order to have children?

Rachel gave Bilhah her servant to Jacob so Bilhah could have children on Rachel's behalf.

Genesis 30:7-8

Why did Rachel say that she had prevailed against her sister Leah?

Rachel said that she had prevailed because Bilhah her servant bore two sons for Jacob.

Genesis 30:9

ULT	UST
Now Leah saw that she had ceased from bearing children, so she took Zilpah her maidservant and gave her to Jacob as a wife.	*Now when Leah realized that she had stopped having children, she brought her servant Zilpah to Jacob and gave her to him to be another wife for him.*

What did Leah do when she saw that she had stopped bearing children?

Leah gave Jacob Zilpah her servant so Zilpah could have children on Leah's behalf.

Genesis 30:10-11

What caused Leah to say, “This is fortunate”?

Leah said, “This is fortunate” because Zilpah, her servant, bore Jacob a son.

Genesis 30:14-15

What did Rachel offer Leah in exchange for her son’s mandrakes?

In exchange for Reuben’s mandrakes, Rachel offered to let Leah sleep with Jacob that night.

Genesis 30:20

ULT	UST
And Leah said, “God has presented me a good present. This time my husband will honor me because I have born six sons for him.” So she called his name Zebulun.	*Then she said, “God has given me a valuable gift, so that now my husband will honor me because I have had six sons for him.” So she named their son Zebulun, which means “honor.”*

How many sons did Leah bear for Jacob?

Leah bore six sons for Jacob.

Genesis 30:23

ULT	UST
Then she conceived and bore a son, and she said, “God has taken away my disgrace!”	*Then she became pregnant and had a son, and she exclaimed, “God has made it so that I am no longer ashamed!”*

What caused Rachel to say that her shame had been taken away?

When Rachel bore a son for Jacob, she said that her shame had been taken away.

Genesis 30:25-26

What request did Jacob make to Laban after Joseph was born?

Jacob requested that Laban let Jacob go with his family back to his own home and country.

Genesis 30:27

ULT	UST
Then Laban said to him, "Please stay, if I have found favor in your eyes. I have learned by divination that Yahweh has blessed me because of you."	*But Laban responded to him, "Please be kind to me and stay, because I have found out from observing signs that Yahweh has blessed me because you are here with me."*

Why did Laban not want to let Jacob go away?

Laban had divined that Yahweh had blessed him for Jacob's sake.

Genesis 30:32

ULT	UST
I will pass through all your flocks today to remove from there every speckled and spotted lamb and every dark-colored lamb among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled young among the goats. And that will be my wages.	*Let me look through all your flocks today and separate out from them all the lambs that are speckled, spotted or dark-colored, and all the young goats that are spotted or speckled. They will be my pay.*

What wages did Jacob receive for his work for Laban?

For his wages, Jacob took the speckled, spotted, and black sheep and the speckled and spotted goats from Laban's flock that he tended.

Genesis 30:35-36

How did Laban cheat Jacob concerning Jacob's wages?

Before he gave the flock to Jacob to tend, Laban first removed the animals that Jacob would have taken.

Genesis 30:37

ULT	UST
Then Jacob took for himself fresh-cut branches of poplar and almond and plane trees, and peeled white stripes in them, exposing the white that was inside the branches.	*Then Jacob cut some branches from poplar trees, almond trees, and chestnut trees, and made white streaks on them by peeling off long strips of bark, which exposed the white wood that was inside the branches.*

What kind of sticks did Jacob peel white streaks into?

Jacob peeled white streaks into branches of fresh poplar, almond, and plane trees.

Genesis 30:38

ULT	UST
Then he put the branches that he had peeled in the troughs, in the water troughs where the flocks came to drink, in front of the flocks. And they were in heat when they came to drink,	*Then he put those streaked branches in all the drinking troughs that the flocks would come to drink from, so that the flocks would see the branches. That way, whenever the animals that were ready to mate came to the troughs to drink,*

What did Jacob do with the peeled sticks?

Jacob put the sticks that he had peeled in front of the flocks, in front of the watering troughs where they came to drink.

Genesis 30:39

ULT	UST
and the flocks would mate by the branches, and the flocks would bear streaked, speckled, and spotted young.	*they would see the branches as they were mating. As a result, they would have young that were striped or speckled or spotted.*

What happened when the flocks bred in front of the sticks?

When the flocks bred in front of the sticks, they produced striped, speckled, and spotted young.

Genesis 30:42

ULT	UST
But when the animals were weak, he did not put them in. So it was the weak ones went to Laban, and the strong ones to Jacob,	*But whenever the weaker female animals were ready to mate, Jacob did not put the branches in the troughs. In that way, the young from the weaker animals were Laban's and the young from the stronger animals were Jacob's.*

What was the result of Jacob's breeding of the animals?

The result was that Laban's flock was feebler and Jacob's flock was stronger.

Genesis 31

Genesis 31:1-2

From where did Laban and his sons believe Jacob had gotten all his wealth?

Laban and his sons believed that Jacob had gotten all his wealth from Laban's possessions.

Genesis 31:3

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh said to Jacob, "Go back to the land of your fathers and to your relatives, and I will be with you."	*Then Yahweh told Jacob, "Return to your ancestors' homeland, where your relatives live, and I will stay with you and help you."*

What instructions did Yahweh give Jacob?

Yahweh instructed Jacob to return to the land of his fathers and to his relatives.

Genesis 31:8-9

How had God taken away the cattle of Laban and given them to Jacob?

God had caused the animals to bear speckled and striped young, which were Jacob's wages.

Genesis 31:14-15

What attitude did Rachel and Leah have toward their father Laban?

Rachel and Leah said that Laban treated them as foreigners and had devoured their money.

Genesis 31:19

ULT	UST
Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep, so Rachel stole the idols that belonged to her father,	*Now before that, Laban the Aramean had gone away for several days to shear his sheep. While her father was gone, Rachel entered his tent and stole his idols that he worshiped.*

What did Rachel do before leaving with Jacob?

Rachel stole her father's household gods.

Genesis 31:20

ULT	UST
and Jacob stole the heart of Laban the Aramean by not informing him that he was fleeing.	*At the same time, Jacob also deceived Laban by fleeing secretly without telling him that he was leaving.*

How did Jacob deceive Laban at this time?

Jacob deceived Laban by not telling Laban that he was leaving.

Genesis 31:22-23

What did Laban do when he was told that Jacob had fled?

Laban took his relatives with him and pursued Jacob, overtaking him after seven days.

Genesis 31:24

ULT	UST
But God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream that night and said to him, "Watch yourself that you do not speak with Jacob either good or bad."	*But that night God appeared to Laban in a dream and warned him, "Be sure that you do not threaten Jacob in any way."*

What did God tell Laban in a dream?

God told Laban to speak neither good or bad to Jacob.

Genesis 31:31

ULT	UST
Then Jacob answered and said to Laban, "Because I was afraid, because I said that perhaps you would seize your daughters from me.	*Jacob answered Laban, "We left secretly because I was afraid. I thought that if I told you we were leaving, you might take your two daughters from me by force.*

Why did Jacob say that he had fled from Laban secretly?

Jacob said that he fled secretly because he was afraid that Laban would take his daughters from him by force.

Genesis 31:32

ULT	UST
Whomever you find your gods with will not live! In front of our relatives, observe for yourself what is with me, and take what belongs to you." Now Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them.	*However we did not take your gods. In fact, if you find your gods with anyone here, that person will die for stealing them! So while our relatives are watching, go ahead and search all my belongings for yourself. If you find anything that is yours, take it." When Jacob said that, he did not know that Rachel was the one who had stolen the idols.*

What did Jacob say when Laban accused him of stealing his household gods?

Jacob said that whoever stole Laban's household gods would not continue to live.

Genesis 31:34-35

Why did Laban not find his household gods among Jacob's possessions?

Laban did not find his household gods because Rachel sat on them and then said that she could not stand up since she was having her period.

Genesis 31:41

ULT	UST
That is how it was for me twenty years in your house. I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flocks, and you changed my wages ten times.	*It was like that for me during the entire twenty years that I was with you. I worked for you for fourteen years in order to marry your two daughters, and I worked another six years to earn flocks of animals from you, even though you changed my pay ten times.*

How long had Jacob worked for Laban, and how many times had Laban changed his wages?

Jacob had worked for Laban twenty years, and Laban had changed his wages ten times.

Genesis 31:43

ULT	UST
And Laban responded and said to Jacob, "The daughters are my daughters, and the children are my grandchildren, and the flocks are my flocks. And everything that you see belongs to me! But what can I do today about these daughters of mine or about their children whom they have born?	*Then Laban responded to Jacob, "These women are my daughters, and their children are my grandchildren, and these flocks are also mine. In fact, all that you see here is mine! But there is nothing I can do today to keep my daughters or their children near me any longer!*

How did Laban show that he still thought of Jacob's possessions as his own?

Laban said that all that he saw of Jacob's possessions was his.

Genesis 31:46

ULT	UST
Then Jacob said to his relatives, "Gather stones." So they took stones and made a heap. Then they ate there by the heap.	*Then he told his relatives, "Gather some more stones." So they all gathered stones and put them in a large pile. Then everyone ate a meal together there next to the pile of stones.*

How did Jacob and Laban mark the place of their covenant?

Jacob and Laban marked the place of their covenant by making a pile of stones there.

Genesis 31:49-50

Who was declared as witness between Jacob and Laban to ensure the covenant would be kept?

God was declared as witness between Jacob and Laban to ensure that the covenant would be kept.

Genesis 31:51-52

What were the pile and the pillar for?

The pile and pillar were both witnesses to the covenant, which said that neither Laban nor Jacob would pass the pile or pillar to do one another harm.

Genesis 31:52

ULT	UST
This heap is a witness and the pillar is a witness that I will not pass by this heap to you, and that you will not pass by this heap and this pillar to me, to do harm.	*This pile of stones and this monument both remind us that I must never go past this pile to attack you, and that you must never go past this pile and this monument to attack me.*

What covenant did Jacob and Laban make?

Jacob and Laban each agreed to not pass beyond the pile of stones to do the other harm.

Genesis 31:53

ULT	UST
May the God of Abraham and the gods of Nahor, the gods of their father, judge between us!" Then Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac,	*May your grandfather Abraham's God and my grandfather Nahor's gods, which were also their father Terah's gods, judge between us and punish us if we break this agreement!" But Jacob made a vow by the God whom his father Isaac revered that he would keep their treaty,*

What did Jacob do to show that he agreed to the covenant?

To show that he agreed with Laban about the covenant, Jacob swore by God, whom his father Isaac feared.

Genesis 31:55

ULT	UST
Then in the morning Laban got up early and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters, and he blessed them. Then Laban left and returned to his place.	*Early the next morning Laban got up and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters goodbye on the cheeks and asked God to bless them. Then he and his men left from there and returned home.*

What did Laban do the next morning?

Laban rose, kissed his grandchildren and daughters, blessed them, and returned home.

Genesis 32

Genesis 32:3

ULT	UST
Then Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother to the land of Seir, the country of Edom.	*Then Jacob sent some messengers ahead of him to his brother Esau who was living in the region of Seir, which was also called the country of Edom.*

To whom did Jacob send a message on his way toward Canaan?

Jacob sent a message to his brother Esau on his way toward Canaan.

Genesis 32:5

ULT	UST
And I have cattle and donkeys, flocks, and menservants and maidservants. And I have sent messengers to speak with my lord, so that I will find favor in your eyes.’’’’	*I now own many cattle, donkeys, and flocks, as well as many male and female servants. I have sent this message to you, sir, hoping that you will be kind to me when I arrive.’’’*

For what purpose did Jacob send this message?

Jacob desired to find favor in Esau’s sight.

Genesis 32:7-8

What was Jacob’s reaction when he heard Esau was coming with four hundred men, and what did he do?

Jacob was afraid, so he divided his people into two groups so that if Esau attacked one group, the other could escape.

Genesis 32:11

ULT	UST
Please save me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, because I am afraid of him, that he will come and strike me and the mothers with the children!	*Please rescue me now from my brother Esau, because I am afraid that he and his men will come and attack me as well as these mothers and our children!*

What was Jacob's request to Yahweh?

Jacob asked Yahweh to deliver him from the hand of Esau.

Genesis 32:12

ULT	UST
But you said, 'I will surely cause things to prosper with you, and I will make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be counted from their abundance.'"	*But you promised me that you would greatly prosper me, and that you would make my descendants as numerous as the grains of sand on the seashore, which are so numerous that no one can count them all."*

Of what promise did Jacob remind Yahweh?

Jacob reminded Yahweh that he had promised to prosper Jacob, and to make his descendants like the sand of the sea.

Genesis 32:20

ULT	UST
And also say, 'Behold, your servant Jacob is behind us.'" For he said, "I will cover his face with the gift that is going before me, and after that, when I see his face, perhaps he will receive my face."	*Especially be sure to tell him that his servant Jacob is following you there." Jacob did all that, because he thought that if he sent the gifts of animals ahead of himself to Esau, then Esau would stop being angry at him. He was hoping that when Esau saw the gifts, he would forgive him and welcome him when they met in person.*

What did Jacob think he could accomplish by sending gifts to his brother Esau?

Jacob thought that perhaps he could appease Esau with the gifts that he sent to Esau so that later, when Jacob saw him, Esau would receive him.

Genesis 32:22

ULT	UST
Then during that night he got up and took his two wives and his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok.	*Later that same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two servant wives and his eleven sons across a shallow place in the Jabbok Stream.*

How did Jacob end up being alone that night?

He took his wives, servant women, and children across the ford of the Jabbok.

Genesis 32:24

ULT	UST
Then Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until the dawn came up.	*Then Jacob was there by himself for a while, and a man came and fought with him until daybreak.*

What did Jacob do that night until daybreak?

Jacob wrestled with a man until daybreak.

Genesis 32:25

ULT	UST
And he saw that he was not prevailing over him, so he touched him on the socket of his hip, so that the socket of Jacob's hip was dislocated as he wrestled with him.	*When the man realized that he was not able to defeat Jacob, he struck him on his hip, so that it went out of place as they fought with each other.*

What did the man do when he could not defeat Jacob?

The man touched Jacob's hip and dislocated it.

Genesis 32:26

ULT	UST
Then he said, "Release me, because the dawn has come up!" But he said, "I will not release you unless you bless me!"	*Then the man said to him, "Let go of me, because it is daybreak!" But Jacob replied, "No! I will not let go of you until you first bless me!"*

What did Jacob demand before he would let the man go?

Jacob demanded that the man bless him.

Genesis 32:28

ULT	UST
Then he said, "Your name will not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men, and you have prevailed."	*Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but rather it will be Israel, which means 'he who wrestles with God,' because you have wrestled with God and with people, and you have won."*

What did the man say Jacob would thereafter be called?

The man said that Jacob's name would now be Israel.

Genesis 32:30

ULT	UST
So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, because he said, "I saw God face to face, but my life was preserved!"	*So Jacob named the place Peniel, which means "God's face," because he exclaimed, "I saw God's face here, but yet he allowed me to live!"*

Who did Jacob say he had seen face to face that night?

Jacob said he had seen God face to face that night.

Genesis 32:32

ULT	UST
For that reason, to this day the sons of Israel do not eat the muscle of the tendon that is on the socket of the hip, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the muscle of the tendon.	*That is why even today the people of Israel do not eat meat that comes from an animal's hip joint, because that is the place on Jacob's hip that God struck and injured.*

What physical problem did Jacob continue to have after that night?

After that night, Jacob limped because of the injury to his hip.

Genesis 33

Genesis 33:2-3

As Esau was coming to Jacob, in what order did Jacob put his wives behind him?

Jacob put his female servants first, then Leah, and then Rachel.

Genesis 33:3

ULT	UST
Then he himself went before them, and he bowed to the ground seven times as he came near to his brother.	*Then Jacob himself went ahead of them all toward his brother. As he got closer to him, he bowed with his face to the ground seven times to show respect.*

What did Jacob do as he came near his brother?

Jacob bowed toward the ground seven times as he came near his brother.

Genesis 33:4

ULT	UST
But Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, and he fell on his neck and kissed him, and they cried.	*But Esau ran to greet Jacob and hugged him. He held him tightly and kissed him on the cheeks, as they both cried for joy.*

What did Esau do when he came to his brother?

Esau ran to meet Jacob, embraced him, hugged his neck, and kissed him.

Genesis 33:9

ULT	UST
Then Esau said, "I have plenty, my brother. Let what belongs to you be yours."	*But Esau replied, "My brother, I already have enough animals, so keep them for yourself."*

What did Esau tell Jacob to do with the gifts he had sent ahead to Esau?

Esau told Jacob to keep them for himself, since he had enough.

Genesis 33:11

ULT	UST
Please take my blessing that was brought to you, because God has been gracious to me, and because I have everything." And he urged him, so he took it.	*So please accept my gift of animals that I sent to you, because God has been kind to me, so that I have all that I need." Jacob kept insisting that Esau accept the animals from him until finally he accepted them.*

What two reasons did Jacob give Esau to accept his gifts?

Jacob said that because God had dealt graciously with him, and because he had enough, Esau should accept his gifts.

Genesis 33:12-14

Why did Jacob say he wanted Esau to go ahead, while he traveled more slowly?

Jacob said he wanted Esau to go ahead because the flocks would die if they were driven too fast.

Genesis 33:14

ULT	UST
Please let my lord go on before his servant, and I will lead them on at my gentle pace, at the pace of the livestock that are ahead of me and at the pace of the children, until I come to my lord in Seir."	*So then, sir, please go on home ahead of me, sir. I will travel along slowly at a safe pace for the animals and the children that are with me, until we reach you in the region of Seir."*

Where did Jacob say he was going to bring his family and his flocks?

Jacob said he was going to bring his family and flocks to Esau in Seir.

Genesis 33:17

ULT	UST
And Jacob traveled to Succoth, and he built a house for himself, and for his livestock he made shelters. For that reason he called the name of the place Succoth.	*Meanwhile, instead of going to Seir, Jacob and his family traveled to the town of Succoth. There he and his men built houses for himself and his family, and they built some shelters for his animals. That is why the name of that place is Succoth, which means "shelters."*

To where did Jacob travel, where he built himself a house?

Jacob traveled to Succoth, where he built himself a house.

Genesis 33:18-19

To where did Jacob travel, where he bought a piece of ground?

Jacob traveled to Shechem, where he bought a piece of ground.

Genesis 34

Genesis 34:2

ULT	UST
And Shechem, the son of Hamor the Hivite, the ruler of the land, saw her, and he took her and lay with her and violated her.	*The chief of that region was a Hivite named Hamor. His son Shechem saw how beautiful Dinah was, so he grabbed hold of her and raped her.*

What did Shechem, the son of Hamor, do when he saw Dinah, Leah's daughter?

Shechem took Dinah, assaulted her, and forced himself on her.

Genesis 34:5

ULT	UST
Then Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter, and his sons were with his livestock in the fields, so Jacob kept quiet until they came.	*When Jacob found out that Shechem had dishonored his daughter Dinah, his sons were still out in the fields taking care of his animals, so he did not say anything about it until they returned home.*

What did Jacob do at first when he heard about what happened to Dinah?

Jacob held his peace until his sons came in from the field.

Genesis 34:7

ULT	UST
Then the sons of Jacob came from the fields. When they heard, then the men were grieved and it burned within them greatly, because he had done something disgraceful to Israel by lying with the daughter of Jacob, and such a thing should not have been done!	*Soon Jacob's sons returned home from the fields. When they heard what had happened, they were shocked and extremely angry that Shechem had dishonored the people of Israel by raping Jacob's daughter. No one should ever do such a horrible thing!*

What was the reaction of Jacob's sons when they heard what Shechem had done to Dinah?

Jacob's sons were very angry.

Genesis 34:8-9

What did Hamor, the father of Shechem, want Jacob to do?

Hamor wanted Jacob to give Dinah to Shechem as his wife, and to allow Jacob's family to intermarry with Hamor's family.

Genesis 34:12

ULT	UST
Increase greatly the dowry and gift for me, and I will give according to what you say to me. Then give the young woman to me as a wife."	*Set the bride-price and marriage gifts that I must pay for her as high as you want, and I will pay you whatever you ask from me. Just please give the young woman to me to marry."*

What did Shechem say he was willing to do to have Dinah as his wife?

Shechem said he would pay as great a bride price as Jacob would name.

Genesis 34:13

ULT	UST
Then the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father with deceit when they spoke, because he had defiled Dinah their sister.	*But since Shechem had dishonored their sister Dinah, Jacob's sons replied to him and his father Hamor in a deceitful way.*

In what way did the sons of Jacob answer Shechem, and why?

The sons of Jacob answered Shechem deceitfully, because Shechem had defiled Dinah.

Genesis 34:15

ULT	UST
Only on this condition will we consent with you: if you become like us by every male among you being circumcised.	*The only way that we can agree with your proposal is if first you and your people become like us by circumcising all of your males.*

What requirement did the sons of Jacob make to Hamor before they would agree to intermarry with Hamor's family?

The sons of Jacob required that all the males among Hamor's people be circumcised.

Genesis 34:23

ULT	UST
Their livestock and their property and all their animals, will they not belong to us? Only let us consent with them, and they will settle with us!”	*But if we do that, all their property, including their livestock and all their other animals will belong to us! So let’s just agree to do what they require so that they will live among us!”*

When speaking to the men of their city, what did Hamor and Shechem say would be theirs if they intermarried with Jacob’s family?

They said that all of Jacob’s livestock, property, and animals would be theirs if they intermarried with Jacob’s family.

Genesis 34:24

ULT	UST
And all who went out of the gate of his city listened to Hamor and to Shechem his son, and every male was circumcised, all who went out of the gate of his city.	*All the men who were leaders of the city agreed with Hamor and his son Shechem, so they circumcised every male in the city, including themselves.*

How did the men of Hamor’s city respond when asked if they were willing to be circumcised?

The men of Hamor’s city listened to Hamor and Shechem, and every male was circumcised.

Genesis 34:25

ULT	UST
Then it happened on the third day, when they were in pain, then two of Jacob’s sons, Simeon and Levi, brothers of Dinah, each took his sword and went upon the city boldly and killed every male.	*Three days later, when the men of the city of Shechem were all still sore from being circumcised, two of Jacob’s sons, Simeon and Levi, who were Dinah’s brothers, took their swords and attacked the city, with no one opposing them. They killed all the men there*

What did Simeon and Levi do on the third day after the males from Hamor’s family had been circumcised?

Simeon and Levi attacked and killed all the males in Hamor’s city.

Genesis 34:27-29

What then did all of the sons of Jacob do?

All of the sons of Jacob looted the city, took all the wealth, and captured the children and wives.

Genesis 34:30

ULT	UST
Then Jacob said to Simeon and to Levi, "You have brought trouble on me by making me stink among those who live in the land, among the Canaanites and among the Perizzites! And I am few of number, and if they gather together against me and attack me, then I will be destroyed, I and my house!"	*Later Jacob scolded Simeon and Levi by saying, "You have brought me serious trouble by causing the Canaanites and Perizzites who live in this land to hate us! I only have a few men to defend us, so if they all join forces against us and attack us, they will destroy us and the rest of our family!"*

How did Jacob respond when he learned about what Simeon and Levi had done?

Jacob said that Simeon and Levi had brought trouble on him because the inhabitants of the land might now destroy him and his household.

Genesis 34:31

ULT	UST
But they said, "Should he have treated our sister like a prostitute?"	*But Simeon and Levi responded, "Shechem should not have treated our sister like a whore!"*

Why did Simeon and Levi say they had done it?

Simeon and Levi said they had done it because Shechem had treated their sister Dinah like a prostitute.

Genesis 35

Genesis 35:1

ULT	UST
Then God said to Jacob, "Get up, go up to Bethel and settle there, and make an altar there to the God who appeared to you when you were fleeing from the presence of Esau your brother."	*Then God commanded Jacob, "Leave here and move to the town of Bethel. Build an altar there and offer sacrifices on it to worship me as the God who appeared to you there when you were running away from your brother Esau."*

What did God tell Jacob to go and do?

God told Jacob to go to Bethel and to build an altar to God.

Genesis 35:2

ULT	UST
So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Remove the foreign gods that are among you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes.	*So Jacob told his family and everyone else who was with him, "Get rid of the idols you have that other people worship. Also wash and make yourselves clean and put on clean clothes.*

What did Jacob then tell the people of his household to do?

Jacob told them to put away their foreign gods, to purify themselves, and to change their clothes.

Genesis 35:5

ULT	UST
Then they set out, and the dread of God was on the cities that were around them, so that they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob.	*Then Jacob and everyone with him left that place, and God caused the people in the surrounding towns to be terrified, so that they did not attack Jacob's family.*

As they traveled, why did the people of the cities around Jacob and his household not pursue them?

The people of the cities around them did not pursue them because they were afraid of God.

Genesis 35:7

ULT	UST
And there he built an altar, and he called the place El Bethel, because there God had revealed himself to him when he was fleeing from the presence of his brother.	*There Jacob built an altar, and he named the place El Bethel, which means "the God of Bethel," because that is where God had first appeared to him when he was running away from his brother.*

Why did Jacob call the place they came to "El Bethel"?

Jacob called it "El Bethel" because it was the place God had revealed himself to Jacob when Jacob was fleeing from Esau.

Genesis 35:10

ULT	UST
and God said to him, "Your name is Jacob. Your name will not be called Jacob anymore, but Israel will be your name!" So he called his name Israel.	*and said to him, "Although your name has been Jacob, that will no longer be your name. Rather, you will have the name Israel!" So once again God gave Jacob the name Israel.*

What new name did God give Jacob?

God gave Jacob the new name "Israel."

Genesis 35:12

ULT	UST
And the land that I gave to Abraham and to Isaac I will give to you, and I will give the land to your descendants after you."	*Besides that, the land that I gave to Abraham and Isaac I also give to you and your descendants who live after you."*

What promise did God reaffirm to Israel?

God reaffirmed the promise that Israel would become a company of nations with kings among his descendants, and that the land that God had promised to Abraham and Isaac would be given to him and his descendants.

Genesis 35:18-19

What happened to Rachel as she gave birth to Benjamin?

Rachel died after she gave birth to Benjamin.

Genesis 35:22

ULT	UST
And it happened while Israel was living in that land, then Reuben went and lay with Bilhah, the concubine of his father, and Israel heard. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve.	*While they were living in that area, Israel's son Reuben committed adultery with his father's servant-wife Bilhah, and Israel found out about it. With the birth of Benjamin, Jacob now had a total of twelve sons.*

What was the thing which Reuben had done and which Israel heard about?

Israel heard that Reuben had slept with Bilhah, Israel's concubine.

How many sons did Jacob have?

Jacob had twelve sons.

Genesis 35:24

ULT	UST
The sons of Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin.	*The sons he had with Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin.*

Which sons of Jacob were born from Rachel?

Joseph and Benjamin were born from Rachel.

Genesis 35:28

ULT	UST
And the days of Isaac were 180 years.	*Isaac lived to be 180 years old.*

How many years did Isaac live?

Isaac lived 180 years.

Genesis 35:29

ULT	UST
Then Isaac exhaled and died, and he was gathered to his people, old and full of days. And Esau and Jacob, his sons, buried him.	*Then, after living a long, full life, he took his last breath and died, and he joined his ancestors who had died before him. Then his sons Esau and Jacob buried his body.*

Who buried Isaac?

Esau and Jacob buried Isaac.

Genesis 36

Genesis 36:1

ULT	UST
And these are the generations of Esau, who is Edom.	*Here is a record about the descendants of Esau, whose name was also Edom.*

By what other name are the generations of Esau called?

The generations of Esau are also called Edom.

Genesis 36:2

ULT	UST
Esau had taken his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah, the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah, the daughter of Anah and the granddaughter of Zibeon the Hivite,	*Esau had married two Canaanite women. Their names were Adah, who was the daughter of a Hittite man named Elon, and Oholibamah, whose father was Anah and whose grandfather was a Hivite named Zibeon.*

From where did Esau get his wives?

Esau took his wives from the Canaanites.

Genesis 36:6-7

Why did Esau move away from his brother Jacob?

Esau moved away from his brother Jacob because the land could not support both of them, for their possessions were too many.

Genesis 36:8

ULT	UST
So Esau settled in the mountains of Seir; Esau, who is Edom.	*That is how Esau and his family ended up living in the Seir Mountains. That is the record about Esau, that is, Edom.*

Where did Esau settle?

Esau settled in the mountains of Seir.

Genesis 36:12

ULT	UST
And Timna was a concubine for Esau's son Eliphaz, and she bore Amalek for Eliphaz. Those were the grandsons of Adah, the wife of Esau.	*Eliphaz and his servant-wife Timna had a son they named Amalek. Eliphaz's sons were all grandsons of Esau and his wife Adah.*

What was the name of the son born by Timna, a concubine of Esau's firstborn-son Eliphaz?

The name of the son born by Timna was Amalek.

Genesis 36:20

ULT	UST
These were the sons of Seir the Horite who were inhabiting the land: Lotan and Shobal and Zibeon and Anah	*Here is a record of the descendants of Seir the Horite who were also living in that land: Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Anah,*

Who was the father of the inhabitants of the land in which Edom lived?

Seir the Horite was the father of the inhabitants of the land in which Edom lived.

Genesis 36:31

ULT	UST
And these were the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before a king reigned for the sons of Israel.	*Here is a record of the kings who ruled over the people of the land of Edom before the Israelites had their own king.*

What did the people of Edom have before Israel had them?

The people of Edom had kings before any king reigned over the sons of Israel.

Genesis 36:43

ULT	UST
Chief Magdiel, Chief Iram. Those were the chiefs of Edom, according to their dwellings in the land of their possession. That was Esau, the father of the Edomites.	*Magdiel, and Iram. All of those were clan leaders over the Edomites; they all led their own settlements in the land that they controlled. This concludes the record about Esau, who was the ancestor of all the Edomites.*

Who was the father of the Edomites?

Esau was the father of the Edomites.

Genesis 37

Genesis 37:1

ULT	UST
And Jacob lived in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.	*Jacob continued to live in the region of Canaan where his father Isaac had lived for a while as a foreigner.*

Where did Jacob live?

Jacob lived in the land of Canaan.

Genesis 37:2

ULT	UST
These are the generations of Jacob: Joseph, a son of seventeen years, was shepherding the flocks with his brothers, and he was a young man with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report about them to their father.	*Here is more of the record about Jacob and his family: One day his seventeen-year-old son Joseph was taking care of the family's flocks of sheep and goats. Joseph was helping his brothers who were the sons of his father's servant wives Bilhah and Zilpah, and he told their father about the bad things they were doing.*

What did Joseph bring to his father Jacob while shepherding the flock with his brothers?

To his father, Joseph brought a bad report about his brothers.

Genesis 37:3

ULT	UST
Now Israel loved Joseph more than all of his sons because he was a son of his old age. So he made a multicolored tunic for him.	*Now Israel, that is, Jacob, loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he was born to him when he was old. So he made a special robe for Joseph that had many colors.*

How did Israel show that he loved Joseph more than his other sons?

Israel made Joseph a multicolored tunic.

Genesis 37:4

ULT	UST
And his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all of his brothers, so they hated him and were not able to speak to him peaceably.	*When Joseph's brothers realized that their father loved Joseph more than the rest of them, they hated him so much that they would not talk to him in a friendly manner.*

What did Joseph's brothers think about Joseph?

Joseph's brothers hated him and would not speak to him peaceably.

Genesis 37:7

ULT	UST
And behold, we were binding sheaves in the middle of a field, and behold, my sheaf got up and also stood upright, and behold, your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf."	*In it I saw us working out in a field cutting and tying bundles of grain stalks. Then suddenly the bundle that I had made stood up straight. Then I saw that the bundles you had made stood around my bundle and bowed down to my bundle to show respect."*

What did Joseph see in his first dream?

Joseph saw his sheaf stand upright while his brothers' sheaves bowed down to his sheaf.

Genesis 37:8

ULT	UST
Then his brothers said to him, "Will you really reign over us? Will you really rule over us?" And they continued to hate him even more because of his dreams and because of his words.	*His brothers responded to him, "Do you really expect to be our king? You will never rule over us!" So they hated him even more intensely than they did before because of what he had said to them about his dreams.*

What did Joseph's brothers think about Joseph after he told them about his first dream?

Joseph's brothers hated him even more.

Genesis 37:9

ULT	UST
Then he dreamed yet another dream, and he related it to his brothers. And he said, "Behold, I dreamed another dream, and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."	*Then Joseph had another dream that he also told to his brothers. He said, "Listen, I just had another dream, and in it I saw that the sun, the moon, and eleven stars bowed down to the ground before me to show respect."*

What did Joseph see in his second dream?

Joseph saw the sun, moon, and eleven stars bow down to him.

Genesis 37:10

ULT	UST
And he related it to his father and to his brothers, but his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you dreamed? Will your mother and I and your brothers really come to bow down to the ground to you?"	*Later Joseph told the same dream to both his father and his brothers, but his father scolded him by saying, "That is a strange dream that you had! Do you really expect your mother and me and your brothers to bow down before you?"*

In Joseph's second dream, what did the sun, moon, and stars represent?

The sun, moon, and stars represented Joseph's father, mother, and brothers.

Genesis 37:14

ULT	UST
Then he said to him, "Please go and see the well-being of your brothers and the well-being of the flocks, and bring me word." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron, and he went to Shechem.	*Then Israel told him, "Please go and check on how your brothers and the flocks are doing. Then report back to me what you find out." So Israel sent him on his way from their home in the valley near the city of Hebron, and Joseph traveled to the city of Shechem.*

What did Jacob send Joseph out of the valley of Hebron to do?

Jacob sent Joseph out of the valley of Hebron to see if it was well with his brothers and to bring word back to Jacob.

Genesis 37:20

ULT	UST
So now, come and let us kill him and throw him into one of the cisterns. Then we will say an evil animal devoured him, and we will see what his dreams become!"	*Come on, let's kill him and throw his body into one of the pits here. Then we can tell people that a vicious animal ate him up, and we will watch if his dreams come true!"*

What did Joseph's brothers plan to do when they saw Joseph coming?

Joseph's brothers planned to kill Joseph and cast him into one of the pits.

Genesis 37:22

ULT	UST
And Reuben said to them, "Do not shed blood. Throw him into this cistern which is in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him," in order to rescue him from their hands, to return him to his father.	*Then he continued, "You must not take his life. Instead put him into this pit here in the desert, but you must not harm him." Reuben was planning to rescue Joseph from them and take him back home to their father.*

What suggestion did Reuben make to his brothers, and why?

Reuben suggested that the brothers throw Joseph into a pit without harming him, so that he could rescue Joseph later.

Genesis 37:28

ULT	UST
Then the Midianite men, traders, passed by, and they drew Joseph up and lifted him out of the cistern and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. Then they brought Joseph to Egypt.	*So when the Midianite (that is, Ishmaelite) traders came by them, some of Joseph's brothers pulled Joseph up out of the pit and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. Then the Ishmaelites took him to the country of Egypt.*

To whom did Joseph's brothers sell Joseph and for how much money?

Joseph's brothers sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver.

Where was Joseph taken?

Joseph was taken to Egypt.

Genesis 37:31-32

How did Joseph's brothers make it appear that Joseph was dead?

Joseph's brothers killed a goat and dipped Joseph's coat in the blood, then brought the coat to their father.

Genesis 37:34

ULT	UST
Then Jacob tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his loins, and he mourned for his son many days.	*Then Jacob tore his clothes in grief, put on mourning clothes, and for many days he mourned that his son had died.*

What did Jacob do after he concluded that Joseph was dead?

Jacob tore his garments, wore sackcloth, and mourned for his son many days.

Genesis 37:36

ULT	UST
And the Midianites sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an official of Pharaoh, the chief of the guards.	*Meanwhile, in the country of Egypt, the Midianite traders sold Joseph to Potiphar, who was an officer under Pharaoh the king of Egypt; he was the captain over the palace guards.*

To whom was Joseph sold in Egypt?

Joseph was sold to Potiphar, an official of Pharaoh, in Egypt.

Genesis 38

Genesis 38:2

ULT	UST
And there Judah saw the daughter of a Canaanite man, and his name was Shua, and he took her. Then he went to her,	*While he was living there, he met a Canaanite woman whose father was Shua, and he married her. Then he had marital relations with her,*

From whom did Judah take a wife?

Judah took a wife who was a daughter of a Canaanite man.

Genesis 38:7

ULT	UST
But Er, the firstborn of Judah, was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, so Yahweh killed him.	*But Er did things that Yahweh considered to be evil, so Yahweh caused him to die.*

What did Yahweh do with Judah's first son Er, and why?

Yahweh killed Er because he was evil.

Genesis 38:9

ULT	UST
However, Onan knew that the offspring would not be his, so it happened when he went to the wife of his brother, then he spilled it on the ground so that he would not give offspring to his brother.	*However Onan knew that the children they would have together would not belong to him. So whenever he had marital relations with Tamar, he wasted his semen on the ground to keep her from getting pregnant and having any children for his brother.*

How did Judah's second son, Onan, not fulfill the duty of a brother-in-law to raise up a child for Er?

Onan would spill his semen on the ground when he went in to have relations with Tamar.

Genesis 38:10

ULT	UST
And what he did was evil in the eyes of Yahweh, so he killed him also.	*Yahweh considered what Onan did to be evil, so he caused him to die too.*

What did Yahweh do with Judah's second son Onan, and why?

Yahweh killed Onan, because what he did was evil.

Genesis 38:11

ULT	UST
Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in the house of your father until Shelah my son grows up." For he said, "So that he does not also die like his brothers!" So Tamar went and lived in the house of her father.	*Then Judah told his daughter-in-law Tamar, "Go and live at your father's house, and do not marry again until my son Shelah is old enough to marry you." Actually Judah did not want Shelah to marry Tamar because he was afraid that if he did, he would also die like his brothers had. So Tamar went home to her father's house and stayed there.*

What promise did Judah then make to Tamar?

Judah promised Tamar his third son, Shelah, as a husband when Shelah grew up.

Genesis 38:12

ULT	UST
Then the days were many, and Shua's daughter, the wife of Judah, died. Then Judah was comforted, and he went up to Timnah, to the men who were shearing his sheep, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite.	*After a long time, Judah's wife, the daughter of Shua, died. After Judah finished mourning for her, one day he decided to go to the town of Timnah to work with the men who were shearing his sheep there. He and his friend Hirah, who was from the town of Adullam, started traveling there together.*

After a long time, why did Judah need to be comforted?

Judah needed to be comforted because his wife had died.

Genesis 38:14

ULT	UST
So she took off her widow's clothes from her and covered herself with a veil and wrapped herself. Then she sat at the entrance of Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah, because she saw that Shelah had grown up, but she had not been given to him as a wife.	*So she changed from her clothes that showed she was a widow and covered her face with a thin headscarf and dressed herself like a prostitute. Then she went toward the town of Timnah and sat down near the gateway of the town of Enaim, which was along the way. She did that because she had noticed that Shelah was now old enough to marry, but Judah had not given her to him to marry as he was supposed to do.*

What did Tamar do when she heard that Judah was going to Timnah?

Tamar took off her clothing of widowhood, put on a veil and wrapped herself, and sat by the road to Timnah.

Why did Tamar do this?

Tamar did this because Judah's third son Shelah had grown up, but she had not been given to him as a wife.

Genesis 38:18

ULT	UST
Then he said, "What is the pledge that I should give to you?" And she said, "Your signet and your cord and your staff that is in your hand." So he gave them to her and went to her, and she conceived by him.	*So Judah asked, "What do you want me to leave with you?" She answered him, "Leave me your name seal with its cord that you have around your neck, and your walking stick that you are holding." So he gave those things to her. Then he had sexual relations with her, and she became pregnant from him.*

What did Tamar obtain as a pledge for payment before Judah went in to have relations with her?

Judah gave Tamar his signet, cord, and staff as a pledge of payment.

Genesis 38:21

ULT	UST
So he asked the men of her place, saying, "Where is the temple prostitute who was at Enaim beside the road?" But they said, "There has not been a temple prostitute in this place."	*So he asked some men who lived near the place where she had been, "Where is the temple prostitute who was sitting beside the road near the town of Enaim?" But they answered him, "There has never been a temple prostitute around here."*

When Judah tried to retrieve his pledge by paying the prostitute with a young goat, what did he learn?

Judah learned that there had been no temple prostitute in that area.

Genesis 38:24

ULT	UST
And it happened about three months later that it was told to Judah, saying, "Tamar your daughter-in-law has prostituted herself, and also, behold, she is pregnant by her prostitutions!" So Judah said, "Bring her out, and let her be burned!"	*About three months later, someone told Judah, "Your daughter-in-law Tamar has acted like a prostitute. In fact, look, she is now pregnant from doing that!" Judah responded angrily, "Take her outside the town and burn her to death!"*

What did Judah want to do when he learned that Tamar was pregnant?

Judah wanted to burn Tamar because he believed she had become pregnant by prostitution.

Genesis 38:25

ULT	UST
She was being brought out, and she sent a message to her father-in-law, saying, "By the man whom these things belong to, I am pregnant." Then she said, "Please identify whose signet and cords and staff these are."	*So they went to get her, but as they were taking her out of the town, she sent a messenger to her father-in-law along with his things and told the messenger to say, "The man who owns these things is the one who got me pregnant. Please identify the man who owns this name seal with its cord and this walking stick."*

What did Tamar do when she was brought out to Judah?

She said that she was pregnant by the man who owned the seal, cord, and staff she had.

Genesis 38:26

ULT	UST
And Judah identified the things and said, "She is more righteous than I am, because I did not give her to Shelah my son!" And he did not continue to know her more.	*Judah recognized his things and confessed, "Tamar is right, and I am wrong, because I refused to have my son Shelah marry her as I was supposed to!" So they released Tamar, and after that Judah never had sexual relations with her again.*

How did Judah respond when he saw his seal, cord, and staff?

Judah said that Tamar was more right than he was, because he had not given Tamar to Shelah as a wife.

Genesis 38:27

ULT	UST
Then it happened when it was time for her to give birth, then behold, twins were inside her womb!	*Months later, when Tamar was ready to give birth, they realized that there were twins inside her!*

How many children did Tamar bear?

Tamar had twins.

Genesis 38:28

ULT	UST
And it happened, as she was giving birth, then one put out a hand, and the midwife took a scarlet thread and tied it on his hand, saying, "This one came out first."	*While she was in labor, one of them stuck out his hand. So the midwife who was there tied a bright red string around his wrist and said, "This baby was born first."*

What did the midwife do when one of Tamar's twins put his hand out from Tamar's womb?

When one of Tamar's twins put his hand out from Tamar's womb the midwife took a scarlet thread and tied it on his hand and said, "This one came out first."

Genesis 38:29-30

What were the names of the two brothers that Tamar birthed?

The names of the two brothers that Tamar birthed were Perez and Zerah.

Genesis 39

Genesis 39:1

ULT	UST
Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an Egyptian man, an official of Pharaoh, the chief of the guards, had bought him from the hand of the Ishmaelites who had taken him down there.	*Now as you know, some Ishmaelite traders had taken Joseph down to the country of Egypt, and an Egyptian named Potiphar had bought him as a servant from them. Potiphar was one of King Pharaoh's officers, the captain over the king's personal guards.*

Who bought Joseph in Egypt?

Potiphar, an official of Pharaoh, bought Joseph in Egypt.

Genesis 39:3-4

Why was Joseph successful in Egypt?

Joseph was successful because Yahweh was with him.

Genesis 39:6

ULT	UST
And he left all that belonged to him in the hand of Joseph, and he did not think to himself about anything except for the bread that he ate. Now Joseph was handsome in form and handsome in appearance.	*In fact, after Joseph's owner put him in charge of everything that he owned, he did not need to concern himself with anything in his household except for personal matters like deciding what kind of food he wanted to eat. Joseph was well-built and good-looking.*

What did Potiphar put under Joseph's care?

Potiphar put everything he had under Joseph's care.

Genesis 39:7

ULT	UST
And it happened after those things, then the wife of his master lifted her eyes toward Joseph and said, "Lie with me!"	*So after a while, his owner's wife started looking at him with desire and told him, "Come to bed with me!"*

What did Potiphar's wife ask Joseph to do?

Potiphar's wife asked Joseph to lie with her.

Genesis 39:8-9

How did Joseph respond to Potiphar's wife's request?

Joseph refused and said he could not commit this great evil and sin against God.

Genesis 39:12

ULT	UST
So she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me!" But he left his garment in her hand and fled and went outside.	*So Potiphar's wife saw her chance and grabbed hold of Joseph by his robe and demanded, "Come to bed with me!" But immediately he fled and left his robe in her hands as he ran outdoors.*

What did Joseph do when Potiphar's wife caught him by his clothes?

Joseph left his clothing in her hand and fled outside.

Genesis 39:14-15

What accusation did Potiphar's wife make against Joseph?

She accused him of trying to lie with her against her will.

Genesis 39:19-20

What did Potiphar do when he heard the accusation against Joseph?

Potiphar became very angry and put Joseph in prison.

Genesis 39:21

ULT	UST
but Yahweh was with Joseph and showed kindness to him and gave him favor in the eyes of the chief of the round-house.	*but Yahweh was with him and was kind to him and caused the prison warden to be pleased with him, so that he treated him well.*

At this time, what did Yahweh show to Joseph?

Yahweh showed kindness to Joseph at this time.

Genesis 39:22

ULT	UST
And the chief of the round-house gave into the hand of Joseph all the prisoners who were in the round-house, and all that they were doing there, he was the one doing it.	*So before long the warden put Joseph in charge of all the other prisoners who were in that prison, so that he was the one who managed everything that they did there.*

What did the prison warden put under Joseph's care?

The prison warden put all the prisoners under Joseph's care.

Genesis 39:23

ULT	UST
The chief of the round-house did not look at anything in his hand, because Yahweh was with him, and Yahweh made what he was doing successful.	*The warden did not need to pay attention to anything at all that Joseph was in charge of, because Yahweh was with Joseph and enabled him to succeed at everything he did.*

What was the result of everything Joseph did, and why?

Yahweh made everything Joseph did successful.

Genesis 40

Genesis 40:1

ULT	UST
Then it happened after those things that the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and the baker sinned against their lord, against the king of Egypt.	*Sometime after that, the head wine-server and the head baker disobeyed their master, who was Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.*

Why did the king of Egypt put his cupbearer and his baker in prison?

He put them in prison because they sinned against him.

Genesis 40:5

ULT	UST
Then the two of them dreamed a dream. Each had his own dream in the same night, and each man's dream had its own interpretation. They were the cupbearer and the baker who belonged to the king of Egypt, who were bound in the round-house.	*One night the king of Egypt's wine server and baker each had a dream while they were in prison. Each one's dream had its own meaning.*

What happened to the cupbearer and the baker on the same night?

The cupbearer and the baker each dreamed a dream the same night.

Genesis 40:7-8

Why were the cupbearer and baker both sad the next morning?

They were both sad because no one could interpret their dreams.

Genesis 40:8

ULT	UST
And they said to him, "We dreamed a dream, but there is no one to interpret it." Then Joseph said to them, "Do interpretations not belong to God? Please tell them to me."	*They answered him, "We each had a dream last night, but there is no one here who can tell us what our dreams mean." Joseph replied, "God is the only one who gives someone the ability to interpret the meaning of dreams. Please tell me what you dreamed."*

Who did Joseph say could give the interpretation of the dreams?

Joseph said that God could give the interpretation of the dreams.

Genesis 40:12-13

What did Joseph say was the interpretation of the cupbearer's dream?

Joseph said that the dream meant that within three days Pharaoh would restore the cupbearer to his position.

Genesis 40:14

ULT	UST
But if you remember me with you, when it goes well for you, then please show kindness to me, and mention me to Pharaoh, and get me out from this house.	*When you are out of prison and everything is going well for you, please remember that I was here with you, and please be kind to me and mention my situation to King Pharaoh so that he releases me from this prison.*

What request did Joseph make to the cupbearer after giving the interpretation of his dream?

Joseph requested that the cupbearer remember him, mention him to Pharaoh, and bring him out of the prison.

Genesis 40:18-19

What did Joseph say was the interpretation of the baker's dream?

Joseph said that the dream meant that within three days Pharoah would hang the baker on a tree.

Genesis 40:20

ULT	UST
Then it happened on the third day, the day Pharaoh was born, that he made a feast for all his servants. And he lifted up the head of the chief of the cupbearers and the head of the chief of the bakers in the presence of his servants.	*Then sure enough, three days later it was King Pharaoh's birthday, and he invited all his officers to attend a banquet. During the banquet, he had soldiers bring his head wine-server and head baker to the banquet in front of all his other officers.*

What special event occurred three days later?

A feast in honor of Pharaoh's birthday was held three days later.

Genesis 40:21-22

What did Pharaoh do with the cupbearer and the baker on that day?

Pharaoh restored the cupbearer to his position, but he hanged the baker, just as Joseph had interpreted for them.

Genesis 40:23

ULT	UST
However, the chief of the cupbearers did not remember Joseph but forgot him.	*However the head wine-server completely forgot about Joseph and did not remember to tell Pharaoh about him.*

Did the cupbearer remember Joseph's request to him?

No, the cupbearer did not remember to help Joseph but forgot about him.

Genesis 41

Genesis 41:4

ULT	UST
Then the ugly-looking and thin-fleshed cows ate the seven fine-looking and fat cows, and Pharaoh woke up.	*Then the sickly-looking, scrawny cows devoured the seven healthy-looking, fat cows. Just then Pharaoh woke up.*

In Pharaoh's first dream, what did the seven thin cows do to the seven fat cows?

The seven thin cows ate the seven fat cows.

Genesis 41:7

ULT	UST
Then the thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven fat and full heads. Then Pharaoh woke up, and behold, it was a dream.	*Next, the small heads of grain gobbled up the seven big, well-formed heads. At that point, Pharaoh woke up and realized that he had been dreaming.*

In Pharaoh's second dream, what did the seven thin heads of grain do to the seven full heads?

The seven thin heads swallowed up the seven full heads.

Genesis 41:8

ULT	UST
And it happened in the morning that his spirit was agitated, so he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Then Pharaoh told his dreams to them, but no one could interpret them for Pharaoh.	*The next morning Pharaoh was upset about the dreams, so he had servants summon all the sorcerers and other scholars in the country of Egypt. When they arrived, he told them what he had dreamed, but none of them was able to explain to him what the dreams meant.*

How did the magicians and wise men of Pharaoh interpret his dreams?

The magicians and wise men of Pharaoh could not interpret Pharaoh's dreams.

Genesis 41:12-13

What did the chief cupbearer tell Pharaoh about Joseph?

The chief cupbearer told Pharaoh that a young Hebrew man had correctly interpreted his dream and the dream of the baker when they were in custody.

Genesis 41:16

ULT	UST
And Joseph responded to Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me; God will answer with Pharaoh's peace."	*Joseph replied to him, "Sir, I do not have that ability on my own, but God will explain your dream so that you, King Pharaoh, will have peace in your heart."*

Who did Joseph say would interpret Pharaoh's dream?

Joseph said that God would interpret Pharaoh's dream.

Genesis 41:25

ULT	UST
Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "Pharaoh's dreams are one. What God is doing, he has shown to Pharaoh.	*Then Joseph told King Pharaoh, "Your Majesty, both of your dreams mean the same thing. Through them, God is revealing to you what he is going to do.*

What did Joseph say God was revealing to Pharaoh?

Joseph said that God was revealing to Pharaoh what God was about to do.

Genesis 41:26

ULT	UST
The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads of grain are seven years. The dreams are one.	*The seven healthy cows represent seven years, and the seven well-formed heads of grain represent the same seven years. Both dreams mean the same thing.*

What did the seven good cows and the seven good heads in the dreams represent?

The seven good cows and heads represented seven years of abundance.

Genesis 41:27

ULT	UST
And the seven thin and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, and so are the seven thin heads of grain scorched by the east wind. There will be seven years of famine.	*The seven scrawny and sickly cows that walked up out of the river behind the first cows represent a different seven years, and so do the seven small heads of grain that the desert wind had dried out. They both mean that there will be a famine that lasts seven years.*

What did the seven thin cows and the seven thin heads in the dreams represent?

The seven thin cows and heads represented seven years of famine.

Genesis 41:32

ULT	UST
And as for the repeating of the dream to Pharaoh twice, it is because the matter has been established by God, and God will soon do it.	*The fact that you, King Pharaoh, had two different dreams that mean the same thing shows that God has decided what he is going to do, and he will make it happen soon.*

According to Joseph, why was Pharaoh given two dreams?

Pharaoh was given two dreams because the matter had been established by God, and God would soon do it.

Genesis 41:34

ULT	UST
Let Pharaoh do this: Let him set supervisors over the land, and let him take a fifth of the land of Egypt in the seven years of abundance.	*Sir, you should also appoint regional administrators in charge of the country, and have them collect one-fifth of the crops that people harvest throughout the country during the seven years when harvests are plentiful.*

What fraction of the crops of Egypt did Joseph advise Pharaoh to take in the seven abundant years?

Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint a man to take a fifth of the crops in the seven abundant years.

Genesis 41:38

ULT	UST
Then Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this who has the Spirit of God in him?"	*So Pharaoh exclaimed to them, "Certainly we cannot find anyone else more qualified than this man whom God's Spirit guides!"*

What did Pharaoh say was in Joseph?

Pharaoh said that the Spirit of God was in Joseph.

Genesis 41:40-41

What position of authority did Pharaoh give Joseph?

Pharaoh gave Joseph authority over Pharaoh's house and over all the land of Egypt, second only to Pharaoh.

Genesis 41:48-49

How much grain did Joseph store up in the seven years of abundance?

Joseph stored up grain like the sand of the sea, an amount too much to measure.

Genesis 41:50-52

What were the names of Joseph's two sons born before the famine?

Joseph's sons were named Manasseh and Ephraim.

Genesis 41:54

ULT	UST
and the seven years of famine started to come, just as Joseph had said. And there was famine in all the lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread.	*Then the seven years began when there was a severe lack of food, which is exactly what Joseph had predicted would happen. The famine spread to every country, but throughout the whole country of Egypt there was still food in the storehouses.*

How widespread was the seven years of famine?

The seven years of famine was in all lands.

Genesis 41:55-56

What did Joseph do when the people of Egypt cried to Pharaoh for food?

Joseph opened all the storehouses and sold food to the Egyptians.

Genesis 41:57

ULT	UST
Then all the earth came to Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all the earth.	*In fact, people from all over the world started coming to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the food shortage was so terrible throughout the whole world.*

Who came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph?

All the earth came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph.

Genesis 42

Genesis 42:1-4

Who did Jacob send down to Egypt to buy grain?

Jacob sent Joseph's ten brothers, without Benjamin, down to Egypt to buy grain.

Genesis 42:6

ULT	UST
Now Joseph was the governor over the land. It was he who was selling grain to all the people of the land. So the brothers of Joseph came and bowed down to him with their noses to the ground.	*Since Joseph was the administrator over the country of Egypt, he was the one selling grain to people who came to him from all over the country. So Joseph's brothers also went before him like everyone else and bowed down with their faces to the ground to show him respect.*

What did Joseph's brothers do when they came to Joseph to buy grain?

Joseph's brothers bowed down to him with their faces to the ground.

Genesis 42:7

ULT	UST
And Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he acted like a stranger to them, and he spoke with them harshly and said to them, "Where did you come from?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food."	*When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he pretended that he did not know them. In fact, he spoke to them sternly and asked them, "What country are you from?" They answered him, "Sir, we are from the region of Canaan to buy some grain."*

What did Joseph do when he recognized his brothers?

Joseph disguised himself and spoke harshly with his brothers.

Genesis 42:9

ULT	UST
Then Joseph remembered the dreams that he had dreamed about them, and he said to them, "You are spies! You have come to see the nakedness of the land!"	*Then Joseph remembered what he had dreamed about his brothers long ago, so he accused them, "You are secretly gathering information about our country! You came here to find out where our country is weak!"*

What accusation did Joseph make against his brothers?

Joseph accused his brothers of being spies.

Genesis 42:13

ULT	UST
But they said, "Your servants are twelve brothers. We are sons of one man in the land of Canaan. And behold, the youngest is with our father today, and the one is not alive."	*But they replied to him, "Sir, there were twelve of us brothers. We are sons of the same father who lives in the region of Canaan. Our youngest brother is with our father right now, but our other brother has died."*

Where did Joseph's brothers say their youngest brother was?

Joseph's brothers said their youngest brother was with his father in the land of Canaan.

Where did Joseph's brothers say their other missing brother was?

Joseph's brothers said their other missing brother was no longer alive.

Genesis 42:15

ULT	UST
By this you will be tested: By the life of Pharaoh, you will not leave from this place unless your youngest brother comes here.	*So now, this is how I will verify whether or not you told me the truth: As certain as King Pharaoh lives, I swear that you will definitely never leave Egypt until your youngest brother is here.*

What test did Joseph give his brothers to demonstrate they were not spies?

Joseph said the brothers would not leave Egypt unless their youngest brother came to Egypt.

Genesis 42:17

ULT	UST
Then he put them together in custody for three days.	*Then Joseph had his soldiers lock up his brothers in prison for three days.*

Where did Joseph put the brothers and for how long?

Joseph put the brothers in custody for three days.

Genesis 42:18-20

What did Joseph tell the brothers to do in order to live?

Joseph told them to let one of the brothers be confined in prison, while the others carried grain to Canaan and brought back the youngest brother.

Genesis 42:21-22

Why did Joseph's brothers believe this trouble had come upon them?

They believed that the blood of Joseph was being required of them for what they had done to Joseph.

Genesis 42:24

ULT	UST
And he turned away from them and cried. Then he turned back toward them and spoke to them. Then he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.	*When Joseph heard what they were saying, he turned his back to them and started crying. Then after he recovered, he turned back around and spoke to them again. Then he chose Simeon from among them and had his soldiers bind him with chains while they watched.*

What did Joseph do when he heard his brothers talk about what they had done to him?

When Joseph heard his brothers talking about what they had done to him, Joseph turned from them and wept.

Genesis 42:25

ULT	UST
Then Joseph ordered his servants and they filled their bags with grain. And he ordered them to return each man's silver to his sack and to give provisions to them for the road. And he did that for them.	*Then Joseph told his servants to fill his brothers' sacks with grain. He also told them to secretly put in each brother's sack the money they had paid for the grain and to provide them with food to eat on their trip home. After Joseph did that for his brothers,*

What did Joseph have put back in each brother's sack?

Joseph had each brother's money put back in his sack.

Genesis 42:28

ULT	UST
So he said to his brothers, "My silver has been returned! And indeed behold, it is in my sack!" Then their hearts went out, and each man trembled to his brother, saying, "What is this God has done to us?"	*So he exclaimed to the others, "Somebody has returned my money to me! Here it is in my sack!" When they saw it, they were completely shocked, and they shook with fear. They asked each other, "Why is God doing this to us?"*

How did the brothers react when they learned that one brother's sack had his money in it?

Their hearts sank and they spoke to one another with trembling voices.

Who did the brothers blame for their current problems?

The brothers blamed God, asking what this was that God had done to them.

Genesis 42:35

ULT	UST
Then it happened they were emptying their sacks, and behold, each man's pouch of his silver was inside his sack! And they and their father saw the pouches of their silver, and they were afraid.	*Then Joseph's brothers started emptying their sacks of grain, and there inside each man's sack was his bag of money that he had paid for the grain! When they and their father Jacob saw the money bags, they were terrified.*

What did the brothers and Jacob learn when they emptied all the sacks?

They learned that every man's money was in his sack.

Genesis 42:36

ULT	UST
Then Jacob their father said to them, "You have bereaved me! Joseph is not here! And Simeon is not here! And you will take Benjamin! All these things are against me!"	*Then their father exclaimed to them, "You have caused me terrible loss! Joseph is gone! Simeon is gone! And now you want to take Benjamin away from me too! Everything is going terribly for me!"*

What was Jacob afraid would happen because of their situation?

Jacob was afraid that Benjamin would also be taken away from him.

Genesis 42:37

ULT	UST
Then Reuben said to his father, saying, "You may kill my two sons if I do not bring him to you. Put him in my hand, and I will return him to you."	*Reuben replied, "Father, let me be responsible for taking Benjamin down to Egypt. If I fail to bring him back to you safely, you can punish me by killing my two sons."*

What oath did Reuben make to Jacob?

Reuben swore to bring Benjamin back to Jacob from Egypt; otherwise, Reuben's two sons could be killed.

Genesis 42:38

ULT	UST
But he said, "My son will not go down with you, because his brother is dead, and he alone is left. And if harm were to meet him on the road that you are going on, then you would bring my gray head down in sorrow to Sheol!"	*But his father replied, "No, I will not let my son Benjamin go down to Egypt with you. His brother is dead, so he is the only son I have left from his mother. So if anything bad happened to him on your journey, you would cause me, your elderly father, to grieve so badly that I would die and go down to the afterworld!"*

Did Jacob allow Reuben to take Benjamin to Egypt?

No, Jacob did not allow Reuben to take Benjamin to Egypt.

What did Jacob say would happen to him if Benjamin died?

Jacob said he would go down to Sheol with sorrow if Benjamin died.

Genesis 43

Genesis 43:1-2

Why did Israel tell his sons to go again and buy some food in Egypt?

The famine was severe, and they had eaten the grain they had brought from Egypt on the first journey.

Genesis 43:3-5

What did Judah say they must have in order to go down to Egypt again?

Judah said they must have their brother Benjamin with them in order to go down to Egypt.

Genesis 43:9

ULT	UST
I myself will guarantee him. From my hand you can require him. If I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, then I will have sinned against you all the days.	*I personally promise to keep him safe. You can hold me responsible for him, so that if I do not bring him back to you safely, I will be guilty of this sin against you for the rest of my life.*

What oath did Judah make to Israel his father?

Judah said that if he did not bring Benjamin back, he would bear the blame forever.

Genesis 43:11-12

What did Israel tell the brothers to take with them to Egypt?

Israel told the brothers to take some of the best products of the land, and to take double the money that they owed.

Genesis 43:14

ULT	UST
And may God Almighty give you mercies before the man, and may he send your other brother and Benjamin with you. And I, if I am bereaved, I am bereaved."	*I pray that God who is all-powerful will cause him to treat you kindly so that he will let your other brother and Benjamin come back home with you. But if not, and if I must lose them and grieve for them, then I will grieve."*

For what did Israel ask God regarding the journey?

Israel asked God to give the brothers mercy in Egypt, so that all the brothers would be released.

Genesis 43:18

ULT	UST
And the men were afraid when they were brought to Joseph's house, and they said, "Because of the matter of the silver that was returned in our sacks the first time, we have been brought. He wants to roll himself over us and throw himself on us and take us as slaves, and our donkeys!"	*But when the brothers saw that he had taken them to Joseph's house, they were afraid, and they said to each other, "He has taken us here because of our money that someone gave back to us in our sacks on our first trip here. He intends to have his soldiers attack us and overpower us and make us his servants, along with our donkeys!"*

How did the brothers respond when they were brought to Joseph's house, and why?

The brothers were afraid they would be arrested and taken as slaves because of the money left in their bags on the first journey.

Genesis 43:21-22

What did the brothers tell the steward of Joseph's house?

The brothers told the steward they had brought back the money left in their sacks, plus other money to buy food.

Genesis 43:23

ULT	UST
But he said, "Peace be to you, do not be afraid. Your God and the God of your father has given you hidden treasure in your sacks; your silver came to me." Then he brought Simeon out to them.	*But Joseph's servant replied to them, "It is all right, so do not worry about it. The God whom you and your father serve must have put the money in your sacks, because I definitely received your money that you paid for the grain." Then Joseph's servant brought Simeon out of prison to his brothers.*

From where did the steward say the money left in their sacks had come?

The steward said the money left in their sacks had come from their God.

Genesis 43:26

ULT	UST
Then Joseph came to the house, and they brought to him the gift that was in their hands into the house, and they bowed down to him to the ground.	*When Joseph came home, his brothers gave to him the gifts that they had brought with them into the house, and they bowed down before him with their faces to the ground to show respect.*

What did the brothers do when Joseph came home?

The brothers brought the gifts into the house, and bowed down to the ground before Joseph.

Genesis 43:27

ULT	UST
Then he asked them about their wellbeing, and he said, "Are things well for your aged father whom you spoke about? Is he still alive?"	*Then Joseph asked them how they were doing, and he asked them, "Is your elderly father well whom you mentioned to me? Is he still living?"*

About whom did Joseph ask the brothers?

Joseph asked the brothers about the welfare of their father.

Genesis 43:30

ULT	UST
Then Joseph hurried out, because his emotions boiled over for his brother, and he sought to cry, and he went to the inner room and cried there.	*Suddenly Joseph rushed out of the room because he felt overwhelmed with emotions about his brother and was about to cry. So he went to his bedroom, where he cried privately.*

Why did Joseph hurry to go out of the room, and what did he do after he left?

Joseph hurried out of the room because he was deeply moved about Benjamin, and he went to his room and wept.

Genesis 43:32

ULT	UST
So they served to him by himself, and to them by themselves, and to the Egyptians who were eating with him by themselves, because Egyptians cannot eat bread with Hebrews, because that is an abomination to Egyptians.	*So they served food to Joseph at his own table, and his brothers at their own table, and the Egyptians who were eating with him at their own table. Egyptians do not eat at the same table as Hebrew people, because Egyptians consider it unacceptable to do that.*

Why did the Egyptians and the Hebrews eat separately?

It was detestable to the Egyptians to eat with the Hebrews.

Genesis 43:33

ULT	UST
And they were sitting before him, the firstborn according to his birthright and the youngest according to his youth, and the men were astonished each to his neighbor.	*Joseph's brothers were sitting at a table facing his table in the order of their ages, from the oldest to the youngest. When they noticed that, they were amazed and stared at one another.*

How were the brothers arranged at the table?

The brothers were arranged at the table according to their birthright and age.

Genesis 43:34

ULT	UST
Then he served to them servings of food from before him, but Benjamin's serving was five times larger than any of their servings. And they drank and became drunk with him.	*Then Joseph had his servants serve food to his brothers from his table, but he had them serve Benjamin five times more food than they served to any of the rest of his brothers. Then his brothers feasted and drank wine freely with him.*

What was unusual about the portions of food the brothers received?

Benjamin's portion was five times as much as any of his brothers.

Genesis 44

Genesis 44:1-2

What did Joseph tell his steward to do with the brothers' sacks before they left?

Joseph told his steward to fill the brothers' sacks with food, to put their money in the sacks, and to put his silver cup in the sack of the youngest one.

Genesis 44:4-5

Basically, what did Joseph tell the steward to say to the brothers when he overtook them outside the city?

Joseph told the steward to ask them why they had returned evil for good and to accuse them of stealing Joseph's cup.

Genesis 44:9

ULT	UST
Whoever of your servants is found with it, then he will die, and we also will be slaves for my lord."	*In fact, sir, if you find that one of us does have the cup, then you may execute that person, and the rest of us, sir, will become your slaves."*

What did the brothers swear they would do if any one of them had stolen Joseph's cup?

The brothers said the one found with the cup would die, and the others would become slaves.

Genesis 44:10

ULT	UST
And he said, "Indeed now, according to your words, so it will be: Whoever is found with it will be a slave for me, but you others will be blameless."	*Joseph's servant replied to them, "Okay then, I will do as you suggest except for this: The one whom I find with my master's cup is the only one who will become my slave. The rest of you will be innocent and free to go."*

What punishment did the steward say he would require if the stolen cup was found?

The steward said that the one with whom the cup was found would be his slave, and the others would be innocent.

Genesis 44:12-13

What did the steward find and how did the brothers react?

The steward found the cup in Benjamin's sack; the brothers tore their clothes.

Genesis 44:14

ULT	UST
Then Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, and he was still there, so they fell to the ground before him.	*When Judah and his brothers arrived at Joseph's house, Joseph was there waiting for them. So they prostrated themselves on the ground before him to show respect.*

What did the brothers do when they came back to Joseph in his house?

The brothers bowed to the ground before Joseph.

Genesis 44:16

ULT	UST
And Judah said, "What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? And how can we justify ourselves? God has found out the sin of your servants. Behold, we are slaves for my lord, both we and the one in whose hand the cup was found."	*Judah replied to him, "Sir, there is nothing convincing that we can say to you. There is no way that we can explain this. There is no way we can prove to you that we are innocent. God is punishing us for our past sin. So now, sir, we are all here to be your slaves, including the one whom your house-servant found with your cup in his bag."*

Who did Judah say had found out the sin of the brothers?

Judah said that God had found out their sin.

What did Judah say all the brothers would now become?

Judah said all the brothers would now become Joseph's slaves.

Genesis 44:17

ULT	UST
But he said, "Far be it from me to do that! The man in whose hand the cup was found, he will be a slave for me. But you, go up in peace to your father."	*But Joseph told them, "No, I would never even consider doing such a thing! Rather only the man whom my servant found with my cup in his bag will be my slave. The rest of you are free to go back home to your father."*

What punishment did Joseph say he would require of the brothers?

Joseph said that the man in whose hand the cup was found would be his slave and the rest could go in peace.

Genesis 44:20

ULT	UST
And we said to my lord, 'We have an aged father and the youngest son of his old age. But his brother is dead, so he is left by himself from his mother, and his father loves him.'	*And we told you, sir, that we have an elderly father and also a younger brother who was born when our father was already old. That brother's mother only had one other son, who is now dead. So our father especially loves our youngest brother.*

What reasons did Judah give for why his father loved the youngest brother?

Judah said that the youngest brother was the child of his father's old age, and the only child left of his mother.

Genesis 44:22

ULT	UST
And we said to my lord, 'The young man is not able to leave his father, because if he leaves his father, then he will die.'	*But we told you, sir, that the young man should not leave his father and come here, because if he did, his father would die from anxiety.*

What did the brothers worry would happen to their father if the youngest left him?

The brothers worried their father would die if the youngest left him.

Genesis 44:23

ULT	UST
But you said to your servants, 'If your youngest brother does not come down with you, you will not see my face again.'	*But then, sir, you told us that unless our youngest brother came with us, we could never see you again.*

Why did Judah say the brothers were forced to bring Benjamin with them to Egypt?

Judah said they were forced to bring Benjamin because Joseph had said that unless the youngest brother comes, they would not see Joseph's face.

Genesis 44:26

ULT	UST
But we said, 'We cannot go down. But if our youngest brother is with us, then we will go. For we are not able to see the man's face and our youngest brother not be with us.'	*But we replied to him, 'We cannot go there unless our youngest brother is with us. Then we can go. The governor who sells grain there will not allow us to see him again if our youngest brother is not with us.'*

Why did Judah tell his father the brothers were forced to bring Benjamin with them to Egypt?

Judah told his father that they were forced to bring Benjamin because Joseph had said that unless the youngest brother came, they would not see Joseph's face.

Genesis 44:28

ULT	UST
And the one went away from me, and I have said, "He was surely torn to pieces," and I have not seen him until now.	*One of her sons left here one day, and I have not seen him since then. I am sure that a wild animal must have killed him and torn him apart.*

What did Israel think had happened to Joseph?

Israel thought that surely Joseph had been torn in pieces.

Genesis 44:29

ULT	UST
So if you also take this one from my presence, and harm were to meet him, then you would bring my gray head down in misery to Sheol.'	*So if you also take her other son away from me, and anything harms him, you will cause me, your gray-haired father, so much grief that I will die and go down to the afterworld.'*

What did Israel say would happen to him if Benjamin were taken from him?

Israel said that the brothers would bring down his gray hair with sorrow to Sheol.

Genesis 44:31

ULT	UST
then it will happen when he sees that the young man is not there, then he will die! And your servants will bring the gray head of your servant our father down in sorrow to Sheol!	*if he sees that his son is gone, he will die! Yes, we will cause our gray-haired father so much grief that he will die and go to the afterworld!*

What did Judah say would happen to his father if they returned without Benjamin?

Judah said that his father would die.

Genesis 44:32

ULT	UST
For your servant guaranteed the young man to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, then I will have sinned against my father all the days.'	*Besides that, sir, I promised my father that I would return his son to him safely. I told him that if I did not bring his son back to him, I would be guilty of sinning against him forever.*

What guarantee for Benjamin did Judah say he had become?

Judah said that if he did not return Benjamin to his father, he would bear the guilt forever.

Genesis 44:33

ULT	UST
And now, please let your servant stay as a slave for my lord instead of the young man, and let the young man go up with his brothers.	*So then, sir, I beg you to let me stay here and be your slave in place of our youngest brother, and let him go back home with his other brothers.*

What did Judah ask Joseph to do so that Benjamin could return to his father?

Judah asked Joseph to make him Joseph's slave, so that Benjamin could return to his father.

Genesis 45

Genesis 45:1-2

What did the Egyptians hear Joseph doing as he made himself known to his brothers?

They heard Joseph weeping loudly as made himself known to his brothers.

Genesis 45:3

ULT	UST
Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.	*Then he exclaimed to his brothers in their language, "I am your brother Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But Joseph's brothers could not reply to him, because they felt very afraid to be standing in front of him.*

How did the brothers react when Joseph revealed himself to them?

The brothers could not answer Joseph, for they were terrified.

Genesis 45:7

ULT	UST
But God sent me ahead of you to preserve a remnant for you on the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance.	*That is why God sent me here before you came, to save your lives in this amazing way so that you will survive and have descendants on the earth.*

According to Joseph, why did God send him to Egypt?

Joseph said that God sent him to Egypt to preserve life and to preserve his family as a remnant on the earth.

Genesis 45:8

ULT	UST
So now, it was not you who sent me here, but God. And he has made me father to Pharaoh, and lord over all his house and the ruler in all the land of Egypt.	*So then, you were not the ones who caused me to come here, but rather it was God who sent me. He has also made me like a father to King Pharaoh, so that I am the one in charge of his entire household and also the governor over the entire country of Egypt.*

What had God made Joseph in the land of Egypt?

God had made Joseph father to Pharaoh, lord of all Pharaoh's house, and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 45:9-11

How did Joseph plan to take care of his family?

Joseph told his family to come and live in the land of Goshen, where he would provide for them.

Genesis 45:13

ULT	UST
So report to my father all my glory in Egypt and all that you have seen. Then hurry and bring my father down here."	*So go and tell our father all about how powerful I am in Egypt and about everything else that you have seen here. Then quickly bring him down here to me."*

What did Joseph tell his brothers to hurry and do?

Joseph told his brothers to hurry and bring his father to Egypt.

Genesis 45:16-18

How did Pharaoh react when he heard that Joseph's brothers had come to Egypt?

Pharaoh was very pleased, and he told Joseph to tell his brothers to bring their father and their households to live on the best of the land of Egypt and eat the fat of the land.

Genesis 45:21-23

Who received extra gifts and provisions for the trip?

Benjamin received three hundred pieces of silver and five changes of clothing, and Israel received twenty loaded donkeys.

Genesis 45:26

ULT	UST
And they reported to him, saying, "Joseph is still alive! And in fact, he is the ruler over all the land of Egypt!" But his heart went numb because he did not believe them.	*When they arrived, they announced to him, "Joseph is still alive! In fact, he is the governor over the entire country of Egypt!" When their father heard that news, he was stunned and silent, because he could not believe them.*

How did Israel react when he heard that Joseph was alive and ruler over all the land of Egypt?

Israel's heart was astonished, for he did not believe the brothers when they told him.

Genesis 45:28

ULT	UST
And Israel said, "Enough! Joseph my son is still alive! I will go and see him before I die."	*Then he exclaimed to them, "That's enough! It must be true! My son Joseph really is alive! I must go now and see him again before I die."*

What did Israel say he wanted to do before he died?

Israel said he wanted to see Joseph before he died.

Genesis 46

Genesis 46:1

ULT	UST
Then Israel set out and all that belonged to him. Then he came to Beersheba, and he sacrificed sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.	*So Israel and his family started traveling toward Egypt with all their belongings. When they reached the city of Beersheba, he offered some of his animals on an altar there as sacrifices to God, whom his father Isaac had worshiped.*

What did Israel do in Beersheba?

Israel offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.

Genesis 46:3-4

What promises did God make to Israel in Beersheba?

God promised to make Israel a great nation, to go with Israel to Egypt, to bring Israel up again from Egypt, and to have Joseph with Israel to close his eyes when he dies.

Genesis 46:5-7

Who went to Egypt with Israel?

All his offspring went with Israel to Egypt.

Genesis 46:12

ULT	UST
And the sons of Judah were Er and Onan and Shelah and Perez and Zerah, but Er and Onan had died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul.	*Judah and Judah's sons, who were Er, Onan, Shelah, Perez, and Zerah; actually, Er and Onan had already died in the region of Canaan. Perez's sons were Hezron and Hamul.*

Which two sons of Judah died in the land of Canaan?

Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan.

Genesis 46:27

ULT	UST
And the sons of Joseph who were born for him in Egypt were two souls. All the souls belonging to the house of Jacob who went to Egypt were seventy.	*If you include Jacob, Joseph, and Joseph's two sons, who were born in Egypt, then there was a total of seventy members of Jacob's family in Egypt.*

How many persons of the house of Jacob went to Egypt?

Seventy persons of the house of Jacob went to Egypt.

Genesis 46:29

ULT	UST
Then Joseph harnessed his chariot and went up to meet Israel his father in Goshen. And he appeared to him, and he fell on his neck and cried on his neck a long time.	*Then Joseph got his chariot ready and went to Goshen to meet his father Israel. There Joseph greeted his father and hugged him tightly and cried for joy on his shoulder for a long time.*

What did Joseph do to meet his father?

Joseph went up with his chariot and met his father in Goshen.

What did Joseph do when he saw his father?

Joseph hugged his father's neck and wept a long time.

Genesis 46:34

ULT	UST
then you should say, 'Your servants have been livestock men from our youth and until now, both we and also our fathers,' so that you can settle in the land of Goshen, because every herder of sheep is an abomination to Egyptians."	*you should tell him, 'Sir, ever since the time we were young until now, we have been raising livestock, which is the same occupation that our ancestors had.' That way he will allow you to live separately in Goshen Province, especially since Egyptians despise everyone who raises sheep."*

What did Joseph tell the brothers to say to Pharaoh concerning their occupation?

The brothers were to tell Pharaoh that they were herders of sheep from their youth.

Genesis 47

Genesis 47:2-3

What did the five brothers of Joseph tell Pharaoh their occupation was?

The five brothers told Pharaoh their occupation was shepherding.

Genesis 47:4

ULT	UST
Then they said to Pharaoh, "We have come to sojourn in the land, because there is not pasture for the flocks that belong to your servants, because the famine is heavy in the land of Canaan. So now, please let your servants settle in the land of Goshen."	*They also said to him, "We have come here to live for a while in your country. The famine is so severe In the region of Canaan where we come from that there is not enough grass in the fields for our flocks. So then, sir, please let us live in Goshen Province."*

What kind of residents did the brothers say they were in the land of Egypt?

The brothers said they were temporary residents, sojourners, in the land of Egypt.

Genesis 47:6

ULT	UST
The land of Egypt is before you. Settle your father and your brothers in the best land; let them settle in the land of Goshen. And if you know that there are men of ability among them, then appoint them overseers of livestock over those that belong to me."	*you may choose any part of the land of Egypt for them to live in. In fact, they may live in the best land in the country, in Goshen Province. And if you know that some of them are especially talented at raising livestock, then put them in charge of raising my livestock also."*

What did Pharaoh tell Joseph to do with Joseph's family?

Pharaoh told Joseph to settle Joseph's family in the best region, the land of Goshen, and to make the best herdsmen responsible for his herds as well as their own.

Genesis 47:7

ULT	UST
Then Joseph brought Jacob his father and presented him before Pharaoh, and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.	*Then Joseph took his father Jacob and introduced him to King Pharaoh, and Jacob asked God to bless Pharaoh.*

What did Jacob do for Pharaoh when he met him?

Jacob blessed Pharaoh when he met him.

Genesis 47:9

ULT	UST
And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my sojournings are 130 years. The days of the years of my life have been few and difficult, and they have not reached the days of the years of my fathers' lives in the days of their sojournings."	*Jacob answered him, "I have been living in this world for 130 years. My life has been short, with many hardships. In fact, I have not lived nearly as long as my ancestors did during their time on earth."*

How long had Jacob lived when he met Pharaoh?

Jacob had lived 130 years.

How long did Jacob say his life was compared to his ancestors?

Jacob said his life was not as long as his ancestors' lives.

Genesis 47:10

ULT	UST
Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh and left from the presence of Pharaoh.	*Then Jacob again asked God to bless Pharaoh and left him.*

What did Jacob do for Pharaoh when he went out from his presence?

Jacob blessed Pharaoh when he went out from his presence.

Genesis 47:14

ULT	UST
And Joseph collected all the silver that was found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan for the grain which they were buying, and Joseph brought the silver to the house of Pharaoh.	*So they bought grain from Joseph until there was no more money left in the country of Egypt or the region of Canaan. Joseph had his servants take the money to Pharaoh's palace.*

What was Joseph able to do by selling grain?

Joseph was able to gather up all the money in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan.

Genesis 47:16-17

What was Joseph then able to do with the Egyptians by letting them exchange their livestock for food?

Joseph was able to exchange food for all the livestock of the Egyptians.

Genesis 47:18-19

After the money and livestock were all given to Pharaoh in exchange for food, what did the people of Egypt offer Pharaoh in exchange for more food?

The people of Egypt offered their land and themselves as servants of Pharaoh in exchange for more food.

Genesis 47:24

ULT	UST
And it will happen in the harvests that you must give a fifth to Pharaoh, and the four parts will be for you as seed of the field and as your food and for those in your houses and for your little ones to eat."	*Then every harvest season, you must give him one-fifth of the crops you harvest. The rest of what you harvest will be yours to use to plant in the fields and as food for you and your families, including your children."*

What part of the whole harvest did Joseph require to be given to Pharaoh?

Joseph required one fifth of the harvest to be given to Pharaoh.

Genesis 47:27

ULT	UST
And Israel settled in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen, and they acquired possessions in it. And they were fruitful and multiplied greatly.	*Now Jacob, whose other name was Israel, was living with his family in Goshen Province in the country of Egypt, and they acquired many possessions there. They had many children and became very numerous.*

In what ways did the people of Israel prosper in the land of Egypt?

The people of Israel gained possessions in the land of Egypt, and they were fruitful and multiplied greatly.

Genesis 47:28

ULT	UST
And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years, and the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were 147 years,	*After Jacob had lived in the country of Egypt for seventeen years, he was 147 years old.*

At what age did Jacob die?

Jacob died at the age of 147.

Genesis 47:30

ULT	UST
And when I lie down with my fathers, then carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their tomb." And he said, "I will do according to your word."	*Rather, after I die and join my ancestors who have died, take my body out of Egypt to the region of Canaan and bury it in the same burial place where their bodies are." Joseph promised him, "I will do what you requested."*

What did Israel ask Joseph to swear he would do?

Israel asked Joseph to swear he would bury Israel in his forefathers' burial place.

Genesis 48

Genesis 48:1

ULT	UST
Then it happened after those things that someone said to Joseph, "Behold, your father is sick." So he took his two sons with him, Manasseh and Ephraim.	*Some time after those things happened, someone told Joseph, "Listen, your father is sick." So Joseph went to visit his father and took his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim with him.*

What message did Joseph hear about his father, and what did he then do?

Joseph heard that his father was sick, so he took with him his two sons.

Genesis 48:4

ULT	UST
and said to me, 'Behold, I am making you fruitful, and I will multiply you and make you into an assembly of peoples. And I will give this land to your offspring after you as an everlasting possession.'	*by saying to me, 'Listen, I will give you many descendants who will increase in number and become a community of peoples. I will also give this land to your descendants to own forever.'"*

What promises from God did Jacob recall to Joseph?

Jacob recalled that God promised him that he would be fruitful and multiply, he would be made a community of peoples, and the land of Canaan would be an everlasting possession of his offspring.

Genesis 48:5-6

How did Jacob say he would consider the two sons of Joseph in the inheritance?

Jacob said he would consider the two sons of Joseph as his own.

Genesis 48:8-10

Why did Israel not recognize Joseph's two sons?

Israel did not recognize Joseph's two sons because his eyes were failing due to his age.

Genesis 48:14

ULT	UST
But Israel extended his right hand and placed it on the head of Ephraim, and he was the younger, and he placed his left hand on the head of Manasseh. He guided his hands, because Manasseh was the firstborn.	*But Israel intentionally reached out his right hand and put it on Ephraim's head, even though Ephraim was Joseph's younger son. Then he crossed his arms and put his left hand on Manasseh's head, even though Manasseh was Joseph's oldest son.*

Who was the first-born of Joseph's sons?

Manasseh was the first-born of Joseph's sons.

Upon whom did Israel put his right hand, and upon whom his left hand?

Israel put his right hand on Ephraim, and his left hand on Manasseh.

Genesis 48:17-18

Why did Joseph try to change the position of Israel's hands?

Joseph expected Israel's right hand to be on Manasseh because he was the first-born.

Genesis 48:19

ULT	UST
But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He will also become a people, and he will also be great. Nevertheless his younger brother will be greater than he, and his offspring will become a multitude of nations."	*But his father would not move his hands and replied, "I know it, my son, I know what I am doing. In fact, your oldest son will also be a great man, and he will become the ancestor of a people group. However, his younger brother will be even greater than he will be, and his younger brother's descendants will become many people groups."*

Why did Israel refuse to exchange the position of his hands on the two sons of Joseph?

Israel refused because the younger brother would be greater than the son who was born first.

Genesis 48:20

ULT	UST
And he blessed them on that day, saying, "By you Israel will bless people, saying, 'May God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh.'" So he put Ephraim before Manasseh.	*So Israel blessed Ephraim and Manasseh that day by saying to them, "The people of Israel will use your names when they bless people and say, 'May God prosper you like he prospered Ephraim and Manasseh.'" In that way, Israel made Ephraim greater than Manasseh.*

What blessing did Israel say the people of Israel would pronounce?

Israel said the people of Israel would pronounce the blessing, "May God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh."

Genesis 48:21

ULT	UST
Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I am dying, and God will be with you, and he will bring you back to the land of your fathers.	*After that, Israel turned to Joseph and said to him, "As you can see, I am about to die, but God will always be with you and your brothers and all your descendants to help you. He will also take you back to the land that he gave to your ancestors.*

What did Israel say would happen to Joseph?

Israel said that Joseph would be brought back to the land of his fathers.

Genesis 49

Genesis 49:1

ULT	UST
Then Jacob called for his sons and said, "Gather together, and I will reveal to you what will meet you in the end of days.	*Then Jacob summoned all his sons. He said to them, "Come together here, so that I can tell you what will happen to you and your descendants in the years ahead.*

For what reason did Jacob gather his sons together?

Jacob gathered his sons together to tell them what would happen to them and their descendants in the future.

Genesis 49:3

ULT	UST
Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might and the first of my strength, excelling in rank and excelling in power.	*Reuben, you are my oldest son, the result of my strength and the first child I had as a young man. You had high status and great authority in our family.*

What positive attributes did Reuben have?

Reuben was outstanding in rank and power.

Genesis 49:4

ULT	UST
Turbulent like waters, you will not excel, because you went up onto your father's bed, and you defiled it. He went up onto my couch!	*However, you are unstable like rushing water, so you will no longer have your important status in our family, because you got into my bed with my concubine and dishonored me! You actually climbed into my couch!*

Why would Reuben not have pre-eminence even though he was the firstborn?

Reuben would not have pre-eminence because he had defiled his father's bed.

Genesis 49:7

ULT	UST
Cursed be their anger because it is strong, and their fury because it is cruel! I will divide them in Jacob, and I will scatter them in Israel.	*May God curse you for being so fiercely angry and malicious! I ask God to scatter you and your descendants among the descendants of Jacob. That's right, I ask him to scatter you throughout the land of Israel.*

What did Jacob curse about Simeon and Levi?

Jacob cursed the fury and cruel anger of Simeon and Levi.

Genesis 49:8

ULT	UST
Judah, it is you your brothers will praise. Your hand will be on the neck of those opposing you. The sons of your father will bow down to you.	*Judah, your brothers and their descendants will highly praise you and your descendants. You will conquer your enemies. Then my other sons will prostrate themselves before you and your descendants in respect.*

What did Jacob say his other sons would do before Judah?

Jacob said his others sons would bow down before Judah.

Genesis 49:10

ULT	UST
The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes and to him belongs the obedience of the peoples.	*Judah, there will always be one of your descendants ruling as king. In fact, your descendants will rule until the highest king comes and the peoples of the earth obey him.*

What promises about the future were made to Judah?

Judah was promised that the scepter would not depart from him until Shiloh came, and that the nations would obey him.

Genesis 49:13

ULT	UST
Zebulun will settle at the shore of the sea, and he will live at the shore of ships, and his border will reach to Sidon.	*Zebulun, you and your descendants will live near the coast, where there will be a safe harbor for ships. Your territory will extend as far north as the city of Sidon.*

Where did Jacob say the descendants of Zebulun would live?

Jacob said the descendants of Zebulun would live by the shore of the sea.

Genesis 49:17

ULT	UST
Dan will be a snake beside the road, a viper beside the path, that bites the heels of a horse, and its rider falls off backward.	*You will be like a poisonous snake lying beside a road that strikes the feet of its enemy's horse, so that it rears up and the enemy falls off backward to the ground."*

What animal did Jacob say Dan would be like?

Jacob said Dan would be like a poisonous snake.

Genesis 49:20

ULT	UST
From Asher, his bread will be fat, and he will provide king's delicacies.	*Asher, you and your descendants will be wealthy and eat the best food. In fact, you will produce delicious foods that are fit for kings to eat.*

For what did Jacob say Asher would be known?

Jacob said Asher would be known for providing royal delicacies.

Genesis 49:22

ULT	UST
Joseph is the son of a fruit-bearing vine, the son of a fruit-bearing vine beside a spring, whose daughters go up over a wall.	*Joseph, you and your descendants will become very numerous like fruit on a productive tree that is growing next to a stream of water, with branches full of fruit that hang over a nearby wall.*

What kind of plant did Jacob say Joseph would be like?

Jacob said Joseph would be like a fruitful vine whose branches climb over a wall.

Genesis 49:24

ULT	UST
But his bow will remain in strength and the arms of his hands will be made limber by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob, by the name of the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel,	*But the Mighty God whom I worship will keep you strong and help you use your weapons well as you fight back. He takes care of his people the way a shepherd takes care of his sheep. He is like a rock fortress who protects Israel and his descendants.*

Who did Jacob say would keep Joseph's bow steady and his hands skillful?

Jacob said the hands of the mighty one of Jacob, the Rock of Israel, would keep Joseph's bow steady and his hands skillful.

Genesis 49:31

ULT	UST
There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife, there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah.	*That is where the bodies of Abraham and his wife Sarah are buried, and where the bodies of Isaac and his wife Rebekah are buried, and that is where I buried the body of my wife Leah.*

Who was already buried in the place where Jacob wished to be buried?

Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, and Leah were already buried there.

Genesis 49:33

ULT	UST
Then Jacob finished commanding his sons, and he drew his feet into the bed and exhaled and was gathered to his people.	*When Jacob had finished giving those instructions to his sons, he lay down and pulled his feet up into his bed. Then he took his last breath and died and joined his ancestors who had died before him.*

What did Jacob do after he gave his blessings and instructions to his sons?

Jacob breathed his last and went be gathered with his people.

Genesis 50

Genesis 50:2-3

What did Joseph do with Israel's body after Israel died?

Joseph had Israel's body embalmed.

Genesis 50:4-6

What request did Joseph make to Pharaoh about the burial of his father, and why did he make this request?

Joseph requested to be able to go to the land of Canaan to bury his father, as his father had made him swear.

Genesis 50:7-9

Who went with Joseph to bury Israel?

All the officials of Pharaoh, the elders of his household, the senior officials of Egypt, Joseph's household, Joseph's brothers, his father's household, and chariots and horsemen all went with Joseph.

Genesis 50:11

ULT	UST
And the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the threshing floor of Atad, and they said, "This is a heavy mourning for the Egyptians!" For that reason they called its name Abel Mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan.	*When the Canaanites who lived in the area saw them mourning like that at Atad's threshing place, they exclaimed to each other, "Wow! Those people from Egypt are mourning very sorrowfully for someone who died!" That is why the name of that place on the other side of the Jordan River is Abel Mizraim, which means "Egyptians' mourning place."*

What did the Canaanites say when they saw Joseph and those with him?

The Canaanites said that this was a very sad occasion for the Egyptians.

Genesis 50:14

ULT	UST
Then after he buried his father, Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers and all who had gone up with him to bury his father.	*After Joseph buried his father's body, he returned to the country of Egypt, along with his brothers and everyone else who had accompanied him to his father's funeral.*

Where did Joseph and his brothers go after burying their father?

Joseph and his brothers returned into Egypt.

Genesis 50:15

ULT	UST
And the brothers of Joseph saw that their father was dead, and they said, "What if Joseph hates us? Then he will surely repay us for all the evil that we did to him!"	*Now that their father was no longer alive, Joseph's brothers were worried and said to each other, "If Joseph is angry at us for the terrible way that we treated him, he might punish us severely for what we did."*

About what were Joseph's brothers worried after Israel died?

Joseph's brothers were worried that Joseph would repay them for all the evil the brothers had done to Joseph.

Genesis 50:17

ULT	UST
'This you must say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the crime of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' So now, please forgive the crime of the servants of your father's God." And Joseph cried when they spoke to him.	*to ask you to please forgive us, your brothers, for sinning against you and treating you so badly. So then, as servants of God whom our father worshiped, we beg you to forgive us for sinning against you." When Joseph heard his brothers' message to him, he was very sad and cried.*

What did the brothers ask Joseph to do regarding the wrongs they had committed against Joseph?

The brothers asked Joseph to forgive them for the wrongs they had committed against Joseph.

Genesis 50:18

ULT	UST
Then his brothers also came and fell before him and said, “Behold us, we belong to you as slaves!”	*Then his brothers came to him, prostrated themselves before him to show respect, and said to him, “Here we are, we will be your servants!”*

What did Joseph’s brothers do when they came to Joseph?

When they came to Joseph, Joseph’s brothers fell down before him.

Genesis 50:20

ULT	UST
And as for you, you intended evil against me, but God intended it for good in order to do as he is doing this day, to save many people.	*It is true that you planned to harm me, but God is using that to benefit us all. Right now he is doing what he planned, to keep many people from dying.*

What good did Joseph say God had worked through the evil deeds of his brothers?

Joseph said God had worked the good of preserving the lives of many people.

Genesis 50:22

ULT	UST
Then Joseph stayed in Egypt, he and the house of his father. And Joseph lived 110 years.	*Joseph continued to live in the country of Egypt, along with the rest of his father Jacob’s family, until he was 110 years old.*

How long did Joseph live?

Joseph lived 110 years.

Genesis 50:24

ULT	UST
Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am dying, and God will surely visit you and take you up from this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."	*Then one day Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die, but God will definitely help you and take you and your descendants from this country to the land that he vowed to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*

What did Joseph say was about to happen to him?

Joseph said that he was about to die.

What promise did Joseph say God would fulfill for Israel's descendants?

Joseph said God would come to the people and lead them up to the land God promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Genesis 50:25

ULT	UST
Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath, saying, "Surely God will visit you, and you must take my bones up from this place."	*When God does that, you must take my body back to Canaan with you and bury it there." Then Joseph had his brothers and the rest of the descendants of Israel vow that they would do that.*

What did Joseph make the people of Israel swear they would do?

Joseph made them swear they would carry Joseph's bones from Egypt when they left Egypt.

Genesis 50:26

ULT	UST
Then Joseph died, a son of 110 years. Then they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.	*So Joseph died at the age of 110 years. Then his doctors prepared his body for burial, and they put it in a burial box in the country of Egypt.*

What happened to Joseph's body after he died?

Joseph's body was embalmed and put in a coffin in Egypt.

Exodus

Exodus 1

Exodus 1:1

ULT	UST
And these are the names of the sons of Israel, the ones who came to Egypt. They came in with Jacob, a man and his house:	*These are the names of Israel's sons who went into Egypt with Jacob and their families:*

Into what country did the sons of Israel come with Jacob?

The sons of Israel came into Egypt with Jacob.

Exodus 1:5

ULT	UST
And all the lives going out of the loins of Jacob, were 70 lives. And Joseph was in Egypt.	*At that time, Jacob had 70 total descendants (including Joseph and his sons who were already in Egypt.)*

How many descendants of Jacob were there?

All of the descendants of Jacob were 70 in number.

Exodus 1:8

ULT	UST
And a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.	*However, sometime later, a new king began to rule in Egypt. He did not know about all the good things Joseph had done for the people of Egypt.*

Who did not care for the memory of Joseph?

A new king arose over Egypt, who did not care for the memory of Joseph.

What did the king of the Egyptians think would happen if they did not deal wisely with the Israelites?

The king of the Egyptians was afraid that the Israelites would continue to multiply, and if war would break out, they would join the Egyptians' enemies, fight against them, and leave the land.

Exodus 1:11

ULT	UST
And they set over him overseers of labor gangs in order to afflict him by their burdens. And he built Pithom and Rameses, cities of storage for Pharaoh.	*So the king and his officials put masters over groups of Israelite workers to cause them to suffer very much by making them work very hard. So the Israelites built the cities Pithom and Rameses to store goods for the king.*

How did the taskmasters oppress the Israelites?

The taskmasters oppressed the Israelites with hard labor.

Exodus 1:12

ULT	UST
And insofar as they afflicted him, thus he multiplied and thus he spread out. And they felt a sickening dread from the face of the sons of Israel.	*But the more the Egyptians treated the Israelites badly, the more the Israelites had children, and the more they spread throughout Egypt. Therefore, the Egyptians were distressed because of the Israelites.*

What happened the more the Egyptians oppressed the Israelites?

The more the Egyptians oppressed the Israelites, the more the Israelites increased in number and spread.

Exodus 1:16

ULT	UST
And he said, "When you assist the Hebrew women as midwives and you see on the birth stool, if he is a son, then you shall cause him to die, but if she is a daughter, then she shall live."	*"When you help a Hebrew woman have a baby, pay attention right as the baby is born. If the baby is a boy, you must kill him. If the baby is a girl, you may let her live."*

What did the king of Egypt tell the midwives to do if the baby was a male?

The king of Egypt told them that if the baby was male, then they must kill him.

Exodus 1:17

ULT	UST
But the midwives feared God and did not do according to what the king of Egypt spoke to them, and they let the sons live.	*But the midwives were afraid to disobey God. So they did not obey what the king told them to do. They allowed the baby boys to live.*

Why did the midwives not do as the king of Egypt ordered them?

The midwives feared God and so they did not do as the king of Egypt ordered them.

Exodus 1:19

ULT	UST
And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women: for they are lively, and, before the midwife comes to them, they have given birth."	*One of the midwives replied to the king, "We have not been able to obey you because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women. Because they are energetic, the Hebrew women have their babies before we arrive to help them."*

How did the midwives say the Hebrew women were not like the Egyptian women?

They said Hebrew women were vigorous and finished giving birth before a midwife came to them.

Exodus 1:22

ULT	UST
And Pharaoh commanded to all of his people, saying, "You shall throw every newborn son into the river, but every daughter you shall let live."	*Then the king ordered all the Egyptian people, "Throw every Hebrew baby boy that is born into the Nile River! However, you can allow the baby girls to live."*

What did Pharaoh order all his people to do to the male Hebrew babies?

Pharaoh ordered all his people to throw every male Hebrew that is born into the river.

Exodus 2

Exodus 2:2

ULT	UST
And the woman conceived, and she birthed a son. And she saw him, that he was good, and she hid him three months.	*She became pregnant and had a baby boy. When she saw that he was a healthy baby, she wanted to keep him alive, so she hid him for three months.*

For how long did the woman of Levi hide her son?

The woman of Levi hid her son for three months.

Exodus 2:3

ULT	UST
And she was not able to hide him still, and she took for him an ark of papyrus reeds and she daubed it with bitumen and with pitch. And she placed the child in it, and she placed it in the reeds along the shore of the river.	*When she was unable to hide him any longer, she got a basket made from tall reeds. She covered the basket with tar so it would float in water. Then she put the baby in the basket and put the basket in the water. It was at the edge of the Nile River, in the middle of the tall reeds.*

With what did the woman of Levi seal the papyrus basket?

She sealed the papyrus basket with bitumen and pitch.

Exodus 2:4

ULT	UST
And his sister stationed herself at a distance to know what would be done to him.	*His older sister hid nearby so she could find out what would happen to him.*

Why did the baby's sister stand at a distance?

The baby's sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

Exodus 2:5

ULT	UST
And a daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash at the river, and her young women were walking along the hand of the river. And she saw the ark in the middle of the reeds, and she sent her slave woman, and she took it	*Soon the king's daughter went down to the river to take a bath. Her female servants walked along the riverbank. She saw the basket in the tall reeds in the river, so she sent one of her servants to get it. When the servant brought it back, the king's daughter took it from her*

What did Pharaoh's daughter come to do while her attendants walked along by the riverside?

Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe at the river while her attendants walked along by the riverside.

Exodus 2:7-8

Who did the young girl find to nurse the child for Pharaoh's daughter?

The young girl went and got the child's mother to nurse the child for Pharaoh's daughter.

Exodus 2:10

ULT	UST
And the child grew older, and she brought him to the daughter of Pharaoh, and he became as a son to her. And she called his name Moses, and she said, "For out of the water I drew him."	*When he had gotten bigger, his mother brought the boy to the king's daughter. She adopted him and said, "I pulled him out of the water, so I will call him Moses."*

Who named the child Moses?

Pharaoh's daughter named the child Moses.

Exodus 2:12

ULT	UST
And he turned this way and that way, and he saw that there was no man, and he struck the Egyptian, and he hid him in the sand.	*He looked around to see if anyone was watching. Seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian man and buried his body in the sand.*

Where did Moses hide the body of the Egyptian whom he killed?

Moses killed the Egyptian and hid his body in the sand.

Exodus 2:13

ULT	UST
And he went out the second day, and behold, two Hebrew men were fighting. And he said to the guilty one, "Why are you striking your companion?"	*The next day he was out again. He was surprised to see two Hebrew men fighting each other. He said to the man who started the fight, "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?"*

When two Hebrew men were fighting, whom did Moses ask, "Why are you hitting your companion?"?

When two Hebrew men were fighting, Moses said to the one who was in the wrong, "Why are you hitting your companion?"

Exodus 2:15

ULT	UST
And Pharaoh heard this thing, and he sought to kill Moses. And Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh. And he dwelt in the land of Midian, and he sat down by a well.	*When the king heard that Moses killed an Egyptian, he ordered his soldiers to kill Moses. But Moses ran away from the king and left Egypt. He traveled east to the region of Midian and started to live there. One day as Moses was sitting beside a well,*

Why did Pharaoh not kill Moses?

Pharaoh tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and stayed in the land of Midian.

Exodus 2:17

ULT	UST
And the men who were shepherding came and drove them away, but Moses arose and saved them and caused their flock to drink water.	*Some shepherds came and started to chase them away. But Moses got up and rescued them and helped their sheep and goats to drink.*

Who tried to drive away the daughters of the priest of Midian?

Some shepherds came and tried to drive away the daughters of the priest of Midian.

Exodus 2:24

ULT	UST
And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.	*When he heard them groaning, he thought about his promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*

When did God call to mind his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob?

When God heard the Israelites groaning, God called to mind his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

Exodus 3

Exodus 3:1

ULT	UST
And Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock beyond the wilderness, and he came to the mountain of God, to Horeb.	*Moses, on the other hand, was taking care of the sheep that belonged to Jethro (his father-in-law who was a priest to the Midianite people.) One day, he took the flock to the far side of the wildland. He came to a mountain where God would reveal himself to Moses and later to the Israelites called Horeb.*

Who was Moses' father-in-law?

Jethro, the priest of Midian, was Moses' father-in-law.

Exodus 3:2

ULT	UST
And the angel of Yahweh appeared to him in a flame of fire from the middle of a bush. And he looked, and behold, the bush was burning in the fire, but the bush was not being consumed.	*While he was there, Yahweh's messenger appeared to Moses as a fire inside a bush. Moses stared at the burning bush, amazed that the fire was not burning it completely to ashes.*

How did the angel of the Lord appear to Moses?

The angel of Yahweh appeared to Moses in a flame of fire in a bush.

Exodus 3:4

ULT	UST
And Yahweh saw that he had turned aside in order to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush, and he said, "Moses, Moses." And he said, "Behold me!"	*When Yahweh saw Moses coming for a closer look, he called out from the bush, "Moses, Moses!" "Yes!" Moses replied.*

Who called to Moses out of the bush?

God called to Moses out of the bush.

Exodus 3:5

ULT	UST
And he said, "You must not come close to here. Take your sandals off from on your feet, for the place on which you are standing, it is holy ground."	*Yahweh said, "Take off your sandals to honor me before you come any closer, because you are standing on ground that is sacred because it is near me.*

Why did God tell Moses to take off his shoes from his feet?

God said, "Do not come any closer! Take off your shoes from your feet, for the place where you are standing is ground consecrated for my own purpose."

Exodus 3:8

ULT	UST
And I have come down to deliver him from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring him up from that land to a good and wide land, to a land flowing with milk and honey; to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.	*I am coming down from heaven to rescue them from being slaves to the Egyptians. I will lead them from Egypt to a fertile land with plenty of room. It will be very good for raising livestock and growing crops. The peoples called the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites live there now.*

Why did Yahweh come down?

Yahweh came down to free the Israelites from the Egyptians' power and to bring them up from that land to a good, large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey.

Exodus 3:10

ULT	UST
And now go, and I shall send you to Pharaoh, and bring out my people, the sons of Israel, from Egypt."	*So now I will send you to do this: Go to the king of Egypt and lead my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."*

Why did Yahweh send Moses to Pharaoh?

Yahweh sent Moses to Pharaoh so that Moses would bring Yahweh's people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.

Exodus 3:12

ULT	UST
And he said, "I shall certainly be with you, and this will be the sign for you that I have sent you: when you bring the people out from Egypt, you all will serve God on this mountain."	*God said, "Even so, you can trust that I will be with you. When you bring my people out of Egypt, all of you will worship me right here on this mountain. That will prove to you that I am the one who sent you to them."*

What would be a sign to Moses that Yahweh was sending him?

The sign to Moses that Yahweh was sending him would be that when Moses had brought the people out of Egypt, he would worship Yahweh on this mountain.

Exodus 3:14

ULT	UST
And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "You shall speak this way to the sons of Israel, 'I AM sent me to you.'"	*God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. Tell the Israelites that the God whose name means 'I AM' sent you to them."*

When the Israelites would ask Moses what God's name is, what should he say to them?

When the Israelites would ask Moses what God's name is, he should say, "I AM THAT I AM."

Exodus 3:18

ULT	UST
And they will listen to your voice. And you and the elders of Israel will go to the king of Egypt, and you all will say to him, 'Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. And now please let us go a journey of three days into the wilderness, and let us sacrifice to Yahweh, our God.'	*The leaders will do what you say. Then you and the leaders will go to the king of Egypt, and you will say to him, 'Yahweh, the God whom we Hebrews worship, has made a special visit to us. Please allow us to travel for a few days to a place in the wilderness in order that there we may offer sacrifices to Yahweh, the God we worship.'*

How long will the Israelites go into the wilderness in order that they may sacrifice to Yahweh, their God?

The Israelites will go three days' journey into the wilderness in order that they might sacrifice to Yahweh, their God.

Exodus 3:19

ULT	UST
And I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, and not with a strong hand.	*But I know that the king of Egypt will not allow you to go; not even by force.*

The king of Egypt would not let the Israelites go unless what happens?

The king of Egypt would not let the Israelites go unless his hand would be forced.

Exodus 4

Exodus 4:2

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to him, “What is that in your hand?” And he said, “A staff.”	*Yahweh said to him, “What is that in your hand?” Moses answered, “A staff.”*

What was in Moses’ hand?

A staff was in Moses’ hand.

Exodus 4:4

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, “Reach out your hand and take it by its tail”—and he reached out his hand and he caught it to him, and it became a staff in his palm—	*Then Yahweh said to Moses, “Pick up the snake by its tail.” So Moses picked up the snake by the tail, and it became a staff in his hand again.*

What did Moses’ staff become when he threw it on the ground?

Moses’ staff became a snake when he threw it on the ground.

By what should Moses take hold of the snake?

Moses should take the snake by the tail.

Exodus 4:6

ULT	UST
And Yahweh also said to him, “Put your hand in your bosom.” And he put his hand in his bosom. And he brought it out, and behold, his hand was being struck with a skin disease like snow.	*Yahweh gave Moses another instruction: “Put your hand on your chest inside your robe.” Moses put his hand into his robe. When he brought his hand out, it had a disease that made the skin look as white as snow.*

When Moses first brought his hand out from inside his robe, what happened?

When Moses first brought his hand out from inside his robe, it was leprous.

Exodus 4:12

ULT	UST
And now go! And I shall be with your mouth, and I shall teach you what you will speak."	*So go now, and I will help you speak, and I will tell you what to say."*

Who will be Moses' mouth and teach him what to say?

Yahweh will be Moses' mouth and teach him what to say.

Exodus 4:14

ULT	UST
And the nose of Yahweh burned at Moses, and he said, "Is not Aaron, the Levite, your brother? I know that he can speak well. And even more, behold, he is coming to meet you, and he will see you and he will be glad in his heart.	*Then Yahweh became angry with Moses and said to him, "What about your brother Aaron, the descendant of Levi? I know he is a good speaker. He is on his way here right now. When he sees you, he will be very happy.*

When Aaron sees Moses, how will he feel?

When Aaron sees Moses, he will be glad in his heart.

Exodus 4:16

ULT	UST
And he will speak to the people for you. So it will be, he will be like a mouth for you, and you will be like God to him.	*He will speak for you to the Israelite people. He will be your spokesman, and he will think of you as if you were me.*

Like whom will Moses be to Aaron?

Moses will be like God to Aaron.

Exodus 4:19

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses in Midian, "Go! Return to Egypt! For all the men who were seeking your life are dead."	*While he was still in Midian, Yahweh told Moses again, "Go back to Egypt now, for everyone trying to kill you is now dead."*

Why can Moses return to Egypt?

Moses can return to Egypt, for all the men who were trying to take his life are dead.

Exodus 4:21

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "While you are going to return to Egypt, see all the miracles that I put in your hand, and do them before the face of Pharaoh. But as for me, I shall strengthen his heart, and he will not let the people go.	*Yahweh spoke to Moses again, "When you get to Egypt, be sure to do all the miracles that I have given you power to do in front of the king. But I will make him reject you so that he will not let the Israelites leave Egypt.*

Why will Yahweh harden Pharaoh's heart?

Yahweh will harden Pharaoh's heart so that Pharaoh will not let the people go.

Exodus 4:22-23

Since Pharaoh has refused to let Yahweh's firstborn son go, what will Yahweh do to Pharaoh's firstborn son?

Since Pharaoh has refused to let Yahweh's firstborn son go, Yahweh will certainly kill Pharaoh's firstborn son.

Exodus 4:24

ULT	UST
And it happened on the road, in the lodging-place, that he encountered Yahweh, and he sought to kill him.	*One night, as they were camping on the way to Egypt, Yahweh confronted Moses in order to kill him.*

When they stopped for the night, what did Yahweh try to do to Moses?

When they stopped for the night, Yahweh met Moses and tried to kill him.

Exodus 4:27

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Aaron, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." And he went, and he met him at the mountain of God, and he kissed him.	*Meanwhile, Yahweh said to Aaron, "Go into the desert to meet Moses." So Aaron went and met Moses at the mountain where God met Moses and greeted him by kissing him.*

Where did Aaron meet Moses?

Aaron met Moses at the mountain of God.

Exodus 4:30

ULT	UST
And Aaron spoke all of the words that Yahweh had spoken to Moses. And he did the signs before the eyes of the people,	*Aaron told them everything that Yahweh had told Moses and performed the miracles as the leaders watched.*

Who displayed the signs of Yahweh's power in the sight of the people?

Aaron displayed the signs of Yahweh's power in the sight of the people.

Exodus 5

Exodus 5:1

ULT	UST
And afterward, Moses and Aaron went in and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: 'Let my people go, and they shall celebrate me in the wilderness.'"	*Then Moses and Aaron went to the king. They said to him, "The God named Yahweh, whom we Israelites worship, says this to you: 'Let my people go to the desert so that they may have a feast to honor me!'"*

Why should Pharaoh let Yahweh's people go?

They should let Yahweh's people go so they can have a festival for him in the wilderness.

Exodus 5:3

ULT	UST
And they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, let us go a journey of three days into the wilderness, and let us sacrifice to Yahweh our God, lest he come upon us with the plague or with the sword."	*Moses and Aaron replied, "The God we Hebrews worship has made a special visit to us. Please allow us to travel for a few days to a place in the wilderness in order that there we may offer sacrifices to Yahweh, our God. If we do not do that, he will cause us to die from diseases or from attacks by our enemies."*

Why should the Israelites go on a three-day journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to Yahweh their God?

The Israelites should go on a three-day journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to Yahweh their God so that he does not attack them with plague or with the sword.

Exodus 5:6-7

To whom did Pharaoh give a command to no longer give the Israelites straw to make bricks?

Pharaoh gave a command to the people's taskmasters and foremen to no longer give the Israelites straw to make bricks.

Exodus 5:11

ULT	UST
You go and get your own straw from wherever you might find it, for there will be no reducing of things from your slavery.’”	*So you must go yourselves and get straw where you can find it. But you must keep working to make the same number of bricks.”*

Although the Israelites must go and get straw wherever they can find it, what will not be reduced?

Although the Israelites must go and get straw wherever they can find it, their workload will not be reduced.

Exodus 5:14

ULT	UST
And the officers of the sons of Israel, whom the taskmasters of Pharaoh had put over them, were beaten, saying, “Why have you not finished your required brick making like yesterday and the day before yesterday, neither yesterday nor today?”	*When they were not able to make enough bricks, the king’s slave drivers beat the bosses they had put in charge of the Israelites. They told them, “This is because your work teams have not been able to make the same number of bricks in the last couple of days as they did before.”*

Whom did Pharaoh’s taskmasters beat?

Pharaoh’s taskmasters beat the Israelite foremen, those same men whom they had put in charge of the workers.

Exodus 5:15-16

Whose fault was it that the Israelite foremen were beaten?

It was the fault of Pharaoh’s own people that the Israelite foremen were beaten.

Exodus 5:20

ULT	UST
And they met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting to meet them when they came out from Pharaoh.	*As they left their meeting with the king, they met Aaron and Moses, who were waiting for them.*

Where were Moses and Aaron as they went away from Pharaoh?

Moses and Aaron were standing outside the palace as they went away from Pharaoh.

Exodus 5:22

ULT	UST
And Moses went back to Yahweh and said, "My Lord, why have you afflicted this people? Was this why you sent me?	*Moses left them and prayed to Yahweh again, "My Lord, why have you caused all these evil things to happen to your people? You sent me to help them, not hurt them.*

Who did Moses say caused trouble for the people of Israel?

Moses said the Lord caused trouble for the people of Israel.

Exodus 6

Exodus 6:1

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: for by a strong hand he will let them go; and by a strong hand he will drive them out of his land."	*Then Yahweh said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to the king when I make him let my people go. I will powerfully force him to chase them from his land!"*

Why will Pharaoh let the people of Israel go?

Pharoah will let the people of Israel go because of Yahweh's strong hand.

Exodus 6:2

ULT	UST
And God spoke to Moses, and said to him, "I am Yahweh	*God spoke to Moses again, "I am Yahweh.*

How did Yahweh appear to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob?

Yahweh appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as God Almighty.

Exodus 6:5

ULT	UST
And moreover, I have heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.	*Furthermore, I have heard the Israelites complaining because the Egyptians have made them slaves. I always remember what I promised.*

What has Yahweh heard, and what has he called to mind?

Yahweh has heard the groaning of the Israelites whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and he has called to mind his covenant.

Exodus 6:8

ULT	UST
And I will bring you to the land that I raised my hand to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. And I will give it to you as a possession. I am Yahweh.'"	*I will bring you to the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you, and it will be yours. I, Yahweh, am promising this.'"*

What will Yahweh give to the Israelites as a possession?

Yahweh will give the land that he swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob to the Israelites as a possession.

Exodus 6:12

ULT	UST
And Moses spoke before the face of Yahweh, saying, "Behold, the sons of Israel have not listened to me, so how will Pharaoh listen to me? And I have uncircumcised lips."	*But Moses said to Yahweh, "Certainly, if the Israelites have not paid attention to what I told them, the king will not pay attention to what I tell him, since I am a poor speaker."*

Why does Moses think Pharaoh will not listen to him?

Moses thinks Pharaoh will not listen to him because he is not good at speaking.

Exodus 6:18

ULT	UST
And the sons of Kohath were Amram and Izhar and Hebron and Uzziel. And the years of the life of Kohath were 133 years.	*The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. Kohath was 133 years old when he died.*

How long did Kohath live?

Kohath lived until he was 133 years old.

Exodus 6:20

ULT	UST
And Amram took Jochebed, his aunt, as a wife for himself. And she bore him Aaron and Moses. And the years of the life of Amram were 137 years.	*Amram married his father's sister, Jochebed. She was the mother of Aaron and Moses. Amram lived 137 years.*

Whom did Amram marry?

Amram married Jochebed, his father's sister.

Exodus 6:23

ULT	UST
And Aaron took Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab, the sister of Nahshon, as a wife for himself. And she bore him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.	*Aaron married Elisheba. She was the daughter of Amminadab and sister of Nahshon. Elisheba gave birth to Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.*

Who bore Nadab and Abihu?

Elisheba bore Nadab and Abihu.

Exodus 6:26

ULT	UST
It was Aaron and Moses to whom Yahweh said, "Bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt by their hosts."	*Aaron and Moses were the ones to whom Yahweh said, "Lead all the Israelites out of Egypt organized as army units."*

How should Aaron and Moses bring out the Israelites from the land of Egypt?

Aaron and Moses should bring out the Israelites from the land of Egypt by their groups of fighting men.

Exodus 7

Exodus 7:1

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, “Look, I have made you God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet.	*Yahweh answered, “See, I am putting you in front of the king like a god, and your brother Aaron will speak for you like a prophet.*

What has Yahweh made Moses like to Pharaoh?

Yahweh has made Moses like a god to Pharaoh.

Exodus 7:3

ULT	UST
But I will harden the heart of Pharaoh, and I will multiply my signs and my miracles in the land of Egypt.	*But I will make the king stubborn. Because of this, even though I will do many kinds of miracles here in Egypt,*

What will Yahweh do to Pharaoh’s heart?

Yahweh will harden Pharaoh’s heart.

Exodus 7:5

ULT	UST
And the Egyptians will know that I am Yahweh when I stretch out my hand over Egypt to bring the sons of Israel out from their midst.”	*Once I have proven how powerful I am to the Egyptians by rescuing the Israelites from being their slaves, they will know that I am Yahweh.”*

When will the Egyptians know who Yahweh is?

The Egyptians will know who Yahweh is when he reaches out with his hand on Egypt and brings out the Israelites from among them.

Exodus 7:9

ULT	UST
“For Pharaoh will speak to you, saying, ‘Create a miracle yourself,’ and you shall say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it down before the face of Pharaoh; let it become a serpent.’”	*“If the king says to you, ‘Show me that God sent you by performing a miracle,’ then say to Aaron, ‘Throw your staff down in front of the king in order that it may become a snake.’”*

What will Moses’ staff become?

Moses’ staff will become a snake.

Exodus 7:11

ULT	UST
And Pharaoh also called for wise men and sorcerers. And the magicians of Egypt also did so by their magic.	*Then the king called his wise men and men who did magic. They did the same thing, using their magic.*

How did the staffs of Pharaoh’s wise men and sorcerers become snakes?

The staffs of Pharaoh’s wise men and sorcerers became snakes by their magic.

Exodus 7:15

ULT	UST
Go to Pharaoh. Behold, in the morning he goes out to the water, so station yourself to meet him on the edge of the river. And take in your hand the staff that turned into a snake.	*So go meet him as he is going down to the Nile River in the morning. Wait for him on the riverbank. Take with you the staff that became a snake.*

Where should Moses stand to meet Pharaoh?

Moses should stand on the riverbank to meet Pharaoh.

Exodus 7:17

ULT	UST
Thus says Yahweh: "By this you will know that I am Yahweh. Behold, I am about to strike against the waters that are in the river with the staff that is in my hand, and they will turn to blood.	*So Yahweh says this: "This is the way you will know that I am Yahweh. Look out! I am going to hit the water that is in the Nile River with the staff that is in my hand. When I do that, the water will become blood.*

To what will the river be turned?

The river will be turned to blood.

Exodus 7:19

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt; over their streams, over their canals, and over their pools, and over every reservoir of their water, and it will become blood.' And there will be blood in all the land of Egypt, both in containers of wood and in containers of stone."	*Yahweh continued, "Then tell Aaron, 'Hold your staff out as though you were holding it over all the water in Egypt—over the rivers, the canals, the ponds, and over all the stored water, in order that all of it may become blood.' When Aaron does that, there will be blood throughout Egypt, even in wooden and stone jars."*

What water will turn to blood?

The Egyptians' rivers, streams, pools and all their ponds and even the water in containers of wood and stone will be turned to blood.

Exodus 7:22

ULT	UST
And the magicians of Egypt did the same with their magic. And the heart of Pharaoh was strong, and he did not listen to them, just as Yahweh had spoken.	*But the Egyptian men who did magic did the same thing using their magic. So, just as Yahweh had said, the king continued to be stubborn and would not obey what Aaron and Moses said.*

What happened to Pharaoh's heart?

Pharaoh's heart was hardened.

Exodus 7:24

ULT	UST
And all the Egyptians dug water to drink around the river, for they were not able to drink from the waters of the river.	*All the Egyptians dug into the ground near the Nile River to get water to drink, because they could not drink the water from the river.*

How did the Egyptians try to get water to drink?

The Egyptians dug around the river for water to drink.

Exodus 8

Exodus 8:2

ULT	UST
And if you refuse to let go, behold! I am about to strike all your territory with frogs.	*But if you do not let them go, watch out! I will punish you by sending frogs to cover your country.*

What would Yahweh do if Pharaoh refused to let Yahweh's people go?

If Pharaoh refused to let Yahweh's people go, Yahweh would afflict all Pharaoh's country with frogs.

Exodus 8:3

ULT	UST
And frogs will swarm the river, and they will climb, and they will go into your house and in the room of your bed and on your bed and into the house of your servants and among your people and in your ovens and in your kneading bowls,	*Not only will the Nile River be full of frogs, but the frogs will also come up out of the river into your house. They will come into your bedroom and onto your bed. They will be in the houses of your slaves and all the rest of your people. They will even get into your ovens and your pans for mixing the materials for baking bread.*

Where will the frogs from the river go?

The frogs will come up and go into Egyptians' houses, bedrooms, and beds. They will go into their servants' houses. They will go onto the people, into their ovens, and into their kneading bowls.

Exodus 8:6

ULT	UST
And Aaron reached out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frog came up and covered the land of Egypt.	*After Moses told that to him, Aaron stretched out his hand as though he were stretching it over all the water in Egypt. Then the frogs came up from the water and covered Egypt.*

Where did Aaron reach out with his hand?

Aaron reached out with his hand over Egypt's waters.

Exodus 8:9

ULT	UST
And Moses said to Pharaoh, "Glorify yourself over me: when shall I pray for you and for your servants and for your people, to cause to cut off the frogs from you and from your houses? They will be left in the river only."	*Moses said to the king, "Show how you are more glorious than me by telling me when to pray for you and your officials and the rest of your peoples. I will pray that the frogs stop coming to your houses and stay in the Nile River."*

What privilege did Moses give Pharaoh?

Moses gave Pharaoh the privilege of telling him when he should pray for Pharaoh, his servants, and his people so that the frogs may be removed from them and their houses and stay only in the river.

Exodus 8:15

ULT	UST
And Pharaoh saw that there was a respite, and he caused his heart to be heavy, and he did not listen to them, just as Yahweh had said.	*But when the king noticed that the frogs were gone, he made himself stubborn again. Just as Yahweh had said would happen, the king did not do what Aaron and Moses told him.*

What did Pharoah do after he saw that there was relief from the frogs?

When Pharaoh saw that there was relief from the frogs, he hardened his heart and did not listen to Moses and Aaron.

Exodus 8:17

ULT	UST
And they did so, and Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff and he struck the dust of the ground, and it became lice on man and on beast. All the dust of the ground was lice in all the land of Egypt.	*Moses and Aaron obeyed Yahweh. Aaron hit the dusty ground with his staff, and all over Egypt the dust became gnats. The gnats covered the people and the animals.*

What did the dust on the ground become?

All the dust on the ground became gnats throughout the whole land of Egypt.

Exodus 8:18

ULT	UST
And the magicians did so with their magic to bring out lice, but they were not able. And there were lice on man and beast.	*The men who worked magic tried to cause gnats to appear, but they could not do it. Gnats were on the people and animals.*

What happened when the magicians tried with their magic to produce lice?

The magicians were not able to produce lice.

Exodus 8:21

ULT	UST
Surely if you do not immediately send my people out, behold me! I am about to send the swarm at you and at your servants and at your people and into your houses. And the houses of Egypt will be full of the swarm, and even the ground which they are on.	*If you do not let my people go immediately, watch out! Be sure that I will shortly send swarms of flies which will cover you, your slaves, the rest of your people, and your houses. All the Egyptian's houses will be full of flies. They will even cover the ground.*

What will be full of flies?

The Egyptians' houses will be full of swarms of flies, and even the ground on which they stand will be full of flies.

Exodus 8:22

ULT	UST
And in that day, I will distinguish the land of Goshen, on which my people dwell, so that the swarm will not be there, in order that you may know that I am Yahweh in the middle of the land.	*But when that happens, I will treat the region of Goshen differently, because my people live there. There will be no swarms of flies there. In that way, you will know that I, Yahweh, am here in this land.*

Why will there be no flies in Goshen?

Yahweh would treat the land of Goshen differently, so that no swarms of flies would be there. This would happen so that Pharaoh would know that Yahweh is in the midst of this land.

Exodus 8:25-26

Why do the Israelites not sacrifice in Egypt?

The sacrifices the Israelites make to Yahweh their God are something disgusting to the Egyptians.

Exodus 8:32

ULT	UST
And Pharaoh caused his heart to be heavy at this time also, and he did not let the people go.	*But the king was stubborn this time also, and he did not allow the Israelites to go.*

Who hardened Pharaoh's heart after the flies left?

Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also.

Exodus 9

Exodus 9:3

ULT	UST
behold! The hand of Yahweh is about to be on your livestock which are in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the cattle, and on the flock—an exceedingly heavy plague.	*I warn you that I will soon powerfully punish you by sending a terrible disease on all your domesticated animals to make them sick and die—on your horses, on your donkeys, on your camels, on your cattle, and on your flocks of sheep and goats.*

On what will Yahweh's hand be?

Yahweh's hand will be on the Egyptians' cattle in the fields and on the horses, donkeys, camels, herds, and flocks.

Exodus 9:7

ULT	UST
And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, not even one of the livestock of Israel had died. But the heart of Pharaoh was heavy, and he did not let the people go.	*The king sent men to look at what happened, and they were surprised to see that none of the Israelites' animals had died. But after they told that to the king, he continued to be stubborn, and he did not let the Israelites go.*

Even after the cattle died, why did Pharaoh not let the people of Israel go?

Pharaoh's heart was stubborn, so he did not let the people go.

Exodus 9:8-9

What will become fine dust over all the land of Egypt?

Ashes from a furnace will become fine dust over all the land of Egypt.

Exodus 9:11

ULT	UST
And the magicians were not able to stand before the face of Moses, because of the face of the boils, because boils were on the magicians and on all of Egypt.	*Because skin sores covered the men who worked magic (along with all the rest of the Egyptians), they could not challenge Moses.*

Why could the magicians not resist Moses?

The magicians could not resist Moses because of the blisters.

Exodus 9:15-16

Why did Yahweh not reach out with his hand and attack Pharaoh and his people with disease and eradicate them from the land?

Yahweh did not attack Pharaoh and his people in order to show them His power, so that His name may be spread throughout all the earth.

Exodus 9:19

ULT	UST
And now send and bring to safety your livestock and all that is yours in the field, and the hail will come down on every man and beast that is found in the field and was not gathered to the house, and they will die.”’”	*So you should send a message to all people to put under shelter their domesticated animals and everything else that they own that is out in the fields. The ice will fall on every person and every animal that is out in the fields and that is not brought under a shelter. They will all die.’”*

What warning did Yahweh give about the hail?

Yahweh said that every man and animal that is in the field and is not brought home—the hail will come down on them, and they will die.

Exodus 9:20

ULT	UST
The fearers of the word of Yahweh from the servants of Pharaoh made their slaves and their livestock run to the houses,	*Moses did what Yahweh said. Some of the king's officials believed and were afraid of what Yahweh had said. So they quickly brought all their slaves and their animals under shelters.*

Who brought their slaves and cattle into their houses?

Those of Pharaoh's servants who believed in Yahweh's message hurried to bring their slaves and cattle into the houses.

Exodus 9:25

ULT	UST
And the hail hit everything in the land of Egypt, everything which was in the field, from man to beast. And the hail struck every plant of the field, and it broke every tree of the field.	*The ice struck everywhere in Egypt, hitting everything that was outside, animals as well as people. The ice destroyed the crops in the fields and broke limbs off the fruit trees.*

Throughout all the land of Egypt, what did the hail strike?

Throughout all the land of Egypt, the hail struck everything in the fields, both people and animals. It struck every plant in the fields and broke every tree.

Exodus 9:27

ULT	UST
And Pharaoh sent, and he called for Moses and for Aaron. And he said to them, "I have sinned this time. Yahweh is righteous, and I and my people are guilty.	*Then the king sent someone to summon Moses and Aaron. He said to them, "This time I admit that I have sinned. What Yahweh has done is right, and what I and my people have done is wrong.*

During the hail, what did Pharaoh admit?

He said he has sinned this time. He said that Yahweh is righteous, and that he and his people are wicked.

Exodus 9:32

ULT	UST
But the wheat and the spelt were not struck down, for they are late.)	*But it did not ruin any of the wheat varieties, because they grow later in the year.)*

What plants were not harmed by the hail? Why?

The wheat and the spelt were not harmed, because they were later crops.

Exodus 10

Exodus 10:1-2

Why did Yahweh harden the hearts of Pharaoh and his servants?

Yahweh hardened the hearts of Pharaoh and his servants to show these signs of his power among them. He also did this so that the Israelites might tell their children and grandchildren the things he has done.

Exodus 10:5

ULT	UST
And it will cover the sight of the land, and none will be able to see the land. And it will devour the remnant of whatever escaped, of whatever is left to you from the hail. And it will devour every tree growing for you from the field.	*They will completely cover the ground so that you will not even be able to see it. They will eat everything that the ice storm did not destroy. They will eat everything that is growing on your fruit trees.*

What insect will cover the surface of the ground so that no one will be able to see the earth?

Locusts will cover the surface of the ground so that no one will be able to see the earth.

Exodus 10:9-11

What did Pharaoh say when Moses told him the Israelites will go with their young and with their old, with their sons and their daughters?

Pharaoh said, “No! Go, just the men among you.”

Exodus 10:13

ULT	UST
And Moses reached out his staff over the land of Egypt, and Yahweh drove an east wind over the land all that day and all night. The morning was, and the east wind had brought the locust.	*So Moses held out his staff as though he were stretching it over the country of Egypt. Then Yahweh caused a wind to blow from the east, and it blew over the land all that day and all that night. By the next morning, it had brought the locusts.*

What brought the locusts?

The east wind brought the locusts.

Exodus 10:16

ULT	UST
And Pharaoh hurried to call for Moses and for Aaron and said, "I have sinned against Yahweh your God and against you.	*The king quickly called Aaron and Moses and said, "I have sinned against Yahweh, your god, and against you.*

What did Pharaoh say he has done against Yahweh?

Pharaoh said he has sinned against Yahweh, Moses' God.

Exodus 10:19

ULT	UST
And Yahweh turned a very strong sea wind, and it carried away the locust, and it drove it into the Sea of Reeds; not one locust remained in all of the territory of Egypt.	*Then Yahweh changed the wind so that it blew strongly from the west, and it picked up and forced all the locusts into the Sea of Reeds. There were no locusts left anywhere in the country of Egypt.*

How many locusts remained in all the territory of Egypt after Yahweh brought a very strong west wind?

Not a single locust remained in all the territory of Egypt after Yahweh brought a very strong west wind.

Exodus 10:22

ULT	UST
And Moses stretched out his hand above the heavens, and dark darkness was in all of the land of Egypt for three days.	*So Moses reached his hand toward the sky, and it became extremely dark all over Egypt for three days and nights.*

What happened to the Egyptians during the three days of darkness?

During the three days of darkness, no one could see anyone else; no one left his home for three days.

Exodus 10:24

ULT	UST
And Pharaoh called to Moses, and he said, "Go serve Yahweh. Only your flocks and your herds must remain behind; however, your children will go with you."	*The king called Moses and said, "All right, you may go and worship Yahweh. Your women and your children may go with you. But your flocks of sheep and goats and your herds of cattle must remain here."*

After the darkness, what did Pharaoh say must remain behind when the Israelites go to worship Yahweh?

Pharaoh said the flocks and herds must remain behind when the Israelites go to worship Yahweh.

Exodus 10:28

ULT	UST
And Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! Watch yourself; you shall not again see my face; because in the day of your seeing my face, you shall die."	*The king said to Moses and Aaron, "Get out of here! Make sure that you never come to see me again! The day you see me again, I will have someone kill you!"*

What did Pharaoh say would happen to Moses if Moses would see Pharaoh's face again?

Pharaoh said that on the day Moses would see his face, Moses would die.

Exodus 11

Exodus 11:1-2

For what should every Israelite man and woman ask of his or her neighbor after the final plague?

Every Israelite man and woman should ask of his or her neighbor for jewels of silver and jewels of gold after the final plague.

Exodus 11:3

ULT	UST
And Yahweh gave the people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians. Furthermore, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the eyes of the servants of Pharaoh and in the eyes of the people.	*Yahweh made the Egyptians willing to help the Israelites. Also, the king's officials and all the rest of the people thought that Moses was one of the most important men in Egypt.*

In the sight of whom was Moses very impressive?

Moses was very impressive in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and the people of Egypt.

Exodus 11:5

ULT	UST
and every firstborn in the land of Egypt will die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sits on his throne, to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the mill, and every firstborn of a beast.	*and I will kill every oldest son in Egypt. I will kill without exception: the rich king's oldest son, the poor mill slave's oldest son, and even every oldest male born among the animals.*

Which of the firstborn would die?

All the firstborn in the land of Egypt would die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sits on his throne, to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the mill, and to all the firstborn of the animals.

Exodus 11:6

ULT	UST
And there will be a great cry in all the land of Egypt, which nothing like it has ever happened, and nothing like it will happen again.	*When that happens, people all over Egypt will lament more terribly than anyone ever has lamented before and more than anyone ever will again.*

When has there been such a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt like the one caused by the last plague?

There has never been such a great cry, nor ever will there be again.

Exodus 12

Exodus 12:3

ULT	UST
Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month they shall take to themselves, each man, a lamb to the house of the fathers: a lamb to a house.	*Tell the whole Israelite community, 'On the tenth day of this month every man who leads a family must take a young sheep or a young goat for his household.*

What must each Israelite family do on the tenth day of this first month?

On the tenth day of this month each family must take a lamb or young goat for themselves.

Exodus 12:4

ULT	UST
And if the household is too few for having a lamb, then he and his neighbor near to his house by the number of people shall take the lamb; according to the eating of the mouth of each man you shall calculate it.	*If there are not enough people in his family to eat a whole cooked lamb, then his family and a family that lives nearby may kill one animal. Plan to share the lamb according to the number of people in each family and according to how much each person can eat.*

If the household is too small for a lamb, what should they do?

If the household is too small for a lamb, the man and his next door neighbor are to share a lamb or young goat so that the meat will be enough for the number of the people.

Exodus 12:6

ULT	UST
And it shall be to you to reserve until the fourteenth day of this month. And all the assembly of the congregation of Israel shall slaughter it between the evenings.	*You must take special care of these animals until the fourteenth day of this month. On that day, all the Israelites must kill the young sheep or young goats in the evening.*

When must the whole assembly of Israel kill these animals?

The whole assembly of Israel must kill these animals at twilight on the fourteenth day of this month.

Exodus 12:8

ULT	UST
And they shall eat the flesh that night, roast of fire, and they shall eat unleavened bread over bitter herbs.	*They must roast the animals over a fire and eat the meat that same night. They must eat it with bitter herbs and with bread that does not have yeast in it.*

With what must the Israelites eat the lamb or goat?

They must eat it with bread made without yeast, along with bitter herbs.

Exodus 12:10

ULT	UST
And you shall not cause to remain anything from it until morning; and you shall burn in the fire what remains from it until morning.	*Do not save any of the meat until the next morning. Any meat that you have not eaten by morning, you must burn to ash.*

What must the Israelites do if any of the lamb is left over?

They must not let any of it be left over until morning. They must burn whatever is left over in the morning.

Exodus 12:13

ULT	UST
And the blood will be a sign for you on the houses which you are in. And I will see the blood, and I will pass over above you, and the plague will not be on you for destruction as my striking on the land of Egypt.	*The blood on your houses will show that you are obeying me. When I see the blood, I will go past those houses. I will not harm the people who are in those houses when I come to punish the Egyptians.*

What will happen when Yahweh sees the blood on the houses?

When Yahweh sees the blood, he will pass over them, and the plague will not be on them.

Exodus 12:15

ULT	UST
You shall eat unleavened bread for seven days. Yes—on the first day you shall remove yeast from your houses, because anyone who eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.	*For seven days you must eat bread that has no yeast in it. On the first day of that week, you must remove all the yeast that is in your houses. During those seven days, if anyone eats bread that has yeast in it, you must drive that person out from your people.*

What must happen to whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day?

Whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person must be cut off from Israel.

Exodus 12:16

ULT	UST
And on the first day an assembly of holiness, and on the seventh day an assembly of holiness shall be for you. All work shall not be done in these, except what each person eats, that alone may be done by you.	*On the first day of that week, you must have a holy meeting. You must do the same thing on the seventh day. People must not work at all on those two days. The only work you may do is to prepare food to eat.*

What is the only work the Israelites can do during the seven days of unleavened bread?

No work will be done on these days except the cooking for everyone to eat.

Exodus 12:18

ULT	UST
In the first month, on the fourteenth day in the evening you shall eat unleavened bread until the twenty-first day of the month in the evening.	*On the evening of the fourteenth day of the first month of the year, you must stop eating bread that has yeast in it. You may not eat bread with yeast in it again until the evening of the twenty-first day of that month.*

When must the Israelites eat unleavened bread?

The Israelites must eat unleavened bread from twilight of the fourteenth day in the first month of the year until twilight of the twenty-first day of the month.

Exodus 12:22

ULT	UST
And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin and apply to the lintel and to both the doorposts from the blood that is in the basin. And you, not a man shall go out from the door of his house until morning.	*Let the lamb's blood drain into a bowl. Get a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood. Then wipe some of the blood on the top of the doorframe and on the doorposts of your houses. The people in each house must stay inside the house until the next morning.*

Where should the Israelites apply the blood in the basin?

The Israelites should apply the blood in the basin to the top of the door frame and the two doorposts.

Exodus 12:23

ULT	UST
And Yahweh will pass through to strike the Egyptians. And he will see the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, and Yahweh will pass over the door and will not permit the causer of destruction to enter into your houses to strike.	*When Yahweh goes through Egypt to kill every oldest male, he will see the blood on your doorframes. Because of that, he will pass over those houses and will not allow the killing-destroyer to enter your houses to kill your oldest sons.*

When will Yahweh pass over someone's door?

Yahweh will pass over someone's door when he sees the blood on the top of the doorframe and on the two doorposts.

Exodus 12:26-27

What were the Israelites to say to their children when their children asked them why they were doing that service?

The Israelites were tell their children that their service was a sacrifice of Yahweh's Passover, because Yahweh passed over the Israelites' houses in Egypt when he attacked the Egyptians and rescued their households.

Exodus 12:30

ULT	UST
And Pharaoh got up in the night—he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not someone dead.	*That night the king, all his officials, and all the rest of the Egyptians awoke and discovered what had happened. They wailed loudly all over Egypt, because in every house someone's son had died.*

Why was there was a great outcry in Egypt?

There was a great outcry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not someone dead.

Exodus 12:35

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel did according to the word of Moses. And they asked from the Egyptians items of silver and items of gold and clothing.	*Then the Israelites did as Moses told them. They went to their Egyptian neighbors and asked them for silver, gold, and clothing.*

For what did the Israelites ask the Egyptians?

The Israelites asked the Egyptians for jewels of silver, jewels of gold, and clothing.

Exodus 12:39

ULT	UST
And they baked the dough that they brought from Egypt into unleavened bread, for it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt, and they could not delay. And furthermore, they had not made provisions for themselves.	*Pharaoh forced the Israelites to leave Egypt so quickly that they did not have time to prepare food to take with them or to allow the bread dough to form yeast. When they made bread with the dough they brought from Egypt, they made flatbread because it did not have yeast.*

Why was the bread without yeast?

The bread was without yeast because the Israelites had been driven out of Egypt and could not delay to prepare food.

Exodus 12:41

ULT	UST
And so it was, at the end of 430 years, it was on that very day all of the hosts of Yahweh went out from the land of Egypt.	*On the day that those 430 years ended, on that very day, all the tribes of Yahweh's people left Egypt.*

How long had the Israelites been in Egypt?

They had been in Egypt 430 years.

Exodus 12:43

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the statute of the Passover: Any son of foreignness shall not eat it.	*Then Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the law about the Passover ritual: Do not let foreigners eat the Passover meal.*

Who may not share in eating the Passover?

No foreigner may share in eating the Passover.

Exodus 12:48

ULT	UST
And if a sojourner is sojourning with you, and keeps the Passover to Yahweh, all his males shall be circumcised. And then he may draw near to keep it, and he will become like a native of the land. And any uncircumcised person shall not eat it.	*When someone from another country comes to live with you and wants to celebrate Yahweh's Passover festival, circumcise all the males in his household. Then he can eat the Passover meal, and you should treat that man as though he had been born an Israelite. But do not allow men who are not circumcised to eat the Passover meal.*

If a foreigner lives with the Israelites and wants to observe the Passover for Yahweh, what must all his male relatives do?

If a foreigner lives with the Israelites and wants to observe the Passover for Yahweh, all his male relatives must be circumcised.

Exodus 13

Exodus 13:1-2

To whom were the firstborn to be set apart?

The firstborn were to be set apart to Yahweh.

Exodus 13:4

ULT	UST
Today you are going out, in the month of Aviv.	*You are leaving Egypt on this day, which is the first day of the month of Aviv.*

In what month did the Israelites go out of Egypt?

The Israelites went out of Egypt in the month of Aviv.

Exodus 13:9

ULT	UST
And it shall be a sign for you on your hand and a memorial between your eyes, so that the law of Yahweh may be in your mouth, for with a strong hand Yahweh brought you out from Egypt.	*The celebration will be like something you tie on your forehead or on your wrist. It will remind you to recite to others what Yahweh has instructed you, because you are grateful to him for powerfully bringing you out of Egypt.*

Why will this rescue become reminders for the Israelites on their hands and reminders on their forehead?

This rescue will become reminders for the Israelites on their hands and reminders on their forehead so that Yahweh's law may be in their speech.

Exodus 13:13

ULT	UST
And every opener of a donkey you shall ransom with a lamb. And if you do not ransom it, then you shall break his neck. And all the firstborn of men among your sons, you shall ransom.	*In the case of a firstborn donkey, you must buy it back by killing a lamb instead of it. If you do not buy it back, you must kill the donkey by breaking its neck. You must buy back every one of your firstborn sons.*

With what must the Israelites buy back every firstborn donkey?

Every firstborn donkey the Israelites must buy back with a lamb.

Exodus 13:17

ULT	UST
And so it was, when Pharaoh let the people go, that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although it was nearby. For God said, "Lest the people repent when they see war and return to Egypt."	*When the king of Egypt let the Israelites go, God did not guide them along the road toward the Philistines' land. Even though it was shorter, God thought, "If enemies attack them, they may change their minds and go back to Egypt."*

Why did God not lead the Israelites by way of the land of the Philistines?

God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, for God said, "Perhaps the people will change their minds when they experience war and will then return to Egypt."

Exodus 13:19

ULT	UST
And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for he had certainly caused the sons of Israel to vow, saying, "God will certainly attend to you, and you shall bring my bones up with you from here."	*Moses had them take the bones of Joseph along with them, because Joseph long ago had made the Israelites promise that they would do that. He had said to them, "God will always care for you. When he brings you to the promised land, you must carry my bones with you."*

What had Joseph made the Israelites solemnly swear?

Joseph had made the Israelites solemnly swear, "You must carry away my bones with you."

Exodus 13:21

ULT	UST
And Yahweh went before their faces by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them on the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to be light to them, to go by day or by night.	*When they walked during the daytime, Yahweh went in front of them in a tall cloud to show them the way. During the night, he went in front of them in a tall flame so they had light and could travel in the daytime and also at nighttime.*

How did Yahweh go before the Israelites by night? Why?

By night he went in a pillar of fire to give them light. In this way they could travel by day and by night.

Exodus 14

Exodus 14:5

ULT	UST
And the king of Egypt was told that the people fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned to the people. And they said, "What is this we did that we released Israel from our slavery?"	*When someone told the king of Egypt that the Israelites had escaped, he and his officials changed how they were thinking about them and said, "What have we done? The Israelites will no longer be our slaves because we let them go!"*

When the king of Egypt was told that the Israelites had fled, what happened to the minds of Pharaoh and his servants?

When the king of Egypt was told that the Israelites had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his servants turned against the Israelites.

Exodus 14:9

ULT	UST
And the Egyptians pursued after them. And all of the horses of the chariots of Pharaoh and his horsemen and his army overtook them camping above the sea, above Pi Hahiroth before the face of Baal Zephon.	*The Egyptian army, with all the king's horses and chariots and horsemen, chased after the Israelites. They caught up with them as they were camped near the sea, close to Pi Hahiroth, in front of Baal Zephon.*

Where did the Egyptians overtake the Israelites?

The Egyptians overtook the Israelites camping by the sea above Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon.

Exodus 14:12

ULT	UST
Is this not the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, 'Cease from us and let us serve the Egyptians'? Because serving the Egyptians is better to us than dying in the wilderness."	*That is what we told you when we were in Egypt. We said, 'Leave us alone, and let us work for the Egyptians.' It would have been better for us to be slaves for the Egyptians than to die here in the desert!"*

What did the Israelites say would have been better than to die in the wilderness?

They said it would have been better for them to work for the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.

Exodus 14:14

ULT	UST
Yahweh himself will fight for you. As for you, you will be silent."	*Yahweh will fight for you! Just stay calm. There is nothing else that you will have to do."*

Because Yahweh will fight for the Israelites, what will they have to do?

Yahweh will fight for the Israelites, and they will only have to be quiet.

Exodus 14:17

ULT	UST
And behold me! I will strengthen the heart of the Egyptians, and they will enter after them. And I will be glorified because of Pharaoh and because of all his army, because of his chariots and because of his horsemen.	*Watch me! I will make the Egyptians stubborn so that they will chase the Israelites. Then, because of what I will do to the king, his army, his chariots, and his horsemen, people will revere me.*

Why will the Egyptians go after the Israelites into the sea?

Yahweh will harden the Egyptians' hearts so they will go after the Israelites.

Exodus 14:20

ULT	UST
And it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel. And it became a cloud, and darkness, and it lit up the night, and one did not come near to the other all night.	*The cloud was between the Egyptian army and the Israelites. The cloud caused the Egyptian army to be in the darkness, but it gave light to the Israelites. As a result, neither group could come near the other group during the whole night.*

How did the cloud hinder the Egyptians but help the Israelites?

The cloud was a dark cloud to the Egyptians, but it lit the night for the Israelites, so one side did not come near the other all night.

Exodus 14:21

ULT	UST
And Moses reached out his hand over the sea. And Yahweh drove the sea by a strong east wind all night and made the sea into dry land. And the waters were divided.	*Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. Then Yahweh sent a strong wind from the east. It blew all night and pushed the water apart, and it caused the land between the water to dry up.*

For how long did Yahweh drive the sea back by a strong east wind?

Yahweh drove the sea back by a strong east wind all that night.

Exodus 14:24

ULT	UST
And so it was, in the watch of the morning, Yahweh looked down on the camp of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud. And he confused the camp of the Egyptians.	*Just before dawn, Yahweh looked down from the fiery cloud, and then he caused the Egyptian army to panic.*

When did Yahweh look down on the Egyptian army through the pillar of fire and cloud?

In the early morning hours, Yahweh looked down on the Egyptian army through the pillar of fire and cloud.

Exodus 14:28

ULT	UST
And the waters returned, and they covered the chariots and the horsemen, even the entire army of Pharaoh that entered after them into the sea. Not even one of them remained.	*The water returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and the whole Egyptian army that had tried to follow the Israelites into the sea. Every one of the Egyptians died.*

How many soldiers of Pharaoh's army survived crossing the sea?

Not one of Pharaoh's soldiers survived crossing the sea.

Exodus 14:31

ULT	UST
And Israel saw the great hand that Yahweh used against the Egyptians, and the people feared Yahweh, and they believed in Yahweh and in his servant Moses.	*The Israelites saw what Yahweh powerfully did to the Egyptians, and they revered Yahweh. They trusted Yahweh and his servant Moses.*

What did Israel do when they saw the great power that Yahweh used against the Egyptians?

When Israel saw the great power that Yahweh used against the Egyptians, the people honored Yahweh, and they trusted in Yahweh and in his servant Moses.

Exodus 15

Exodus 15:1

ULT	UST
Then Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song to Yahweh. And they said, saying, “Let me sing to Yahweh, for he has triumphantly triumphed; the horse and the one riding it he threw into the sea.	*Then Moses and all the Israelites sang this song to Yahweh. They each sang, “I will sing to Yahweh because he has won a great victory; He has thrown the horses and the charioteers into the sea!*

Whom has Yahweh thrown into the sea?

Yahweh has thrown the horse and its rider into the sea.

Exodus 15:5

ULT	UST
The deeps cover them; they descended into the depths like a stone.	*The deep water covered them; they sank to the bottom like a rock.*

How did the Egyptians go down into the depths?

They went down into the depths like a stone.

Exodus 15:8

ULT	UST
And by the breath of your nostrils the waters were piled up; the flowing waters were stood upright like a heap; the deeps thickened in the heart of the sea.	*You blew on the sea, and the water piled up high; the water became like mounds of dirt. In the deepest part of the sea, the water became thick, as though it were frozen.*

How were the waters piled up?

By the breath of Yahweh’s nostrils the waters were piled up.

Exodus 15:13

ULT	UST
In your covenant faithfulness, you led this people you redeemed. In your strength, you guided them to the home of your holiness.	*You are leading the people you bought because you always love us; Because you use your strength for our good, you are guiding us to the home that you set apart.*

In what has Yahweh led the people he rescued?

In his covenant faithfulness, Yahweh has led the people he has rescued. In his strength he has led them to the holy place where he lives.

Exodus 15:14

ULT	UST
The peoples heard; they shake; anguish seized the inhabitants of Philistia.	*The people of other nations will hear what you have done, and they will tremble. The people in Philistia will be terrified.*

What will the people do when they hear of Yahweh rescuing the Israelites?

The peoples will hear, and they will tremble.

Exodus 15:17

ULT	UST
You will bring them, and you will plant them on the mountain of your possession, the place, Yahweh, that you made for your dwelling, the holy place, my Lord, that your hands built.	*You will bring us into the promised land of Canaan. You will enable us to live on your hill, in the place that you, Yahweh, have chosen to be your home, in the holy place, our Lord, that you yourself will build.*

Where will Yahweh bring the Israelites?

Yahweh will bring the Israelites and plant them on the mountain of his inheritance, the place Yahweh has made to live in.

Exodus 15:20

ULT	UST
And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing.	*Then Miriam, who was Aaron's older sister and a prophetess, picked up her tambourine and led all the other women who had tambourines out to dance.*

Who played tambourines?

Miriam the prophetess and all the women played tambourines.

Exodus 15:23

ULT	UST
And they came to Marah, and they were not able to drink the waters of Marah, because they were bitter. So he called its name Marah.	*So they went on and came to a place named Marah. There was water there, but they could not drink it, because it was bitter. That is why they named the place Marah, which is the Hebrew word that means "bitter."*

Why could the Israelites not drink the water at Marah?

The Israelites could not drink the water at Marah because it was bitter.

Exodus 15:25

ULT	UST
And he cried out to Yahweh, and Yahweh showed him a tree. And he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet. There he gave him a statute and an ordinance, and there he tested him.	*So Moses prayed to Yahweh. Then Yahweh showed him a branch. He took the branch and threw it into the water, and the water became good to drink. There at Marah, Yahweh gave them a fixed rule by which to live. He also tested them there to determine if they would obey him.*

How did the bitter water at Marah become sweet?

Yahweh showed Moses a tree. Moses threw it into the water, and the water became sweet to drink.

Exodus 16

Exodus 16:1

ULT	UST
And they journeyed on from Elim, and all of the congregation of the sons of Israel entered into the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt.	*They left Elim, and all the Israelite people came to the wilderness of Sin between Elim and Sinai Mountain. That was on the fifteenth day of the second month after they left Egypt.*

Where is the Wilderness of Sin?

The Wilderness of Sin is between Elim and Sinai.

Exodus 16:3

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of Yahweh in the land of Egypt, sitting by a pot of meat, eating bread to the full. For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."	*They said to them, "We wish that Yahweh had killed us in Egypt! There we had meat to cook and all the bread that we wanted to eat. But you have brought us into this desert in order that we will all starve until we die!"*

According to the Israelites, why did Moses bring them out into the wilderness?

They said Moses brought them out into this wilderness to kill their whole community with hunger.

Exodus 16:4

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Behold me make bread rain down from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather the portion of a day each day, so that I may test them: Will they walk in my law or not?	*Yahweh said to Moses, "Watch what I am going to do. I am going to send bread from the sky for you. When I do that, the people must go out of their tents every day and gather enough to eat on that day. When I do that, I will find out whether they will obey me or not.*

Why will the people go out and gather a day's portion every day?

The people will go out and gather a day's portion every day so that Yahweh may test them to see whether or not they will walk in his law.

Exodus 16:8

ULT	UST
And Moses said, "So Yahweh gives you meat to eat in the evening and bread in the morning to satiation; Yahweh is hearing your murmurings that you murmur against him. And what are we? Not against us is your murmuring, but against Yahweh."	*Then Moses also said, "Each evening Yahweh will give you meat to eat, and each morning he will give you enough bread to make you full. He has heard how you have complained about him. We are unimportant; when you complain, it is really about Yahweh, not us."*

How will the Israelites know Yahweh has brought them out from the land of Egypt?

The Israelites will know Yahweh has brought them out from the land of Egypt when Yahweh gives them meat in the evening and bread in the morning to the full.

Exodus 16:10

ULT	UST
And so it was, as Aaron spoke to all of the congregation of the sons of Israel, that they turned toward the wilderness, and behold! The glory of Yahweh appeared in the cloud!	*So as Aaron told the Israelites that, they turned to look toward the desert and were surprised to see the dazzling light of Yahweh in the cloud that had been leading them.*

What appeared in the cloud?

Yahweh's glory appeared in the cloud.

Exodus 16:14-15

What size was the bread that Yahweh has given the Israelites to eat?

The bread that Yahweh has given the Israelites to eat was small flakes as thin as frost.

Exodus 16:18

ULT	UST
and they measured it by omer. And there was no extra for those with much, and no lack for those with little. Each man gathered according to what he needed to eat.	*Because they gathered two liters per person, when they measured what they had gathered, those who had gathered a lot did not have anything left over. Those who had gathered less still had enough to eat. Each person gathered just enough.*

When the Israelites measured the bread from Yahweh, how much did each person have?

When they measured it with an omer measure, those who had gathered much had nothing over, and those who had gathered little had no lack. Each person gathered enough to meet their need.

Exodus 16:20

ULT	UST
But they did not listen to Moses. And men reserved some of it until morning, and it bred worms, and it stank. And Moses became angry with them.	*Some of them did not obey what Moses said. They kept some of it until the next morning. However, it was full of maggots and smelled rotten. That made Moses angry.*

What happened to the bread from Yahweh that some of the Israelites left until morning?

The bread from Yahweh that some of the Israelites left until morning bred worms and became foul.

Exodus 16:22

ULT	UST
And so it was, on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each person. And all the leaders of the community came and told Moses.	*On the sixth day, each person was able to gather four liters of bread, which was twice as much as they gathered on the other days. When the leaders of the people came to Moses and told him about that,*

How much bread did the Israelites gather on the sixth day?

On the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each person.

Exodus 16:24

ULT	UST
And they left it until morning, as Moses had instructed. And it did not become foul, and no worms were in it.	*So they did what Moses told them. What was left over, they kept until the next day. It did not spoil and did not get maggots in it!*

What happened to the bread of Yahweh that was set aside until the seventh day?

The bread of Yahweh that was set aside until the seventh day did not become foul, nor was there any worm in it.

Exodus 16:27

ULT	UST
And so it was, on the seventh day, some of the people went out to gather, but they found none.	*On the seventh day, some of the people went outside their tents to gather some of that food, but could not find any.*

How much manna did the Israelites find on the seventh day?

When some of the people went out to gather manna on the seventh day, they found none.

Exodus 16:29

ULT	UST
Look! For Yahweh has given you the Sabbath. So on the sixth day he is giving you bread for two days. Each one stay where he is; a man shall not be going out from his place on the seventh day."	*Listen! Since Yahweh has given you a day of rest, on the sixth day of each week, he will therefore be giving you enough of this food for two days. Each of you should stay in his tent, not going anywhere on the seventh day!"*

What must each of the Israelites do on the seventh day?

Each of them must stay in his own place; no one must go out from his place on the seventh day.

Exodus 16:31

ULT	UST
And the house of Israel called its name "manna." And it was like coriander seed, white, and its taste was like wafers with honey.	*The Israelites called this food "manna." It looked white, like the color of coriander seeds, and it tasted like thin wafers made with honey.*

What was manna?

Manna was food that was white like coriander seed, and its taste was like wafers with honey.

Exodus 16:32

ULT	UST
And Moses said, "This is the procedure that Yahweh has commanded: 'A full omer of it for preservation for your descendants so that they can see the bread which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out from the land of Egypt.'"	*Moses said, "This is what Yahweh has told you: 'You must keep two liters of it for all future generations so that they can see the food that I gave you to eat in the desert when I brought you out of Egypt.'"*

Why will an omer of manna be kept?

An omer of manna will be kept throughout the people's generations so that their descendants might see the bread with which Yahweh fed them in the wilderness.

Exodus 16:33-34

Where will an omer of manna be kept?

An omer of manna will be kept in a pot and stored beside the covenant decrees inside the ark.

Exodus 16:35

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel ate manna 40 years, until they came to inhabited land. They ate manna until they came to the borders of the land of Canaan.	*The Israelites ate manna every day for forty years until they came to where there were people, at the border of the land of Canaan.*

For how long did the people of Israel eat manna?

The people of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came to inhabited land.

Exodus 17

Exodus 17:1-3

Why did the people blame Moses for their situation?

There was no water for the people to drink, so the people blamed Moses for their situation and murmured against him.

Exodus 17:4

ULT	UST
And Moses cried out to Yahweh, saying, “What should I do for this people? A little longer and they will stone me.”	*So Moses prayed to Yahweh. He said, “How shall I deal with these people? They are almost ready to kill me by throwing stones at me!”*

What was Moses afraid the people would do to him?

Moses was afraid that the Israelites were ready to stone him.

Exodus 17:6

ULT	UST
Behold me! I will stand before your face there on the rock at Horeb. And you will strike on the rock, and water will come from it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so in the eyes of the elders of Israel.	*Watch me! I will stand in front of you on top of a large rock at the foot of Mount Sinai. Strike the rock with your stick. When you do that, water for the people to drink will flow out of the rock.” Moses did what God had said, and the elders saw it happen.*

What did Yahweh tell Moses to do to provide water for the people to drink?

Yahweh told Moses to strike the rock with his staff. Water would come out of the rock for the people to drink.

Exodus 17:9

ULT	UST
And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose men for us and go out. Fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will be stationed on top of the hill, and the staff of God will be in my hand."	*Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some men to go out and fight against the people of Amalek tomorrow. I will stand on the top of the hill, holding the staff that God told me to carry."*

Where did Moses stand when the Amalek people attacked Israel?

Moses stood on top of the hill with the staff of God in his hand.

Exodus 17:11

ULT	UST
And so it was, when Moses raised his hand, then Israel would be winning, and when he set his hand down, then Amalek would be winning.	*Then this happened: Whenever Moses lifted up his arms, the Israelite men started to win the battle; whenever he lowered his arms, the Amalekite army started to win.*

What happened while Moses was holding his hands up and when he let his hands rest?

While Moses was holding his hands up, Israel was winning. When he let his hands rest, Amalek would begin to win.

Exodus 17:12

ULT	UST
And the hands of Moses became heavy. And they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, and Aaron and Hur held his hands up, one from this, and one from that. And so his hands were steady until the sun went down.	*But Moses' arms became tired. So Aaron and Hur brought a large stone for him to sit on. While he was sitting on it, those two held up his arms, one man on either side of him. In that way, they kept his arms lifted up until the sun went down.*

How did Aaron and Hur help Moses hold his hands up?

Aaron and Hur took a stone and put it under him for him to sit on. At the same time, Aaron and Hur held his hands up, one person on one side of him and the other person on the other side.

Exodus 17:14

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Write this memory in the book and put it in the ears of Joshua, because I will certainly blot out the memory of Amalek from under the skies."	*Then Yahweh said to Moses, "Write an account of this battle and then read it to Joshua. Also write that I will so completely destroy the people of Amalek that no one in the world will remember who they were."*

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to write about the battle against the Amalek?

Yahweh told Moses to write about the battle in a book, because Yahweh will completely blot out the memory of Amalek from under the skies.

Exodus 18

Exodus 18:1

ULT	UST
And Jethro, the priest of Midian, father-in-law of Moses, heard all that God had done for Moses and for Israel his people; that Yahweh brought Israel out from Egypt.	*Jethro, who was the priest for the people of Midian, and who was also Moses' father-in-law, heard about all that God had done for Moses and for God's people, the Israelites. He heard about how Yahweh had brought them out of Egypt.*

Who was Jethro?

Jethro was the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law.

Exodus 18:2-4

What were the names of the two sons of Moses?

The sons of Moses were Gershom and Eliezer.

Exodus 18:6

ULT	UST
And he said to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you, and your wife, and her two sons with her."	*Jethro had sent a message to Moses, "I, your father-in-law, Jethro, am coming to see you. I am bringing your wife and her two sons!"*

Where was Moses when Jethro brought his wife and sons?

Moses was camped in the wilderness at the mountain of God when Jethro brought Moses' sons and his wife to him.

Exodus 18:7

ULT	UST
And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and he bowed down and kissed him. And they asked, each man his friend, of their welfare, and they went into the tent.	*So Moses went out of the campsite to meet his father-in-law. He bowed before him and kissed him on the cheek. They both asked each other, "Have you been well?" Then they went into Moses' tent.*

How did Moses greet his father-in-law?

He bowed down and kissed him.

Exodus 18:9

ULT	UST
And Jethro rejoiced over all the good that Yahweh had done for Israel, whom he rescued from the hand of Egypt.	*Jethro praised Yahweh when he heard that Yahweh had rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and had been very good to them.*

Over what did Jethro rejoice?

Jethro rejoiced over all the good that Yahweh had done for Israel in that he had rescued them from the Egyptians' power.

Exodus 18:11

ULT	UST
Now I know that Yahweh is greater than all the gods, because of the affair in which they acted proudly against them."	*Now I know that Yahweh is greater than all other gods, because he rescued the Israelites from their proud enemies."*

How did Jethro know that Yahweh was greater than all the gods?

Jethro knew that Yahweh was greater than all the gods because when the Egyptians treated the Israelites arrogantly, God rescued his people.

Exodus 18:12

ULT	UST
And Jethro, the father-in-law of Moses, took a burnt offering and sacrifices to God. And Aaron came, and all of the elders of Israel, to eat bread before the face of God with the father-in-law of Moses.	*Then Jethro (who was Moses' father-in-law) brought a burnt offering and other sacrifices for God. Aaron and the Israelite elders came and ate a meal with Moses' father-in-law to honor God.*

Who ate the meal before God?

Aaron and all the elders of Israel came to eat a meal before God with Moses' father-in-law.

Exodus 18:13

ULT	UST
And so it happened the next day that Moses sat down to judge the people. And the people stood around Moses from morning until evening.	*The next day, Moses sat down at the place where he settled disputes among the people. The people asked Moses to judge their disputes from the morning until the evening.*

How long did the people stand around Moses as he sat down to judge the people?

The people stood around Moses from morning until evening.

Exodus 18:15-16

Why did the people come to Moses?

When they had a dispute, the people came to Moses to ask for God's direction.

Exodus 18:17-18

Why did Jethro say that what Moses was doing was not good?

Jethro said that what Moses was doing was not very good because he would certainly wear himself out; the many people who came to him were a burden too heavy for him to carry alone.

Exodus 18:21

ULT	UST
And you yourself should search out from all of the people men of ability, fearers of God, men of faithfulness, haters of dishonest profit. And you should appoint over them: leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, and leaders of tens.	*In addition, you should find some capable Israelite men to help you. Choose men who respect God, who are trustworthy, and who will not accept bribes. Appoint some of them to make decisions for groups of ten people, some for groups of fifty people, some for groups of a hundred people, and some for groups of a thousand people.*

What kind of men did Jethro tell Moses to choose to put over the people?

Jethro told Moses to choose capable men from all the people, men who honor God, men of truth who hate unjust gain.

Exodus 18:22

ULT	UST
And they will judge the people at all times. And so it will be, every great situation they will bring to you, and every small situation they will judge themselves. And you must lighten this thing from on you! And they will carry alongside you.	*Allow them to settle disputes for the people usually. It should work like this: The difficult matters they can bring to you, but the matters that are simple, they can decide themselves. Do this to make the work easier for you as they help you do that work.*

What cases would the capable men judge?

The capable men would judge the people in all routine cases, but the difficult cases they would bring to Moses. As for all the small cases, they could judge those themselves.

Exodus 19

Exodus 19:1

ULT	UST
In the third month from the people of Israel exiting the land of Egypt, on the same day, they entered the wilderness of Sinai.	*On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt, they arrived at the wilderness of Sinai.*

When did the people of Israel come to the wilderness of Sinai?

In the third month after the people of Israel had gone out from the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the wilderness of Sinai.

Exodus 19:5

ULT	UST
And now, if you listen intently to my voice and keep my covenant, then you will be my possession from among all peoples. For all the earth is mine,	*Therefore, if you very carefully do what I tell you to do and obey all that I require in what we agreed by swearing to, you will be my own people. You will be my personal property from among all of the nations. Although all the earth is mine,*

What must the Israelites do if they want to be Yahweh's special possession?

The Israelites must obediently listen to Yahweh's voice and keep his covenant, then they would be his special possession from among all peoples.

Exodus 19:9

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Look, I will come to you in a thick cloud so that the people may hear when I speak with you and may also trust in you forever." And Moses told the words of the people to Yahweh.	*Then Yahweh said to Moses "Listen carefully. I will come to you from inside a thick cloud. When I am speaking to you, the people will hear it, and they will always believe that you are their leader." Then Moses told Yahweh what the people said.*

Why did Yahweh come to the people in a thick cloud?

Yahweh came to them in a thick cloud so that the people might hear when he spoke with them and might also believe Moses forever.

Exodus 19:10

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Go to the people and make them holy today and tomorrow, and have them wash their clothing,	*Then Yahweh said to Moses, "Go back down to the people again. Tell them to get ready for my coming. They must purify themselves today and tomorrow. They must also wash their clothes*

How were the people to consecrate themselves?

They were to consecrate themselves by preparing for Yahweh's coming and by washing their garments.

Exodus 19:12

ULT	UST
And you shall set boundaries for the people all around, saying, 'Watch yourselves climbing on the mountain or touching on its edge. Every mountain toucher shall certainly be killed.	*You must make a boundary around the base of the mountain to protect the people. Tell them, 'Be sure that you do not climb the mountain or even touch it. You must kill anyone who touches the base of the mountain.*

What would happen to anyone who touched the mountain?

Whoever touched the mountain would surely be put to death.

Exodus 19:13

ULT	UST
No hand shall touch that one. Instead, he shall be stoned or he shall be shot. Whether animal or human, he shall not live.' At the prolonged sound of the horn, they shall ascend on the mountain."	*Do not let anyone touch any person or any animal that touches the mountain. Therefore, you must kill any person or animal that touches the mountain by throwing stones at it or shooting it with arrows.' But when you hear a long, loud trumpet sound, the people can come close to the base of the mountain."*

How were the people to put to death anyone who touched the mountain?

They were to stone or shoot the person who touched the mountain.

Exodus 19:16

ULT	UST
And it happened on the third day, when it was the morning, there were thunder and lightning and a heavy cloud on the mountain, and an extremely strong horn sound. And all the people who were in the camp were trembling.	*On the third day, during the morning, there was thunder, lightning, a very dark cloud on the mountain, and a very loud horn sound. The people in the camp shook because they were very afraid.*

Why did the people tremble?

There were thunder and lightning bolts and a thick cloud on the mountain and the sound of a very loud trumpet, so all the people in the camp trembled.

Exodus 19:22

ULT	UST
And furthermore, the priests, the ones who come near to Yahweh, they shall make themselves holy lest Yahweh bursts out against them."	*Also, the priests who come near me must purify themselves. If they do not do that, I will punish them."*

What should the priests do so Yahweh would not attack them?

The priests who come near to Yahweh should set themselves apart—prepare themselves for Yahweh's coming—so that Yahweh would not attack them.

Exodus 19:24

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to him, "Go, climb down. And you shall come back up, you and Aaron with you; and the priests and the people shall not break through to come up to Yahweh, lest he burst out against them."	*Yahweh said to Moses, "Go down the mountain and bring Aaron back up with you. But do not allow the priests or other people to cross the boundary to come up to me. If they cross it, I will punish them."*

Who could come up the mountain with Moses?

Only Aaron could come up the mountain with Moses.

Exodus 20

Exodus 20:3

ULT	UST
There shall not be to you other gods above my face.	*Do not worship any god other than me.*

What must the Israelites not have before Yahweh?

They must have no other gods before him.

Exodus 20:4-5

Why must the Israelites not make carved figures or bow down to them?

The Israelites must not make carved figures or bow down to them because Yahweh is a jealous God.

Exodus 20:5

ULT	UST
You shall not bow down to them and you shall not serve them, for I, Yahweh your God, am a jealous God. I visit the iniquity of the fathers on the sons on the third and on the fourth of the haters of me.	*Do not bow down to any idol or worship it, because I am Yahweh your God. I demand that you worship me only! I will punish the descendants of those who hate me. I will punish their descendants for three, even four generations.*

For how long does Yahweh punish the ancestors' wickedness?

Yahweh punishes the ancestors' wickedness by bringing punishment on their descendants to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate him.

Exodus 20:7

ULT	UST
You shall not lift up the name of Yahweh your God with emptiness, for Yahweh will not leave unpunished anyone who lifts up my name with emptiness.	*Do not use my name carelessly, because I am Yahweh your God, and I will certainly punish those who use my name for wrong purposes.*

Whose name must the Israelites not take in vain?

They must not take the name of Yahweh their God in vain.

Exodus 20:8

ULT	UST
Remember the Sabbath day, to set it apart to me.	*Remember that the seventh day of every week belongs to me.*

Why must the Israelites keep the Sabbath day holy and rest on it?

The Israelites must keep the Sabbath day holy and rest on it because Yahweh told them to set it apart for him.

Exodus 20:10

ULT	UST
but the seventh day is a Sabbath for Yahweh your God. You shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male servant or your female servant or your cattle or the foreigner who is within your gates.	*But the seventh day is a day of rest, a day dedicated to me, Yahweh your God. On that day you must not do any work. Neither you nor your sons, your daughters, your male or female slaves, your livestock, and not even foreigners who are living in your country may work.*

Who should keep the Sabbath day holy and rest on it?

The Israelites must not do any work, they, nor their son, nor their daughter, nor their male servant, nor their female servant, nor their cattle, nor the foreigner who is within their gates.

Exodus 20:11

ULT	UST
For in six days Yahweh made the heavens and earth, the sea, and everything that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart.	*Do this because I, Yahweh, created the sky, the earth, the ocean, and everything that is in them in six days. Then I stopped my work of creating everything and rested on the seventh day. That is the reason that I, Yahweh, have blessed the rest day and set it apart to be a sacred day.*

Why must the Israelites keep the Sabbath day holy and rest on it?

The Israelites must keep the Sabbath day holy and rest on it, for in six days Yahweh made the heavens, earth, and sea, and everything that is in them, and then rested on the seventh day.

Exodus 20:12

ULT	UST
Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long on the land that Yahweh your God is giving you.	*Honor your father and your mother, in order that you may live a long time in the land that I, Yahweh your God, will give you.*

What is the result of the Israelites' honoring their father and mother?

The Israelites must honor their father and your mother so that they might live a long time in the land which Yahweh their God was giving them.

Exodus 20:18

ULT	UST
All the people were seeing the thundering and the lightning and the sound of the horn and the mountain smoking. And the people saw it, and they trembled, and they stood from a distance.	*When the people heard the thunder and saw the lightning, and when they heard the sound of the horn and saw the smoke on the mountain, they were afraid and trembled. They stood a safe distance away*

Why did the people tremble?

All the people saw the thundering and the lightning and heard the voice of the trumpet and saw the mountain smoking. When the people saw it, they trembled and stood far off.

Exodus 20:19

ULT	UST
They said to Moses, "You speak to us and let us listen! But do not let God speak to us, lest we die."	*and said to Moses, "You talk to us! We will listen! But do not let God speak to us anymore. We are afraid that if he speaks anymore to us, we will die."*

What did the Israelites think would happen if God spoke to them?

They thought that if God spoke to them, they would die.

Exodus 20:25

ULT	UST
And if you make me an altar of stones, you shall not build them of cut stones, for causing your tool to move over it will defile it.	*If you build an altar for me out of stone, do not cut the stones because the cutting tool will profane the altar.*

What would have happened if the Israelites used their tools on the stone altar?

If they used their tools on the stone altar, they would defile it.

Exodus 21

Exodus 21:1

ULT	UST
And these are the ordinances that you shall set before their faces:	*These are the laws that you must establish for the Israelite nation:*

Who must set the decrees before the Israelites?

Moses must set the decrees before the Israelites.

Exodus 21:4

ULT	UST
If his master gave him a wife and she bore him sons or daughters, the wife and her children are her master's, and he must go out by himself.	*If the master of a slave gives him a wife, and she gives birth to sons or daughters while her husband is a slave, you only have to free the man. His wife and children will continue to be slaves of their master.*

If a master gave a servant a wife and she bore him sons or daughters, what would happen to them if the servant went free?

If a master gave a servant a wife and she bore him sons or daughters, the wife and her children would belong to her master, and he must go free by himself.

Exodus 21:6

ULT	UST
then his master shall bring him to God. He shall bring him to a door or to a doorpost, and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl. Then he shall serve him forever.	*then his master must take him to the place where they worship God. There he must make the slave stand against the door or the doorpost. Then the master will use an awl to make a hole in the slave's ear and he will own that slave for the rest of his life.*

If the servant would not go free, what would happen?

If the servant would not go free, the master must bring him to a door or doorpost, and his master must bore his ear through with an awl. Then the servant would serve him for the rest of his life.

Exodus 21:8

ULT	UST
If she is bad in the eyes of her master, who has appointed her for himself, then he shall cause her to be ransomed. He has no authority to sell her to a foreign people, since he has acted treacherously with her.	*If the man who bought her wanted her to be his concubine, but later he is not pleased with her, he must sell her back to her father. He must not sell her to a foreigner, because that was not what he and the girl's father agreed to.*

To whom can a master not sell a female servant?

A master has no right to sell a female servant to a foreign people.

Exodus 21:9-11

When can a female servant go free without paying money?

If a master's son marries a female servant and then takes another wife for himself, he can not diminish her food, clothing, or her marital rights. But if he does not provide these three things for her, then she can go free without paying any money.

Exodus 21:13

ULT	UST
But if he did not lie in wait, but God let it happen by his hand, then I will appoint a place for you where he can flee.	*but if he did not plan the murder—if God allowed the accident—the one who hit him can escape to a place that I will choose for you, and he will be safe there.*

What did Yahweh provide for a man who killed someone by accident?

If the man killed someone by accident, Yahweh would appoint a place where he could flee.

Exodus 21:17

ULT	UST
Whoever acts contemptuously toward his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.	*You must kill anyone who curses or insults his father or his mother.*

What must happen to whoever acts contemptuously toward his father or his mother?

Whoever acts contemptuously toward his father or his mother must surely be put to death.

Exodus 21:18-19

If men fight and one hits the other with a stone or with his fist and the other is confined to his bed, what must the man who struck him do?

If men fight and one hits the other with a stone or with his fist and the other is confined to his bed, the man who struck him must pay for the loss of his time.

Exodus 21:20-21

If a man hits his male servant or his female servant with a staff, and if the servant lives for a day or two, how will the master be punished?

If a man hits his male servant or his female servant with a staff, and if the servant lives for a day or two, the master must not be punished, for he will have suffered the loss of the servant.

Exodus 21:22

ULT	UST
And if men fight together and strike a pregnant woman and her children come out, but there is no serious injury, then he shall surely be fined as the husband of the woman puts on him, and he shall give according to the judges.	*If some men are fighting, and they hit a pregnant woman so that she gives birth, but she and the baby are unharmed, whoever hit her must pay a fine. He must pay whatever the woman's husband asks after a judge approves of the fine.*

If men fight together and hurt a pregnant woman so that she miscarries, but there is no other injury to her, what must happen to the guilty man?

If men fight together and hurt a pregnant woman so that she miscarries, but there is no other injury to her, then the guilty man must surely be fined if the woman's husband demands it from him, and he must pay as the judges determine.

Exodus 21:23-25

What must the guilty man give if there is serious injury?

If there is serious injury, then the guilty man must give a life for a life, an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, a hand for a hand, a foot for a foot, a burn for a burn, a wound for a wound, or a bruise for a bruise.

Exodus 21:26-27

If a man hits the eye of his male servant or of his female servant and destroys it or if he knocks out a tooth of his male servant or female servant, what is the compensation?

If a man hits the eye of his male servant or of his female servant and destroys it or if he knocks out a tooth of his male servant or female servant, he must let the servant go free as compensation for the tooth.

Exodus 21:29

ULT	UST
But if the ox had a habit of goring in the past, and its owner was warned but did not keep it in, and it kills a man or a woman, the ox shall be stoned and its owner also shall be put to death.	*But if the bull had attacked people several times before and if people had told its owner about that, but he did not keep the bull inside a fence, and it kills a man or woman by goring, then you must kill the bull by throwing stones at it, and you must also kill its owner.*

If an ox had a habit of goring in the past, and its owner was warned but did not keep it in, and the ox kills a man or a woman, what must happen to the ox and its owner?

If an ox had a habit of goring in the past, and its owner was warned but did not keep it in, and the ox kills a man or a woman, that ox must be stoned, and its owner also must be put to death.

Exodus 21:33-34

If a man opens a pit, or if a man digs a pit and does not cover it, and an ox or a donkey falls into it, what must the owner of the pit do?

If a man opens a pit, or if a man digs a pit and does not cover it, and an ox or a donkey falls into it, the owner of the pit must repay the loss.

Exodus 21:35

ULT	UST
And if the ox of a man strikes the ox of another and it dies, then they shall sell the live ox and divide its silver, and they shall also divide the dead ox.	*If someone's bull hurts another person's bull, so that it dies, the owners of both bulls must sell the bull that is living, and they must divide between them the money that they get for it. They must also divide between them the meat of the animal that died.*

If one man's ox hurts another man's ox so that it dies, what must happen to the oxen?

If one man's ox hurts another man's ox so that it dies, then they must sell the live ox and divide its price, and they must also divide the dead ox.

Exodus 22

Exodus 22:2-3

If someone kills a thief after the sun has risen, who is guilty?

If the sun has risen before a thief breaks in, guilt for murder will attach to the person who kills him.

Exodus 22:3

ULT	UST
But if the sun has risen on him, there is bloodguilt for him. He shall surely make restitution. If he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.	*But if that happens during the daytime, the one who killed the thief is guilty of murdering him. A thief must pay for what he stole. If he has nothing with which to pay for what he stole, the judges must sell him to become a slave, and the money from his sale will pay for what he stole.*

If a thief has nothing, what is his restitution?

If a thief has nothing, then he must be sold for his theft.

Exodus 22:7-8

If a man gives money or goods to his neighbor for safe keeping, and if it is stolen out of the man's house, but the thief is not found, what will happen?

If a man gives money or goods to his neighbor for safe keeping, and if it is stolen out of the man's house, if the thief is found, that thief must pay double. But if the thief is not found, then the owner of the house must come before the judges to see whether he has put his own hand on his neighbor's property.

Exodus 22:10-11

If a man gives his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep, and if it dies or is hurt or is carried away without anyone seeing it, what is the restitution?

If a man gives his neighbor a donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal to keep, and if it dies or is hurt or is carried away without anyone seeing it, the other will make no restitution.

Exodus 22:16

ULT	UST
If a man seduces a virgin who is not engaged, and if he lies with her, he shall surely pay her bride price to make her his wife.	*If a man tricks a virgin girl whose father has not yet promised her to be anyone's bride into having sexual intercourse with him, he must pay the bride price for her and marry her.*

If a man seduces a virgin who is not engaged, and if he sleeps with her, how must he make her his wife?

If a man seduces a virgin who is not engaged, and if he sleeps with her, he must surely make her his wife by paying the bride wealth required for this.

Exodus 22:21

ULT	UST
You shall not wrong a sojourner and you shall not oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.	*You must not abuse or subjugate foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt.*

Why must the Israelites not wrong a foreigner?

The Israelites must not wrong a foreigner or oppress him, for they were foreigners in the land of Egypt.

Exodus 22:22-24

What would happen if the Israelites mistreated any widow or fatherless child?

If the Israelites mistreats them at all, and if they cry out to Yahweh, he will surely hear their cry. His anger will burn, and he will kill them with the sword; their wives will become widows, and their children will become fatherless.

Exodus 22:26

ULT	UST
If you actually take the clothing of your neighbor in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down,	*If you make him give you his cloak to guarantee that he will pay the money back, you must give the cloak back to him before the sun goes down,*

If someone takes his neighbor's garment in pledge, when must he return it to the owner?

If someone takes his neighbor's garment in pledge, he must return it to him before the sun goes down.

Exodus 22:31

ULT	UST
And you shall be men of holiness to me. And you shall not eat animal-torn-in-the-field meat. You shall throw it to the dogs.	*You are my set apart people, so do not eat any meat from any animal that a wild animal killed. Instead, throw it where the dogs can eat it.*

What meat must the Israelites not eat? What should they do with it?

The Israelites must not eat any meat that was torn by animals in the field. Instead, they must throw it to the dogs.

Exodus 23

Exodus 23:5

ULT	UST
If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen to the ground under its load, you shall refrain from leaving him. You shall surely release it with him.	*If you see someone's donkey that has fallen down because of its heavy load, help the owner to get the donkey up again even if he is someone who hates you. Do not just walk away without helping him.*

If the Israelites see the donkey of someone who hates them fallen to the ground under its load, what must they do?

If the Israelites see the donkey of someone who hates them fallen to the ground under its load, they must not leave that person. They must surely help him with his donkey.

Exodus 23:8

ULT	UST
And you shall not take a bribe, for the bribe blinds the clear-sighted, and it perverts the words of the righteous.	*Do not accept a bribe, because good judges who take bribes do not judge wisely, and they unfairly judge against the person who is right.*

Why should the Israelites not take a bribe?

They should not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see, and perverts honest people's words.

Exodus 23:11

ULT	UST
But the seventh you shall let it drop and leave it alone, and the poor of your people shall eat. And the living things of the field shall eat the reminder. You shall do thus to your vineyard and to your olive orchard.	*But in the seventh year you must leave the ground fallow. Allow your poor countrymen to eat what grows on its own. Whatever is left over is for the wild animals to eat. Do the same thing with your grapevine and your olive trees.*

Why should the Israelites leave their fields unplowed in the seventh year?

In the seventh year the Israelites should leave the fields unplowed and fallow so that the poor among their people may eat.

Exodus 23:12

ULT	UST
Six days you shall do your work, and on the seventh day you shall rest so that your ox and your donkey may rest, and the son of your female slave and the sojourner may be refreshed.	*You may work for six days each week, but on the seventh day you must rest and not work. Do this so that your ox and donkey may rest. The rest day will also let your slaves and the foreigners who live among you recuperate.*

Why must the Israelites rest on the seventh day?

On the seventh day they must rest so that their ox and their donkey may have rest, and so that their female slave's son and any foreigner may rest and be refreshed.

Exodus 23:15

ULT	UST
You shall keep the Festival of Unleavened Bread. You shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, at the appointed time, the month of Aviv, for in it you came out from Egypt. And you shall not appear at my face empty-handed.	*Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread the way that I commanded you: eat unleavened bread for seven days in the month called Aviv. I set this time because it is the month when you left Egypt. Always bring me an offering when you come to worship me.*

In what month was the Festival of Unleavened Bread to be observed?

The Festival of Unleavened Bread was to be observed in the month of Aviv.

In what month did the Israelites come out of Egypt?

They came out of Egypt in the month of Aviv.

Exodus 23:16

ULT	UST
And you shall keep the Festival of the Harvest, bringing the first fruits of your labors which you sowed in the field. And you shall keep the Festival of the Gathering in the exiting of the year, bringing in your gathering of your labors from the field.	*The second celebration is the Spring Harvest Celebration. During that celebration you must offer to me the first parts of your crops that grow from the seeds that you planted. The third celebration is the Finished Harvest Celebration. That will be at the end of the year, after you finish harvesting everything you planted.*

When were the Festival of Harvest and the Festival of Ingathering to be observed?

You must observe the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of your labors when you sowed seed in the fields. Also you must observe the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year when you gather in your produce from the fields.

Exodus 23:18

ULT	UST
You shall not sacrifice the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread, and the fat of my festival shall not remain all night until morning.	*Do not sacrifice bread you made with yeast along with blood from an animal sacrifice. Do not keep the fat from the animals you sacrificed at my celebration until the next morning. Burn it completely.*

For how long can the fat from the sacrifices at Yahweh's festivals remain?

The fat from the sacrifices at Yahweh's festivals must not remain all night until the morning.

Exodus 23:21

ULT	UST
Be guarded from his face and listen to his voice. Do not cause bitterness in him, for he will not bear with your transgressions, for my name is within him.	*Respect and obey him. Do not make him angry, because he will not forgive your sin, because my authority and presence is in him.*

What would happen if the Israelites provoke Yahweh's angel?

If they provoke him, he will not pardon their transgressions.

Exodus 23:24

ULT	UST
You shall not bow down to their gods, and you shall not serve them, and you shall not do as they do. For you shall completely overthrow them and completely smash their stone pillars.	*Do not bow down before their gods or worship them. Do not do the things that they think that their gods want them to do. Instead, destroy their gods and smash to pieces their sacred stones.*

What must the Israelites do to foreign gods?

They must completely overthrow them and smash their sacred stone pillars in pieces.

Exodus 23:29

ULT	UST
I will not drive them out from before your face in one year, lest the land become desolate and the animals of the field become too many for you.	*I will not remove all of them in less than one year. If I did that, your land would become deserted, and there would be very many wild animals that would attack you.*

Why would not Yahweh drive out the foreign nations before the Israelites in one year?

Yahweh would not drive them out in one year or the land would become abandoned, and the wild animals would become too many for them.

Exodus 23:33

ULT	UST
They shall not live in your land, lest they cause you to sin against me; for you will serve their gods. Surely it will become a snare for you.'"	*Do not allow those people to live in your land, so they do not cause you to sin against me by enticing you to worship their gods."*

Why must foreign nations not live in the Israelites' land?

They must not live in the Israelites' land, or they would make the Israelites sin against Yahweh.

Exodus 24

Exodus 24:1

ULT	UST
And he said to Moses, "Come up to Yahweh—you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu and seventy from the elders of Israel, and you shall bow down from a distance.	*Then Yahweh said to Moses. "Come up to me on top of this mountain, you and Aaron and his sons Nadab and Abihu. Also take along seventy of the Israelite elders. You will all worship me at an appropriate distance.*

How many elders should come up to worship Yahweh at a distance?

Seventy elders should come up to worship Yahweh at a distance.

Exodus 24:4

ULT	UST
And Moses wrote all of the words of Yahweh. And he rose early in the morning and built an altar at the bottom of the mountain and 12 stone pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.	*Then Moses wrote down everything that Yahweh had commanded. Moses woke early the next morning and built an altar at the bottom of the mountain. He also set up twelve stones, one for each of the Israelite tribes.*

What would the 12 stones represent?

The 12 stones would represent the 12 tribes of Israel.

Exodus 24:5-6

Where did Moses put the blood of the oxen from the fellowship offerings to Yahweh?

Moses took half of the blood of the oxen from the fellowship offerings to Yahweh and put it into basins; he splashed the other half onto the altar.

Exodus 24:8

ULT	UST
And Moses took the blood and sprinkled it onto the people. And he said, "Behold! The blood of the covenant that Yahweh has cut with you according to all of these words."	*Then Moses took the blood that was in the bowls and threw it on the people. He said, "This is the blood that confirms what Yahweh is agreeing with you—what you just heard and agreed to."*

How did Yahweh make a covenant with the Israelites?

Yahweh made the covenant with the Israelites by sprinkling them with blood and giving them the promise with all the words.

Exodus 24:9-10

Who saw Yahweh?

Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy of Israel's elders saw Yahweh.

Exodus 24:12

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Come up to me to the mountain and be there. And I will give you the tablets of stone and the law and the commandments that I have written to teach them."	*Then Yahweh said to Moses, "Come up to me on top of this mountain and wait there. I will give you stone slabs, my law, and my commandments, all of which I have written so that you may teach them to the people."*

Why did Yahweh give Moses the tablets of stone and the law and commandments?

Yahweh gave Moses the tablets of stone and the law and commandments that he had written so that Moses might teach them.

Exodus 24:14

ULT	UST
And he had said to the elders, "Wait for us in this place until we return to you. And behold! Aaron and Hur are with you; Whoever is a master of words may come near to them."	*Moses told the elders, "Stay here until we return. Do not forget that Aaron and Hur will be with you, so if anyone disputes with his neighbor while I am gone, he can go to them and they will judge it."*

If anyone had a dispute, to whom should he go?

If anyone had a dispute, he should go to Aaron and Hur.

Exodus 24:17

ULT	UST
And the appearance of the glory of Yahweh was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the sons of Israel.	*To the Israelites, Yahweh's glory looked like a fire consuming the top of the mountain.*

What was the appearance of Yahweh's glory like?

The appearance of Yahweh's glory was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the Israelites.

Exodus 25

Exodus 25:2

ULT	UST
“Speak to the sons of Israel, and they shall take a contribution for me. You shall take my contribution from every man whose heart incites him.	*“Tell the Israelites that everyone who wants to may give a gift to me. You will receive their gifts for me.*

From whom should the Israelites take an offering?

The Israelites should take an offering from every person who is motivated by a willing heart.

Exodus 25:7

ULT	UST
stones of onyx and precious stones for settings for the ephod and for the breastpiece.	*onyx stones and other expensive stones for fastening to the priest's sacred apron and for putting on the chest pouch that attaches to the apron.*

For what were the onyx stones and other precious stones to be set?

The onyx stones and other precious stones were to be set for the ephod and breastpiece.

Exodus 25:8

ULT	UST
And they shall make a sanctuary for me, and I shall live in their midst,	*The people should make a holy place for me so that I can live in it among them.*

Why would the Israelites make Yahweh a sanctuary?

The Israelites would make Yahweh a sanctuary so that he might live among them.

Exodus 25:10-11

With what must Moses cover the acacia wood?

He must cover it inside and out with pure gold.

Exodus 25:14

ULT	UST
And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the box, to carry the box with them.	*Put the poles into the rings on the sides of the chest so that the Levites can carry the chest by the poles.*

Into what must Moses put the poles? Why?

He must put the poles into the rings on the box'es sides in order to carry the box.

Exodus 25:15

ULT	UST
The poles shall be in the rings of the box; they shall not be removed from it.	*Always leave the poles in the chest's rings; do not take the poles out of the rings.*

Where must the poles remain?

The poles must remain in the rings of the box. They must not be taken from it.

Exodus 25:20

ULT	UST
And the cherubs shall be spreading out their wings upward, covering over the atonement lid with their wings and their faces shall each be toward his brother. The faces of the cherubs shall be toward the atonement lid.	*The creature's wings should spread out and reach up to cover the lid. They should face each other, facing the chest's lid that is between them.*

Which direction must the cherubs face?

The cherubs must face one another and look toward the center of the atonement lid.

Exodus 25:22

ULT	UST
And I will meet with you there and I will speak with you all that I will command you for the sons of Israel from above the atonement lid, from between the two cherubs which are above the Box of the Testimony.	*I will set times to talk with you there. I will tell to you all my commands that you must command the Israelites from above the sacred chest's lid, between the two winged creatures which are above the sacred chest that contains my law tablets.*

From where would Yahweh speak to Moses?

Yahweh would speak with him from above the atonement lid, from between the two cherubs over the Box of the Testimony.

Exodus 25:23-24

What border must Moses put around the top of the table of acacia wood?

He must put a border of gold around the top of the table of acacia wood.

Exodus 25:27

ULT	UST
The rings shall be close to the rim to house the poles to carry the table.	*near the rim. They are to hold poles for carrying the table.*

Why must the rings be attached to the frame?

The rings must be attached to the frame to provide places for the poles in order to carry the table.

Exodus 25:29

ULT	UST
And you shall make its plates and its pans and its pitchers and its bowls with which it will be poured out. You shall make them from pure gold.	*Also make dishes, cups, jars, and bowls for the priests to use to pour out wine to offer to me. Make them all from pure gold.*

What was to be used to pour out drink offerings?

The dishes, spoons, pitchers, and bowls were to be used to pour out drink offerings.

Exodus 25:31-32

How many branches must extend out from the sides of the lampstand of pure hammered gold?

Six branches must extend out from its sides—three branches must extend from one side, and three branches of the lampstand must extend from the other side.

Exodus 25:33-34

On which part of the lampstand must there be four cups made like almond blossoms?

On the lampstand itself, the central shaft, there must be four cups made like almond blossoms.

Exodus 25:35

ULT	UST
And a bulb will be under two of the branches from it, and a bulb will be under two of the branches from it, and a bulb will be under two of the branches from it—for all six branches extending out from the lampstand.	*Make one flower bud beneath every two branches. Attach it to each pair of branches as if they are growing from it. Make all six lampstand branches like this.*

What must be under each pair of branches?

There must be a bulb under each pair of branches.

Exodus 25:39

ULT	UST
He shall make it, all these items, from a talent of pure gold.	*Use 33 kilograms of pure gold to make the lampstand, the tongs, and the trays.*

How much gold should Moses use to make the lampstand and its accessories?

He must use one talent of pure gold to make the lampstand and its accessories.

Exodus 26

Exodus 26:1

ULT	UST
And the Dwelling you shall make with ten curtains: twisted fine linen and blue and purple and worm of scarlet; cherubs—the work of a skilled craftsman you shall make them.	*As for the sacred tent, make it using ten long hangings of finely twisted linen. A skilled craftsman must take blue, purple, and red thread, and embroider these hangings with designs that represent the winged creatures that are above the chest.*

Who would Moses have to make the Dwelling with ten curtains made from fine linen and blue, purple, and scarlet wool with the designs of cherubs?

Moses must have a very skilled craftsman make the Dwelling with ten curtains made from fine linen and blue, purple, and scarlet wool with the designs of cherubs.

Exodus 26:5

ULT	UST
You shall make 50 loops on the first curtain, and you shall make 50 loops on the end of the curtain which is in the second set. The loops should be opposite woman to her sister.	*Put 50 loops on the edge of the first set, and 50 loops at the edge of the second set so that the loops are opposite to each other.*

How should Moses position the fifty loops on the first curtain and fifty loops on the end curtain in the second set?

He must make fifty loops on the first curtain and fifty loops on the end curtain in the second set so that the loops will be opposite to each other.

Exodus 26:7

ULT	UST
And you shall make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the Dwelling. You shall make 11 of these curtains.	*Make a cover for the sacred tent from 11 pieces of cloth made from goats' hair.*

Of what must Moses make curtains for a tentlike covering over the Dwelling?

He must make curtains of goats' hair for a tentlike covering over the Dwelling.

Exodus 26:12

ULT	UST
And the remaining excess curtain of the tent, the half curtain remaining, shall hang over the back of the Dwelling.	*Let the extra part of the tent cover, the half piece that extends beyond the linen cloth, hang over the back side of the sacred tent.*

Where must the overhanging part remaining from the tent's curtains hang?

The overhanging part remaining from the tent's curtains must hang at the back of the Dwelling.

Exodus 26:17

ULT	UST
There shall be two tenons in each frame for joining a woman to her sister. Thus you shall make all of the frames of the Dwelling.	*Make two pegs at the bottom of each frame to fasten them together. Make each frame for the tabernacle this way.*

What must be in each board for joining them to each other?

There must be two projections called tenons in each board for joining the boards to each other.

Exodus 26:19

ULT	UST
And you shall make 40 bases of silver under the 20 frames: two bases under one frame for its two tenons, and two bases under one frame for its two tenons.	*Make 40 silver bases to go underneath the 20 frames. Put two bases under each frame and fit their two pegs into the bases.*

Why must there be two bases under each board?

There must be two bases under each board to be for its two tenons.

Exodus 26:30

ULT	UST
And you shall set up the Dwelling according to its plan that you were shown on the mountain.	*Build the sacred tent in the way that I have shown you here on this mountain.*

How must Moses set up the Dwelling?

He must set up the Dwelling by following the plan God showed him on the mountain.

Exodus 26:33

ULT	UST
And you shall hang the curtain under the clasps, and you shall bring the Box of the Testimony there inside the curtain. And the curtain shall separate for you between the Holy and the Holy of Holies.	*Suspend the curtain from fasteners attached to the roof of the sacred tent. Put the sacred chest behind the curtain. The curtain will separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place.*

What is the purpose of the curtain?

The curtain is to separate the Holy from the Holy of Holies.

Exodus 26:35

ULT	UST
And you shall put the table outside the curtain and the lampstand opposite the table on the south side of the Dwelling. And put the table on the north side.	*Put the table and the lampstand on the other side of the curtain on opposite sides from each other. Put the lampstand on the south side of the sacred tent, and put the table for the sacred bread on the north side.*

On what side of the Dwelling is the lampstand?

The lampstand is opposite the table on the south side of the Dwelling.

Exodus 27

Exodus 27:2

ULT	UST
And you shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns will be part of it. And you shall overlay it with bronze.	*Make a projection that looks like a horn on each of the top corners. Make them from the same block of wood as the altar. Cover the whole altar with bronze.*

How must Moses make extensions of the altar's four corners?

He must make extensions of its four corners shaped like ox horns.

Exodus 27:3

ULT	UST
And you shall make its pots for fatty ashes and its shovels and its basins and its meat forks and its trays. You shall make all its utensils with bronze.	*Make all its implements from bronze. Make pans to collect the ashes from burning the fat, shovels for cleaning out the ashes, basins, forks for turning the meat as it cooks, and buckets for carrying hot coals.*

With what must Moses make all the utensils for the altar?

He must make all the utensils with bronze.

Exodus 27:9

ULT	UST
And you shall make the courtyard of the Dwelling. There shall be curtains of fine twisted linen on the south side of the courtyard; one side shall be 100 cubits long,	*Also make a courtyard around the sacred tent with more curtains of fine linen. For the south side, hang 50 meters of curtain*

What kind of hangings must be on the south side of the courtyard?

There must be hangings of fine twisted linen 100 cubits long on the south side of the courtyard.

Exodus 27:19

ULT	UST
All of the equipment of the Dwelling for all of its service, and all of its tent pegs and all of the pegs of the courtyard shall be bronze.	*Make all the things that are not made of gold that are for use inside the sacred tent and in the courtyard, and all the tent pegs to support the sacred tent and the curtains that form the courtyard from bronze.*

Of what material must all the equipment to be used in the Dwelling and all the tent pegs for the Dwelling and courtyard be made?

All the equipment to be used in the Dwelling and all the tent pegs for the Dwelling and courtyard must be made of bronze.

Exodus 27:21

ULT	UST
In the tent of meeting, outside the curtain inside of which is the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall arrange it before the face of Yahweh, from evening to morning. This is an eternal statute throughout the generations of the sons of Israel.	*In the outer part of the sacred tent, outside the curtain where the sacred chest is, Aaron and his sons must take care to keep the lamps burning every night from evening to morning for Yahweh. The Israelites must obey this regulation throughout all future generations.*

What would be a lasting ordinance forever throughout the generations of the Israelite nation?

Aaron and his sons must maintain the lamps from evening to morning before Yahweh. This requirement would be a lasting ordinance forever throughout the generations of the Israelite nation.

Exodus 28

Exodus 28:1

ULT	UST
And you, bring Aaron your brother, and his sons with him near to you from among the sons of Israel to be priests for me—Aaron and Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron!	*Have your older brother Aaron and his sons, Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar, come close to you and away from the Israelites, so they can be my priests.*

Who would serve Yahweh as priests?

Aaron and his sons—Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar—would serve Yahweh as priests.

Exodus 28:5

ULT	UST
And they shall take gold and blue and purple and worm of scarlet and fine linen.	*The skilled workmen should receive fine linen and gold, blue, purple, and red thread to make the vestments.*

What material must craftsmen use for the priests' clothing?

Craftsmen must use fine linen that is gold, blue, purple, and scarlet.

Exodus 28:9

ULT	UST
And you shall take two stones of onyx and you shall engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel,	*Take two onyx stones and carve Jacob's 12 sons' names on them.*

What must be engraved on two onyx stones?

The names of Israel's 12 sons must be engraved on two onyx stones.

Exodus 28:10

ULT	UST
six of their names on one stone and the six remaining names on the second stone, according to their genealogies.	*Carve the names in the order in which Jacob's sons were born. Carve six names on one stone and the other six names on the other stone.*

In what order must the names of Israel's twelve sons be on the two onyx stones?

The names of Israel's twelve sons must be on the two onyx stones in the order of the sons' births.

Exodus 28:12

ULT	UST
And you shall put the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod as stones of reminder for the sons of Israel. And Aaron shall carry their names before the face of Yahweh on his two shoulders for a reminder.	*Fasten the memorial stones onto the shoulder straps of the sacred apron. Then Aaron will memorialize the names of the 12 tribes of Israel by carrying them on his shoulders whenever he serves Yahweh.*

Why would Aaron carry the names of the Israel's 12 sons on his two shoulders?

Aaron would carry their names on his two shoulders as a reminder to Yahweh.

Exodus 28:15-16

What shape must the breastpiece for decision making be?

The breastpiece for decision making must be square.

Exodus 28:17

ULT	UST
And you shall set in it settings of precious stone —four stone rows. The first row shall be a row with a ruby, a topaz, and a garnet.	*Fasten four rows of valuable stones onto the pouch. In the first row, put a red ruby, a yellow topaz, and a green emerald.*

How must the precious stones be mounted?

They must be mounted four rows of three each.

Exodus 28:20

ULT	UST
And the fourth row: a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper. They shall be set in gold—in their ornamental settings.	*Put a yellow beryl, an onyx, and a green jasper in the fourth row. Mount all these stones in decorative gold settings.*

How must the precious stones be mounted?

They must be mounted in gold settings.

Exodus 28:24

ULT	UST
And you shall attach the two chains of gold to the rings on the two ends of the breastpiece.	*Fasten one end of each gold cord to one of the rings on the top corner of the pouch.*

Where must Moses attach the two golden chains?

He must attach the two golden chains to the two corners of the breastpiece.

Exodus 28:28

ULT	UST
And they shall tie the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a cord of blue to be on the finely crafted waistband of the ephod, so the breastpiece shall not become detached from on the ephod.	*Tie the rings on the sacred pouch to the rings on the sacred apron with a blue cord so that the sacred pouch is above the sash and does not come loose from the sacred apron.*

Why must Moses tie the breastpiece by its rings to the ephod's rings?

He must tie the breastpiece by its rings to the ephod's rings so that the breastplate might not separate from the ephod.

Exodus 28:30

ULT	UST
And you shall put the Urim and the Thummim in the breastpiece of judgment, and they shall be over the heart of Aaron when he goes in before the face of Yahweh. And Aaron shall bear the judgment of the sons of Israel over his heart before the face of Yahweh continually.	*Put the things called Urim and Thummim into the sacred pouch that he uses to know how I judged. In that way, they will be close to his chest when Aaron comes to talk to me. Aaron must always wear the items that reveal how I judge the Israelites on his chest when he meets with me.*

What must Moses put in the breastpiece for decision-making?

He must put in the breastpiece for decision-making the Urim and the Thummim.

Exodus 28:31-32

Of what must the robe of the ephod be made?

The robe of the ephod must be made entirely of blue.

Exodus 28:35

ULT	UST
And it shall be on Aaron while serving, and its sound shall be heard at his going into the Holy Place before the face of Yahweh and at his leaving. And he shall not die.	*Whenever Aaron enters or leaves my presence in the Holy Place in the sacred tent for his priestly ministry, he must wear the robe. I will hear the bells, and he will not die.*

Why is the robe to be on Aaron when he serves?

The robe is to be on Aaron when he serves so that the sound of its bells can be heard when he goes into the Holy Place before Yahweh and when he leaves. This is so that he does not die.

Exodus 28:36-38

How would Aaron bear any guilt that might attach to the offering of the holy gifts that the Israelites consecrated?

He would bear any guilt that might attach to the offering of the holy gifts that the Israelites consecrated by wearing the engraved plate on his turban.

Exodus 28:40

ULT	UST
And for the sons of Aaron you shall make tunics, and you shall make sashes for them, and you shall make headbands for them for glory and for splendor.	*Make long-sleeved tunics, waistbands, and caps for Aaron's sons so they reflect my honor and beauty.*

What must Moses make for the honor and splendor of Aaron's sons?

He must make tunics, sashes, and headbands for the honor and splendor of Aaron's sons.

Exodus 28:42

ULT	UST
And make for them undergarments of linen to cover the flesh of nakedness—they shall be from the waist to the thighs.	*Make linen undershorts for them. The undershorts should extend from their waists to their thighs in order that no one can see their genitalia.*

How much would the undergarments cover?

The undergarments would cover from the waist to the thighs.

Exodus 29

Exodus 29:1-2

What must be brought to dedicate Aaron and his sons?

The following were to be brought to dedicate Aaron and his sons: one young bull and two rams without blemish, bread without yeast, and cakes without yeast mixed with oil, and wafers made with fine wheat flour without yeast rubbed with oil.

Exodus 29:4

ULT	UST
And you shall bring Aaron and his sons near to the entrance of the tent of meeting. And you shall wash them with water.	*Take Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the sacred tent and wash them with water.*

In what must Moses wash Aaron and his sons?

Moses must wash Aaron and his sons in water.

Exodus 29:9

ULT	UST
And you shall wrap them—Aaron and his sons —with the sash and bind headbands to them. And the priesthood will be to them as a statute forever. And you shall fill the hand of Aaron and the hand of his sons.	*Tie the sashes around Aaron and his sons' waists and secure the caps on their heads. This is an eternal law: they are the priests. You will authorize them for this.*

To whom would the work of the priesthood belong?

The work of the priesthood would belong to Aaron and his sons.

Exodus 29:13

ULT	UST
And you shall take all of the fat covering the entrails and the lobe above the liver and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and cause them to become smoke on the altar.	*Take all the fat that covers the inner organs of the young bull, the fatty covering of the liver, and both kidneys with the fat on them. Burn all these on the altar until they are completely gone.*

What must Moses do with the fat and the covering of the liver and the two kidneys?

He must burn the fat that covers the inner parts and the covering of the liver and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them, on the altar.

Exodus 29:18

ULT	UST
and cause all of the ram to become smoke on the altar. It is a burnt offering to Yahweh. It is a scent of appeasement, a fire offering to Yahweh.	*on the altar. Then completely burn it all. That will be a burnt offering to me, Yahweh, and the fire's smell will please me.*

What would a burning ram produce for Yahweh?

It would produce smoke with a sweet aroma for Yahweh.

Exodus 29:20

ULT	UST
and you shall slaughter the ram and take some of its blood. And you shall put it on the tip of the right ear of Aaron and on the tip of the right ear of his sons and on the thumb of their right hand and on the great toe of their right foot. And you shall sprinkle the blood all around on the altar.	*kill the ram by slitting its throat. Catch the blood. Smear some of the blood on the bottom portion of Aaron's and his sons' right ears, on their right thumbs, and on the big toes on their right feet. Throw the rest of the blood against the four sides of the altar.*

What must Moses do with blood from the second ram?

He must put it on the tip of Aaron's right ear, and on the tip of his sons' right ears, on the thumb of their right hands, and on the great toe of their right feet. Then he must sprinkle blood against the altar on every side.

Exodus 29:21

ULT	UST
And you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar and some of the oil of anointing and sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments and on his sons and on the garments of his sons along with him. And he will be set apart and his garments and his sons and the garments of his sons along with him.	*Wipe up some of the blood that is on the altar, mix it with some of the oil for anointing, and sprinkle it on Aaron and his clothes, and on his sons and their clothes. By doing this, you will dedicate them and their clothes to me.*

What was Moses to sprinkle on Aaron, his garments, Aaron's sons and their garments?

Moses was to sprinkle some of the blood from the altar and some of the anointing oil on Aaron, his sons and their garments.

Exodus 29:22

ULT	UST
And you shall take the fat from the ram and the fat tail and the fat covering the entrails and the lobe of the liver and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them and the right thigh—for this is a ram of consecration—	*Also, cut off the ram's fat: its fat tail, and the fat that covers the inner organs, the fatty covering of the liver, the two kidneys with the fat on them, and the right thigh. (This ram is for making holy Aaron and his sons, who will be my priests.)*

What was the ram for?

The ram was for the priest's consecration to Yahweh.

Exodus 29:26-28

What must forever belong to Aaron and his descendants?

The breast of the offering that is raised high and the thigh of the offering that is presented must forever belong to Aaron and his descendants.

Exodus 29:30

ULT	UST
The priest who succeeds him from among his sons, who comes into the tent of meeting to serve in the Holy Place, shall wear them for seven days.	*Aaron's descendant who becomes high priest after him and enters the sacred tent and performs rituals in the Holy Place must wear these vestments for seven days.*

From among whom would the next priest come?

The next priest would come from among Aaron's sons.

Exodus 29:31

ULT	UST
And you shall take the ram of consecration and boil its meat in a holy place.	*Take the breast and thigh of the ram that they sacrificed to make Aaron and his sons holy, and boil it in a location set aside for that.*

How must the ram for the consecration be cooked?

The ram for the consecration must be boiled in a holy place.

Exodus 29:37

ULT	UST
You shall make atonement for the altar seven days, and set it apart. And the altar will be a holiest holy thing. Whatever touches the altar will be set apart.	*After you cover the altar for seven days you will have made it holy. It will be so very holy that it will make anything that touches it holy too.*

After the altar is consecrated, what happens to anything that touches it?

Whatever touches the altar will be the holy, the same as the altar.

Exodus 29:39

ULT	UST
The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the second lamb you shall offer between the evenings.	*You must sacrifice one lamb in the morning and the other around twilight.*

When must Moses offer each of the lambs?

He must offer one lamb in the morning and the other lamb at about sundown.

Exodus 29:40

ULT	UST
For the first lamb: a tenth of fine flour mixed with pressed oil (the fourth part of a hin) and a drink offering: the fourth part of a hin of wine.	*With the first lamb, also offer two liters of finely ground wheat flour mixed with a liter of the best kind of olive oil, and one liter of wine as a drink-offering.*

What must be offered with the first lamb?

With the first lamb, a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with the fourth part of a hin of oil from pressed olives, and the fourth part of a hin of wine as a drink offering, must be offered.

Exodus 29:42

ULT	UST
It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations, at the entrance to the tent of meeting before the face of Yahweh, there where I will meet with you to speak to you there.	*You and your descendants must continue making these offerings to me, Yahweh, throughout all future generations. You must offer them at the entrance to the sacred tent. That is where I will meet with you and speak to you.*

Where were the lambs to be offered?

The lambs had to be offered at the entrance to the Dwelling before Yahweh.

Exodus 29:45

ULT	UST
And I will live among the sons of Israel and will be their God.	*I will live with the Israelites, and I will be their God.*

Where would Yahweh live?

Yahweh would live among the Israelites and be their God.

Exodus 30

Exodus 30:4

ULT	UST
And you shall make two rings of gold for it under its border on its two sides. You shall make them on its two sides. They will be housings for the poles for carrying it with.	*Make two gold rings and attach them to the altar below the molding, one on each side of the altar. These rings are to hold the poles for carrying the altar.*

What is the purpose of the rings?

The rings must be holders for poles to carry the altar.

Exodus 30:6

ULT	UST
And you shall place it before the face of the curtain that is over the Box of the Testimony. It shall be before the face of the atonement lid that is over the Testimony, where I will meet with you.	*Put this incense altar outside the curtain that hangs in front of the sacred chest. (The chest that has a lid covering the stone slabs, where I will talk with you.)*

Where must Moses put the incense altar?

Moses must put the incense altar before the curtain that is by the Box of the Testimony.

Exodus 30:8-9

What is the only incense that can be burned on the incense altar?

When Aaron lights the lamps again in the evening, he must burn incense on the incense altar. But no other incense must be offered on the incense altar.

Exodus 30:10

ULT	UST
And Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once a year. From the blood of the purification of the atonement once a year he shall make atonement for it throughout your generations. It is a holiest holy thing to Yahweh."	*Once a year, Aaron must take the purifying blood from the annual sacrifice that covers up the bad things people do and put it on the projections on the altar to cover the altar's flaws. Each high priest will cover the altar's flawsthis way throughout all future generations. The altar will be very holy, dedicated to me, Yahweh."*

How often must Aaron make atonement on the horns of the incense altar?

Aaron must make atonement on the horns of the incense altar once a year.

Exodus 30:12

ULT	UST
"When you lift up the head of the sons of Israel to count them, then each man shall give the ransom of his life to Yahweh when counting them. And there will not be a plague among them when counting them.	*"Whenever your leaders count to find out how many Israelites there are, each man who they count must pay a price to me to save his life. This is so I do not cause the people to become sick and die when the leaders count them.*

Why must each person give a ransom for his life to Yahweh?

Each person must give a ransom for his life to Yahweh so that there would be no plague among them when Moses counted them.

Exodus 30:16

ULT	UST
And you shall take the silver of ransoms from the sons of Israel, and you shall give it to the work of the tent of meeting. And it shall be as a reminder for the sons of Israel before the face of Yahweh to cover over your lives."	*Take the life-saving money from the Israelites and use it for work on the sacred tent. It will remind me, Yahweh, that the Israelites have paid money to save their lives."*

After Moses received the atonement money from the Israelites, how was he required to allocate it?

After Moses received the atonement money from the Israelites, he had to allocate it to the work of the Dwelling.

Exodus 30:18

ULT	UST
“And you shall make a basin of bronze and its base of bronze for washing. And you shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it.	*“Make a bronze washbasin and a bronze base for it. Put it between the sacred tent and the altar and fill it with water.*

Where must Moses put the large bronze basin?

Moses must put it between the Dwelling and the altar.

Exodus 30:20

ULT	UST
When they go into the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, and they will not die. Also when they go near to the altar to serve by causing a fire offering to Yahweh to smoke,	*They must wash with water before they enter the sacred tent so they will not die. Before they come to the altar to burn offerings as sacrifices to me, Yahweh,*

What must Aaron and his sons do when they go into the Dwelling or when they go near to the altar to serve Yahweh by burning an offering?

When they go into the Dwelling or when they go near to the altar to serve Yahweh by burning an offering, they must wash with water.

Exodus 30:23-25

What are the ingredients in holy anointing oil?

The ingredients in holy anointing oil are 500 shekels of flowing myrrh, 250 shekels of sweet-smelling cinnamon, 250 shekels of sweet-smelling cane, 500 shekels of cassia, measured by the weight of the shekel of the sanctuary, and one hin of olive oil.

Exodus 30:32

ULT	UST
It shall not be poured on the body of a man, and you shall not make anything like it with its formula. It is holy; it shall be holy to you.	*You must not pour it on the bodies of people who are not priests, and you must not make other oil to be like it by mixing those same things. This oil is reserved for me, and you must consider it sacred.*

What must not be done with the holy anointing oil?

It must not be applied to people's skin, nor must any oil like it with the same formula be made, because it is consecrated.

Exodus 30:33

ULT	UST
A man that mixes its like or that puts any of it on a stranger shall be cut off from his people.'"	*You must drive out from Israel anyone who makes a perfume like this or who puts it on anyone who is not a priest.'"*

What must happen to the person who makes anything like the incense or holy anointing oil to use as a perfume?

Whoever makes anything like it to use as a perfume must be cut off from his people.

Exodus 30:38

ULT	UST
A man that makes its like to smell it shall be cut off from his people."	*You must drive out from Israel anyone who makes a perfume like this."*

What must happen to the person who makes anything like the incense or holy anointing oil to smell it?

Whoever makes anything like it to smell it must be cut off from his people.

Exodus 31

Exodus 31:3-5

What abilities would Bezalel have because Yahweh filled him with his spirit?

Yahweh filled Bezalel with his spirit to give him wisdom, understanding, and knowledge for all kinds of craftsmanship, to make artistic designs and to work in gold, silver, and bronze; also to cut and set stones and to carve wood—to do all kinds of craftsmanship.

Exodus 31:6

ULT	UST
And behold, I have given with him Oholiab son of Ahisamak, from the tribe of Dan. And I have put skill into the hearts of all of the skilled of heart, and they shall make all that I have commanded you:	*Pay attention! I have also appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamach, from the tribe of Dan, to work with him. I have also given special ability to other skilled men in order that they can make all the things that I have commanded you to make.*

Why did Yahweh put skill into the hearts of all who were wise?

Yahweh put skill into the hearts of all who were wise so that they may make all that he commanded them.

Exodus 31:14

ULT	UST
And you shall keep the Sabbath, for it is holy to you.' The profaner of it shall surely be put to death, for every worker of work on it, that person shall be cut off from his people.	*You must obey my rules about the Sabbath days for rest, because you must regard them as dedicated to me. You must kill people who disrespect these days by working on them. You must remove them from Israel.*

What would happen to anyone who defiled or worked on the Sabbath?

Everyone who defiled the Sabbath must surely be put to death. Anyone who worked on the Sabbath must surely be cut off from his people.

Exodus 31:17

ULT	UST
is between me and the sons of Israel. It is a sign forever, for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed."	*between me and the Israelites. It will remind you forever that I, Yahweh, created the heavens and the earth in six days, and on the seventh day I stopped doing that work and recuperated.'"*

Why would the Sabbath always be a sign between Yahweh and the Israelites?

The Sabbath would always be a sign between Yahweh and the Israelites, for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.

Exodus 31:18

ULT	UST
And as he finished speaking with him on the mountain of Sinai, he gave to Moses the two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of God.	*When Yahweh finished talking with Moses on the top of Mount Sinai, he gave him the two stone slabs on which he had engraved his commandments with his own fingers.*

Who wrote the two tablets of covenant decrees?

Yahweh gave Moses two tablets of covenant decrees written on by Yahweh's own hand.

Exodus 32

Exodus 32:1

ULT	UST
And the people saw that Moses delayed in coming down from the mountain, and the people gathered themselves around Aaron and said to him, "Arise, make gods for us that shall go before our faces, for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him."	*Moses stayed on top of the mountain for a long time. When the people saw that he was not returning, they went to Aaron and said to him, "Get up and make us gods who will lead us on our journey. We do not know what happened to that man Moses, who brought us here out of Egypt."*

When did the people gather around Aaron and ask him to make an idol?

When the people saw that Moses delayed in coming down the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and asked him to make an idol.

Exodus 32:4

ULT	UST
And he took it from their hand, and fashioned it with a tool, and he made a calf of molten metal. And they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt."	*After he received the gold, he melted it in a fire. He molded the softened gold and made a statue that looked like a young bull. The people saw it and said, "This is the Israelite god who rescued us from Egypt!"*

Who received the gold from the people, fashioned it in a mold, and made it into a molded calf?

Aaron received the gold from them, fashioned it in a mold, and made it into a molded calf.

Exodus 32:6

ULT	UST
And they arose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and to drink and got up to play.	*So early the next morning the people killed animals and burnt them as sacrifices on the altar. They also brought sacrifices to restore fellowship with others. Then they sat down to eat and to drink wine. Then they got up and partied.*

After the people offered burnt offerings and brought fellowship offerings, what did they do?

After the people offered burnt offerings and brought fellowship offerings, they sat down to eat and to drink, and then got up to carouse in wild celebration.

Exodus 32:8

ULT	UST
They have quickly turned from the way that I commanded them. They have made a calf of molten metal for themselves and have bowed before it and sacrificed to it. And they have said, 'These are your gods, Israel, that brought you up from the land of Egypt.'"	*They have already stopped obeying my commands about how to live. From melted gold, they have made a statue that looks like a young bull. They have worshiped it and offered sacrifices to it. They are saying, 'This is the Israelite god who rescued us from Egypt!'"*

What did the people say was the god who brought them up out of the land of Egypt?

The people said the golden calf was the god who brought them up out of the land of Egypt.

Exodus 32:11

ULT	UST
But Moses entreated the face of Yahweh his God. And he said, "Yahweh, why does your nose burn against your people whom you have brought out from the land of Egypt with great power and with a strong hand?	*But Moses pleaded with his God, Yahweh, and said, "Yahweh, please do not be angry with your people. These are the people whom you saved from Egypt with great power and mighty works!*

After Yahweh became angry, what did Moses do?

Moses tried to calm down Yahweh his God.

Exodus 32:14

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh repented from the evil that he had spoken to do to his people.	*So Yahweh relented. He did not punish his people as he had said he would do.*

From what did Yahweh relent?

Yahweh relented from the punishment that he had said he would inflict on his people.

Exodus 32:15

ULT	UST
And Moses turned and went down from the mountain and the two tablets of the testimony were in his hand. The tablets were written on both their sides, on this side and on that side they were written.	*Then Moses turned around and went down the mountain. He was carrying in his hands the two stone slabs on which Yahweh had inscribed his commandments. He had inscribed on both sides of the slabs, both front and back.*

On which parts of the tablets did Yahweh write?

The tablets were written on both their sides, on both the front and the back.

Exodus 32:17

ULT	UST
And Joshua heard the noise of the people in its shouting, and he said to Moses, "There is the noise of war in the camp."	*Joshua heard the sound of the people shouting. So he said to Moses, "There is a noise in the camp that sounds like the noise of a battle!"*

When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, what did he think was the problem?

When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he thought there was the noise of combat in the camp.

Exodus 32:19

ULT	UST
And it happened, as he approached to the camp, that he saw the calf and dancing, and the nose of Moses burned, and he threw the tablets from his hands and shattered them under the mountain.	*As soon as Moses came close to the camp and saw the statue of the bull and the people dancing, he became very angry. He flung the stone slabs down onto the ground at the base of the mountain, and they broke completely.*

After Moses saw the calf, what did he do to the tablets?

He threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the bottom of the mountain.

Exodus 32:20

ULT	UST
And he took the calf that they had made and burned it in the fire and ground it until it was fine and scattered it on the face of the water and caused the sons of Israel to drink it.	*Then he took the statue of the bull that they had made and melted it in the fire. When it cooled, he ground it into fine powder. Then he threw the powder on top of the water and forced the Israelites to drink it.*

What did Moses do to the calf?

Moses took the calf that the people had made, burned it, ground it to powder, and poured it into the water. Then he made the people of Israel drink it.

Exodus 32:24

ULT	UST
And I said to them, 'Whoever has gold, take it off yourself.' And they gave it to me, and I threw it in the fire, and this calf came out."	*So I said to them, 'Everyone who is wearing pieces of gold jewelry should take them off.' So they took them off and gave them to me. I threw them into the fire, and out came this statue of a young bull!"*

According to Aaron, how was the calf made?

According to Aaron, the people gave him gold and he threw it into the fire, and out came the calf.

Exodus 32:25

ULT	UST
And Moses saw the people, that it was let loose, for Aaron had let it loose, to mockery by the risers-up against them.	*Moses saw that Aaron had allowed the people to act wildly, so that their enemies would laugh at them.*

Who had let the people get out of control?

Aaron had let them get out of control.

Exodus 32:26

ULT	UST
And Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, “Who is for Yahweh, to me!” And all of the sons of Levi gathered themselves to him.	*So he stood at the entrance to the camp and shouted, “Everyone who is loyal to Yahweh, come close to me!” All the men in the tribe of Levi gathered around him.*

Who gathered around Moses when he commanded everyone on Yahweh’s side to come to him?

When Moses commanded everyone on Yahweh’s side to come to him, all the Levites gathered around him.

Exodus 32:28

ULT	UST
And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And on that day about 3, 000 men from the people fell.	*The men in the tribe of Levi did what Moses told them to do. They killed 3, 000 Israelite men that day.*

What did the Levites do?

The Levites did what Moses ordered, and about 3,000 men out of the people died.

Exodus 32:29

ULT	UST
And Moses said, “Fill your hand for Yahweh today! For a man was against his son and against his brother and for putting a blessing on yourselves today.”	*Moses said to the men in the tribe of Levi, “Because each of you killed even your own son and brother, Yahweh has consecrated and blessed you today.”*

Why were the Levites placed into Yahweh’s service?

They were placed into Yahweh’s service, for each of them acted against his brother.

Exodus 32:32

ULT	UST
But now, if you forgive their sin; but if not, please blot me out of your book that you have written."	*if you would, forgive them for their sin now. But if you will not forgive them, please erase my name from the book in which you have written your people's names."*

What did Moses want Yahweh to do if Yahweh would not forgive the people's sin?

Moses wanted Yahweh to blot him out of the book Yahweh had written if Yahweh would not forgive the people's sin.

Exodus 32:35

ULT	UST
And Yahweh plagued the people because they had made the calf (that Aaron made).	*Later Yahweh caused the people to become sick because they had made Aaron make the bull idol.*

How did Yahweh punish the people because they had made the calf?

Yahweh sent a plague on the people because they had made the calf.

Exodus 33

Exodus 33:2

ULT	UST
And I will send an angel before your face, and I will drive out the Canaanites, the Amorites and the Hittites and the Perizzites, Hivites and the Jebusites.	*I will send my angel ahead of you, and I will remove the people descended from Canaan, Amor, Heth, Periz, Hiv, and Jebus from that land.*

What did Yahweh say he would send before Moses?

Yahweh would send an angel before Moses.

Exodus 33:3

ULT	UST
Go to a land flowing with milk and honey, but I will not go up in your midst, because you are a people hard of neck, lest I destroy you on the way."	*You will go to a land that will be very good for raising livestock and growing crops. But I will not go with you myself, because if I did that, I might annihilate you while you are traveling, because you are very obstinate people."*

Why would Yahweh not go up with Moses?

Yahweh would not go up with him, because they were a stubborn people. Yahweh might destroy them on the way.

Exodus 33:5

ULT	UST
And Yahweh had said to Moses, "Say to the sons of Israel, 'You are a people hard of neck. If I went up among you for one moment, then I would destroy you. And now, take your ornaments down from on you, and I will know what I will do to you.'"	

What did Yahweh command the Israelites to take off?

They must take off their jewelry.

Exodus 33:9

ULT	UST
And it happened, as Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stand at the entrance of the tent, and he would speak with Moses.	*Whenever Moses went into the tent of meeting, the tall cloud would come down and stay at the tent entrance, and then Yahweh would talk with Moses.*

What would happen whenever Moses entered the Dwelling?

Whenever Moses entered the Dwelling, the pillar of cloud would come down and stand at the entrance, and Yahweh would speak with Moses.

Exodus 33:11

ULT	UST
And Yahweh would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua son of Nun, a young man, would not withdraw from the midst of the tent.	*Yahweh would speak directly to Moses like someone speaks to his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp. But his young helper, Joshua son of Nun, would stay in the tent of meeting.*

How would Yahweh speak to Moses?

Yahweh would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.

Exodus 33:13

ULT	UST
And now please, if I have found favor in your eyes, please cause me to know your ways, and I will know you so that I can find favor in your eyes. And see that this nation is your people."	*So now, if you are truly pleased with me, I ask you, please tell me the things that you are going to do in order that I may know you better and continue to please you. Please remember that the Israelites are the people whom you chose to belong to you."*

What did Moses want Yahweh to show him? Why?

Moses wanted Yahweh to show him his ways so that Moses might know him and continue to find favor in his sight.

Exodus 33:16

ULT	UST
And in what then will it be known that I have found favor in your eyes, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us? And I and your people shall be distinct from all of the people that are on the face of the earth."	*The only way that others will know that you are pleased with me and with your people is if you go with us! If you go with us, it will show that we are different from all the other nations on the earth."*

How would it be known that Moses found favor in Yahweh's sight?

It would be known that Moses found favor in Yahweh's sight if Yahweh went with them so that they were different from all the other peoples that were on the surface of the earth.

Exodus 33:19

ULT	UST
And he said, "I myself will cause all my goodness to pass over above your face, and I will proclaim in the name of Yahweh before your face: and I will favor whom I will favor, and I will be compassionate to whom I will be compassionate."	*Yahweh replied, "I will display to you how good I am and tell you what my name Yahweh means. I will act kindly to anyone I choose, and I will act mercifully to anyone I choose.*

To whom did Yahweh say he would be gracious and merciful?

Yahweh said he would be gracious to whom he would be gracious and that he would show mercy on whom he would show mercy.

Exodus 33:20

ULT	UST
But he said, "You are not able to see my face, for mankind can not see me and live."	*But you cannot see my face, because anyone who sees my face will die.*

Why could Moses not see Yahweh's face?

Moses could not see Yahweh's face, for no one could see him and live.

Exodus 33:23

ULT	UST
Then I will take away my hand, and you will see my back, but my face will not be seen.”	*Then I will take my hand away, and you will see my back, but you will not see my face.”*

When Yahweh would take away his hand, what would Moses see?

When Yahweh would take away his hand, Moses would see his back, but Yahweh’s face would not be seen.

Exodus 34

Exodus 34:1

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Carve for yourself two tablets of stone like the first. And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets that you broke.	*Yahweh kept talking to Moses, "Cut two slabs of stone like the first slabs, the ones that you smashed. Then I will write the same thing on them as was on the first slabs.*

What would Yahweh write on the new tablets?

Yahweh would write on the new tablets the words that were on the first tablets, the tablets that Moses broke.

Exodus 34:3

ULT	UST
And a man shall not come up with you and also let a man not be seen on all of the mountain. Also let not the flocks and the herds graze to the front of that mountain."	*Do not allow anyone to come up with you. I do not want anyone else to be anywhere on the mountain. Do not even allow any sheep or cattle to eat grass near the mountain."*

Who was allowed anywhere on the mountain?

No one besides Moses was allowed anywhere on the mountain.

Exodus 34:5

ULT	UST
And Yahweh came down in the cloud and stood with him there, and he pronounced in the name of Yahweh.	*Then Yahweh came down in the tall cloud and stood there with Moses. Then Yahweh called out his name, "Yahweh."*

When Yahweh came down in the cloud and stood with Moses, what did he pronounce?

When Yahweh came down in the cloud and stood with Moses, he pronounced the name "Yahweh."

Exodus 34:7

ULT	UST
keeping covenant faithfulness to thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin. But he will surely not acquit, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the sons and on the sons of the sons, on the third and on the fourth."	*I abundantly love people for thousands of generations. I forgive people for doing wrong, transgressing, and sinning. But I will certainly punish the guilty. If people do wrong, I cause that to affect their descendants, down to the third and fourth generation."*

Would Yahweh clear the guilty?

Yahweh would by no means clear the guilty.

Exodus 34:10

ULT	UST
And he said, "Behold, I am about to cut a covenant: before all of your people, I will do wonders that have not been created in all of the earth and in all of the nations. And all of the people that you are in the midst of will see the work of Yahweh, for it is fear-filling, what I am doing with you.	*Yahweh replied, "Pay attention! I am going to remind you of what I agreed with the Israelites. As for me, I will perform great miracles. These will be miracles that no one has ever done on the earth in any people group. Every nation around them will see the great things that I, Yahweh, will do. I will do things for you all that will make everyone revere me.*

What was Yahweh about to make?

Yahweh was about to make a covenant.

Exodus 34:12

ULT	UST
Guard yourself, lest you cut a covenant with the inhabitant of the land where you are about to go into, lest he become as a trap in your midst.	*Be careful that you do not agree to live peacefully with any of the people who live in the land into which you are going. If you do that, you will begin to do the evil things that they do. It will be like falling into a trap.*

What would happen if the Israelites made a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where they were going?

If they made a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where they were going, the inhabitants would become a trap among the Israelites.

Exodus 34:14

ULT	UST
For you shall not bow to another god, for Yahweh—Jealous is his name—he is a jealous God.	*Do that because you must not worship any other god, because I, Yahweh, am passionate for people to recognize that I am the only true God, like a husband is passionate for his wife to love only him.*

Why must the Israelites worship no other god?

They must worship no other god, for Yahweh, whose name is “Jealous,” is a jealous God.

Exodus 34:15-16

What would happen if the Israelites ate some of the sacrifices of the inhabitants of the land?

If the Israelites ate some of the sacrifices of the inhabitants of the land, they would even take some of their daughters for their sons, and their daughters would commit adultery and go after their own gods, and they would make their sons commit adultery and go after their gods.

Exodus 34:18

ULT	UST
You shall keep the Festival of Unleavened Bread. You shall eat unleavened bread seven days, which I commanded you, at the appointed time, the month of Aviv, for in the month of Aviv you came out from Egypt.	*Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread the way that I commanded you: eat unleavened bread for seven days in the month called Aviv. I set this time because Aviv is the month when you left Egypt.*

Why must the Israelites eat bread without yeast for seven days at the fixed time in the month of Aviv?

The Israelites must eat bread without yeast for seven days at the fixed time in the month of Aviv, for it was in the month of Aviv that the Israelites came out from Egypt.

Exodus 34:20

ULT	UST
And the opener of a donkey you shall ransom with a lamb. And if you do not ransom it, then you shall break his neck. You shall ransom all the firstborn of your sons. And you shall not appear at my face empty-handed.	*In the case of a firstborn donkey, you must buy it back by killing a lamb instead of it. If you do not buy it back, you must kill the donkey by breaking its neck. You must buy back every one of your firstborn sons. Do not come to worship me without bringing an offering.*

What had to happen if the Israelites did not buy back the firstborn of a donkey with a lamb?

If the Israelites did not buy back the firstborn of a donkey with a lamb, then they had to break its neck.

Exodus 34:21

ULT	UST
Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest. In plowing time and in harvest time, you shall rest.	*Work six days each week, but on the seventh day you must rest. Even during the times when you are plowing the ground or harvesting your crops, you must rest on the seventh day.*

What must the Israelites do on the seventh day, even at plowing time and in harvest?

On the seventh day, the Israelites must rest. Even at plowing time and in harvest, they must rest.

Exodus 34:23

ULT	UST
Three times in a year, all your males shall appear before the face of the Lord Yahweh, God of Israel.	*Three times every year, all the men must gather together to worship me, the Lord Yahweh, the Israelite's God.*

How often must all the men appear before Yahweh?

All the men must appear before Yahweh three times every year.

Exodus 34:24

ULT	UST
For I will drive out nations before your face and expand your borders. And a man will not desire your land when you go up to appear before the face of Yahweh your God three times in a year.	*Surely, I will force the people groups to leave the land you are going to, and I will make your territory larger. No one will want to try to conquer your country while the men come to worship Yahweh your God for these three festivals each year.*

Who would desire to invade the land and take it when the Israelites went up to appear before Yahweh three times every year?

No one would desire to invade the land and take it when the Israelites went up to appear before Yahweh three times every year.

Exodus 34:26

ULT	UST
You shall bring the first of the first fruits of your ground to the house of Yahweh your God. You shall not boil a young goat in the milk of its mother."	*Each year, when you harvest your crops, take the best of what you harvest first, go to the place where you worship me, and give it to me, Yahweh your God. When you kill a young animal, do not cook it by boiling it in its mother's milk."*

What must the Israelites bring to Yahweh's house?

They must bring the best of the first fruits from their fields to Yahweh's house.

Exodus 34:28

ULT	UST
And he was there with Yahweh 40 days and 40 nights; bread he did not eat and water he did not drink. And he wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Words.	*Moses was there on the top of the mountain with Yahweh for 40 days and nights. During that time he did not eat or drink anything. He engraved on the stone slabs the words of the Ten Commandments which were part of Yahweh's solemn agreement.*

What did Moses not do when he was with Yahweh for 40 days and nights?

When Moses was with Yahweh for 40 days and nights, he did not eat any food nor drink any water.

Exodus 34:30

ULT	UST
And Aaron and all of the sons of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone! And they were afraid to come near to him.	*When Aaron and the Israelites saw Moses, they were amazed that his face was bright, and were afraid to approach him.*

When Aaron and the Israelites saw Moses, why were they afraid to come near him?

When Aaron and the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him.

Exodus 34:33

ULT	UST
And Moses finished from speaking with them, and he put a veil over his face.	*When Moses finished talking to the people, he covered his face with a thin cloth.*

When Moses finished speaking with them, what did he put over his face?

When Moses finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Exodus 34:34

ULT	UST
And whenever Moses went before the face of Yahweh to speak with him, he would remove the veil until he came out. And he would come out, and he would speak to the sons of Israel what he had been commanded.	*Whenever Moses entered the tent of meeting to talk with Yahweh, he would remove the cloth. When he came back out, he would always tell the Israelite people everything that Yahweh had commanded him to tell them.*

When did Moses remove the veil?

Whenever Moses went before Yahweh to speak with him, he would remove the veil.

Exodus 35

Exodus 35:3

ULT	UST
You shall not kindle a fire in any of your dwellings on the days of the Sabbath.”	*Do not light a fire in your homes on the rest days.”*

When must the Israelites not light a fire?

They must not light a fire in any of their homes on the Sabbath day.

Exodus 35:5

ULT	UST
‘Take from with you a contribution for Yahweh, everyone willing of his heart. Let him bring the contribution of Yahweh: gold and silver and bronze	*‘Everyone who wants to should bring Yahweh a gift. They should bring these sorts of gifts to Yahweh: gold, silver, or bronze,*

Who should take an offering for Yahweh?

All who have a willing heart should take an offering for Yahweh.

Exodus 35:20

ULT	UST
And all of the congregation of the sons of Israel went away from before the face of Moses.	*Then all the Israelites left from where they had gathered to listen to Moses.*

Where did all the tribes of Israel go?

All the tribes of Israel left and went away from Moses’ presence.

Exodus 35:21

ULT	UST
And every man whose heart lifted him came. And all whose spirit impelled him brought the contribution of Yahweh for the work of the tent of meeting and for all of its service and for the clothing of holiness.	*Everyone who wished to bring a gift to Yahweh did so. They brought things to make the sacred tent, all the other items for rituals, and the sacred vestments for the priests.*

Who came and brought an offering to Yahweh for the construction of the Dwelling?

Everyone whose heart stirred him up and whom his spirit made willing came and brought an offering to Yahweh for the construction of the Dwelling.

Exodus 35:27

ULT	UST
And the leaders brought the onyx stones and precious stones of setting for the ephod and for the breastpiece	*The leaders brought onyx stones and other fine stones for fastening to Aaron's sacred apron and sacred pouch,*

What were to be set into the ephod and the breastpiece?

Onyx stones and other gems were to be set into the ephod and the breastpiece.

Exodus 35:30

ULT	UST
And Moses said to the sons of Israel, "See, Yahweh has called by name on Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, from the tribe of Judah.	*Moses said to the Israelites, "Listen carefully. Yahweh has chosen a man named Bezalel, son of Uri and grandson of Hur, from the tribe descended from Judah.*

On whom did Yahweh call by name?

Yahweh called by name on Bezalel, son of Uri, son of Hur, from the tribe of Judah.

Exodus 36

Exodus 36:1

ULT	UST
And Bezalel and Oholiab and every man skilled of heart to whom Yahweh has given skill and understanding to know how to do all of the work of the service of the Holy Place shall do according to all that Yahweh has commanded."	*Bezalel and Oholiab will do this work along with all the other skillful people. Yahweh has made them skillful and able to know how to follow his instructions to build the sacred place."*

Who would do the work of building the sanctuary?

Bezalel and Oholiab would work, as well as every wise-hearted person in whom Yahweh put skill and understanding to know how to build the sanctuary.

Exodus 36:3

ULT	UST
and they took from before the face of Moses all of the contributions that the sons of Israel had brought for doing the work of the service of the Holy Place. And they continually brought a freewill offering to him in the morning in the morning.	*They took all the gifts for building the sacred tent from Moses that the Israelites had brought to him. But the Israelites continued gladly bringing more gifts every morning.*

What were the people still doing?

The people were still bringing freewill offerings every morning to Moses.

Exodus 36:6

ULT	UST
And Moses commanded, and they caused a sound to pass through in the camp, saying, "A man and a woman shall not make any more work for the contribution of the Holy Place." And the people were restrained from bringing.	*So Moses told them to proclaim a message throughout the camp, "Everyone should stop making and bringing material gifts for the sacred tent!" So the people stopped bringing gifts.*

What did Moses instruct the people to do?

Moses instructed that no one in the camp should bring any more offerings for the construction of the sanctuary.

Exodus 36:11

ULT	UST
And he made loops of blue on the edge of the first curtain from the edge in the set. And he did thus along the edge of the end curtain in the second set.	*For each set, he made loops of blue cloth and fastened them along the outer edge of the strip, at the end of each set.*

Where did Bezalel make loops?

He made loops of blue along the outer edge of the end curtain of one set, and he did the same along the outer edge of the end curtain in the second set.

Exodus 36:13

ULT	UST
And he made 50 clasps of gold and joined the curtains one to one with the clasps, and the Dwelling was one.	*He made 50 gold fasteners and fastened both of the sets together with them to make the sacred tent one unit.*

How did Bezalel join the curtains together?

He made fifty gold clasps and joined the curtains together with them.

Exodus 36:18

ULT	UST
And he made 50 clasps of bronze to join the tent to be one.	*He made 50 bronze clasps for connecting the tent into one big piece.*

Why did Bezalel make fifty bronze clasps?

Bezalel made fifty bronze clasps to join the tentlike covering together so that it might be one.

Exodus 36:24

ULT	UST
And he made 40 bases of silver under the 20 frames: two bases under one frame for its two tenons, and two bases under one frame for its two tenons.	*He made 40 silver bases to go underneath the 20 frames. He put two bases under each frame and fit their two pegs into the bases.*

How many bases were under each of the boards?

There were two bases under each of the boards.

Exodus 36:33

ULT	UST
And he made the middle crossbar in the center of the frames to pass through from end to end.	*He made the center crossbar, right in the middle of the frames, reach all the way from edge to edge.*

Where did Bezalel make the crossbar?

He made the crossbar in the center of the boards, that is, halfway up, to reach from end to end.

Exodus 36:38

ULT	UST
and its five pillars and their hooks. And he covered their tops and their rings with gold. And their five bases were bronze.	*He also made five posts with hooks on them. He covered the tops of the posts and their connectors with gold and made a bronze base for each of those posts.*

With what did Bezalel cover the five pillars?

Bezalel covered the five pillars with gold.

Exodus 37

Exodus 37:1

ULT	UST
And Bezalel made the box of wood of acacias—its length was two cubits and a half, and its width was one cubit and a half, and its height was one cubit and a half.	*Then Bezalel made the sacred chest from acacia wood. He made it 125 centimeters long, 75 centimeters wide, and 75 centimeters high.*

Of what material did Bezalel make the box?

Bezalel made the box of acacia wood.

Exodus 37:5

ULT	UST
And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the box, to carry the box.	*He put the poles into the rings on the sides of the chest so that the Levites could carry it.*

Why did Bezalel put the poles into the rings on the sides of the box?

He put the poles into the rings on the sides of the box in order to carry the ark.

Exodus 37:9

ULT	UST
And the cherubs were spreading out their wings upward, covering over the atonement lid with their wings, and their faces were each toward his brother. The faces of the cherubs were toward the atonement lid.	*The creature's wings spread out and reached up to cover the lid. They faced each other, facing the chest's lid that was between them.*

Which direction did the cherubs face?

The cherubs faced each another and looked toward the center of the atonement lid.

Exodus 37:16

ULT	UST
And he made the objects that would be on the table—its plates, and its pans, and its bowls, and its pitchers with which it will be poured out—from pure gold.	*He made all the utensils for the table from pure gold—dishes, cups, bowls, and jars for the priests to use to pour out wine to offer to Yahweh.*

What objects would be on the table?

The dishes, spoons, the bowls, and pitchers to be used to pour out the offerings would be on the table.

Exodus 37:19

ULT	UST
Three cups, shaped like almond blossoms, were on the one branch, a bulb and a blossom, and three cups, shaped like almond blossoms, were on the one branch, a bulb and a blossom; thus for the six branches going out from the lampstand.	*Each branch had three gold cups that looked like almond flowers on it. The flowers had buds and petals. It was the same for all six branches of the lampstand.*

What was located on each branch extending out from the lampstand?

Each branch had three cups made like almond blossoms, with a leafy base and a flower, and three cups made like almond blossoms in the other branch, with a leafy base and a flower.

Exodus 37:24

ULT	UST
He made it and all its items from a talent of pure gold.	*He used 33 kilograms of pure gold to make the lampstand, the tongs, and the trays.*

How much gold did Bezalel use to make the lampstand and its accessories?

He made the lampstand and its accessories with one talent of pure gold.

Exodus 37:26

ULT	UST
And he overlaid it with pure gold—its top and all around its sides and its horns—and he made for it a border of gold around it.	*He covered the top and the four sides, including the projections, with pure gold. He put a gold molding all around it.*

What surrounded the incense altar?

A border of gold surrounded the incense altar.

Exodus 37:29

ULT	UST
And he made the oil of anointment of holiness and the pure incense of fragrance, the work of an ointment maker.	*He made the sacred oil for anointing and the pure sweet-smelling incense. A perfumer mixed the incense together.*

Who made the holy anointing oil and the pure fragrant incense?

Bezalel made the holy anointing oil and the pure fragrant incense.

Exodus 38

Exodus 38:1

ULT	UST
And he made the altar of the burnt offering of wood of acacias. Its length was five cubits and its breadth was five cubits—a square—and its height was three cubits.	*Bezalel made the altar for burning sacrifices from acacia wood. It was square, two and a half meters long on each side, and one and a half meters tall.*

How long and wide was the altar for burnt offerings?

The altar for burnt offerings was five cubits long and five cubits wide.

Exodus 38:7

ULT	UST
And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, to carry it with them. He made it hollow, of planks.	*He put the poles for carrying the altar through the rings on each side of the altar. He made the altar from boards; it was hollow in the middle.*

How did Bezalel make the altar?

He made the altar hollow, out of planks.

Exodus 38:8

ULT	UST
And he made a basin of bronze and its base of bronze with the mirrors of the serving women who served at the entrance of the tent of meeting.	*He made the bronze washbasin and the bronze base for it. The bronze was from the mirrors that belonged to the women who worked at the entrance of the sacred tent.*

To whom did the mirrors belong?

The mirrors belonged to the women who served at the entrance to the Dwelling.

Exodus 38:16

ULT	UST
All of the curtains of the courtyard all around were fine twisted linen.	*There were fine linen curtains all around the courtyard.*

Of what were all the hangings around the courtyard made?

All the hangings around the courtyard were made of fine linen.

Exodus 38:17

ULT	UST
And the bases for the pillars were bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their rings were silver, and the plating of their tops was silver. And all of the pillars of the courtyard were filleted with silver.	*All the posts' bases were bronze. They covered the tops with silver. The pillars' hooks and loops were silver. The ends of the courtyard's pillars had a rounded silver finish.*

How many courtyard posts were covered with silver?

All the courtyard posts were covered with silver.

Exodus 38:21

ULT	UST
These are the records of the Dwelling, the Dwelling of the Testimony which was recorded according to the mouth of Moses, the work of the Levites by the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.	*This is a list of all the materials that the craftsmen used to make the sacred tent where the Ten Commandments were. Moses instructed some men from the tribe of Levi to write the list. Ithamar, son of Aaron the priest, supervised the men who wrote it.*

Who directed the Levites?

Ithamar, son of Aaron the priest, directed the Levites.

Exodus 38:24

ULT	UST
All the gold used for the work, in all the work of the sanctuary—it was the gold from the raised offering—was 29 talents and 730 shekels, by the shekel of the sanctuary.	*All the gold that they used to make the sacred tent weighed 965 kilograms. They used the official standard when they weighed the gold that the people dedicated to Yahweh.*

How much gold was used for the project?

All the gold that was used for the project was 29 talents and 730 shekels, measured by the standard of the sanctuary shekel.

Exodus 38:26

ULT	UST
a beka for a head (half a shekel), by the shekel of the sanctuary, from every passer over to the counted ones from a son of 20 years and older —from 603, 550.	*They had counted all the men who were at least twenty years old, and each man had paid a silver coin that weighed about five grams, according to the official standard. That was a total of 603, 550 men.*

How many men 20 years old and older were counted in the census?

There were 603,550 men 20 years old and older counted in the census.

Exodus 39

Exodus 39:5

ULT	UST
And the skillfully crafted sash of the ephod which is on it was from it, of like workmanship, of gold, blue, and purple and worm of scarlet and twined fine linen, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.	*They made a carefully woven belt that matched the sacred apron. They made it from the same piece of cloth as the apron. (That cloth was finely twisted linen with skillfully embroidered blue, purple, red thread, and fine gold thread.) They sewed it onto the apron, exactly as Yahweh had commanded Moses.*

What was made of one piece with the ephod?

The waistband was from it, meaning made of one piece with the ephod.

Exodus 39:6

ULT	UST
And they made the stones of onyx with ornamental settings of gold surrounding them. The names of the sons of Israel were engraved on them like the engravings of a signet.	*They cut two onyx stones and mounted them in decorative gold settings. They engraved the names of the 12 sons of Jacob on the stones like someone engraves a signet ring.*

What was engraved with the names of Israel's twelve sons?

Onyx stones were engraved with the names of Israel's twelve sons.

Exodus 39:10

ULT	UST
And they set in it four rows of precious stones. The first row was a row of a ruby, of a topaz, and of a garnet.	*They fastened four rows of valuable stones onto the pouch. In the first row, they put a red ruby, a yellow topaz, and a red garnet.*

How many rows of precious stones were on the breastpiece?

There were four rows of precious stones on the breastpiece.

Exodus 39:17-18

What did the braided chains connect?

The braided chains connected the corners of the breastpiece to the two rings that were attached to the shoulder pieces of the ephod at its front.

Exodus 39:21

ULT	UST
And they tied the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a cord of blue to be on the finely crafted waistband of the ephod, so the breastpiece could not become detached from being with the ephod just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.	*They tied the rings on the sacred pouch to the rings on the sacred apron with a blue cord, so that the sacred pouch was above the sash and would not come loose from the sacred apron. They did these things exactly as Yahweh had instructed Moses to do.*

Why did they tie the breastpiece by its rings to the ephod's rings with a blue cord?

They tied the breastpiece by its rings to the ephod's rings with a blue cord so that it might be attached just above the ephod's finely woven waistband. This was so that the breastpiece might not become detached from the ephod.

Exodus 39:22-23

What was in the middle of the robe of the ephod?

The robe of the ephod had an opening for the head in the middle.

Exodus 39:25

ULT	UST
And they made bells of pure gold, and they put the bells between the pomegranates all around on the bottom edge of the robe, between the pomegranates—	*They made bells from purified gold and fastened them between each of the decorative pomegranates all around the bottom of the robe.*

What did they put between the pomegranates all around on the bottom edge the robe?

They put the bells between the pomegranates all around on the bottom edge the robe.

Exodus 39:30

ULT	UST
And they made the rosette of the crown of holiness of pure gold and inscribed an inscription on it, like the engraving on a signet, "Holy to Yahweh."	*They made a sacred ornamental decoration from purified gold and etched into it the words, "Dedicated to Yahweh," just like carving a signet ring.*

What did they engrave on the plate of the holy crown of pure gold?

They engraved "HOLY TO YAHWEH" on the plate of the holy crown of pure gold.

Exodus 39:43

ULT	UST
And Moses saw all of the work, and behold, they had done it. Just as Yahweh had commanded, thus they had done. And Moses blessed them.	*Then Moses examined everything they had made. Truly, they had done everything exactly as Yahweh had commanded them to do it. Then Moses blessed the workmen.*

What did Moses find when he examined all the work?

Moses examined all the work, and, behold, they had done it just as Yahweh had commanded.

Exodus 40

Exodus 40:2

ULT	UST
“On the first day of the month, in the first month, you shall raise up the Dwelling of the tent of meeting.	*“Set up the sacred tent where you will meet with me on the first day of the first month of the year.*

When must Moses set up the Dwelling?

On the first day of the first month of the new year, Moses must set up the Dwelling.

Exodus 40:3

ULT	UST
And you shall place the Box of the Testimony there, and you shall cover over the box with the curtain.	*Put inside it the sacred chest containing the stone slabs with the Ten Commandments. Hide it by hanging its curtain in front of it.*

How must Moses shield the box?

Moses must shield the box with the curtain.

Exodus 40:7

ULT	UST
And you shall put the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water there.	*Put the washbasin between the sacred tent and the altar, and fill it with water.*

Where must Moses put the large basin?

Moses must put the large basin between the Dwelling and the altar.

Exodus 40:11

ULT	UST
And you shall anoint the basin and its base and set it apart.	*Also put some of the oil on the washbasin and its base, to consecrate them to me.*

Why must Moses anoint the bronze basin and its base?

Moses must anoint the bronze basin and its base to prepare it for service to Yahweh.

Exodus 40:20

ULT	UST
And he took the testimony and put it into the box. And he put the poles on the box and put the atonement lid on the top of the box.	*Then Moses took the two stone slabs on which Yahweh had written his commandments and put them into the sacred chest. He put the carrying poles into the rings on the chest and put the lid on top of it.*

Where did Moses put the testimony?

Moses put the testimony into the box.

Exodus 40:26

ULT	UST
And he put the altar of gold into the tent of meeting in front of the face of the curtain.	*He set the gold altar for burning incense inside the sacred tent, in front of the curtain that hid the Most Holy Place.*

Where did Moses put the golden incense altar?

Moses put the golden incense altar into the Dwelling in front of the curtain.

Exodus 40:31-32

How often did Moses, Aaron, and his sons wash their hands and their feet from the basin?

Moses, Aaron, and his sons washed their hands and their feet from the basin whenever they would go into the Dwelling and whenever they would go up to the altar.

Exodus 40:35

ULT	UST
And Moses was not able to go into the tent of meeting, because the cloud had settled on it and the glory of Yahweh had filled the Dwelling.	*Because the cloud covered it and Yahweh's light was very bright, Moses was not able to enter the sacred tent.*

Why was Moses not able to enter the Dwelling?

Moses was not able to enter the Dwelling because the cloud had settled on it and because Yahweh's glory filled the Dwelling.

Exodus 40:36

ULT	UST
And whenever the cloud was taken up from over the Dwelling, the sons of Israel would set out on all their travels,	*From that day, whenever Yahweh's cloud moved off of the sacred, tent the Israelites would pack their camp and start traveling.*

When would the people of Israel set out on their journey?

Whenever the cloud was taken up from over the Dwelling, the people of Israel would set out on their journey.

Leviticus

Leviticus 1

Leviticus 1:3

ULT	UST
If his offering is a burnt offering from the cattle, he shall present it, a perfect male. At the entrance of the tent of meeting, he shall present it for its acceptance to the face of Yahweh.	*If you want to offer a bull as a wholly burned sacrifice, then you should offer a totally healthy male. You should present this animal at the entrance of the sacred tent. When you do, I, Yahweh, will regard it as acceptable.*

What kind of animal from the herd does Yahweh tell Moses to tell the people to bring as a burnt offering?

Yahweh tells Moses to tell the people to bring a perfect male from the cattle as a burnt offering.

Leviticus 1:4

ULT	UST
And he shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering. And it shall be accepted for him in order to make atonement for him.	*You should place your hands on the head of the bull that the priest will burn completely on the altar. When you do that, I, Yahweh, will accept the animal as an appropriate sacrifice for you, and I will remove your sins from you.*

What does Yahweh tell the person to do to make the offering accepted on his behalf to make atonement for himself?

Yahweh tells the person to lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.

Leviticus 1:5

ULT	UST
And he shall slaughter the son of the cattle to the face of Yahweh. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall present the blood, and they shall splash the blood all around on the altar that is at the entrance of the tent of meeting.	*You should kill the bull that you want to present in the sacred precincts where I, Yahweh, live among the Israelites. Then the priests, Aaron's sons, should take the blood from the bull and splatter it onto every side of the altar that is at the entrance of the sacred tent.*

What are the priests to do with the blood of the bull?

The priests are to present the blood and splash it upon the altar at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 1:8

ULT	UST
And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall arrange the pieces, the head, and the suet on the wood that is on the fire that is on the altar.	*Then the priests, Aaron's sons, will organize the pieces of the animal that you killed and cut up, including the head and the fat portions, on the wood fire that is burning on the top of the altar.*

Who are the priests?

The priests are the sons of Aaron.

Leviticus 1:9

ULT	UST
And he shall wash its innards and its legs with water. And the priest shall cause everything to become smoke on the altar, a burnt offering, a gift of a scent of pleasing to Yahweh.	*Before the priest burns up the stomach and intestines and legs of the animal, you should wash them carefully with water. Make sure that only clean things go on my altar. The priest should completely burn every part of the animal on the altar in a way that causes smoke to go up. This will fulfill the requirements for the wholly burned sacrifice. I, Yahweh, will consider it to be a gift, and I will enjoy the smell of the smoke.*

What must be done with the inward parts and legs before placing them on the altar to be burned?

The inward parts and the legs must be washed with water before being placed on the altar to be burned.

What would the burnt offering produce that would be pleasing to Yahweh?

The burnt offering would produce a scent that would be pleasing to Yahweh.

Leviticus 1:10

ULT	UST
And if his offering from the flock—from the lambs or from the goats—is for a burnt offering, he shall present a perfect male.	*But if you want to offer a smaller animal as a wholly burned sacrifice, whether a sheep or a goat, then you should offer a totally healthy male.*

What animal did Yahweh tell Moses to tell the people to bring from the flock for a burnt offering?

Yahweh told the people to bring from the flock a perfect male lamb or goat.

Leviticus 1:11

ULT	UST
And he shall slaughter it on the side of the altar northward to the face of Yahweh. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall splash its blood on the altar all around.	*You should kill the sheep or goat that you want to present on the north side of the altar in the sacred precincts where I, Yahweh, live among the Israelites. Then the priests, Aaron's sons, should take the blood from the sheep or the goat and splatter it onto every side of the altar.*

On which side of the altar must the male sheep or goat be killed?

The sheep or goat must be killed on the north side of the altar.

Where must Aaron's sons splash the blood of the sheep or goat?

Aaron's sons must splash the blood of the sheep or goat on every side of the altar.

Leviticus 1:14

ULT	UST
And if his offering to Yahweh from the birds is a burnt offering, then he shall present his offering from the doves or from the sons of the pigeon.	*But if you want to offer a bird to me as a wholly burned sacrifice, then you should offer a dove or a pigeon.*

What kinds of birds does Yahweh say could be brought as a burnt offering?

Yahweh says that a dove or pigeon could be brought as a burnt offering.

Leviticus 2

Leviticus 2:1

ULT	UST
And a person, when he presents an offering of a grain offering to Yahweh, his offering shall be flour. And he shall pour oil on it and he shall put frankincense on it.	*Now if you want to offer a grain offering to me, Yahweh, you should offer wheat flour. Pour out some olive oil on it and place incense on top of it.*

What kind of grain offering should be brought as an offering to Yahweh?

The grain offering that a person presents as an offering to Yahweh should be an offering of flour.

What must be done to prepare the flour before it is offered to Yahweh?

Oil should be poured on the flour, and frankincense should be put on the flour.

Leviticus 2:3

ULT	UST
And the remainder from the grain offering shall be for Aaron and for his sons, a holy thing of holy things from the gifts of Yahweh.	*The rest of the wheat flour that you offer, as a sacrifice to me, you should preserve for Aaron and his sons. You should consider this portion of the offering as especially set apart for the priests among all the gifts that you offer to me, Yahweh, and that are set apart for me.*

To whom should the remainder of the grain offering belong?

The remainder of the grain offering left after the burnt offering should be for Aaron and his sons.

Leviticus 2:4

ULT	UST
And when you present an offering of a grain offering, a baked item of the oven, flour of loaves of unleavened bread shall be mixed with oil or wafers of unleavened bread shall be anointed with oil.	*But if you want to offer grain offering that consists of something that you baked in an oven, you should offer wheat flour that you mixed with olive oil into unleavened cakes. Or you could offer wheat flour that you shaped into unleavened crackers and coated with olive oil.*

If the grain offering is baked in an oven, of what must it be made?

If the grain offering is baked in an oven, it must be an offering of a loaf of flour that is mixed with oil and is without yeast.

Leviticus 2:11

ULT	UST
Any grain offering that you present to Yahweh shall not be made with leaven; for any leaven culture or any honey you shall not cause to become smoke from it, a gift to Yahweh.	*You should not burn any gift to me that contains any yeast or any honey on the altar in a way that causes smoke to go up. Make sure that whenever you offer a grain offering to me, Yahweh, you have prepared it without using yeast.*

What substances must not to be in the grain offering?

You should not burn on the altar a grain offering that contains any yeast or any honey.

Leviticus 2:13

ULT	UST
And every offering of your grain offerings you shall salt with salt. And you shall not omit the salt of the covenant of your God from on your grain offering. On all your offerings you shall present salt.	*Likewise, you should season every grain offering with salt. You should never present a grain offering without the salt, which reminds you of my promises to you. Every grain offering should contain salt that you have also presented to me, Yahweh.*

What substance must always be on the grain offering?

You should season every grain offering with salt.

Leviticus 3

Leviticus 3:1

ULT	UST
And if his offering is a sacrifice of peace offerings, if he is presenting from the cattle, whether male or female, perfect, he shall present it to the face of Yahweh.	*But if you want to offer a fellowship sacrifice, do this. If you want to offer a bovine, whether the animal is male or female, you should offer a totally healthy animal in the place where I, Yahweh, live among the Israelites.*

What peace offering should be offered from the herd?

A peace offering should be either a male or a female, without blemish, offered from the cattle.

Leviticus 3:2

ULT	UST
And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering and he shall slaughter it at the entrance of the tent of meeting. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall splash the blood on the altar all around.	*You should place your hands on the head of the bovine that you are offering. You should kill that animal in the entrance to the sacred tent. Then the priests, Aaron's sons, should take the blood from the bovine and splatter it onto every side of the altar.*

Where must the offering be killed?

The offering must be killed in front of the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 3:3-4

What parts of the peace offering must be presented to Yahweh?

The lobe of the liver, the two kidneys, and fat that is on them that is near the loins must be removed and presented to Yahweh.

Leviticus 3:6-8

Where should the person making the peace offering slaughter an animal from the flock?

He should slaughter it before the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 3:9

ULT	UST
And from the sacrifice of the peace offerings he shall present a gift to Yahweh: its fat, the entire fatty tail (he shall remove it near the backbone) and the fat covering the innards and all the fat that is on the innards	*And from your fellowship sacrifice, you should offer a gift to me, Yahweh. This gift should consist of all the sheep's intestinal fat, the entire portion of the tail fat (which you should cut off near the backbone), the caul fat that covers all the internal organs, and all the visceral fat that is attached to the internal organs.*

What different thing must be removed from the peace offering that comes from the flock?

The entire fatty tail, cut away close to the backbone, must be removed and presented to Yahweh if the peace offering comes from the flock.

Leviticus 3:16

ULT	UST
And the priest shall cause them to become smoke on the altar, a food gift as a scent of pleasing. All the fat is for Yahweh.	*Then the priest should burn all the fat and the internal organs on the altar in a way that causes smoke to go up. You should consider this sacrifice as a gift of food for my holy purposes, and I, Yahweh, will enjoy the smell of the smoke of the sacrifice. You should not eat any of this fat, because all of the fat of any animal that you sacrifice belongs exclusively to me.*

To whom does the fat belong?

All the fat belongs exclusively to Yahweh.

Leviticus 3:17

ULT	UST
A statute of eternity for your generations in all your dwelling places: you shall not eat any fat or any blood.'"	*This is an enduring and permanent command that must be observed by you and all your descendants, wherever you happen to live: Because they belong exclusively to me, you must not consume the fat or the blood of any animal that you sacrifice to me."*

What did Yahweh tell the people not to eat in any place they would ever live?

Yahweh told the people not to eat any fat or any blood wherever they would live.

Leviticus 4

Leviticus 4:3

ULT	UST
if the anointed priest sins to the guilt of the people, then he shall present for his sin that he sinned a bull, a perfect son of the cattle, to Yahweh as a sin offering.	*It may happen that the high priest himself does wrong against me in a way that brings guilt on the whole people. If this happens, to address the wrongdoing that he has done, the high priest should offer a totally healthy bull to me, Yahweh, as a purifying sacrifice.*

About what kind of offering does the fourth chapter of Leviticus tell?

The fourth chapter of Leviticus tells about the sin offering.

Leviticus 4:6

ULT	UST
And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and he shall sprinkle some of the blood seven times to the face of Yahweh, toward the face of the curtain of the Holy Place.	*The priest should dip one of his fingers into the blood, and he should flick some of the bull's blood seven times in the direction of the front of the curtain that separates the rest of the sacred tent from the Most Holy Place, where I, Yahweh, live among the people of Israel.*

How many times must the priest sprinkle blood from the sin offering before Yahweh, in the direction of the curtain of the Holy Place?

The priest must sprinkle some blood from the sin offering seven times in the presence of Yahweh, before the curtain of the most holy place.

Leviticus 4:11-12

What parts of the bull should be carried outside the camp to the ceremonially clean place where priests dispose of the fatty ashes?

The skin of the bull and any remaining meat, with its head, legs, inner parts, and its dung should be carried outside the camp and burned at the place where the priests dispose of fatty ashes.

Leviticus 4:13-15

If the whole assembly of Israel unintentionally does wrong against Yahweh, who should lay their hands on the sin offering?

The elders should lay their hands on the sin offering if the whole assembly of Israel errs by mistake.

Leviticus 4:20

ULT	UST
And he shall do with the bull just as he did with the bull of the sin offering; thus he shall do with it. And the priest shall make atonement for them, and it will be forgiven to them.	*The high priest should prepare this bull in the same way that he would prepare the bull that he would offer as a purifying sacrifice. When this happens, the priest will be able to offer a sacrifice that I, Yahweh, will accept for the sake of the people. I will remove the people's sins from them and forgive them for their unintentional wrongdoing.*

What would happen to the assembly of Israel if they followed the directions for the sin offering?

If the assembly of Israel follows the directions for offering the sin offering, their unintentional wrongdoing will be forgiven to them.

Leviticus 4:22-23

What animal should be offered if a leader unintentionally does wrong against Yahweh?

If a ruler sins by mistake, he must offer a perfect male goat as an offering.

Leviticus 4:27-28

What must the people who are not priests bring as a sacrifice if they unintentionally do wrong?

Such people should bring a perfect female goat to be an offering for the sin that they sin.

Leviticus 4:32

ULT	UST
And if he brings a lamb as his offering for a sin offering, he shall bring it, a perfect female.	*But if that person wants to bring a lamb as his purifying sacrifice, he should bring a totally healthy female lamb.*

Could a man bring a female lamb without blemish as a sacrifice for a sin offering?

Yes, a man could bring a perfect female lamb for a purifying sacrifice.

Leviticus 5

Leviticus 5:1

ULT	UST
And a person, when he sins in that he hears the sound of a judge's curse and he is a witness (whether he saw or he knew), if he does not declare it, then he shall bear his iniquity.	*It may happen that the community leaders are investigating a crime and have cursed anyone who has information but does not provide it. Perhaps a person saw the crime. Or perhaps the person only learned about it afterward. Either way, if he hears the curse but does not testify about what he knows, then he has become guilty of sinning*

What is one sin of omission for which one would be held responsible?

If anyone sinned by not testifying about something he saw or heard, when he was required to testify, he becomes guilty of sinning.

Leviticus 5:2

ULT	UST
Or a person, when he touches any unclean thing, whether the unclean carcass of an animal or the unclean carcass of livestock or the carcass of an unclean creeping animal, and it is hidden from him, then he is unclean and he will be guilty.	*Or it may happen that someone touches something impure, whether the impure dead body of a wild animal, the impure dead body of a domesticated animal, or the impure dead body of a swarming, winged insect. Even if the individual was unaware of touching the impure thing, when the person realizes that he has done so, he becomes impure and legally guilty.*

What would one become who touched anything unclean?

If anyone touched any unclean thing, that person is unclean, and he will be guilty.

Leviticus 5:5-6

What must the one do who is guilty of sin?

The one who is guilty of sin must bring the required penalty for his guilt to Yahweh.

Leviticus 5:6

ULT	UST
And he shall bring his guilt to Yahweh for his sin that he sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering. And the priest shall make atonement for him from his sin.	*Then the individual should bring the required penalty for his guilt to me, Yahweh, to address the wrongdoing that he has committed. He should bring a female flock animal, whether a lamb or a kid, as a purifying sacrifice. When this happens, the priest will be able to offer a sacrifice that I will accept for the sake of the individual. I will remove the guilt of the person's wrongdoing from him and will forgive him.*

What animal should he bring to Yahweh for a sin offering?

He should bring to Yahweh a female goat or lamb.

Leviticus 5:7

ULT	UST
But if his hand does not reach the sufficiency of a sheep, then he shall bring his guilt offering because he sinned—two doves or two sons of a pigeon to Yahweh, one for a sin offering and one for a burnt offering.	*But if the individual cannot afford a sheep or a goat, then he should bring two doves or two pigeons to me, Yahweh, as the required penalty for the guilt that he acquired through the wrongdoing that he committed. The priest will offer one of the birds as a purifying sacrifice and the other bird as a wholly burned sacrifice.*

If the individual cannot afford to buy a lamb or goat, what should he bring to Yahweh for the guilt offering?

If he cannot afford a lamb or goat, for the guilt offering he should bring two doves or two pigeons.

Leviticus 5:11

ULT	UST
But if his hand does not reach two doves or two sons of a pigeon, then he shall bring his offering that he sinned, a tenth of an ephah of flour for a sin offering. He shall not place oil on it, and he shall not place incense on it, for it is a sin offering.	*But if the individual cannot afford the two doves or the two pigeons, then he should bring about two liters of wheat flour as his offering for the wrongdoing that he committed. This offering of wheat flour will serve as a restoring sacrifice. The individual should not pour any oil onto it, nor should he put a lump of incense on it, because it is intended to be a purifying sacrifice.*

If he could not afford two doves or two pigeons, what could he bring for his sin offering?

If he could not afford two doves or two young pigeons for his restoring sacrifice, he could bring a tenth of an ephah of fine flour without any oil or incense on it.

Leviticus 5:15

ULT	UST
“A person, when he trespasses a trespass and he sins by mistake from the holy things of Yahweh, then he shall bring his guilt to Yahweh, a perfect ram from the flock, in your valuation, silver shekels, in the shekel of the Holy Place, for a guilt offering.	*“It may happen that someone breaks one of the commandments that I have given to the people of Israel and unintentionally desecrates the sacred space where I live or the sacred items that are devoted to me, Yahweh. If that happens, that individual should bring the required penalty for his guilt to me, Yahweh. He should bring a totally healthy goat as a restoring sacrifice. The individual should determine the worth of the goat in silver according to the official standard for the weight of silver that priests dedicate to me in the sacred tent.*

What offering must be brought if anyone breaks a commandment and unintentionally desecrates the sacred space where Yahweh lives or the sacred items that are devoted to Yahweh?

This guilt offering must be a perfect ram from the flock.

Leviticus 6

Leviticus 6:1-5

What did one have to do if he sinned against his neighbor?

If a person sinned against his neighbor, on the day that he recognizes his guilt, he must restore whatever he took or the lost thing that he had found and add a fifth more value to what he restores or returns.

Leviticus 6:5

ULT	UST
or from all that he swore concerning it as a lie, then he shall restore it in its principal, and he shall add the fifth of it to it. To whomever it is to him, he shall give it on the day of his guilt.	*This same principle applies for any other way in which a person might swear an oath falsely. That person should restore the full monetary value of whatever he has stolen or found or the amount that he withheld. Moreover, he should add a fifth of that monetary value to the total amount. He should give the money to whomever the amount properly belongs on the day that he recognizes that he is guilty of wrongdoing.*

What must one do who swore falsely about any matter?

If one swore concerning something as a lie, he must restore the full value and add one-fifth of its value to it.

Leviticus 6:6

ULT	UST
And he shall bring his guilt to Yahweh, a perfect ram from the flock, in your valuation, for a guilt offering, to the priest.	*Then, to the precincts of the sacred tent where I, Yahweh, live among the Israelites, that individual should bring an animal to sacrifice. He should offer the animal as a purifying sacrifice. To offer this sacrifice, he should bring a totally healthy male ram to the priest from the flock animals that he owns. He should also determine its monetary value in silver.*

What should someone bring to the priest for a guilt offering if he is guilty of the sins above?

If one is guilty of the sins above, he must bring a purifying offering, a perfect ram from the flock.

Leviticus 6:9

ULT	UST
“Command Aaron and his sons, saying, ‘This is the law of the burnt offering: It is the burnt offering on the hearth, on the altar, all night until the morning. And the fire of the altar shall be made to burn on it.	*“Make sure that Aaron and his sons know that this is the way that a person should offer a wholly burned sacrifice. This kind of sacrifice must remain on the burning fire that is on the altar throughout the entire night. You should make sure that the fire on the altar is always burning.*

How long must the burnt offering remain on the altar?

The burnt offering must remain burning on the altar all night, until the morning.

Leviticus 6:10

ULT	UST
And the priest shall wear his linen robe, and the undergarments of linen he shall wear on his flesh. And he shall raise up the fatty ash, where the fire consumes the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put it beside the altar.	*In the morning, make sure that the priest puts on his linen coat and that he wears his linen undergarments on his bare skin. Then he should remove the ashes from the fat of other sacrifices that have accumulated where the fire has totally burned the sacrifices that are left on the altar. The priest should put the ashes in a pile beside the altar.*

What must the priest wear to remove the fatty ash from the altar?

The priest must put on his linen robe and underclothes to remove the ashes from the altar.

Leviticus 6:11

ULT	UST
And he shall take off his clothes and shall wear other clothes. And he shall take the fatty ash out to a place on the outside of the camp, to a clean place.	*After he has done this, the priest should remove those sacred linen clothes and put on other, everyday clothes. Then he should take the ashes outside of the camp and dispose of them in a place that is ceremonially clean. This is so that the impurities of these parts of the animal do not cause the people to become impure accidentally.*

What must the priest do before carrying the ashes outside the camp?

The priest had to take off his linen clothes and put on other clothes before taking the fatty ash outside of the camp.

Leviticus 6:12-13

What must be kept going at all times?

The fire on the altar must be made to burn on the alter; it must not go out.

Leviticus 6:16

ULT	UST
And the remainder from it Aaron and his sons shall eat: unleavened bread shall be eaten in a holy place; in the courtyard of the tent of meeting, they shall eat it.	*Aaron and his sons who are priests may eat the rest of the grain offerings that you offer to me, to Yahweh. They should eat any unleavened loaf of bread in a sacred place, inside the courtyard of the sacred tent.*

What should the priests to do with the leftover unleavened bread?

In a holy place; in the courtyard of the tent of meeting, Aaron and his sons should eat the unleavened bread.

Leviticus 6:20

ULT	UST
“This is the offering of Aaron and his sons, which they shall present to Yahweh on the day of his being anointed: a tenth of an ephah of flour, a continual grain offering, half of it in the morning and half of it in the evening.	*“On the day when one of the male descendants of Aaron is consecrated as a priest, this is what he should offer. He should present to me, to Yahweh, about two liters of wheat flour, constituting a grain offering that will always be in my presence. He should bring half of the wheat flour in the morning and half of the wheat flour in the evening.*

What do the sons of Aaron have to do when their sons are anointed?

The sons of Aaron must present a grain offering of a tenth part of an ephah of fine flour, half in the morning and half in the evening.

Leviticus 6:21

ULT	UST
It shall be made on a griddle in oil. Mixed, you shall bring it; broken parts of a grain offering of pieces you shall present, a scent of pleasing to Yahweh.	*The priest who offers the grain offering should pan-fry the wheat flour on a griddle in olive oil after having combined it with the oil. He should then offer the broken pieces of the offering. He should burn them on the altar in a way that causes smoke to go up so that I, Yahweh, will enjoy the smell of the smoke of the offering.*

How must this grain offering be prepared?

This grain offering must be combined with oil and made on a griddle in oil.

Leviticus 6:22

ULT	UST
And the anointed priest under him from his sons shall do it. A statute of eternity: to Yahweh, a whole offering shall be made to become smoke.	*The high priest who is in line to succeed the current high priest should perform the grain offering in this way. These instructions are a permanent and enduring regulation. Make sure that the priests burn these kinds of sacrifices in their entirety in a way that causes smoke to go up to me, to Yahweh.*

Who would offer this grain offering?

The priest who is in line to succeed the current high priest should perform the grain offering in this way.

Leviticus 6:26

ULT	UST
The priest who presents it for a sin offering, he shall eat it. In a holy place, it shall be eaten, in the courtyard of the tent of meeting.	*The priest who performs the purifying sacrifice may eat its meat. However, the priest should only eat it in the place in the courtyard of the sacred tent that the priests have set apart for such sacred acts.*

According to the law of the sin offering, what did the priest have to do to the offering?

The priest had to eat the sin offering in the courtyard of the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 6:27-28

What had to be done with the clay pot in which the meat was boiled?

The clay pot in which the meat was boiled had to be shattered.

Leviticus 6:30

ULT	UST
But every sin offering that some of its blood is brought into the tent of meeting to make atonement in the Holy Place, it shall not be eaten. It shall be burned with fire.	*But there is one kind of sacrifice that neither the priests nor their family members should eat. Instead, the priests should completely burn such a sacrifice over the fire. They should not eat any purifying sacrifice that requires the priest to bring some of the blood of the animal into the sacred tent. The priest does this in the sacred space that priests have set apart for such sacred acts in order to offer a sacrifice that I will accept for the sake of an individual.*

What part of the sin offering was not to be eaten?

No part of the sin offering was to be eaten from which blood was brought into the tent of meeting to make atonement in the holy place.

Leviticus 7

Leviticus 7:7

ULT	UST
As the sin offering, so the guilt offering. The law is one for them. The priest who makes atonement with it, it shall be for him.	*The instructions for the restoring sacrifice are just the same as the instructions for the purifying sacrifice. There is one set of instructions for both of them. The meat of the sacrifice belongs to the priest who offers the sacrifice that I will accept for the sake of the individual so that I will remove the individual's sins from him and forgive him for his wrongdoing.*

What offering was like the sin offering?

The guilt offering was like the sin offering.

Leviticus 7:8

ULT	UST
And the priest, the one who presents a burnt offering of a man, the skin of the burnt offering that he presents is for the priest. It shall be for him.	*As for the priest who offers a wholly burned sacrifice for someone, the skin of the animal that the individual offered belongs to the priest.*

What belongs to the priest from anyone's burnt offering?

The skin of the burnt offering that anyone presents belongs to the priest who offers the offering.

Leviticus 7:9-10

Which offering belonged to the priests?

Every grain offering belonged to all the sons of Aaron.

Leviticus 7:17

ULT	UST
But the remainder from the flesh of the sacrifice shall be burned with fire on the third day.	*However, the priests must completely burn any remaining meat from the sacrifice on the third day.*

By the third day, what must be done with the remaining meat of the sacrifice?

The meat of the sacrifice that remains uneaten must be burned on the third day.

Leviticus 7:25-26

What had to be done to anyone who is eating fat from an animal or blood from a bird or an animal?

Anyone who is eating fat from the livestock or blood from a bird or livestock must be cut off from his people.

Leviticus 7:31-32

What has to be given to the priest after the fat is burned on the altar and the breast is given to Aaron and for his sons?

After the fat is burned on the altar and the breast is given to Aaron and for his sons, the right thigh must be given to the priest who performs the sacrifice of your peace offerings.

Leviticus 8

Leviticus 8:1-3

What did Yahweh tell Moses to do with Aaron and his sons?

Yahweh told Moses to take Aaron and his sons, their special clothes and the anointing oil, the bull, two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread to the entrance to the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 8:3

ULT	UST
And assemble the whole congregation at the entrance of the tent of meeting.”	*Then gather all the people together at the entrance to the sacred tent.”*

Who did Yahweh tell Moses to call to the entrance of the tent of meeting?

Yahweh told Moses to assembly all the people at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 8:7

ULT	UST
And he put the tunic on him, and he wrapped him with the sash, and he clothed him with the robe, and he put the ephod on him. And he wrapped him with the finely woven waistband of the ephod, and he fastened the ephod on him with it.	*Moses put the embroidered tunic on Aaron, tied the waistband around him, and clothed him with the outer garment and the priests’ sacred apron. He tied the carefully woven belt of the sacred apron around him, and so, clothed him in the priests’ sacred clothing.*

What clothing did Moses put on Aaron?

Moses put the embroidered tunic on Aaron, tied the waistband around him, and clothed him with the outer garment and the priests’ sacred apron.

Leviticus 8:8

ULT	UST
And he put the breastplate on him, and he put the Urim and the Thummim on the breastplate.	*He placed the chest pouch that attaches to the apron on Aaron's chest and put into it the two stones called the Urim and the Thummim.*

What did Moses place on the breastplate?

Moses put the Urim and the Thummim on the breastplate.

Leviticus 8:9

ULT	UST
And he placed the turban on his head, and he placed on the turban—to the front of its face—the flower of gold, the crown of holiness, just as Yahweh commanded Moses.	*Then Moses wrapped the turban around Aaron's head and fastened the golden flower-shaped plate, that sacred crown that demonstrates that Aaron serves Yahweh alone, to the front of the turban, exactly as Yahweh told Moses to do.*

What was the crown of holiness?

The holy crown was the golden flower-shaped plate fastened to the front of the turban.

Leviticus 8:10

ULT	UST
And Moses took the oil of anointing, and he anointed the Dwelling and all that was in it. And he consecrated them.	*Then Moses took the olive oil that he was to use for dedicating people and objects to Yahweh, and he poured it out on the sacred tent and everything that was in it. By doing this, he set the entire space and everything in it apart and dedicated them wholly to Yahweh and his purposes.*

What did Moses anoint with the anointing oil?

Moses anointed the sacred tent and everything in it with the anointing oil, making them holy.

Leviticus 8:12

ULT	UST
And he poured some of the oil of anointing on the head of Aaron, and he anointed him to consecrate him.	*He poured out on Aaron's head some of the sacred olive oil that he was to use to dedicate people and objects wholly to Yahweh and so, he anointed him in order to set him apart and dedicate him wholly to Yahweh and to his purposes.*

How did Moses consecrate Aaron?

Moses consecrated Aaron by pouring some of the oil of anointing on the head of Aaron.

Leviticus 8:14-15

What did Moses do with the blood of the bull that was brought for the sin offering?

Moses took the blood and put it on the horns of the altar with his finger. He then poured out the blood at the base of the altar.

Leviticus 8:18-19

What did Moses do with the blood from the ram used for the burnt offering?

Moses splashed its blood against every side of the altar.

Leviticus 8:23

ULT	UST
And he slaughtered it, and Moses took some of its blood, and he put it on the earlobe of the right ear of Aaron and on the thumb of his right hand and on the big toe of his right foot.	*Aaron and his sons slaughtered the ram. After Moses caught some of its blood in a bowl, he took the blood and daubed some of it on Aaron —on the lobe of his right ear, the thumb of his right hand, and the big toe of his right foot.*

What did Moses do with some of the blood from the second ram, the ram of consecration?

Moses took some of the blood from the ram of consecration and placed it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear, the thumb of his right hand, and the big toe on his right foot.

Leviticus 8:35

ULT	UST
And at the entrance of the tent of meeting, you shall stay day and night for seven days, and you shall keep the watch of Yahweh, and you will not die, because thus I have been commanded."	*Again, make sure you remain in the entrance of the sacred tent from day to night for an entire week and carefully avoid exactly what Yahweh has told you to avoid. If you are careful to do this, Yahweh will not kill you, because Yahweh himself told me to do these things."*

How long were the priests to remain at the entrance to the tent of meeting?

The priests were to remain at the entrance to the tent of meeting for seven days and seven nights.

Leviticus 8:36

ULT	UST
And Aaron and his sons did all the things that Yahweh commanded by the hand of Moses.	*So, Aaron and his sons did everything that Yahweh told them through Moses.*

What was Aaron and his sons' response to what Yahweh had ask them to do?

They did all the things God had commanded them through Moses.

Leviticus 9

Leviticus 9:1

ULT	UST
And it happened on the eighth day, Moses called to Aaron and to his sons and to the elders of Israel.	*Eight days later, Moses summoned Aaron, his sons, and the oldest and most respected people of Israel.*

On what day did Moses call to Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel?

Moses called to Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel on the eighth day.

Leviticus 9:2

ULT	UST
And he said to Aaron, "Take for yourself a calf, a son of the cattle, for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, perfect, and present them to the face of Yahweh.	*He said to Aaron, "Take a totally healthy calf from the domesticated bulls that you own and offer it as a purifying sacrifice along with a totally healthy ram that you will offer as a wholly burned sacrifice. Present these animals to Yahweh.*

What two animals did Moses ask Aaron and his sons to bring to offer to Yahweh?

Moses ask Aaron to take a calf from the bulls for a sin offering and a perfect ram for a burnt offering to Yahweh.

Leviticus 9:3-4

What animals did Moses ask Aaron to tell the people of Israel to bring to offer to Yahweh?

Moses asked Aaron to tell the people to bring a male goat, a calf, a lamb, an ox, and a ram to offer to Yahweh.

Leviticus 9:6

ULT	UST
And Moses said, "This is the thing that Yahweh commanded you will do, and the glory of Yahweh will appear to you."	*Then Moses said, "This is exactly what Yahweh told you to do. Now you will see how glorious he is."*

Why had Yahweh commanded them to do this?

Yahweh commanded them to do this and they would see how glorious Yahweh is.

Leviticus 9:22

ULT	UST
And Aaron lifted his hands toward the people, and he blessed them. And he came down from making the sin offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings.	*When he had finished offering all the sacrifices, Aaron lifted his hands over the people, and he asked Yahweh to bless them. Then, he came down from the altar where he had offered the purifying sacrifices, the wholly burned sacrifices, and the fellowship sacrifices that he and the people had required.*

After Aaron made the offerings as Moses had said, what did Aaron do for the people?

After Aaron made the offerings, he lifted up his hands toward the people and he blessed them.

Leviticus 9:24

ULT	UST
And fire went forth before the face of Yahweh, and it consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. And all the people saw, and they shouted, and they fell on their faces.	*Fire came out from the sacred precincts, where Yahweh lived among the Israelites, and completely burned everything that was on the altar, including the wholly burned offerings and all the portions of fat. When all the people saw this happen, they shouted joyfully and bowed themselves down on the ground to worship Yahweh.*

What happened when the glory of Yahweh appeared to the people?

When the glory of Yahweh appeared to the people, fire went forth before the face of Yahweh and consumed the burnt offering and fat on the altar.

What did the people do when the fire came from Yahweh?

When the fire came out from Yahweh, the people shouted and fell on their faces.

Leviticus 10

Leviticus 10:1

ULT	UST
And the sons of Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, each took his censer, and they gave fire in them, and they put incense on it. And they offered to the face of Yahweh strange fire that he did not command them.	*Two of Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, took the pans in which they burned incense. They put some burning coals in them and put incense on top of the coals. They offered this fire and incense to Yahweh, but the fire was not acceptable to Yahweh because it was not the kind that he had commanded them to burn.*

Who offered unacceptable fire to Yahweh?

Nadab and Abihu, sons of Aaron, offered strange fire to Yahweh that he did not command them.

Leviticus 10:2

ULT	UST
And fire went forth from before the face of Yahweh, and it consumed them. And they died to the face of Yahweh.	*Flames shot out from the precincts of the sacred tent where Yahweh lived among the Israelites, and the fire burned up Aaron's two sons, Nadab and Abihu. The fire killed them right in Yahweh's presence.*

What happened to these two men as a result of this act?

Fire shot out from Yahweh and consumed them. They died in Yahweh's presence.

Leviticus 10:4

ULT	UST
And Moses called to Mishael and to Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron. And he said to them, "Present yourselves and lift your brothers from the face of the Holy Place to a place on the outside of the camp."	*So Moses summoned Mishael and Elzaphan, Aaron's cousins, the sons of Aaron's uncle, Uzziel. Moses said to them, "Offer yourselves for service and carry the corpses of your relatives from the front of the Holy Place in the sacred tent. Bring them to a place outside the camp."*

Who was called upon by Moses to carry the bodies out of the tabernacle?

Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel, the uncle of Aaron, were called by Moses to carry the corpses outside the camp.

Leviticus 10:7

ULT	UST
And from the entrance of the tent of meeting, you shall not go out, lest you die, for the oil of the anointing of Yahweh is on you." And they did according to the word of Moses.	*However, make sure that you do not leave the entrance of the sacred tent. If you do so, Yahweh will kill you too. You should not forget that when I poured Yahweh's holy oil on your heads, Yahweh set you apart to serve him here." So, Aaron and his remaining sons did everything that Moses told them to do.*

What did Moses say to Aaron and his sons?

Moses said to them that they should not go out of the tent of meeting or they would die.

Leviticus 10:9

ULT	UST
"Wine or beer do not drink, you or your sons with you, when you go into the tent of meeting, so you will not die—a statute of eternity throughout your generations—	*"You and your two sons who are still alive should not drink wine or beer before you enter the sacred tent. If you drink alcohol before you enter the sacred precincts where Yahweh lives among the Israelites, Yahweh will kill you. This practice is a permanent and enduring instruction for how the priests should behave, which applies to every generation of the people of Israel.*

What did Yahweh say to Aaron and his sons about what they should not drink?

Yahweh told Aaron and his sons that they should not drink wine or beer before entering the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 10:16

ULT	UST
And the goat of the sin offering Moses, searching, searched for. But look! It had been burned up! And he was angry with Eleazar and with Ithamar, the remaining sons of Aaron, saying,	*After asking about the location of the goat that the priests had offered as a purifying sacrifice, Moses diligently looked for it. He discovered that the priests had mistakenly burned it completely on the altar when they ought to have eaten it. So Moses was very angry with Aaron's two remaining sons, Eleazar and Ithamar, and asked them,*

Why was Moses angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the remaining sons of Aaron?

Moses was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar because they had let the goat for the sin offering burn up instead of eating it.

Leviticus 11

Leviticus 11:3

ULT	UST
Anything dividing a hoof and splitting the cleft of hooves, making the cud go up among the livestock—you shall eat it.	*This is the rule: any animal that has hooves (and those hooves are completely cloven) and also rechews partially digested food—these are the types of animals that are acceptable to eat.*

What living things that live on the earth did Yahweh tell Moses and Aaron the people of Israel could eat?

Yahweh told Moses and Aaron to tell the people of Israel they could eat any livestock that completely cloven hooves and rechews partially digested food.

Leviticus 11:4

ULT	UST
However, this you shall not eat from the ones that are making the cud go up or from the ones that are dividing a hoof: the camel, because it is making the cud go up, but a hoof it is not dividing. It is unclean to you.	*However, there are some animals that have one of these traits but not both. These types of animals are not acceptable to eat. For example, camels are not acceptable to eat because, while they chew the cud, they do not have a completely cloven hoof. The people of Israel should consider any animal like this to be impure and unacceptable for eating.*

Was an animal acceptable to eat if it only had a split hoof or if it only chewed the cud?

If an animal possessed only one of the two traits, it was not acceptable to eat.

Leviticus 11:9

ULT	UST
This you shall eat from everything that is in the water: everything that is to it fins and scales in the water, in the seas, and in the rivers—them you shall eat.	*Now, out of all the types of creatures that live in water, these are the ones that the people of Israel may eat. This is the rule: The people of Israel may eat anything that lives in water that has both fins and scales, whether in the ocean or in a freshwater stream.*

What animals living in the water may be eaten by the people of Israel?

The people of Israel may eat anything that lives in the water and has both fins and scales.

Leviticus 11:13-16

What kind of birds did Yahweh say the people of Israel should detest and not eat?

Yahweh said that the people of Israel should detest and not eat eagles, falcons, hawks, vultures and ravens, owls ostriches and even bats.

Leviticus 11:21

ULT	UST
However, this you shall eat from every swarming thing of the wing, the one walking on four: that which to it are legs from above to its feet to jump with them on the earth.	*However, the people of Israel may eat any flying insect that both swarms and has four legs, if its legs are jointed and the insect jumps about on the ground.*

What kinds of insects could be eaten by the people?

Insects that walk on legs above their feet, which they use to leap on the ground, may be eaten by the people.

Leviticus 11:23

ULT	UST
But every swarming thing of the wing that to it are four feet—it is a detestable thing to you.	*But the people of Israel should consider any other winged insect that swarms and also has four legs to be disgusting and completely unacceptable to eat.*

What should the people do to four-legged insects that fly?

The people should consider any four-legged insect that swarms to be disgusting and completely unacceptable to eat.

Leviticus 11:29-30

What animals that swarm on the ground should the people of Israel consider to be unclean?

The weasel, the rat, every kind of large lizard, the gecko, the monitor lizard, the lizard, the skink, and the chameleon are unclean.

Leviticus 11:35

ULT	UST
and anything on which one of their carcasses falls will become unclean. An oven or stove shall be smashed. They are unclean and they shall be unclean to you.	*Any object onto which the dead body of any of these impure animals or insects falls will also become impure. Whether the dead body falls onto an oven or a small stove, whoever owns the object should smash it to pieces. The people of Israel should consider that object to be impure and unacceptable for its original intended purpose. It will not cease to be impure but will remain impure.*

What happens to anything that an unclean animal touches?

Anything upon which the body of an unclean animal falls shall be unclean.

Leviticus 11:42

ULT	UST
Everything going on a belly and anything walking on four up to anything multiplying feet, of any swarming thing, the one swarming on the earth, you shall not eat them, because they are a detestable thing.	*This means that no Israelite should ever eat any animal that crawls on its belly and also has four legs or any animal that has many legs, like a swarming ground-dwelling insect. This is because the Israelite people should consider these animals and insects to be disgusting and completely unacceptable to eat.*

What does Yahweh say about things that crawl on the ground?

All the animals that crawl upon the ground on four or more legs are to be considered disgusting and unacceptable to eat.

Leviticus 11:45

ULT	UST
For I am Yahweh, the one bringing you up from the land of Egypt to be God for you. And you shall be holy people, for I am holy.	*Remember that I, Yahweh, freed the Israelite people when they were slaves in Egypt. I did this so that I could be their God. Therefore, because I am holy, they should be holy people.*

Why did Yahweh say that the people of Israel must be holy?

Yahweh said that the people must be holy because he is holy.

Leviticus 12

Leviticus 12:2

ULT	UST
“Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘A woman, if she produces seed and bears a male, then she shall be unclean for seven days. Like the days of the menstruation of her menstruating, she shall be unclean.	*“Tell the people of Israel that when a woman is pregnant and gives birth to a boy, she has become impure for seven days. This is just like when she becomes impure from her regular menstruation; she has become impure.*

What did Yahweh say to Moses about women who give birth to a male child?

Yahweh said to Moses that a woman who gives birth to a male child would be unclean for seven days.

Leviticus 12:4

ULT	UST
And thirty days and three days she shall stay in the blood of her purification. Any holy thing she shall not touch, and into the holy place she shall not go until the days of her purification are full.	*Then the woman should wait about a month in the impurity of the blood she bled from giving birth. During this time, she should not touch sacred objects or enter into holy space, like the sacred tent, until that time is over.*

What was a woman required to do following her being unclean?

She must wait about a month in the impurity of the blood she bled from giving birth. She must not enter the tabernacle or touch anything holy until that time is over.

Leviticus 12:5

ULT	UST
But if she bears a female, then she will be unclean for two sets of seven days, like her menstruation. And sixty days and six days she shall stay in the blood of her purification.	*But if a woman gives birth to a baby girl, she has become impure for two weeks. This is just like when she is menstruating each month. The woman should wait about two months in the impurity of the blood she bled when she gave birth to the baby.*

What was a woman required to do differently if she gave birth to a female child?

If a woman gives birth to female child, she will be unclean for two weeks. The woman should wait about two months in the impurity of the blood she bled when she gave birth to the baby.

Leviticus 12:6

ULT	UST
And when the days of her purification are full, for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb, a son of its year, as a burnt offering, and a son of a pigeon or dove as a sin offering, to the entrance of the tent of meeting, to the priest.	*After the time in which she is waiting to purify herself is over, that woman should bring a one-year-old lamb to the priest at the entrance of the sacred tent. She should do this whether she gives birth to a baby boy or a baby girl. The priest should offer the lamb as a wholly burned sacrifice. The woman should also bring a dove or a pigeon to the priest. He should offer it as a purifying sacrifice. This will purify her and allow her to be pure again before me.*

What was a woman required to do at the end of her purification?

At the end of her purification, a woman should bring a one-year-old lamb for a burnt offering and a pigeon or dove for a sin offering to the priest at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 12:8

ULT	UST
And if her hand does not find enough for a sheep, then she shall take two turtledoves or two young doves, one for a burnt offering and one for a sin offering. And the priest shall make atonement for her, and she will be pure.'"	*However, if any woman cannot afford a lamb, then she may bring two pigeons or two doves. The priest should offer one of the birds as a wholly burned sacrifice and the other as a purifying sacrifice. When the priest offers these birds, I will accept the woman again, and I will purify her from the impurity of the blood that she bled when she gave birth to her children."*

What if the woman who gives birth to a child cannot afford a lamb?

If the woman cannot afford a lamb, she must bring two pigeons or two doves for the burnt and sin offerings.

What would happen to the woman after she did these things?

The woman will be clean after the priest makes atonement for her.

Leviticus 13

Leviticus 13:2

ULT	UST
“A man, when he has on the skin of his flesh a swelling or a scab or a bright spot, and it becomes on the skin of his flesh an infection of skin disease, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one from his sons the priests.	*“It may happen that someone finds a raised area, a protective crust, or a discolored spot on their skin. If their skin looks infected, like it may be an infectious skin disease, then someone should bring the infected person to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons or descendants, who are also priests.*

What did Yahweh should happen if someone has on his skin a swelling, scab, or bright spot that becomes infected?

Yahweh said that anyone who has a skin infection must be brought to Aaron or to one of his sons, the priests.

Leviticus 13:4

ULT	UST
And if it is a white bright spot on the skin of his flesh, and deep is not the appearance of it from the skin, and its hair has not turned white, then the priest shall separate the infection for seven days.	*However, the priest might see that the discolored spot on the person’s skin is white. He may also see that the infection is only skin-deep, and the hair on the infected spot is not white. If the priest sees this kind of infection, then he should quarantine the person with the infection for one week.*

What must be done if the priest determines that the swelling, scab, or bright spot may not be infectious?

If the priest cannot determine that the swelling, scab, or bright spot is infectious, the priest must quarantine the person for one week.

Leviticus 13:6

ULT	UST
And the priest shall see him on the second seventh day, and behold, the infection has faded, and the infection has not spread on the skin. Then the priest shall pronounce him clean. It is a scab, and he shall wash his clothes, and he will be clean.	*On the last day of that second week, the priest should examine the infected person again. This time, he should look to see if the infection has spread on the skin. If it has not, but rather the infection has receded and is now fainter in color, then the priest should judge the infected person to be pure. That person may now touch other people and sacred objects and enter sacred space. The infection is just a benign scab. The person with the infection should wash and clean his clothes, and then he will be pure.*

What if the swelling, scab, or bright spot proves not to be infectious?

If the swelling, scab, or bright spot is not infectious, the priest will pronounce him clean and he must wash his clothes, and he will be clean.

Leviticus 13:9-10

What are the three conditions that the swelling, scab, or bright spot may show if it is to be declared infectious?

The three conditions which the swelling, scab, or bright spot may show to be pronounced infectious are white swelling in the skin, the hair has turned white, and there is raw flesh in the swelling.

Leviticus 13:11

ULT	UST
It is a reoccurring skin disease on the skin of his flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean. He shall not separate him, because he is unclean.	*then this infection on the person's skin is actually a symptom of a chronic, infectious skin disease. The priest should judge the person to be impure. The impure person should not touch other people or sacred objects or enter into sacred space. In this case, because the person with the infection is impure, the priest should not merely quarantine the person temporarily.*

If the priest determines that this is a chronic skin disease, what must the priest do?

If the priest determines that this is a chronic skin disease, he must pronounce the person unclean, but the priest does not isolate him.

Leviticus 13:12-14

If the skin disease covers the person's entire body and living flesh can be seen, what is the person declared to be?

If the skin disease covers the person's entire body and living flesh can be seen, the person is declared to be unclean.

Leviticus 13:16-17

How may the unclean person become clean again?

The unclean person may become clean again if the infection has been turned to white; the priest shall pronounce him clean.

Leviticus 13:18-20

What must a priest do if he examines a person who had a boil but now has a swelling or bright spot that appears deeper under the skin where the boil was, and the hair there has turned white?

The priest must pronounce that person unclean.

Leviticus 13:29-30

What kind of infectious disease may cause one to be unclean if it is found on the head or chin?

A scall, a skin disease of the head or the beard, may cause one to be unclean if it is found.

Leviticus 13:40

ULT	UST
And a man, when his head is made bare, he is bald. He is clean.	*It may happen to some men that the hair on the crown of his head starts to thin. If this happens, he is simply balding. He is still pure.*

What would a man who lost his hair be pronounced?

A man whose head is made bare is clean. He is bald.

Leviticus 13:43-44

What one condition on a man's bald head would result in the man being pronounced unclean?

If the bald man's head has reddish-white sores that appear like a skin disease, the priest should pronounce him unclean.

Leviticus 13:45-46

What must the unclean person do to let others know that he is unclean?

The unclean person must tear his clothes, let his long hair hang down disheveled, cover his upper lip, and shout "Unclean, unclean" when in the presence of others. He must also live alone, outside the camp.

Leviticus 13:57

ULT	UST
And if it still appears on the clothing or in the warp or in the woof or on any article of leather, it is breaking out. You shall burn it with fire—that which has the infection on it.	*The infection may reappear on the fabric, regardless of what type of item is infected. If this happens, the rotting fungus is spreading. This time, the owner of the infected fabric must completely burn the entire item.*

What must the owner do with any garment of wool or linen or leather or anything made of leather that was found to be infected with a rotting fungus?

If any garment of wool or leather or anything made from leather is found to be infected with a rotting fungus, the owner must burn it completely.

Leviticus 14

Leviticus 14:3

ULT	UST
And the priest shall go out to a place on the outside of the camp and the priest shall see. And behold, the infection of the skin disease was healed from the person with the skin disease.	*The priest should meet the person with the infectious skin disease at a location outside the camp and there the priest should examine him. The priest should look to see if the infection is fully healed and no longer contagious.*

Where must the priest examine the diseased person on the day of his cleansing?

The priest must examine the diseased person at a place on the outside of the camp to see if the infection is healed.

Leviticus 14:4

ULT	UST
Then the priest shall command, and he shall take for the person who is being cleansed two live, clean birds and wood of cedar and scarlet of worm and hyssop.	*If it is, then the priest should tell the person who desires to be clean to bring two living birds that are acceptable to eat, some cedar wood, crimson thread, and some hyssop branches.*

What must the priest command the diseased person to bring for the pronouncement of his cleansing?

The priest should command the person to bring two live clean birds, cedar wood, scarlet yarn, and hyssop.

Leviticus 14:5-7

After the priest sprinkled the mixture of blood, water, cedar wood and hyssop over the diseased person seven times, what did he do with the remaining bird?

After the priest sprinkled the mixture over the diseased person seven times, he released the living bird to fly into the fields.

Leviticus 14:8-9

What must the person being cleansed do after the priest has pronounced him clean?

The person being cleansed must wash his clothes, shave all of his hair, bathe himself in the water, and remain outside his tent for seven days.

Leviticus 14:9-10

On the eighth day, what animals should the person being cleansed bring to the priest?

On the eighth day, the person being cleansed must take to the priest two perfect male lambs and one perfect female lamb a year old.

Leviticus 14:21

ULT	UST
But if he is poor and his hand is not reaching, then he shall take one lamb as a guilt offering to raise, to make atonement for him, and one tenth of flour mixed with oil as a grain offering, and a log of oil	*However, if the person whom the priest is cleansing is poor and cannot afford the two lambs, then he should acquire one lamb for the priest to offer as a restoring sacrifice by lifting it high to me. The individual should offer this lamb so that I might accept him and remove the impurity of his infection from him. In addition to the lamb, the individual should also acquire about two liters of wheat flour that he has mixed with olive oil and can offer as a grain offering. He should also acquire an additional half of a liter of olive oil.*

If the person being cleansed is poor and cannot afford these sacrifices, what must he bring?

If the person being cleansed is poor and cannot afford the lambs, he must bring one lamb, one tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, and a log of oil.

Leviticus 14:28-29

Where does the priest place the oil that is used in the cleansing?

The priest places the oil on the lobe of the right ear and on the right thumb and on the right big toe. The remainder he should put on the head of the one being cleansed.

Leviticus 14:44

ULT	UST
then the priest shall come, and he shall see. And, behold, the infection has spread in the house; it is a malignant infection in the house. It is unclean.	*If this has happened, then the priest should go to the house and examine it again. He should look to see if the mildew has spread on the plaster of the walls of the house. If it has, then the mildew is actually a malignant mold. The priest should judge the house to be impure and no one should live in it.*

When must a priest pronounce a house to be unclean?

A priest house must pronounce a house unclean if a malignant infection has spread in the house.

Leviticus 14:44-45

What must happen to the house if the infection is a malignant mold that spreads?

The owner must tear down the house and dispose of everything outside of the city if the infection is a malignant mold that spreads.

Leviticus 14:52

ULT	UST
And he shall purify the house with the blood of the bird and with the living water and with the live bird and with the wood of cedar and with the hyssop and with the scarlet of worm.	*By doing this with the blood of the bird, the fresh water, the living bird, the cedar wood, the hyssop branches, and the crimson thread, the priest will be able to purify the house.*

How can the house be pronounced clean if the infection is stopped?

The priest will be able to purify the house with the blood of the bird, the fresh water, the live bird, the cedar wood, the hyssop branches, and the crimson thread.

Leviticus 15

Leviticus 15:2-3

What did Yahweh say to Moses and Aaron was the condition of a man who has a flow of from his flesh?

Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron that any man who has a discharge coming from his genitals is impure.

Leviticus 15:7

ULT	UST
And the person who touches the flesh of the one flowing shall wash his clothes. And he shall bathe with water, and he shall be unclean until the evening.	*In the same way, anyone who touches the man who has had a discharge should wash his clothes and bathe thoroughly. The person should also consider himself to be impure until the evening of the day on which he touched the impure man.*

What happens to the person who touches the person who is unclean because he had a discharge?

Anyone who touches the unclean person will be unclean himself and must bathe in water and wash his clothes, and he is unclean until evening.

Leviticus 15:13

ULT	UST
And when the one flowing cleanses from his flow, then he shall count for himself seven days for his cleansing. And he shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in living water. And he will be clean.	*It may happen that a man who has had a discharge recovers and no longer experiences any discharge. If this happens, the man should remain as he is for one full week in order to prepare for the day when I will cleanse him from his impurity. During this time, he should wash his clothes and make sure to bathe and clean his genitals with fresh water. If he does this, he can consider himself to be pure once again.*

In what kind of water must the person being cleansed from an infected flow of fluid bathe?

The person being cleansed from an infected flow of fluid must bathe in fresh water.

Leviticus 15:14-15

What must the unclean man present to the priest for a sin offering and for a burnt offering?

The unclean man must present to the priest two doves or two pigeons, one for a sin offering and one for a burnt offering.

Leviticus 15:16-18

What is the condition of anything or any person that has contact with a man's semen?

They must be washed in water and will be unclean until evening.

Leviticus 15:19

ULT	UST
And a woman, when she is flowing—blood is her flow in her flesh—for seven days, she will be in her menstruation. And any person who touches her shall be unclean until the evening.	*Similarly, it may happen that a woman experiences her menstrual period, such that blood discharges from her genitals. When this happens, she should remain as she is for a full week. During this period, whoever touches the menstruating woman should consider himself to be impure until the evening of the day on which he touched her.*

How long will woman be impure as she menstruates?

She will be impure for seven days.

Leviticus 15:24

ULT	UST
And if, lying, a man lies with her, and her menstruation is on him, then he shall be unclean for seven days, and every bed on which he lies shall be unclean.	*It may occasionally happen that a man has sexual relations with a menstruating woman such that he comes into contact with her menstrual blood. If this happens, he should consider himself to be impure for a full week. The people of Israel should consider any bed on which that man lies to be impure as well.*

How long will a man be unclean if he sleeps with a woman who is menstruating, and her flow touches him?

He shall be unclean for seven days, and every bed on which he lies shall be unclean.

Leviticus 15:29

ULT	UST
And on the eighth day, she shall take for herself two doves or two sons of a pigeon and she shall bring them to the priest, to the entrance of the tent of meeting.	*On the last day of that week, the woman should acquire two doves or two pigeons and bring them to the priest at the entrance of the sacred tent.*

What is a woman to bring as a sacrifice on the eight day after her flow of blood stops?

She is to bring to the priest, to the entrance of the tent of meeting, two doves or two pigeons.

Leviticus 16

Leviticus 16:2

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Speak to Aaron your brother, and he shall not enter at all times into the Holy Place inside of the curtain, to the face of the atonement lid that is on the Box, and he will not die. For I will appear in a cloud over the atonement lid.	*Yahweh said to Moses, "Tell your brother Aaron not to enter into the Most Holy Place inside the curtain where the Sacred Chest and its Lid are located, because I am present in that place in a cloud that hovers over the Lid of the Sacred Chest. If Aaron goes into that room at any time I have not commanded him to go in, he will die.*

What did Yahweh tell Moses to warn Aaron not to do regarding entering into the Most Holy Place inside the curtain?

Yahweh told Moses to warn Aaron not to enter into the Most Holy Place, where Yahweh is present inside the curtain at just any time, so that Aaron will not die.

Leviticus 16:3

ULT	UST
In this way, Aaron shall enter into the Holy Place: with a bull, a son of the cattle, as a sin offering, and a ram as a burnt offering.	*But when it is time for Aaron to enter the Most Holy Place in the sacred tent, this is how he should do it. He should acquire a bull from the people's livestock and a ram. He should select the bull to offer as a purifying sacrifice and the ram as a wholly burned sacrifice.*

What must Aaron bring with him when he enters the Most Holy Place?

Aaron must bring with him a bull for a sin offering and a ram as a burnt offering.

Leviticus 16:4

ULT	UST
He shall wear a holy linen tunic, and the undergarments of linen shall be on his flesh, and he shall tie the linen sash, and he shall wrap the linen turban. They are clothes of holiness. And he shall bathe his flesh in the water, and he shall wear them.	*Aaron should first wash himself thoroughly and then put on the sacred articles of clothing. He should make sure that the linen undergarments are on his bare skin. Aaron should then put on the sacred linen embroidered tunic, and he should tie the linen waistband around himself. Likewise, he should wrap the linen turban around his head. These are Aaron's sacred articles of clothing that he is to wear.*

What must Aaron do before he puts on the priestly garments?

Aaron must wash himself in water before putting on the priestly garments.

Leviticus 16:5

ULT	UST
And from the congregation of the sons of Israel he shall take two bucks of goats as a sin offering and one ram as a burnt offering.	*Then Aaron should acquire two male goats and a ram from the flocks of the Israelite community. He should select the goats to offer as purifying sacrifices and the ram as a wholly burned sacrifice.*

From whom must Aaron acquire two male goats and one ram?

Aaron should take two male goats and a ram from the flocks of the Israelite community.

Leviticus 16:8

ULT	UST
And Aaron shall cast lots concerning the two goats—one lot for Yahweh, and one lot for the scapegoat.	*Aaron should then roll a pair of small stones on the ground to determine which goat the priests should sacrifice to Yahweh and which goat the priests should send off into the wilderness.*

Why must Aaron cast lots for the goats?

Aaron casts lots for the goats to choose which one to offer to Yahweh and which one to be the scapegoat.

Leviticus 16:10

ULT	UST
But the goat on which the lot for the scapegoat went up shall be made to stand, living, to the face of Yahweh to make atonement on it by sending it away as the scapegoat, to the wilderness.	*As for the goat that the stones determined that the priests should send off into the wilderness, Aaron should make it stand in my presence alive so that I can use the goat to remove the people's sins from them by sending the goat off into the desert wilderness.*

What happens to the goat to which the lot falls to be the scapegoat?

The goat that the stones determine to be the scapegoat must be presented before Yahweh to make atonement by sending it away into the desert.

Leviticus 16:11

ULT	UST
And Aaron shall present the bull of the sin offering that is for himself. And he shall make atonement on his behalf and on behalf of his house. And he shall slaughter the bull of the sin offering that is for himself.	*Aaron should then present the bull that he selected for himself to be a purifying sacrifice. By presenting it, Aaron will ensure that I will remove his sins and the sins of his family from them. Once he has presented it to me, Aaron should kill the bull and drain off some of its blood in a bowl.*

For whom does Aaron present the bull?

Aaron presents the bull as a sin offering for himself and his family.

Leviticus 16:13

ULT	UST
And he shall put the incense on the fire to the face of Yahweh. And the cloud of the incense will cover the atonement lid that is over the Box of the Testimony, and he will not die.	*Then Aaron should place the incense over the burning coals in Yahweh's presence. As it burns, the incense will produce a smoke cloud that will obscure the Lid that sits on the Sacred Chest. The cloud of incense will ensure that Aaron will not see my presence in that place so that he will not die.*

What must cover the atonement lid of the Box of the Testimony so that Aaron will not die?

A cloud of incense must cover the atonement lid so that Aaron will not die.

Leviticus 16:17

ULT	UST
And every man shall not be in the tent of meeting when he enters to make atonement in the Holy Place until his going out. And he shall make atonement on his behalf and on behalf of his house and on behalf of the whole congregation of Israel.	*No one else may enter the sacred tent the whole time Aaron is inside the sacred tent doing these things in the Most Holy Place so that I will remove the people's sins from them. I will remove Aaron's sins, the sins of his family, and the sins of the entire Israelite community from them.*

Who else must be in the tent with Aaron when he makes atonement in the most holy place?

No one else must be in the tent when Aaron makes atonement in the most holy place.

Leviticus 16:21

ULT	UST
And Aaron shall lay two of his hands on the head of the living goat, and he shall confess over it all the iniquity of the sons of Israel and all their rebellion, to all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat, and he shall send it away by the hand of a timely man to the wilderness.	*Aaron should place both of his hands on the head of the living goat. He should then say loudly all the ways the people of Israel have done wrong intentionally, all the ways they have openly defied what I have told my people to do, and any other ways that they have done wrong. By this, Aaron will place the guilt for these actions onto the goat's head. Then Aaron should send the goat off into the desert wilderness by handing it off to a person who is standing by ready to lead the goat away.*

What must Aaron do when he places his hands on the head of the living goat?

Aaron must confess over the living goat all the iniquity of the people of Israel, all their rebellion and all their sins.

Leviticus 16:23

ULT	UST
And Aaron shall enter into the tent of meeting, and he shall remove the linen clothing that he wore when he entered into the Holy Place. And he shall place them there.	*Then Aaron should go back into the sacred tent and remove the sacred linen clothing that he was wearing when he first entered the Most Holy Place. He should leave all those articles of special clothing in the sacred tent.*

What is Aaron to do with the priestly garments?

Aaron is to take off the priestly garments and leave them in the tent of meeting.

Leviticus 16:29-30

When did Yahweh say the day for making atonement should take place?

On the tenth day of the seventh month, he will make atonement for you to cleanse you from all your sins.

Leviticus 17

Leviticus 17:3-4

If a man kills an ox, lamb, or goat without bringing it to the entrance of the tent of the assembly to offer it as a sacrifice to Yahweh, of what sin is he guilty?

The man who kills an ox, lamb, or goat without bringing it to the entrance of the tent of the assembly to offer it as a sacrifice to Yahweh is guilty of shedding innocent blood and must be cut off from his people.

Leviticus 17:5

ULT	UST
so that the sons of Israel will bring their sacrifices that they are sacrificing on the face of the field and bring them to Yahweh at the entrance of the tent of meeting, to the priest, and sacrifice them as sacrifices of peace offerings to Yahweh.	*The people of Israel should do this so that they will no longer offer any sacrifices in the open fields. Instead, they must offer those sacrifices to me by bringing them to the priest who is at the entrance to the sacred tent. There they can offer their animals as fellowship offerings to me, to Yahweh.*

What was the purpose of this command?

The purpose of this command was to get the people to offer their sacrifices to Yahweh in front of the tent of meeting instead of in the open fields.

Leviticus 17:7

ULT	UST
And they shall no longer sacrifice their sacrifices to goat demons, after whom they are prostituting themselves. This will be an enduring statute for them for their generations.”’	*Let me be clear: The people of Israel have been unfaithful to me by sacrificing to goat demons that they consider to be gods. They should never again sacrifice animals to these demons and supposed gods. These instructions are permanent and enduring; the people of Israel and all their descendants should always observe them.*

What would this statute end?

This statute would stop the people from offering sacrifices to the goat idols.

Leviticus 17:11

ULT	UST
For the life of the flesh, it is in the blood, and I myself have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your lives. For the blood, it makes atonement with the life.	*For the life of every living thing resides in its blood. I myself have specially provided this blood for my people so that I can remove their sins from them when the blood touches the altar. It is through the blood that I am able to accomplish this, because of the life of the animal that is in its blood.*

What does Yahweh say makes atonement?

Yahweh says that the blood makes atonement.

Leviticus 17:13

ULT	UST
And a man, a man from the sons of Israel or from the sojourner, the one sojourning in their midst, who hunts a game of animal or wing that will be eaten, then he shall pour out its blood, and he shall cover it with soil,	*Now it may be that a native-born Israelite or an immigrant who is living with the people of Israel goes hunting and kills wild game or a bird. Provided that whatever they kill is pure and acceptable for eating, whoever killed it should first drain out its blood. Then he should make sure to cover the blood with dirt.*

What does Yahweh say must be done to any animal or bird that is killed to eat by any of the people of Israel or any foreigner who lives among them?

Yahweh says that any of the people of Israel or a foreigner living among them who kills an animal or bird to eat must pour the blood from it and cover the blood with soil.

Leviticus 17:15

ULT	UST
And any person who eats an animal carcass or a torn animal among the native-born or among the sojourner, then he shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe in the water, and he will be unclean until the evening. Then he will be clean.	*Anyone in Israel, including foreigners, who eats any of the meat of any creature that is found dead, or that had been killed by wild animals, must wash his clothes and bathe. Then he must not touch anyone until that evening because he is impure until then.*

What must a person do who has eaten an animal that has died or been torn apart by animals?

A person who has eaten an animal that has died or has been torn apart by animals must wash his clothes and bathe in water, and he will remain unclean until evening.

Leviticus 17:15-16

What must he do if he does not wash his clothes and bathe himself in water?

If he does not wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, then he is now responsible for addressing his wrongdoing.

Leviticus 18

Leviticus 18:3

ULT	UST
According to the work of the land of Egypt in which you dwelt, you shall not do. And according to the work of the land of Canaan to which I am bringing you, you shall not do. And you shall not walk in their statutes.	*The people of Israel must not behave like the Egyptians, in whose land they used to live. Neither should they behave like the Canaanites, whose land I am giving to them. The people of Israel should not live in a way that emulates any of the practices that these people do.*

What two places did Yahweh tell the people they could not behave like the people there?

Yahweh told the people of Israel they could not behave like the Egyptians or Canaanites.

Leviticus 18:6

ULT	UST
A man, a man, you shall not draw near to any body of his flesh to uncover nakedness. I am Yahweh.	*So, remember: no Israelite should approach any of his close relatives to have sexual relations with them and so shame them. I am Yahweh!*

What is one group of people with whom God forbade Israelites to have sexual relations?

Yahweh told the people they could not have sexual relations with any close relative.

Leviticus 18:19

ULT	UST
And to a woman in the menstruation of her uncleanness, you shall not draw near to uncover her nakedness.	*No one should approach a woman who is menstruating and so is impure in order to have sexual relations with her.*

Why is a man not to have sexual relations with a woman during her menstruation?

A man may not have sexual relations with a woman during her menstruation, because during that time she is unclean.

Leviticus 18:21

ULT	UST
And from your seed, you shall not give them to cause them to pass over to Molech. And you shall not profane the name of your God. I am Yahweh.	*No one should sacrifice their children to the god Molech by burning them alive. Doing so would profane and dishonor my reputation as your God. Remember: I am Yahweh!*

What may the people not sacrifice to Molech?

The people may not sacrifice their children to Molech.

Leviticus 18:22-23

What two sexual relations do verses 22 and 23 forbid?

Verses 22 and 23 forbid sexual relations with other men or animals.

Leviticus 18:28

ULT	UST
And the land will not vomit you out in your making it unclean, just as it vomited out the nation that was to your faces.	*Just as I am removing the people who currently live in the land as if the land itself is throwing them up and rejecting them, if the people of Israel do the same thing, I will also remove them in the same manner.*

What happened to the people who lived in the land before the people of Israel?

The people, those who lived in the land before the people of Israel, defiled the land, and the land vomited them out.

Leviticus 18:29

ULT	UST
For anyone who does any of these abominations—the people who do will be cut off from the midst of their people.	*I will remove the people of Israel because I will make any person who does any of these abominable practices an outcast. I, Yahweh, will remove him from my people.*

What will happen to any of the people or the foreigners who live among them who do any of these detestable things?

God will remove from his people any of the people who do any of these abominable practices.

Leviticus 19

Leviticus 19:3-4

What two things did Yahweh tell the people they must do?

Yahweh told the people that they must respect their father and mother, and everyone should practice the Sabbath days and honor them.

Leviticus 19:10

ULT	UST
And your vineyard you shall not strip, and the fallen grapes of your vineyard you shall not glean. For the poor and for the sojourner you shall leave them. I am Yahweh your God.	*Likewise, when the people of Israel harvest the grapes from their vineyards, they should not pick every single grape, nor should they go back a second time to pick up the grapes that they have accidentally dropped. They should leave the unharvested corners of their fields and the dropped grapes to provide food for the poor and the immigrants. Remember, they should do this because I am Yahweh their God!*

Why did Yahweh tell the people to leave the corners of their fields unharvested and to leave some of the grapes on the vine or on the ground?

The unharvested grain and grapes must be left for the poor and the immigrants.

Leviticus 19:15

ULT	UST
You shall not do injustice with judgment. You shall not lift the face of an insignificant person, and you shall not honor the face of a great person. In righteousness, you shall judge your fellow citizen.	*No one should ever unjustly judge someone. This means that no judge should give special treatment to someone who is poor and seemingly insignificant; neither should they favor someone who is wealthy and seemingly important. Rather, judges should always execute judgment fairly and ethically for the people of Israel.*

To whom should the people not show favoritism?

The people should not show favoritism to someone because he is poor or rich, but instead judge the neighbor righteously.

Leviticus 19:18

ULT	UST
You shall not avenge, and you shall not guard the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am Yahweh.	*No one should try to get revenge against another person or be inordinately angry with one of his own people. Instead, the people of Israel should act lovingly to those who are closest to them. They should treat one another as they treat themselves. Remember: I am Yahweh!*

What are the people to do instead of taking vengeance or holding a grudge?

Instead of taking vengeance or holding a grudge, the people are to love their neighbor as themselves.

Leviticus 19:19

ULT	UST
My statutes you shall keep. Your livestock—you shall not copulate two different kinds. Your field—you shall not sow two different kinds; and clothing of two different kinds—mixed material shall not go up on you.	*The Israelites should be very careful to do what I have told them. They should not breed two kinds of animals that they own, nor should they sow two kinds of seeds in the same field. Likewise, they should not wear clothing that they have made from mixed fabrics.*

What must the people do when planting seeds in the field?

When planting in the field, the people must not plant two kinds of seed in the same field.

Leviticus 19:25

ULT	UST
And in the fifth year, you shall eat its fruit to increase its yield for yourselves. I am Yahweh your God.	*But in the fifth year, the people of Israel may eat the fruit of the trees that they have planted, so that their yield of fruit increases every year. Remember: I am Yahweh your God!*

How long must a planter of a fruit tree wait before he can eat the fruit?

A planter of a fruit tree must wait until the fifth year before he can eat the fruit of the tree.

Leviticus 19:27

ULT	UST
You shall not round off the corners of your head, and you shall not ruin the corners of your beard.	*The people of Israel should not mourn for their dead as the people of the surrounding nations do. They should not shave the hairs of their heads, nor should they trim the corners of their beads.*

What were the people told not to do?

The people were told not to shave the corners of their heads and or trim the corners of their beads.

Leviticus 19:32

ULT	UST
From the face of gray hair, you shall rise, and you shall honor the face of an elderly person. You shall fear your God. I am Yahweh.	*The people of Israel should respect elderly people by standing up when they enter the room. They should also honor the elderly. The people of Israel must fearfully recognize the power and authority of their God and act accordingly. Remember, I am Yahweh!*

Whom did Yahweh tell the people to arise before and honor?

Yahweh told the people to rise before a person with gray hair and honor elderly people.

Leviticus 19:34

ULT	UST
Like the native-born from you shall be to you the sojourner, the one sojourning with you. And you shall love him as yourself because you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. I am Yahweh your God.	*The people of Israel must treat immigrants who live with them like they treat the native-born person. Indeed, the people of Israel should act lovingly toward them, just as if they were their own bodies. This is because the people of Israel were once immigrants in Egypt. Remember, I am Yahweh your God!*

Why did Yahweh say that the people of Israel should love the immigrants as they love themselves?

Yahweh told the people to love the foreigner because the people of Israel were once foreigners in the land of Egypt.

Leviticus 20

Leviticus 20:2

ULT	UST
“And to the sons of Israel, you shall say, ‘A man, a man from the sons of Israel or from the sojourner, the one sojourning in Israel, who gives from his seed to Molech—dying, he shall be executed. The people of the land shall stone him with the rock.	*“Be sure to tell the people of Israel that any Israelite or any foreigner who is living in Israel who sacrifices any of his children to the false god Molech should certainly die. The people living in Israel should kill such a person by throwing stones at him.*

What would happen to anyone among the people of Israel who gives their child to Molech?

Anyone who gives their child to Molech the people living in Israel should kill by throwing stones at him.

Leviticus 20:3

ULT	UST
And I myself will set my face against that man, and I will cut him off from among his people, for he gave his seed to Molech, to make my Holy Place unclean and to profane my holy name.	*I will personally punish such a person. I will make the person who does this an outcast and remove him from my people. I will do this because he has given his child to the false god Molech and so defiled my holy space and tainted my reputation.*

What would Yahweh do to the man if the people did not put him to death?

If the people do not put him to death, Yahweh says he will cut him off from his people.

Leviticus 20:6

ULT	UST
And the person who turns to the mediums or to the spiritists to practice prostitution after them —I will set my face against that person. And I will cut him off from among his people.	*I will punish those who abandon me by inquiring of someone who speaks to the dead or someone who inquires of dead family members. In doing these things, the people of Israel act unfaithfully. I will make the person who does this an outcast and remove him from my people.*

To whom did Yahweh tell the people not to turn?

Yahweh told the people not to turn to the mediums and spiritists, those who talk to the dead.

Leviticus 20:13

ULT	UST
And a man who lies with a male, lying as a woman, both of them have done an abomination. Dying, they shall be executed; their blood is on them.	*If a man has sexual relations with another man, as he would with a woman, they both have done something that is utterly abominable. The people of Israel must execute both men. They will be responsible for their own deaths.*

What was the result of a man having sexual relations with another man?

A man who has sexual relations with another man has done something abominable and both must be executed.

Leviticus 20:15-16

If a woman has sexual relations with an animal, what must be done?

The woman and the animal must be executed.

Leviticus 20:24

ULT	UST
And I said to you, 'You yourselves will inherit their land, and I will give it to you to inherit it: a land flowing with milk and honey. I am Yahweh your God, who separates you from the peoples.	*But I told the people of Israel, 'You will take their land from them as if you were inheriting it from your father. I will give it to you personally to be your family's possession. The soil in that land is very fertile and produces good crops abundantly. Remember: I am Yahweh your God, who has set you apart from the other people who live around you.'*

How did Yahweh describe the land that he had given the people of Israel?

Yahweh called the land "a land flowing with milk and honey."

Leviticus 21

Leviticus 21:1-3

For the death of which person must a priest make himself unclean?

A priest should make himself unclean for the death of a very close relative.

Leviticus 21:5

ULT	UST
They shall not bald a bald patch on their heads, and the edges of their beard they shall not shave, and they shall not cut a cut in their flesh.	*The priests of Israel must not participate in the mourning rituals of the nations who live around Israel. This means that they must not shave their heads or trim the edges of their beards or slash their bodies in grief.*

What restrictions were placed on the priests concerning their hair and beards?

Priests were not allowed to shave their heads or the edges of their beards.

Leviticus 21:9

ULT	UST
And a daughter of a man, a priest, when she is profaned by prostituting—she is profaning her father. She must be burned with fire.	*If a daughter of a priest disgracefully becomes a prostitute she also disgraces her father. The Israelites must burn her to death.*

What would happen to a priest's daughter who defiled herself by becoming a prostitute?

A priest's daughter who disgraces her father by becoming a prostitute must be burned.

Leviticus 21:10-11

What must a high priest avoid even if the dead person is his father or mother?

A high priest must not make himself unclean by entering a place where there is a dead body, even if his father or mother has died.

Leviticus 21:14

ULT	UST
A widow or a divorced woman or a profaned prostituting woman, these he shall not take. But rather, a virgin from his people he shall take as a wife.	*The priests of Israel should not marry widows or divorced women or defiled prostitutes. Rather, they must only marry young, unmarried Israelite women.*

What kind of woman must the priest not marry?

The priest must not marry a widow, a divorced woman, or a woman who is a prostitute.

Leviticus 21:18-20

What kind of man did Yahweh not want to approach him to perform the offerings?

Yahweh did not want any man with a bodily defect to approach him.

Leviticus 22

Leviticus 22:2-3

Who does Yahweh he will cut off from before his face?

Yahweh says that no priest, while he is impure, should ever approach the sacred altar to present a sacrifice. If he does, that person shall be cut off from before Yahweh's face.

Leviticus 22:6

ULT	UST
the person who touches it will be unclean until the evening. And he shall not eat from the holy things unless he washes his body with the water.	*Remember: any priest who touches anything or anyone impure should consider himself to be impure until the evening of that day. The priest must not eat any of the special food that I have set aside from my food gifts for the priests to eat unless the priest first bathes himself.*

What must a priest do when he touches anything that makes him unclean?

He must consider himself to be unclean until the evening, and he must not eat any of the special food set aside for the priests unless he first bathes himself.

Leviticus 22:9

ULT	UST
And they shall keep my watch, and they shall not bear sin with regard to it and die by it, because they profaned it. I am Yahweh, the one making them holy.	*The priests must carefully avoid exactly what I, Yahweh, have told them to avoid. If they do not, they will have shown me disrespect and defiled the sacred food gifts that the people of Israel have offered to me. I will hold them responsible for their wrongdoing and kill them. Remember: I am Yahweh, and I have set the priests apart to serve and worship me.*

What will happen to priests who do not follow Yahweh's instructions?

Yahweh says that he will hold them responsible for their wrongdoing and kill them.

Leviticus 22:10-11

Who are the only people who may eat the sacred food?

The only persons who may eat anything that is holy are the priest and his family and slaves he bought or who were born in his household.

Leviticus 22:13

ULT	UST
But the daughter of a priest, when she becomes a widow or a divorced woman, and there is no seed for her, and she returns to the house of her father as her youth—she may eat from the bread of her father. And any stranger may not eat it.	*It may happen that a priest's daughter becomes a widow or divorces from her husband and yet has no children. If this happens, and the woman returns to her father's household to live there as she did when she was young, she may eat the special food that I have set apart for the priests to eat. However, no one outside of the priest's immediate family may ever eat this sacred food.*

Can a priest's daughter who has married someone who is not a priest eat the holy food?

She may not eat the holy food unless she is divorced or widowed without children and returns to live in her father's house.

Leviticus 22:14

ULT	UST
And a man, when he eats a holy thing by mistake, then he shall add its fifth on it, and he shall give the holy thing to the priest.	*It may happen that a person who is not a priest mistakenly eats the special food that I, Yahweh, have set aside for the priests to eat. If this happens, the person who ate the food must repay the full value of the food that he ate, plus an additional one-fifth of its value, and give the money to the priest to whom the food belonged.*

What must a man do who eats holy food by mistake?

If a man eats holy food by mistake, he must repay the priest to whom the food belonged and add one-fifth to the value of it.

Leviticus 22:18-19

What kind of animal would be accepted as a sacrifice?

It must be a male animal without blemish from the cattle, sheep, or goats.

Leviticus 22:20

ULT	UST
Anything on which is a blemish you shall not present, because it will not be acceptable for you.	*This means that no one should ever offer to me an animal that suffers from disabilities or defects. I will not accept these animals for the people of Israel.*

What is the most important requirement for any animal that is to be sacrificed to Yahweh?

Any animal sacrificed to Yahweh must be unblemished.

Leviticus 22:27

ULT	UST
“An ox or a lamb or a goat, when it is born, then it shall be seven days under its mother. And from the eighth day and beyond, it may be accepted as an offering, a gift to Yahweh.	*“A newborn calf or lamb or goat must remain with its mother for a week after its mother has given birth to it. After that week has passed, I, Yahweh, will accept the young animal as a sacrifice and food gift to me.*

How old must a calf, sheep, or goat be to be offered as a sacrifice to Yahweh?

A calf, sheep, or goat must be at least eight days old to be offered as a sacrifice to Yahweh.

Leviticus 22:30

ULT	UST
On that day, it shall be eaten; you must not leave some of it until morning. I am Yahweh.	*This means that the people who will eat the meat of such a sacrifice must do so on the same day that the individual offers the sacrifice. He should make sure that he does not leave any of the meat of the sacrifice until the next morning. Remember: I am Yahweh!*

When must a thank offering be eaten?

It must be eaten on the same day that it is sacrificed.

Leviticus 23

Leviticus 23:3

ULT	UST
Six days work shall be done, and on the seventh day is a sabbath of sabbaths, an assembly of holiness. You shall not do any work. It is a sabbath to Yahweh in all your dwellings.	*You may work for six days, but the seventh day is a special day of complete rest. You must gather together to worship me. You must not do any work on that day. This is a Sabbath to honor Yahweh wherever you live.*

What does Yahweh say about work and the Sabbath?

Yahweh says that people may work for six days, but the seventh day, the Sabbath, is to be a day of rest.

Leviticus 23:5

ULT	UST
In the first month, on day 14 of the month, between the evenings, is the Passover to Yahweh.	*In the first month, on the fourteenth day at twilight, you must celebrate the Passover to honor Yahweh.*

What festival is to be celebrated on the fourteenth day of the first month?

The Passover to honor Yahweh is to be celebrated in the first month on the fourteenth day.

Leviticus 23:6

ULT	UST
And on day 15 of this month is the Festival of Unleavened Bread to Yahweh. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread.	*On the fifteenth day of this same month is the Festival of Unleavened Bread to honor Yahweh. For seven days you must eat bread that you made without yeast.*

What festival follows Passover on the fifteenth day of the first month?

The Festival of Unleavened Bread follows Passover on the fifteenth day of this month.

Leviticus 23:10

ULT	UST
“Speak to the sons of Israel, and you shall say to them, ‘When you enter into the land that I am giving to you and you harvest its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the first of your harvest to the priest.	*“Tell the Israelite people: When you enter the land that I am giving you and harvest your crops, you must bring a bundle of the first grain you harvest to the priest.*

What must the people bring to the priest after the first harvest in the land that Yahweh is going to give them?

The people must bring to the priest a sheaf of the first of your harvest in the land that Yahweh is going to give them.

Leviticus 23:27

ULT	UST
“Surely on the tenth of this seventh month, it is the Day of Atonement. It shall be an assembly of holiness for you, and you shall humble your souls, and you shall present a gift to Yahweh.	*“On the tenth day of this seventh month you must gather together for a holy meeting. Show that you are sorry for sinning by not eating. Bring a food present to Yahweh. This will be a special day for asking Yahweh to forgive you for the sins that you have committed.*

What date did Yahweh set for the Day of Atonement?

Yahweh set the tenth day of the seventh month as the Day of Atonement.

Leviticus 23:31

ULT	UST
You shall not do any work. It is a statute of eternity for your generations in all your dwellings.	*You must not work at all! You and all your descendants must always obey these commands, wherever you live.*

What must the people not do on the Day of Atonement?

The people must not do any work on the Day of Atonement.

Leviticus 23:34

ULT	UST
“Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘On day 15 of this seventh month is the Feast of Huts for seven days to Yahweh.	*“Tell the Israelite people: On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the Festival of Shelters. This festival to honor Yahweh will last for seven days.*

What festival did Yahweh say would take place on the fifteenth day of the seventh month?

Yahweh said that the Festival of Shelters for Yahweh would take place on the fifteenth day of the seventh month.

Leviticus 23:40

ULT	UST
And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of majestic trees, branches of palm trees, and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the river, and you shall rejoice to the face of Yahweh your God for seven days.	*On the first day, take the best fruit from your trees, palm branches, leafy branches, and willow branches from the riverbank. Celebrate with joy before Yahweh your God for seven days.*

What must the people use to rejoice during the Festival of Shelters for Yahweh?

The people must use the best fruit from their trees, branches of palm trees, boughs of leafy trees, and willows from riverbanks to rejoice before Yahweh for seven days.

Leviticus 23:42

ULT	UST
You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All the native-born in Israel shall dwell in booths,	*During the seven days of that festival, all of you people who have been Israelites all of your lives must live in shelters.*

Where were the people of Israel to live during the Festival of Shelters?

The people of Israel were to live in small shelters for the seven days of the Festival of Shelters.

Leviticus 24

Leviticus 24:3

ULT	UST
From outside of the curtain of the testimony in the tent of meeting, Aaron shall arrange it from evening until morning to the face of Yahweh continually. It is a statute of eternity for your generations.	*Aaron must take care of the lamps in Yahweh's presence continually, so that they will burn all night long. You must obey this rule forever. Outside the curtain of the very holy place which is in the sacred tent*

What must Aaron do with the pure oil the people are to bring him?

Aaron must keep a lamp burning outside of the curtain of the testimony in the tent of meeting from evening until morning continually.

Leviticus 24:5-6

What must the priest place in two rows of six each Sabbath?

Each Sabbath, the priest must place on the gold table twelve loaves of bread in two rows of six.

Leviticus 24:9

ULT	UST
And it shall be for Aaron and for his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place, for it is a holy of holies for him from the gifts of Yahweh, a statute of eternity."	*When they remove the loaves from the table, they will belong to Aaron and his descendants. They must eat them in a sacred place set aside for this purpose, because they are a very sacred part of the presents to Yahweh. This food will always be for the priestly family."*

Who is allowed to eat the offering of the twelve loaves?

Aaron and his sons must eat it in the holy place.

Leviticus 24:14

ULT	UST
“Bring out the curser to outside of the camp, and all the hearers shall lay their hands on his head, and all the congregation shall stone him.	*“Take the man who cursed me outside the camp. There all those who heard what he said must put their hands on his head to indicate that he is guilty. Then all the people must kill him by throwing stones at him.*

What were the people of Israel told to do to the man who blasphemed Yahweh?

Yahweh told the people of Israel to take the man outside the camp, place their hands on him, and stone him to death.

Leviticus 24:17

ULT	UST
And a man, when he strikes any life of a man—dying, he shall be executed.	*Also, if anyone murders another person, the people must surely execute him.*

What must happen to a man who kills another man?

He must certainly be put to death.

Leviticus 24:19-20

What did Yahweh say must be done to anyone who causes death or injury to another person?

Yahweh said to the people that what they have done to another should be done to them; an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.

Leviticus 25

Leviticus 25:4

ULT	UST
But in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of sabbaths for the land, a sabbath to Yahweh. Your field you shall not sow, and your vineyard you shall not prune.	*But during the seventh year you must allow your fields to rest completely as a Sabbath to honor me, Yahweh. Do not plant seeds in your fields or prune your grapevines during the seventh year.*

What did Yahweh say should be done after the fields and vineyards are planted, pruned, and harvested for six years?

Yahweh said that after six years of planting, pruning, and harvesting the fields and vineyards, in the seventh year there should be a Sabbath rest for the fields and vineyards.

Leviticus 25:9

ULT	UST
And you shall cause a horn of loud blast to pass through in the seventh month, on the tenth of the month. On the Day of Atonement you shall cause a horn to pass through in all your land.	*blow trumpets everywhere on the tenth day of the seventh month of the next year. These trumpets will announce the Day of Atonement throughout the land.*

What must be done on the forty-ninth year, the tenth day of the seventh month?

A loud trumpet must be blown everywhere during the forty-ninth year, on the tenth day of the seventh month.

Leviticus 25:10

ULT	UST
And you shall consecrate the year, the fiftieth year, and you shall proclaim liberty in the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, and you shall return, each to his possession, and each to his family you shall return.	*Make this 50 th year a special celebration and announce that everyone in the country is free. This is the year for restoring! (When you come into the land, Yahweh will give each family some land that is to be theirs permanently.) You must give back any of that land that they have had to sell because of debts. You must also free and send any Israelites who had to become slaves because of debts back to their families.*

What will the fiftieth year be called?

The fiftieth year will be called a year of jubilee.

What significant event must take place during a jubilee year?

During the jubilee year, property and slaves should be freed and returned to their families.

Leviticus 25:12

ULT	UST
For it is a jubilee. Holy it shall be to you. From the field you shall eat its produce.	*Because it is a time of restoring, you will treat it as sacred and eat only what you take directly from the fields.*

What should be eaten during the jubilee year?

Only the food that grows by itself should be eaten during the jubilee year.

Leviticus 25:15-16

What must the people consider when buying or selling land?

People should consider how many years there are to the next jubilee year. The more years there are, the more valuable is the land, because you are selling the number of crops you can harvest until the next jubilee.

Leviticus 25:21

ULT	UST
And I will command my blessing to you in the sixth year, and it shall make the produce for three years.	*Do not worry, I will bless your crops very much during the sixth year. That year there will be enough crops to feed for you for three years.*

How will Yahweh take care of his people during the seventh year, the Sabbath year, when crops are not to be grown?

Yahweh told the people that the harvest the sixth year will be enough crops to feed for them for three years, so there would be food for the seventh year.

Leviticus 25:23

ULT	UST
And the land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine, for you are sojourners and temporary residents with me.	*You must not sell any of your land to belong to someone else permanently, because the land is not yours. It is really mine, and you are only living on it temporarily like foreigners and farming it for me.*

What did Yahweh say to the people about permanent ownership of land?

Yahweh said the land must not be sold permanently to a new owner, because the land belonged to him.

Leviticus 25:30

ULT	UST
And if it is not redeemed until a complete year fulfills for it, then the house which is in the city which has a wall to it shall be to the buyer of it in perpetuity, to his generations. It shall not go out in the Jubilee.	*If he does not buy it back during that year, then the house in the walled city will belong permanently to the man who bought it, and to that man's descendants. He does not need to return it to the original owner in the year of restoring.*

What property is not to be returned during the jubilee year?

After a year, a house bought in a walled city will become permanent property of the man who bought it.

Leviticus 25:35-36

How are the people to treat a fellow countryman who becomes poor and can no longer provide for himself?

The people are to help him and not charge him interest or try to profit from him in any way.

Leviticus 25:40

ULT	UST
Like a hired worker, like a temporary resident he shall be with you; until the Year of Jubilee he shall work with you.	*Treat him as you treat workers whom you hire or like someone who is living on your land temporarily. He must work for you only until the year of restoring.*

How should the people treat a fellow countryman who has sold himself as a slave?

A fellow countryman who has sold himself as a slave the people should treat as a hired servant, not made to work like a slave.

Leviticus 26

Leviticus 26:1

ULT	UST
You shall not make for yourselves worthless little gods, and a carved image and a pillar you shall not raise up for yourselves, and a stone of imagery you shall not put in your land to bow down to it, for I am Yahweh your God.	*Do not make idols because they are useless. Do not set up carved figures or sacred stones to worship as if they were God. Do not put on your property a stone that someone has carved so you can bow down to it. Worship only me, Yahweh your God.*

What does Yahweh tell the people they should not make?

Yahweh says to the people they should not make idols.

Leviticus 26:3-4

What must the people do to make sure Yahweh sends rain and harvest?

Yahweh says the people must walk in his laws and keep his commandments in order to receive his rain and harvest.

Leviticus 26:6

ULT	UST
And I will give peace in the land, and you will lie down and there will be no one making you afraid. And I will remove harmful animals from the land, and a sword will not pass through in your land.	*Furthermore, I will make you live peacefully in your country. When you go to sleep, you will not be afraid. I will get rid of the dangerous animals from your country. As for raids or wars, there will be none in your country.*

What will Yahweh do to make the people safe?

Yahweh will remove the dangerous animals and cause there to be no raids or wars in the land.

Leviticus 26:12

ULT	UST
And I will walk in your midst and be God to you, and you will be a people to me.	*I will always be among you and continue to be your God, and you will continue to be my people.*

If the people do what Yahweh tells them to do, what does he promise to do for them?

If the people do what Yahweh tells them to do, he promises to walk among them and be their God. They will continue to be his people.

Leviticus 26:15-16

What kind of disease and fever does Yahweh say he will send on Israel if they do not obey his commandments?

Yahweh says he will send disease and fever that would make them blind and slowly kill them if they did not obey his commandments.

Leviticus 26:18

ULT	UST
And if up to these things you will not listen to me, then I will continue to discipline you seven times for your sins.	*But after all these things happen to you, if you still refuse to obey me, I will continue to punish you again and again for sinning against me.*

What does Yahweh say he will do if the people refuse to obey his commandments and decrees?

Yahweh says if the people will not listen to him, he will punish them again and again for their sins.

Leviticus 26:18-19

What did Yahweh say he would do to the weather if Israel did not obey his commandments?

Yahweh said he would make the sky over them like iron (drought) and the land as hard as bronze.

Leviticus 26:21-22

Yahweh said if Israel would not listen to him, he would send dangerous animals against them. What did Yahweh say those animals would do?

Yahweh said those animals would kill their children, destroy their cattle and make them few in number.

Leviticus 26:40-42

If the people do not obey Yahweh, have they lost all hope?

No. Yahweh says that if the people will confess their sins, the sins of their fathers, and their unfaithfulness to Yahweh, and humbly admit they are guilty, he will keep the covenant he made with Jacob, Isaac, and Abraham.

Leviticus 26:44

ULT	UST
And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, nor will I detest them to destroy them completely, to break my covenant with them, for I am Yahweh their God.	*But I will still not reject them or hate them and destroy them completely in their enemies' countries. I will not cancel the covenant that I made with them because I am still Yahweh their God.*

In spite of their sin, what does Yahweh promise to do?

Yahweh promises not to reject them or detest them so as to completely destroy them and do away with the covenant he made with them, because he is still Yahweh their God.

Leviticus 27

Leviticus 27:2-4

What is the purpose of the standard value?

The purpose of the standard value is to determine how much someone must pay to free another person from a vow to belong only to Yahweh.

Leviticus 27:3

ULT	UST
and your valuation of the male from a son of 20 years and until a son of 60 years will be thus, and your valuation will be 50 shekels of silver by the shekel of the holy place.	*The priest must calculate the amount of money in terms of the silver pieces that they use in Yahweh's sacred tent. You must pay: 50 pieces of silver for men who are between 20 and 60 years old;*

What is the standard value of a man between the ages of twenty and sixty?

A man between the ages of twenty and sixty has a standard value of fifty shekels of silver.

Leviticus 27:4

ULT	UST
And if it is a female, then your valuation will be 30 shekels.	*30 pieces of silver for adult women who are between 20 and 60 years old;*

What is the standard value of a woman between the ages of twenty and sixty?

A woman between the ages of twenty and sixty has the standard value of thirty shekels.

Leviticus 27:8

ULT	UST
And if he is too poor from your valuation, then he shall stand him before the face of the priest, and the priest shall value him. Upon the mouth of what the hand of the one vowing can reach, the priest shall value him.	*If anyone who has made such a solemn promise is very poor and unable to pay to set free the person whom he has given to Yahweh, he must take that person to the priest. The priest will set the price for freeing him to an amount that the person can pay.*

What if the one making the vow is unable to afford the standard value of the person he had dedicated?

If the one making the vow is not able to afford the standard value, he must take that person to the priest and the priest will set the price for freeing him to an amount that the person can pay.

Leviticus 27:11-16

What other things may the priest value that are to be presented to Yahweh?

The priest may also value an animal to be presented for sacrifice, a man's house, or some of his land.

Leviticus 27:23

ULT	UST
then the priest shall calculate for him the amount of your valuation until the year of the jubilee, and he shall give your valuation in that day. It shall be holy to Yahweh.	*the priest must count the number of years until the next year of restoring to determine how much it is worth. The man must pay that amount to the priest on that day. His payment is a holy gift to Yahweh.*

What must a man do with a field he has sanctified to Yahweh in the year of the jubilee?

When a man has sanctified a field to Yahweh and the year of the jubilee comes, the priest will figure the estimated value of the field up to the year of the jubilee and the man must pay its value on that day as a holy gift to Yahweh.

Leviticus 27:26

ULT	UST
However, a firstborn (which firstborn belongs to Yahweh) among animals, a man shall not consecrate it, whether ox or sheep, it belongs to Yahweh.	*Since firstborn animals already belong to Yahweh, no one may dedicate the firstborn of any cow or sheep for any purpose.*

Which of the animals belongs only to Yahweh?

The firstborn of all the animals belongs only to Yahweh.

Leviticus 27:28

ULT	UST
However, any devoted thing which a man will devote to Yahweh from all which belongs to him, from man and animal and from field of his possession, it shall not be sold and it shall not be redeemed. Every devoted thing, it is a holy thing of holy things to Yahweh.	*However, if someone permanently dedicates anything he owns like a person, animal, or family land to Yahweh, you must not restore it or sell it. Anything that you permanently dedicate becomes Yahweh's especially sacred property.*

What part of the things dedicated to Yahweh may be sold or redeemed?

Nothing dedicated to Yahweh may be sold or redeemed.

Leviticus 27:31

ULT	UST
And if redeeming, a man will redeem from his tithe, its fifth he shall add upon it.	*If anyone wants to buy back any of that tenth, he must pay to the priest what it is worth plus an added one-fifth.*

If a man redeems any of his tithe, what must he add to it?

If a man redeems any of his tithe, he must add a fifth to its value.

Numbers

Numbers 1

Numbers 1:1-3

Who did Yahweh tell Moses to count in the census?

Yahweh told Moses to count every man of Israel who was 20 years old or older and could go out to war.

Numbers 1:4

ULT	UST
And with you will be a man, a man of the tribe. He will be the head man of the house of his fathers.	*One man from each tribe will help you and Aaron do this. These men must already be leaders of their ancestral families.*

Who would serve Moses as tribe leaders?

A man from every tribe, the head of his ancestral family, would serve as his tribe's leader.

Numbers 1:5

ULT	UST
And these are the names of the men who will stand with you: of Reuben, Elizur, the son of Shedeur,	*Here are the names of these men who will help you and Aaron: Shedeur's son Elizur, who is from the tribe of Reuben;*

Who was the leader from the tribe of Reuben who would stand with Moses and Aaron?

Elizur, the son of Shedeur, was the leader from the tribe of Reuben.

Numbers 1:6

ULT	UST
of Simeon, Shelumiel, the son of Zurishaddai;	*Zurishaddai's son Shelumiel, who is from the tribe of Simeon;*

Who was the leader from the tribe of Simeon who would stand with Moses and Aaron?

Shelumiel, the son of Zurishaddai, was the leader from the tribe of Simeon.

Numbers 1:7

ULT	UST
of Judah, Nahshon, the son of Amminadab;	*Amminadab's son Nahshon, who is from the tribe of Judah;*

Who was the leader from the tribe of Judah who would stand with Moses and Aaron?

Nahshon, the son of Amminadab, was the leader from the tribe of Judah.

Numbers 1:8

ULT	UST
of Issachar, Nethanel, the son of Zuar;	*Zuar's son Nethanel, who is from the tribe of Issachar;*

Who was the leader from the tribe of Issachar who would stand with Moses and Aaron?

Nethanel, the son of Zuar, was the leader from the tribe of Issachar.

Numbers 1:9

ULT	UST
of Zebulun, Eliab, the son of Helon;	*Helon's son Eliab, who is from the tribe of Zebulun;*

Who was the leader from the tribe of Zebulun who would stand with Moses and Aaron?

Eliab, the son of Helon, was the leader from the tribe of Zebulun.

Numbers 1:10

ULT	UST
of the sons of Joseph: of Ephraim, Elishama, the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel, the son of Pedahzur;	*Ammihud's son Elishama, who is from the tribe of Joseph's son Ephraim; Pedahzur's son Gamaliel, who is from the tribe of Joseph's son Manasseh;*

Who were the leaders from the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh?

Elishama, the son of Ammihud, was the leader from Ephraim, and Gamaliel, the son of Pedahzur, was the leader from Manasseh.

Numbers 1:11

ULT	UST
of Benjamin, Abidan, the son of Gideoni;	*Gideoni's son Abidan, who is from the tribe of Benjamin;*

Who was the leader from the tribe of Benjamin who would stand with Moses and Aaron?

Abidan, the son of Gideoni, was the leader from the tribe of Benjamin.

Numbers 1:12

ULT	UST
of Dan, Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai;	*Ammishaddai's son Ahiezer, who is from the tribe of Dan;*

Who was the leader from the tribe of Dan who would stand with Moses and Aaron?

Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai, was the leader from the tribe of Dan.

Numbers 1:13

ULT	UST
of Asher, Pagiel, the son of Okran;	*Okran's son Pagiel, who is from the tribe of Asher;*

Who was the leader from the tribe of Asher who would stand with Moses and Aaron?

Pagiel, the son of Okran, was the leader from the tribe of Asher.

Numbers 1:14

ULT	UST
of Gad, Eliasaph, the son of Deuel;	*Deuel's son Eliasaph, who is from the tribe of Gad;*

Who was the leader from the tribe of Gad who would stand with Moses and Aaron?

Eliasaph, the son of Deuel, was the leader from the tribe of Gad.

Numbers 1:15

ULT	UST
of Naphtali, Ahira, the son of Enan.”	*and Enan’s son Ahira, who is from the tribe of Naphtali.”*

Who was the leader from the tribe of Naphtali who would stand with Moses and Aaron?

Ahira, the son of Enan, was the leader from the tribe of Naphtali.

Numbers 1:16

ULT	UST
These were the called ones of the congregation, the leaders of the tribes of their fathers. They were the heads of the thousands of Israel.	*Yahweh chose these men from the community. They were already leaders of their ancestral tribes, and they led the clans of the Israelite people.*

What position did the men named in verses 5-15 hold in Israel?

They were the leaders of their tribes, and they led the clans of Israel.

Numbers 1:17

ULT	UST
And Moses and Aaron took these men, who were designated by names.	*Moses and Aaron summoned these men whose names Yahweh had listed.*

Which men did Moses and Aaron take?

They took the men whose names Yahweh had listed.

Numbers 1:18

ULT	UST
And they assembled all the congregation on one of the second month. And they recorded their ancestry in accordance with their clans, according to the house of their fathers, by the number of the names, from a son of 20 years and upward, according to their skulls,	*Moses and Aaron gathered the whole Israelite community on that same day, the first day of the second month. Then the men who were at least 20 years old registered themselves by name, one by one. They registered themselves according to their tribal groups and ancestral families.*

How did each man record his ancestry?

Each man registered themselves by name, one by one, according to his tribal group and his ancestral family.

Numbers 1:19

ULT	UST
just as Yahweh had commanded Moses. And he counted them in the wilderness of Sinai.	*So, Moses did exactly what Yahweh ordered him to do. Moses listed these men in the desolate area around Sinai.*

Where did Moses count the men?

He counted them in the wilderness of Sinai.

Numbers 1:21

ULT	UST
their counted ones of the tribe of Reuben: 46, 500.	

How many men of the tribe of Reuben were counted?

46,500 men of the tribe of Reuben were counted.

Numbers 1:23

ULT	UST
their counted ones of the tribe of Simeon were 59, 300.	

How many men of the tribe of Simeon were counted?

59,300 men of the tribe of Simeon were counted.

Numbers 1:25

ULT	UST
their counted ones of the tribe of Gad were 45, 650.	

How many men of the tribe of Gad were counted?

45,650 men of the tribe of Gad were counted.

Numbers 1:27

ULT	UST
their counted ones of the tribe of Judah were 74, 600.	

How many men of the tribe of Judah were counted?

74,600 men of the tribe of Judah were counted.

Numbers 1:29

ULT	UST
their counted ones of the tribe of Issachar were 54, 400.	

How many men of the tribe of Issachar were counted?

54,400 men of the tribe of Issachar were counted.

Numbers 1:31

ULT	UST
their counted ones of the tribe of Zebulun were 57, 400.	

How many men of the tribe of Zebulun were counted?

57,400 men of the tribe of Zebulun were counted.

Numbers 1:33

ULT	UST
their counted ones of the tribe of Ephraim were 40, 500.	

How many men of the tribe of Ephraim were counted?

40,500 men of the tribe of Ephraim were counted.

Numbers 1:35

ULT	UST
their counted ones of the tribe of Manasseh were 32, 200.	

How many men of the tribe of Manasseh were counted?

32,200 men of the tribe of Manasseh were counted.

Numbers 1:37

ULT	UST
their counted ones of the tribe of Benjamin were 35, 400.	

How many men of the tribe of Benjamin were counted?

35,400 men of the tribe of Benjamin were counted.

Numbers 1:39

ULT	UST
their counted ones of the tribe of Dan were 62, 700.	

How many men of the tribe of Dan were counted?

62,700 men of the tribe of Dan were counted.

Numbers 1:41

ULT	UST
their counted ones of the tribe of Asher were 41, 500.	

How many men of the tribe of Asher were counted?

41,500 men of the tribe of Asher were counted.

Numbers 1:43

ULT	UST
their counted ones of the tribe of Naphtali were 53, 400.	

How many men of the tribe of Naphtali were counted?

53,400 men of the tribe of Naphtali were counted.

Numbers 1:44

ULT	UST
These were the counted ones, whom Moses and Aaron had counted, and the leaders of Israel, 12 men. They were one man for the house of his fathers.	*Moses and Aaron listed all these men. The 12 men who led the Israelite people, one from each ancestral family, helped them list the men.*

How many leaders of Israel helped Moses and Aaron count the men?

Twelve leaders helped them, one man for each ancestral family.

Numbers 1:45

ULT	UST
And they were all the counted ones of the sons of Israel according to the house of their fathers, from a son of 20 years and upward, everyone who goes out to war in Israel.	*These men were all the Israelites whom Moses, Aaron, and the 12 leaders listed by their ancestral families. These men were at least 20 years old and could be soldiers for the Israelite people.*

Which men of Israel were counted according to their ancestral families?

All the men who were 20 years old or older and could go out to war in Israel were counted.

Numbers 1:46

ULT	UST
And all the counted ones were 603, 550.	*They listed 603, 550 men in total.*

How many men 20 years old or older who could go out to war were counted?

There were 603,550 men counted.

Numbers 1:47

ULT	UST
And the Levites according to the tribe of their fathers were not counted in the midst of them.	*However, they did not list the Levites by their ancestral tribe along with the other tribes.*

Which tribe was not counted with the other tribes?

The Levites were not counted with the other tribes.

Numbers 1:49

ULT	UST
"Only the tribe of Levi you shall not count, and you shall not lift up their heads in the midst of the sons of Israel.	*"Do not list the Levites. Do not count them along with the other Israelites.*

What did Yahweh tell Moses about the tribe of Levi?

Yahweh told Moses not to count the tribe of Levi among the sons of Israel.

Numbers 1:50

ULT	UST
And you, appoint the Levites over the Dwelling of the Testimony and over all its vessels and over all that belongs to it. They themselves shall carry the Dwelling and all its vessels, and they themselves shall minister to it, and they shall camp around the Dwelling.	*Moses, order the Levites to manage the sacred tent, its equipment, and everything that goes with it. They must be the ones who transport the sacred tent and its equipment. They must be the ones who take care of it. They must set up their tents around it.*

What were the Levites assigned to care for?

They were assigned to care for the Dwelling of the Testimony, all its vessels, and everything that belongs to it.

Numbers 1:51

ULT	UST
And when the Dwelling sets out, the Levites shall take it down, and when the Dwelling camps, the Levites shall raise it up. And the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.	*The Levites must disassemble the sacred tent whenever the Israelites leave a place. The Levites must set it up whenever the Israelites set up their tents in a new place. If anyone who is not a Levite approaches the sacred tent, someone must execute that person.*

What would happen to any stranger who came near the Dwelling?

That stranger would be put to death.

Numbers 1:52

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel shall camp, a man at his camp and a man at his banner, according to their armies.	*When the Israelites set up their tents, they must do so by their army divisions, with the rest of their tents and near their own tribal flags.*

Where were the people of Israel to set up their tents?

Each man was to set up his tent by his own banner, according to his army division.

Numbers 1:53

ULT	UST
And the Levites shall camp around the Dwelling of the Testimony, and wrath will not be on the congregation of the sons of Israel. And the Levites shall keep the keeping of the Dwelling of the Testimony."	*The Levites must set up their tents around the sacred tent. That way, Yahweh does not become angry with the Israelite community. The Levites must guard the sacred tent."*

Where were the Levites to set up their tents?

They were to set up their tents around the Dwelling of the Testimony.

Numbers 1:54

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel did according to all that Yahweh commanded Moses, so they did.	*So the Israelites did exactly everything that Yahweh had ordered Moses to tell them to do.*

Did the people do what Yahweh commanded?

Yes, the people of Israel did everything that Yahweh commanded Moses.

Numbers 2

Numbers 2:1-2

Where did Yahweh tell Moses and Aaron that the tribes must set up their tents?

Yahweh told them that each tribe must camp near its own banner and the sign of its ancestral family. They must camp around the tent of meeting, at a distance from it.

Numbers 2:3-4

Where did Yahweh say the 74,600 men of the army of the tribe of Judah must camp, and who must lead their army?

They must camp near the banner of Judah on the east side of the tent of meeting, where the sun rises, and Nahshon must lead their army.

Numbers 2:5-6

Where must the 54,400 men of the tribe of Issachar camp, and who must lead their army?

They must camp next to Judah, and Nethanel must lead their army.

Numbers 2:7-8

Where must the 57,400 men of the tribe of Zebulun camp, and who must lead their army?

They must also camp next to Judah, and Eliab must lead their army.

Numbers 2:9

ULT	UST
All the counted ones of the camp of Judah are 186, 400 according to their armies. They will set out first.	*For Judah tribe and the two tribes that set up their tents near Judah tribe, you listed 186, 400 men in total by their army divisions. These three tribes will start walking first whenever the Israelites leave a place.*

Who must set out first from the camp?

The whole camp of Judah, with the two tribes that set up their tents near Judah tribe, must set out first.

Numbers 2:10-11

Where must the 46,500 men of the tribe of Reuben camp, and who must lead their army?

They must camp near the banner of Reuben on the south side of the tent of meeting, and Elizur must lead their army.

Numbers 2:12-13

Where must the 59,300 men of the tribe of Simeon camp, and who must lead their army?

They must camp next to Reuben, and Shelumiel must lead their army.

Numbers 2:14-15

Where must the 45,650 men of the tribe of Gad camp, and who must lead their army?

They must also camp next to Reuben, and Eliasaph must lead their army.

Numbers 2:16

ULT	UST
All the counted ones of the camp of Reuben are 151, 450 according to their armies. And they will set out second.	*For Reuben tribe and the two tribes that set up their tents near Reuben tribe, you listed 151, 450 men in total by their army divisions. These three tribes will start walking second whenever the Israelites leave a place.*

Who must set out second from the camp?

The whole camp of Reuben, with the two tribes that set up their tents near Reuben tribe, must set out second.

Numbers 2:17

ULT	UST
And the tent of meeting will set out with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps. As they camp, so they will set out, a man on his hand, according to their banners.	*Whenever the Israelites leave a place, the descendants of Levi must carry the sacred tent. They must travel in the middle, between the other tribes. The Israelites must leave in the exact same order in which they set up their tents. All the people must be in their correct places near their tribal flags.*

Where will the tent of meeting and the camp of the Levites be when they set out?

They will be in the midst of the camps.

Numbers 2:18-19

Where must the 40,500 men of the tribe of Ephraim camp, and who must lead their army?

They must camp near the banner of Ephraim on the west side of the tent of meeting, and Elishama must lead their army.

Numbers 2:20-21

Where must the 32,200 men of the tribe of Manasseh camp, and who must lead their army?

They must camp next to Ephraim, and Gamaliel must lead their army.

Numbers 2:22-23

Where must the 35,400 men of the tribe of Benjamin camp, and who must lead their army?

They must also camp next to Ephraim, and Abidan must lead their army.

Numbers 2:24

ULT	UST
All the counted ones of the camp of Ephraim are 108, 100 according to their armies. And they will set out third.	*For Ephraim tribe and the two tribes that set up their tents near Ephraim tribe, you listed 108, 100 men in total by their army divisions. These three tribes will start walking third whenever the Israelites leave a place.*

How many men are counted in the camp of Ephraim?

The camp of Ephraim has 108,100 men.

When must the camp of Ephraim set out in relation to the other camps?

The camp of Ephraim must set out third.

Numbers 2:25

ULT	UST
The banner of the camp of Dan will be to the north according to their armies, and the leader of the sons of Dan is Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai,	*The tribal flag that belongs to the descendants of Dan must be on the northern side of the sacred tent. The tribes that set up their tents on this side must do so by their army divisions. Ammishaddai's son Ahiezer leads the descendants of Dan.*

Who leads the tribe of Dan?

Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai leads the tribe of Dan.

Numbers 2:26

ULT	UST
and his army and their counted ones are 62, 700.	*The soldiers he leads are the 62, 700 men from his tribe whom you listed.*

How many men are counted in the army of the tribe of Dan?

The army of the tribe of Dan has 62,700 men.

Numbers 2:27-28

Where must the 41,500 men of the tribe of Asher camp, and who must lead their army?

They must camp next to Dan, and Pagiel must lead their army.

Numbers 2:29-30

Where must the 53,400 men of the tribe of Naphtali camp, and who must lead their army?

They must also camp next to Dan, and Ahira must lead their army.

Numbers 2:31

ULT	UST
All the counted ones of the camp of Dan are 157, 600. They will set out last, according to their banners."	*For Dan tribe and the two tribes that set up their tents near Dan tribe, you listed 157, 600 men in total. These three tribes will start walking last, near their tribal flags, whenever the Israelites leave a place."*

Who must set out last from the camp?

The whole camp of Dan, with the two tribes that set up their tents near Dan tribe, must set out last, and the men there number 157,600.

Numbers 2:32-33

Whom did Moses and Aaron not count among the people of Israel, and why?

They did not count the Levites among the people of Israel because Yahweh had commanded Moses not to count them.

Numbers 2:34

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel did according to all that Yahweh commanded Moses. Thus they camped according to their banners, and thus they set out, a man according to his clans, in accordance with the house of his fathers.	*So the Israelites did exactly everything that Yahweh had ordered Moses to tell them to do. They set up their tents by their own tribal flags, and they left each campsite by their tribal groups and ancestral families.*

What did the people of Israel do?

The people of Israel did everything that Yahweh commanded Moses. They camped by their banners, and they set out by their clans and their ancestral families.

Numbers 3

Numbers 3:1

ULT	UST
And these are the generations of Aaron and Moses on the day Yahweh spoke with Moses on the mountain of Sinai.	*Here is a list of the descendants of Aaron and Moses at the time when Yahweh and Moses talked on Mount Sinai.*

Whose family history does this passage record?

This passage records the family history of Aaron and Moses.

Numbers 3:2

ULT	UST
And these are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.	*Aaron's oldest son was Nadab, and his other sons were Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.*

What were the names of Aaron's sons?

The names of Aaron's sons were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

Numbers 3:3

ULT	UST
These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests, the ones who were anointed, whose hand he filled to serve as priest.	*Those are Aaron's sons, and they were priests. Moses had poured olive oil on them to appoint them as priests, and he had commissioned them to be priests.*

What work did the sons of Aaron do, the ones who were anointed?

The sons of Aaron were the priests. They were anointed and set apart to serve as priests.

Numbers 3:4

ULT	UST
But Nadab died and Abihu to the face of Yahweh when they offered strange fire to the face of Yahweh in the wilderness of Sinai, and sons were not to them. And Eleazar served as priest and Ithamar against the face of Aaron their father.	*However, Nadab and Abihu died in front of where Yahweh was present because they presented to him burning coals that he had not authorized. This happened while they were in the desolate area around Sinai. Nadab and Abihu did not have any sons. So, only Eleazar and Ithamar were priests with their father Aaron.*

Why did Nadab and Abihu die in front of Yahweh?

Nadab and Abihu died in front of Yahweh when they offered strange fire to him.

Which of Aaron's sons served as priests with Aaron?

Eleazar and Ithamar served as priests with their father Aaron.

Numbers 3:6

ULT	UST
"Bring near the tribe of Levi and station it to the face of Aaron the priest. And they shall minister to him.	*"Summon the descendants of Levi and order them to stand in front of Aaron the priest. They must help Aaron.*

Which tribe did Yahweh say was to help Aaron serve as priest?

The tribe of Levi was to help Aaron.

Numbers 3:7-8

What were the duties of the tribe of Levi?

They were to do the work for Aaron and for all the Israelites at the tent of meeting, take care of all the equipment of the tent of meeting, and serve at the Dwelling.

Numbers 3:9-10

Whom did Yahweh tell Moses to give to Aaron and his sons?

Yahweh told Moses to give the Levites to Aaron and his sons. The Levites were given to Aaron from among the Israelites.

Numbers 3:11-13

Whom did Yahweh set apart for himself?

Yahweh took the Levites for himself instead of the firstborn of Israel. He also set apart for himself every firstborn in Israel, both people and animals.

Numbers 3:13

ULT	UST
for every firstborn is for me. On the day of my striking down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, I consecrated for me every firstborn in Israel, from man up to animal. They are for me. I am Yahweh."	*That is because the oldest male from every Israelite family belongs to me. I set apart the oldest male of every Israelite family and the oldest male offspring of all their farm animals when I killed the oldest male from every Egyptian family in Egypt. So, the eldest males belong to me. I am Yahweh."*

When did Yahweh set apart all the firstborn of Israel for himself?

He set apart for himself all the firstborn in Israel on the day that he struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt.

Numbers 3:14

ULT	UST
And Yahweh spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying,	*In the desolate area around Sinai, Yahweh told Moses,*

Where did Yahweh speak to Moses when he told him to count the sons of Levi?

Yahweh spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai.

Numbers 3:15-16

Whom did Yahweh command Moses to count in the tribe of Levi?

Yahweh commanded Moses to count every male in Levi who was one month old or older.

Numbers 3:17

ULT	UST
And these were the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon and Kohath and Merari.	*The names of Levi's sons were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.*

Who were the sons of Levi?

The sons of Levi were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

Numbers 3:18

ULT	UST
And these are the names of the sons of Gershon according to their clans: Libni and Shimei.	*The names of Gershon's sons by their tribal groups were Libni and Shimei.*

Who were the sons of Gershon?

The sons of Gershon were Libni and Shimei.

Numbers 3:19

ULT	UST
And the sons of Kohath according to their clans were Amram and Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel.	*The names of Kohath's sons by their tribal groups were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.*

Who were the sons of Kohath?

The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

Numbers 3:20

ULT	UST
And the sons of Merari according to their clans were Mahli and Mushi. These are they, the clans of the Levites according to the house of their fathers.	*And the names of Merari's sons by their tribal groups were Mahli and Mushi. These were the tribal groups of the Levites by their ancestral families.*

Who were the sons of Merari?

The sons of Merari were Mahli and Mushi.

Numbers 3:21

ULT	UST
Of Gershon were the clan of the Libnite and the clan of the Shimeite. These are they, the clans of the Gershonite.	*The two tribal groups that descended from Gershon were the descendants of Libni and the descendants of Shimei.*

Which two clans came from Gershon?

The clan of the Libnites and the clan of the Shimeites came from Gershon.

Numbers 3:22

ULT	UST
Their counted ones by the number of every male from a son of a month and upward, their counted ones were 7, 500.	*For those two tribal groups, Moses listed 7, 500 men who were at least one month old.*

How many Gershonite males who were one month old or older did Moses count?

Moses counted 7,500 Gershonite males who were one month old or older.

Numbers 3:23

ULT	UST
The clans of the Gershonite camp behind the Dwelling, to the west.	*The two tribal groups that descended from Gershon set up their tents near the back of the sacred tent on its western side.*

Where were the clans of the Gershonites to camp?

The clans of the Gershonites were to camp behind the Dwelling, on the west side.

Numbers 3:24

ULT	UST
And the leader of the house of the father for the Gershonite was Eliasaph, the son of Lael.	*Lael's son Eliasaph led the ancestral family that descended from Gershon.*

Who was the leader of the ancestral family of the Gershonites?

Eliasaph the son of Lael was the leader of the ancestral family of the Gershonites.

Numbers 3:25-26

Who was to take care of the Dwelling, the tent and its covering, the curtains, the hangings of the courtyard, and the ropes?

The sons of Gershon were to take care of the Dwelling, the tent and its covering, the curtains, the hangings of the courtyard, and the ropes.

Numbers 3:27

ULT	UST
And of Kohath were the clan of the Amramite and the clan of the Izharite and the clan of the Hebronite and the clan of the Uzzielite. These are they, the clans of the Kohathite.	*The four tribal groups that descended from Kohath were the descendants of Amram, the descendants of Izhar, the descendants of Hebron, and the descendants of Uzziel.*

Which four clans came from Kohath?

The clans of the Amramites, the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites came from Kohath.

Numbers 3:28

ULT	UST
By the number of every male from a son of a month and upward, 8, 600 were the keepers of the keeping of the holy place.	*For those four tribal groups, Moses listed 8, 600 men who were at least one month old. They guarded the sacred tent.*

How many Kohathite males who were one month old or older did Moses count? What did they do?

Moses counted 8,600 Kohathite males who were one month old or older. They were the keepers of the holy place.

Numbers 3:29

ULT	UST
The clans of the sons of Kohath camp on the side of the Dwelling to the south.	*The four tribal groups that descended from Kohath set up their tents next to the sacred tent on its southern side.*

Where were the clans of the sons of Kohath to camp?

The clans of the sons of Kohath were to camp on the south side of the Dwelling.

Numbers 3:30

ULT	UST
And the leader of the house of the father for the clans of the Kohathite was Elizaphan, the son of Uzziel.	*Uzziel's son Elizaphan led the ancestral family that descended from Kohath, which was those four tribal groups.*

Who was the leader of the ancestral family of the clans of the Kohathites?

Elizaphan the son of Uzziel was the leader of the ancestral family of the clans of the Kohathites.

Numbers 3:31

ULT	UST
And their keeping was the box and the table and the lampstand and the altars and the vessels of the holy place with which they minister and the curtain, and all its service.	*The descendants of Kohath guarded the sacred chest, the table, the lampstand, the altars, the equipment for the sacred tent that the priests use, the curtain that covered the entrance of the Most Holy Place, and everything that they used to set up and take down the curtain.*

What were the clans of Kohath, who camped on the south side of the Dwelling, to take care of?

They were to take care of the box, the table, the lampstand, the altars, the vessels of the holy place, and the curtain.

Numbers 3:32

ULT	UST
And the leader of the leaders of the Levites was Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, the oversight of the keepers of the keeping of the holy place.	*Aaron the priest's son Eleazar led the men who led the Levites. He was in charge of those who guarded the sacred tent.*

Who was Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest to supervise?

He was to supervise the leaders of the Levites and the men who took care of the holy place.

Numbers 3:33

ULT	UST
Of Merari were the clan of the Mahlite and the clan of the Mushite. These are they, the clans of Merari.	*The two tribal groups that descended from Merari were the descendants of Mahli and the descendants of Mushi.*

Which two clans came from Merari?

The clan of the Mahlites and the clan of the Mushites came from Merari.

Numbers 3:34

ULT	UST
And their counted ones by the number of every male from a son of a month and upward were 6, 200.	*For those two tribal groups, Moses listed 6, 200 men who were at least one month old.*

How many Merarite males who were one month old or older did Moses count?

Moses counted 6,200 Merarite males who were one month old or older.

Numbers 3:35

ULT	UST
And the leader of the house of the father for the clans of Merari was Zuriel, the son of Abihail. They camp on the side of the Dwelling to the north.	*Abihail's son Zuriel led the ancestral family that descended from Merari, which was those two tribal groups. Those two tribal groups set up their tents next to the sacred tent on its northern side.*

Who was to lead the clans of Merari, who camped on the north side of the Dwelling?

Zuriel the son of Abihail was to lead the clans of Merari.

Numbers 3:36-37

What were the clans of Merari, who camped on the north side of the Dwelling, to take care of?

They were to take care of the frames of the Dwelling, its crossbars, pillars, bases, and all its vessels, and the pillars, bases, pegs, and ropes of the courtyard.

Numbers 3:38

ULT	UST
And the ones camping to the face of the Dwelling to the east, to the face of the tent of meeting toward the sunrise, were Moses and Aaron and his sons, the keepers of the keeping of the holy place, according to the keeping of the sons of Israel. And the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.	*Moses, Aaron, and Aaron's sons set up their tents in front of the entrance to the sacred tent on its eastern side. They guarded the sacred tent, and they guarded the Israelites. If anyone who is not a Levite approaches the sacred tent, someone must execute that person.*

What were Moses, Aaron, and Aaron's sons, who camped on the east side of the Dwelling, to do?

They were to take care of the holy place and to do the duties that belonged to the Israelites.

What was to happen to anyone who was not a Levite and who came near the holy place?

That person was to be put to death.

Numbers 3:39

ULT	UST
All the counted ones of the Levites whom Moses and Aaron counted upon the mouth of Yahweh, according to their clans, every male from a son of a month and upward, were 22, 000.	*For the descendants of Levi, Moses and Aaron listed by their tribal groups 22, 000 men who were at least one month old. Moses and Aaron listed them as Yahweh had ordered them to do.*

Whom did Moses and Aaron count?

Moses and Aaron counted every male of the Levites who was one month old or older. The total was 22,000.

Numbers 3:40

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Count every firstborn male of the sons of Israel from a son of a month and upward. And lift up the number of their names.	*Yahweh told Moses, "List all the oldest males from every Israelite family who are at least one month old. Count how many you listed.*

Whom did Yahweh tell Moses to count among the sons of Israel?

Yahweh told Moses to count every firstborn male of the sons of Israel who was one month old or older.

Numbers 3:41

ULT	UST
And you shall take the Levites for me—I am Yahweh—instead of every firstborn among the sons of Israel, and the animal of the Levites instead of every firstborn among the animal of the sons of Israel."	*I am Yahweh. Appoint the Levites to serve me in place of the oldest males from every Israelite family. Appoint for me also the farm animals of the Levites in place of every Israelite family's farm animal's oldest male offspring."*

Whom did Yahweh tell Moses to take for him instead of the firstborn of Israel and instead of their animals?

Yahweh told Moses to take the Levites and the animals of the Levites instead of the firstborn of Israel and their animals.

Numbers 3:43

ULT	UST
And it happened that every firstborn male by the number of the names from a son of a month and upward, according to their counted ones, was 22, 273.	*When Moses listed by name all oldest males from every Israelite family who were at least one month old, there were 22, 273 of them.*

Then whom did Moses count?

Moses counted all the firstborn males of Israel by name, who were one month old or older. The total was 22,273.

Numbers 3:45

ULT	UST
"Take the Levites instead of every firstborn among the sons of Israel, and the animal of the Levites instead of their animal. And the Levites shall be for me—I am Yahweh.	*"In place of the oldest males from every Israelite family, appoint the Levites to serve me. In place of each Israelite family's farm animal's oldest male offspring, appoint the farm animals of the Levites to belong to me. I am Yahweh.*

To whom did all the Levites belong?

The Levites belonged to Yahweh.

Numbers 3:46-47

How much silver did Yahweh tell Moses to take for each of the 273 firstborn males who were more than the number of the Levites?

Yahweh told Moses to take five shekels for each one. He was to use the shekel of the holy place.

Numbers 3:48

ULT	UST
And you shall give the silver to Aaron and to his sons, the ransoms of the ones being in excess among them."	*Give those pieces of silver to Aaron and his sons. Those pieces will pay for the 273 additional oldest males from Israelite families."*

To whom did Yahweh tell Moses to give the silver for the ransoms?

Yahweh told Moses to give the silver to Aaron and his sons.

Numbers 3:49

ULT	UST
And Moses took the silver of the ransom from with the ones being in excess over the ransoms of the Levites.	*Moses collected those pieces of silver from the 273 oldest males from Israelite families for whom the Levites did not substitute.*

From whom did Moses take the silver of the ransom?

Moses took the silver from the firstborn who were more than the number of the Levites.

Numbers 3:50

ULT	UST
From with the firstborn of the sons of Israel he took the silver: 1, 365 by the shekel of the holy place.	*Moses collected a total of 1, 365 pieces of silver from the oldest males of Israelite families. He collected the same kind of pieces of silver that the priests use in the sacred tent.*

How much silver did Moses take from the firstborn of the sons of Israel?

Moses took 1,365 shekels of silver, by the shekel of the holy place.

Numbers 3:51

ULT	UST
And Moses gave the silver of the ransoms to Aaron and to his sons upon the mouth of Yahweh, just as Yahweh had commanded Moses.	*Then Moses gave those 1, 365 pieces of silver to Aaron and his sons to pay for the additional 273 oldest males from Israelite families. He did exactly what Yahweh ordered him to do.*

To whom did Moses give the silver for the ransom of the firstborn of Israel?

He gave the silver to Aaron and his sons, as Yahweh had commanded.

Numbers 4

Numbers 4:1-3

What were Moses and Aaron to conduct?

Moses and Aaron were to conduct a census of the male descendants of Kohath from among the Levites who were 30 to 50 years old.

Numbers 4:4

ULT	UST
This is the service of the sons of Kohath in the tent of meeting, the holy of the holies.	*When the Levites set up and take down the sacred tent, the descendants of Kohath are responsible for the most sacred items.*

What were the descendants of Kohath to do to serve in the tent of meeting?

They were to take care of the most holy things in the tent of meeting.

Numbers 4:5-6

What were Aaron and his sons to take down when the camp set out?

They were to take down the curtain that blocks off the Most Holy Place and cover the Box of the Testimony with it. Then they were to cover the Box with porpoise skin, spread a completely blue cloth over the skin, and set its poles in place.

Numbers 4:7

ULT	UST
And over the table of the faces they shall spread a cloth of blue, and they shall put on it the dishes and the palm-sized bowls and the bowls and the pitchers of the drink offering, and the bread of continuity shall be on it.	*They must lay a blue cloth covering over the sacred table. Then they must place on that cloth the dishes, the ladles, the bowls, and the jugs that the priests use for presenting wine. Also, they must leave the sacred bread on the sacred table.*

Over what were Aaron and his sons to spread a blue cloth, and what were they to put on the cloth?

They were to spread a blue cloth over the table. Then they were to put the dishes and the palm-sized bowls and the bowls and the pitchers for the drink offering on it.

What was always to be on the table?

The bread was always to be on the table.

Numbers 4:8

ULT	UST
And they shall spread over them a cloth of worm of scarlet, and they shall cover it with a covering of skin of a porpoise, and they shall set its poles.	*Then they must lay a red cloth covering over those things and cover that cloth with fine leather. Then they must put the sacred table's poles in the proper place to carry it.*

What were they to use after that to cover the table and the things on it, and what were they to set in place to carry the table?

They were to spread a scarlet cloth over the table and the things on it and cover that with porpoise skin. Then they were to set the table's poles in place.

Numbers 4:9-10

How were they to prepare the lampstand and all its equipment for moving?

They were to cover the lampstand, its lamps, its tongs, its trays, and all its oil vessels with a blue cloth. Then they were to put the lampstand and all its equipment into a porpoise skin covering and put them on the carrying pole.

Numbers 4:11

ULT	UST
And over the altar of gold they shall spread a cloth of blue, and they shall cover it with a covering of skin of a porpoise, and they shall set its poles.	*They must lay a blue cloth covering over the golden altar and cover that cloth with fine leather. Then they must put the altar's poles in the proper place to carry it.*

How was the gold altar to be prepared for moving?

They were to spread a blue cloth over the gold altar, cover it with porpoise skin, and set its poles in place.

Numbers 4:12

ULT	UST
And they shall take all the vessels of the ministry with which they minister in the holy place, and they shall put them into a cloth of blue. And they shall cover them with a covering of skin of a porpoise. And they shall put them on the carrying pole.	*They must wrap in a blue cloth covering all the equipment that they use in the sacred tent and cover that cloth with fine leather. Then they must attach all the equipment to a pole to carry it.*

How was all the equipment for the work in the holy place to be prepared?

They were to take all the equipment for the work in the holy place and put it into a blue cloth. Then they were to cover it with porpoise skin and put it on the carrying pole.

Numbers 4:13

ULT	UST
And they shall remove the ashes from the altar, and they shall spread over it a cloth of purple.	*They must clean the bronze altar and lay a purple cloth covering over it.*

What were they to remove from the altar, and what were they to spread over it?

They were to remove the ashes from the altar and spread a purple cloth over it.

Numbers 4:14

ULT	UST
And they shall put on it all its vessels with which they minister on it: the trays, the meat forks and the shovels and the basins—all the vessels of the altar. And they shall spread over it a covering of skin of a porpoise, and they shall set its poles.	*Then they must place on that cloth all the equipment that they use at the bronze altar, including trays, forks for meat, shovels, and large bowls. Then they must lay fine leather over the altar and its equipment. Then they must put the altar's poles in the proper place to carry it.*

Where were they to put all the equipment that they used at the altar?

They were to put all the equipment, including the trays, the meat forks, the shovels, and the basins, on the altar.

With what were they to cover the altar before they set its poles in place?

They were to cover the altar with porpoise skin before they set its poles in place.

Numbers 4:15

ULT	UST
And Aaron and his sons shall finish to cover the holy place and all the vessels of the holy place when the camp sets out. And after that the sons of Kohath shall come to carry, and they shall not touch the holy place and die. These are the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tent of meeting.	*When the Israelites leave a place, Aaron and his sons must complete putting coverings on the sacred tent and all the equipment that they use in the sacred tent. Once that is complete, the descendants of Kohath can approach and carry all those things. They must not touch anything that belongs in the sacred tent, or they will die. Those are all the things that the descendants of Kohath must carry. That is what they must do at the sacred tent.*

Who was to come and carry the holy place and all its equipment after Aaron and his sons finished covering them when the camp set out?

The descendants of Kohath were to come and carry them, but they must not touch the holy place, or they would die.

Numbers 4:16

ULT	UST
And the oversight of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, is the oil of the light and the incense of the spices and the grain offering of continuity and the oil of the anointing, the oversight of all the Dwelling and all that is in it, in the holy place, and in its vessels."	*Aaron the priest's son Eleazar is in charge of the olive oil that the priests burn to make light in the sacred tent, the incense that they make using spices, the grain that they present regularly, and the oil that they pour on people and things. He is in charge of every part of the sacred tent and everything in it, in what belongs in the sacred tent, and in the equipment that the priests use with it."*

Of what was Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, in charge?

He was in charge of the oil for the light, the incense of spices, the regular grain offering, and the anointing oil. He was also in charge of the whole Dwelling and everything in it, including the holy place and its equipment.

Numbers 4:18-19

What were Moses and Aaron not to do to the Kohathite clans, so that the Kohathites would live and not die?

They were not to cause the Kohathite clans to die among the Levites. Aaron and his sons were to assign each man his service and what he must carry.

Numbers 4:20

ULT	UST
But they shall not go to see, when swallowing, the holy place and die."	*The descendants of Kohath must not look at anything that belongs in the sacred tent, not even briefly, or they will die."*

What did Yahweh warn that the Kohathites must not go in to see, or they would die?

They must not go in to see the holy place, even for a moment, or they would die.

Who alone was allowed to go into the holy place?

Only Aaron and his sons were allowed to go into the holy place.

Numbers 4:22-23

What did Yahweh tell Moses to do concerning the men of the Gershon clans who would serve in the tent of meeting?

Moses was to count the men of the Gershon clans who were 30 years old to 50 years old.

Numbers 4:24-26

What was the work of the Gershonites?

The work of the Gershonites was to carry the curtains of the Dwelling and the tent of meeting, its covering, the porpoise skin covering over it, and the curtain at the entrance of the tent of meeting. They were also to carry the hangings of the courtyard, the curtain at the entrance of the courtyard, their ropes, and all the equipment for their service.

Numbers 4:27-28

Who was to direct all the service of the Gershonites, who were under the care of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest?

Aaron and his sons were to direct all the service of the Gershonites.

Numbers 4:29-30

Which men of the Merari clans did Yahweh tell Moses to count?

Moses was to count the men of the Merari clans who were 30 to 50 years old and who came to serve in the tent of meeting.

Numbers 4:31-32

What were the Merari clans to do in their service for the tent of meeting?

They were to carry the frames of the Dwelling, its crossbars, its pillars, and its bases. They were also to carry the pillars of the courtyard with their bases, pegs, and ropes. Moses was to count by name the equipment that each man must carry.

Numbers 4:33

ULT	UST
This is the service of the clans of the sons of Merari for all their service in the tent of meeting in the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest."	*When the Levites set up and take down the sacred tent, that is what the tribal groups that descended from Merari must do. Aaron the priest's son Ithamar is in charge of them."*

Who was in charge of the Merari clans as they served in the tent of meeting?

Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest, was in charge of them.

Numbers 4:34-35

What did Moses, Aaron, and the leaders of Israel do to obey Yahweh?

They counted the Kohathites by their clans and families, all the men who were 30 to 50 years old and who came to serve in the tent of meeting.

Numbers 4:36

ULT	UST
and their counted ones according to their clans were 2, 750.	*Moses and Aaron listed 2, 750 of these descendants of Kohath by their tribal groups.*

How many men of the Kohathite clans did Moses and Aaron count?

They counted 2,750 men.

Numbers 4:38-40

How many men of the Gershonite clans did Moses and Aaron count?

They counted 2,630 men.

Numbers 4:41

ULT	UST
These were the counted ones of the clans of the sons of Gershon, everyone who serves in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron counted upon the mouth of Yahweh.	*Moses and Aaron listed those men from the tribal groups that descended from Gershon, just as Yahweh ordered them to do. Each one of these men helped set up and take down the sacred tent.*

Who else was counted in their clans from 30 to 50 years old?

The descendants of Gershon were counted in their clans.

Numbers 4:42-44

Who else did Moses and Aaron count in their clans from 30 to 50 years old?

The descendants of Merari were counted in their clans.

Numbers 4:46

ULT	UST
All the counted ones whom Moses and Aaron and the leaders of Israel counted, the Levites according to their clans and according to the house of their fathers,	*Moses, Aaron, and the men who led the Israelites listed all those descendants of Levi by their tribal groups and ancestral families.*

Who counted the Levites according to their clans and families?

Moses, Aaron, and the leaders of Israel counted them.

Numbers 4:47

ULT	UST
from a son of 30 years and upward and up to a son of 50 years, everyone who comes to serve the service of service and the service of burden in the tent of meeting,	*They listed the men who were at least 30 years old and at most 50 years old. These men were able to set up and take down the sacred tent and to carry it and its equipment.*

When Moses counted each Levite in the clans who was 30 to 50 years old, which men did he count?

He counted every man who came to do the work of service and the work of carrying burdens in the tent of meeting.

Numbers 4:48

ULT	UST
and their counted ones were 8, 580.	*They listed a total of 8, 580 of these men.*

How many Levites did Moses, Aaron, and the leaders of Israel count in total?

They counted 8,580 men.

Numbers 4:49

ULT	UST
Upon the mouth of Yahweh he counted them in the hand of Moses, man by man in accordance with his service and in accordance with his burden. So these were his counted ones that Yahweh commanded Moses.	*Moses listed each of these men by what each one had to set up, take down, and carry, just as Yahweh had ordered them to do. Moses was in charge. These were all the men whom Yahweh had ordered Moses to count.*

When Moses counted each man and kept count of each man’s type of work and responsibility, whom did he obey?

When Moses counted each man and kept count of each man’s type of work and responsibility, he obeyed Yahweh.

Numbers 5

Numbers 5:2-3

Which people, both men and women, did Yahweh say must be sent away from the camp?

Yahweh said to send away everyone who has a skin disease, everyone who has a bodily discharge, and everyone who is unclean because of touching a dead body.

Numbers 5:4

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel did so, and they sent them to the outside of the camp. Just as Yahweh spoke to Moses, thus the sons of Israel did.	*Then the Israelites did exactly what Yahweh ordered Moses to do. They removed those people from the campground.*

What did the Israelites do after Yahweh told Moses to send these people away?

The Israelites sent those people outside the camp, just as Yahweh had spoken to Moses.

Numbers 5:6

ULT	UST
"Speak to the sons of Israel: 'A man or a woman, when they do from all the sins of the man to be unfaithful in unfaithfulness against Yahweh, then that person is guilty.	*"Tell the Israelites that any person, whether man or woman, might sin against another person. When a person does that, he or she is not being loyal to Yahweh. So, that person is guilty.*

What does Yahweh say about a man or a woman who sins against another person?

He says that the person is unfaithful against Yahweh and is guilty.

Numbers 5:7

ULT	UST
And they shall confess their sin that they did, and he shall return his guilt in its head and he shall add its fifth upon it, and he shall give to him to whom he is guilty.	*That person must admit how he or she sinned. Then, that person must pay the one against whom he or she sinned the full cost of what he or she did plus one fifth of the full cost.*

What did Yahweh tell Moses that a man or woman who sins against another person must do?

That person must confess the sin, pay back the full cost of the guilt to the one who was wronged, and add one fifth more.

Numbers 5:8-10

What must the guilty person do with the payment if the wronged person has no close relative to receive it?

The guilty person must give the payment to Yahweh by giving it to the priest, along with a ram for atonement. The priest then owns it.

Numbers 5:12

ULT	UST
“Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘A man, a man, when his wife turns aside and is unfaithful against him in unfaithfulness,	*“Tell the Israelites that a man’s wife might stop being loyal to him.*

What did Yahweh say a man’s wife might do?

She might turn aside and be unfaithful to her husband.

Numbers 5:13

ULT	UST
and a man lies with her the lying of seed, and it is concealed from the eyes of her husband, and it is hidden, and she, she is made unclean, but there is no witness against her, and she, she has not been caught,	*Another man might have sex with her, and so she becomes impure. However, her husband does not know this, and no one else knows either. No one can prove what she did.*

What did Yahweh say might be true of the wife even though her husband does not know about it?

She might have lain with another man and become unclean, but there is no witness against her, and she has not been caught.

Numbers 5:14

ULT	UST
and a spirit of jealousy passes over on him and he is jealous of his wife and she, she is made unclean, or a spirit of jealousy passes over on him and he is jealous of his wife and she, she is not made unclean,	*Despite that, her husband might become suspicious that another man has had sex with her, whether she has actually become impure in that way or not.*

What did Yahweh say might come over the husband?

A spirit of jealousy might come over him, and he would be jealous of his wife, whether she is unclean or not.

Numbers 5:15

ULT	UST
then the man shall bring his wife to the priest. And he shall bring her offering upon her, the tenth of the ephah of flour of barley. He shall not pour oil on it, and he shall not put frankincense on it, for it is a grain offering of jealousy, a grain offering of memorial causing iniquity to be remembered.	*In that case, the husband must take his wife to the priest. He must also take about two liters of barley flour to present to the priest on her behalf. He presents this grain offering because he is suspicious of his wife and because he wants to know whether she has done what is wrong. So, he must not put olive oil or incense on the barley flour.*

What did Yahweh say a man must do with his wife if he is jealous and thinks she has sinned against him?

The man must bring his wife to the priest with an offering of about two liters of barley flour. He must not put oil or frankincense on it, because it is a grain offering of jealousy that causes sin to be remembered.

Numbers 5:16-17

What does the priest do first?

The priest places the woman before Yahweh. Then he takes holy water in a clay jar and mixes dust from the floor of the Dwelling into the water.

Numbers 5:18-19

Then what does the priest do?

The priest lets the woman's hair down and puts the grain offering of jealousy in her hands. While the priest holds the bitter water that brings a curse, he makes the woman swear an oath. He tells her that if she has not been unfaithful to her husband, the water will not harm her.

Numbers 5:20-21

What did the priest tell the woman would happen among her people if she was unfaithful to her husband?

The priest told her that Yahweh would make her a curse among her people by making her abdomen swell and her thigh waste away.

Numbers 5:22

ULT	UST
And this water that brings a curse will go in your insides to cause belly to swell and to cause thigh to fall." And the woman shall say, "Amen, amen."	*Yahweh will use this water to curse you when you drink it. It will make your genitals and womb sick.' Then the woman must say, 'May it be so.'*

What does the water that brings a curse cause if the woman is guilty?

The water causes her abdomen to swell and her thigh to waste away.

Numbers 5:23

ULT	UST
And the priest shall write these curses in the book, and he shall wipe them out into the water of bitterness.	*The priest must write down the cursing words on a scroll. Then, he must wash the ink into the water which Yahweh will use to make bad things happen to her.*

What does the priest do with the curses that he writes in the book?

He wipes the curses off into the bitter water.

Numbers 5:24

ULT	UST
And he shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that brings a curse, and the water that brings a curse to bitterness will go in her.	*Then, he must have the woman drink the water that Yahweh will use to curse the wife who has done what is wrong and make bad things happen to her. She must swallow it.*

What must the priest do with the bitter water that has the curses in it?

The priest must make the woman drink the bitter water.

Numbers 5:25-26

What does the priest do with the grain offering?

The priest takes the grain offering from the woman's hand, holds it up to Yahweh, and brings it to the altar. He burns a handful of it, the memorial portion, on the altar.

Numbers 5:26

ULT	UST
And the priest shall grab from the grain offering its memorial portion and he shall cause it to become smoke on the altar. And after he shall make the woman drink the water.	*The priest must scoop out a handful from the grain offering and burn it on the altar in a way that causes smoke to go up. After that, he must have the woman drink the water.*

What does the priest do with the bitter water after he burns the memorial portion?

He makes the woman drink the bitter water.

Numbers 5:27

ULT	UST
And he shall make her drink the water. And it will happen, if she was made unclean and was unfaithful in unfaithfulness against her husband, then the water that brings a curse to bitterness will go in her, and her belly will swell and her thigh will fall, and the woman will become a curse in the midst of her people.	*Suppose that the woman became impure and was not loyal to her husband. In that case, when the priest has her drink the water that Yahweh will use to curse the wife who has done what is wrong and make bad things happen to her, her genitals and womb will become sick. She will experience what the cursing words indicated, and all her fellow Israelites will know.*

What happens to the woman if she has been unfaithful to her husband?

Her abdomen swells, her thigh wastes away, and she becomes a curse among her people.

Numbers 5:28

ULT	UST
And if the woman was not made unclean, and she is clean, then she will be free, and she will be sown with seed.	*However, suppose that she did not become impure. In that case, she is pure, and none of these bad things will happen to her. She will be able to bear children.*

What will happen to the woman if she has not been made unclean?

She will be free and will be able to conceive children.

Numbers 5:29-30

What is the law of jealousy?

It is the law for a woman who turns away from her husband and becomes unclean. It is also the law for a man who has a spirit of jealousy and is jealous of his wife.

Numbers 5:31

ULT	UST
And the man will be free from iniquity, and this woman will lift up her iniquity.’”	*Then, Yahweh will not punish any husband who brings his wife to the priest in this way, but Yahweh will punish any wife who has done what is wrong.”*

What does Yahweh say about the husband and the wife after the priest does all this law?

The husband will be free from guilt, but the woman who has done wrong will bear the consequences of her sin.

Numbers 6

Numbers 6:2

ULT	UST
“Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘A man or a woman, when he does something wonderful to vow a vow of a Nazirite to make separate to Yahweh,	*“Tell the Israelites that any person, whether man or woman, may want to make a solemn promise to be a Nazirite by dedicating himself or herself to Yahweh in a special way.*

Who separated himself unto Yahweh with the vow of a Nazirite?

A man or woman gave a vow of a Nazirite to separate himself to Yahweh.

Numbers 6:3-4

What did a person who had made the vow of the Nazirite not eat during the days of his separation to Yahweh?

He did not eat wine, strong drink, vinegar, grape juice, grapes, and raisins—any thing that had grapes in it.

Numbers 6:5

ULT	UST
All the days of the vow of his separation, a razor shall not pass over upon his head. Until the fulfilling of the days that he made separate to Yahweh, he shall be holy and shall make great the locks of the hair of his head.	*While they are Nazirites, they must not cut their hair. Instead, until they finish the time during which they dedicate themselves to Yahweh, they must remain sacred and let their hair grow long.*

What did he not use during the days of his separation?

During the days of his separation he did not use a razor on his head.

Numbers 6:6

ULT	UST
All the days of him making separate to Yahweh, he shall not go upon a person having died.	*While they are Nazirites, they must not be near a dead body.*

During the days of his separation to Yahweh, to what must the one who takes a Nazirite vow not come near?

One who takes a Nazirite vow must not come near a dead body.

Numbers 6:8

ULT	UST
All the days of his separation he is holy to Yahweh.	*While they are Nazirites, they are sacred and belong to Yahweh.*

To whom was he reserved during the days he was separated and holy?

During the time of his separation he was holy, reserved for Yahweh.

Numbers 6:9

ULT	UST
And if a dying one dies upon him in suddenness suddenly, and he makes the head of his separation unclean, then he shall shave his head on the day of his purification; on the seventh day he shall shave it.	*Suppose that someone dies suddenly near them, which makes impure the long hair that shows that they have dedicated themselves to God. In that case, on the seventh day afterward, when they become pure again, they must cut all their hair off.*

What did a Nazirite do seven days after he was defiled by a dead body?

After seven days a Nazirite shaved his head.

Numbers 6:10-11

On the eighth day, what did a defiled Nazirite first need to bring for an atonement to the priest at the entrance to the tent of meeting when he consecrated himself?

On the eighth day he needed to bring two doves or two young pigeons to the priest at the entrance to the tent of meeting for an atonement. Then he had to consecrate himself on that same day.

Numbers 6:11

ULT	UST
And the priest shall make one for a sin offering and one for a burnt offering, and he shall make atonement for him from what he sinned upon the person. And he shall consecrate his head on that day.	*The priest must offer one of the birds as a purifying sacrifice and the other as a wholly burned sacrifice. When the priest offers these sacrifices, I will accept the sacrifices and remove the Nazirites' sin, which they committed when they were near the dead body. Immediately after that, they must set apart their hair again to show that they are dedicating themselves to Yahweh.*

For what were the two offerings?

The two offerings were as a sin offering and a burnt offering for atonement.

Numbers 6:12

ULT	UST
And he shall make separate to Yahweh the days of his separation, and he shall bring a male lamb, a son of his year, for a guilt offering. And the first days shall fall, because his separation was made unclean.	*The time before they were near the dead body will not count toward the total time during which they dedicate themselves to Yahweh. That is because they became impure during that time. So, they must dedicate themselves to Yahweh for the entire time again. Also, each of them must take a male sheep that is one year old as a restoring sacrifice.*

What guilt offering did he have bring to rededicate himself to Yahweh for the time of his separation?

To rededicate himself to Yahweh for the time of his separation, he had to bring a male lamb one year old as a guilt offering.

Numbers 6:14-15

What sin offering did the defiled Nazirite need to bring to the entrance of the tent of meeting with his male lamb for a guilt offering?

He needed to bring a sin offering of a female one year old lamb without blemish, a ram without blemish as a fellowship offering, a basket of bread without leaven, a grain offering, and a drink offering to Yahweh.

Numbers 6:16-17

Who had to present the offerings to Yahweh for the Nazirite?

The priest had to present them before Yahweh.

Numbers 6:18

ULT	UST
And the Nazirite shall shave the head of his separation at the opening of the tent of meeting, and he shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and he shall put it on the fire that is under the sacrifice of peace offering.	*Then the Nazirites must cut off the long hair that shows that they have dedicated themselves to God. They must do this at the entrance to the sacred tent. Then, they must place the long hair they cut off on the flames that burn under the fellowship sacrifices that they offered.*

What did the Nazirite have to do with the hair that he shaved from his head?

He had to take the hair and put it on the fire under the fellowship offerings.

Numbers 6:19-20

What did the priest put in the Nazirite's hands to lift high as an offering to present to Yahweh?

In the Nazirite's hands, the priest put the boiled shoulder of the ram, one loaf of bread without yeast out of the basket, and one wafer without yeast to present to Yahweh.

Numbers 6:20

ULT	UST
And the priest shall raise them as a raised offering to the face of Yahweh. It is a holy thing for the priest upon the breast of the raised offering and upon the thigh of the contribution. And after, the Nazirite will drink wine.	*Then the priest must take back the meat and bread and hold them up in Yahweh's presence. They are sacred and belong to the priest. That is in addition to the breast meat that he holds up in Yahweh's presence and the thigh meat from the special contribution, both of which he normally receives from a fellowship sacrifice. After the priest has completed all those things, the person who was a Nazirite can now drink wine and other alcoholic drinks.*

For whom was this offering, plus the breast and thigh that was raised, reserved afterwards?

This offering, plus the breast and thigh that were raised, were reserved for the priest.

What could the Nazirite drink after that?

The Nazirite could drink wine.

Numbers 6:25-26

What blessings were Aaron and his sons to give the people from Yahweh?

Aaron and his sons were to give the people a blessing of Yahweh's light and peace.

Numbers 7

Numbers 7:1

ULT	UST
And it happened on the day of Moses finishing to raise up the Dwelling that he anointed it and consecrated it and all its vessels and the altar and all its vessels. And he anointed them, and he consecrated them.	*When Moses completed setting up the sacred tent, he poured olive oil on it and set it apart. He also poured olive oil on the equipment for the sacred tent, the altar, and the equipment for the altar and set them apart.*

What did Moses anoint and sanctify for Yahweh on the day that the tabernacle and altar were completed?

He anointed and sanctified the tabernacle, all its furnishings, the altar and all it's utensils for Yahweh.

Numbers 7:3

ULT	UST
And they brought their offering to the face of Yahweh, six covered wagons and 12 cattle, a wagon according to two of the leaders and an ox for one. And they presented them to the face of the Dwelling.	*They took their gifts to the sacred tent, in Yahweh's presence. They used six carts and twelve bulls. Each cart was from two leaders, and each bull was from one leader.*

What did the leaders of Israel bring as sacrifices in front of the tabernacle?

They brought six covered carts and twelve oxen as sacrifices in front of the tabernacle.

Numbers 7:5

ULT	UST
"Take from with them, and they shall be to serve the service of the tent of meeting. And you shall give them to the Levites, a man according to the mouth of his service."	*"Accept their gifts. The Levites must use them as they set up and take down the sacred tent. Give them to the Levites who can best use them as they do so."*

To whom did Moses give the offerings?

Moses gave the offerings to the Levites, to each one as his work needed them.

Numbers 7:7

ULT	UST
Two of the wagons and four of the cattle he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to the mouth of their service,	*He gave two carts and four bulls to the descendants of Gershon since they could use them as they set up and took down the sacred tent.*

What did Gershon and his descendants receive because of what their work needed?

Gershon and his descendants received two carts and four oxen.

Numbers 7:8

ULT	UST
and four of the wagons and eight of the cattle he gave to the sons of Merari, according to the mouth of their service, in the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest.	*He gave four carts and eight bulls to the descendants of Merari since they could use them as they set up and took down the sacred tent. Aaron the priest's son Ithamar was in charge of both these groups of Levites.*

What did Merari and his descendants receive because of what their work needed?

Merari and his descendants received four carts and eight oxen.

Numbers 7:9

ULT	UST
But to the sons of Kohath he did not give, for the service of the holy place was upon them. They carried on the shoulder.	*However, he did not give any carts or bulls to the descendants of Kohath. That was because they carried the things that belonged in the sacred tent. They had to carry those things themselves instead of using carts.*

Why did not the descendants of Kohath receive any of the carts and oxen given as offerings?

The descendants of Kohath did not receive any of the carts and oxen given as offering because they carried the equipment and objects reserved for the tabernacle on their shoulders.

Numbers 7:10

ULT	UST
And the leaders presented the dedication of the altar on the day of its being anointed. And the leaders presented their offering to the face of the altar.	*When Moses poured olive oil on the altar and set it apart, the men who led the Israelites offered gifts before the altar.*

When was each leader to offer their goods for the dedication of the altar?

On their own day each leader offered their sacrifices in front of the altar.

Numbers 7:12

ULT	UST
And the one presenting his offering on the first day was Nahshon, the son of Amminadab, for the tribe of Judah.	*On the first day, Nahshon son of Amminadab offered his gifts. He was from Judah tribe.*

Who was the first of the 12 tribes of Israel that offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

Judah was the first of the 12 tribes of Israel that offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:18

ULT	UST
On the second day, Nethanel, the son of Zuar, the leader of Issachar, presented.	*On the second day, Nethanel son of Zuar, who led Issachar tribe, offered his gifts.*

On the 2nd day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

On the 2nd day, Issachar of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:24

ULT	UST
On the third day, the leader for the sons of Zebulun, Eliab, the son of Helon:	*On the third day, Eliab son of Helon, who led the descendants of Zebulun, offered his gifts.*

On the 3rd day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

On the 3rd day, Zebulun of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:30

ULT	UST
On the fourth day, the leader for the sons of Reuben, Elizur, the son of Shedeur:	*On the fourth day, Elizur son of Shedeur, who led the descendants of Reuben, offered his gifts.*

On the 4th day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

On the 4th day, Reuben of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:36

ULT	UST
On the fifth day, the leader for the sons of Simeon, Shelumiel, the son of Zurishaddai:	*On the fifth day, Shelumiel son of Zurishaddai, who led the descendants of Simeon, offered his gifts.*

On the 5th day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

On the 5th day, Simeon of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:42

ULT	UST
On the sixth day, the leader for the sons of Gad, Eliasaph, the son of Deuel:	*On the sixth day, Eliasaph son of Deuel, who led the descendants of Gad, offered his gifts.*

On the 6th day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

On the 6th day, Gad of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:54

ULT	UST
On the eighth day, the leader for the sons of Manasseh, Gamaliel, the son of Pedahzur:	*On the eighth day, Gamaliel son of Pedahzur, who led the descendants of Manasseh offered his gifts.*

On the 8th day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

On the 8th day, Manasseh of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:60

ULT	UST
On the ninth day, the leader for the sons of Benjamin, Abidan, the son of Gideoni:	*On the ninth day, Abidan son of Gideoni, who led the descendants of Benjamin, offered his gifts.*

On the 9th day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

On the 9th day, Benjamin of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

On the 11th day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

On the 11th day, Asher of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

On the 12th day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

On the 12th day, Naphtali of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:66

ULT	UST
On the tenth day, the leader for the sons of Dan, Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai:	*On the tenth day, Ahiezer son of Ammishaddai, who led the descendants of Dan, offered his gifts.*

On the 10th day, which of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar?

On the 10th day, Dan of the 12 tribes of Israel offered sacrifices for the dedication of the altar.

Numbers 7:89

ULT	UST
And when Moses went to the tent of meeting to speak with him, then he heard the voice speaking to him from upon the atonement lid that is on the Box of the Testimony, from between the two cherubs. And he spoke to him.	*Then, Moses entered the sacred tent to talk with Yahweh, and he heard Yahweh's voice. The voice came from between the two images of creatures with wings that were above the lid for the sacred chest. That is how Yahweh spoke to Moses.*

From what place did Yahweh speak to Moses when he was in the tent of meeting?

Yahweh spoke to Moses from above the atonement lid on the ark of the covenant decrees, between the two cherubs.

Numbers 8

Numbers 8:2

ULT	UST
“Speak to Aaron and say to him, ‘When you lift up the lamps, the seven lamps shall shine to the front of the face of the lampstand.’”	*“Tell Aaron that, when he puts the seven lamps in their places on the lampstand, he must make sure that they light up the area in front of the lampstand.”*

What was Yahweh’s command to Aaron about the seven lamps?

Yahweh commanded that the lamps must give light in front of the lampstand.

Numbers 8:4

ULT	UST
And this is the work of the lampstand: a hammered work of gold; it was a hammered work up to its side, up to its blossom. According to the appearance that Yahweh showed Moses, so he made the lampstand.	*The people who made the lampstand had made it look exactly like what Yahweh had shown to Moses. They had made it, including its main shaft and the flower decorations on it, by hammering a single sheet of gold.*

Who showed Moses the pattern for the lamp?

Yahweh showed Moses the pattern for the lamp.

Numbers 8:5

ULT	UST
And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,	*Yahweh told Moses,*

What did Yahweh ask Moses do to the Levites?

Yahweh told Moses to take the Levites from among the people of Israel and purify them.

Numbers 8:7

ULT	UST
And thus you shall do to them to cleanse them: Sprinkle on them the water of the sin offering. And they shall pass a razor over all their flesh, and they shall wash their clothes, and they shall cleanse themselves.	*Here is how to make them pure. You must flick some purifying water on them. You must have them shave off their hair completely. You must have them wash their clothes. That is how they will make themselves pure.*

What did Moses do to the Levites to purify them?

Moses sprinkled them with water of atonement, shaved their entire bodies, and washed their clothes.

Numbers 8:8

ULT	UST
And they shall take a bull, a son of cattle, and its grain offering of flour mixed with the oil. And you shall take a second bull, a son of cattle, for a sin offering.	*They must select a young bull and prepare grain offering that goes with it, which is flour with olive oil in it. You must select another young bull to be a purifying sacrifice.*

What was the offering that the Levites brought?

The Levites brought two young bulls and a grain offering with fine flour mixed with oil.

Numbers 8:10

ULT	UST
And you shall present the Levites to the face of Yahweh, and the sons of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites.	*You must offer the Levites in my presence, and the leaders of the Israelites must place their hands on them.*

What did Yahweh tell Moses to ask the people of Israel to do to the Levites to purify them?

Yahweh told the people of Israel to lay their hands on the Levites.

Numbers 8:11

ULT	UST
And Aaron shall raise the Levites as a raised offering to the face of Yahweh from with the sons of Israel. And they shall be to serve the service of Yahweh.	*From all the Israelites, Aaron must set the Levites apart in my presence, as if he were holding them up as an offering. Then, the Levites must do the work that I require.*

Why did they present the Levites as though they were raised high before Yahweh?

They presented the Levites on behalf of the people so that the Levites might serve Yahweh.

Numbers 8:12

ULT	UST
And the Levites shall lay their hands on the head of the bulls, and make the one a sin offering and the one a burnt offering to Yahweh, to make atonement for the Levites.	*Then the Levites must place their hands on bulls' heads. You must have a priest offer one bull as a purifying sacrifice and the other bull as a wholly burned sacrifice in order to remove their sins and ransom them.*

What kinds of offerings were the bulls for the Levites?

The bulls were a sin offering and a burnt offering to atone for the Levites.

Where did the Levites place their hands?

The Levites placed their hands on the heads of the bulls.

Numbers 8:14-15

What tribe was separated, purified, and lifted up as an offering to Yahweh so they could serve in the tent of meeting?

The Levite tribe was separated, purified, and lifted up as an offering to Yahweh so they could serve in the tent of meeting.

Numbers 8:17

ULT	UST
For to me is every firstborn among the sons of Israel, among the man and among the animal. On the day of my striking down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, I consecrated them to me.	*That is because the oldest male from every Israelite family and the oldest male offspring of all their farm animals belong to me. When I killed the oldest male from every Egyptian family in Egypt, I set the oldest male from every Israelite family apart for myself.*

When did Yahweh set apart all the firstborn people and animals for himself?

Yahweh set apart all the firstborn of people and animals for himself on the day he took the lives of all the firstborn of the Egyptians in the land of Egypt.

Numbers 8:19

ULT	UST
And I gave the Levites as given ones to Aaron and to his sons from the midst of the sons of Israel, to serve the service of the sons of Israel in the tent of meeting and to make atonement for the sons of Israel. And a plague will not be among the sons of Israel when the sons of Israel come near to the holy place."	*Out of all the Israelites, I have assigned the Levites to serve Aaron and his sons. They will set up and take down the sacred tent for the Israelites, and they will ransom the Israelites. That way, when the Israelites approach the sacred tent, bad things will not happen to them."*

Whom did Yahweh give to the people of Israel to atone for the people so that no plague would harm them when they came near the sanctuary?

He gave the Levites, instead of the firstborn, to Aaron and his sons to do the work and to atone for the people in the tent of meeting.

Numbers 8:20

ULT	UST
And Moses, and Aaron and all the congregation of the sons of Israel, did to the Levites according to all that Yahweh had commanded Moses for the Levites; thus the sons of Israel did to them.	*Moses, Aaron, and the rest of the Israelite community did exactly what Yahweh told Moses to do with the Levites.*

Did Moses, Aaron, and the whole community do everything that Yahweh had commanded concerning Levites?

Yes, they did everything that Yahweh had commanded Moses concerning the Levites.

Numbers 8:24

ULT	UST
“This is what is for the Levites: From a son of 25 years and upward he shall come to fight in the army in the service of the tent of meeting.	*“Here are instructions for the Levites. The Levite men who are at least 25 years old are able to work at the sacred tent and set it up and take it down.*

What did Yahweh say to Moses about the age limits of serving in the tent meeting?

Levites who were twenty-five years old could serve until they were fifty years.

Numbers 8:26

ULT	UST
And he shall minister to his brothers in the tent of meeting to keep keeping, but he shall not serve service. Thus you shall do for the Levites in their keepings.”	*They can help their fellow Levites at the tent of meeting by guarding the sacred tent and its equipment. However, they cannot set up and take down the sacred tent. That is what you must have the Levites do as they guard the sacred tent and its equipment.”*

What could they do when they could not serve in the tabernacle after 50?

Levites after 50 years old could help their brothers.

Numbers 9

Numbers 9:1

ULT	UST
And Yahweh spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the second year of their going out from the land of Egypt, in the first month, saying,	*It was the first month of the year after the Israelite people had left Egypt. While the Israelite people were in the desolate area around Sinai, Yahweh spoke to Moses. Yahweh told him,*

Who spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai?

Yahweh spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai.

When did Yahweh spoke to Moses?

Yahweh spoke to Moses in the first month of the second year after they came out from the land of Egypt.

Numbers 9:3

ULT	UST
On day 14 in this month, between the evenings, you shall do it in its appointed time. According to all its statutes and according to all its ordinances you shall do it."	*You must celebrate it on the fourteenth day of this month, early in the evening. You must obey all the instructions about it that I previously told you."*

When were the people of Israel to observe the Passover while they were in the wilderness of Sinai?

Every year they were to observe the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month.

Numbers 9:7

ULT	UST
And those men said to him, "We are unclean to a person of a man. Why are we taken away not to present the offering of Yahweh in its appointed time in the midst of the sons of Israel?"	*They told Moses, "We are impure because we touched a dead body. However, we do not want that to prevent us from offering the Passover sacrifice to Yahweh at the proper time along with the rest of the Israelites."*

With what question did Moses go to Yahweh?

Moses went to Yahweh with a question because there were men who were unclean but wanted to keep the Passover.

Numbers 9:10

ULT	UST
“Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘A man, a man, when he is unclean to a person or is on a distant way, for you or for your generations, then he will do the Passover to Yahweh.	*“Tell the Israelites that people might be impure because they touched a dead body. Or, they might be traveling far away. In those cases, those people can still celebrate the Passover Celebration to honor me. These instructions apply to the Israelites who are alive now and to all their descendants.*

What was the answer to Moses’ question to Yahweh?

Yahweh told Moses that if a man was unclean because of a dead body or because he was on a long journey, he could still keep the Passover.

Numbers 9:11

ULT	UST
In the second month on day 14, between the evenings, they shall do it. With unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.	*The people who are impure or traveling can celebrate the Passover Celebration on the fourteenth day of the second month of the same year. They must eat the lamb for the Passover Celebration along with bread without yeast and sour vegetables.*

When were those men to keep the Passover rather than on the 14th day of the 1st month?

Those men who were unclean or on a long journey kept the Passover on the 14th day of the 2nd month.

Numbers 9:11-12

What were some rules for keeping the Passover?

They were to eat the Passover with bread without yeast and bitter herbs and leave none of it until morning while not breaking a bone of the animal.

Numbers 9:13

ULT	UST
And the man who is clean and is not on a way and ceases to do the Passover, then that person shall be cut off from his people, for he did not present the offering of Yahweh in its appointed time. That man shall lift up his sin.	*However, suppose that any Israelites are pure and are not traveling, but they do not celebrate the Passover Celebration. In that case, the other Israelites must drive those people out from among them. That is because those people did not offer the Passover sacrifice to me at the proper time. I will punish those people for what they did wrong.*

What caused a man to be cut off from his people?

A person who was clean and not on a journey but failed to keep the Passover that Yahweh required would be cut off from his people.

Numbers 9:14

ULT	UST
And if a sojourner sojourns with you and does the Passover to Yahweh according to the statute of the Passover and according to its ordinance, so he shall do. One statute shall be for you and for the sojourner and for the native of the land.'"	*Any foreigners who live among you and who want to celebrate the Passover Celebration to honor me may do so. They must obey all the instructions about the Passover Celebration that I previously told you. The same instructions apply to foreigners and to Israelites."*

What was the Passover law for a stranger in the land of Israel?

He had to keep the Passover, do all the commands, and obey the laws required.

Numbers 9:15-16

What happened to the cloud over the tabernacle at night?

The cloud appeared as a fire at night.

Numbers 9:17

ULT	UST
And to the mouth of the cloud being taken up from upon the tent, and after that the sons of Israel set out. And in a place where the cloud dwells there, there the sons of Israel camp.	*Whenever the cloud moved from the sacred tent, the Israelites would immediately leave the place where they had set up their tents. Whenever the cloud stayed in one place, the Israelites would set up their tents there.*

How did the people know to go or to stop traveling?

When the cloud was taken up from over the tent, the people would travel; when the cloud stopped, the people stayed in their camp.

Numbers 9:19

ULT	UST
And when the cloud prolongs upon the Dwelling many days, then the sons of Israel keep the keeping of Yahweh, and they do not set out.	*Sometimes, the cloud would be over the sacred tent for a long time. When that happened, the Israelites would do exactly what Yahweh required. They would not leave the place where they had set up their tents.*

What would the people do when the cloud remained on the tabernacle for many days?

The people would obey Yahweh’s instructions and not travel.

Numbers 9:20-21

When was the only time the people could journey?

The people could only journey when the cloud lifted at Yahweh’s command.

Numbers 9:22

ULT	UST
Whether two days or a month or days, when the cloud prolongs upon the Dwelling to dwell upon it, the sons of Israel camp and do not set out. And when it is taken up, they set out.	*Sometimes, the cloud would stay over the sacred tent for two days, or a month, or a year, or any other length of time. In those cases, the Israelites would stay where they had set up their tents for that time. When the cloud would eventually move from over the sacred tent, they would leave that place.*

When did the people of Israel stay in their camp and not travel?

When the cloud stayed on the tabernacle, the people of Israel stayed in their camp and did not travel.

Numbers 9:23

ULT	UST
Upon the mouth of Yahweh they camp, and upon the mouth of Yahweh they set out. They kept the keeping of Yahweh upon the mouth of Yahweh in the hand of Moses.	*So, the Israelites would set up their tents in a new place and leave that place as Yahweh commanded them to using the cloud. They did exactly what Yahweh required. Moses was in charge of the Israelites as they did that.*

How did the people of Israel find out Yahweh's commands?

The people of Israel found out Yahweh's commands through Moses.

Numbers 10

Numbers 10:2

ULT	UST
“Make for you two trumpets of silver. You shall make them hammered work, and they shall be for you for the assembly of the congregation and for the departure of the camps,	*“Have someone make two trumpets by hammering them from a single sheet of silver. You must use these trumpets to summon the whole Israelite community together and to signal that it is time to leave the place where the Israelites have set up their tents.*

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to make two silver trumpets?

Yahweh told Moses to make two silver trumpets to call the community together or to move their camps.

Numbers 10:3

ULT	UST
and they shall blow them, and all the congregation shall congregate to you to the opening of the tent of meeting.	*When the priests sound both trumpets, the whole Israelite community must gather together with you at the entrance to the sacred tent.*

Who was to blow the trumpets?

The priests were to blow the trumpets.

Numbers 10:4

ULT	UST
And if they blow one, then the leaders, the heads of the thousands of Israel, shall congregate to you.	*When the priests sound only one trumpet, the men who lead the clans of the Israelite people must gather together with you at the entrance to the sacred tent.*

What was the signal for only the leaders to gather to Moses?

When the priests blew only one trumpet, that was the signal for only the leaders to gather to Moses.

Numbers 10:5

ULT	UST
And you shall blow an alarm, and the camps camping to the east shall set out,	*When the priests sound the trumpets in a special way, the people that set up their tents on the east side of the sacred tent must leave that place.*

What was the signal for people on the east side to begin their journey?

The signal for people on the east side to begin their journey was a loud trumpet blow.

Numbers 10:6

ULT	UST
and you shall blow a second alarm, and the camps camping to the south shall set out. They shall blow an alarm for their setting out.	*When the priests sound the trumpets in a special way a second time, the people that set up their tents on the south side of the sacred tent must leave that place. The priests must sound the trumpets in that special way whenever the people who set up their tents on any side of the sacred tent must leave those places.*

What was the signal for the camps on the south side to begin their journey?

The signal for the camps on the south side to begin their journey was a second loud signal.

Numbers 10:7

ULT	UST
And when assembling the assembly, you shall blow but you shall not blow an alarm.	*When you want to summon the whole Israelite community, the priests must sound the trumpets, but not in that special way.*

What did a soft blow of the trumpet signal?

The community was to gather together.

Numbers 10:8

ULT	UST
And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets, and they shall be for you for a statute of eternity, for your generations.	*The descendants of Aaron who are priests are the ones who should sound the trumpets. These instructions about the trumpets always apply, both to the Israelites who are alive now and to their descendants.*

Who was always to blow the trumpets?

The sons of Aaron, the priests, were the only ones to blow the trumpets.

Numbers 10:9

ULT	UST
And when you go to a battle in your land against the opponent who opposes you, then you shall blow an alarm on the trumpets, and you shall be remembered to the face of Yahweh your God, and you shall be saved from your enemies.	*When you fight in your own country against enemies who attack you, have the priests sound the trumpets in a special way. I, Yahweh your God, will listen and rescue you from those enemies.*

When they went to war and sounded an alarm with the trumpets, what would Yahweh do?

When they went to war and sounded an alarm with the trumpet, Yahweh would remember them and save them from their enemies.

Numbers 10:10

ULT	UST
And on the day of your joy and at your appointed times and at the heads of your months, then you shall blow the trumpets upon your burnt offerings and upon the sacrifices of your peace offerings, and they will be for you for a memorial to the face of your God. I am Yahweh your God."	*When it is a day when you rejoice, including at the yearly celebrations and on the first day of each month, have the priests sound the trumpets. They must do that when the priests offer the wholly burned sacrifices and fellowship sacrifices that you give. Then, I will listen to you and think about you. I am Yahweh your God."*

Why would they blow trumpets at the times of celebration?

They would blow the trumpets in honor of their burnt offerings and fellowship offerings.

Numbers 10:11

ULT	UST
And it happened in the second year, in the second month, on 20 in the month, the cloud was taken up from upon the Dwelling of the Testimony.	*It was the twentieth day of the second month of the second year. On that day, the cloud moved from the sacred tent.*

What happened in the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth day of the month?

In the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth day of the month, the cloud lifted from the tabernacle.

Numbers 10:12

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel set out according to their departures from the wilderness of Sinai, and the cloud dwelled in the wilderness of Paran.	*So, the Israelites left the desolate area around Sinai. Each group of tribes left in the proper order. The cloud moved to the desolate area near the city of Paran and stayed there, and the Israelites followed it.*

Where did the people of Israel go after leaving the wilderness of Sinai?

The people went from the wilderness of Sinai to the wilderness of Paran.

Numbers 10:14

ULT	UST
And the banner of the camp of the sons of Judah set out in the first according to their armies: and over his army was Nahshon, the son of Amminadab,	*The three tribes that set up their camps near the tribal flag that belonged to the descendants of Judah left first. They left by their army divisions. Amminadab's son Nahshon led the soldiers from Judah tribe.*

What camp moved first?

The camp of Judah moved out first.

Numbers 10:17

ULT	UST
And the Dwelling was taken down, and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari, the ones carrying the Dwelling, set out.	*Then the Levites disassembled the sacred tent. The descendants of Gershon and Merari carried its pieces, and they left next.*

Who cared for the tabernacle?

The descendants of Gershon and of Merari.

Numbers 10:21

ULT	UST
And the Kohathites, the ones carrying the holy place, set out, and they raised up the Dwelling until their coming.	*The descendants of Kohath carried the things that belonged in the sacred tent, and they left next. The other Levites set up the sacred tent before the descendants of Kohath arrived at the place where they would set up their tents.*

Who carried the sanctuary's holy equipment?

The Kohathites carried the holy equipment.

Numbers 10:22

ULT	UST
And the banner of the camp of the sons of Ephraim set out according to their armies: and over his army was Elishama, the son of Ammihud,	*Then the three tribes that set up their camps near the tribal flag that belonged to the descendants of Ephraim left. They left by their army divisions. Ammihud's son Elishama led the soldiers from Ephraim tribe.*

Under what banner were the next armies to set out?

The armies under the banner of Ephraim were the next to set out.

Numbers 10:25

ULT	UST
And the banner of the camp of the sons of Dan, the one gathering for all the camps, set out according to their armies: and over his army was Ahiezer, the son of Ammishaddai.	*Then the three tribes that set up their camps near the tribal flag that belonged to the descendants of Dan left as the rearguard. They left by their army divisions. Ammishaddai's son Ahiezer led the soldiers from Dan tribe.*

Under what banner was the last army that set out?

The armies that camped under the banner of Dan's descendants were the last that set out.

Numbers 10:29

ULT	UST
And Moses said to Hobab, the son of Reuel, the Midianite, the father-in-law of Moses, "We are setting out to the place that Yahweh said, 'I shall give it to you.' Go with us, and we will do good to you. For Yahweh has spoken good upon Israel."	*When the Israelites were getting ready to leave the desolate area around Sinai, Moses spoke to Hobab. Hobab was the father of Moses' wife, and he was Reuel's son. He was from the Midian people group. Moses said to him, "We are about to leave for the place that Yahweh promised to give to us. Please come with us. Yahweh has promised to take good care of us Israelites. So, we will take good care of you."*

Who was Reuel?

Reuel was the father of Moses' wife.

Who did Moses invite to come with the people of Israel?

Moses invited Hobab, his wife's father's son.

Numbers 10:30

ULT	UST
And he said to him, "I will not go, except I will go to my land and to my relatives."	*Hobab replied, "No, I will not come with you. Instead, I will return to my own country and family."*

Where did Hobab want to go instead?

Hobab wanted to go to his own land and to his own people.

Numbers 10:31

ULT	UST
And he said, "Please do not leave us! For upon this, you know our camping in the wilderness, and you will be for us for eyes.	*But Moses said, "You know the places where we can set up our tents in this desolate area, and you can guide us. So, I ask you not to go away.*

Why did Moses want Hobab to go with them?

Moses wanted Hobab to go with them because he knew how to camp in the wilderness.

Numbers 10:33-34

What was over them as they journeyed in the daylight with the ark of the covenant?

Yahweh's cloud was over as they journeyed in the daylight with the ark of the covenant.

Numbers 10:35

ULT	UST
And it happened, when the box set out, that Moses said, "Rise up, Yahweh, and your enemies will scatter, and the ones hating you will flee from your face."	*Whenever the people who carried the sacred chest left a place, Moses would say, "Yahweh, please act for us. Then, the people who hate you and act against you will run away from your presence!"*

What did Moses ask Yahweh to do as they set out on their journey?

He asked Yahweh to scatter his enemies and make those who hated him run from him.

Numbers 10:36

ULT	UST
And when it rested, he says, "Return, Yahweh, the ten thousands of the thousands of Israel."	*Whenever the people who carried the sacred chest stayed in a place, Moses would say, "Yahweh, please stay with the very many Israelite clans!"*

What did Moses say to Yahweh when they stopped?

He asked Yahweh to return the many tens of thousands of Israel.

Numbers 11

Numbers 11:1

ULT	UST
And it happened that the people were like those complaining of evil in the ears of Yahweh, and Yahweh heard, and his nose burned, and the fire of Yahweh burned among them, and it ate at the end of the camp.	*One day the Israelites grumbled in Yahweh's presence about how much they thought they were suffering. When Yahweh listened to what they said, he was angry. So, he sent a fire that burned at the edge of their campsite and destroyed some of their belongings.*

To what words of the people was Yahweh listening?

The people complained about their troubles as Yahweh listened.

Numbers 11:2

ULT	UST
And the people cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to Yahweh, and the fire sank;	*Then the Israelites pleaded with Moses to help them. So, Moses asked Yahweh to stop the fire, and the fire did stop.*

What did Moses do when the people called out to him about the fire?

When they called out to Moses, he prayed to Yahweh, and the fire stopped.

Numbers 11:4

ULT	UST
And the rabble that was in its midst desired a desire, and also the sons of Israel returned, and they wept. And they said, "Who will feed us flesh?	*After that, some people who were not Israelites wanted very badly to eat meat. Then the Israelites too cried again, as they did when they grumbled earlier. They said, "We wish someone would give us meat to eat!*

What were the people of Israel asking for when they began to weep?

The people of Israel wept and said, "Who will give us meat to eat?"

Numbers 11:8

ULT	UST
The people went about, and they gathered, and they ground in the mill or crushed in the mortar, and they boiled in the pot, and they made it cakes, and its taste was like the taste of the freshness of the oil.	

Where did the people find manna?

The people walked through the camp ground and gathered manna.

Numbers 11:9

ULT	UST
And when the dew came down on the camp at night, the manna came down upon it.	

When would the manna fall on the camp?

When the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna also fell.

Numbers 11:11

ULT	UST
And Moses said to Yahweh, "Why do you do evil to your servant? And why have I not found favor in your eyes, to put the burden of all this people on me?	*Then Moses went to the sacred tent and said to Yahweh, "I am upset that you have made me, your servant, suffer like this. You must have chosen not to treat me kindly. Otherwise, you would not have made me take care of all these people!*

How did Moses say Yahweh had treated him?

Moses said Yahweh had treated his servant so badly.

Numbers 11:13

ULT	UST
From where is flesh for me to give to all this people? For they weep upon me, saying, 'Give to us flesh and let us eat.'	*All these people cry in front of me and ask me to give them meat to eat. However, I cannot get enough meat to feed all these people!*

For what were the people asking when they wept in front of Moses?

They wept in front of Moses and asked for meat to eat.

Numbers 11:16

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Gather for me 70 men from the elders of Israel whom you know that they are elders of the people and its officers, and you shall take them to the tent of meeting, and they shall station themselves there with you.	*Yahweh told Moses, "Summon 70 men whom you know are leaders among the Israelite people. Have them go to the sacred tent and stand there with you.*

Who did Yahweh tell Moses to bring to him?

Yahweh told Moses to bring to him seventy of Israel's elders.

Numbers 11:17

ULT	UST
And I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take away from the Spirit that is on you, and I will put on them, and they will carry the burden of the people with you, and you, you will not carry by yourself.	*I will be present in a special way and talk with you at the sacred tent. By means of my Spirit, I have enabled you to lead my people. I will also enable the 70 leaders to lead my people by means of my Spirit. They will help you take care of the people so that you will not have to do so alone.*

What did Yahweh say the leaders would do after he put some of the Spirit on them?

Yahweh said that the leaders would bear the burden of the people with Moses.

Numbers 11:18

ULT	UST
And to the people you shall say, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat flesh. For you wept in the ears of Yahweh, saying, “Who will feed us flesh? For it was good for us in Egypt.” And Yahweh shall give to you flesh, and you shall eat.	*Also, tell the people that they must set themselves apart to prepare for the next day, when they will eat meat. Remind them that they cried in my presence and said that they wished that someone would give them meat to eat just as when they lived well in Egypt. Tell them that I will provide them with meat to eat.*

Who would supply the meat for the people to eat?

Yahweh would give them meat, and they would eat it.

Numbers 11:20

ULT	UST
until a month of days, until when it goes out from your nose. And it shall be for nausea for you because you rejected Yahweh who is in your midst, and you wept to his face, saying, “Why is this: we went out from Egypt?”’”	*Tell them that they will instead eat meat every day for a month, and then they will have too much and will want to vomit when they eat it. Tell them that this will happen because they have not wanted to obey me, who am present with them in a special way, and because they cried in my presence and said that they were very unhappy that they left Egypt.”*

For how long did Yahweh say the people would eat meat?

The people would eat meat for a whole month.

Numbers 11:23

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, “Is the hand of Yahweh short? Now you will see whether my word will happen to you or not.”	*Yahweh replied, “You doubt that I am powerful. At this time you will find out if I can do what I say I will do.”*

What did Yahweh say Moses would see about Yahweh’s word?

Yahweh said Moses would see whether or not Yahweh’s word was true.

Numbers 11:25

ULT	UST
And Yahweh came down in the cloud, and he spoke to him, and he took away from the Spirit that was on him, and he gave on 70 men, the elders. And it happened, as the Spirit rested on them, that they prophesied, and they did not add.	*Then Yahweh was present in a special way in the cloud that was above the sacred tent, and he talked with Moses. By means of his Spirit, he enabled the 70 leaders to lead the Israelites, just as he had enabled Moses. When Yahweh enabled them, the leaders spoke as Yahweh inspired them. However, they did not do that again.*

What did the seventy elders do when the Spirit rested on them?

When the Spirit rested on the seventy elders, they prophesied.

Numbers 11:26

ULT	UST
And two of the men were left in the camp: The name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the second was Medad. And the Spirit rested on them, and they were among the written ones, but they did not go out to the tent; and they prophesied in the camp.	*Eldad and Medad were two of the men whom Moses had summoned. However, they did not go to the sacred tent. Instead, they stayed among the Israelites' tents. However, Yahweh enabled them too to lead the Israelites by means of his Spirit, and they spoke as Yahweh inspired them among the tents.*

What happened to the two men who remained in the camp?

The Spirit also rested on the men who had remained in the camp.

Numbers 11:28

ULT	UST
And Joshua, the son of Nun, the one ministering to Moses from his youth, answered and said, "My lord Moses, restrain them."	*Nun's son Joshua, who since he was a young man had helped Moses, responded, "Moses sir, I ask that you tell them to stop doing that!"*

What did Joshua ask Moses to do about the two men who were prophesying in the camp?

Joshua asked Moses to stop them from prophesying.

Numbers 11:31

ULT	UST
And a wind set out from with Yahweh, and it brought quails from the sea, and it left upon the camp as a way of a day this way and as a way of a day that way around the camp and about two cubits on the face of the land.	*Then Yahweh made the wind blow small birds from the nearby sea, and they fell on the ground in the campsite and as far as a person can walk in a day in every direction. They lay on the ground a meter high.*

How far from the camp did the quail fall?

The quail fell near the camp, about a day's journey on one side and a day's journey on the other side.

Numbers 11:32

ULT	UST
And the people rose all that day and all the night and all the day of the next day, and they gathered the quail. The one making little gathered ten homers. And spreading, they spread for them around the camp.	*So the people went out and collected the small birds that day, that night, and the entire next day. The people who worked the least still collected about 2, 200 liters. They laid the quails out on the ground around the campsite.*

How long were the people busy gathering the quail?

The people were busy gathering quails all that day, all the night, and all the next day.

Numbers 11:33

ULT	UST
The flesh was still between their teeth, before it was cut off, and the nose of Yahweh burned against the people, and Yahweh struck the people an exceedingly great striking,	*While the people were about to eat the meat, before they took a bite, Yahweh was angry with them. So, he caused very many of them to die.*

How did Yahweh act in anger, while the people were still chewing the meat?

While the people were chewing, Yahweh became angry at them and attacked them with a very great disease.

Numbers 12

Numbers 12:1

ULT	UST
And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses on account of the woman, the Cushitess, that he took. For he took a woman, a Cushitess.	*Previously, Moses had married a woman from the Cush people group. Now while the Israelites were in Hazeroth, Moses' older sister Miriam and his older brother Aaron criticized Moses because he had married that woman from the Cush people group.*

Why did Miriam and Aaron speak against Moses?

Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married.

Numbers 12:3

ULT	UST
(And the man Moses was very meek, more than the man who was upon the face of the ground.)	*As for Moses, he was much more humble than any other person on earth.*

What is said to emphasize that Moses was humble?

It was said that the man Moses was very humble, more humble than anyone else on earth.

Numbers 12:4

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said suddenly to Moses and to Aaron and to Miriam, "Go out, the three of you, to the tent of meeting." And the three of them went out.	*Then, without warning, Yahweh told Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, "All three of you must go to the sacred tent." So they went to the sacred tent.*

To where did Yahweh call Moses, Aaron, and Miriam?

Yahweh called Moses, Aaron, and Miriam out to the tent of meeting.

Numbers 12:5

ULT	UST
And Yahweh came down in a pillar of cloud, and it stood at the opening of the tent, and he called Aaron and Miriam, and the two of them went out.	*Then Yahweh was present in a special way in a cloud that looked like a column. The cloud was at the entrance to the sacred tent. Then Yahweh summoned Aaron and Miriam. They approached the cloud.*

In what and where did Yahweh appear to talk with them?

Yahweh came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance to the tent.

Numbers 12:6

ULT	UST
And he said, "Please hear my words! If there is a prophet of yours of Yahweh, in the vision I will make myself known to him. In the dream I will speak with him.	*Yahweh told them, "Listen to me! When people who truly speak for me are among you, I communicate with them by giving them dreams and visions.*

How did Yahweh reveal himself to his prophets among the people?

When a prophet of Yahweh was with the people, Yahweh revealed himself to the prophet in visions and dreams.

Numbers 12:8

ULT	UST
Mouth to mouth I speak with him, and appearance and not in riddles, and he looks at the form of Yahweh. And why do you not fear to speak against my servant, against Moses?"	*I speak with him directly, and I do not make him try to figure out what I mean. Instead, I tell him plainly, and he sees how I choose to look when I am present in a special way. So, you should be afraid to criticize Moses, who serves me!"*

How did Yahweh speak differently to Moses than to other prophets?

Yahweh spoke to Moses directly, not with visions or riddles.

Numbers 12:9

ULT	UST
And the nose of Yahweh burned against them, and he went,	*Yahweh was angry with Miriam and Aaron, and he left that place.*

How did God react to Aaron and Miriam?

His anger burned against them.

Numbers 12:10

ULT	UST
and the cloud turned aside from upon the tent. And behold, Miriam was with a skin disease, like the snow, and Aaron turned to Miriam, and behold, she was with a skin disease,	*The cloud too moved from the sacred tent. Immediately, Miriam had a skin disease that made her skin as white as snow. When Aaron looked at her, he immediately saw that she had a skin disease.*

What did Aaron notice about Miriam when Yahweh left and the cloud rose from over the tent?

When the cloud rose from over the tent, Miriam was suddenly leprous—she was as white as snow.

Numbers 12:11

ULT	UST
and Aaron said to Moses, "Please, my lord, please do not put upon us sin which we did foolishly and which we sinned.	*Then Aaron said to Moses, "Sir, I ask you not to punish us for the wrong thing that we did so foolishly!*

What did Aaron say about what they had said to Moses?

Aaron said that they had spoken foolishly and sinned.

Numbers 12:12

ULT	UST
May she not be like the one having died, who, when he comes out from the womb of his mother, then half of his flesh was eaten."	*I ask that you do not allow Miriam to be like a baby that has died and already partly decayed when its mother gives birth to it!"*

How did Aaron describe what Miriam's leprous body was like?

He described her like a dead newborn whose flesh was half consumed.

Numbers 12:14

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "And her father, spitting, spit in her face, would she not be humiliated seven days? She shall be shut up seven days from outside to the camp, and after she shall be gathered."	*Yahweh replied, "Suppose that her father had shamed her by spitting in her face. That would shame her for seven days. Similarly, now she must stay outside the area where the Israelites set up their tents for seven days. After that, she can come back to her tent."*

What did Yahweh say was normal punishment if a father spat in a daughter's face?

Yahweh says that if her father spat in her face, she would be disgraced for seven days.

Numbers 12:15

ULT	UST
And Miriam was shut up from outside to the camp seven days, and the people did not set out until Miriam was gathered.	*So Miriam stayed outside the area where the Israelites set up their tents for seven days. The Israelites stayed there until she came back to her tent.*

Where did Miriam have to stay for 7 days and what did the people not do until Miriam returned to camp?

Miriam was shut outside the camp for 7 days and the people did not journey until Miriam had returned to the camp.

Numbers 13

Numbers 13:2

ULT	UST
“Send for you men, and they shall explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the sons of Israel. One man, one man to the tribe of his fathers you shall send, every one a leader among them.”	*“Have some men go to Canaan and scout it out. That is the land that I will give to you Israelites. Select one man for each ancestral tribe. Each one must be someone who helps lead his tribe.”*

Where did Yahweh tell Moses to send some men?

Yahweh told Moses to send some men to examine the land of Canaan, which he had given to the people of Israel.

What was the rank of the men who were sent from among the people of Israel?

All of the men were leaders from every tribe among the people of Israel.

Numbers 13:16

ULT	UST
These were the names of the men whom Moses sent to explore the land; and Moses called Hoshea, the son of Nun, Joshua.	*Moses had those men go and scout Canaan out. Also, Moses had given Nun’s son Hoshea the name Joshua.*

What name did Moses use for Hoshea son of Nun who was chosen?

Moses called Hoshea son of Nun by the name of Joshua.

Numbers 13:18

ULT	UST
And you shall see the land, what it is; and the people dwelling upon it, whether it is strong or weak, whether it is few or many;	*Pay attention to what the area is like. Pay attention to the people who live there. Find out if they are powerful or not. Find out if there are many of them or only a few.*

What did Moses tell the men to observe about the people who lived in the land?

Moses told the men to observe the people who lived there, whether they were strong or weak, few or many.

Numbers 13:19

ULT	UST
and what is the land in which it is dwelling, whether it is good or evil; and what are the cities in which it is dwelling, whether in camps or in fortresses;	*Pay attention to the area where they live. Find out if it is desirable or not. Pay attention to the places where they live. Find out if they live in cities with or without walls.*

What did Moses tell the men to notice about the cities in the land?

Moses told them to see if the cities were like camps or fortified cities.

Numbers 13:20

ULT	UST
and what is the land, whether it is fat or lean, whether there are trees in it or not, and you shall strengthen yourselves, and you shall take from the fruit of the land." (And the days were the days of the firstfruits of the grapes.)	*Pay attention to the soil. Find out if it is fertile or not. Find out if trees grow there or not. Do your best to bring back some fruit that grows there." He said that because it was time when the first grapes became ripe.*

What did Moses tell the leaders to find out about the land and what were they to bring back?

Moses told the leaders to see whether the land was good for growing crops, whether there were trees, and to bring back samples of produce.

Numbers 13:23

ULT	UST
And they came as far as Wadi Eshcol, and they cut from there a branch and one cluster of grapes, and they carried it on the carrying pole with two, and from the pomegranates and from the figs.	*Near Eshcol Stream Bed, they chopped a branch from a grapevine that had a large group of grapes on it. They attached it to a pole so that two of them could carry it. They also collected some pomegranates and figs.*

How many men did it take to bring back the cluster of grapes, and what else did the people bring back?

It took two men to carry the grapes on a staff; their group also brought pomegranates and figs.

What did the men cut down in the Valley of Eshcol?

When the men reached the Valley of Eshcol, they cut down a branch with a cluster of grapes.

Numbers 13:25

ULT	UST
And they returned from exploring the land at the end of 40 days,	*When they had finished scouting Canaan out, they came back to the rest of the Israelites. They had been gone for 40 days.*

How long did the men spend examining the land?

The men returned from examining the land after forty days.

Numbers 13:26

ULT	UST
and they went and they came to Moses and to Aaron and to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, to the wilderness of Paran at Kadesh. And they returned them and all the congregation a word, and they showed them the fruit of the land,	*When they arrived where the Israelites were at the city of Kadesh in the desolate area near the city of Paran, they met with Aaron, Moses, and the rest of the Israelite community. Then the leaders who had scouted Canaan out told Aaron, Moses, and the rest of the Israelite community what they had learned, and they showed them the grapes, pomegranates, and figs that they had gathered.*

To whom did they bring back word besides Moses and Aaron?

They also brought back word to all the community of the people of Israel.

Numbers 13:28

ULT	UST
However, the people dwelling in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified very great, and also we saw those born of the Anak there.	*But the people who live there are powerful. Their cities have large walls. Also, some of the Anak people group live there.*

What did the men report about the people in the land?

The men reported that the people who made their homes in the land were strong.

What word did the men return about the cities in the land?

The men returned word that the cities were fortified and very large.

Numbers 13:30

ULT	UST
And Caleb hushed the people to Moses, and he said, "Going up, we will go up, and we will possess it, for being able, we are able against it."	*Caleb told the people who were in front of Moses to be quiet. Then he said, "We can definitely conquer Canaan! So, we should certainly walk there and take the area for ourselves."*

When did Caleb encourage the people to attack the land?

Caleb encouraged the people to attack it at once.

Numbers 13:31

ULT	UST
But the men who went up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for it is stronger than us."	*However, the others who had walked to Canaan with him said, "No, the people who live there are more powerful than we are. We cannot conquer them."*

Why did the other men who had gone with Caleb say they were not able to attack the people?

The other men who had gone with Caleb said they were not able to attack the people because they were stronger than the people of Israel.

Numbers 13:33

ULT	UST
and there we saw the Nephils (the sons of Anak are from the Nephils), and we were in our eyes like the grasshoppers, and thus we were in their eyes."	*We even saw Nephils there. We felt like little bugs in comparison with them, and that is how they thought of us too." They mentioned Nephils because the descendants of Anak are Nephils.*

How did the men describe how small they felt compared to the giants of the land?

The men said that in their own sight they were like grasshoppers in comparison with the giants of the land.

Numbers 14

Numbers 14:1

ULT	UST
And all the congregation lifted up, and they gave their voice, and the people wept in that night.	*During that night, all the Israelite people cried loudly.*

How did the community react to the news about the giants in the land?

That night all the community wept loudly.

Numbers 14:2

ULT	UST
And all the sons of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron. And all the congregation said to them, "If only we died in the land of Egypt, or if only we died in this wilderness!	*Also, all the Israelites complained about Moses and Aaron. The whole Israelite community said to Moses and Aaron, "We wish that we had died in Egypt or in this desolate area!*

What did the whole community of Israel wish had happened when they criticized Moses and Aaron?

They said to Moses and Aaron that they wished they had died in the land of Egypt or in the wilderness.

Numbers 14:3

ULT	UST
And why is Yahweh bringing us to this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our children will be for plunder. Is it not good for us to return to Egypt?"	*Yahweh has taken us to this land only so that the people who live here can slaughter us men. Then, they will capture our wives and children. It is best for us to go back to Egypt!"*

What did they think would have better instead of going into the land to which Yahweh had brought them?

They thought it would have been better to return to Egypt with their wives and little ones.

Numbers 14:4

ULT	UST
And they said, a man to his brother, "We shall give a head, and we shall return to Egypt."	*So they said to each other, "We should choose a new leader, and he will lead us back to Egypt."*

What did the people talk with each other about doing?

They talked about choosing another leader and returning to Egypt.

Numbers 14:5

ULT	UST
And Moses fell and Aaron on their faces to the face of all the assembly of the congregation of the sons of Israel,	*Then Aaron and Moses sorrowfully and fearfully bowed down before Yahweh in front of the whole Israelite community.*

What did Moses and Aaron do in front of the assembly?

Moses and Aaron lay face down in front of the assembly.

Numbers 14:6-7

How did Joshua and Caleb react?

Joshua and Caleb tore their clothes and spoke to all the people.

Numbers 14:8

ULT	UST
If Yahweh delights in us, then he will bring us to this land, and he will give it to us, a land that is flowing with milk and honey.	*We should act to please Yahweh. Then, he will lead us to Canaan and give it to us. It is a very fertile place!*

What did Joshua and Caleb tell the community would happen if Yahweh was pleased with them?

They said that if Yahweh was pleased with them he would take them into that land and give it to them.

How did Joshua and Caleb describe the land?

Joshua and Caleb described the land as a land that flowed with milk and honey.

Numbers 14:9

ULT	UST
Only you shall not rebel against Yahweh, and you, you shall not fear the people of the land, for they are our bread. Their shadow turned aside from upon them, and Yahweh is with us. You shall not fear them!"	*But please, do not refuse to obey Yahweh! He acts for us. So, do not be afraid of the people who live in Canaan! There is nothing to protect them. We will defeat them as easily as we eat food. So, do not be afraid of them!"*

Why did Joshua and Caleb say protection would be removed from the people of the land?

They said that the protection of the people of the land would be removed from those people because Yahweh was with the people of Israel.

Numbers 14:10

ULT	UST
And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of Yahweh appeared in the tent of meeting to all the sons of Israel.	*Then the whole Israelite community talked about killing Caleb and Joshua by throwing stones at them. However, Yahweh made himself present to all the Israelites in a glorious way at the sacred tent.*

What did all the community want to do with Joshua and Caleb, and where did Yahweh's glory appear?

All the community wanted to stone Joshua and Caleb to death. Yahweh's glory appeared at the tent of meeting.

Numbers 14:12

ULT	UST
I will strike it with the plague, and I will dispossess it, and I will make you into a nation greater and mightier than it."	*So I will kill them with a terrible disease, and they will not live in the land of Canaan. Instead, I will make your descendants a people group. They will be more numerous and more powerful than these Israelites."*

How did Yahweh offer to bless the clan of Moses after attacking them with plague and disinheriting the people of Israel?

Yahweh told Moses he would make his clan a nation that would be greater and mightier than the people of Israel.

Numbers 14:16

ULT	UST
‘From Yahweh not being able to bring this people to the land that he swore to them, so he slaughtered them in the wilderness.’	*‘Yahweh could not take these people into the land that he promised to give to them, so he killed them in the desolate area.’*

What did Moses say the nations would say if Yahweh killed the people of Israel in the wilderness?

He said they would say that because Yahweh could not take this people into the land that he swore to give them, he killed them in the wilderness.

Numbers 14:19

ULT	UST
Please forgive this people for the iniquity according to the greatness of your covenant faithfulness and just as you lifted up for this people from Egypt and as far as here.”	*I ask that you pardon these people for what they have done wrong. I ask that because you are very faithful and because you have been pardoning them during the whole time we traveled from Egypt to this place.”*

Why does Moses plead with Yahweh to pardon the people’s sin?

Moses pleaded with Yahweh to pardon the people’s sin because of the greatness of his covenant faithfulness.

Numbers 14:20-21

What did Yahweh say would happen because he had pardoned them in keeping with Moses’ request?

Yahweh said that as He lived, all the earth would be filled with his glory.

Numbers 14:22

ULT	UST
that all the men seeing my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and they tested me this ten times, and they did not hear my voice,	*Just as surely, I proclaim something about all the people who experienced the amazing things that I performed in Egypt and in the desolate area and how I make myself gloriously present. Those people provoked me many times and did not do what I said.*

What had all those people done who had seen Yahweh's glory and the signs of his power that he had done in Egypt and in the wilderness?

All the people who had seen his glory and signs had tempted him 10 times and had not listened to his voice.

Numbers 14:23

ULT	UST
if they see the land that I swore to their fathers. And all the ones spurning me will not see it.	*Because of that, I proclaim that none of them will experience the land that I promised their ancestors that I would give to their descendants. Indeed, no one who rejected me will experience that land.*

What was going to happen to those people who had despised Yahweh?

The people who had despised Yahweh would not see the land about which Yahweh had made an oath to their ancestors.

Numbers 14:24

ULT	UST
But my servant Caleb, because another spirit was with him, and he filled after me, so I will bring him to the land where he went, and his seed will possess it.	*However, Caleb, who serves me, is different from those people. He has obeyed me completely. Because of that, I will take him into the land that he scouted out. Some of it will belong to his descendants.*

What did Caleb do because he had another spirit, and what would happen to Caleb?

Caleb had another spirit so he followed Yahweh fully; therefore he would go into the land that he had examined and his descendants would possess it.

Numbers 14:25

ULT	UST
And the Amalekite and the Canaanite are dwelling in the valley. Tomorrow turn and set out for you to the wilderness, the way of the Sea of Reeds."	*Now the Amalekite people group and the Canaanite people group live in the nearby valley. So, tomorrow you and the Israelites must turn around and leave this place and walk to the desolate area. You must walk on the road to the Sea of Reeds."*

Where did Yahweh tell the people to go the next day?

Yahweh told the people to turn tomorrow and go to the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

Numbers 14:29

ULT	UST
In this wilderness your corpses will fall and all your counted ones according to all your number, from a son of 20 years and upward, who murmured against me;	*Everyone who complained about me will die in this desolate area. That includes all the men who were at least 20 years old whom Moses, Aaron, and the 12 leaders listed.*

What age of people did Yahweh say would fall dead in the wilderness?

Yahweh said that the dead bodies of the people from twenty years old and upward would fall in the wilderness.

Numbers 14:30

ULT	UST
if you go to the land that I have lifted up my hand to make you dwell in it, except Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua, the son of Nun,	*You will certainly not enter the land that I solemnly promised to give to you. Only Jephunneh's son Caleb, Nun's son Joshua,*

Who were the only two men over 20 that Yahweh said he would take into the land that he had promised for their home?

He said he would only take Caleb and Joshua into the land that he had promised for their home.

Numbers 14:31

ULT	UST
and your children whom you said will be for plunder. And I will bring them, and they will know the land that you rejected.	*and your children will enter that land. Those are the very children whom you said your enemies would capture. Those are the people I will take to the land that you refused to enter, and they will experience it.*

Whom else did Yahweh say he would take into the land?

He said that he would take into the land the little ones whom the parents had said would be victims.

Numbers 14:34

ULT	UST
By the number of the days that you explored the land, 40 days, a day for the year, a day for the year, you will lift up your iniquities 40 years. And you will know my opposition.'	*I will punish you for what you did wrong for forty years. That is one year for each of the forty days that the 12 leaders scouted Canaan out. You will experience what it is like to have me as an enemy.*

How many years would the people bear the consequence of their sin and why that number?

They would bear the consequences of their sins for forty years because the men had examined the land for 40 days.

Numbers 14:36-37

What happened to the men who had gone to look at the land?

The men whom Moses had sent to look at the land all died by Yahweh's plague.

Numbers 14:38

ULT	UST
But Joshua, the son of Nun, and Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, lived from those men, the ones having gone to explore the land.	*Of the 12 men who had scouted Canaan out, only Nun's son Joshua and Jephunneh's son Caleb stayed alive.*

Who remained alive of the men that went to look at the land?

Of the men who had gone to look at the land, only Joshua and Caleb remained alive.

Numbers 14:41-42

Why did Moses tell the people not to go into the land?

Moses told them not to go because they were violating Yahweh's command and because Yahweh was not with them to stop their enemies from defeating them.

Numbers 14:44

ULT	UST
And they presumed to go up to the head of the hill country, but the box of the covenant of Yahweh and Moses did not depart from the midst of the camp.	*Despite that, the Israelites decided to walk to the highest parts of the hilly area in Canaan. However, both the sacred chest and Moses remained at the campsite.*

Who did not leave the camp to go up into the hill country with the people?

Neither Moses nor the ark of the covenant of Yahweh left the camp when they went up into the hill country.

Numbers 15

Numbers 15:3

ULT	UST
and you make a gift to Yahweh, a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to make extraordinary a vow, or in a freewill offering, or at your appointed times, to make a scent of pleasing for Yahweh from the cattle or from the flock,	*While they live there, they will offer animals to me, either oxen or sheep, so that I will enjoy the smell of the smoke when they burn them. They may present them as wholly burned sacrifices or as any other kind of sacrifice. They may present them because they have made a solemn promise, or because they freely choose to do so, or because it is a yearly celebration.*

What did the offerings at the feasts produce for Yahweh?

The offering at the feasts produced a sweet aroma for Yahweh.

Numbers 15:4

ULT	UST
then the one presenting shall present his offering to Yahweh, a grain offering, a tenth of flour mixed with a fourth of the hin of oil.	*In all of those cases, the people who offer the sacrifices must also offer grain and wine offerings to me. The grain offering must be about two liters of flour with about one liter of olive oil in it.*

What grain offering were they to bring with the offering of a ram?

With the offering of a ram, they were to bring a grain offering of flour mixed with oil.

Numbers 15:5

ULT	UST
And wine for the drink offering, a fourth of the hin, you shall make upon the burnt offering or for the sacrifice, for the one male lamb.	*The wine offering must be about one liter of wine. Those are the grain and wine offerings that they must offer when they offer one male sheep as a wholly burned sacrifice or as any other kind of sacrifice.*

What drink offering were the people to bring with their burnt offering or with the sacrifice of each lamb?

The people were told to prepare wine as the drink offering with their burnt offering or with the sacrifice of each lamb.

Numbers 15:12-13

Who was told to follow those laws about offerings?

All who were native-born Israelites were told to prepare the sacrifices and offerings as Yahweh had described here.

Numbers 15:15-16

How did the law and decree apply to the foreigner who stayed with the people of Israel?

The same law and decree applied to the traveler and foreigner who stayed with the people of Israel.

Numbers 15:20

ULT	UST
The first of your dough, a loaf, you shall raise as a contribution. As a contribution of the threshing floor, so you shall raise it.	*They must dedicate some of the first batch of dough that they make each year as this special contribution. They must make this dough into thick bread. When they dedicate the thick bread, it is like when farmers dedicate some of the first grain that they have harvested.*

What were the people to do with the first of their dough?

The people were to raise up a loaf from the first of their dough.

Numbers 15:21

ULT	UST
From the first of your dough you shall give a contribution to Yahweh for your generations.	*Both the Israelites and their descendants must dedicate to me some of the first batch of dough that they make each year.*

How often did Yahweh command the people to raise up an offering from the first dough?

He said that they must give a raised offering throughout the people's generations.

Numbers 15:24

ULT	UST
then it shall be, if from the eyes of the congregation it was done by mistake, that all the congregation shall make a bull (one son of cattle) for a burnt offering, for a scent of pleasing for Yahweh, and its grain offering and its drink offering, according to the ordinance, and one buck of the goats for a sin offering.	*In that case, as long as they disobeyed accidentally and the community did not know about it, the community must offer sacrifices. They must offer one young bull as a wholly burned sacrifice, along with its grain and wine offerings. They must follow the instructions for those offerings. I will enjoy the smell of the smoke when they burn them. They must also offer one male goat as a purifying sacrifice.*

What was the community to do about an unintentional sin?

For unintentional sin, all the community had to offer one young bull, a grain offering and drink offering, and one male goat as a sin offering.

Numbers 15:25-26

For whom did the priest need to make an atonement and why?

The priest had to make an atonement for all the community of the people because the sin was an unintentional error.

Numbers 15:30-31

What had to be done to the person who did anything in defiance and why?

The person who did anything in defiance had to be cut off from among his people because he had despised Yahweh’s word and broken his commandment.

Numbers 15:35-36

What did the community do to the man found gathering wood on the Sabbath?

The community brought him outside the camp and stoned him to death.

Numbers 15:38

ULT	UST
“Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘And they shall make for themselves a tassel on the hems of their clothes for their generations, and they shall put on the tassel of the hem a cord of blue,	*“Tell this to the Israelite people: They and their descendants must attach to the corners of their clothes groups of threads that hang down. Each group of threads must include one thick, blue thread.*

What were the descendants of Israel commanded to make for themselves on their clothes?

The descendants of Israel were commanded to make tassels to hang on the borders of their clothes with a blue cord.

Numbers 15:39

ULT	UST
and it shall be for you for a tassel, and you shall see it, and you shall remember all the commandments of Yahweh, and you shall do them, and you shall not explore after your heart and after your eyes, after which you are committing fornication,	*When they look at these groups of threads, they will think about everything that I have commanded them to do, and that will help them to do it. That way, they will not try to do what they naturally desire, which causes them to faithlessly disobey me.*

Of what would the tassels be a reminder to do?

The tassels would be a reminder that they wold keep all of Yahweh’s commandments and not follow after their own hearts and eyes.

Numbers 15:40

ULT	UST
so that you shall remember and do all my commandments, and you shall be holy for your God.	*Instead, they will think about everything that I have commanded them to do, and they will do it. Then, they will be sacred and belong to me, their God.*

Of what else would the tassels would be a reminder?

The tassels would be a reminder to obey all of Yahweh’s commands and that they would be holy, reserved for God.

Numbers 15:41

ULT	UST
I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt to be for you for a God. I am Yahweh your God.’”	*I am Yahweh, their God. I am the one who led them out of Egypt. I did that so that I would be their God. So, I am Yahweh, their God.”*

What did Yahweh say he did to be the people of Israel’s God?

Yahweh said that he had brought them out of the land of Egypt, to be their God.

Numbers 16

Numbers 16:1

ULT	UST
And Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, took, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, the sons of Reuben,	*Now there was a man whose name was Korah. He was the son of Izhar, who was the son of Kohath, who was the son of Levi. He decided to do something, along with Eliab's sons Dathan and Abiram and Peleth's son On, who were all descendants of Reuben.*

Who, along with Dathan, Abiram, and On, gathered some men against Moses?

Korah gathered some men against Moses.

Numbers 16:2

ULT	UST
and they rose to the face of Moses, and 250 men from the sons of Israel, leaders of the congregation, called ones of meeting, men of name,	*They rebelled against Moses, and 250 men whom the Israelites had chosen to lead their community, whom the other Israelites respected, rebelled with them.*

Who joined Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and On to rise up against Moses?

Two hundred and fifty leaders of the Israelite people rose up with them against Moses.

Numbers 16:3

ULT	UST
and they assembled against Moses and against Aaron. And they said to them, "Great to you! For all of the congregation, all of them, are holy, and Yahweh is in their midst. And why do you lift yourselves up above the assembly of Yahweh?"	*They came together to criticize Moses and Aaron. They said, "Yahweh is present with the whole Israelite community, and we are all sacred. So, you two are making yourselves greater than you should. You should not consider yourselves greater than the rest of the community of people who serve Yahweh!"*

Which two men did Korah and the others think were lifting themselves above the rest of Yahweh's community?

They thought that Moses and Aaron were lifting themselves above the rest of Yahweh's community.

Numbers 16:4

ULT	UST
And Moses heard and fell on his face.	*When Moses heard what they said, he sorrowfully and fearfully bowed down before Yahweh.*

What did Moses do when he heard what the leaders had said to him?

Moses lay face down when he heard what the leaders had said to him.

Numbers 16:5

ULT	UST
And he spoke to Korah and to all his congregation, saying, "Morning, and Yahweh will make known who is to him and the holy one, and he will present to him, and whom he chooses he will present to him.	*Then he said to Korah and the community that he had assembled, "Tomorrow morning Yahweh will reveal to us who is sacred and belongs to him. Whomever Yahweh selects is the one whom Yahweh authorizes to approach his own presence.*

Whom did Moses say would show Korah and those with him that Aaron had been chosen to be Yahweh's priest, by bringing him up to himself in the morning?

Moses told Korah and those with him that Yahweh would show whom he had chosen as a priest, by bringing that man up to himself in the morning.

Numbers 16:6-7

Whom did Moses instruct to bring censers to show whom Yahweh had chosen to be the holy one, and what were they to do with their censers?

Moses instructed Korah and all his group to bring censers on the next day and put fire and incense in them before Yahweh to show whom Yahweh had chosen to be the holy one.

Numbers 16:8-9

What was the work that Yahweh had separated the Levites from the community of Israel to do?

Yahweh of Israel had separated the Levites from the community of Israel to bring them near to himself, to do work in Yahweh's tabernacle, and to stand before the community to serve them.

Numbers 16:10-11

Whom were Korah and the Levites gathered against when they demanded Aaron's priesthood and complained against Aaron?

Korah and the Levites were gathered against Yahweh when they demanded Aaron's priesthood and complained against Aaron.

Numbers 16:12-13

What did Dathan and Abiram say when Moses called them to come, and what did they say about Moses?

Dathan and Abiram said they would not come to Moses. They said that Moses had brought them out of a land flowing with milk and honey to kill them in the wilderness, and that he wanted to rule them.

Numbers 16:15

ULT	UST
And it burned exceedingly for Moses, and he said to Yahweh, "Do not turn to their grain offering. I have not lifted up one donkey from them. And I have not done evil to one from them."	*Then Moses was very angry. He said to Yahweh, "I have not taken anything from them, not even one donkey. I have not harmed any of them. Despite that, they still complain about me. So, please do not accept anything that they offer to you."*

What did Moses ask in anger to Yahweh about Dathan and Abiram's offering, and what did Moses say he had not taken from them nor done?

Moses asked Yahweh in anger that he not accept their offering, and Moses said he had not taken one donkey from them nor harmed any of them.

Numbers 16:16-17

What did Moses tell the 250 men and Aaron to bring with them next day and where were they to come?

Moses told Aaron and the 250 men with him to come before Yahweh with their censors.

Numbers 16:19

ULT	UST
And Korah assembled all the congregation against them to the opening of the tent of meeting, and the glory of Yahweh appeared to all the congregation.	*Korah also summoned the whole Israelite community to oppose Moses and Aaron at the entrance to the sacred tent. Then Yahweh made himself present to the whole Israelite community in a glorious way.*

What appeared when Korah his followers assembled against Moses and Aaron and they stood at the entrance to the tent of meeting?

When Korah his followers assembled against Moses and Aaron and stood at the entrance to the tent of meeting, the glory of Yahweh appeared to all the community.

Numbers 16:20-21

What did Yahweh want Moses and Aaron to do?

Yahweh wanted Moses and Aaron to separate themselves from among that community that he might consume the community immediately.

Numbers 16:22

ULT	UST
And they fell on their faces and said, "God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, will one man sin and you be angry against all the congregation?"	*However, Moses and Aaron sorrowfully and fearfully bowed down before Yahweh. They said, "God, you are the God who makes everything live. Please do not act in an angry way toward the whole community when only one person did what was wrong!"*

What did Aaron and Moses do and say when the God of the spirits of all humanity instructed them to get away from the people who had gathered at the entrance of the tent?

Moses and Aaron lay face down and asked the God of the spirits of all humanity if he had to be angry with all the community when one man had sinned.

Numbers 16:23-24

What did Yahweh tell Moses to tell the community to do?

Yahweh told Moses to tell the community to get away from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

Numbers 16:25-26

Who followed Moses when he went to Dathan and Abiram and told the community to leave the tents of those wicked men and touch nothing of theirs?

The elders followed Moses when he went to Dathan and Abiram and told the community to leave the tents of those wicked men and touch nothing of theirs.

What did he tell them would happen to the community if they stayed near their tents?

He said the community would be consumed by all their sins.

Numbers 16:27

ULT	UST
And they were taken up from upon the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, from around, and Dathan and Abiram went out, standing at the opening of their tents, and their wives and their sons and their children.	*So the rest of the Israelites got far away from the place where Korah, Dathan, and Abiram were staying. Now Dathan, Abiram, their wives, and their children had left their tents and were standing at the entrances to them.*

Who came out of their tents and stood in the entrances to their tents with their wives, sons, and their little ones?

Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the entrance to their tents, with their wives, sons, and their little ones.

Numbers 16:28-30

How would the people know that Yahweh had sent Moses to do all those works and that he had not done them by his accord?

If the men died a natural death, then Yahweh had not sent Moses. If Yahweh created and opening in the ground and swallowed them up to go down alive into sheol, then the all people would understand that those men had despised Yahweh.

Numbers 16:31-32

What happened as soon as Moses stopped speaking to Korah and his men?

As soon as Moses stopped speaking, the ground opened and swallowed Korah, the men, their families, and their possessions.

Numbers 16:33

ULT	UST
and they went down, they and all that was to them, living to Sheol, and the earth covered over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly.	*Dirt covered them and all their possessions so that it buried them alive. They no longer existed as part of the Israelite community.*

What happened to everyone in their families?

Everyone in their families went down alive into sheol, the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the community.

Numbers 16:34

ULT	UST
And all Israel who was around them fled to their voice, for they said, "Lest the earth swallow us!"	*Those people screamed as they fell, and the Israelites ran away when they heard that sound. They said, "We need to run away so that we do not fall into the hole too!"*

What did all Israel do, and of what were they afraid?

All Israel fled because they were afraid the earth might swallow them up.

Numbers 16:35

ULT	UST
And fire went out from with Yahweh, and it ate the 250 men presenting the incense.	*Also, Yahweh sent fire that destroyed the 250 men who were offering incense.*

What happened to the 250 men who had offered incense to the Lord?

Fire flashed out from Yahweh and devoured the 250 men who had offered incense.

Numbers 16:37

ULT	UST
“Say to Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, and he shall raise the censers from between the burning, and scatter the fire beyond, for they are holy.	*“The pans for burning incense that those men used are sacred. So, tell Aaron the priest’s son Eleazar to collect them from the ashes. You must throw away the burning coals that were in them far away from the campsite.*

What did Yahweh tell Moses to tell Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, to do and why?

Yahweh told Moses to tell Eleazar to take the censors out of the smoldering remains and scatter the embers because the censers were holy, reserved for him.

Numbers 16:38

ULT	UST
The censers of these ones sinning against their lives, and they shall make them hammered sheets of thin plates, plating for the altar, for they presented them to the face of Yahweh, and they are holy, and they shall be for a sign for the sons of Israel.”	*Those men caused themselves to die by doing what was wrong. They offered incense in those pans in my presence, and those pans are now sacred. So, have workmen hammer them into thin metal sheets and attach them to the outside of the altar. That way, they will remind the Israelites of what happened.”*

What did Moses tell Eleazar to do with the metal of the censers of those that had lost their lives because of their sin?

Eleazar was to hammer the metal from the censors to make a covering over the altar because they were set apart for Yahweh.

Of what would the covering for the altar be a sign?

The covering for the altar would be a sign of Yahweh’s presence to the people of Israel.

Numbers 16:39-40

What reminder did the bronze censors become?

They would become a reminder to the people of Israel, so that no person not descended from Aaron would come up to burn incense before Yahweh.

Numbers 16:41

ULT	UST
And all the congregation of the sons of Israel murmured from the next day against Moses and against Aaron, saying, "You, you killed the people of Yahweh!"	*The next day, the whole Israelite community complained about Moses and Aaron. They said, "It is you who killed people who belong to Yahweh!"*

What did all the community of the people of Israel say the next morning to complain against Moses and Aaron?

The next morning all the community of the people of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron saying that Moses and Aaron had killed Yahweh's people.

Numbers 16:42

ULT	UST
And it happened, when the congregation assembled against Moses and against Aaron, that they turned to the tent of meeting, and behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of Yahweh appeared.	*After the community gathered together to oppose Moses and Aaron, they looked at the sacred tent. They saw the cloud directly over it and Yahweh making himself present in a glorious way.*

What happened when the community looked toward the tent of meeting?

The cloud was covering the tent of meeting and Yahweh's glory appeared.

Numbers 16:43

ULT	UST
And Moses and Aaron went to the face of the tent of meeting,	*Then Moses and Aaron walked to the area in front of the sacred tent.*

Where did Moses and Aaron go?

Moses and Aaron went to the front of the tent of meeting.

Numbers 16:45

ULT	UST
“Lift yourselves up from the midst of this congregation, and I shall finish them according to a moment.” And they fell on their faces.	*“Get away from this community! Then I can destroy them in an instant.” Then Aaron and Moses sorrowfully and fearfully bowed down before Yahweh.*

What did Yahweh tell Moses as they stood in front of the sacred tent?

Yahweh told Moses that they should get away from the community so that he could consume the community immediately.

What did Aaron and Moses do when they were told by Yahweh to get away from the people?

Aaron and Moses lay face down on the ground when they were told to get away from the people.

Numbers 16:46

ULT	UST
And Moses said to Aaron, “Take the censer, and put fire on it from upon the altar, and set incense, and bring it quickly to the congregation, and make atonement for them, for the wrath has gone out from to the face of Yahweh. The plague has begun.”	*Then Moses told Aaron, “Yahweh is angry and has begun to act on it. He has caused the people to become sick with a terrible disease. So, prepare a pan, put burning coals from the altar in it, and burn incense in it. As soon as you can, take it to the community. When you offer the incense, Yahweh will accept it and remove what they did wrong.”*

What did Moses tell Aaron to do to stop the plague because of Yahweh’s anger?

Moses told Aaron to take the censer, put fire in it from the altar, put incense in it, and carry it quickly to the community for the people.

Numbers 16:47-48

Where did Aaron run to make atonement as the plague spread, and what did he stand between?

As the plague spread, Aaron ran to the middle of the community to make atonement, and he stood between the dead and the living.

Numbers 16:49

ULT	UST
And the ones dying by the plague were 14, 700, besides the ones dying on account of the matter of Korah.	*However, 14, 700 people had already died from the terrible disease. That was in addition to the people who died when Korah and his followers opposed Moses and Aaron.*

Besides those who had died in the matter of Korah, how many died by the plague?

Besides those who had died in the matter of Korah, those who died by the plague were 14,700.

Numbers 16:50

ULT	UST
And Aaron returned to Moses, to the opening of the tent of meeting, and the plague was restrained.	*After the people stopped getting sick with the terrible disease, Aaron went back to the entrance of the sacred tent, where Moses was.*

What happened when Aaron returned to the entrance of the tent?

The plague ended when Aaron returned to the entrance of the sacred tent.

Numbers 17

Numbers 17:2

ULT	UST
“Speak to the sons of Israel, and take from with them a staff, a staff for a house of a father, from with all their leaders for the house of their fathers, 12 staffs. A man, his name you shall write on his staff.	*“Tell the Israelite people to bring to you twelve walking sticks. They should bring one for each man who leads each ancestral family. You must write each leader’s name on his stick.*

What did Yahweh tell the people of Israel to take from each tribe and to do with that which they took?

Yahweh instructed Moses to tell the people of Israel to take twelve staffs, one from each leader of a tribe, and write the name of the leader on his staff.

Numbers 17:3

ULT	UST
And the name of Aaron you shall write on the staff of Levi, for one staff is for the head of the house of their fathers.	*There must be one walking stick for each man who leads each ancestral family. So, you must also include a stick for the descendants of Levi and write Aaron’s name on it.*

Whose name did Yahweh instruct Moses to put on the staff of Levi?

Yahweh instructed Moses to write Aaron’s name on Levi’s staff.

Numbers 17:4

ULT	UST
And you shall make them rest in the tent of meeting to the face of the Testimony, where I congregate with you there.	*You must place those walking sticks inside the sacred tent in front of the sacred chest. That is the place where I usually meet with you all.*

What was Moses to do with the twelve staffs?

Moses was to place the staffs in the tent of meeting in front of the covenant decrees.

What did Yahweh say would happen to the staff of the man whom Yahweh chose?

The staff of the man, whom Yahweh chose, would bud.

Numbers 17:5

ULT	UST
And it will be that the man whom I choose, his staff will sprout. And I will cause to subside from upon me the murmurings of the sons of Israel, which they are murmuring against you."	*Then, one of the sticks will begin to grow. That stick will belong to the man whom I have selected to be priest. In this way, I will stop the Israelites from complaining about you and Aaron."*

What would happen when Yahweh caused the staff to bud?

Yahweh would cause the complaints which the people of Israel were speaking against Moses to stop.

Numbers 17:6

ULT	UST
And Moses spoke to the sons of Israel, and all their leaders gave to him a staff for one leader, a staff for one leader, for the house of their fathers, 12 staffs. And the staff of Aaron was in the midst of their staffs.	*So Moses told the people what Yahweh had said. Then each of the twelve men who led each ancestral family brought to him one walking stick each. There were 12 sticks, plus the stick with Aaron's name on it.*

When Moses talked to the people of Israel, who gave their staffs to Moses?

All the tribal leaders gave him their staffs, including Aaron.

Numbers 17:8

ULT	UST
And it happened from the next day that Moses came to the tent of the Testimony, and behold, the staff of Aaron for the house of Levi had sprouted. And it brought out a blossom and it blossomed a flower, and it ripened almonds.	*The next day, Moses entered the sacred tent. He saw that the stick with Aaron's name on it, which the descendants of Levi had contributed, had grown! It had grown buds, which grew into flowers and produced nuts that were ready to eat.*

What happened to one of the staffs when Moses deposited the staffs before Yahweh in the tent of the covenant decrees?

When Moses put the staffs before Yahweh in the tent of the covenant decrees, Aaron's staff budded and produced blossoms and ripe almonds.

Numbers 17:9

ULT	UST
And Moses brought out all the staffs from to the face of Yahweh to all the sons of Israel. And they saw, and they took, a man his staff.	*Moses picked up all the sticks from Yahweh's presence in the sacred tent and took them to all the Israelites. They looked at the sticks, and then each of the leaders picked up the stick with his name on it.*

What did Moses do with all the staffs?

Moses brought out all the staffs from before Yahweh, and each man found his rod and took it.

Numbers 17:10

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Return the staff of Aaron to the face of the Testimony for keeping, for a sign for the sons of rebellion. And you shall finish their murmurings from upon me, and they shall not die."	*Then Yahweh told Moses, "Put the stick with Aaron's name on it back in front of the sacred chest to keep it safe. It will remind these rebellious people of what happened. That way, you will prevent them from complaining in my presence. Then, they will not die."*

What did Yahweh tell Moses to do with Aaron's staff?

Yahweh told Moses to put Aaron's staff in front of the covenant decrees.

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to put Aaron's staff in front of the covenant decrees?

Yahweh told Moses to put Aaron's staff in front of the covenant decrees to keep it as a sign of guilt against the people who rebelled so that Moses would end complaints against Yahweh.

Numbers 17:12-13

Of what were the people of Israel afraid?

The people of Israel were afraid they would die when everyone approached Yahweh's tabernacle.

Numbers 18

Numbers 18:1

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Aaron, "You and your sons and the house of your father with you shall lift up the iniquity of the holy place, and you and your sons with you shall lift up the iniquity of your priesthood.	*Yahweh told Aaron, "I will punish you, your descendants, and the rest of the descendants of Kohath when someone does something wrong concerning the things that belong in the sacred tent. I will punish only you and your descendants when someone does something wrong when they act as a priest.*

For what did Yahweh say that only Aaron, his sons, and his ancestor's clan would be responsible?

Yahweh told Aaron that he, his sons, and his ancestor's clan would be responsible for all sins committed against the sanctuary.

Who did God say would be responsible for all sins committed by anyone in the priesthood?

Only Aaron and his sons would be responsible for all sins committed by anyone in the priesthood.

Numbers 18:2

ULT	UST
And also bring near with you your brothers, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, and they shall be joined to you and shall minister to you. And you and your sons with you shall be to the face of the tent of the Testimony.	*Summon your fellow Levites, who belong to your ancestral tribe. They will work for you and help you while you and your descendants act as priests at the sacred tent.*

Which tribe would help Aaron and his sons when they served in front of the tent of the covenant decrees?

The tribe of Levi, the tribe of Aaron's ancestors, would join to help Aaron and his sons when they served in front of the tent of the covenant decrees.

Numbers 18:3

ULT	UST
And they shall keep your keeping and the keeping of all the tent. Only to the vessels of the holy place and to the altar they shall not come near, so they will not die, both they and you.	*They must guard you and the whole sacred tent. However, they must not approach the equipment for the sacred tent or the altar. That way, they will not die, and neither will you.*

Where could the Levites not go as they served Aaron and the tent?

The Levites could not go near anything in the sanctuary nor in the altar.

What would happen if the Levites came near to anything in the sanctuary or altar?

If the Levites came near to anything in the sanctuary or altar, they and Aaron would die.

Numbers 18:4

ULT	UST
And they shall be joined to you, and they shall keep the keeping of the tent of meeting for all the service of the tent. And a stranger shall not come near to you.	*They will work for you and will guard the sacred tent as they set it up and take it down. Anyone who is not a Levite must not approach where you are working.*

Who could not come near Aaron?

A foreigner could not come near Aaron.

For what would the Levites take responsibility?

The Levites would join Aaron to take care of the tent of meeting and all the work connected with the tent.

Numbers 18:5

ULT	UST
And you shall keep the keeping of the holy place and the keeping of the altar, and there shall not be again wrath against the sons of Israel.	*You and the rest of the priests must guard the things that belong in the sacred tent and the altar. That way, I will not be angry with the Israelites again.*

Why did Aaron and his sons have to take care of the sanctuary and the altar?

Aaron and his sons had to take care of the sanctuary and the altar so that Yahweh's anger did not come on the people of Israel again.

Numbers 18:6

ULT	UST
And I, behold, I have taken your brothers the Levites from the midst of the sons of Israel, a gift for you, given to Yahweh, to serve the service of the tent of meeting.	*Out of all the Israelites, I myself have appointed your fellow Levites. They belong to me, and I am giving them to you and the rest of the priests. They will set up and take down the sacred tent.*

What gifts did Yahweh give to Aaron and his sons and why did he give them?

Yahweh chose the Levites as a gift to Aaron, given to Yahweh, to do the work connected to the tent of meeting.

Numbers 18:7

ULT	UST
And you and your sons with you shall keep your priesthood for every matter of the altar and for inside the veil, and you shall serve. I give your priesthood as a service of a gift. And the stranger who comes near shall be put to death."	*You and your descendants must make sure that no one else serves as a priest. That includes everything that involves the altar and the Most Holy Place behind the curtain. You must set up and take down these parts of the sacred tent. I am appointing you to be priests who set up and take down these things, and the rest of the Israelites will pay you for doing that. If anyone who is not a Levite approaches the sacred tent, someone must execute that person."*

Who only were allowed to exercise the priesthood regarding everything connected with the altar and everything inside the curtain?

Only Aaron and his sons could exercise the priesthood regarding everything connected with the altar and everything inside the curtain.

What would happen to any foreigner who approached the altar of Yahweh inside the curtain?

Any foreigner who approached the altar of Yahweh inside the curtain would be put to death.

Numbers 18:8-9

What holy offerings to Yahweh would be given to Aaron and his sons as their ongoing share?

The things from the most holy offerings that people of Israel gave to Yahweh that were not completely burned up would be Aaron and his sons' ongoing share.

Numbers 18:9

ULT	UST
This shall be for you from the holy thing of the holy things, from the fire: every offering of theirs, for every grain offering of theirs and for every sin offering of theirs and for every guilt offering of theirs which they return to me. It is a holy thing of holy things for you and for your sons.	*The parts of the most sacred offerings that you do not burn will be yours. That includes grain offerings, purifying offerings, and restoring sacrifices that they present to me. These most sacred offerings belong to you and your descendants.*

What other offerings would be for him and his sons?

Every sacrifice that the people brought—including every grain offering, every sin offering, and every guilt offering—would be for Aaron and his sons.

Numbers 18:10

ULT	UST
In the holy of holies you shall eat it. Every male shall eat it. It shall be holy for you.	*You must eat these sacred offerings in a very sacred place. Every man who is a priest may eat them. They are sacred and belong to you.*

How was every male Levite to eat those offerings?

Every male Levite was to eat those offerings as something most holy, solemnly reserved for Yahweh.

Numbers 18:11

ULT	UST
And this is for you: the contribution of their gift, for all the raised offerings of the sons of Israel. To you I have given them and to your sons and to your daughters with you for a statute of eternity. Every clean one in your house shall eat it.	*In addition, the Israelites give me special contributions by having a priest hold them up. I am giving those special contributions to you and to your male and female descendants. This is a permanent rule. Every person in your household who is pure may eat them.*

To whom did Yahweh give, as their ongoing share, the gifts set apart from all the raised offerings of the people of Israel?

Yahweh gave the gifts set apart from all the raised offerings of the people of Israel to Aaron’s ritually clean sons and daughters as their ongoing share.

Numbers 18:12-13

What other things were given to Aaron's family?

All the best of the oil, the new wine, the grain, the first fruits, and the first ripe produce of their land that the people brought to Yahweh would belong to Aaron and those who were clean in his family.

Numbers 18:15

ULT	UST
Every opener of the womb for all flesh which they present to Yahweh, among the man and among the animal, shall be for you. Only redeeming you shall redeem the firstborn of the man, and the firstborn of the unclean animal you shall redeem.	*The Israelites dedicate every oldest male child and farm animal to me. Those people and things belong to you. However, sometimes the oldest male is a human or an impure animal. In those cases, you will receive money instead of the child or animal.*

What would the people have to buy back?

The people had to buy back every firstborn son and firstborn male of unclean animals.

Numbers 18:16

ULT	UST
And his redeemed ones from a son of a month you shall redeem by your valuation, silver of five shekels, by the shekel of the holy place (it is 20 gerahs).	*When you receive money instead of the child or animal, you must calculate the amount of money when the child or animal is one month old. You must receive five pieces of silver. You must use the same kind of pieces of silver that the priests use in the sacred tent. Each of these pieces of silver weighs about 11 grams.*

At what time were the people to buy back the firstborn males?

The people were to buy back the firstborn males after the infant became one month old.

Numbers 18:17-18

What animals were not to be bought back but were holy, reserved for Yahweh as a sacrifice which Aaron and his sons would eat?

Firstborn cows, sheep, or goats were not to be bought back because they were holy, reserved for Yahweh, and their meat would be for Aaron and his sons.

Numbers 18:19

ULT	UST
All the contributions of the holy things that the sons of Israel raise to Yahweh I have given to you and to your sons and to your daughters with you for a statute of eternity. It is a covenant of salt of eternity to the face of Yahweh, for you and for your seed with you."	*Whenever the Israelites dedicate any special and sacred contribution to me, I give it to you and to your male and female descendants. This is a permanent rule. It is a permanent agreement that I am making with you and your descendants.*

What did Yahweh say would be given to Aaron and his sons and to his daughters as an ongoing share because those offerings stood as a covenant of salt, a binding covenant forever before Yahweh with Aaron and his descendants?

Yahweh gave all the presented offerings of holy things to Aaron and his sons and daughters, as an ongoing share, as a covenant of salt, as a binding covenant forever, before Yahweh with Aaron and Aaron's descendants.

Numbers 18:20

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Aaron, "In their land you shall not inherit, and a portion shall not be for you in their midst. I am your portion and your inheritance in the midst of the sons of Israel.	*Yahweh told Aaron, "You will not receive any land like the rest of the Israelites will. Instead of receiving land, you will act as priests for me among the Israelites.*

Why does Yahweh tell Aaron he would not have an inheritance in the land among the people?

Yahweh told Aaron he would have no inheritance in the land because Yahweh was his share and inheritance.

Numbers 18:21

ULT	UST
And to the sons of Levi, behold, I have given every tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in exchange for their service which they are serving, the service of the tent of meeting.	*Listen, I assign to the Levites one tenth of all the produce and animals that belong to the Israelites. That is what they will receive instead of land in return for setting up and taking down the sacred tent.*

What else had Yahweh given the descendants of Levi as their inheritance in return for their service at the tent of meeting?

Yahweh had given all the tithes of Israel to the descendants of Levi as their inheritance in return for their service at the tent of meeting.

Numbers 18:22

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel shall not again come near to the tent of meeting to lift up sin, to die.	*The other Israelites must never approach the sacred tent. Otherwise, I will punish them for what they did wrong, and they will die.*

Whom did Yahweh say would die from then on if the people came near the sacred tent?

Yahweh told Aaron that from now on the people of Israel could not come near the tent of meeting, or they would die.

Numbers 18:27

ULT	UST
And your contribution shall be reckoned to you as the grain from the threshing floor and as the fullness from the winepress.	*When they dedicate that special contribution, I will consider it to be like when farmers dedicate some of the first grain that they have harvested or the grape juice they have produced.*

What was the offering that the Levites gave to Yahweh when they received an offering of grain or wine from the people of Israel?

The offering that the Levites gave back to Yahweh was a tenth of the grain or wine offering.

Numbers 18:28

ULT	UST
Thus you shall raise, you also, the contribution of Yahweh from all your tithes which you take from with the sons of Israel, and you shall give from it the contribution of Yahweh to Aaron the priest.	*In this way, they too must dedicate to me a special contribution. They must dedicate it from the one tenth of all the produce and animals that the Israelites give them. They must give their special contribution, which belongs to me, to the priest Aaron.*

From all the tithes that they had received from the people of Israel, to whom did the Levites give a special contribution?

The Levites gave to Aaron a special contribution from all the tithes that they had received from the people of Israel.

Numbers 18:32

ULT	UST
And you shall not lift up sin upon it when you raise its fat from it. And the holy things of the sons of Israel you shall not profane, and you shall not die.’”	*When they dedicate the best portion from everything that the Israelites give them, they will avoid defiling the sacred things that the Israelites give them. As a result, I will not punish them for doing anything wrong concerning those sacred things. That way, they will not die.”*

What would happen if the Levites profaned the holy offerings of the people of Israel?

If the Levites profaned the holy offerings of the people of Israel, they would die.

Numbers 19

Numbers 19:2

ULT	UST
“This is the statute of the law that Yahweh has commanded, saying, ‘Speak to the sons of Israel, and they shall take to you a perfect red cow in which there is no blemish, on which a yoke has not gone up.	*Here is a rule from the instructions that I have ordered you to obey. Tell the Israelite people to bring to you, Moses, a reddish-brown cow. It must be completely healthy, with no defects. It must be a cow that no one has used to do work.*

What statute or law did Yahweh command the Israelite people?

Yahweh commanded the Israelite people to bring a red heifer without blemish and which had never carried a yoke.

Numbers 19:3

ULT	UST
And you shall give it to Eleazar the priest, and he shall bring it out to the outside of the camp, and he shall slaughter it to his face.	*You, Moses and Aaron, must give the cow to the priest Eleazar. He must take it outside the area where the Israelites set up their tents. Then, someone must kill it in Eleazar’s presence.*

Where did Eleazar the priest take the heifer which someone killed in front of him?

Eleazar the priest had to take the heifer, which someone would kill in front of him, outside the camp.

Numbers 19:4

ULT	UST
And Eleazar the priest shall take from its blood with his finger, and he shall sprinkle from its blood to the front of the face of the tent of meeting seven times.	*Then the priest Eleazar must dip one of his fingers in the cow’s blood and flick some of the blood seven times toward the front of the sacred tent.*

What did Eleazar do with the blood of the heifer?

Eleazar took some of the blood on his finger and sprinkled it seven times toward the front of the tent of meeting.

Numbers 19:5

ULT	UST
And he shall burn the cow to his eyes; its skin and its flesh and its blood, with its dung, he shall burn.	*Then someone must burn the cow while Eleazar watches. That person must burn the entire cow, including its hide, its meat, its blood, and its excrement.*

What did another priest have to do with the heifer?

Another priest had to burn the heifer's hide, flesh, blood, and dung in front of Eleazar.

Numbers 19:6

ULT	UST
And the priest shall take wood of cedar and hyssop and scarlet of worm, and he shall throw to the midst of the burning of the cow.	*After that, the priest must pick up some cedar wood, some hyssop branches, and some crimson thread. He must toss them onto the fire where the cow is burning.*

Where did the priest throw cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet wool?

The priest had to throw cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet wool into the middle of the burning heifer.

Numbers 19:7

ULT	UST
And the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in the water, and after he shall come to the camp. And the priest shall be unclean until the evening.	*Then the priest must wash his clothes and thoroughly bathe himself. After that, he may return to the area where the Israelites set up their tents. However, he will be impure until the sun sets on that day.*

How long did Eleazar the priest stay unclean after he had washed his clothes, bathed in water, and gone back to the camp?

Eleazar stayed unclean until the evening after he had washed his clothes, bathed in water, and gone back to the camp.

Numbers 19:8

ULT	UST
And the one burning it shall wash his clothes in the water, and he shall bathe his flesh in the water, and he shall be unclean until the evening.	*The person who burned the cow must also wash his or her clothes and thoroughly bathe himself or herself. That person will be impure until the sun sets on that day.*

How long did the priest who had burned the heifer stay unclean after he had washed his clothes, bathed in water, and gone back to the camp?

The priest who had burned the heifer remained unclean until the evening after he had washed his clothes, bathed in water, and gone back to the camp.

Numbers 19:9

ULT	UST
And a clean man shall gather the ashes of the cow and make them rest from outside to the camp in a clean place. And it shall be for the congregation of the sons of Israel for keeping, for water of impurity. It is a sin offering.	*A man who is pure must collect the cow's ashes. He must put them in a pure place outside the area where the Israelites set up their tents. The Israelite community must keep the ashes safe. They will use them with water to make themselves pure. When they burn this cow it counts as a purifying sacrifice.*

What did someone who was clean do with the ashes from the heifer?

Someone who was clean gathered the heifer's ashes and put them outside the camp in a clean place.

What happened to the ashes that were placed outside the camp in a clean place?

These ashes were kept for the community of Israel to mix with water for purification from sin, since they came from a sin offering.

Numbers 19:10

ULT	UST
And the one gathering the ashes of the cow shall wash his clothes, and he shall be unclean until the evening. And it shall be for the sons of Israel and for the sojourner, the one sojourning in their midst, for a statute of eternity.	*The man who collected the cow's ashes must also wash his clothes. He will be impure until the sun sets on that day. This is a permanent rule. It applies both to the Israelites and to the foreigners who live among them.*

What was the permanent law about the one who gathered the heifer's ashes?

The one who gathered the heifer's ashes washed his clothes and remained unclean until the evening.

Numbers 19:11

ULT	UST
The one touching a dying one for every person of a man shall be unclean seven days.	*Anyone who touches a human corpse will become impure for seven days.*

How long would anyone who touched a dead body of a man be unclean?

Anyone who touched a dead body would be unclean until the seventh day.

Numbers 19:12

ULT	UST
He shall purify himself with it on the third day and on the seventh day. He will be clean. And if he does not purify himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he will not be clean.	*That person must have someone cleanse him or her with the water and ashes. That must happen twice: two days and six days after he or she touched a corpse. After that the person will be pure. However, suppose that the person does not have someone cleanse him or her with the water and ashes two days and six days after he or she touched a corpse. In that case, the person will not be pure.*

How did the person who touched a dead body purify himself?

Anyone who touched a dead body purified himself on the third and seventh days in order to be clean the seventh day.

What happened to anyone who touched a dead body and did not purify himself on the third day?

The person who did not purify himself on the third day after touching a dead body would not be clean on the seventh day.

Numbers 19:13

ULT	UST
Every one touching a dying one in the person of the man that dies, and he does not purify himself, he has made the Dwelling of Yahweh unclean. And that person shall be cut off from Israel, for water of impurity was not splashed on him. He shall be unclean; his uncleanness is still on him.	*Suppose that someone touches a human corpse but does not have someone cleanse him or her with the water and ashes. In that case, the person has caused the sacred tent where Yahweh makes himself present to become impure. Because no one splattered the water and ashes on that person to make him or her pure, the other Israelites must drive that person out from among them. That person is and will always be impure.*

Why would the person who touched a dead body but did not purify himself, remain unclean; and what would happen to that man?

The person who touched a dead body and did not purify himself would remain unclean because he had defiled Yahweh's tabernacle. That man would be cut off from Israel, and he would remain unclean.

Numbers 19:14

ULT	UST
This is the law: a man, when he dies in a tent, every one coming to the tent and everyone who is in the tent shall be unclean seven days.	*Here are the instructions for when someone dies inside a tent. Everyone who was in that tent and everyone who enters that tent will become impure for seven days.*

What happened to any person who went into a tent where someone had died or who was already in the tent when someone died?

Both those who went into the tent where someone had died and those who were already in the tent would be unclean for seven days.

Numbers 19:15

ULT	UST
And every opened vessel on which there is no cover of cord, it is unclean.	*Also, every container inside that tent that has no lid covering it is impure.*

What happened to containers that were uncovered when someone died inside a tent?

Every open container became unclean when someone died inside a tent.

Numbers 19:16

ULT	UST
And everyone who touches on the face of the field a slain one of the sword or a dying one or a bone of a man or a grave shall be unclean seven days.	*Now suppose that someone is outdoors. Suppose that person touches the place where someone buried someone, or a human bone, or a corpse. The corpse may be someone who died naturally or someone whom someone else killed. In that case, the person who touched any of those things will become impure for seven days.*

What was the law for anyone outside a tent who touched someone who had been killed with a sword or who had touched another a dead body, a human bone, or a grave?

The Israelite who touched someone who had been killed with a sword or who had touched a dead body, a human bone, or a grave would be unclean for seven days.

Numbers 19:17

ULT	UST
And they shall take for the unclean one from the dust of the burning of the sin offering, and he shall put living water on it into a vessel.	*Someone must pick up some of the ashes from the cow that they burned as a purifying sacrifice. That person must put them into a container and pour fresh water on them. That person will use the water and ashes to cleanse any impure people.*

What had to be used for the unclean person, and in what was it mixed?

Ashes from the burnt sin offering had to be used and were mixed in a jar with fresh water.

Numbers 19:18

ULT	UST
And he shall take hyssop, and a clean man shall dip it in the water, and he shall sprinkle on the tent and on all the vessels and on the persons who were there, and on the one touching the bone or the slain one or the dying one or the grave.	*Then a man who is pure must take some hyssop branches and dip them in the water. Then he must flick some of the water onto the persons or things that are unclean. That includes a tent in which someone died and all the containers and people who were in it. It also includes anyone who touches the place where someone buried someone, or a human bone, or a corpse. The corpse may be someone who died naturally or someone whom someone else killed*

What did someone do with the ashes from the burnt sin offering that were mixed in a jar with fresh water?

Using hyssop, someone who was clean had to sprinkle some of that water on the tent and on the things and people who were in the tent where someone had died. This water was also sprinkled on the person who had touched a human bone, a dead body, or a grave.

Numbers 19:21

ULT	UST
And it shall be for them for a statute of eternity. And the one sprinkling the water of the impurity shall wash his clothes, and the one touching the water of the impurity shall be unclean until the evening.	*That is a permanent rule for the Israelites. Additionally, the person who flicked the water on anyone to make him or her pure must wash his or her clothes. Anyone who touches the water that makes people pure will become impure until the sun sets on that day.*

What happened to the one who sprinkled the water for impurity, and how long was he unclean?

The one who sprinkled the water for impurity had to wash his clothes, and he was unclean until evening.

Numbers 19:22

ULT	UST
And everything that the unclean one touches shall be unclean, and the person touching it shall be unclean until the evening.’”	*Suppose that a person who is impure touches anything. That thing will become impure. Further, anyone who touches that thing will also become impure until the sun sets on that day.”*

What happened to anyone who touched something that the unclean person had touched?

Anyone who touched something that the unclean person had touched would be unclean until that evening.

Numbers 20

Numbers 20:1

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel, all the congregation, came to the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people dwelt at Kadesh. And Miriam died there, and she was buried there.	*In the first month of the fortieth year after they left Egypt, the whole Israelite community arrived at the desolate area of Zin. They stayed at the city of Kadesh. While they were there, Miriam died, and the Israelites buried her.*

Who went into the wilderness of Sin in the first month and stayed at Kadesh?

The people of Israel went into the wilderness of Sin.

What happened to Miriam at Kadesh?

Miriam died and was buried at Kadesh.

Numbers 20:2-3

What happened to make the people complain against Moses and Aaron?

There was no water for the people.

Numbers 20:4

ULT	UST
And why have you brought the assembly of Yahweh to this wilderness to die there, we and our livestock?	*You and Aaron have taken us, the community of people who serve Yahweh, to this desolate area only so that we and our animals will die here!*

What did the people, the community of Yahweh, ask Moses and Aaron?

The people asked Moses and Aaron why they brought them and their animals into the wilderness to die.

Numbers 20:5

ULT	UST
And why did you bring us up from Egypt to bring us to this evil place? It is not a place of seed and fig and vine and pomegranate, and there is no water to drink!”	*You should not have led us out of Egypt only to take us to this terrible area! Nothing grows here. There are no crops, figs, grapevines, or pomegranates. There is not even water for us to drink!”*

What did the people not have in this wilderness of Sin?

The people did not have seed, figs, vines, pomegranates or water to drink.

Numbers 20:6

ULT	UST
And Moses and Aaron went from the face of the assembly to the opening of the tent of meeting, and they fell on their faces. And the glory of Yahweh appeared to them.	*Moses and Aaron left the Israelite community and went to the entrance of the sacred tent. There, they sorrowfully and fearfully bowed down before Yahweh. Then Yahweh made himself present to them in a glorious way.*

What appeared to Moses and Aaron when they went to the entrance of the tent of meeting and lay face down?

Yahweh’s brilliant glory appeared to them when they lay face down at the entrance of the tent.

Numbers 20:7-9

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to take his staff, assemble the community and speak to the rock before the eyes of the people?

Yahweh told Moses to do this so that the rock would produce water for the people and their cattle to drink.

Numbers 20:10

ULT	UST
And Moses and Aaron assembled the assembly to the face of the rock, and he said to them, "Please hear, the rebellious ones! From this rock shall we bring out water for you?"	*Then Moses and Aaron summoned the Israelite community to the area in front of the rock that was nearby. Then Moses told them, "Listen to me, you people who keep defying God! I am upset that we have to make this rock pour out water for you!"*

What did Moses call the people before he struck the rock?

Moses called the people rebels.

Numbers 20:10-11

What happen when Moses struck the rock twice with his staff?

When Moses struck the rock much water came out of the rock and the community and their cattle drank the water.

Numbers 20:12-13

What did Yahweh tell Moses and Aaron would happen because they did not trust Yahweh or sanctify him in the eyes of the people of Israel?

Yahweh told them they would not bring the assembly of the people into the land Yahweh had given to them.

Numbers 20:14-16

To whom did Moses send messengers telling of the difficulties the people had encountered?

Moses sent messengers to the king of Edom.

Numbers 20:17

ULT	UST
Please let us pass over in your land. We will not pass over in a field or in a vineyard, and we will not drink water of a well. We will go on the way of the king. We will not turn aside right or left until when we have passed over your border.'"	*We ask that you allow us to travel through your country. We will stay on the King's Highway, the main road, and we will not turn off that road in any direction until we have left your region. We promise not to walk through your fields or vineyards. We will not even drink any of your water."*

What did Moses ask of the king of Edom to allow the people to do?

Moses asked the king if he would allow the people of Israel to pass through the land.

What did Moses say the people would not do until they had passed through the king's border?

Moses said the people would not turn to the right or to the left until they had passed the king's border.

Numbers 20:18

ULT	UST
And Edom said to him, "You shall not pass over in me, lest with the sword I come out to meet you."	*The king of Edom replied, "You may not travel through our country! If you try to travel through, I will have my army attack you!"*

What was the king's reply to Moses?

The king's reply was that the people of Israel could not pass through his land and he would attack them with the sword if they tried to pass through it.

Numbers 20:19

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel said to him, "On the highway we will go up. And if we drink your water, I and my livestock, then I will give its price. Only, there is no matter, let me pass over on my feet."	*The Israelite representatives replied, "We will certainly stay on the main road. Further, suppose that we or any of our animals drink any of your water. In that case, we will pay for the water. We are not asking very much, just that you allow us to walk through your region."*

What was the reply of the people of Israel to the king of Edom?

The people of Israel replied that they would just go along the highway, pay for any water that their livestock might drink and they would only walk through and not do anything else.

Numbers 20:20-21

What did the king of Edom do after he refused to let the people of Israel pass through his land?

The king of Edom came against Israel with a strong hand with many soldiers.

Numbers 20:21

ULT	UST
And Edom refused to give Israel to pass over in his border. And Israel turned aside from upon him.	*In that way, the king of Edom and his people did not allow the Israelites to travel through their country. So, the Israelites chose to go a different way.*

What did Israel do when the king of Edom refused to allow them to cross over the border?

Israel turned away from the land of Edom.

Numbers 20:22

ULT	UST
And they set out from Kadesh, and the sons of Israel, all the congregation, came to Mount Hor.	*The whole Israelite community left Kadesh and traveled to Mount Hor.*

Where did the people of Israel go when they journeyed from Kadesh?

The people of Israel journeyed to Mount Hor.

Numbers 20:23-24

What did Yahweh tell Moses and Aaron at Mount Hor about the consequence of their rebellion?

Yahweh told them that Aaron must be gathered to his people and Aaron would not enter the land given to the people of Israel because they both rebelled against Yahweh's word at the Waters of Meribah.

Numbers 20:25

ULT	UST
Take Aaron and Eleazar his son and bring them up Mount Hor.	*You, Moses, must lead Aaron and his son Eleazar up onto Mount Hor.*

Who did Yahweh say Moses and Aaron should bring with them to Mount Hor?

Yahweh told Moses and Aaron to bring Eleazar, Aaron's son, with them to Mount Hor.

Numbers 20:26

ULT	UST
And strip Aaron of his clothes and clothe Eleazar his son with them. And Aaron will be gathered and will die there."	*There you must remove from Aaron the clothes that he wears as priest and put them on his son Eleazar. Then Aaron will die in that place."*

Why did Yahweh tell them to take Aaron's priestly garment off him and put them on Eleazar his son?

Yahweh told them that Aaron must die and be gathered to his people.

Numbers 20:27-29

What did the community do after Moses did as Yahweh commanded and they saw that Aaron was dead?

When all the community saw that Aaron was dead, the entire nation wept for Aaron for thirty days.

Numbers 21

Numbers 21:1

ULT	UST
And the Canaanite, the king of Arad, the one dwelling in the Negeb, heard that Israel had come the way of the Atharim, and he fought against Israel, and he took captive from him a captive.	*Now, the Canaanite king who ruled Arad city lived in the Negeb. Around this time, he learned that the Israelites had arrived near him by traveling on the Atharim road. So, he attacked the Israelites and captured some of them.*

What did the Canaanite king of Arad do when he heard that Israel was traveling by the road to Atharim?

The king of Arad fought against Israel and took some of them captive.

Numbers 21:2-3

What did Yahweh do in response to Israel's vow that they would destroy the cities of the king of Arad completely if Yahweh would give Israel victory over them?

Yahweh listened to Israel and gave them victory over the Canaanites.

Numbers 21:3

ULT	UST
And Yahweh listened to the voice of Israel, and he gave the Canaanite, and he devoted them and their cities to destruction. And he called the name of the place Hormah.	*Yahweh heard what the Israelites asked, and he empowered them to defeat the Canaanites. The Israelites killed all the people and destroyed their cities. So they named that area Hormah, which means "destroy."*

What was name of the place called where Israel destroyed the Canaanites and their cities?

The name of that place was called Hormah.

Numbers 21:4

ULT	UST
And they set out from Mount Hor by the way of the Sea of Reeds to go around the land of Edom. And the soul of the people was short on the way,	*Then the Israelites left Mount Hor and walked on the road to the Sea of Reeds. That way, they could avoid the area where the Edomites lived. Now the Israelites became very impatient while they were traveling.*

What happened to the people's hearts as they traveled from Mount Hor by the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom?

The people's hearts became very discouraged.

Numbers 21:5

ULT	UST
and the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread and there is no water, and our soul loathes the worthless bread."	*So, they criticized God and Moses. They said, "We hate this terrible manna, and there is no other food or drink here! Clearly, you led us out of Egypt only so that we will die in this desolate area!"*

What was the complaint of the people against God and Moses?

The people complained against God and Moses and asked why they had been brought out of Egypt to die in the wilderness, because they had no bread, they had no water, and they hated the food.

Numbers 21:6

ULT	UST
And Yahweh sent among the people the serpents, the fiery ones, and they bit the people, and many people from Israel died.	*So Yahweh had poisonous snakes come and bite many Israelites. After the snakes bit them, many of them died.*

What happened to the people when Yahweh sent poisonous snakes among the people?

The snakes bit the people and many people died.

Numbers 21:7

ULT	UST
And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we spoke against Yahweh and against you. Pray to Yahweh, and let him remove from upon us the serpent." And Moses prayed on behalf of the people.	*So the people approached Moses and said, "When we criticized Yahweh and you, we did what was wrong. Please ask Yahweh to make these snakes leave us." So Moses spoke to Yahweh about that for the people.*

What did the people ask Moses to do after they confessed that they had sinned and had spoken against Yahweh and Moses?

The people asked Moses to pray to Yahweh to take the snakes away from them.

Numbers 21:8

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Make for yourself a fiery one and put it on a banner, and it will be that all the bitten ones will see it, and he will live."	*Yahweh told Moses, "Make an image of a poisonous snake and attach it to the top of a pole. Whenever a snake bites someone, that person should gaze at the snake on the pole. Then, that person will recover."*

What did Yahweh tell Moses to do after Moses prayed for the people?

Yahweh told Moses to make a snake and attach it to a pole.

Numbers 21:9

ULT	UST
And Moses made a serpent of bronze, and he put it on the banner. And it was that if the serpent bit a man and he looked to the serpent of the bronze, then he lived.	*So Moses made a bronze image of a snake and attached it to the top of a pole. Whenever a snake bit someone, that person would gaze at the bronze snake on the pole. Then that person would recover.*

What happened if a person looked at the bronze snake after he was bitten by a snake?

The person survived who looked at the bronze snake after he was bitten.

Numbers 21:16

ULT	UST
And from there to Beer. It is the well where Yahweh said to Moses, "Gather the people, and I will give water to them."	*The Israelites left the north side of the Arnon River and traveled to Beer, which means "Well". That is the well where Yahweh had previously told Moses, "Summon the Israelites. I will provide water for them."*

What did the people find at Beer?

There was a well there where Yahweh had told Moses to gather the people together for Yahweh to give them water.

Numbers 21:17-18

About what did Israel sing?

They sang about the well that the leaders had dug to give them water.

Numbers 21:21

ULT	UST
And Israel sent messengers to Sihon, the king of the Amorites, saying,	*Then the Israelites had representatives visit Sihon. He ruled the Amorite people group. The representatives said,*

To whom did the Israelites send messengers?

The Israelites sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites.

Numbers 21:22

ULT	UST
"Let me pass over in your land. We will not turn aside into a field or into a vineyard. We will not drink water of a well. On the way of the king we will go until when we pass over your border."	*"We ask that you allow us to travel through your country. We will stay on the King's Highway, the main road, until we have left your region. We promise not to walk through your fields or vineyards. We will not even drink any of your water."*

What did Israelite's messengers request of Sihon?

The Israelites requested that they pass through his land without drinking from his wells and by staying on the king's highway.

Numbers 21:23

ULT	UST
And Sihon did not give Israel to pass over in his border, and Sihon gathered all his people and went out to meet Israel toward the wilderness. And he came to Jahaz, and he fought against Israel.	*However, Sihon refused to let the Israelites travel through his country. Instead, he assembled his entire army and marched out into the desolate area to attack the Israelites. When he and his army arrived at the town of Jahaz, they attacked the Israelites.*

How did the king respond to the request of the Israelites?

The king refused to allow Israel to pass through his border. He gathered his army and attacked Israel in the wilderness.

Numbers 21:24

ULT	UST
And Israel struck him to the mouth of the sword and possessed his land from Arnon as far as Jabbok, as far as the sons of Ammon. For the border of the sons of Ammon was strong.	*The Israelites defeated and killed him and his army. They took the area he ruled for themselves. This area went from the Arnon River in the south, to the Jabbok River in the north, to the area where the Ammonites lived in the east. The Ammonites would have been difficult to defeat, so the Israelites stopped at the area where the Ammonites lived.*

What did Israel do in response to Sihon's attack?

The Israelites attacked the army of Sihon with the edge of the sword and took their land.

Numbers 21:31

ULT	UST
And Israel dwelled in the land of the Amorite.	*After all that, the Israelites began to live in the region where the Amorites had lived.*

Where did Israel begin to live?

Israel began to live in the land of the Amorites.

Numbers 21:32

ULT	UST
And Moses sent to spy out Jazer, and they captured its daughters and dispossessed the Amorite who was there.	*Now Moses had some Israelites explore Jazer. Then, the Israelites attacked and took over Jazer and its surrounding villages. They made the Amorites who had lived there leave.*

What happened after Moses sent men to look at Jazer?

The Israel took its villages and drove out the Amorites who were there.

Numbers 21:33

ULT	UST
And they turned and went up the way of the Bashan. And Og, the king of the Bashan, went out to meet them, he and all his people, to the battle at Edrei.	*Then the Israelites turned north and went toward the region of Bashan. Og, the king of that area, and all his soldiers marched south to fight against them at the city of Edrei.*

What did Og do when Israel turned and went up by the road of Bashan?

Og and all his army went out to fight the Israelites at Edrei.

Numbers 21:34

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Do not fear him, for into your hand I have given him and all his people and his land. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon, the king of the Amorite, who was dwelling in Heshbon."	*Yahweh told Moses, "I will cause your army to defeat him and all his army. I will also cause you to capture all their land. So, do not be afraid of him. Do to him what you did to Sihon, the king of the Amorite people, who ruled in the city of Heshbon."*

What did Yahweh say to Moses about Og and his army?

Yahweh told Moses not to fear Og and to do to him as the Israelites did to Sihon king of the Amorites because Yahweh had given them victory over him, his army, and his land.

Numbers 21:35

ULT	UST
And they struck him and his sons and all his people until not a survivor remained for him, and they possessed his land.	*So the Israelites killed Og, his sons, and his entire army. They did not allow any of them to remain alive. Then the Israelites took the area Og had ruled for themselves.*

How did Moses and the people of Israel respond to Yahweh's instructions?

Moses and the people killed Og, his sons, his army and his people and then took over his land.

Numbers 22

Numbers 22:1

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel set out, and they camped in the plains of Moab, from across to Jordan at Jericho.	*Then the Israelites kept traveling. They set up their tents in the flatlands that were part of Moab, on the east side of the Jordan River, across from the city of Jericho.*

What city was near the place where the people of Israel camped in the plains of Moab on the other side of Jordan River?

The city of Jericho was on the other side of the Jordan River near the place where they camped.

Numbers 22:2-3

Why were the people of Moab afraid of the people of Israel?

The people of Moab were afraid of the people of Israel because they had seen all that they had done to the Amorites and because there were many people.

Numbers 22:4

ULT	UST
And Moab said to the elders of Midian, "Now the assembly will lick up all around us, as the ox licks up the greenery of the field." And Balak the son of Zippor was the king of Moab at that time.	*The people who led the Moabites told the people who led the Midianites, "Very soon this Israelite community will destroy everything around us, just as an ox devours all the grass in a field." Now King Balak, Zippor's son, ruled Moab during this time.*

Of what country was Balak king?

Balak was the king of Moab.

Numbers 22:5-6

What did Balak want Balaam to do to the nation that came from Egypt?

Balak wanted Balaam to curse the nation that came from Egypt.

Why did Balak want Balaam to curse the nation that had come from Egypt?

He wanted Balaam to curse that nation because they covered the face of the earth, they were next to him, and they were too strong for him.

Numbers 22:6

ULT	UST
And now, please come, curse this people for me, for it is mightier than I. Perhaps I will be able to strike against it, and I will drive it out from the land. For I know that whom you bless is blessed, and whom you curse is cursed."	*They are more powerful than we are. So, please travel here. For my sake, call on God to do bad things to them. Then maybe my army will be able to defeat them and force them to leave my region. I ask because I believe that when you call on God to do good things to people, those good things happen to them. When you call on God to do bad things to people, those bad things happen to them."*

What did Balak know that Balaam could do?

Balak knew that whomever Balaam blessed would be blessed, and whomever he cursed would be cursed.

Numbers 22:8

ULT	UST
And he said to them, "Lodge here tonight, and I will return to you a word, just as Yahweh speaks to me." And the princes of Moab dwelled with Balaam.	*Balaam replied, "Stay here tonight. In the morning, I will answer your request. I will tell you what Yahweh tells me." So, the Moabite officials stayed there that night.*

What did Balaam say when he heard Balak's message?

Balaam said that the messengers should stay there overnight and he would bring to them what Yahweh said to him.

Numbers 22:11

ULT	UST
‘Behold, the people coming out from Egypt, and it has covered the eye of the land. Now come, curse it for me. Perhaps I will be able to fight against it and drive it out.’”	*They told me that a group of people left Egypt and are now living near Moab. There are so many of them that they cover the entire region. They asked me to travel there and for their sake to call upon God to do bad things to this group of people. That way, their army may be able to defeat this group of people and force them to leave that region.”*

What did Balaam tell Yahweh about the request of those men who came to him from Balak?

Balaam told God that Balak asked him to curse the people of Israel so Balak could fight them and drive them out.

Numbers 22:12

ULT	UST
And God said to Balaam, “You shall not go with them. You shall not curse the people, for it is blessed.”	*Then God told Balaam, “You must not travel back with them! I intend to do good things to this group of people. So, you must not call on me to do bad things to this group of people.”*

What did God tell Balaam to do about going with the messengers and about cursing the people of Israel?

God told Balaam that he was not to go with the men and that he was not to curse the people of Israel.

Numbers 22:13

ULT	UST
And Balaam rose in the morning and said to the princes of Balak, “Go to your land, for Yahweh has refused to give me to go with you.”	*When Balaam woke up the next morning, he told the officials who served Balak, “Yahweh will not allow me to travel back with you. So, return to your country without me.”*

What did Balaam tell Balak’s leaders in the morning?

Balaam told Balak’s leaders to go back to their land because Yahweh refused to allow him to go with them.

Numbers 22:14

ULT	UST
And the princes of Moab rose and came to Balak and said, “Balaam refused to come with us.”	*So the Moabite officials returned to King Balak. They told him, “Balaam said that he would not travel back with us.”*

What did the leaders tell Balak when they went back to him?

The leaders told Balak that Balaam refused to come with them.

Numbers 22:17

ULT	UST
for honoring, I will honor you greatly, and all that you say to me I will do. And please come, curse this people for me.’”	*If you travel back with us, King Balak will reward you very much. Also, he will do everything you tell him to do. We only ask that you travel back with us. For our sake, call on God to do bad things to this people group.”*

How did Balak try to get Balaam to come to him when he sent more honorable leaders to Balaam?

Balak tried to get Balaam to curse Israel by paying him extremely well, giving him great honor, and doing whatever he told him to do.

Numbers 22:18

ULT	UST
And Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, “If Balak gives to me the fullness of his house, silver and gold, I will not be able to pass over the mouth of Yahweh my God, to do small or great.	*Balaam told the men who served King Balak, “Suppose that King Balak offered me all the money and possessions he has. Even in that case, I would not be able to disobey what Yahweh, the God I worship, tells me to do, no matter how unimportant.*

What did Balaam say to Balak’s men in reply to their request?

Balaam told them that he could not go beyond the word of Yahweh, his God, and could do neither less nor more than what God told him to do.

Numbers 22:19

ULT	UST
And now, please, you also dwell in this tonight, and I will know what Yahweh will add to speak with me."	*For now, I ask that you stay here tonight, just as the previous officials did. Tonight, I will find out what else Yahweh may say to me."*

Why did Balaam tell Balak's men they should wait overnight?

Balaam told Balak's men to wait there that night so that he might learn anything further that Yahweh said to him.

Numbers 22:20

ULT	UST
And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, "If the men have come to call for you, rise, go with them. But only the word that I speak to you, it you shall do."	*During the night, God made himself present to Balaam. He told Balaam, "Since these men have arrived here to ask you to travel back with them, you may leave with them when you get up in the morning. However, you must do only what I tell you to do!"*

What did God tell Balaam to do when he came to Balaam at night?

When God came to Balaam that night, he told Balaam to get up and go with Balak's men but to do only what God told him to do.

Numbers 22:21

ULT	UST
And Balaam rose in the morning and saddled his female donkey, and he went with the princes of Moab.	*So the next morning, Balaam got up, put a saddle on his donkey, and left with the Moabite officials.*

What did Balaam do in the morning?

Balaam got up, saddled his donkey, and went with the leaders of Moab in the morning.

Numbers 22:22

ULT	UST
And the nose of God burned because he was going. And the angel of Yahweh stationed himself in the way for an adversary to him. And he was riding on his female donkey, and two of his young men were with him.	*Then, because Balaam left with them, God was angry. So, an angel representing Yahweh stood in the road to oppose Balaam. Meanwhile, Balaam was riding on his donkey. He had two servants with him.*

Why was God angry?

God was angry because Balaam went with them.

What did the angel of Yahweh do?

The angel of Yahweh placed himself in the road as an adversary to Balaam.

Numbers 22:23

ULT	UST
And the female donkey saw the angel of Yahweh being stationed in the way, and his sword being drawn in his hand. And the female donkey turned aside from the way and went into the field. And Balaam struck the female donkey to turn her aside to the way.	*Balaam's donkey saw the angel representing Yahweh standing in the road. The angel held a sword and was ready to use it. So, the donkey turned off the road into the open country. But Balaam hit the donkey to force it back onto the road.*

What did Balaam's donkey see standing in the road?

Balaam's donkey saw the angel of Yahweh standing in the road with his drawn sword in his hand.

What did Balaam's donkey do when he saw the angel of Yahweh, and what did Balaam do to his donkey?

Balaam's donkey turned off the road and went into a field; Balaam struck the donkey to turn her back to the road.

Numbers 22:24

ULT	UST
And the angel of Yahweh stood in the narrow path of the vineyards, a wall from this and a wall from that.	*Then the angel representing Yahweh stood on a narrow road between two vineyards. There were walls on both sides.*

What was on the right and left of the angel of Yahweh when he stood in a narrow part of the road between some vineyards?

A wall was on the angel's right side and another wall was on his left side.

Numbers 22:25

ULT	UST
And the female donkey saw the angel of Yahweh, and she pressed herself against the wall. And she pressed the foot of Balaam against the wall, and he added to strike her.	*When the donkey saw the angel representing Yahweh standing there, it squeezed up against the wall. When it did that, it also squeezed Balaam's foot between it and the wall. So, Balaam hit the donkey again.*

What did the donkey do when he saw the angel of Yahweh with the drawn sword in the narrow place of the road, and then how did Balaam respond to what his donkey did?

When the donkey saw the angel of Yahweh, she struck the wall and pinned Balaam's foot against it; then Balaam struck her again.

Numbers 22:27

ULT	UST
And the female donkey saw the angel of Yahweh and lay down under Balaam. And the nose of Balaam burned, and he struck the female donkey with the staff.	*When the donkey saw the angel representing Yahweh standing there, it lay down on the ground with Balaam still sitting on it. Balaam was angry, and he hit the donkey with his walking stick.*

What did the donkey do when she saw the angel of Yahweh in another narrow place where there was no way to turn to either side, and what did Balaam do?

The donkey laid down under Balaam; Balaam struck the donkey with his staff.

Numbers 22:28

ULT	UST
And Yahweh opened the mouth of the female donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?"	*Then Yahweh enabled the donkey to speak! It asked Balaam, "Why have you hit me three times? How have I acted against you?"*

What did the donkey ask Balaam when Yahweh opened her mouth so she could talk?

The donkey asked Balaam what she had done to him that made him strike her three times.

Numbers 22:29

ULT	UST
And Balaam said to the female donkey, "Because you have abused me! If only there were a sword in my hand, for I would kill you now!"	*Balaam replied, "You have treated me very badly! I wish I had a sword and could kill you right now!"*

How did Balaam reply to the donkey, and what did he wish he could do to her?

Balaam replied to the donkey that he had struck her because she acted so stupidly, and he wished that he had a sword in his hand so that he could kill her.

Numbers 22:31

ULT	UST
And Yahweh uncovered the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of Yahweh being stationed in the way and his sword being drawn in his hand. And he bowed and prostrated himself to his nostrils.	*Then Yahweh enabled Balaam to see the angel representing Yahweh. The angel was standing in the road. He held a sword and was ready to use it. So Balaam fearfully and respectfully bowed down before the angel.*

What did Balaam see and do when Yahweh opened his eyes?

Balaam saw the angel of Yahweh standing in the road with his drawn sword in his hand so Balaam lowered his head and lay face down.

Numbers 22:32-33

Why did the angel of Yahweh tell Balaam about why his donkey acted the way she did?

The angel told Balaam that when his donkey saw the angel, she turned away three times.

Numbers 22:33

ULT	UST
And the female donkey saw me and turned aside to my face these three times. Unless she turned aside from my face, then now I would have killed also you and kept her alive."	*Your donkey realized I was here. It tried to move away from me those three times. If it had not done that, I would have killed you already. However, I would have let the donkey live."*

What did the angel say would have happened to Balaam if his donkey had not turned away?

The angel told Balaam that if his donkey had not turned away, the angel would have killed Balaam and spared the donkey's life.

Numbers 22:34

ULT	UST
And Balaam said to the angel of Yahweh, "I have sinned, for I did not know that you were being stationed to meet me in the way. And now, if it is evil in your eyes, let me return for myself."	*Then Balaam told the angel representing Yahweh, "I did not realize that you were standing in the road to confront me. Because of that, I did what was wrong. You seem to think that traveling with these men is wrong. If that is true, I will go back home."*

What did Balaam confess to the angel, and what did he offer to do?

Balaam confessed that he had sinned and offered to return to the place from which he had come.

Numbers 22:35

ULT	UST
And the angel of Yahweh said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but only the word that I speak to you, it you shall speak." And Balaam went with the princes of Balak.	*The angel representing Yahweh replied, "You may travel with these men. However, you must say only what I tell you to say." So Balaam traveled on with the officials who served Balak.*

How did the angel reply to Balaam?

The angel replied that Balaam should go ahead with the men but only speak the words that the angel told him to speak.

Numbers 22:36

ULT	UST
And Balak heard that Balaam came, and he went out to meet him to the city of Moab, which is on the border of Arnon, which is at the end of the border.	*When King Balak learned that Balaam was coming, he traveled to welcome him. He traveled to the town in Moab that is alongside the Arnon River, near the edge of his territory.*

What did Balak do when he heard that Balaam had come?

Balak went out to meet Balaam.

Numbers 22:37

ULT	UST
And Balak said to Balaam, "Sending, did I not send to you to call for you? Why did you not come to me? Am I truly not able to honor you?"	*When Balaam arrived, Balak told him, "I had people travel to you to ask you to visit me here! Why did you refuse to go with them at first? Surely you know that I can reward you well."*

What did Balak ask Balaam when he met him at the city of Aron, a city on Moab's border?

Balak asked Balaam why he had not come when Balak summoned him, and did Balaam not think Balak was able to honor him.

Numbers 22:38

ULT	UST
And Balaam said to Balak, "Behold, I have come to you. Now, being able, am I able to speak anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, it I will speak."	*Balaam replied, "Listen, I am here. But you need to know that I cannot say whatever I want. Instead, I can only say what God tells me to say."*

What did Balaam tell Balak that he could only say?

Balaam told Balak that he could only say the words that God put into his mouth.

Numbers 22:39-40

What did Balak do when he and Balaam arrived at Kiriath Huzoth?

When they arrived at Kiriath Huzoth, Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep and gave some meat to Balaam and the leaders who were with him.

Numbers 22:41

ULT	UST
And it happened in the morning that Balak took Balaam and brought him up to Bamoth Baal, and he saw from there the end of the people.	*The next morning Balak led Balaam up to the town of Bamoth Baal. From there, Balaam observed some of the Israelites at the edge of their campsite.*

What could Balaam see when Balak took him up to the Bamoth Baal?

Balaam could see only the end of the Israelites in their camp.

Numbers 23

Numbers 23:1

ULT	UST
And Balaam said to Balak, "Build for me in this place seven altars, and prepare for me in this place seven bulls and seven rams."	*Then Balaam told King Balak, "Have people construct seven altars for me here. Then have people get seven bulls and seven rams ready for me here to sacrifice."*

What did Balaam the prophet tell Balak the king to do?

Balaam told Balak to build seven altars for him and prepare seven bulls and seven rams.

Numbers 23:2

ULT	UST
And Balak did as Balaam had spoken, and Balak and Balaam made a bull and a ram go up on the altar.	*So Balak did exactly what Balaam told him to do. Then the two of them offered one bull and one ram on each altar.*

What did Balak do about Balaam's request?

Balak did as Balaam requested, and they offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

Numbers 23:3

ULT	UST
And Balaam said to Balak, "Station yourself beside your burnt offering, and let me go. Perhaps Yahweh will encounter to meet me, and the word of what he makes me see, I will declare to you." And he went to a bare height.	*Then Balaam told Balak, "You stand here close to your wholly burned sacrifice. I will walk somewhere else. Hopefully Yahweh will make himself present to me. I will tell you whatever he shows me." Then Balaam walked to a hill with nothing on it.*

What did Balaam tell Balak that Yahweh might do when Balaam went aside?

Balaam told Balak that Yahweh might come to meet him and then he would tell Balak whatever Yahweh showed him.

Numbers 23:5

ULT	UST
And Yahweh put a word in the mouth of Balaam, and he said, "Return to Balak, and thus you shall speak."	*Then Yahweh told Balaam what to say. Then Yahweh said, "Go back to Balak. Tell him that message."*

What did Yahweh tell Balaam to do?

Yahweh told Balaam to return to Balak to speak a message to him.

Numbers 23:7-8

What two questions did Balaam ask in the first part of the message God gave him?

Balaam asked, "What will I curse? God has not cursed. And what will I denounce? Yahweh has not denounced."

Numbers 23:9

ULT	UST
For from a head of rocks I see him, and from hills I look at him. Behold, a people dwells alone, and among the nations it does not reckon itself.	*I can see them from here, from the top of this hilly and rocky area. I see that they separate themselves from all other people groups.*

What did Balaam say about how Israel considered themselves?

Balaam said that the people of Israel did not consider themselves to be like the other nations.

Numbers 23:10

ULT	UST
Who has counted the dust of Jacob, or a number, the fourth of Israel? May my soul die a death of upright ones, and may my end be like his!"	*There are too many Israelites to count, even if someone tried to count just one quarter of them! I wish that, when I die, I will be like one of these people who have done what is right."*

What did Balaam say about the size of Israel?

He said no one could number even one fourth of Israel.

What kind of death did Balaam wish to die?

Balaam wished to die the death of a righteous person, and that he wanted his life's end to be like Israel's end.

Numbers 23:11

ULT	UST
And Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done to me? I brought you to curse my enemies, and behold, blessing, you have blessed!"	*Then Balak told Balaam, "You have acted against me! I had you come here to call on God to do bad things to those who oppose me. Instead, you have called on God to do good things to them!"*

What did Balak say that Balaam had done instead of cursing his enemies?

Balak said that Balaam had blessed his enemies instead of cursing them.

Numbers 23:12

ULT	UST
And he answered and said, "Is it not what Yahweh puts in my mouth, it I shall keep to speak?"	*Balaam replied, "I must be careful to say only what Yahweh tells me to say!"*

How did Balaam reply when Balak said he had blessed his enemies instead of cursing them?

Balaam answered that he was careful to say only what Yahweh put in his mouth.

Numbers 23:13

ULT	UST
And Balak said to him, "Please come with me to another place from which you will see him. Only his end you will see, and all of him you will not see. And curse him for me from there."	*After that, King Balak told Balaam, "I ask that you travel with me to a different place. You cannot see all the Israelites from there. You can see just the edge of their campsite. From there you must call on God to do bad things to them for my sake."*

What did Balak want Balaam to do when Balak took Balaam to another place where he could see the nearest part of Israel, Balak's enemies?

Balak wanted Balaam to curse Balak's enemies.

Numbers 23:14

ULT	UST
And he took him to the field of Zophim, to the head of the Pisgah. And he built seven altars and made a bull and a ram go up on the altar.	*So Balak took Balaam to part of the open country that people called Zophim. It was at the top of the hilly area that people called Pisgah. There Balak had people construct seven altars. He offered one bull and one ram on each altar.*

Where did Balak take Balaam, and what did he do there?

Balak took Balaam to the head of the Pisgah and he built seven more altars there and offered up a bull and a ram on each altar.

Numbers 23:15

ULT	UST
And he said to Balak, "Station yourself thus beside your burnt offering, and I will encounter thus."	*Then Balaam told Balak, "You stand here close to your wholly burned sacrifice. I will wait for Yahweh to make himself present to me over there."*

What did Balaam tell Balak to do, and what did Balaam say that he himself would do?

Balaam told Balak to station himself thus beside his burnt offering, and Balaam said that he was going to encounter Yahweh.

Numbers 23:19

ULT	UST
God is not a man that he lies, or a son of a man that he changes his mind. Has he said and will not do? And has he spoken and will not raise up?	*God is not a human. So, he does not speak falsely, like humans do. He always does whatever he has said he will do.*

What was the message that Yahweh put in Balaam's mouth?

Balaam said that God does not lie and he does not change his mind.

Numbers 23:20

ULT	UST
Behold, to bless I have taken, and he has blessed, and I cannot return it.	*Listen! God told me to call on him to do good things for the Israelites. He intends to do good things for them, and I cannot change that.*

What did Balaam say that he could not do about God's command to bless Israel?

Balaam said that he could not return God's command to bless Israel.

Numbers 23:21

ULT	UST
He has not looked at iniquity in Jacob, and he has not seen trouble in Israel. Yahweh his God is with him, and the shout of a king is in him.	*Nothing bad or unfortunate will happen to the Israelites. Yahweh their God rules over them, and they rejoice about that.*

Who did Balaam say was with the Israelites?

Balaam said that Yahweh was with the Israelites.

Numbers 23:22

ULT	UST
God is bringing them out from Egypt; as the horns of a wild ox for him.	*God led them out of Egypt. God is as strong as any wild ox.*

What did Balaam say God's strength is like?

He said God's strength is like the strength of a wild ox.

Numbers 23:23

ULT	UST
For there is no omen against Jacob, and no divination against Israel. According to the time it will be said to Jacob and to Israel, 'What has God done!'	*In fact, no one can harm the Israelites by using magic or curses. Right now, people will say about the Israelites, 'Look at the amazing things that God has done!'*

What did Balaam say there was none of against Jacob and against Israel?

Balaam said that there was no omen against Jacob and no divination against Israel.

What will be said about Jacob and Israel?

It will be said, "What God has done!"

Numbers 23:24

ULT	UST
Behold, a people rises up like a lioness, and like a lion it lifts itself up. It will not lie down until it eats prey and drinks blood of slain ones."	*Listen! This people group is powerful, like a pouncing lion. As a lion does not stop hunting until it catches something to eat, so they will not stop fighting until they completely defeat their enemies."*

How did Balaam describe what the people of Israel were like?

The people of Israel were like lions that attacked and ate their victims.

Numbers 23:25

ULT	UST
And Balak said to Balaam, "Both cursing, you shall not curse him, and blessing, you shall not bless him!"	*Then Balak told Balaam, "I see that you are not calling on God to do bad things to the Israelites. You should be silent instead of calling on God to do good things to them!"*

What did Balak say to Balaam after Balaam gave his prophecy?

Balak said to Balaam that he should neither curse nor bless the Israelites at all.

Numbers 23:26

ULT	UST
And Balaam answered and said to Balak, "Did I not speak to you, saying, 'All that Yahweh speaks, it I must do'?"	*Balaam replied, "I already told you that I must do whatever Yahweh tells me to do!"*

What did Balaam tell Balak was the only thing that he could say?

Balaam told Balak that he could say only what Yahweh told him to say.

Numbers 23:27

ULT	UST
And Balak said to Balaam, "Come, please, let me take you to another place. Perhaps it will be right in the eyes of God, and you will curse him for me from there."	*Then Balak told Balaam, "I ask that you travel with me to a different place. Maybe in that place God will consider it acceptable for you to call on him to do bad things to the Israelites for my sake."*

What did Balak think Balaam might be able to do if he took Balaam to another place?

Balak thought God might allow Balaam to curse the Israelites from another place.

Numbers 23:28

ULT	UST
And Balak took Balaam to the head of the Peor, the one looking down upon the face of the wasteland.	*So Balak had Balaam travel with him to the top of the hilly area that people called Peor. From there, people could look down into the desolate area north of the Dead Sea.*

Where did Balak take Balaam?

Balak took Balaam to the head of the Peor.

Numbers 23:29-30

What did Balaam tell Balak to do this time and what did Balak do?

Balaam told Balak to build seven altars so Balak did as Balaam said and offered a bull and a ram on each altar.

Numbers 24

Numbers 24:1

ULT	UST
And Balaam saw that it was good in the eyes of Yahweh to bless Israel, and he did not go as time by time to meet omens, and he set his face to the wilderness.	*Balaam now realized that Yahweh intended to do good things to the Israelites. So, he did not go somewhere else to find out what God wished, as he had previously. Instead, he stood facing the nearby desolate area.*

What did Balaam the prophet not do when he saw that it was good in the eyes of Yahweh to bless Israel?

Balaam did not go somewhere else to find out what God wished, as he had previously.

Numbers 24:2-3

What happened when Balaam lifted up his eyes and saw Israel camped, each in their own tribe?

When Balaam lifted up his eyes and saw Israel camped, the Spirit of God came on Balaam and he received a prophecy.

Numbers 24:4

ULT	UST
the declaration of the one hearing the words of God, who sees the vision of the Almighty, falling down and uncovered of eyes:	*I am saying what God speaks to me. God, who is completely powerful, has revealed things to me. I bow down before him, and he enables me to know what to say.*

What did Balaam do when he saw a vision from the Almighty?

Balaam bowed down with his eyes open.

Numbers 24:5

ULT	UST
How good are your tents, Jacob, your dwellings, Israel!	*You Israelites, the tents in which you live are very beautiful!*

What did Balaam say about the Israelites' tents?

Balaam said that the tents of the Israelites were very beautiful.

Numbers 24:6

ULT	UST
Like wadis they are stretched out, like gardens upon a river, like aloes Yahweh has planted, like cedars upon water.	*Your campsite is like a long stream bed or a garden near a river. It is like a forest of valuable trees that Yahweh has caused to grow in a fertile place.*

What did Balaam say that the tents and dwellings of Israel were like?

Balaam said that they were stretched out like wadis, like gardens upon a river, like aloes that Yahweh had planted, and like cedars upon water.

Numbers 24:7

ULT	UST
Water will flow from his buckets, and his seed will be in many waters. And his king will be higher than Agag, and his kingdom will be lifted up.	*You will always have plenty of water so that your crops grow well. The king who rules you will be very great, greater than King Agag.*

What did Balaam say would happen for Israel?

Balaam said that water would flow from his buckets, that his seed would be in many waters.

Q: What did Balaam say about Israel's king?

Balaam said that Israel's king would be higher than Agag and that his kingdom would be lifted up.

Numbers 24:8

ULT	UST
God is bringing him out from Egypt; as the horns of a wild ox for him. He will devour nations, his adversaries, and their bones he will crush, and with his arrows he will shatter.	*God led you Israelites out of Egypt. God is as strong as any wild ox. You will completely conquer in battle all the people who oppose you.*

What did Balaam say God was doing for Israel?

Balaam said that God was bringing him out from Egypt, as the horns of a wild ox for him.

What did Balaam say Israel would do to the nations who were his adversaries?

Balaam said that he would devour the nations, crush their bones, and shatter them with his arrows.

Numbers 24:9

ULT	UST
He bowed down, he lay down like a lion, and like a lioness, who will raise him up? Ones blessing you are blessed, and ones cursing you are cursed."	*You are like a lion that is lying down. It is dangerous to provoke you. Anyone who calls on God to do good things to you will also receive good things. Anyone who calls on God to do bad things to you will also receive bad things."*

What did Balaam prophesy would happen to those who blessed or cursed Israel?

Those who blessed Israel would be blessed and those who cursed Israel would be cursed.

Numbers 24:10

ULT	UST
And the nose of Balak burned toward Balaam, and he clapped his palms. And Balak said to Balaam, "To curse my enemies I called you, and behold, blessing, you have blessed these three times.	*Then King Balak was angry with Balaam. He angrily smacked his hands together. He told Balaam, "I had you come here to call on God to do bad things to those who oppose me. Instead, you have called on God to do good things to them three times!*

How did Balak show his anger against Balaam?

Balak clapped his palms together.

Numbers 24:11

ULT	UST
And now, flee for yourself to your place. I said, 'Honoring, I will honor you,' and behold, Yahweh has withheld you from honor."	*So, you must hurry back to your home now! I told you that I would reward you well. But listen to this: Yahweh has prevented you from receiving that reward."*

Who did Balak say kept Balaam from getting the promised reward?

Balak said that Yahweh kept Balaam from getting his reward.

Numbers 24:12-13

What did Balaam say he had told the messengers whom Balak sent to him?

Balaam said that even if Balak gave him the fullness of his house, silver and gold, he would not be able to pass over the mouth of Yahweh to do good or evil from his own heart, and that what Yahweh spoke, that he would speak.

Numbers 24:14

ULT	UST
And now, behold me, going to my people. Come, I will counsel you what this people will do to your people in the end of the days."	*Listen! I will go back home now. First, though, I will inform you about what the Israelites will eventually do to you Moabites."*

About what did Balaam counsel Balak before he returned to his own people?

Balaam counseled Balak what Israel was going to do to Balak's people in the end of the days.

Numbers 24:16

ULT	UST
the declaration of the one hearing the words of God, and the one knowing the knowledge of the Most High; he sees the vision of the Almighty, falling down and uncovered of eyes:	*I understand what the Most High God shows me, so I am saying what God speaks to me. God, who is completely powerful, has revealed things to me. I bow down before him, and he enables me to know what to say.*

What did Balaam say that he heard, knew, and saw?

Balaam said that he heard the words of God, knew the knowledge of the Most High, and saw the vision of the Almighty.

Numbers 24:17

ULT	UST
I see him, but not now; I look at him, but not near. A star has trodden from Jacob, and a scepter has risen from Israel. And it has shattered the edges of Moab and destroyed all the sons of Seth.	*I know about someone who will eventually live here. He will be an Israelite who will rule powerfully and as gloriously as a star in the sky. He will conquer the Moabites and their rulers, all the descendants of Seth.*

What did Balaam see in his vision about Jacob and Israel?

Balaam saw that a star has trodden from Jacob and a scepter has risen from Israel.

What did Balaam say the star and scepter would do?

Balaam said that it has shattered the edges of Moab and destroyed all the sons of Seth.

Numbers 24:18

ULT	UST
And Edom will be a possession, and Seir, his enemies, will be a possession, but Israel is doing strength.	*This person will take over the area where those who oppose him, the Edomites, live. The Israelites will act powerfully.*

What did Balaam say would happen to Edom and Seir?

Balaam said that Edom would be a possession, and Seir, his enemies, would also be a possession.

Numbers 24:19

ULT	UST
And he will rule from Jacob, and he will destroy a survivor from a city."	*This person will rule from the land where the Israelites live. He will kill anyone who survives when he conquers the cities of his enemies."*

What did Balaam say that this person would do?

Balaam said that that person would rule from Jacob and destroy a survivor from a city.

Numbers 24:20

ULT	UST
And he saw Amalek, and he lifted up his oracle and said, "First of nations is Amalek, and its end is unto destruction."	*Then Balaam looked toward the place where the Amalekites lived. He began to speak his prophetic message: "The Amalekites are the most powerful group in this area. However, eventually someone will destroy them completely."*

What did Balaam say about Amalek, the first of nations?

Balaam said that Amalek's end would be unto destruction.

Numbers 24:21

ULT	UST
And he saw the Kenite, and he lifted up his oracle and said, "Permanent is your dwelling, and set in the rock is your nest.	*Then Balaam looked toward the place where the Kenites lived. He began to speak his prophetic message: "You live in a strong and secure place, like a bird's nest on a cliff.*

What did Balaam say about the dwelling of the Kenite?

Balaam said that the Kenite's dwelling was permanent and that his nest was set in the rock.

Numbers 24:21-22

What did Balaam say would happen to Kain?

Balaam said that Kain would burn until Asshur took him captive.

Numbers 24:24

ULT	UST
And ships from the hand of Kittim, and they will afflict Asshur, and they will afflict Eber, and he also is unto destruction."	*People will arrive in boats from the shores of the Kittim region. They will subdue the Asshur tribe and the Eber tribe. However, someone will destroy them completely too."*

What did Balaam say would come from the hand of Kittim, and what would they do?

Balaam said that ships would come from the hand of Kittim and that they would afflict Asshur and afflict Eber.

Numbers 24:25

ULT	UST
And Balaam rose and went and returned to his place, and Balak also went to his way.	*Then Balaam left that place and traveled back to his home. Balak too left that place.*

When Balaam ended his final prophecy, what did he do and what did Balak do?

Balaam rose and went and returned to his place. Balak also went his way.

Numbers 25

Numbers 25:1-3

Why did the nose of Yahweh burn against Israel?

The Israelite men began having sex with Moabite women, and the people ate and prostrated themselves to the Moabite gods.

Numbers 25:3

ULT	UST
And Israel was yoked to Baal of Peor, and the nose of Yahweh burned against Israel.	*In this way, the Israelites associated themselves with the god Baal whom people worshiped at the town of Peor. So Yahweh was angry with the Israelites.*

What god did Israel join in worshiping at Peor?

Israel joined in worshiping Baal of Peor.

Numbers 25:4

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Take all of the heads of the people and hang them to Yahweh in front of the sun, and let the burning of the nose of Yahweh return from Israel."	*So Yahweh told Moses, "Seize the people who lead the Israelites. Execute them and display their bodies publicly before me. That way, I will stop being very angry with the Israelites."*

What did Yahweh tell Moses to do to the leaders of the people?

Yahweh told Moses to execute the leaders of the people and display their bodies publicly before Yahweh, so that Yahweh would stop being very angry with the Israelites.

Numbers 25:5

ULT	UST
And Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Kill, a man, his men, the ones being yoked to Baal of Peor."	*So Moses told the people who settled disputes among the Israelites, "Consider the people you are responsible for. Each of you must execute any of them who have associated themselves with the god Baal whom people worship at the town of Peor."*

What did Moses tell the judges of Israel to do?

Moses told each judge to execute his own men who had associated themselves with Baal of Peor.

Numbers 25:6

ULT	UST
And behold, a man from the sons of Israel came and brought near to his brothers the Midianites, to the eyes of Moses and to the eyes of all of the congregation of the sons of Israel. And they were weeping at the opening of the tent of meeting.	*Now the whole Israelite community was mourning at the entrance to the sacred tent. Just then, an Israelite man arrived with a Midianite woman. He introduced her to his relatives while Moses and the rest of the Israelites watched.*

Where was the community of the people of Israel when a man brought a Midianite woman near to his brothers?

When a man from the sons of Israel brought the Midianite woman near to his brothers, the people were weeping at the opening of the tent of meeting.

Numbers 25:7

ULT	UST
And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, saw, and he rose from the midst of the congregation and took a spear in his hand.	*Now Aaron had a son whose name was Eleazar. Eleazar had a son whose name was Phinehas, who was a priest. Phinehas also watched what happened with the Midianite woman. He left the Israelite community and picked up a spear.*

What did Phinehas, son of Eleazar, do when he saw what happened with the Midianite woman?

When Phinehas watched saw happened with the Midianite woman, he rose from the midst of the congregation and took a spear in his hand.

Numbers 25:8

ULT	UST
And he went after the man of Israel to the tent, and he pierced the two of them, the man of Israel and the woman, to her stomach. And the plague was restrained from upon the sons of Israel.	*He followed the Israelite man to a special tent. There, he thrust the spear through the Israelite man and into the woman's stomach, killing them both. Then, the Israelites stopped getting sick with the terrible disease that had made many of them sick.*

What happened when Phinehas pierced the man of Israel and the woman?

The plague was restrained from the sons of Israel.

Numbers 25:9

ULT	UST
And the ones dying by the plague were 24,000.	*However, 24,000 people had already died from the terrible disease.*

How many were the ones who died in the plague?

The ones who died in the plague were 24,000.

Numbers 25:11

ULT	UST
"Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, the priest, has returned my heat from upon the sons of Israel by him being jealous with my jealousy in their midst, and I did not finish the sons of Israel in my jealousy.	*"Aaron's grandson, Eleazar's son, Phinehas, the priest, wanted the Israelites to worship only me as strongly as I want the Israelites to worship only me. So, I am not angry with the Israelites any longer. Otherwise, I would have killed all of them because I want them to worship only me.*

Why was Yahweh no longer angry with the people of Israel?

Yahweh was no longer angry because Phinehas wanted the Israelites to worship only Yahweh, just as much as Yahweh wants that.

Numbers 25:12

ULT	UST
Therefore say, ‘Behold me, giving to him my covenant of peace.	*So, proclaim that I am making an agreement with Phinehas to make things go well for him.*

What did Yahweh call the covenant he gave to Phinehas?

Yahweh called it his covenant of peace.

Numbers 25:13

ULT	UST
And it shall be for him and for his seed after him a covenant of a priesthood of eternity, because he was jealous for his God, and he made atonement for the sons of Israel.’”	*The agreement means that he and his descendants will always be priests. I am making this agreement because Phinehas wanted the Israelites to worship only me, the God he worships. When he acted, I accepted what he did and removed what the Israelites had done wrong.”*

Why did Yahweh make a covenant of everlasting priesthood with Phinehas?

Yahweh made a covenant with Phinehas because he was zealous for Yahweh and had atoned for the people of Israel.

Numbers 25:14

ULT	UST
And the name of the man of Israel, the one being struck, who was struck with the Midianitess, was Zimri the son of Salu, a leader of a house of a father for the Simeonite.	*The name of the Israelite man whom Phinehas killed along with the Midianite woman was Zimri. He was Salu’s son. He led one of the ancestral families that made up the Simeon tribe.*

What was the name of the Israelite man who was struck with the Midianite woman?

His name was Zimri the son of Salu, a leader of a house of a father for the Simeonite.

Numbers 25:15

ULT	UST
And the name of the woman, the one being struck, the Midianitess, was Cozbi the daughter of Zur. He was a head of peoples, a house of a father in Midian.	*The name of the Midianite woman whom Phinehas killed was Cozbi. She was Zur's daughter. Zur led one of the ancestral families that made up Midian.*

What was the name of the Midianite woman who was killed?

Her name was Cozbi, daughter of Zur, a leader of a Midianite family.

Numbers 25:17-18

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to treat the Midianites as enemies and attack them?

God told Moses to treat the Midianites as enemies and attack them because they had treated Israel like enemies with their deceitfulness.

Numbers 25:18

ULT	UST
for they are opposing you by their deceptions with which they deceived you on the matter of Peor and on the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of the leader of Midian, their sister, the one being struck on the day of the plague on the matter of Peor."	*You must do that because they have acted against you by tricking you. They did that when they convinced the Israelites to worship the god Baal whom people worship at Peor. They also did when Cozbi visited the Israelite campsite. Her father led the Midianites, and she was one of their people. Phinehas killed her. That was when the Israelites were getting sick with a terrible disease when they worshiped the god Baal whom people worship at Peor."*

What did Yahweh say Cozbi, the daughter of the leader of Midian, was to the Midianites?

Yahweh said that Cozbi was their sister, that is, one of their own people.

Numbers 26

Numbers 26:1

ULT	UST
And it happened after the plague that Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,	*Now after the Israelites stopped getting sick with the terrible disease, Yahweh told Moses and Aaron's son Eleazar, the priest,*

Who did Yahweh speak to after the plague ended?

Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest.

Numbers 26:1-2

What did Yahweh tell Moses and Eleazar to do after the plague?

Yahweh told them to count all the people of Israel from 20 years old and up, by their tribes, who were able to go to war.

Numbers 26:3

ULT	UST
And Moses spoke and Eleazar the priest to them in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan at Jericho, saying,	*At that time, the Israelites were in the flatlands that were part of Moab. They were on the east side of the Jordan River, across from Jericho. Moses and Eleazar the priest told the Israelites,*

Where were Moses and Eleazar when they spoke to the people of Israel?

They were in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan River, across from Jericho.

Numbers 26:4

ULT	UST
“From a son of 20 years and upward, just as Yahweh commanded Moses.” And the sons of Israel, the ones coming out from the land of Egypt:	*“We are going to count all the men who are at least 20 years old. We will do exactly what Yahweh told Moses to do.” They did that. So, what follows is the record of the Israelites who left Egypt.*

What did Moses and Eleazar tell the people Yahweh had commanded them to do?

They told the people they needed to count the people from 20 years old and up, who had come out of the land of Egypt.

Numbers 26:5

ULT	UST
Reuben was the firstborn of Israel. The sons of Reuben: Hanoch, the clan of the Hanochite; of Pallu, the clan of the Palluite;	*The firstborn son of Jacob, whose other name was Israel, was Reuben. The four tribal groups that descended from Reuben were the descendants of Hanoch, the descendants of Pallu,*

Who was the firstborn of Israel?

The firstborn of Israel was Reuben.

Numbers 26:6

ULT	UST
of Hezron, the clan of the Hezronite; of Carmi, the clan of the Carmite.	*the descendants of Hezron, and the descendants of Carmi.*

What were the names of the last two clans descended from Reuben?

They were the clan of Hezron and the clan of Carmi.

Numbers 26:7

ULT	UST
These were the clans of the Reubenite. And their counted ones were 43,730.	*Moses and Eleazar listed 43,730 men from these four tribal groups that descended from Reuben.*

How many men did the clans of Reuben's descendants number?

The clans of Reuben's descendants numbered 43,730 men.

Numbers 26:8

ULT	UST
And the sons of Pallu: Eliab.	*Now Pallu had a son whose name was Eliab.*

Who was the son of Pallu?

The son of Pallu was Eliab.

Numbers 26:9

ULT	UST
And the sons of Eliab: Nemuel and Dathan and Abiram. It is Dathan and Abiram, the called ones of the congregation, who fought against Moses and against Aaron in the congregation of Korah when they fought against Yahweh.	*Eliab had three sons, whose names were Nemuel, Dathan and Abiram. The Israelites had chosen Dathan and Abiram from the community to lead them. However, they joined the community that Korah assembled to oppose Moses and Aaron. When they did that, they opposed Yahweh.*

Who were the sons of Eliab, descendant of Reuben, and what did his sons do?

Eliab's sons were Nemuel, Dathan and Abiram. Dathan and Abiram rebelled against Yahweh by following Korah who had challenged Moses and Aaron.

Numbers 26:10

ULT	UST
And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them and Korah when the congregation died, when the fire ate 250 men, and they were for a sign.	*Then the ground broke open, and they and Korah fell into the hole. That was when fire destroyed 250 men, and the community that Korah assembled died. What happened to them showed the Israelites what happens when people oppose Yahweh.*

What happened to all the followers of Korah that became a warning sign?

The earth swallowed them up and fire devoured 250 men.

Numbers 26:11

ULT	UST
And the sons of Korah did not die.	*However, not all of the descendants of Korah died at that time.*

Whose sons did not die?

Korah’s sons did not die.

Numbers 26:12

ULT	UST
The sons of Simeon according to their clans: of Nemuel, the clan of the Nemuelite; of Jamin, the clan of the Jaminite; of Jachin, the clan of the Jachinite;	*The five tribal groups that descended from Simeon were the descendants of Nemuel, the descendants of Jamin, the descendants of Jachin,*

What were the first three clans descended from Simeon?

They were the clans of Nemuel, Jamin, and Jachin.

Numbers 26:13

ULT	UST
of Zerah, the clan of the Zerahite; of Shaul, the clan of the Shaulite.	*the descendants of Zerah, and the descendants of Shaul.*

What were the last two clans descended from Simeon?

They were the clans of Zerah and Shaul.

Numbers 26:14

ULT	UST
These were the clans of the Simeonite: 22,200.	*There were 22,200 men from these five tribal groups that descended from Simeon.*

Who was listed next of Israel's sons, and how many did their descendants number?

The clans of Simeon were the next of Israel's sons; they numbered 22,200 total men.

Numbers 26:15

ULT	UST
The sons of Gad according to their clans: of Zephon, the clan of the Zephonite; of Haggi, the clan of the Haggite; of Shuni, the clan of the Shunite;	*The seven tribal groups that descended from Gad were the descendants of Zephon, the descendants of Haggi, the descendants of Shuni,*

What were the first three clans descended from Gad?

They were the clans of Zephon, Haggi, and Shuni.

Numbers 26:15-16

What two clans of Gad's descendants came after Shuni?

They were the clans of Ozni and Eri.

Numbers 26:17

ULT	UST
of Arod, the clan of the Arodite; of Areli, the clan of the Arelite.	*the descendants of Arod, and the descendants of Areli.*

What were the last two clans descended from Gad?

They were the clans of Arod and Areli.

Numbers 26:18

ULT	UST
These were the clans of the sons of Gad according to their counted ones: 40,500.	*Moses and Eleazar listed 40,500 men from these seven tribal groups that descended from Gad.*

How many did the male descendants of Gad number?

The male descendants of Gad numbered 40,500 men.

Numbers 26:19

ULT	UST
The sons of Judah were Er and Onan, and Er died and Onan in the land of Canaan.	*Judah had two sons whose names were Er and Onan. However, they died in Canaan and had no descendants.*

What happened to Judah's sons, Er and Onan?

They died in the land of Canaan.

Numbers 26:20

ULT	UST
And the sons of Judah according to their clans were: of Shelah, the clan of the Shelanite; of Perez, the clan of the Perezite; of Zerah, the clan of the Zerahite.	*The three tribal groups that descended from Judah through his other sons were the descendants of Shelah, the descendants of Perez, and the descendants of Zerah.*

Which sons of Judah had descendants who formed clans?

Shelah, Perez, and Zerah had descendants who formed clans.

Numbers 26:21

ULT	UST
And the sons of Perez were: of Hezron, the clan of the Hezronite; of Hamul, the clan of the Hamulite.	*The descendants of Perez divided themselves into two groups. They were the descendants of Hezron and the descendants of Hamul.*

What were the names of Perez's two sons?

They were Hezron and Hamul.

Numbers 26:22

ULT	UST
These were the clans of Judah according to their counted ones: 76,500.	*Moses and Eleazar listed 76,500 men from these three tribal groups and two subgroups that descended from Judah.*

How many men were in the other descendants of Judah?

The other descendants of Judah numbered 76,500 men.

Numbers 26:23

ULT	UST
The sons of Issachar according to their clans: Tola, the clan of the Tolaite; of Puvah, the clan of the Punite;	*The four tribal groups that descended from Issachar were the descendants of Tola, the descendants of Puvah,*

What were the first two clans descended from Issachar?

They were the clans of Tola and Puvah.

Numbers 26:24

ULT	UST
of Jashub, the clan of the Jashubite; of Shimron, the clan of the Shimronite.	*the descendants of Jashub, and the descendants of Shimron.*

What were the last two clans descended from Issachar?

They were the clans of Jashub and Shimron.

Numbers 26:25

ULT	UST
These were the clans of Issachar according to their counted ones: 64,300.	*Moses and Eleazar listed 64, 300 men from these four tribal groups that descended from Issachar.*

What was the number of the men of the clans from Issachar's descendants?

The number of the men of the clans from Issachar's descendants was 64,300 men.

Numbers 26:26

ULT	UST
The sons of Zebulun according to their clans: of Sered, the clan of the Seredite; of Elon, the clan of the Elonite; of Jahleel, the clan of the Jahleelite.	*The three tribal groups that descended from Zebulun were the descendants of Sered, the descendants of Elon, and the descendants of Jahleel.*

What were the three clans descended from Zebulun?

They were the clans of Sered, Elon, and Jahleel.

Numbers 26:27

ULT	UST
These were the clans of the Zebulunite according to their counted ones: 60,500.	*Moses and Eleazar listed 60,500 men from these three tribal groups that descended from Zebulun.*

What was the number of the men from Zebulun's descendants?

The number of the men from Zebulun's descendants was 60,500 men.

Numbers 26:28

ULT	UST
The sons of Joseph according to their clans: Manasseh and Ephraim.	*The tribal groups that descended from Joseph divided themselves into two tribes. These tribes were Manasseh and Ephraim.*

What were the two clans descended from Joseph?

The two clans descended from Joseph were Manasseh and Ephraim.

Numbers 26:29

ULT	UST
The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the clan of the Machirite; and Machir fathered Gilead; of Gilead, the clan of the Gileadite.	*The two tribal groups that descended from Manasseh were the descendants of Machir and the descendants of Gilead. Now Gilead was Machir's son.*

Who was Makir's son?

Makir's son was Gilead.

Numbers 26:30

ULT	UST
These were the sons of Gilead: Iezer, the clan of the Iezerite; of Helek, the clan of the Helekite;	*The descendants of Gilead divided themselves into six groups. They were the descendants of Iezer, the descendants of Helek,*

What were the first two clans descended from Gilead?

They were the clans of Iezer and Helek.

Numbers 26:31

ULT	UST
and Asriel, the clan of the Asrielite; and Shechem, the clan of the Shechemite;	*the descendants of Asriel, the descendants of Shechem,*

What two clans of Gilead's descendants came after Helek?

They were the clans of Asriel and Shechem.

Numbers 26:32

ULT	UST
and Shemida, the clan of the Shemidaite; and Hepher, the clan of the Hepherite.	*the descendants of Shemida, and the descendants of Hepher.*

What were the last two clans descended from Gilead?

They were the clans of Shemida and Hepher.

Numbers 26:33

ULT	UST
And Zelophehad the son of Hepher, there were not sons for him, but daughters. And the name of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.	*Now Hepher had a son whose name was Zelophehad. Zelophehad did not have any sons. He had only daughters. Their names were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.*

How many daughters did Zelophehad son of Hepher have although he had no sons?

Zelophehad son of Hepher had no sons and had five daughters.

Numbers 26:34

ULT	UST
These were the clans of Manasseh. And their counted ones: 52,700.	*Moses and Eleazar listed 52,700 men from these two tribal groups and six subgroups that descended from Manasseh.*

How many men came from the descendants of Manasseh?

The men that came from the descendants of Manasseh numbered 52,700 men.

Numbers 26:35

ULT	UST
These were the sons of Ephraim according to their clans: of Shuthelah, the clan of the Shuthelahite; of Becher, the clan of the Becherite; of Tahan, the clan of the Tahanite.	*The three tribal groups that descended from Ephraim were the descendants of Shuthelah, the descendants of Becher, and the descendants of Tahan.*

What were the three clans descended from Ephraim?

They were the clans of Shuthelah, Becher, and Tahan.

Numbers 26:36

ULT	UST
And these were the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the clan of the Eranite.	*Some of the descendants of Shuthelah divided themselves into a group. These people were the descendants of Eran.*

What clan descended from Shuthelah?

The clan of Eran descended from Shuthelah.

Numbers 26:37

ULT	UST
These were the clans of the sons of Ephraim according to their counted ones: 32,500. These were the sons of Joseph according to their clans.	*Moses and Eleazar listed 32,500 men from these three tribal groups and one subgroup that descended from Ephraim. Those tribal groups and the tribal groups that descended from Manasseh were the tribal groups that descended from Joseph.*

How many men came from the descendants of Ephraim?

The men that came from the descendants of Ephraim numbered 32,500 men.

Numbers 26:38

ULT	UST
The sons of Benjamin according to their clans: of Bela, the clan of the Belaite; of Ashbel, the clan of the Ashbelite; of Ahiram, the clan of the Ahiramite;	*The five tribal groups that descended from Benjamin were the descendants of Bela, the descendants of Ashbel, the descendants of Ahiram,*

What were the first three clans descended from Benjamin?

They were the clans of Bela, Ashbel, and Ahiram.

Numbers 26:39

ULT	UST
of Shephupham, the clan of the Shuphamite; of Hupham, the clan of the Huphamite.	*the descendants of Shephupham, and the descendants of Hupham.*

What were the last two clans descended from Benjamin?

They were the clans of Shephupham and Hupham.

Numbers 26:40

ULT	UST
And the sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: the clan of the Ardite; of Naaman, the clan of the Naamite.	*The descendants of Bela divided themselves into two groups. They were the descendants of Ard and the descendants of Naaman.*

What were the names of Bela's two sons?

They were Ard and Naaman.

Numbers 26:41

ULT	UST
These were the sons of Benjamin according to their clans. And their counted ones: 45,600.	*Moses and Eleazar listed 45,600 men from these five tribal groups and two subgroups that descended from Benjamin.*

How many men came from the descendants of Benjamin?

The men that came from the descendants of Benjamin numbered 45,600 men.

Numbers 26:42

ULT	UST
These were the sons of Dan according to their clans: of Shuham, the clan of the Shuhamite. These were the clans of Dan according to their clans.	*The one tribal group that descended from Dan was the descendants of Shuham. That was the only tribal group that descended from Dan.*

What was the one clan descended from Dan?

It was the clan of Shuham.

Numbers 26:43

ULT	UST
All the clans of the Shuhamite according to their counted ones: 64,400.	*Moses and Eleazar listed 64,400 men who were descendants of Shuham, who descended from Dan.*

How many men came from the descendants of Dan?

The men that came from the descendants of Dan were numbered 64,400 men.

Numbers 26:44

ULT	UST
The sons of Asher according to their clans: of Imnah, the clan of the Imnite; of Ishvi, the clan of the Ishvite; of Beriah, the clan of the Beriite.	*The three tribal groups that descended from Asher were the descendants of Imnah, the descendants of Ishvi, and the descendants of Beriah.*

What were the three clans descended from Asher?

They were the clans of Imnah, Ishvi, and Beriah.

Numbers 26:45

ULT	UST
Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the clan of the Heberite; of Malchiel, the clan of the Malchielite.	*The descendants of Beriah divided themselves into two groups. They were the descendants of Heber and the descendants of Malchiel.*

What were the names of Beriah's two sons?

They were Heber and Malchiel.

Numbers 26:46

ULT	UST
And the name of the daughter of Asher was Serah.	*Also, Asher had a daughter whose name was Serah.*

What was the name of Asher's daughter?

Her name was Serah.

Numbers 26:47

ULT	UST
These were the clans of the sons of Asher according to their counted ones: 53,400.	*Moses and Eleazar listed 53,400 men from these three tribal groups and two subgroups that descended from Asher.*

How many men came from the descendants of Asher?

The men that came from the descendants of Asher numbered 53,400 men.

Numbers 26:48

ULT	UST
The sons of Naphtali according to their clans: of Jahzeel, the clan of the Jahzeelite; of Guni, the clan of the Gunite;	*The four tribal groups that descended from Naphtali were the descendants of Jahzeel, the descendants of Guni,*

What were the first two clans descended from Naphtali?

They were the clans of Jahzeel and Guni.

Numbers 26:49

ULT	UST
of Jezer, the clan of the Jezerite; of Shillem, the clan of the Shillemite.	*the descendants of Jezer, and the descendants of Shillem.*

What were the last two clans descended from Naphtali?

They were the clans of Jezer and Shillem.

Numbers 26:50

ULT	UST
These were the clans of Naphtali according to their clans. And their counted ones: 45,400.	*Moses and Eleazar listed 45,400 men from these four tribal groups that descended from Naphtali.*

How many men were numbered from the descendants of Naphtali?

The men that came from the descendants of Naphtali were numbered 45,400 men.

Numbers 26:51

ULT	UST
These were the counted ones of the sons of Israel: 601,730.	*Moses and Eleazar listed 601,730 Israelite men in total.*

What was the complete count of the men of the people of Israel?

The complete count of men from among the people of Israel was 601,730.

Numbers 26:52-53

Who did Yahweh speak to about how the land would be divided?

Yahweh spoke to Moses.

Numbers 26:53

ULT	UST
“To these the land shall be divided in an inheritance by the number of the names.	*“You must assign an area within Canaan to each of those tribal groups. Use the number of people in each tribal group to decide which area each one will have.*

How did Yahweh say the land would be divided?

Yahweh said to divide the land among those men as an inheritance according to the number of their names.

Numbers 26:54

ULT	UST
For the many you shall increase its inheritance, and for the few you shall decrease its inheritance. A man to the mouth of its counted ones, its inheritance shall be given.	*Tribal groups with many people should receive more land. Tribal groups with few people should receive less land. Each tribal group should receive its land according to how many people you and Eleazar listed for that group.*

Who would get more and who would get less land for their inheritance?

The clans who were larger in number would be given more inheritance and the clans who were smaller in number would be given less inheritance.

Numbers 26:55

ULT	UST
Only by lots shall the land be divided. According to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit.	*However, you must use lots to determine randomly where each tribal group will receive its land. All the tribal groups that belong to the same ancestral tribe must receive land next to each other.*

What way would be used to divide the land?

The land would be divided by lots, according to the tribes of their ancestors.

Numbers 26:57

ULT	UST
And these were the counted ones of the Levite according to their clans: of Gershon, the clan of the Gershonite; of Kohath, the clan of the Kohathite; of Merari, the clan of the Merarite.	*The Israelites also listed the Levite men. The three tribal groups that descended from Levi were the descendants of Gershon, the descendants of Kohath, and the descendants of Merari.*

From what clan were Gershon, Kohath, and Merari?

Gershon, Kohath, and Merari were from the Levite clans.

Numbers 26:58

ULT	UST
These were the clans of Levi: the clan of the Libnite, the clan of the Hebronite, the clan of the Mahlite, the clan of the Mushite, the clan of the Korahite. And Kohath fathered Amram.	*The people in those three Levite tribal groups further divided themselves into five groups. They were the descendants of Libni, the descendants of Hebron, the descendants of Mahli, the descendants of Mushi, and the descendants of Korah. Now Amram was Kohath's descendant.*

From what clan did the Libnites, Hebronites, Mahlites, Mushites, and Korahites descend?

The Libnites, Hebronites, Mahlites, Mushites, and Korahites were descended from Levi.

Who was Amram's ancestor?

Amram's ancestor was Kohath.

Numbers 26:59

ULT	UST
And the name of the wife of Amram was Jochebed, a daughter of Levi, whom she bore to Levi in Egypt. And she bore to Amram Aaron and Moses and Miriam their sister.	*Amram had a wife whose name was Jochebed. She was a Levite, and her mother gave birth to her in Egypt. She and Amram had two sons, Aaron and Moses, and a daughter, Miriam.*

Who were the children of Amram and Jochebed, a descendant of Levi who was born in Egypt?

Their children were Aaron, Moses, and Miriam, their sister.

Numbers 26:60

ULT	UST
And were born to Aaron Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.	*Aaron had sons whose names were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.*

Who was the father of Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar?

Aaron was the father of Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

Numbers 26:61

ULT	UST
And Nadab died and Abihu when they presented strange fire to the face of Yahweh.	*However, Nadab and Abihu died. That happened when they offered to Yahweh burning coals that he had not authorized.*

What happened to Nadab and Abihu and why did they die?

Nadab and Abihu died when they offered strange fire before Yahweh.

Numbers 26:62

ULT	UST
And their counted ones were 23,000, every male from a son of a month and upward. For they were not counted in the midst of the sons of Israel, because an inheritance in the midst of the sons of Israel was not given to them.	*Moses and Eleazar listed 23,000 Levite men who were at least one month old. Now the Levites did not receive any land like the rest of the Israelites did. So, Moses and Eleazar listed the Levite men separately from the rest of the Israelite men.*

What was the number of males from Levi that were one month old and older?

The number of males from Levi who were one month old and older was 23,000.

Why were the male Levites one month old and up not counted among the other people of Israel?

The male Levites one month old and up were not counted among the other people of Israel because they were not given a land inheritance among the Israelites.

Numbers 26:63

ULT	UST
These were the counted ones of Moses and Eleazar the priest, who counted the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan at Jericho.	*Those were all the Israelite men whom Moses and Eleazar the priest listed. They listed them when the Israelites were in the flatlands that were part of Moab. They were on the east side of the Jordan River, across from Jericho.*

Where did Moses and Eleazar the priest count the people of Israel?

Moses and Eleazar counted the people of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.

Numbers 26:64

ULT	UST
And among these there was not a man from the counted ones of Moses and Aaron the priest, who counted the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai.	*Now Moses and Aaron the priest had previously listed all the Israelite men. They did that when the Israelites were in the desolate area around Sinai. None of those men were among the ones whom Moses and Eleazar the priest listed. They had all died.*

How many men were found who had been counted by Moses and Aaron the priest when the descendants of Israel had been counted in the wilderness of Sinai?

None of the men whom Moses and Aaron the priest counted in the wilderness of Sinai were among these men.

Numbers 26:65

ULT	UST
For Yahweh had said to them, "Dying, they shall die in the wilderness." And a man was not left from them, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.	*That happened because Yahweh had told them, "You will all die in this desolate area!" So, only two of them were still alive. Those two were Jephunneh's son, Caleb, and Nun's son, Joshua.*

Why were Moses and Aaron not able to count these descendants again?

Yahweh had said that those people would die in the wilderness, except for Caleb and Joshua.

Numbers 27

Numbers 27:1

ULT	UST
And the daughters of Zelophehad the son of Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the clans of Manasseh the son of Joseph, came near. And these were the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah and Hoglah and Milcah and Tirzah.	*Now a man whose name was Zelophehad had five daughters. Zelophehad's father was Hepher, his father was Gilead, his father was Machir, and his father was Manasseh. So, the daughters belonged to the tribal groups descended from Manasseh, who was Joseph's son. The names of the daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. After Moses and Eleazar listed the Israelite men, they approached Moses and Eleazar.*

What were the names of Zelophehad's five daughters?

Zelophehad's five daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah.

Numbers 27:2

ULT	UST
And they stood to the face of Moses and to the face of Eleazar the priest and to the face of the leaders and all the congregation at the opening of the tent of meeting, saying,	*They stood at the entrance to the sacred tent in the presence of Moses, Eleazar the priest, the men who led the Israelites, and the whole Israelite community. They said,*

Where did Zelophehad's daughters stand when they made their request?

They stood at the entrance of the tent of meeting, in front of Moses, Eleazar the priest, the leaders, and the whole community.

Numbers 27:3

ULT	UST
"Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the midst of the congregation, the ones congregating against Yahweh, in the congregation of Korah. For in his sin he died, and sons were not for him.	*"Our father was not part of the community that Korah assembled to gather together to oppose Yahweh. He died in the desolate area because of what he himself had done wrong, not because he opposed Yahweh. Now he did not have any sons.*

Why did Zelophehad die in the wilderness?

Zelophehad died in the wilderness, not because he was one of those who gathered against Yahweh in the company of Korah, but because of his own sin.

Numbers 27:4

ULT	UST
Why should the name of our father be taken away from the midst of his clan because there is not for him a son? Give to us a possession in the midst of the brothers of our father."	*So, you must assign to us the land that he would have received, just as our uncles and their descendants are receiving land. Otherwise, out of all the land that belongs to our tribal group, none of it will belong to a descendant from our father because he had no sons. That would not be right!"*

What did the daughters of Zelophehad want Moses to give them?

The daughters of Zelophehad wanted Moses to give them land among their father's relatives.

Numbers 27:5

ULT	UST
And Moses presented their judgment to the face of Yahweh.	*So Moses asked Yahweh what to do about what the women had requested.*

What did Moses do with the daughters' request?

Moses brought their request before Yahweh and asked him what to do.

Numbers 27:6-7

What did Yahweh tell Moses about the daughters' request?

Yahweh told Moses that the daughters were right and that he must give them the land their father would have received.

Numbers 27:8

ULT	UST
And you shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'A man, when he dies and there is not a son for him, then you shall pass his inheritance to his daughter.	*Also, tell this to the Israelite people: Suppose that a man dies without having any sons. If he has a daughter, she should receive the land he had.*

What did Yahweh say should happen to the inheritance of a man when he dies and has no son?

When a man dies without a son, his inheritance must pass to his daughter.

Numbers 27:9

ULT	UST
And if there is not a daughter for him, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers.	*If he has no daughter but has brothers, they should receive the land he had.*

If a man has no son or daughter, who receives his inheritance next?

If a man has no son or daughter, his inheritance passes to his brothers.

Numbers 27:10

ULT	UST
And if there are not brothers for him, then you shall give his inheritance to the brothers of his father.	*If he has no brothers but has uncles, they should receive the land he had.*

If a man has no brothers, who receives his inheritance?

If a man has no brothers, his inheritance passes to his father’s brothers.

Numbers 27:11

ULT	UST
And if there are not brothers for his father, then you shall give his inheritance to his flesh, the nearest to him from his clan, and he shall possess it. And it shall be for the sons of Israel for a statute of judgment, just as Yahweh has commanded Moses.’”	*If he has no uncles, his closest relative from his tribal group should receive the land he had. All the Israelites must follow this rule. They must do what Yahweh told Moses that they should do.”*

If a man has no uncles, who receives his inheritance?

If a man has no uncles, his nearest relative in his clan receives his inheritance.

Numbers 27:12-14

Why was Moses to be gathered with his people instead of going into the land which Yahweh had given them?

Moses was to be gathered with his people because he and Aaron disobeyed Yahweh in the wilderness of Zin, when they did not show the Israelites that Yahweh is holy while giving them water.

Numbers 27:15-17

Why did Moses ask Yahweh to appoint a man over the community?

Moses asked that Yahweh appoint a man over the community so they would not be like sheep that have no shepherd.

Numbers 27:18

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Take for yourself Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is a spirit, and you shall lay your hand on him.	*So Yahweh told Moses, "Summon Nun's son Joshua. I have enabled him to lead well. Place your hand on him to commission him.*

Why did Yahweh instruct Moses to lay his hand on Joshua, son of Nun?

Yahweh instructed Moses to choose Joshua because he was a man in whom Yahweh's spirit lived.

Numbers 27:20-21

How much of his authority did Yahweh command Moses to give to Joshua?

Yahweh commanded Moses to give Joshua some of his own authority, so that the whole Israelite community would obey Joshua.

Numbers 27:22-23

How did Moses respond to Yahweh's command?

Moses did as Yahweh had instructed: he placed Joshua before Eleazar the priest and the whole community, laid his hands on him, and commissioned him to lead.

Numbers 28

Numbers 28:2

ULT	UST
“Command the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘My offering, my bread for my gifts, a scent of my pleasing, you shall keep to present to me in its appointed time.’	*“Order the Israelite people to do this: They must make sure to offer sacrificial animals, food, and drink to me at the proper time. When they give them to me, I will enjoy the smell of the smoke when they burn them.*

What did Yahweh say the sacrifices produced for him?

Yahweh said the sacrifices produced a pleasing scent for him.

Numbers 28:3-4

What two animals, one in the morning and one in the evening, were to be offered in the regular burnt offerings each day?

The sacrifices in the regular burnt offerings in the mornings and in the evenings were to be male lambs without blemish.

Numbers 28:5

ULT	UST
and the tenth of the ephah of flour for a grain offering, mixed with beaten oil, the fourth of the hin,	*The grain offering for each lamb must be about two liters of flour with about one liter of olive oil in it. People must produce this olive oil by striking olives instead of pressing them.*

What else did they have to offer with the regular burnt offering?

They had to offer a tenth of an ephah of flour as a grain offering mixed with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil.

Numbers 28:6

ULT	UST
a burnt offering of continuity, the one done at Mount Sinai, for a scent of pleasing, a gift to Yahweh.	*They must offer those things to me regularly as a wholly burned sacrifice. That is what they did at Mount Sinai. Then, I will enjoy the smell of the smoke when they burn them.*

Where was the regular burnt offering first established?

It was first established at Mount Sinai.

Numbers 28:7-8

What was the drink offering to Yahweh that had to be added to those regular burnt offerings and what did they do with it?

One fourth of a hin of strong drink had to be added to these sacrifices and poured out in the holy place.

Numbers 28:9-10

What had to be offered on the Sabbath day?

On the Sabbath day, two male lambs, each a year old without blemish and flour mixed with oil, and a drink offering had to be offered.

Numbers 28:11

ULT	UST
And at the heads of your months, you shall present a burnt offering to Yahweh: two bulls, sons of cattle, and one ram; seven male lambs, sons of a year, perfect;	*On the first day of each month, they must offer to me two young bulls, one ram, and seven male sheep that are one year old. All of them must be healthy. They must offer those animals as wholly burned sacrifices.*

What special animal sacrifices had to be made at the beginning of each month?

At the beginning of the month the animals of the special sacrifices were two young bulls, one ram, and seven one year old male lambs without blemish.

Numbers 28:12

ULT	UST
and three tenths of flour, a grain offering mixed with the oil for the one bull; and two tenths of flour, a grain offering mixed with the oil for the one ram;	*The grain offering for each bull must be about six liters of flour with olive oil in it. The grain offering for the ram must be about four liters of flour with olive oil in it.*

What were the grain offerings given with the two bulls and for the one ram?

The grain offering for each of the two bulls was three tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, and the grain offering for the one ram was two tenths of fine flour mixed with oil.

Numbers 28:13

ULT	UST
and a tenth, a tenth of flour, a grain offering mixed with the oil for the one male lamb; a burnt offering, a scent of pleasing, a gift to Yahweh.	*The grain offering for each male sheep must be about two liters of flour with olive oil in it. They must offer all those things as wholly burned sacrifices. When they give those things to me, I will enjoy the smell of the smoke when they burn them.*

What was the grain offering for each male lamb?

Each male lamb had a grain offering of a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil.

Numbers 28:14

ULT	UST
And their drink offerings shall be the half of the hin for the bull, and the third of the hin for the ram, and the fourth of the hin for the male lamb, wine. This is a burnt offering of a month on its month, for the months of the year,	*The wine offering for each bull must be about two liters of wine. The wine offering for the ram must be about one and one-fourth liters of wine. The wine offering for each male sheep must be about one liter of wine. That is the wholly burned sacrifice for the first day of each month. They must offer it on the first day of each month in the year.*

How often were these special burnt offerings to be given?

These special burnt offerings were to be given every month throughout the year.

Numbers 28:15

ULT	UST
and one buck of goats for a sin offering to Yahweh, upon the burnt offering of the continuity it shall be done, and its drink offering.	*They must also offer to me a male goat as a purifying sacrifice. They must offer all those things in addition to the regular wholly burned sacrifice and its wine offering.*

What was offered with the regular burnt offering and the drink offering?

One male goat was offered as a purifying sacrifice to Yahweh.

Numbers 28:16

ULT	UST
And on the first month, on day 14 of the month, is the Passover of Yahweh.	*On the fourteenth day of the first month, they celebrate the Passover Celebration to honor me.*

When did Yahweh's Passover come?

Yahweh's Passover came during the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month.

Numbers 28:16-17

On what day was the festival to be held and what kind of bread was eaten for seven days?

The festival was to be held on the fifteenth day of the first month, and they ate bread without yeast for seven days.

Numbers 28:18

ULT	UST
On the first day is an assembly of holiness; you shall not do any work of service.	*On the first day of the celebration, they must gather together for a sacred meeting. They must not do any regular work.*

What did they on the first day of the Passover, and what did they not do that day?

They had a holy assembly and on that day they did no regular work.

Numbers 28:19

ULT	UST
And you shall present a gift, a burnt offering to Yahweh: two bulls, sons of cattle, and one ram, and seven male lambs, sons of a year. They shall be perfect for you.	*They must offer two young bulls, one ram, and seven male sheep that are one year old. All of them must be healthy. They must give those animals to me as wholly burned sacrifices.*

What animal sacrifices had to be made during the seven days of the Passover?

They offered two young bulls, one ram, and seven one year old male lambs that were healthy.

Numbers 28:20

ULT	UST
And their grain offering: flour mixed with the oil, three tenths for the bull and two tenths for the ram, you shall do.	*The grain offering for each bull must be about six liters of flour with olive oil in it. The grain offering for the ram must be about four liters of flour with olive oil in it.*

What grain offerings did they give with the two young bulls and with the ram?

With the bulls they offered three tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil and with the ram they offered two tenths.

Numbers 28:21

ULT	UST
A tenth, a tenth you shall do for the one male lamb, for the seven male lambs,	*The grain offering for each of the seven male sheep must be about two liters of flour with olive oil in it.*

What did they offer with the lambs?

With each lamb they offered a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil.

Numbers 28:22

ULT	UST
and one buck, a sin offering, to make atonement for you.	*They must also offer one male goat as a purifying sacrifice, which I will accept and remove what they have done wrong.*

Why was the male goat given?

The male goat was given as a purifying sacrifice to make atonement for the Israelites.

Numbers 28:23

ULT	UST
Besides the burnt offering of the morning, which is for the burnt offering of the continuity, you shall do these.	*They must offer all those things in addition to the regular wholly burned sacrifice that they offer in the morning.*

What were the festival offerings in addition to?

They were in addition to the regular burnt offering of the morning.

Numbers 28:24

ULT	UST
Like these you shall do for the day, seven days, bread of gift, a scent of pleasing to Yahweh; upon the burnt offering of the continuity it shall be done, and its drink offering.	*They must offer the same kinds and amounts of sacrificial animals, food, and drink on each of the seven days of the celebration. I will enjoy the smell of the smoke when they burn them. They must offer all those things in addition to the regular wholly burned sacrifice and its wine offering.*

How many days were these offerings to be given during the festival?

They were to be given every day for seven days, besides the regular burnt offering and its drink offering.

Numbers 28:25

ULT	UST
And on the seventh day shall be for you an assembly of holiness; you shall not do any work of service.	*On the seventh day of the celebration, they must gather together for a sacred meeting. They must not do any regular work.*

What happened on the seventh day of the festival of the Passover?

On the seventh day of the festival of the Passover they had to have a holy assembly and do no regular work on that day.

Numbers 28:26

ULT	UST
And on the day of the firstfruits, when you present a new grain offering to Yahweh in your weeks, an assembly of holiness shall be for you; you shall not do any work of service.	*During the Celebration of Weeks, there is a day when they offer to me some of the first batches of everything that they grow, including grain offerings from the grain they recently harvested. On that day, they must gather together for a sacred meeting. They must not do any regular work.*

What did they have to offer on the day of the first fruits, and what did they do on that day?

On the day of the first fruits, they offered a new grain offering to Yahweh, and had a holy assembly and did no regular work on that day.

Numbers 28:26-27

What animal sacrifices had to be made on the day of the firstfruits?

They had to offer two young bulls, one ram, and seven one year old male lambs.

Numbers 28:28

ULT	UST
and their grain offering, flour mixed with the oil, three tenths for the one bull, two tenths for the one ram,	*The grain offering for each bull must be about six liters of flour with olive oil in it. The grain offering for the ram must be about four liters of flour with olive oil in it.*

What grain offerings did they give with the bulls and the ram on the day of the firstfruits?

With each bull they offered three tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, and with the ram they offered two tenths.

Numbers 28:29

ULT	UST
a tenth, a tenth for the one male lamb, for the seven male lambs;	*The grain offering for each of the seven male sheep must be about two liters of flour with olive oil in it.*

What did they offer with the lambs on the day of the firstfruits?

With each lamb they offered a tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil.

Numbers 28:30

ULT	UST
one buck of goats, to make atonement for you.	*They must also offer one male goat, which I will accept and remove what they have done wrong.*

What was offered to make atonement on the day of the firstfruits?

One male goat was offered to make atonement for the Israelites.

Numbers 28:31

ULT	UST
Besides the burnt offering of the continuity and its grain offering you shall do; they shall be perfect for you, and their drink offerings.	*They must offer all those things and the wine offerings that go with them, in addition to the regular wholly burned sacrifice and its grain and wine offerings. The animals that you offer must be healthy.*

What were the offerings in addition to, and what condition did the animals have to meet?

They were in addition to the regular burnt offering and its grain and drink offerings, and the animals had to be healthy.

Numbers 29

Numbers 29:1

ULT	UST
And in the seventh month, on one of the month, shall be an assembly of holiness for you. You shall not do any work of service. It shall be for you a day of a loud blast.	*On the first day of the seventh month of every year, they must gather together for a sacred meeting. They must not do any regular work. On that day, they must blow trumpets.*

What did the people of Israel not do and what did they do on the first day of the seventh month?

On the first day of the seventh month the people of Israel had a holy assembly to honor Yahweh; they did no normal work and they blew trumpets.

Numbers 29:2

ULT	UST
And you shall do a burnt offering for a scent of pleasing to Yahweh: one bull, a son of cattle; one ram; seven male lambs, sons of a year, perfect;	*They must offer one young bull, one ram, and seven male sheep that are one year old. All of them must be healthy. They must offer those animals as wholly burned sacrifices. I will enjoy the smell of the smoke when they burn them.*

On that day, what animals did they offer and why did they offer them?

On that day, they offered a burnt offering of one young bull, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old—each without blemish—to produce a sweet aroma for Yahweh.

Numbers 29:3

ULT	UST
and their grain offering, flour mixed with the oil, three tenths for the bull, two tenths for the ram,	*The grain offering for the bull must be about six liters of flour with olive oil in it. The grain offering for the ram must be about four liters of flour with olive oil in it.*

What was the grain offering that they offered with the animals?

With the animals they offered a grain offering of flour mixed with oil.

Numbers 29:4

ULT	UST
and one tenth for the one male lamb, for the seven male lambs;	*The grain offering for each of the seven male sheep must be about two liters of flour with olive oil in it.*

How much flour did they offer for each of the seven male lambs?

They offered one tenth of an ephah of flour mixed with oil for each of the seven male lambs.

Numbers 29:5

ULT	UST
and one buck of goats, a sin offering, to make atonement for you;	*They must also offer one male goat as a purifying sacrifice, which I will accept and remove what they have done wrong.*

Why did they offer one male goat?

They offered one male goat as a sin offering to make atonement for themselves.

Numbers 29:5-6

What other offerings were they to make along with this sin offering?

They were to make it along with the burnt offering of the month, the regular burnt offering, and the grain offerings and drink offerings that went with them.

Numbers 29:7

ULT	UST
And on ten of this seventh month shall be an assembly of holiness for you, and you shall humble your souls. You shall not do any work.	*On the tenth day of the seventh month of every year, they must gather together for a sacred meeting. They must submit themselves to me by not eating anything. They must not do any work at all.*

What did Yahweh say the people of Israel had to do on the tenth day of the seventh month?

On the tenth day of the seventh month the people of Israel had to have a holy assembly, humble themselves, and do no work.

Numbers 29:8

ULT	UST
And you shall present a burnt offering to Yahweh, a scent of pleasing: one bull, a son of cattle; one ram; seven male lambs, sons of a year. They shall be perfect for you.	*They must offer to me one young bull, one ram, and seven male sheep that are one year old. All of them must be healthy. They must offer those animals as wholly burned sacrifices. I will enjoy the smell of the smoke when they burn them.*

What animals did they have to offer as a burnt offering to produce a sweet aroma for Yahweh on the tenth day of the seventh month?

On the tenth day of the seventh month the people of Israel had to offer one young bull, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old—without any blemish.

Numbers 29:9-10

What did the people of Israel have to put with each of the animals?

The people of Israel had to put flour mixed with oil with each of the animals.

Numbers 29:11

ULT	UST
one buck of goats, a sin offering, besides the sin offering of the atonement and the burnt offering of the continuity and its grain offering, and their drink offerings.	*They must also offer a male goat as a purifying sacrifice. They must offer all those things and the wine offerings that go with them in addition to the purifying sacrifice that I accept to remove their sins that they offer on this day and the regular wholly burned sacrifice and their grain and wine offerings.*

Why was the male goat given?

The male goat was given as a sin offering.

Numbers 29:12

ULT	UST
And on day 15 of the seventh month shall be an assembly of holiness for you. You shall not do any work of service, and you shall celebrate a festival to Yahweh seven days.	*On the fifteenth day of the seventh month of every year, they must gather together for a sacred meeting. They must not do any regular work. That day is the first day of a celebration to honor me that lasts seven days.*

On what day was there another holy assembly to honor Yahweh in which they did no regular work and this time kept the festival for him for seven days?

On the fifteenth day of the seventh month there was another holy assembly to honor Yahweh in which they did no regular work and kept the festival for him seven days.

Numbers 29:13

ULT	UST
And you shall present a burnt offering, a gift, a scent of pleasing to Yahweh: 13 bulls, sons of cattle; two rams; 14 male lambs, sons of a year. They shall be perfect.	*On that first day, they must offer 13 young bulls, two rams, and 14 male sheep that are one year old. All of them must be healthy. They must offer those animals as wholly burned sacrifices. When they give them to me, I will enjoy the smell of the smoke when they burn them.*

On the first day how many bulls, rams and male lambs a year old without any blemishes did they offer?

On the first day they offered thirteen young bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old, each of them healthy.

Numbers 29:14

ULT	UST
And their grain offering, flour mixed with the oil: three tenths for the one bull, for 13 bulls; two tenths for the one ram, for two rams;	*The grain offering for each of the 13 bulls must be about six liters of flour with olive oil in it. The grain offering for each of the two rams must be about four liters of flour with olive oil in it.*

How much flour did they offer for each bull and each ram?

For each of the thirteen bulls, they offered three tenths of a measure of flour mixed with oil; for each of the two rams, they offered two tenths of a measure.

Numbers 29:15

ULT	UST
and a tenth, a tenth for the one male lamb, for 14 male lambs;	*The grain offering for each of the 14 male sheep must be about two liters of flour with olive oil in it.*

How much flour did they offer for each of the fourteen male lambs?

They offered one tenth of a measure of flour mixed with oil for each of the fourteen male lambs.

Numbers 29:16

ULT	UST
and one buck of goats, a sin offering; besides the burnt offering of the continuity, its grain offering, and its drink offering.	*They must also offer a male goat as a purifying sacrifice. They must offer all those things in addition to the regular wholly burned sacrifice with its grain and wine offerings.*

What was offered as a sin offering, in addition to the regular burnt offering with its grain offering and drink offering?

One male goat was offered as a sin offering in addition to the regular burnt offering with its grain offering and drink offering.

Numbers 29:17

ULT	UST
And on the second day: 12 bulls, sons of cattle; two rams; 14 male lambs, sons of a year, perfect;	*On the second day of the celebration, they must offer 12 young bulls, two rams, and 14 male sheep that are one year old. All of them must be healthy.*

What animals did they offer as a burnt offering on the second day of the celebration?

On the second day of the celebration, they offered twelve bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old, each of them healthy.

Numbers 29:18

ULT	UST
and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the male lambs by their number according to the ordinance;	*They must follow the same instructions as the first day of the celebration for the amount of each grain and wine offering for each of the bulls, rams, and male sheep.*

What instructions did they follow for the grain and drink offerings on the second day?

They followed the same instructions as the first day of the festival for the amount of grain and drink offerings for the bulls, rams, and male lambs.

Numbers 29:19

ULT	UST
and one buck of goats, a sin offering; besides the burnt offering of the continuity and its grain offering and their drink offerings.	*They must also offer a male goat as a purifying sacrifice. They must offer all those things in addition to the regular wholly burned sacrifice with its grain and wine offerings.*

What did they offer as a sin offering on the second day, besides the regular burnt offering?

On the second day, they offered one male goat as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering and its grain and drink offerings.

Numbers 29:20-22

What animals did they offer as a burnt offering on the third day of the celebration?

On the third day of the celebration, they offered eleven bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old, each of them healthy, in addition to the regular daily burnt offering with its grain offering and drink offering.

Numbers 29:23-25

What did they offer on the fourth day of the celebration in addition to all the sacrifices of the previous day?

On the fourth day of the celebration the people of Israel offered ten bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old, each of them healthy, in addition to the regular daily burnt offering with its grain offering and drink offering.

Numbers 29:26-28

What did the people of Israel offer on the fifth day of the celebration in addition to all the sacrifices of the previous day?

On the fifth day of the celebration the people of Israel offered nine bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old, each of them healthy, in addition to the regular daily burnt offering with its grain offering and drink offering.

Numbers 29:29-31

What did the people of Israel offer on the sixth day of the celebration in addition to all the sacrifices of the previous day?

On the sixth day of the celebration the people of Israel offered eight bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old, each of them healthy, in addition to the regular daily burnt offering with its grain offering and drink offering.

Numbers 29:32-34

What did the people of Israel offer on the seventh day of the celebration in addition to all the sacrifices of the previous day?

On the seventh day of the celebration the people of Israel offered seven bulls, two rams, and fourteen male lambs a year old, each of them healthy, in addition to the regular daily burnt offering with its grain offering and drink offering.

Numbers 29:35

ULT	UST
On the eighth day shall be a holiday for you. You shall not do any work of service.	*On the eighth day after the celebration began, they must gather together for a special gathering. They must not do any regular work.*

What were the people of Israel to do on the eighth day of the celebration?

On the eighth day of the celebration the people of Israel were to have another solemn assembly and do no regular work.

Numbers 29:36

ULT	UST
And you shall present a burnt offering, a gift, a scent of pleasing to Yahweh: one bull; one ram; seven male lambs, sons of a year, perfect;	*They must offer one bull, one ram, and seven male sheep that are one year old. All of them must be healthy. They must offer those animals as wholly burned sacrifices. When they give them to me, I will enjoy the smell of the smoke when they burn them.*

What animals were they to offer on the eighth day for their burnt offering by fire to produce a sweet aroma for Yahweh?

They had to offer one bull, one ram, and seven male lambs a year old, each of them healthy.

Numbers 29:37-38

What else did they have to offer in addition to the bull, ram, and seven male lambs a year old and without blemish?

In addition to the bull, ram, and seven male lambs which were a year old and without blemish, they were to offer grain offerings and drink offerings as well as one male goat as a sin offering.

Numbers 29:39

ULT	UST
These you shall do for Yahweh at your appointed times, besides your vows and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings, and for your grain offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings.'"	*They must offer all those things to me at their proper times. They must offer them in addition to the offerings that go with solemn promises, the offerings they freely choose to give, and any other wholly burned sacrifices, grain offerings, wine offerings, and fellowship sacrifices."*

Besides their burnt offerings, grain offerings, drink offerings, and peace offerings, what other offerings did they have?

Besides their burnt offerings, grain offerings, drink offerings, and peace offerings, they had vows and freewill offerings.

Numbers 29:40

ULT	UST
And Moses said to the sons of Israel according to all that Yahweh had commanded Moses.	*Moses told the Israelites everything that Yahweh had told him to do.*

What did Moses tell the people of Israel?

Moses told the people of Israel everything that Yahweh had commanded him to say.

Numbers 30

Numbers 30:1-2

What must a person who makes a vow not do?

He must not break his promise.

Numbers 30:3-4

If a young woman who lives in her father's house makes a vow to Yahweh and her father hears her vow but says nothing to reverse the vow, is the vow in force?

Yes, it is in force.

Numbers 30:5

ULT	UST
And if her father forbids her on the day of his hearing, all her vows and her bonds that she bound on her life shall not stand, and Yahweh will forgive her, for her father forbade her.	*However, if her father opposes what she said when he learns about it, then her solemn promise or the formal agreement to which she committed is no longer valid. It was her father who opposed what she said, so Yahweh will forgive her for failing to do what she said.*

If a young woman who lives in her father's house makes a vow to Yahweh and her father stops her on the day that he hears of it, is the vow in force?

No, the vow is not in force.

Numbers 30:6-7

If a young woman who is married makes her vows and her husband hears about it and does nothing to stop her, are the vows in force?

Yes, the vows are in force.

Numbers 30:8

ULT	UST
And if, on the day of her husband's hearing, he forbids her, then he breaks her vow that is upon her and the thoughtless speech of her lips that she bound on her life, and Yahweh will forgive her.	*However, if her husband opposes what she said when he learns about it, then he nullifies her solemn promise or the formal agreement to which she carelessly committed that was still valid. In that case, Yahweh will forgive her for failing to do what she said.*

If a young woman's husband stops her on the day that he hears about her vows, are the vows in force?

No, the vows are not in force.

Numbers 30:9

ULT	UST
And the vow of a widow and one driven out, everything that she bound on her life, shall stand upon her.	*Suppose that there is a woman whose husband has died or divorced her. Suppose that she makes a solemn promise or commits to a formal agreement. In that case, her promise or agreement is always valid.*

If a widow or a divorced woman makes a vow to Yahweh, is the vow in force?

Yes, the vow is in force.

Numbers 30:10

ULT	UST
And if in the house of her husband she vowed, or bound a bond on her life with an oath,	*Suppose that there is a married woman. Suppose that she makes a solemn promise or commits to a formal agreement with a pledge while she is living with her husband.*

If a married woman makes a vow while living in her husband's household and her husband cancels it on the day that he hears about it, is the vow in force?

No, her vow will not remain in force.

Numbers 30:10-11

If a married woman makes a vow while living in her husband's household and her husband hears about it but says nothing, does her vow remain in force?

Yes, her vow must remain in force.

Numbers 30:12-13

If a married woman makes a vow while living in her husband's household and her husband cancels it on the day that he hears about it, is the vow in force?

No, her vow will not remain in force.

Numbers 30:13-14

If a married woman makes a vow while living in her husband's household and her husband hears of it and says nothing to her, is the vow in force?

Yes, her vows must remain in force.

Numbers 30:15

ULT	UST
And if breaking, he breaks them after his hearing, then he shall lift up her iniquity."	*However, suppose that he nullifies the promise or agreement some time after he learns about it. In that case, Yahweh will punish him for what his wife did wrong by failing to do what she said."*

If a wife's husband tries to cancel her vow a long time after he has heard about it, is the vow in force?

Yes, it will be in force, and if he breaks it, he will be responsible for her sin and suffer the penalty for breaking it.

Numbers 30:16

ULT	UST
These are the statutes that Yahweh commanded Moses, between a man to his wife, between a father to his daughter in her youth in the house of her father.	*Yahweh gave those instructions to Moses. They deal with a husband and his wife and a father and his young unmarried daughter who still lives with her parents.*

What did these statutes concern?

They concerned vows between a husband and his wife, and between a father and his young unmarried daughter who still lived in his house.

Numbers 31

Numbers 31:1-2

What did Yahweh tell Moses would happen after Israel punished the Midianites?

Yahweh told Moses that after that, Moses would die and be with his ancestors who had already died.

Numbers 31:3-5

How many soldiers was each tribe to send to war against Midian?

Each tribe was to send a thousand soldiers.

Numbers 31:6-8

What happened in Israel's battle against Midian?

All the Midianite men were killed, including their kings and Balaam.

Numbers 31:9

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel took captive the women of Midian and their children, and they plundered all their animal and all their livestock and all their strength.	*The Israelites captured the Midianite women and children. They took away all the farm animals and valuable things that belonged to the Midianites.*

What did the Israelites take as plunder from Midian?

The Israelites took the women of Midian, their children, and all their farm animals and valuable things that belonged to them as plunder.

Numbers 31:10

ULT	UST
And all their cities with their dwellings and all their encampments they burned with the fire.	*They burned down all the towns and settlements where the Midianites lived.*

What did the Israelites do to the cities and encampments where the Midianites lived?

They burned them all with fire.

Numbers 31:11-12

Where did the Israelites bring everything that they had captured after the battle?

They brought everything they had captured to the camp to Moses, Eleazar the priest, and the congregation of the Israelites, in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan River at Jericho.

Numbers 31:13-15

Why was Moses angry with the commanders of the army of Israel?

Moses was angry with the commanders because they had let all the women of Midian live.

Numbers 31:16

ULT	UST
Behold, they were to the sons of Israel by the word of Balaam to select unfaithfulness against Yahweh on the matter of Peor, and the plague was among the congregation of Yahweh.	*Remember, these are the women who did to us Israelites what Balaam said. Many of us stopped being loyal to Yahweh when they convinced the Israelite men to worship the god Baal, whom people worship at Peor. Because of that, many people in our community that worships Yahweh became sick with a terrible disease.*

Why was Moses angry that the officers of the army of Israel had let the women of Midian live?

Moses was angry because the women of Midian had caused the Israelites, through Balaam's advice, to stop being loyal to Yahweh.

Numbers 31:17

ULT	UST
And now, kill every male among the children, and kill every woman having known a man to the bed of a male.	*So, you must kill every boy and every woman who has had sex with a man.*

Who did Moses command the commanders of the army of Israel to kill?

Moses told the commanders to kill every male among the children and every woman who had slept with a man.

Numbers 31:18

ULT	UST
And keep alive for you all children among the women who have not known a bed of a male.	*However, you must allow every girl who has not had sex with a man to live among you.*

Who did Moses tell the commanders of the army they must allow to live among them?

Moses told the commanders of the army that they must allow all the young girls who had never slept with a man to live among them.

Numbers 31:18-19

How long did the soldiers who had killed anyone or touched a dead body have to camp outside the camp of Israel?

They were to stay outside the camp for seven days.

Numbers 31:19

ULT	UST
And you, camp to the outside of the camp seven days. All ones killing a person and all ones touching a slain one, you shall purify yourselves on the third day and on the seventh day, you and your captive.	*As for you all, you must stay outside the area where the Israelites set up their tents for seven days. Every one of you who has killed someone or who has touched a corpse must cleanse himself or herself two days and six days after it happened. That applies both to you and to your prisoners.*

How long were those who had killed a person or touched a corpse to camp outside of the camp?

They were to camp outside of the camp for seven days.

Numbers 31:20

ULT	UST
And every cloth and every vessel of skin and every work of goats and every vessel of wood you shall purify."	*You must also cleanse each piece of clothing and every item that people made out of animal skin, goat hair, or wood."*

What were the Israelites to purify?

They were to purify every piece of clothing and every item that people made out of animal skin, goat hair, or wood.

Numbers 31:21-23

What did Eleazar the priest say to do with the gold, silver, bronze, iron, tin, lead, and everything that could go through the fire?

He said to make everything that could go through the fire go through the fire, and it would be clean, but it must also be purified with the water of impurity.

Numbers 31:24

ULT	UST
And you shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and you will be clean, and after you may go to the camp."	*On the sixth day after you became impure, you must wash your clothes. Then, you will become pure. After that, you can return to the area where the Israelites set up their tents."*

What did the soldiers have to do before they could return to the camp?

They had to wash their clothes on the seventh day. Then they would be clean and could return to the camp.

Numbers 31:25-27

Between what two groups did Yahweh tell Moses to divide the plunder from the war?

Yahweh told Moses to divide the plunder between the soldiers who went out to battle and the rest of the congregation of Israel.

Numbers 31:28-29

What was the levy that the soldiers were to pay to Eleazar the priest?

The soldiers were to pay a levy of one out of every 500 persons, cattle, donkeys, sheep, or goats.

Numbers 31:30

ULT	UST
And from the half of the sons of Israel you shall take one seized one from the 50, from the man, from the cattle, from the donkeys, and from the flock, from all the animal, and you shall give them to the Levites, the ones keeping the keeping of the Dwelling of Yahweh."	*Also, you must transfer to the Levites one out of every 50 people and animals, including oxen, donkeys, and sheep and goats, that the rest of the Israelites received. The Levites guard the sacred tent."*

What was the levy the Israelites were to give to the Levites who took care of the tabernacle?

The Israelites were to pay a levy of one out of every 50 persons, cattle, donkeys, sheep, and goats.

Numbers 31:32-35

How many sheep and goats, cattle, donkeys, and women did the Israelites capture from Midian in all?

They captured 675,000 sheep and goats, 72,000 cattle, 61,000 donkeys, and 32,000 women who had not slept with a man.

Numbers 31:36-40

What portion of the plunder did the soldiers who fought receive, and what did they give to Yahweh from it?

The soldiers received half of everything captured: 337,500 sheep and goats, 36,000 cattle, 30,500 donkeys, and 16,000 people. From that half, they gave Yahweh a tax of 675 sheep and goats, 72 cattle, 61 donkeys, and 32 people.

Numbers 31:41

ULT	UST
And Moses gave the levy of the contribution of Yahweh to Eleazar the priest, just as Yahweh commanded Moses.	*Then Moses transferred to Eleazar the priest what the soldiers gave to Yahweh. He did what Yahweh told him to do.*

What did Moses do with the levy that was set apart for Yahweh?

Moses gave it to Eleazar the priest, just as Yahweh had commanded him.

Numbers 31:42-46

What portion of the plunder did the rest of the Israelite community receive?

They received the other half: 337,500 sheep and goats, 36,000 cattle, 30,500 donkeys, and 16,000 people.

Numbers 31:47

ULT	UST
and Moses took from the half of the sons of Israel the seized one, one from the 50, from the man and from the animal, and he gave them to the Levites, the ones keeping the keeping of the Dwelling of Yahweh, just as Yahweh commanded Moses.	*Then Moses transferred to the Levites one out of every 50 people and animals that the rest of the Israelites received. The Levites guarded the sacred tent. Moses did what Yahweh told him to do*

What did Moses give to the Levites from the community's half of the plunder?

He gave them one out of every 50 people and animals, because the Levites took care of the tabernacle.

Numbers 31:48-49

What did the army commanders tell Moses when they came to him?

They told him that they had counted the soldiers under their command and that none were missing.

Numbers 31:50-51

Why did the commanders of the army of Israel bring Yahweh offerings?

They brought the offerings to make atonement for themselves before Yahweh.

Numbers 31:52-54

Why was all the gold from the army commanders given over to Yahweh?

It was placed in the tent of meeting to remind Yahweh of the people of Israel.

Numbers 32

Numbers 32:1-3

Why did the descendants of Reuben and Gad go and speak to Moses?

The descendants of Reuben and Gad went and spoke to Moses because they saw that the land of Jazer and Gilead was a wonderful place for livestock, and the descendants of Reuben and Gad had large numbers of livestock.

Numbers 32:4

ULT	UST
the land that Yahweh struck to the face of the congregation of Israel, it is a land of livestock, and to your servants is livestock."	*Yahweh enabled us, the Israelite community, to capture that region. It is a good place for animals to live, and we have many animals.*

What did the descendants of Gad and Reuben say about the land Yahweh had struck before the congregation of Israel?

They said it was a land for livestock, and they had livestock.

Numbers 32:5

ULT	UST
And they said, "If we have found favor in your eyes, let this land be given to your servants for a possession. May you not pass us over the Jordan."	*So, please treat us kindly by giving us that region to live in! We do not want to cross over the Jordan River."*

What did the descendants of Gad and Reuben ask Moses to do?

They asked him to give them that land as a possession and not make them cross over the Jordan River.

Numbers 32:6

ULT	UST
And Moses said to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben, "Will your brothers go to the battle, and you, you will dwell here?	*Moses replied, "Your fellow Israelites are about to fight their enemies. It is not right for you to stay here!*

Why did Moses think the descendants of Gad and Reuben wanted to stay in Jazer and Gilead?

He thought they wanted to settle there and let their brothers go to war.

Numbers 32:7

ULT	UST
And why do you forbid the heart of the sons of Israel from passing over to the land that Yahweh has given to them?	*You are convincing the rest of the Israelites not to travel to the land that Yahweh is giving to us Israelites. That is not right!*

What did Moses accuse the sons of Gad and Reuben of doing to the heart of the sons of Israel?

He accused them of forbidding it from passing over to the land that Yahweh had given to them.

Numbers 32:8-9

What had their fathers done when Moses sent them from Kadesh Barnea to examine the land?

They had seen the land and then discouraged the hearts of the people of Israel so they refused to enter the land.

Numbers 32:10-12

Why did Yahweh take an oath that none of the men of Israel from twenty years old and up, except Caleb and Joshua, would see the land which he had sworn to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob?

Yahweh took this oath because he was angry that the men of Israel had not completely followed him.

Numbers 32:13

ULT	UST
And the nose of Yahweh burned against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness 40 years, until the finishing of all the generation, the ones doing the evil in the eyes of Yahweh.	*Yahweh was angry with the Israelites, so he had them roam around in the desolate area for 40 years. They roamed around until all the adults who had done what Yahweh considered wrong had died.*

What did Yahweh do because he was angry with the men of Israel?

He made them wander around in the wilderness for 40 years.

Numbers 32:14

ULT	UST
And behold, you have risen instead of your fathers, a brood of sinful men, to sweep away more upon the burning of the nose of Yahweh to Israel.	*And yet, now you are acting just like your ancestors by doing what is wrong together! You are making Yahweh even angrier with the Israelites.*

What did Moses say the descendants of Gad and Reuben were doing?

He said they were making Yahweh even angrier with Israel, just like their fathers had done.

Numbers 32:15

ULT	UST
For you will return from after him, and he will add still to make him rest in the wilderness, and you will destroy all this people."	*If you do this, you will stop obeying Yahweh. Then, he will make us Israelites go back to the desolate area. So, you will be the ones who harmed all the Israelites."*

What did Moses warn would happen if the descendants of Gad and Reuben stopped following Yahweh?

He warned that Yahweh would leave the people in the wilderness longer, and they would harm all the people of Israel.

Numbers 32:16-17

What promise did the descendants of Reuben and Gad make to Moses if he would allow them to build fences for their cattle and cities for their families?

They promised to be armed to go with Israel's army and not return until they had led Israel into their place.

Numbers 32:18-19

What did the descendants of Gad and Reuben say about the land they would receive?

They said their inheritance was already on the east side of the Jordan River, so they would not receive land on the other side.

Numbers 32:20-22

What did Moses decide to do about the request the descendants of Reuben and Gad had made?

He told them that if they would go to war with the men of Israel and drive out the enemies in the land, then they could return to the land they possessed and be guiltless towards Yahweh and Israel.

Numbers 32:23

ULT	UST
But if you do not do so, behold, you have sinned against Yahweh, and know your sin, that it will find you.	*Suppose that you do not do what you have proposed. In that case, you will have done what is wrong to Yahweh. You should realize that Yahweh will punish you for that.*

What did Moses say would happen if the descendants of Gad and Reuben did not keep their promise?

He said they would sin against Yahweh, and their sin would find them out.

Numbers 32:24

ULT	UST
Build for you cities for your children and pens for your flock, and the thing going out from your mouth you shall do."	*So, you may fortify towns to protect your families. You may construct walls to protect your sheep and goats. However, you must then do what you said you would do."*

What did Moses tell the descendants of Gad and Reuben to do?

He told them to build cities for their children and pens for their flocks, and to do what they had promised.

Numbers 32:25-27

What did the descendants of Gad and Reuben promise about their families and their soldiers?

They promised to leave their children, wives, and livestock in the cities of Gilead, and to send their soldiers to fight for Israel.

Numbers 32:28-30

Where would the sons of Gad and the sons of Reuben receive their possession if they did not cross over the Jordan equipped for war?

They would receive their possession in the land of Canaan.

Numbers 32:31-32

What did the descendants of Reuben and Gad promise to do?

They promised to do what Yahweh had commanded them to do and cross over into the land of Canaan.

Numbers 32:33

ULT	UST
And Moses gave to them, to the sons of Gad and to the sons of Reuben and to the half of the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon the king of the Amorite and the kingdom of Og the king of the Bashan, the land to its cities in the borders, the cities of the land all around.	*So Moses gave land to the people from the tribes of Gad and Reuben and to half of the people from the tribe of Manasseh, who descended from Joseph. He gave them all the cities that were there and the land around the cities. That land had previously belonged to the Amorite people group, whom Sihon had ruled, and to the people who lived in the region of Bashan, whom Og had ruled.*

Whose land did Moses give to the descendants of Gad and Reuben, and also to the half tribe of Manasseh?

He gave them the land of Sihon, king of the Amorites, and of Og, king of Bashan.

Numbers 32:34-36

What cities did the descendants of Gad build?

They built Dibon, Ataroth, Aroer, Atroth Shophan, Jazer, Jogbehah, Beth Nimrah, and Beth Haran, and pens for their flocks.

Numbers 32:37-38

What cities did the descendants of Reuben build?

They built Heshbon, Elealeh, Kiriathaim, Nebo, Baal Meon, and Sibmah, and gave names to the cities they built.

Numbers 32:39-40

What did the descendants of Machir do in Gilead?

They captured Gilead and drove out the Amorites who lived there, and Moses gave the land to them to live in.

Numbers 32:41

ULT	UST
And Jair the son of Manasseh went and captured their villages, and he called them Havvoth Jair.	*A descendant of Manasseh, whose name was Jair, traveled with his relatives to some small towns in the Gilead region that belonged to the Amorite people. He attacked and took those towns and called them Havvoth Jair.*

What did Jair do?

He captured villages in Gilead and named them Havvoth Jair.

Numbers 32:42

ULT	UST
And Nobah went and captured Kenath and its daughters, and he called it Nobah, by his name.	*A man whose name was Nobah and others with him traveled to the town of Kenath and its surrounding villages. They attacked and took them. Nobah called the town by his own name: Nobah.*

What did Nobah do?

He captured Kenath and its surrounding villages and named the town Nobah after himself.

Numbers 33

Numbers 33:1-2

Who wrote down the record of where the Israelites camped after they left Egypt, and who commanded him to do it?

Moses wrote it down, because Yahweh had commanded him to.

Numbers 33:3-4

Why were the people of Israel able to leave Rameses without opposition from the Egyptians?

They were able to leave because the Egyptians were busy burying all their firstborn.

Numbers 33:9

ULT	UST
And they set out from Marah and came to Elim. And at Elim were 12 springs of water and 70 palm trees, and they camped there.	*They left Marah and arrived at a place that people called Elim, where they set up their tents. There were 12 streams of fresh water and 70 palm trees there.*

What was at Elim, where the people of Israel camped?

There were 12 springs of water and 70 palm trees.

Numbers 33:14

ULT	UST
And they set out from Alush and camped at Rephidim, and there was not water there for the people to drink.	*They left Alush and set up their tents at a place that people called Rephidim. There, the Israelites could not find any water to drink.*

What could the people of Israel not find at Rephidim?

They could not find any water to drink at Rephidim.

Numbers 33:38-39

How long after Israel had come out of Egypt did Aaron die at Mount Hor?

Aaron died forty years after the people of Israel had come out of Egypt.

Numbers 33:40

ULT	UST
And the Canaanite, the king of Arad (and he was dwelling in the Negeb in the land of Canaan), heard of the coming of the sons of Israel.	*At that time, the Canaanite king who ruled Arad city lived in the Negeb in Canaan. He learned that the Israelites had arrived near him.*

What did the Canaanite king of Arad learn about the Israelites?

He learned that the Israelites had arrived near his land.

Numbers 33:49

ULT	UST
And they camped beside the Jordan, from Beth Jeshimoth as far as Abel Shittim, in the plains of Moab.	*When they set up their tents in the flatlands that were part of Moab, they were on the east side of the Jordan River between a place that people called Beth Jeshimoth and a place that people called Abel Shittim.*

Where did the sons of Israel camp beside the Jordan?

They camped from Beth Jeshimoth as far as Abel Shittim, in the plains of Moab.

Numbers 33:50-52

What did Yahweh command the people through Moses to do after they crossed over the Jordan into Canaan?

Yahweh commanded them to make the people who lived in the land leave, and to destroy all their statues and shrines.

Numbers 33:53-54

How did Yahweh want the people of Israel to divide up the land that they were to possess?

Yahweh wanted the people of Israel to divide up the land by lot, giving a larger share of land to the large clans and a small share of land to the small clans.

Numbers 33:55-56

What would happen if the people of Israel did not drive out the land's inhabitants?

The people whom they allowed to stay would make life difficult for them.

Numbers 34

Numbers 34:2

ULT	UST
“Command the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When you are going to the land of Canaan, this is the land that will fall to you in an inheritance, the land of Canaan according to its borders.	*“Order the Israelite people to do this: When they enter Canaan, they must receive it as their own land up to the following boundaries.*

What did Yahweh command Moses to tell the Israelites about the land of Canaan?

He commanded Moses to tell them that when they entered Canaan, they would receive it as their own land within specific borders.

Numbers 34:3-5

What places marked the southern border of the land?

The southern border went from the wilderness of Zin, near Edom, to the Salt Sea, then west past Kadesh Barnea to the Mediterranean Sea.

Numbers 34:6

ULT	UST
And the border of the west, and it shall be for you the Great Sea and a border. This shall be for you the border of the west.	*The western boundary will be the Mediterranean Sea.*

What was the western border of the land?

The western border was the Great Sea, that is, the Mediterranean Sea.

Numbers 34:7-9

What places marked the northern border of the land?

The northern border went from the Great Sea to Mount Hor, then to Lebo Hamath, Zedad, and Ziphron, ending at Hazar Enan.

Numbers 34:10-12

What places marked the eastern border of the land?

The eastern border went from Hazar Enan to Shepham, then to Riblah, along the east side of the Sea of Chinnereth, and down the Jordan River to the Salt Sea.

Numbers 34:13

ULT	UST
And Moses commanded the sons of Israel, saying, "This is the land that you shall inherit by lot, which Yahweh has commanded to give to the nine tribes and the half of the tribe.	*So Moses told the Israelite people, "The area within those boundaries is what you will receive as your land. You must use lots to determine randomly where each tribal group will receive its land. Yahweh has declared that he grants that area to nine and one half of your tribes.*

Who were the people who would receive the land of Canaan as their possession?

The nine and one half tribes of Israel would receive the land of Canaan as their possession.

Numbers 34:14-15

What would the descendants of Reuben and Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh receive as their share of the land?

The descendants of Reuben and Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh would receive their share of land from across the Jordan at Jericho eastward.

Numbers 34:16-18

Who were the men who would divide the land for their inheritance?

The men would be Eleazar the priest, Joshua son of Nun, and one leader from every tribe.

Numbers 34:29

ULT	UST
These are whom Yahweh commanded to make the sons of Israel inherit in the land of Canaan.	*Those are the men whom Yahweh told to help the Israelites decide who received what land in Canaan.*

What did Yahweh command these men to do?

He commanded them to divide the land of Canaan and to give each tribe of Israel its share.

Numbers 35

Numbers 35:1-2

What did Yahweh command the Israelites to give to the Levites?

He commanded them to give the Levites cities to live in, chosen from their own land, along with the pastureland around the cities.

Numbers 35:3

ULT	UST
And the cities shall be for them to dwell, and their pasturelands shall be for their animal and for their property and for all their living thing.	*The Levites will live in those cities. They will keep their farm animals, some of their possessions, and any other animals they have in the fields surrounding those cities.*

What could the Levites keep in the pastureland surrounding their cities?

They could keep their farm animals, their other animals, and their possessions in the pastureland surrounding their cities.

Numbers 35:4

ULT	UST
And the pasturelands of the cities that you shall give to the Levites shall be from the wall of the city and outside 1,000 cubits all around.	*The fields surrounding the cities that the Israelites set aside for the Levites must be 460 meters wide when you measure from the city edges.*

How far were the pasturelands to extend from the wall of a Levite's city?

The pasturelands were to extend 1,000 cubits (460 meters) out from the city wall in every direction.

Numbers 35:5

ULT	UST
And you shall measure from outside to the city the edge to the east 2,000 by the cubit, and the edge of the south 2,000 by the cubit, and the edge of the west 2,000 by the cubit, and the edge of the north 2,000 by the cubit, and the city in the midst. This shall be for them the pasturelands of the cities.	*On each of the four sides, the fields must be 920 meters wide when you measure along the city edge. The city itself must be in the center. That is the size of the fields surrounding each of the cities for the Levites.*

How was the pastureland on each side of a Levite's city to be measured?

It was to be measured 2,000 cubits (920 meters) out from the city on the east, south, west, and north sides, with the city in the middle.

Numbers 35:6

ULT	UST
And the cities that you shall give to the Levites shall be the six cities of refuge, which you shall give for the fleeing there of the one having killed; and besides them you shall give 42 cities.	*Six of the cities that the Israelites set aside for the Levites must be cities to which people can flee in order to be safe. If someone kills another person, then he or she can run to one of these cities and be safe. The Israelites must also set aside 42 more cities for the Levites.*

How many cities were to be given to the Levites?

Forty-eight cities were to be given to the Levites.

What was the purpose of six of the cities that the Levites would receive?

They were to serve as cities of refuge to which accused murderers could flee.

Numbers 35:8

ULT	UST
And the cities that you shall give from the possession of the sons of Israel: from with the many you shall increase, and from with the few you shall decrease. A man according to the mouth of his inheritance that they inherit shall give from his cities to the Levites."	*Tribes with more land must set aside more cities, and tribes with less land must set aside fewer cities. The people from each tribe must set aside these cities for the Levites from among the cities in the land that they will receive."*

How were the Israelites to decide how many cities each tribe would give to the Levites?

Tribes with more land were to give more cities, and tribes with less land were to give fewer cities.

Numbers 35:9-11

What did Yahweh tell Moses to tell the Israelites they would do when they crossed the Jordan into Canaan?

Yahweh told Moses that they would set apart cities of refuge for anyone who killed a person by accident.

Numbers 35:12

ULT	UST
And they will be for you the cities for refuge from one redeeming, and the one having killed will not die until his standing to the face of the congregation for the judgment.	*When a person kills someone, a close relative of the dead person often seeks to kill that person to avenge his or her relative. If that person is in one of these cities, then the close relative may not kill him or her. Instead, with the Israelite community watching, the leaders must decide whether that person deserves to die.*

How would the cities of refuge protect an accused man from his avenger?

Anyone who killed someone unintentionally could flee to them and know they would not be killed without standing on trial before the community.

Numbers 35:13-14

How were the six cities of refuge to be divided between the two sides of the Jordan River?

Three cities were to be on the east side of the Jordan River, and three cities were to be in the land of Canaan on the west side.

Numbers 35:15

ULT	UST
For the sons of Israel and for the sojourner and for the temporary resident in their midst these six cities shall be for refuge, for the fleeing there of everyone having struck a person by mistake.	*If anyone kills another person accidentally, then he or she can run to one of those six cities and be safe. That applies to Israelites, foreigners, and anyone who is living among them temporarily.*

Who could flee to the cities of refuge if they killed someone by accident?

Israelites, foreigners, and anyone living among them temporarily could flee to the cities of refuge.

Numbers 35:16-18

What would cause an accused man to certainly be put to death?

He would certainly be put to death if he struck his victim with an instrument of iron, a stone in his hand, or a wooden weapon, and then his victim died.

Numbers 35:19

ULT	UST
The one redeeming the blood, he, he shall kill the one having killed. In his meeting with him, he, he shall kill him.	*It is the close relative of the dead person who must kill the murderer to avenge his or her relative. Whenever the close relative finds the murderer, he or she must kill the murderer.*

Who was responsible for killing a murderer to avenge the dead person?

The close relative of the dead person was responsible for killing the murderer whenever he found him.

Numbers 35:20-21

What would happen if an accused man pushed someone out of hatred, threw something at him on purpose, or struck him with his hand so that he died?

Then the accused man must be put to death.

Numbers 35:22-23

What examples does this passage give of a person accidentally causing someone's death?

Suddenly pushing someone, throwing something without meaning to hit them, or accidentally dropping a stone on someone without seeing them are examples of accidentally causing a person's death.

Numbers 35:24

ULT	UST
then the congregation shall judge between the one having struck and between the one redeeming the blood according to these ordinances.	*In each of those cases, the Israelite community must decide whether the person who killed someone is not a murderer or whether the close relative of the dead person should kill the person to avenge his or her relative. They must follow these instructions when they decide.*

Who was responsible for judging between the accused person and the avenger?

The community was responsible for judging between the accused person and the avenger, following these rules.

Numbers 35:25

ULT	UST
And the congregation shall deliver the one having killed from the hand of the one redeeming the blood, and the congregation shall return him to the city of his refuge where he fled. And he shall dwell in it until the death of the great priest whom he anointed with the oil of the holy place.	*The Israelite community must keep any person who unintentionally killed someone safe from the dead person's close relative, who wants to kill that person to avenge his or her relative. The community must send that person back to the city where he or she ran to be safe. The person must live there until the high priest dies. That is the priest on whom someone poured the sacred oil.*

What must the community do to rescue a man who accidentally killed someone from the blood avenger?

The community must rescue him and return him to the city of refuge to which he had fled.

Numbers 35:26-27

When could a blood avenger kill the accused man and yet not be guilty of murder?

If the blood avenger finds the accused man outside the border of the city of refuge, he may kill him without being guilty of murder.

Numbers 35:28

ULT	UST
For in the city of his refuge he shall dwell until the death of the great priest. And after the death of the great priest, the one having killed shall return to the land of his possession.	*So, the person who unintentionally killed someone must live in the city where he or she ran to be safe until the high priest dies. Then, the person can go back to the land that belongs to him or her.*

When would an accused person be free to return to his or her own property?

The person would be free to return after the death of the high priest.

Numbers 35:29

ULT	UST
And these shall be for you for a statute of judgment for your generations in all of your dwellings.	*All the Israelites and their descendants must follow those rules wherever they live.*

How long were these rules about cities of refuge to apply to the Israelites?

These rules were to apply to the Israelites and their descendants forever, wherever they lived.

Numbers 35:30

ULT	UST
Everyone having struck a person, to the mouth of witnesses he shall kill the one having killed. And one witness shall not answer against a person to die.	*Suppose that someone killed someone else and people testify that it was intentional. In that case, someone must execute the murderer. However, suppose that only one person testifies. In that case, no one can execute that person.*

What is needed before a murderer can be put to death?

The testimony of more than one witness is needed before a murderer can be put to death.

Numbers 35:31-32

What ransom can people accept for the life of a murderer?

The people are to accept no ransom for the life of a murderer or for one who has fled to a city of refuge.

Numbers 35:33

ULT	UST
And you shall not pollute the land in which you are, for the blood, it pollutes the land, and atonement for the land shall not be made for the blood that was poured out in it, except by the blood of the one pouring it out.	*When a person kills someone, it makes the land they live in impure. So, they must not make the land impure. The only way to make the land pure again is to kill the murderer.*

What is the only thing that can atone for land on which blood has been shed?

Only the blood of the one who has shed the blood will atone for the land.

Numbers 36

Numbers 36:1-2

To whom had Yahweh commanded Moses to give the land of Zelophehad?

Yahweh had commanded Moses to give Zelophehad's land to his daughters.

Numbers 36:3

ULT	UST
And they will be for wives to one from the sons of the tribes of the sons of Israel, and their inheritance will be taken away from the inheritance of our fathers, and it will be added upon the inheritance of the tribe that they will be for them. And from the lot of our inheritance it will be taken away.	*However, suppose that they marry men from other Israelite tribes. In that case, the land that they received will belong to the tribe of the men whom they married. It will no longer belong to our tribe. In this way, we will lose some of the land that our tribal group received.*

What would happen to Zelophehad's land if his daughters married men from other tribes in Israel?

If they did that, then their share of land would belong to the tribe into which they married.

Numbers 36:4

ULT	UST
And if the Jubilee is for the sons of Israel, then their inheritance will be added upon the inheritance of the tribe that they will be for them, and from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers their inheritance will be taken away."	*Also, when it is the year for restoring for the Israelite people, the land that they received will still belong to the tribe of the men whom they married. In this way, we will lose some of the land that belongs to our ancestral tribe."*

What would happen to the land that had belonged to a daughter who had married a man from another tribe when the Jubilee came?

When the Jubilee came, the share that had belonged to the daughter would belong to her husband's tribe and be taken away from Zelophehad's tribe.

Numbers 36:5-6

What command did Yahweh give through Moses concerning Zelophehad's daughters?

He commanded that Zelophehad's daughters could marry only within their father's tribe.

Numbers 36:7

ULT	UST
And an inheritance for the sons of Israel shall not go around from tribe to tribe, for a man in the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers, the sons of Israel shall cling.	*Land that belongs to one tribe must never transfer to another tribe. Each Israelite must ensure that the land that he or she receives continues to belong to his or her ancestral tribe.*

What must never happen to shares of land in Israel?

No share of land in Israel can change from one tribe to another. Each man's share must stay within his ancestor's tribe.

Numbers 36:8-9

Why did Yahweh command that every woman among the people of Israel who owned a share of land in her tribe must marry someone from the clans belonging to her father's tribe?

Yahweh gave this command so that everyone among the people of Israel could own an inheritance from his ancestors.

Numbers 36:10-12

How did Zelophehad's daughters comply with this command from Yahweh?

They married into the clans of the descendants of Manasseh so their inheritance remained in the tribe of their father's clan.

Numbers 36:13

ULT	UST
These are the commandments and the ordinances that Yahweh commanded in the hand of Moses to the sons of Israel in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan at Jericho.	*Those are the rules and instructions that Yahweh gave to the Israelites through Moses while they were in the flatlands that were part of Moab, on the east side of the Jordan River, across from Jericho.*

Where did Yahweh give these commandments and ordinances to the people of Israel through Moses?

Yahweh gave them in the plains of Moab beside the Jordan River, across from Jericho.

Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 1

Deuteronomy 1:1

ULT	UST
These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel across the Jordan in the wilderness, in the Arabah opposite Suph, between Paran and between Tophel and Laban and Hazeroth and Di Zahab.	*In this book are speeches that Moses said to all the Israelites. He spoke to them after they had set up their tents east of the Jordan River. They were in the desert plain along the Jordan near a place named Suph. Suph is between the desert of Paran on one side of the Jordan River and the towns of Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Di Zahab on the other side of the river.*

Where was Moses when he spoke to Israel?

Moses was east of the Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain of the Jordan River valley.

Deuteronomy 1:3

ULT	UST
And it happened, in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on day one of the month, Moses spoke to the sons of Israel according to all that Yahweh commanded him concerning them,	*Forty years had passed since the Israelites had left Egypt, and it was the first day of the eleventh month. Moses told the Israelite people everything that Yahweh had commanded him to tell them.*

When did Moses speak to the people of Israel, telling them all that Yahweh commanded him?

Moses spoke to the people in the fortieth year after they had left Egypt.

Deuteronomy 1:8

ULT	UST
Look, I have given the land to your faces. Go and possess the land that Yahweh swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them and to their seed after them.'	*Know that I will give that land to you. I, Yahweh, promised the land to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I promised that I would give it to them and to their descendants. So go and occupy it.'*

To whom had Yahweh promised to give the land?

Yahweh had promised to give the land to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and to their descendants.

Deuteronomy 1:9-10

Why did Moses feel he could not govern the people alone?

There were too many of them since God had multiplied them and made them as numerous as the stars of the heavens.

Deuteronomy 1:13

ULT	UST
Nominate for yourselves wise and understanding and well-known men from your tribes, and I will appoint them as your heads.'	*So choose some men from your tribes who are wise and who have good sense and whom people respect. Then I will assign them to be your leaders.'*

Who would help Moses solve all the problems and disputes of the people?

The people would choose wise, understanding, and well-known men from each tribe and appoint these men leaders to help Moses.

Deuteronomy 1:16

ULT	UST
And I commanded your judges at that time, saying, 'Listen in between your brothers, and you should judge righteously between a man and between his brother, and between his foreigner.	*Then, I instructed your leaders, 'Listen when your people are quarreling. Consider each case fairly, including cases where Israelites quarrel with each other. Also consider cases where an Israelite quarrels with someone from another land who lives among you.*

What did Moses command the judges to do?

He commanded them to hear and judge righteously concerning the quarrels and cases the Israelites had with each other or with any foreigner who lived among them.

Deuteronomy 1:19

ULT	UST
And we journeyed from Horeb and went through all that great and terrible wilderness that you saw on the way to the hill country of the Amorites, as Yahweh our God had commanded us; and we came to Kadesh Barnea.	*Then, just as Yahweh our God told us to do, we left Horeb. We went through a huge and dangerous wilderness. The wilderness was on the road to the hilly area where the Amorite people live. We arrived at Kadesh Barnea.*

Where did Israel travel through as they journeyed from Horeb to the hill country?

They traveled through all the great and terrible wilderness.

Deuteronomy 1:22

ULT	UST
And you drew near to me, all of you, and you said, 'Let us send men to our faces, and they shall spy out the land for us, and return to us a word about the way which we will go up into and the cities which we will come to.'	*But your fathers all came to me and said, 'We should first send some men ahead of us to explore the land. Then, they can return and tell us which will be the best road to go there and what kind of towns are there.'*

What did the people ask Moses to do before they would enter the land?

They asked Moses to send men ahead to explore the land and report back about it.

Deuteronomy 1:23

ULT	UST
And the word was good in my eyes, and I took from you 12 men, one man per tribe.	*I thought that what they had planned was good, so I chose 12 men, one man from each tribe.*

Who did Moses choose to scout out the land?

He chose one man from each of the 12 tribes.

Deuteronomy 1:25

ULT	UST
And they took with their hands from the fruit of the land and brought it down to us. And they returned to us a word and said, 'Good is the land that Yahweh our God is giving to us.'	*They picked some of the fruit that they found there and brought it to us. They reported that the land that Yahweh our God was giving to us was very good.*

What did the men report back about the land?

They reported that the land that Yahweh was giving them was good.

Deuteronomy 1:27

ULT	UST
And you grumbled in your tents and said, 'In the hatred of Yahweh against us he brought us from the land of Egypt to give us into the hand of the Amorites to destroy us.	*Your parents stayed in their tents and complained. They said, 'Yahweh hates us, so he has brought us here from Egypt to allow the Amorite people to destroy us.*

What were the people grumbling against Yahweh about?

They said Yahweh hated them and he brought them out of the land of Egypt to destroy them.

Deuteronomy 1:28

ULT	UST
Where can we go up? Our brothers have caused our heart to melt, saying, "The people are greater and taller than us, with cities great and fortified to the heavens; and also, we have seen the sons of the Anakites there."'	*We do not want to go there. The men whom we sent there have caused us to become very afraid. They have told us that the people there are stronger and bigger than we are. They said that there are very high walls around their towns. They also said that they saw giants there that are descendants of Anak.'*

What did the spies say about the people of the land?

They said that the people of the land were stronger and taller than the Israelites and had fortified cities.

Deuteronomy 1:29-31

What did Moses say was the reason the people did not need to be afraid?

He told them not to be afraid, because Yahweh would go before them and would fight for them like he did in Egypt and in the wilderness.

Deuteronomy 1:34-36

What did Yahweh say when he became angry?

He said that not one of these men would see the good land except Caleb.

Deuteronomy 1:38

ULT	UST
Joshua, the son of Nun, who stands to your face, he will go in there; encourage him, for he will cause Israel to inherit it.	*Joshua son of Nun, who is your helper, will enter it. Support him, because he will enable the Israelite people to occupy that land.'*

What did Yahweh tell Moses to do for Joshua, the son of Nun?

Yahweh told Moses to encourage Joshua for he would lead Israel to occupy the land.

Deuteronomy 1:39

ULT	UST
And your children that you said would be plunder, and your sons who today do not know good or evil, they will go in there. And to them I will give it, and they will possess it.	*Yahweh continued to declare, 'You said that your enemies would capture your children, but this did not happen. Your children are very young, so they do not yet know what is good and what is evil. However, they are the ones who will enter that land. I will give them the land, and they will occupy it.*

Who did Yahweh say will go into the land and possess it?

He said their children will go in and will possess the land.

Deuteronomy 1:42-43

What did the people do when Yahweh told them not to attack the hill country?

They were arrogant and went up to the hill country to fight anyway.

Deuteronomy 2

Deuteronomy 2:1

ULT	UST
And we turned and journeyed into the wilderness on the way to the Sea of Reeds, as Yahweh had spoken to me. And we went around Mount Seir many days.	*Then we turned around and went through the desert toward the Sea of Reeds as Yahweh told us to do. We wandered near Mount Seir for a long time.*

Where did Moses say they journeyed?

They journeyed into the wilderness on the way to the Sea of Reeds.

Deuteronomy 2:4-5

What did Yahweh command the people to be careful not to do?

They were not to fight the descendants of Esau, who live near Mount Seir, for Yahweh had given that land to them.

Deuteronomy 2:6

ULT	UST
You will buy food from them with silver, and you will eat. And also, you will purchase water from them with silver, and you will drink.”’	*When you travel near their land, buy food and water from them.’*

How were they to get food and water?

They were to buy food and water from the people living there so they could eat and drink.

Deuteronomy 2:9

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to me, ‘You shall not trouble Moab, and you shall not fight against them in battle, for I will not give to you from its land a possession, because I have given Ar to the sons of Lot, as a possession.’”	*Yahweh said to me, ‘Do not bother the people of Moab by starting to fight against them, because I am not going to give you any of their land. The reason is that they are descendants of Lot. I gave them the city of Ar, their capital, and the other areas in that country.’”*

What did Yahweh tell them they were not to do in Moab?

They were not to trouble or fight with the people of Moab because Yahweh had given that land to them.

Deuteronomy 2:14

ULT	UST
And the days which we came from Kadesh Barnea until we crossed the wadi of Zered were 38 years, until all the generation of the men of war were finished from among the camp, as Yahweh had sworn to them.	*It had been 38 years from the time we first left Kadesh Barnea until we crossed Zered Gorge. During those years, all the fighting men of that generation of Israelites died, as Yahweh had solemnly said would happen.*

How long did it take Israel to go from Kadesh Barnea to the wadi of Zered?

It took them 38 years from when they left until they crossed wadi of Zered.

Deuteronomy 2:16

ULT	UST
And it happened, when all the men of war came to an end, dying from among the people,	*After all the men who had been old enough to fight had died,*

What happened to all the men who had been old enough to fight?

All the men who had been old enough to fight had died.

Deuteronomy 2:19

ULT	UST
And you will approach on the other side of the sons of Ammon. You shall not trouble them, and you shall not fight them, for I will not give to you from the land of the sons of Ammon as a possession, because I have given it to the sons of Lot as a possession.'"	*When you come near the border of the land where the descendants of Ammon live, do not bother them or start to fight against them. The reason is that they are also descendants of Lot, so I am not going to give you any of the land that I have given to them.'"*

To whom had Yahweh given the land where the people of Ammon were living?

Yahweh had given that land to the descendants of Lot.

Deuteronomy 2:25

ULT	UST
This day I will begin to put the fear of you and the terror of you on the faces of the peoples under all the heavens, that they might hear a report of you and might quake and tremble from your face.'	*Today I will begin to cause everyone, everywhere to be afraid of you. Everyone who hears about you will be very afraid of you.'*

What will the people of the land do when they hear news about the Israelites?

They will tremble and be afraid because of what they hear about the Israelites.

Deuteronomy 2:26-27

What words of peace did Moses send to Sihon, king of Heshbon?

Moses asked that they be allowed to pass through his land, staying on the road and not turning to the right or left.

Deuteronomy 2:28

ULT	UST
You will sell me food for silver, and I will eat. And give to me water for silver, and I will drink. Only let me pass through on my feet	*We will pay you for food and water. We want only to walk through your land*

How did Moses plan to get food and water for the people?

He asked the king to sell him food and water so the Israelites could eat and drink.

Deuteronomy 2:32-33

What happened when Sihon came out to fight against Moses and his people?

Yahweh allowed Moses and his people to defeated him, killing him, his son, and all his people.

Deuteronomy 2:34

ULT	UST
And we captured all his cities at that time and devoted every city, men and the women and the children; we left no survivor.	*We captured and destroyed all of King Sihon's cities. We killed the men, women, and children. We did not allow any of them to remain alive.*

What happened to all the king's cities?

Moses captured all the king's cities and destroyed them, including women and children, leaving no survivors.

Deuteronomy 3

Deuteronomy 3:1

ULT	UST
And we turned and went up the road of the Bashan. And Og, the king of the Bashan, came out against us, he and all his people, to the battle at Edrei.	*Then we turned north and went toward the region of Bashan. Og, the king of that area, and all his soldiers marched south to fight against us at the city of Edrei.*

What did Og, the king of Bashan, do to Israel as they approached his land?

As Israel approached the land of Bashan, the king and all his soldiers came and attacked them.

Deuteronomy 3:3

ULT	UST
And Yahweh our God also gave Og, the king of Bashan, and all his people into our hands. And we struck him down until not a survivor of his remained.	*So Yahweh our God caused us to defeat King Og and his soldiers. We killed them all. We did not allow any of them to remain alive.*

What did Israel do to the king of Bashan and his people?

They defeated the king of Bashan, killing him and all his people, leaving no survivors.

Deuteronomy 3:7

ULT	UST
But all the cattle and the spoil of the cities we plundered for ourselves.	*But from those cities we took for ourselves all the livestock and valuable things.*

What did Israel do with the cattle and the spoil of the cities?

They took for themselves all the cattle and the spoil of the cities.

Deuteronomy 3:12-13

To whom did Moses give the land that they had captured?

He gave it to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half of the tribe of Manasseh.

Deuteronomy 3:18

ULT	UST
And I commanded you at that time, saying, 'Yahweh your God has given to you this land to possess it. The girded ones, all sons of bravery, will cross over to the faces of your brothers, the sons of Israel.	*At that time, I told you three tribes, 'Yahweh our God is giving you this land east of the Jordan River. So now, your soldiers must cross the Jordan River ahead of the men from the other Israelite tribes. Help them to conquer the land.*

What did Moses command the men of war of the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half of the tribe of Manasseh to do?

He commanded them to cross over the Jordan River to help the rest of the people of Israel conquer that land.

Deuteronomy 3:20

ULT	UST
until Yahweh causes your brothers, as you, to have rest. And they will possess, they also, the land that Yahweh your God is giving to them across the Jordan. And you will return, every man, to his inheritance that I have given to you.'	*Your men must help your fellow Israelites until Yahweh enables them to live there peacefully. Help them until they also capture all of the land that Yahweh our God is giving to them, which is on the west side of the Jordan River, just as he did for you here on the east side of the river. After that, you all may return to this land that I have allotted to you.'*

When did Yahweh say the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half of the tribe of Manasseh could return to their own land?

Yahweh said they could return to their own land after the rest of the Israelites captured the land that God was giving to them.

Deuteronomy 3:22

ULT	UST
Do not fear them, for Yahweh your God, he, he is the one fighting for you.'	*Do not be afraid of those people, because Yahweh our God is the one who will fight on your behalf.'*

What did Moses tell Joshua not to do?

He told Joshua not to fear the enemy because Yahweh would be the one who would fight for him.

Deuteronomy 3:25

ULT	UST
Let me cross, please, and see the good land that is across the Jordan, that good hill country, and Lebanon.'	*So please allow me to cross the Jordan River. Let me see the good land on the west side, the good hilly area, and the mountains in Lebanon.'*

What did Moses ask Yahweh to allow him to do?

He asked Yahweh to let him go see the good land across the Jordan River and in Lebanon.

Deuteronomy 3:26

ULT	UST
But Yahweh was angry with me because of you, and he did not listen to me. And Yahweh said to me, 'Enough for you—you shall not continue speaking to me again on this matter.	*But Yahweh was angry with me because of what your parents had done. He would not pay attention to me. Instead, he said, 'That is enough talk from you! Do not talk to me about that again!*

How did Yahweh respond to Moses' request to go and see the land?

Yahweh was angry with Moses because of what the people had done and did not listen to his request.

Deuteronomy 3:27

ULT	UST
Go up the head of Pisgah and lift up your eyes westward and northward and southward and eastward. And look with your eyes, for you will not cross this Jordan.	*Climb up to the top of Mount Pisgah. Then look toward the west, east, north, and south. Look at it all carefully because you will not cross the Jordan River to see the land from there.*

What did Yahweh allow Moses to do?

Yahweh told him to go up to the top of Mount Pisgah and look all around from there, for he would not cross the Jordan River.

Deuteronomy 3:28-29

What did Yahweh tell Moses to do for Joshua?

He told Moses to instruct, encourage, and strengthen Joshua, because he would lead the people across the river to occupy the land that he could see.

Deuteronomy 4

Deuteronomy 4:1

ULT	UST
And now, Israel, listen to the statutes and to the ordinances that I will teach you to do so that you will live and go in and possess the land that Yahweh, the God of your fathers, is giving to you.	*Now, you Israelite people, obey all the rules and regulations that I will teach you. If you do that, you will remain alive. You will be able to enter and occupy the land that Yahweh, the God whom your ancestors worshiped, is giving to you.*

What must the people of Israel do so that they may live and go in and possess the land that Yahweh is giving them?

They must listen and obey the laws that Moses will teach them so that they may possess the land.

Deuteronomy 4:2

ULT	UST
Do not add onto the word that I command you, and do not take from them, keeping the commandments of Yahweh your God that I am commanding you.	*Do not change the words of my commands to you. Obey all the commands of Yahweh our God that I am giving to you.*

What does Moses instruct the people not to do?

They must not add to or take away from the words of the commands Moses is giving them so they will obey the commandments of Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 4:3

ULT	UST
Your eyes have seen what Yahweh did in Baal Peor; for all the men who walked after the Baal of Peor, Yahweh your God has destroyed them from your midst.	*You have seen what Yahweh did at Baal Peor, for example, when he destroyed all the people who worshiped the god Baal there.*

What happened to the men who were worshiping Baal?

Yahweh destroyed the men that worshiped the Baal of Peor.

Deuteronomy 4:6

ULT	UST
And you shall keep and do them, for it is your wisdom and your understanding in the eyes of the peoples who will hear all these statutes and may say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'	*Obey them faithfully because, if you do that, you will show the people of other nations that you are very wise. When they hear about all these rules, they will say, 'The people of this great nation of Israel are certainly very wise!'*

What will be the result of Israel keeping the rules that Moses commanded them?

The people around them will notice that because they keep these rules, they are a nation that has wisdom and understanding.

Deuteronomy 4:9

ULT	UST
Only guard yourself and guard your soul strongly, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they retreat from your heart all the days of your life. But make them known to your sons and to the sons of your sons.	*But be very careful! Do not forget what you have seen God do. Remember those things as long as you are alive. Tell them to your children and your grandchildren.*

What should the people do so that they do not forget what God has done?

They should guard themselves by remembering the things God has done and telling them to their children and their grandchildren.

Deuteronomy 4:11-12

What did the people hear out of the middle of the fire on the mountain?

They heard Yahweh's voice out of the middle of the fire but did not see him.

Deuteronomy 4:13

ULT	UST
And he declared to you his covenant that he commanded you to do, the Ten Words. And he wrote them on two tablets of stone.	*And he declared to them his covenant that he wants you also to obey. He gave them the Ten Commandments. He wrote those on two stone tablets.*

What was the covenant written on that Yahweh commanded them to obey?

The Ten Commandments that Yahweh gave to Moses for the people to obey were written on two tablets of stone.

Deuteronomy 4:16

ULT	UST
lest you act corruptly, and make for yourselves an idol of the form of any image, a likeness of male or female,	*Do not sin by making for yourselves any carved figure! Do not make anything that resembles the likeness of anything: man, woman,*

What were the people told not to do so as to not act corruptly?

They were told not to make any carved figures or idols of any thing.

Deuteronomy 4:19

ULT	UST
And lest you lift up your eyes to the heavens and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the multitude of the heavens, and be seduced and bow down to them and serve them, those which Yahweh your God has allotted for all the peoples under all the heavens.	*Do not look up toward the sky and desire to worship anything that you see there, the sun or the moon or the stars. Yahweh our God has given those to help all people everywhere.*

Why did Moses tell the people to be careful about the sun, moon, and stars?

He told them that they should be careful to not be seduced to worship the heavens, sun, moon, or stars.

Deuteronomy 4:20

ULT	UST
And Yahweh has taken you and brought you out of the furnace of iron, from Egypt, to be a people of his inheritance, as this day.	*Yahweh has brought your families out of Egypt, where they were suffering as though they were in a blazing furnace. That is so that they would be people who belong to him, which is what you are today.*

Why did Yahweh bring the people out of Egypt?

He brought them out of Egypt to be a people who belong to him.

Deuteronomy 4:21

ULT	UST
And Yahweh was angry with me on account of your words. And he swore I would not cross the Jordan, and I would not go in to the good land that Yahweh your God is giving to you as an inheritance.	*But Yahweh was angry with me because of what your parents did. He declared that I would never enter the land that he is giving to you.*

What did Yahweh declare to Moses because he was angry with him?

He declared that Moses would not cross the Jordan River into the good land.

Deuteronomy 4:23-24

Why did Yahweh forbid Israel to make any carved figure or idol?

Yahweh their God is a jealous God and wants them to worship only him.

Deuteronomy 4:25-26

What does Moses say will happen if the people corrupt themselves and do evil in Yahweh's sight?

They will perish in the land over the Jordan and be completely destroyed.

Deuteronomy 4:27

ULT	UST
And Yahweh will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left men of small number in the nations, where Yahweh will drive you there.	*Yahweh will force the rest of you to go and live among the people of many other nations. Only a few of you will survive there.*

What does Moses say Yahweh will do to the people if they worship idols?

Yahweh will scatter them among other nations and only a few would survive.

Deuteronomy 4:29

ULT	UST
And from there you will search for Yahweh your God, and you will find him when you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.	*But while you are there, you will try to know Yahweh your God. If you try with all that you are to know him, he will answer you.*

When will the people find Yahweh?

They will find him when they search for him with all their heart and all their soul.

Deuteronomy 4:30

ULT	UST
When there is trouble for you, and you find all these things in the later days, then you will return to Yahweh your God and listen to his voice.	*In the future, when people mistreat you there and all those bad things happen to you, you will again worship only Yahweh and obey him.*

What will make the people return to Yahweh their God and listen to his voice?

When they are in trouble and when all the bad things have come on them, they will return to Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 4:34

ULT	UST
Or has God attempted to go and take for himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs and by wonders and by war and by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm and by great terrors, as everything that Yahweh your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?	*Certainly God has never before tried to take a huge group of people from one nation to another location as he did for us when he brought us out of Egypt. We saw Yahweh our God use his power when he performed miracles, sent plagues, terrified people, and fought the Egyptians for us.*

What did God do for the people when they were in Egypt?

God chose for himself all these people from the midst of another nation, by using his great power when he performed miracles, sent plagues, and fought the Egyptians for them.

Deuteronomy 4:35-36

What did Yahweh do to show the people that he alone is God?

He allowed them to hear his voice speak from heaven, and on earth he made them see his great fire and hear his voice coming from it.

Deuteronomy 4:37-38

What did Yahweh do for Israel because he loved their ancestors?

He chose their descendants and brought them out of Egypt with his great power. He gave them their land after driving out the more powerful nations.

Deuteronomy 4:41-42

Where could a person flee if he killed another person accidentally?

He could flee to one of the three cities that Moses had selected on the east side of the Jordan River.

Deuteronomy 4:44-45

What was included in the law that Moses gave the people of Israel?

He gave them the law which included all the instructions, rules, and regulations that he told them when they came out of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 4:46-47

From which two kings did Moses and his people take land on the east side of the Jordan River?

The Israelites took the land of Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, king of Bashan.

Deuteronomy 5

Deuteronomy 5:2

ULT	UST
Yahweh our God cut a covenant with us at Horeb.	*When we were at Mount Horeb, Yahweh our God made a covenant with us.*

Where did Yahweh make his covenant with the people?

Yahweh made his covenant with the people of Israel at Horeb.

Deuteronomy 5:4-5

Why did Moses stand between Yahweh and the people when Yahweh revealed his word to them?

They were afraid of the fire from which Yahweh was speaking so Moses stood between them in order to tell them what he said.

Deuteronomy 5:6

ULT	UST
'I am Yahweh your God, who brought you from the land of Egypt, from the house of slaves.	*'I am Yahweh your God, the one you worship. I am the one who brought you out of the land of Egypt. I am the one who freed you from being slaves there.*

Who does Yahweh tell Israel he is?

He told them that he is Yahweh their God, who brought them from the land of Egypt and freed them from slavery.

Deuteronomy 5:8-9

What does God tell Israel not make, bow down to, or serve?

They should not make carved figures of any likeness of anything that is in the sky, on earth, or in the water. If they do, God will punish them and their descendants.

Deuteronomy 5:10

ULT	UST
But I show covenant faithfulness to thousands, to lovers of me and to keepers of my commandments.	*However, I will faithfully love forever all of those who love me and obey my commandments.*

What will Yahweh do for those who love him and keep his commandments?

He will show covenant faithfulness to those who love him and obey his commandments.

Deuteronomy 5:11

ULT	UST
Do not lift up the name of Yahweh your God with emptiness, for Yahweh will not leave unpunished he who lifts up his name with emptiness.	*I am Yahweh your God, so do not use my name for the wrong purpose. This is because I will certainly punish those who use my name for wrong purposes.*

Who will Yahweh not leave unpunished?

He will not leave unpunished those who use his name for wrong purposes.

Deuteronomy 5:12-14

What does Yahweh say about the seventh day?

The seventh day is a day of rest which is dedicated to Yahweh their God, so they must not do any work.

Deuteronomy 5:15

ULT	UST
And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and Yahweh your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm. Therefore, Yahweh your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.	*Remember that your families were slaves in Egypt. I, Yahweh your God, brought you out of there by my very great power. As a result, I am commanding that all of you must rest on the seventh day of each week.*

What does Yahweh want them to remember when they observe the Sabbath day?

He wants them to remember that they were slaves in Egypt and that God brought them out by his great power.

Deuteronomy 5:16

ULT	UST
Honor your father and your mother, as Yahweh your God has commanded you, so that your days may lengthen and so that it may go well with you on the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you.	*Honor your father and your mother, just like I, Yahweh your God, am commanding you. Do this in order that you may live a long time in the land that I, Yahweh your God, will give you. Also do this in order that things will go well for you there.*

What did Yahweh say would be the result if they honor their father and mother?

They will live a long time in the land that God gave them and things will go well for them there.

Deuteronomy 5:17-20

What were they commanded not to do?

They should not murder, commit adultery, steal, or give false witness.

Deuteronomy 5:22

ULT	UST
These words Yahweh spoke in a great voice to all your assembly on the mountain in the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the gloom, and he did not add more. And he wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.	*Those are the commandments that Yahweh commanded your families when they were at the bottom of the mountain. Yahweh spoke with a very loud voice from the middle of the fire, and there were dark clouds around the mountain. He spoke only those Ten Commandments. Then he wrote them on two stone tablets and gave them to me.*

On what did Yahweh write down his words?

He wrote his words down on two tablets of stone and gave them to Moses.

Deuteronomy 5:25

ULT	UST
And now, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us if we continue anymore to hear the voice of Yahweh our God, and we will die.	*But we are afraid that we will die. We are afraid that this immense fire will burn us all up if we go on hearing Yahweh's voice.*

What did the people say would happen to them if they heard the voice of Yahweh any longer?

The people said that they would be burned up by the great fire and would die.

Deuteronomy 5:27

ULT	UST
You approach and listen to everything that Yahweh our God says and speak to us everything that Yahweh our God says to you, and we will listen and obey.'	*So Moses, you go up the mountain and listen to everything that Yahweh our God says. Then come back and tell us everything that he has said, and we will listen to what he has said and obey it.'*

What did the people say they would do when Moses tells them everything that Yahweh says?

They said they will listen and obey Yahweh's word.

Deuteronomy 5:28

ULT	UST
And Yahweh heard the sound of your words when you spoke to me. And Yahweh said to me, 'I have heard the sound of the words of this people that they spoke to you. All that they have spoken is good.	*Yahweh heard your leaders say that. When I went back up the mountain, Yahweh said to me, 'I have heard what your leaders have said. What they have said is right.*

What did Yahweh say about the response of the people?

Yahweh said he heard what the people said and that what they had spoken was good.

Deuteronomy 5:33

ULT	UST
In all the ways that Yahweh your God has commanded you, you shall walk so that you might live, and goodness might be for you, and you might prolong your days in the land that you will possess.	*Conduct your lives as Yahweh our God has commanded us to do. This is so that you may live a long time. Also, this is so that things may go well for you when you are living in the land that you will occupy.*

What did Moses say would happen to the people if they did all that Yahweh had commanded them?

If they keep the commandments, they will live a long time in the land and things will go well for them there.

Deuteronomy 6

Deuteronomy 6:2

ULT	UST
so that you will fear Yahweh your God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments that I am commanding you and your son and the son of your son, all the days of your life, and so that your days will be prolonged.	*He wants you to honor him. He wants you and your descendants to always obey all these rules and regulations that I am giving to you. This is so that you may live for a long time.*

What will happen if the Israelites and their children keep all Yahweh's statutes and commandments all the days of your lives?

If they keep his statutes and commandments, they will live for a long time.

Deuteronomy 6:3

ULT	UST
And you shall listen, Israel, and carefully do, that it will go well for you, and that you will greatly multiply, as Yahweh, the God of your fathers spoke to you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.	*So, you Israelite people, listen to them carefully and obey them. If you do that, things will go well with you. Also, you will become a very numerous nation when you are living in that very fertile land. That is what Yahweh, the God whom our ancestors worshiped, promised would happen.*

How did Moses describe the land into which the people were going?

He said that it was a land flowing with milk and honey.

Deuteronomy 6:5

ULT	UST
And you shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.	*You must love him with all your inner being and with all that you feel and in every way that you can.*

How should Israel love Yahweh?

They should love Yahweh with all their heart, all their soul, and all their strength.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

When should the people diligently teach the commandments to their children?

They should teach the commandments to their children at every opportunity such as when they are in their house or walking on the road, lying down to rest, or getting up.

Deuteronomy 6:10-12

When should Israel remember what Yahweh has done for them?

They should remember that it was Yahweh who brought them into the land he had promised them when they are enjoying every good thing that Yahweh had given them that they did not have to work for.

Deuteronomy 6:14-15

What will happen to Israel if they worship the gods of the people around them?

Yahweh will become angry with them and he will destroy them completely if they worship the gods of the people around them.

Deuteronomy 6:16

ULT	UST
Do not test Yahweh your God as you tested him at Massah.	*Do not do sinful things to find out whether Yahweh will punish you or not, as your parents did at Massah.*

What did the people do at Massah that they should not repeat?

They tested Yahweh by doing sinful things to see if he would punish them or not.

Deuteronomy 6:20-23

How should the people respond when their children ask about all the things that Yahweh commanded?

They should tell their children about how they were Pharaoh's slaves and Yahweh brought them out of Egypt and gave them the land that he promised to their ancestors.

Deuteronomy 6:24

ULT	UST
And Yahweh commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear Yahweh our God for good to us all of the days, to keep us alive as this day.	*And he commanded us to obey all these laws and to honor him. This is so that things will always go well with us and so that he will protect our nation, as he is doing now.*

Why should the people fear Yahweh?

They should fear him so that things will go well for them and so that he will protect them as a nation.

Deuteronomy 7

Deuteronomy 7:1-2

What must the people do to the people of the land that Yahweh is bringing them into?

They must defeat them and destroy them completely.

Deuteronomy 7:2-3

What must the Israelites not do with the people of those nations?

They are not to make any covenants with them, show them mercy, or arrange any marriages with them for their sons or daughters.

Deuteronomy 7:5

ULT	UST
Thus you shall do to them: You shall break down their altars and smash their pillars and cut their Asherah poles to pieces and burn their idols in the fire.	*This is what you must do to those people: Tear down their altars, break apart the stone pillars that they have dedicated to their gods, cut down the poles that they use when they worship the goddess Asherah, and burn their molded idols.*

How should Israel deal with anything associated with the idols of the people of these nations?

They should break down their altars, smash their sacred stone pillars, cut down their Asherah poles, and burn their idols.

Deuteronomy 7:8

ULT	UST
but Yahweh loves you, and he kept the oath that he had sworn to your fathers. Yahweh has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slaves, from the hand of Pharaoh, king of Egypt.	*Instead, it is because Yahweh loved you and because he wanted to do what he solemnly promised to your ancestors. That is why he rescued you by his great power from slavery in Egypt and from Pharaoh, the king of Egypt.*

Did Yahweh keep his oath to their ancestors?

Yahweh kept his oath and rescued them from slavery to Pharaoh in Egypt.

Deuteronomy 7:9

ULT	UST
And you shall know that Yahweh your God, he is God, the faithful God, who keeps covenants and faithfulness for a thousand generations with those who love him and keep his commandments,	*So remember that Yahweh is our God. He is faithful to us. He will do what he agreed to do. He will faithfully love forever people who love him and who obey his commandments.*

What will Yahweh do with those who love him and keep his commandments?

Yahweh will keep his covenants with those who love him and keep his commandments and faithfully love them forever.

Deuteronomy 7:12-13

In what ways will the people be blessed by Yahweh if they keep his decrees?

God will love them and bless them and multiply them by giving them many children, crops, and animals.

Deuteronomy 7:17-19

What will God do to the nations of whom Israel is afraid?

God will make them experience the same kinds of great trials and other displays of his power that they saw in Egypt.

Deuteronomy 7:21

ULT	UST
Do not be frightened from their faces, for Yahweh your God is among you, a great and fearsome God.	*Do not be afraid of those people, because Yahweh our God will be with you. He is a great God. He is the one that people are afraid of.*

Why should the Israelites not be frightened of the people?

Yahweh, who is a great and fearsome God, will be with them.

Deuteronomy 7:23

ULT	UST
And Yahweh your God will give them to your faces. And he will confuse them with great confusion, until they are destroyed.	*Instead, Yahweh will enable you to defeat your enemies one people group at a time. He will cause them to panic until you have destroyed them.*

How will God enable the people to defeat their enemies?

God will greatly confuse them in battle and cause them to panic until they are destroyed.

Deuteronomy 7:25

ULT	UST
You shall burn idols of their gods in fire, do not covet silver and gold on them and take it for yourself, lest you become trapped by it, for it is an abomination to Yahweh your God.	*You must burn the carved figures that represent their gods. Do not desire to take the silver or gold decorations that are on those idols. If you take them for yourselves, they will be like a trap to cause you to disobey God. Yahweh hates every part of those idols.*

What are they to do to the idols of the gods of the nations?

They are to burn the idols and not even keep the gold or silver they are made of, as they are to be completely destroyed.

Deuteronomy 8

Deuteronomy 8:2

ULT	UST
And you shall remember all the way that Yahweh your God has led you these 40 years in the wilderness so that he might humble you, to test you to know what was in your heart, if you would keep his commandments or not.	*And think about how Yahweh our God led us as we traveled through the desert during these past 40 years. He caused you to have many problems. This was to cause you to realize that you needed to trust him and not trust in yourselves. He also wanted to test you, to find out what you intended to do, whether you would obey his commandments or not.*

What should the people of Israel remember?

They should remember all the ways that Yahweh led them over those 40 years in the wilderness. He was testing them to find out if they would obey his commandments or not.

Deuteronomy 8:3

ULT	UST
And he humbled you and caused you to hunger and fed you manna, which you had not known and your fathers had not known, so that he might make you know that man does not live upon bread alone, but upon everything coming out of the mouth of Yahweh the man lives.	*So he caused you to have problems. He allowed you to become hungry. Then he gave you manna, food from heaven, food that you and your parents had never eaten before. He did that to teach you that people need food for their bodies, but they also need food for their spirits. This comes from paying attention to everything that Yahweh says.*

How and why did Yahweh humble them?

He allowed them to be hungry and then fed them manna so that they would know that they could not live only by having enough food to eat but also by paying attention to everything that Yahweh says.

Deuteronomy 8:4

ULT	UST
Your clothing did not wear out from upon you, and your feet did not swell up these 40 years.	*During those 40 years, our clothes did not wear out. Also, our feet did not swell from walking through the desert.*

How else did Yahweh provide for them all those years in the wilderness?

Their clothing did not wear out and their feet did not swell.

Deuteronomy 8:5

ULT	UST
And you shall know with your heart that, as a man instructs his son, Yahweh your God instructs you.	*Remember that Yahweh our God corrects us and punishes us, like parents correct their children.*

How did Yahweh instruct the Israelites?

As a man instructs and corrects his son, so Yahweh taught and corrected them.

Deuteronomy 8:7-8

What is in the good land into which God is bringing them?

The land will be filled with many sources of water, grain, fruit and olive trees, and honey.

Deuteronomy 8:10

ULT	UST
And you will eat and be full, and you will bless Yahweh your God for the good land that he has given to you.	*Every day you will eat until your stomachs are full. You will thank Yahweh our God for the fertile land that he has given you.*

What will cause the people to bless and thank Yahweh?

They will thank him because of the good and fertile land that he has given them.

Deuteronomy 8:11

ULT	UST
Guard yourself, lest you forget Yahweh your God by failing to keep his commandments and his ordinances and his statutes that I am commanding you today,	*But when that happens, be sure not to forget Yahweh our God by disobeying his commandments, rules, and regulations that I am giving to you today.*

What were the people reminded not to do?

They were reminded not to forget Yahweh by failing to obey his commandments.

Deuteronomy 8:13-14

Why might the people forget Yahweh who brought them out of Egypt?

When all that they possess increases, including herds, flock, and silver and gold, they might become proud and they might forget Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 8:15-16

How did Yahweh provide water and food in the terrible wilderness for the people of Israel?

Yahweh brought water out of solid rock for them to drink and provided manna for them to eat.

Deuteronomy 8:19-20

What would cause the people to perish like the nations around them?

They will perish if they forget their God and worship and serve other gods, because they would not listen to the voice of Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 9

Deuteronomy 9:1

ULT	UST
Hear, Israel! You are crossing the Jordan today to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than you, with cities great and fortified to the heavens,	*You people of Israel, listen to me! You will soon cross the Jordan River. In the land that you will enter, there are people groups that are more numerous and more powerful than you are. In that land, there are large cities that have very high walls around them. The walls are so high that they seem to extend up to the sky. You will take possession of the land that these people groups occupy.*

Where are the people of Israel preparing to go?

Israel is about to cross over the Jordan.

Deuteronomy 9:3

ULT	UST
And you shall know today that Yahweh your God, he is the one who goes over to your face, a devouring fire; he, he will destroy them, and he, he will subdue them to your face. And you will drive them out and exterminate them quickly, as Yahweh has spoken to you.	*I want you to know that Yahweh our God will go ahead of you. He will be like a raging fire. He will be the one defeating and destroying them in front of you. As a result, you will quickly be able to drive out some of them and kill the others. This is just as Yahweh promised that you would do.*

What will happen when Israel crosses Jordan?

Yahweh will go ahead of them and will destroy the nations like a devouring fire.

Deuteronomy 9:4

ULT	UST
You shall not say in your heart, when Yahweh your God has thrust them out from to your face, saying, 'In my righteousness Yahweh has brought me in to possess this land,' but in the wickedness of these nations, Yahweh is driving them out from your face.	*After Yahweh our God has expelled them before you, do not say to yourselves, 'It is because we are righteous that Yahweh has enabled us to capture this land.' Rather, it is because the people in that land are wicked that Yahweh will drive them out for you.*

What did Moses tell the people not to think after Yahweh enables them to drive their enemies out of the land?

He told them not to think that it was because of Israel's righteousness that Yahweh gave them the land.

Deuteronomy 9:5

ULT	UST
Not in your righteousness or in the uprightness of your heart are you going in to possess their land, but in the wickedness of these nations, Yahweh your God is driving them out from your face, and so that Yahweh may establish the word that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.	*Again, it is not because you are righteous or do things that are righteous that you will inhabit that land. It is because those people groups are very wicked that Yahweh our God will expel them as you advance. It is also because he intends to do what he solemnly promised to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that he would do.*

What is the reason God is driving the nations out?

He is driving them out because of their wickedness, and to keep his promise to Israel's ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Deuteronomy 9:7-8

Why was Yahweh angry with the people of Israel?

He was angry with them because they were rebellious against him.

Deuteronomy 9:9

ULT	UST
When I went up to the mountain to take the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant that Yahweh cut with you, and I stayed on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights, bread I did not eat and water I did not drink.	*I climbed the mountain to receive from him the stone tablets on which he had written the Ten Commandments. I stayed there 40 days and nights. During that time I did not eat or drink anything.*

What did Moses eat and drink on the mountain?

He did not eat or drink anything for 40 days and 40 nights on the mountain.

Deuteronomy 9:12

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to me, 'Get up, go down quickly from here, for your people, whom you brought out from Egypt, have become corrupted. They have quickly turned aside from the path that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a cast figure.'	*But then he said to me, 'Go down the mountain immediately! This is because the people whom you are leading, the people whom you led out of Egypt, have committed a terrible sin! They have very quickly done what I commanded them not to do. They have made for themselves a metal figure of a calf to worship.'*

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to quickly go down from the mountain?

Yahweh told him the people had corrupted themselves by doing what Yahweh had commanded them not to do and had made for themselves an idol to worship.

Deuteronomy 9:13-14

Why did Yahweh say he would destroy the Israelites?

Yahweh said he had seen that they were a stubborn people.

Deuteronomy 9:15-16

What did Moses find that Israel had made while he was on the mountain?

They had sinned against Yahweh by molding a calf as an idol just as he had commanded them not to do.

Deuteronomy 9:17-18

What did Moses do after he saw that the people had done evil in the sight of Yahweh?

He threw down the tablets and broke them before their eyes, he prostrated himself before Yahweh for 40 days and nights, and did not eat or drink because of their sin.

Deuteronomy 9:19-20

Why did Moses pray for the people and Aaron?

He prayed because Yahweh was angry enough with the people and with Aaron to destroy them.

Deuteronomy 9:21

ULT	UST
And I took your sin, the calf that you had made, and burned it in the fire and crushed it and ground well, until crushed to dust. And I threw its dust into the stream coming down from the mountain.	*Your parents had sinned by requesting Aaron to make a metal figure of a calf. So I took that figure and I melted it in a fire. Then, I crushed it and ground it into very tiny pieces. Then I threw those tiny pieces into the stream that flowed down the mountain.*

What did Moses do to the calf that the people had made?

Moses burned it, crushed it, and ground it into dust and threw the dust into the stream that came down from the mountain.

Deuteronomy 9:22-24

How did the people provoke Yahweh to anger?

They rebelled against the commandment of Yahweh by not trusting him or obeying what he told them.

Deuteronomy 9:25-26

What was Moses praying as he prostrated himself before Yahweh for 40 days and nights?

He prayed that Yahweh would not destroy his people whom he had rescued and brought out of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 9:27-28

What was Moses thinking the people of Egypt would say if Yahweh destroyed his people?

He is afraid the people of Egypt would say that Yahweh was not able to bring Israel into the land he had promised them but that he took them into the wilderness to kill them because he hated them.

Deuteronomy 10

Deuteronomy 10:2

ULT	UST
And I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets that you broke, and you will put them in the box.'	*I will write on those tablets the same words that I wrote on the first tablets, the ones that you broke. Then you can put them in the chest.'*

Where did Yahweh tell Moses to place the two tablets of stone on which he would write the words that were on the first tablets?

Yahweh told him he to place the two tablets of stone into the chest of wood that Moses would make.

Deuteronomy 10:3-4

What did Yahweh write on the tablets of stone when Moses went up the mountain with them?

Yahweh wrote the same Ten Commandments on the tablets that he had written on the first tablets.

Deuteronomy 10:5

ULT	UST
And I turned and descended from the mountain and put the tablets in the box that I had made. And there they are, as Yahweh commanded me."	*Carrying the tablets, I went down the mountain. Then, just as he had commanded, I put them in the chest that I had made and they are still there."*

Where did Moses put the two tablets when he returned from the mountain?

He put them into the chest that he had made as Yahweh commanded him.

Deuteronomy 10:6

ULT	UST
(And the sons of Israel journeyed from Beeroth Bene Jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died, and there he was buried. And Eleazar, his son, was priest in his place.	*(Then, from Beeroth Bene Jaakan, the Israelite people traveled to Moserah. There Aaron died and people buried him. His son Eleazar took his place and became the great priest.*

What happened in Moserah?

Aaron died and was buried in Moserah and Eleazar, his son, took his place as priest.

Deuteronomy 10:8

ULT	UST
At that time Yahweh separated the tribe of Levi to carry the box of the covenant of Yahweh, to stand to the face of Yahweh to serve him, and to bless in his name, until this day.	*At that time, Yahweh chose the tribe of Levi to carry the sacred chest that had the stone tablets, stand in Yahweh's presence in the sacred tent, offer sacrifices, and pray for Yahweh to bless the people. They are still doing those things at the present time.*

What tribe had Yahweh chosen to carry the box of the covenant and to serve Yahweh?

Yahweh chose the tribe of Levi to carry the chest, to serve him, and to bless people in his name.

Deuteronomy 10:10

ULT	UST
"And I, I stood on the mountain as the first days, 40 days and 40 nights. And Yahweh listened to me that time also. Yahweh was not willing to destroy you.	*Moses continued to speak, "As for me, I stayed on the mountain 40 days and nights, just like I did the first time. I prayed, and Yahweh answered my prayers again. He said that he would not destroy your families.*

How long did Moses stay on the mountain this time?

He stayed on the mountain 40 days and 40 nights, just like he did the first time.

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

What does Moses say that Yahweh requires of Israel?

Yahweh requires Israel to fear him, walk in all his ways, love him, worship him with all their heart and soul, and to obey his commandments.

Deuteronomy 10:16

ULT	UST
And you shall circumcise the foreskin of your hearts, and do not stiffen your necks anymore.	*You must humble yourself and obey Yahweh's covenant. Stop being stubborn!*

What did Moses tell the people to circumcise?

He told them to humble themselves as if they were circumcising the foreskin of their hearts.

Deuteronomy 10:19

ULT	UST
And you shall love the foreigner, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt.	*So you must love those foreigners too. This is because you were once foreigners when you were living in Egypt.*

Why should Israel love the foreigner?

Israel should love the foreigner because they were once foreigners in the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 10:22

ULT	UST
Your fathers went down into Egypt as 70 souls. And now, Yahweh your God has made you like the stars of the heavens in number.	*When our ancestors, Jacob and his family, went down to Egypt, there were only 70 of them. But now Yahweh our God has caused us to be as numerous as the stars in the sky.*

How has God blessed the people since they first went down into Egypt?

There were only 70 of their ancestors who went down into Egypt but now, God has made them as numerous as the stars of the heavens.

Deuteronomy 11

Deuteronomy 11:1

ULT	UST
And you shall love Yahweh your God and keep his charge and his statutes and his ordinances and his commandments all of the days.	*Because of all that Yahweh your God has done for you, you must love him. Also, you must continually obey all his rules, decrees, and commandments.*

What does Moses tell the people to always keep?

He tells them to always keep Yahweh's rules, statutes, decrees, and commandments.

Deuteronomy 11:2-3

Who had not seen all that Yahweh did in Egypt?

The children of the Israelites who were born while they wandered in the wilderness had not seen Yahweh's discipline and his mighty deeds that he did in Egypt.

Deuteronomy 11:4

ULT	UST
and what he did to the army of Egypt, to its horses and to its chariots, how he caused the water of the Sea of Reeds to flow over their faces in their pursuit after you, and Yahweh has destroyed them to this day,	*Your children did not see Yahweh destroy the army of Egypt, their horses, or their chariots. Your children did not see how Yahweh caused the Sea of Reeds to flood and drown the army of Egypt as they were coming after their ancestors. Yahweh continues to make Egypt's army weak even to this day.*

How did Yahweh destroy the army of Egypt when they pursued after Israel?

Yahweh caused the water of the Sea of Reeds to drown the army of Egypt as they pursued after Israel.

Deuteronomy 11:7

ULT	UST
but your eyes have seen all the great work of Yahweh that he did.	*You and your parents have seen all these miracles that Yahweh performed.*

What had the Israelites seen?

The Israelites had seen all the great works that Yahweh did.

Deuteronomy 11:8-9

What will happen to the people if they keep all the commandments?

If they keep all the commandments, they will be strong, go in and possess the land, and they and their descendants will live in the land for a long time.

Deuteronomy 11:10-11

How is the land they are going to enter different from the land of Egypt?

In the land they are going to enter there are many hills and valleys and plenty of water from the rain.

Deuteronomy 11:13-14

What would Yahweh give them if they obey his commandments and to love and serve him with all their heart and soul?

Yahweh will give them rain in its season, that they may gather their grain and be able to make wine and oil.

Deuteronomy 11:16-17

What will Yahweh do if the people turn aside and worship other gods?

He will become angry and will restrain the heavens so there will not be any rain.

Deuteronomy 11:20-21

What should the people do so that they will live for a very long time in the land?

They will write the commandments on the doorposts of their house and on their gates.

Deuteronomy 11:22-23

If the people keep all the commandments of Yahweh and cling to him, what will he do for them?

Yahweh will drive out all the other nations that are larger and mightier than they are.

Deuteronomy 11:25

ULT	UST
No man will be able to stand from your faces. Yahweh your God will give the fear of you and the terror of you upon the face of all the land that you tread on, as he has spoken to you.	*Yahweh our God will cause all the people in that land to be very afraid of you. No people group will be able to stop you. It will be just as he promised.*

Why would no man be able to stand before Israel?

Yahweh will cause the people of that land to fear and feel terror of Israel.

Deuteronomy 11:26

ULT	UST
Look, I am giving to your faces today a blessing and a curse:	*Be aware that today I am telling you that Yahweh will either bless you or he will curse you.*

What did Moses give Israel that day?

He gave them a blessing and a curse.

Deuteronomy 11:31

ULT	UST
For you are crossing over the Jordan to go in to possess the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you, and you will possess it and live in it.	*“You will soon cross the Jordan River to occupy the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you. When you start to live in that land,*

Where must the people go in order to possess the land?

They must cross over the Jordan to possess and live in the land.

Deuteronomy 12

Deuteronomy 12:2

ULT	UST
Destroying, you shall destroy all the places that the nations that you shall dispossess them served their gods there, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.	*When you drive out those people groups, you must destroy all the places where they worshiped their gods. These places include places on the tops of mountains and hills and beside large trees.*

What places did Moses tell Israel to destroy?

They were to destroy all the places where the nations that Israel dispossessed had worshiped their gods.

Deuteronomy 12:3

ULT	UST
And you shall break down their altars and shatter their stone pillars and burn their Asherah in the fire. And you shall cut down the carved figures of their gods and destroy their name out of that place.	*Tear down their altars, demolish the stone pillars that they have dedicated to their gods, burn the poles that they use when they worship the goddess Asherah, and chop down their carved idols. This is so that no one will ever worship them in those places again.*

What does Yahweh instruct the people of Israel do to the name of the gods of the nations?

He told Israel to destroy everything to do with those gods in order to remove their name from there.

Deuteronomy 12:5-6

In what place were the people of Israel to bring their burnt offerings, sacrifices, tithes, and offerings?

They were to go to the place that Yahweh their God would choose.

Deuteronomy 12:8

ULT	UST
You shall not do as everything that we are doing here today, every man doing whatever is right in his eyes;	*When you are in that land, you must not do some of the things that we have been doing. Until now, you have all been worshiping Yahweh the way you want to.*

What kinds of things were the people of Israel doing?

They were doing whatever they thought was right.

Deuteronomy 12:10

ULT	UST
And you will cross the Jordan and live in the land that Yahweh your God is causing you to inherit, and he will cause you to rest from all your surrounding enemies, and you will live safely.	*After you cross the Jordan River, you will start to live in the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you. He will protect you from all your enemies that will surround you. You will live peacefully.*

What kind of rest will Yahweh give to Israel when they go over the Jordan?

He will give them rest by protecting them from all their surrounding enemies, so they will live in safety.

Deuteronomy 12:15

ULT	UST
Only, you may kill and eat animals within all your gates, in all the desire of your soul, according to the blessing of Yahweh your God that he has given to you; the unclean and the clean may eat it, such as the gazelle and the deer.	*However, you may kill and eat your animals wherever you live as much as you want. These animals are blessings from Yahweh your God. Impure and pure people may eat that meat, just like you would eat the meat of a gazelle or a deer.*

What animals can Israel kill and eat?

Israel can kill and eat domesticated animals where they are living.

Deuteronomy 12:16

ULT	UST
Only you shall not eat the blood; you shall pour it on the earth like water.	*But do not eat the blood of any animal. Let the blood drain onto the ground before you cook the meat.*

What was Israel not allowed to eat?

Israel was not allowed to eat the blood, but must pour it out on the earth.

Deuteronomy 12:17

ULT	UST
You are not allowed to eat within your gates from the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil and the firstborn of your herd or flock, and any of your vows that you vow and your freewill offerings and the contribution of your hand.	*Do not eat any offering for Yahweh where you live. Do not eat the one tenth of your produce and animals that you are set aside for Yahweh. Do not eat any of the offerings for promises, unprompted offerings, or special contributions.*

Where was Israel told they could not eat their tithes and sacrifices?

They were not allowed to eat what was intended for tithing or sacrificing where they lived.

Deuteronomy 12:18

ULT	UST
But you shall eat them to the face of Yahweh your God in the place that which Yahweh your God will choose—you and your son and your daughter and your male servant and your female servant and the Levite who is within your gates; and you shall rejoice to the face of Yahweh your God in all the sending out of your hand.	*Instead, you must eat those offerings in the presence of Yahweh in the place that he chooses. You must do this along with your children, your servants, and the Levites who live in your towns. You should rejoice in the presence of Yahweh in everything that you do.*

Where were the people of Israel to eat their tithes and sacrifices?

They were to eat these offerings in the place that Yahweh their God will choose.

Deuteronomy 12:19

ULT	UST
Watch yourself lest you forsake the Levite all your days on your land.	*Be sure that you take care of the Levites all during the time that you live in your land.*

What was Israel told be sure not to do?

They were told to not forget to take care of the Levites.

Deuteronomy 12:20

ULT	UST
When Yahweh your God broadens your borders, as he has spoken to you, and you say, 'I will eat meat,' due to the desire of your soul to eat meat, you may eat meat in all the desire of your soul.	*In the future, Yahweh will give you more territory, as he has promised. At that time, if you want to eat meat in that new territory, you may eat as much as you want.*

What can Israel eat when Yahweh their God enlarges their borders as he has promised them?

Israel can eat the meat from the new land.

Deuteronomy 12:21

ULT	UST
If the place that Yahweh your God chooses to put his name there is too far from you, then you may sacrifice from your herd and from your flock that Yahweh has given to you, as I have commanded you; and you may eat within your gates, in all the desire of your soul.	*If the place that Yahweh our God chooses for you to worship him is far from where you live, I will tell you what to do. You may kill and eat some of your animals where you live, as much as you want.*

What can Israel eat if the place that Yahweh their God chooses to put his name is too far from them?

If the place that Yahweh Israel's God chooses to put his name is too far from where they live, then they may kill some of their flock for sacrifices as well as to eat.

Deuteronomy 12:23

ULT	UST
Only be strong, do not eat the blood, for the blood is the life, and do not eat the life with the meat.	*But be sure that you do not eat the blood of any animal. This is because blood keeps humans and animals alive. You must not eat that which sustains life along with the meat.*

Where did they consider the life of the animal?

Israel was to consider the blood as the life of the animal and thus should not eat it with the meat.

Deuteronomy 12:26

ULT	UST
But your sacred things that you have and your vow offerings, you shall take and go to the place that Yahweh will choose.	*But this is what you must do with your offerings and anything that you promise to give to Yahweh. You must take those things to the place that he will choose.*

What is Israel instructed to take to the place that Yahweh chooses?

Israel is to take the sacred things that they have and their offerings to the place that Yahweh chooses.

Deuteronomy 12:27

ULT	UST
And you shall make your burnt offerings, the meat and the blood, on the altar of Yahweh your God; and the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out on the altar of Yahweh your God, and you shall eat the meat.	*There you will offer the animals for the wholly burned sacrifice on the altar. You will also offer the fellowship sacrifice there. After you kill the animals, the priest will take the blood from the animals and splatter it onto every side of the altar. Then, the priests will receive their portion of the meat. You may eat the rest of the meat.*

What is to be done with the blood and the meat of the animals they offer as a burnt offering?

They are to pour the blood out on the altar of Yahweh their God and eat the meat.

Deuteronomy 12:28

ULT	UST
Keep and listen to all these words that I command you so that it may go well for you and for your sons after you until forever, when you do the good and the right in the eyes of Yahweh your God.	*Faithfully obey all these commands. If you do that, you and your descendants will prosper forever. This is because you will be doing what Yahweh our God says is right for you to do.*

What is Israel instructed to do so that it may go well with them and with their descendants after them?

Israel is to listen to and obey all the words that Yahweh commands them and do what is good and right so that things may go well for them and their descendants forever.

Deuteronomy 12:29-30

What does Yahweh instruct Israel to watch out for when God enables Israel to go in and dispossess the nations in the land and live there?

Israel is to pay attention so that they are not trapped into serving the gods of those nations.

Deuteronomy 12:31

ULT	UST
Do not do thus to Yahweh your God, for every abomination to Yahweh, which he hates, they have done for their gods; for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire for their gods.	*Do not try to worship Yahweh our God as they have worshiped their gods. This is because they do disgusting things when they worship them. Yahweh hates those disgusting things. The worst thing that they do is that they burn their own children on altars for their gods.*

What have the other nations done to their sons and daughters in order to worship the gods?

The other nations have even burned their sons and daughters on altars to these other gods.

Deuteronomy 13

Deuteronomy 13:2-3

Why should the people of Israel not listen to a prophet who predicts something that happens and then says that they should go after other gods and worship them?

The people of Israel should not listen because Yahweh is testing them to know whether they love him with all their heart and with all their soul.

Deuteronomy 13:5

ULT	UST
And that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death because he has spoken rebellion against Yahweh your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, and who redeemed you from the house of slaves, to drive you out from the way in which Yahweh your God commanded you to walk. And you shall remove the evil from among you.	*But you must execute anyone who tells you to disobey Yahweh our God. This includes anyone who says he is a prophet, or anyone who says that he can interpret dreams. This is because Yahweh himself rescued your families from being slaves in Egypt. Those people want to convince you to disobey what Yahweh has told you to do. Execute them to make sure no one in your community does those kinds of evil acts.*

What should the people of Israel do to the prophet who tells them to worship other gods?

They should put that prophet to death because he has spoken against what Yahweh has commanded them.

Deuteronomy 13:6

ULT	UST
If your brother, the son of your mother or your son or your daughter or the wife of your bosom or your friend who is like your life, secretly entices you, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods' (that you have not known, you nor your fathers,	*Your brother, son, daughter, wife, or some close friend might privately urge you to disobey. They might urge you to worship other gods that you and your ancestors never knew about before.*

What have the people of Israel been instructed to do to anyone who secretly entices them and says that they should go and worship other gods?

They must surely kill anyone who entices them to worship other gods.

Deuteronomy 13:10

ULT	UST
And you shall stone him to death with stones because he seeks to drive you away from Yahweh your God, who brought you out from the land of Egypt, from the house of slaves.	*Kill such people by throwing stones at them. This is because they tell you to disobey Yahweh our God, who rescued your ancestors from being slaves in Egypt.*

How should the people of Israel kill the person who tells them to disobey Yahweh their God?

They should stone that person to death.

Deuteronomy 13:12-14

What shall the people of Israel do if they hear that some wicked person is telling others to go and worship other gods?

They should investigate it thoroughly to see if it is true.

Deuteronomy 13:15

ULT	UST
striking, you shall strike the dwellers of that city to the mouth of the sword, devoting it and all who are in it and its livestock to the mouth of the sword.	*Then kill all the people in that town and kill all their livestock, too. Destroy the town completely.*

What should Israel do to a city if they learn that it is true that the inhabitants have been worshiping other gods?

They should kill the inhabitants of that city and destroy everything in it.

Deuteronomy 13:17

ULT	UST
And in your hand you shall not cling to anything from the devoted thing, so that Yahweh will turn from the burning of his nose and give to you compassion and have compassion on you and make you increase, as he has sworn to your fathers,	*You must not take for yourselves anything that Yahweh has said you must destroy. If you do what I say, Yahweh will stop being angry with you, and he will act mercifully toward you. He will cause you to have many children, which is what he promised our ancestors that he would do.*

What are the people told about the things that Yahweh has told them to destroy?

They must not take any of those things for themselves that Yahweh has told them to destroy, so that Yahweh will not be angry and will have compassion on them as he promised their ancestors.

Deuteronomy 14

Deuteronomy 14:1

ULT	UST
You are the sons of Yahweh your God. Do not cut yourselves, and do not make a baldness between your eyes for the dead,	*We are people who belong to Yahweh our God. Do not gash yourselves or shave the hair on your foreheads when you grieve like the other people groups do.*

What does Moses instruct the people of Yahweh not to do?

They are not to cut themselves nor shave any part of their heads for the dead.

Deuteronomy 14:6

ULT	UST
And you may eat any animal among the animals parting the hoof or with a cleft splitting into two hooves, chewing the cud.	*Those are animals that have split hooves and that also chew the cud.*

What are the two characteristics of the animals that the Israelites are allowed to eat?

Israel may eat any animal that has split hooves and also chews the cud.

Deuteronomy 14:8

ULT	UST
And the pig, because he parts the hoof and chews not the cud, he is unclean to you. From their meat do not eat, and do not touch their carcasses.	*Do not eat pigs. They are unacceptable for you to eat. They have split hooves, but they do not chew the cud. Do not eat the meat of those animals; do not even touch their dead bodies.*

Why is the pig not to be eaten?

The pig is unclean for the Israelites because he has split hooves but does not chew the cud.

Deuteronomy 14:9

ULT	UST
You may eat this from all that is in the water, all that has fins and scales you may eat.	*You may eat any fish that has fins and scales.*

What are the characteristics of the things from the water that the Israelites are allowed to eat?

They may eat whatever has fins and scales.

Deuteronomy 14:19

ULT	UST
And all winged, swarming things are unclean to you; they must not be eaten.	*You must not eat any insect with wings and which swarm. They are unacceptable to Yahweh for you to eat.*

Are the Israelites allowed to eat winged swarming things?

All winged, swarming insects are unclean for the Israelites and must not be eaten.

Deuteronomy 14:21

ULT	UST
You must not eat anything dying of itself; you may give it to the sojourner who is within your gates, and he may eat it or sell to a foreigner. For you are a nation sanctified to Yahweh your God. You must not boil a young goat in the milk of its mother.	*Do not eat any animal that has died naturally. You may allow foreigners who live among you to eat those things. You may also sell them to other foreigners. But you are a people group that belongs to Yahweh our God. You must not cook a young sheep or goat in its mother's milk.*

May the Israelites eat anything that dies of natural causes?

They may not eat anything that dies naturally, but they may give it to a foreigner to eat or sell.

What could the Israelites not do with a young goat?

They must not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

Deuteronomy 14:22

ULT	UST
Tithing, you shall tithe all the produce of your seed that comes out of the field year after year.	*Once each year you must set apart a tenth of all the crops that you gather from your fields.*

What are the Israelites to do with the crops produced in their fields?

Israelites must set apart a tenth of all their crops once a year.

Deuteronomy 14:23

ULT	UST
And you shall eat to the face of Yahweh your God, in the place that he will choose to make his name stay there, the tithe of your grain, your new wine, and your oil and the firstborn of your herd and your flock, so that you will learn to honor Yahweh your God all the days.	*Take them to the place that Yahweh our God will choose for you to worship him. There you must eat the tenth of your grain, your wine, your olive oil, and the meat of the firstborn male animals of your cattle and your sheep. Do this in order that you may learn to always honor Yahweh. He has blessed you by giving you these things.*

What are the Israelites instructed to eat in the place that he will choose?

Israel must eat the tithe, which was a tenth of their grain, new wine, and of their oil, as well as the firstborn animals in the place that Yahweh will choose.

Deuteronomy 14:24-25

What are the Israelites allowed to do if they are blessed with such a large crop that they are not able to carry the tithe to the place that Yahweh will choose?

If the journey is too for them to carry all of the tithe of what Yahweh has blessed them with, they can sell a tenth of their crops and take the money to the place that Yahweh has chosen.

Deuteronomy 14:27

ULT	UST
And the Levite who is within your gates, do not forsake him, for he has no portion nor inheritance with you.	*But be sure to not neglect to help the descendants of Levi who live in your towns, because they will not own any land.*

Who has no inheritance with the Israelites and must not be neglected?

The Levites will not own any land so the others must not neglect to help them.

Deuteronomy 14:28-29

What are the Israelites instructed to do at the end of every three years?

At the end of every three years the Israelites are to store the tithe of their produce from that year for the Levites, the foreigners, the fatherless, and the widows to have enough to eat.

Deuteronomy 15

Deuteronomy 15:1

ULT	UST
At the end of seven years, you shall make a remission.	*At the end of every seven years, you must cancel all debts.*

What must the Israelites do at the end of every seven years?

At the end of every seven years the Israelites must cancel all debts.

Deuteronomy 15:2

ULT	UST
And this is the word of the remission: Every owner of debt shall release his hand that he has loaned to his neighbor; he shall not oppress his neighbor and his brother, because the remission of Yahweh has been proclaimed.	*Do it like this: Each of you who has lent money to a fellow Israelite must cancel that debt. You must not insist that he pay it back. You must do that because Yahweh has declared the cancelation of debts every seven years.*

Why are debts to be canceled every seven years?

Everyone will cancel that which he has loaned to a fellow Israelite because Yahweh has declared the cancelation of debts every seven years.

Deuteronomy 15:3

ULT	UST
You may collect from a foreigner, and what is yours with your brother your hand shall release.	*During that year you may require foreigners who live among you to pay what they owe you, but you must not demand that from any fellow Israelite.*

From whom can Israelites continue to collect payment at the end of every seven years?

The Israelites can continue to collect payment of a debt from a foreigner.

Deuteronomy 15:4-5

ULT	UST
	Yahweh our God will bless you in the land that he is giving to you. If you obey Yahweh our God and obey all the commandments that I am giving to you today, then there will not be any poor people among you.

Why should there be no poor among the Israelites?

If they do all that Yahweh has commanded them, there should no longer be poor among them since Yahweh will bless them.

Deuteronomy 15:6

ULT	UST
For Yahweh your God will bless you, as he spoke to you; you will lend to many nations, and you, you will not borrow, and you will rule over many nations, and they will not rule over you.	*Yahweh our God will bless you like he has promised to do. You will be able to lend money to people of other people groups, but, for your part, you will not need a loan from any of them. You will control many people groups, but they will not control you.*

What will happen to demonstrate that Yahweh has blessed Israel as he promised?

Israel will lend to many nations, but will not borrow; Israel will rule over many nations, but the other nations will not rule over them.

Deuteronomy 15:7

ULT	UST
If there is poor among you, from one of your brothers, within one of your gates in your land that Yahweh your God is giving to you, do not harden your heart, and do not shut your hand from your poor brother,	*In the towns that Yahweh our God is giving to you, if it happens that there are any Israelites there who are poor, then do not be selfish and refuse to help them.*

What are the Israelites told not to do if there is a poor man among them?

The Israelites are told not to be selfish and refuse to help them.

Deuteronomy 15:9

ULT	UST
Watch yourselves, lest there be a wicked matter in your heart, saying, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near,' and you do wrong in your eyes against your poor brother and do not give to him, and he calls out to Yahweh about you, and it would be sin for you.	*When the year of canceling debts is near, do not think to yourself that you should not lend anyone money because they will not need to pay it back. It would be evil to withhold help from a needy fellow Israelite. If you do that, he could pray to Yahweh against you. Then Yahweh will say that you have sinned by not helping that person.*

What should the Israelites be careful not to do when the seventh year, the year of remission is near?

They should not refuse to give help to a poor man because the year of canceling debts is near.

Deuteronomy 15:10

ULT	UST
Giving, you shall give to him, and your heart shall not do evil in your giving to him, because of this matter Yahweh your God will bless you in all your work and in all the sending out of your hand.	*Give generously to poor people and not grudgingly. If you give generously to them, Yahweh will bless you in everything that you do.*

What will Yahweh do for the Israelites in return for giving generously to the poor?

Yahweh will bless the Israelites in everything they do.

Deuteronomy 15:11

ULT	UST
For the poor will not cease to be among the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'Opening, you shall open your hand to your brother, to your needy, and to your poor in your land.'	*There will always be some poor people in your land, so I command you to give generously to poor people, to your fellow Israelites.*

Why is Israel commanded to give generously to their fellow Israelites, to the needy and the poor in their land?

They should give generously because there will always be poor living among them.

Deuteronomy 15:12-14

What are Israelites instructed to give a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman who is released to go free in the seventh year?

They must provide for that person freely out of their flocks and their crops with which Yahweh their God has blessed them.

Deuteronomy 15:15

ULT	UST
And you must remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and Yahweh your God redeemed you; therefore I am commanding you today this matter.	*Do not forget that your ancestors were once slaves in Egypt and that Yahweh our God freed them. So, I am now commanding you to do this.*

What are the Israelites to remember as they give to the one they set free?

The Israelites are told to remember that they were slaves in the land of Egypt and Yahweh freed them.

Deuteronomy 15:16-17

What is an Israelite to do to a male or female slave who says that they do not want to leave?

The Israelite is to pierce the slave's ear, and he or she will be their slave forever.

Deuteronomy 15:18

ULT	UST
It must not seem difficult in your eyes when you send him out free from you, for double the wage of a hired man he has served you six years. And Yahweh your God will bless you in all that you do.	*Do not complain when you are required to free your slaves. Keep in mind that they served you for six years, and you got double the value in comparison with a hired worker. If you free them, Yahweh our God will bless you in everything that you do.*

Why should it not seem difficult for the Israelite to let the slave go free?

It should not be difficult because he has served them for six years and given them twice the value of a hired person.

Deuteronomy 15:19

ULT	UST
All the firstborn that are born in your herd and your flock, you shall sanctify the males to Yahweh your God. You shall not work with the firstborn of your herd, and you shall not shear the firstborn of your flock.	*Set aside for the honor of Yahweh our God the firstborn male animals from your cattle and sheep. Do not force them to do any work for you, and do not shear the wool of the firstborn animals.*

What must the people of Israel do with the firstborn males in their herd and their flock?

They must set them aside for Yahweh and not use them for work or shear them.

Deuteronomy 15:21-22

What are the Israelites to do with the firstborn animal if it is lame or blind or has any other defect?

They must not sacrifice it to Yahweh, but instead they can eat it.

Deuteronomy 16

Deuteronomy 16:1

ULT	UST
Keeping the month of Aviv, and you shall make the Passover to Yahweh your God, for in the month of Aviv, Yahweh your God brought you out from Egypt by night.	*Each year honor Yahweh our God in the early spring with the Passover Celebration. It was on a night in the early spring that Yahweh rescued your families from Egypt.*

Why are the Israelites to keep the Passover for Yahweh their God in the month of Aviv?

The Israelites are to celebrate the Passover each year during the month of Aviv because Yahweh brought Israel out of Egypt in that month.

Deuteronomy 16:2

ULT	UST
And you shall sacrifice the Passover to Yahweh your God, the flock and the herd, in the place that Yahweh will choose to make his name stay there.	*In order to celebrate, go to the place that Yahweh will choose for you to worship him. There, sacrifice one young animal from your sheep or cattle to Yahweh.*

What will the Israelites do to celebrate the Passover?

The Israelites will sacrifice some of the flock and the herd in the place that Yahweh will choose.

Deuteronomy 16:3-4

Why are the Israelites to eat no leavened bread or have yeast in all their land for seven days?

They are to eat no leavened bread or have yeast during those days to remind them that they came out of the land of Egypt with too much haste for bread to rise.

Deuteronomy 16:4

ULT	UST
And no yeast shall be seen among you in all your borders seven days, and nothing from the meat that you sacrifice in the evening on the first day shall remain until the morning.	*During the Passover Celebration, which will last for seven days, you must not have any yeast in any house in your land. Furthermore, you must eat the meat of the animal that you sacrifice on the evening of the first day of the Passover Festival during that night. Do not allow any of it to remain until the next day.*

What are the Israelites told about the meat that they sacrifice in the evening on the first day?

The Israelites are to make sure there is no meat that they sacrifice in the evening remaining the next morning.

Deuteronomy 16:6

ULT	UST
Instead, at the place that Yahweh your God will choose to make his name stay there, you shall sacrifice the Passover in the evening at the going down of the sun, at the appointed time of your exit from Egypt.	

Where are the Israelites to offer the sacrifice of the Passover?

They are to sacrifice at the place that Yahweh will choose.

When will the sacrifice of the Passover be performed?

The sacrifice of the Passover is to be performed in the evening when the sun is setting, at the time when the Israelites started to leave Egypt.

Deuteronomy 16:8

ULT	UST
Six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day is a festive assembly for Yahweh your God, do not do work.	*Each day for six days the bread that you eat must have no yeast in it. On the seventh day, you must all gather to worship Yahweh our God. You must not do any work on that day.*

What are the Israelites supposed to do on the first six days as they celebrate Passover?

The Israelites are to eat unleavened bread for six days.

What are the Israelites supposed to do on the seventh day as they celebrate Passover?

On the seventh day, they are to have a festive assembly and do no work.

Deuteronomy 16:9-10

How do the Israelites determine the start of the Festival of Weeks for Yahweh?

The Israelites will count seven weeks from the time they begin to harvest their grain.

Deuteronomy 16:10

ULT	UST
And you shall make the Festival of Weeks for Yahweh your God with the contribution of a freewill offering of your hand that you shall give, as Yahweh your God has blessed you.	*Then, to honor Yahweh our God, celebrate the Celebration of Weeks. Do that by bringing to him an offering of grain. Yahweh has blessed you by causing it to grow in your fields during that year. If you had a big harvest, bring a big offering. If you had a small harvest, bring a small offering.*

What contribution do the Israelites give on the Festival of Weeks?

They must give Yahweh a freewill offering according to how much Yahweh has blessed them.

Deuteronomy 16:12

ULT	UST
And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and you shall keep and do these statutes.	*When you celebrate these festivals by obeying these commands, remember that your families were slaves in Egypt.*

What must they remember during the Festival of Weeks?

They must remember that they were slaves in Egypt.

Deuteronomy 16:13

ULT	UST
You must make the Festival of Huts for yourselves seven days into your gathering from your threshing floor and from your winepress.	*Each year, after you have threshed all your grain and pressed the juice from all your grapes, you must celebrate the Festival of Shelters for seven days.*

What festival are the Israelites instructed to keep for seven days after they have gathered in the harvest from their threshing floors and from their wine presses?

They are to keep the Festival of Shelters for seven days after they have gathered in their harvest.

Deuteronomy 16:16

ULT	UST
Three times in a year all your males shall appear to the face of Yahweh your God at the place that he will choose: at the Festival of Unleavened Bread and at the Festival of Weeks and at the Festival of Huts. And he shall not appear to the face of Yahweh emptily,	*So, each year all of you Israelite men must gather to worship Yahweh our God at the place that he will choose, to celebrate three festivals: The Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Celebration of Weeks, and the Festival of Shelters. No one should come before Yahweh without an offering.*

At what the three festivals must all the males of Israel gather to worship Yahweh at the place that Yahweh chooses?

They must gather to worship Yahweh at the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks, and at the Festival of Shelters.

Deuteronomy 16:16-17

How much is every male Israelite supposed to give to Yahweh instead of coming without an offering?

Every male Israelite is to give in proportion to how much Yahweh has blessed him with that year.

Deuteronomy 16:18

ULT	UST
You shall set for yourself judges and officers within all your gates that Yahweh your God is giving to you, from your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment.	*Appoint judges and other officials throughout your tribes, in all the towns in the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you. They must judge people fairly.*

Where are the Israelites to find their judges and officers?

The judges and officers will be taken from each of their tribes to judge the people with righteous judgment.

Deuteronomy 16:19

ULT	UST
You shall not twist a judgment; you shall not recognize a face and you shall not take a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.	*They must not judge unjustly. They must not favor one person more than another. The judges must not accept bribes because a bribe causes a wise person to ignore what is right and misrepresent the words of righteous people.*

Why are the judges not to show partiality or take a bribe?

If a judge takes a bribe, he will find it difficult to judge fairly but will instead want to do what the person who bribes him wants him to do.

Deuteronomy 16:20

ULT	UST
Righteousness, righteousness you shall pursue, so that you will live and possess the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you.	*You must be completely fair and just, in order that you may live long enough to occupy the land that Yahweh our God is giving to you.*

Why must the judges pursue righteousness and judge fairly?

They must pursue righteousness and judge fairly, so that they may live and occupy the land that Yahweh is giving them.

Deuteronomy 16:21-22

What are the Israelites not to set up for themselves?

They are not to set up an Asherah pole or a stone pillar to worship any idol.

Deuteronomy 17

Deuteronomy 17:1

ULT	UST
Do not sacrifice to Yahweh your God an ox or a sheep that has on it a blemish, any bad thing, for it is an abomination to Yahweh your God.	*Do not sacrifice to Yahweh our God any cattle, sheep, or goat that has any defect. This is because Yahweh detests that kind of gift.*

Why must the Israelites not sacrifice an ox or a sheep with any blemish or defect to Yahweh?

A sacrifice that is not perfect will be detestable to Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 17:2-4

What are the Israelites told to do if they hear that a man or woman within their cities have done what is evil in the sight of Yahweh and is serving other gods?

The Israelites are to investigate thoroughly to know if this is true and that the idol worship is actually happening.

Deuteronomy 17:5

ULT	UST
then you shall bring that man or that woman who has done this evil thing to your gates, the man or the woman, and you shall stone them with stones, and they shall die.	*In that case, you must take the man or woman who has sinned outside of your town. Then you must kill that person by throwing stones at him or her.*

What are the Israelites to do with a man or woman who has done such an evil thing as worshiping other gods?

The Israelites are to stone that person to death.

Deuteronomy 17:6

ULT	UST
At the mouth of two witnesses or three witnesses, he who is to die shall die. He shall not die at the mouth of one witness.	*At least two people must confirm that they saw the person sin before you execute that person. If only one person says they saw the sin happen, you must not kill the accused person.*

How many witnesses are needed to convict a person to death?

Two or three witnesses are needed to convict a person to death.

Deuteronomy 17:7

ULT	UST
The hand of the witnesses shall be the first on him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people, and you shall remove the evil from among you.	*The people who saw the sin happen should throw stones at the guilty person. Then all the other people from that town should throw stones until the guilty person dies. By doing that, you will make sure no one from your community does this evil action of worshiping idols.*

Who must throw the first stones when putting a person to death?

The witnesses must be the first to throw the stones, followed by the rest of the people of Israel.

Why must the Israelites stone the person to death who has done this evil action of worshiping other gods?

This will get remove this evil from among them.

Deuteronomy 17:8-9

Who is to judge if the Israelites have a matter that is too hard for them to judge?

They must go to the place that Yahweh will choose, and explain the case to the Levites who are serving as priests and to the judge who is serving at that time and they will make the decision.

Deuteronomy 17:12

ULT	UST
And the man who does arrogantly, not listening to the priest who is standing there to serve Yahweh your God, or to the judge, then that man shall die, and you shall remove the evil from Israel.	*You must execute anyone who proudly disobeys the judge or the priest who stands there in the presence of Yahweh and decides what should be done. By doing that, you will make sure no one from all the Israelites does this evil action.*

What man must die in order to remove the evil from Israel?

Anyone who acts arrogantly and does not listen to the decision of the priest or judge, must die to remove the evil from Israel.

Deuteronomy 17:14-15

How will the Israelites decide who to set up as a king over them at the time when they are in the land?

Israelites will select from among their fellow Israelites someone whom Yahweh will choose.

Deuteronomy 17:16

ULT	UST
Only he shall not multiply horses for himself, so that he shall not cause the people to return to Egypt so that he may multiply horses, for Yahweh said to you, 'You will no longer return that way again.'	*After he becomes the king, he should not own a large number of horses. He should not send people to Egypt to buy horses for him. Remember that Yahweh told you that you would never return to Egypt.*

Why must the king of Israel not own multiple horses, nor send anyone back to Egypt to buy more horses?

He must not send anyone back to Egypt to buy more horses for him because Yahweh has told the Israelites to never return to Egypt.

Deuteronomy 17:17

ULT	UST
And he shall not multiply wives for himself, and his heart will not turn aside. And he shall not multiply for himself silver and gold excessively.	*And he must not marry a lot of wives. If he did that, they might cause him to stop worshiping Yahweh. He must not obtain a lot of silver and gold.*

Why is the king told not to have many wives?

He is not to marry a lot of wives because they might cause his heart to turn away from Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 17:18-19

What is the king instructed to do so that he may learn to honor Yahweh his God, and keep and obey all of his law?

He must write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll from which he is to read every day of his life.

Deuteronomy 17:19-20

Why is the king instructed to keep the scroll of the law with him?

He must read from the scroll daily so that he does not think he is more important than his fellow Israelites, and so that he will completely obey the commandments.

Deuteronomy 18

Deuteronomy 18:1-2

Why would the Levites be allowed to eat from the offerings given to Yahweh?

The Levites would be able to eat the offerings because they would not receive land as an inheritance like the other Israelites.

Deuteronomy 18:3-4

What was to be given to the priests from the sacrifices of the people?

From the sacrifices of the people, the priests were to be given the shoulder, two cheeks, and stomach of the oxen and sheep and the first parts of their grain, wine, oil, and fleece of the sheep.

Deuteronomy 18:5

ULT	UST
For Yahweh your God has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to serve in the name of Yahweh, him and his sons, all of the days.	*You must do this because Yahweh our God has chosen the tribe of Levi from all of your tribes. He did this so that they would always be the priests who would serve him.*

Why were the priests supposed to receive these portions from the sacrifices of the people?

They were to receive these portions because Yahweh chose them from among the tribes to serve as priests in his name.

Deuteronomy 18:6-7

Which Levites can serve in the place that Yahweh will choose?

Any Levite who wants to can serve as a priest in the place that Yahweh will choose.

Deuteronomy 18:9-11

What were some of the disgusting practices followed by the other nations in the land?

Some of the disgusting practices were sacrificing their children, using divination, practicing magic, using sorcery, and talking with the dead or spirits.

Deuteronomy 18:12-13

Why will Yahweh drive out the nations from the land?

Yahweh will drive out the nations from the land because he hates the disgusting things they do and he wants his people to stay away from those things.

Deuteronomy 18:15

ULT	UST
Yahweh your God will raise up for you a prophet from among you, from your brothers, like me. You shall listen to him,	*Some day he will send from your people a prophet like me. You must obey him.*

Who did Yahweh promise to raise up from among the people?

Yahweh promised he would raise up a prophet like Moses for them to obey.

Deuteronomy 18:20

ULT	UST
But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods, then that prophet shall die.'	*There could be someone who pridefully says that he is a prophet and that his message comes from me, but I did not send him. Or, there could be someone who speaks a message that he says other gods have revealed to him. You must execute that person.'*

When must a prophet be executed?

A prophet must be executed if he speaks a prophecy in Yahweh's name that Yahweh has not commanded him to speak, or he speaks in the name of other gods.

Deuteronomy 18:22

ULT	UST
When a prophet speaks in the name of Yahweh, and the thing does not happen and does not come to pass, it is a word that Yahweh has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it in presumption; you shall not be afraid of him.	*If a person claims to be a prophet who speaks for Yahweh, but what that person said will happen does not happen, then you will know that Yahweh did not reveal that message to him. That person said it just so that others would think that he is important, and you do not need to take that person seriously.*

What does it mean if a prophecy spoken in Yahweh's name does not happen?

If a prophecy does not happen, then the prophecy is something that Yahweh has not spoken.

Deuteronomy 19

Deuteronomy 19:1-3

Why did Yahweh instruct the people to select three cities?

He instructed the people to select three cities so that everyone who kills another person could flee to one of them for safety.

Deuteronomy 19:4-6

Why should the one who kills another flee to a safe city?

He should flee so that the relative of the victim does not pursue him in anger and kill him.

Deuteronomy 19:4-5

What provision does Yahweh make for the person who kills another person by accident?

Yahweh provided three cities to which that person could flee and live.

Deuteronomy 19:8-9

ULT	UST
	Do everything that I am today commanding you to do. Love Yahweh our God and obey his instructions continually. If you do that, Yahweh our God will give you much more land than you will have when you first inhabit the land. You will receive all the land according to what he promised your ancestors. When that happens, select three more cities in the new land for people to escape to.

What would be the conditions for adding three more cities for people to escape to?

If Yahweh enlarged their borders, then they must add three more cities for people to escape to.

Deuteronomy 19:11-12

What should happen if a person ambushes and kills someone and then flees to one of these cities?

The elders of this man's city must bring him back and turn him over to the victim's relative so that the attacker may be executed.

Deuteronomy 19:14-15

How many witnesses are needed for someone to be punished for their sin?

There must be two or three witnesses for anyone to be punished for their sin.

Deuteronomy 19:17-18

What should be done when controversy exists between two men?

Then the two men who have a controversy must go before the priests and the judges who are serving at that time. The judges will inquire thoroughly to see if the witness falsely testified against the other.

Deuteronomy 19:18-19

What must be done if a witness is found to be false?

If the testimony of a witness is found to be false, then they must do to him as he had planned to do to the person he accused.

Deuteronomy 20

Deuteronomy 20:1

ULT	UST
When you go out to battle against your enemies, and see horses and chariots, a people more numerous than you, you shall not be afraid of them, for Yahweh your God is with you, who raised you up from the land of Egypt.	*When your fighting men go to fight your enemies and see that they have many horses and chariots and that their army is much bigger than yours, do not be afraid of them, because Yahweh our God, who brought the Israelites safely out of Egypt, will be with you.*

Why must the people of Israel not be afraid when they go out to battle against their enemies?

The people of Israel must not be afraid because Yahweh their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, will be with them.

Deuteronomy 20:2-4

What should the priests do when the people of Israel draw near to the battle?

The priest should speak to the people and tell them not to be afraid because Yahweh is with them to fight for them.

Deuteronomy 20:5

ULT	UST
And the officers shall speak to the people, saying, 'Who is the man who has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in battle and another man dedicate it.	*Then the leaders must say to the fighting men, 'If anyone among you has just built a new house and has not dedicated it to God, he should go home and dedicate the house. If he does not do that, if he dies in the battle, someone else will dedicate the house and live in it.*

What should a man do if he has built a new house and not yet dedicated it?

He should return to his house so he does not die in battle and another man dedicate it.

Deuteronomy 20:7

ULT	UST
And who is the man who is engaged to a woman and has not taken her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in battle and another man take her.'	*If anyone among you has become engaged to marry a woman but has not married her yet, he should go home and marry her. If he stays here and dies in the battle, someone else will marry her.'*

What should a man do if he is engaged to a woman and not yet married her?

He should return and marry her so he does not die in battle and another man marry her.

Deuteronomy 20:10-11

What was to happen if the people in a city far from Israel accepted the Israelites' offer of peace?

All the people found in that city were to become forced labor for the Israelites and serve them.

Deuteronomy 20:12-13

What must happen if the city does not accept the offer of peace, but instead makes war against Israel?

Israel must attack it and when Yahweh gives Israel victory they must kill every man in it.

Deuteronomy 20:16-18

Why must the people of Israel utterly destroy everything that breathes in the cities of the land which Yahweh will give them as an inheritance?

They must destroy everything so that the people of the land do not teach them to do disgusting things for their gods, which would cause them to sin against Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 20:19-20

What should Israel do with the trees in the cities which they have under siege?

Israel should not cut down the trees that are used for food, but they can cut down the trees that are not used for food to build structures for attacking the city.

Deuteronomy 21

Deuteronomy 21:1-2

What should happen if someone who has been killed is found lying in a field and it is not known who killed him?

The elders and judges should measure to determine the nearest city to where the body was found.

Deuteronomy 21:5

ULT	UST
And the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come forward, for Yahweh your God has chosen them to serve him and give blessing in the name of Yahweh, and upon their mouth is every dispute and every assault.	*The priests must go there also, because Yahweh our God has chosen them from the tribe of Levi to serve him and to be his representatives when they bless people. He has also chosen them to settle disputes involving injuries.*

Why are the priests to be consulted to settle disputes involving injuries?

The priests are to be consulted and their decision to be accepted because Yahweh has chosen them to serve him in this way.

Deuteronomy 21:6-8

What ritual must the elders of the city nearest to the killed man perform so that this murder will be forgiven?

The elders of that city must wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken and declare that the people did not do this murder and Yahweh will not consider them guilty.

Deuteronomy 21:10-13

What is an Israelite man to do if he sees a woman among the captives who he wants as his wife?

If a man sees a woman among the captives who he wants as his wife, he is to bring her home where she will shave her head, cut her nails, and change her clothes. He is to give her a month to mourn for her parents and then he can marry her.

Deuteronomy 21:14

ULT	UST
And it will be, if you do not delight in her, then you shall send her to her desires, but you surely shall not sell her for money, you shall not mistreat her in return for humiliating her.	*Later, if he no longer is pleased with her, he must let her leave him and go wherever she wants. But because sending her away will humiliate her, he may not sell her to anyone else like a slave.*

How is an Israelite man to treat a captive that he had taken as a wife if he is no longer pleased with her?

He must let her go rather than sell her for money.

Deuteronomy 21:15-17

If a man has two wives, and he favors the one who has borne him his firstborn son, how must he distribute his inheritance?

This man must recognize the firstborn son of the wife he does not favor by giving him a double portion of all that he possesses.

Deuteronomy 21:18-19

What must the parents of a rebellious son do if the son will not obey them?

They must bring that rebellious son to the elders of the city.

Deuteronomy 21:20

ULT	UST
And they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he will not listen to our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.'	*Then the parents must say to the elders of that city, 'This son of ours is stubborn and always rebelling against us. He will not pay attention to what we tell him. He eats too much, and he gets drunk.'*

What must the parents of the rebellious son say to the elders of his city?

The parents of the rebellious son must tell the elders that their son is stubborn and rebellious and does not listen to them.

Deuteronomy 21:21

ULT	UST
And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, and he shall die; and you shall remove the evil from among you. And all Israel will hear and fear.	*Then all the men of that city must execute him by throwing stones at him. By doing that, you will make sure no one from among you does this evil action. Everyone in Israel will hear about what happened and they will be afraid to do what he did.*

Why must the men of the city respond by stoning the son to death?

They must stone the son to death to remove the evil from among them, and cause all Israel to hear of it and fear.

Deuteronomy 21:22-23

What must happen if a man commits a sin worthy of death and is hanged on a tree?

The man’s body must not remain all night on the tree, but must be buried the same day so the land will not be defiled.

Deuteronomy 22

Deuteronomy 22:1-2

What are they to do when they would see a stray animal of a fellow Israelite?

They are to return the animal to its owner. If the owner is not nearby or they do not know who he is, they should take the animal to their own house until the owner comes searching for it and then return it to him.

Deuteronomy 22:4

ULT	UST
You shall not see the donkey of your brother or his ox fallen down in the road and hide yourself from them; lifting, you shall lift it up.	*And if you see a fellow Israelite's donkey or cow that has fallen down on the road, do not act as though you did not see it. Help the owner to lift the animal up so that it can stand on its feet again.*

What did Moses tell them to do when they see an animal of a fellow Israelite fallen down in the road?

They must help their fellow Israelite lift it up again.

Deuteronomy 22:5

ULT	UST
A thing of a man shall not be on a woman, and neither shall a man wear the clothing of a woman; for all who do these are an abomination to Yahweh your God.	*Women must not wear men's clothes, and men must not wear women's clothes. Yahweh our God hates people who do things like that.*

What is an abomination to Yahweh?

It is an abomination to Yahweh for a woman to wear men's clothing or a man to wear women's clothing.

Deuteronomy 22:6-7

What should the people of Israel do if they find a mother in a bird's nest with her young or sitting on the eggs?

They must let the mother go, but the young they may take for themselves.

Deuteronomy 22:8

ULT	UST
When you build a new house, then you shall make a railing for your roof, and you will not bring blood on your house if one who falls should fall from it.	*If you build a new house, you must put a railing around the roof. In this way, you will not be guilty of having caused someone's death if a person falls from it and dies.*

What is required when an Israelite builds a house?

It is required that he put a railing around the roof so he would not be guilty of causing someone's death if anyone fell from it.

Deuteronomy 22:9

ULT	UST
You shall not plant your vineyard with two kinds of seed, lest all the produce of the seed that you have sown and the yield of the vineyard be set apart.	*Do not plant any crop in the area where your grapevines are growing. If you do, the harvest of both will become sacred.*

What would happen if the Israelites plant their vineyards with two kinds of seeds?

If they plant their vineyards with two kinds of seeds, all the produce of the seed and the yield of the vineyard would have to be set apart.

Deuteronomy 22:12

ULT	UST
You shall make tassels for yourself on the four corners of your garment with which you cover yourself.	*Twist threads together to make tassels and sew them on the four bottom corners of your cloak.*

What were the Israelites instructed to make for the four corners of their garments?

They were instructed to make tassels for the four corners of the garments with which they covered themselves.

Deuteronomy 22:17-19

What must happen if a man has made a false accusation against his wife saying she was not a virgin?

The elders of the city must punish the man. They must fine him 100 silvers and give it to the girl's father. Also, she shall remain his wife, and he can never send her away.

Deuteronomy 22:20-21

What should happen if the proof of the wife's virginity is not found?

If they cannot find proof of her virginity, then she must be brought out and stoned to death because she has done a disgraceful thing.

Deuteronomy 22:22

ULT	UST
If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall die, even the two of them, the man lying with the woman and the woman; and you shall remove the evil from Israel.	*If someone catches a man having sex with another man's wife, you must execute both of them, the man and the woman. By doing that, you will make sure no one from Israel does this evil action.*

What must happen if a man is found lying with a woman married to another man?

Both the man and the woman must be put to death to make sure no one else from Israel does this evil action.

Deuteronomy 22:23-24

Why are the people of Israel instructed to stone to death both a girl who is engaged to a man and another man if they are found lying together?

They are instructed to stone both of them because the girl did not cry out and the man defiled the one who is engaged to be the wife of a fellow Israelite.

Deuteronomy 22:25-27

What must happen if the man forces the engaged girl to lie with him when they are out in a field?

If this happens out in a field, then the man must die, but nothing must be done to the girl because he found her out in the open countryside and even though she cried out, there was no one there to rescue her.

Deuteronomy 22:28-29

What must happen if a man lies with a girl who is a virgin, but who is not engaged and they are discovered?

The man who lay with her must give 50 silvers to the girl's father, and she shall become his wife and he may never divorce her.

Deuteronomy 22:30

ULT	UST
A man shall not take the wife of his father; and he shall not uncover the hem of his father.	*A man must not disgrace his father by having sex with any of his father's wives.*

What must a man not take from his father as his own?

A man must not take his father's wife as his own.

Deuteronomy 23

Deuteronomy 23:1-2

Who is not allowed to enter the assembly of Yahweh?

A man whose male organ is crushed or cut off, or a child from intermarriage and that person's descendants to the tenth generation, are not allowed to enter the assembly of Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 23:3-4

Why are Ammonites and Moabites not allowed to enter the assembly of Yahweh?

They are not allowed to enter because they did not provide the Israelites with food and water when the Israelites came out of Egypt, and because they hired Balaam to curse the Israelites.

Deuteronomy 23:5

ULT	UST
But Yahweh your God was not willing to listen to Balaam, and Yahweh your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because Yahweh your God loved you.	*But Yahweh our God did not pay attention to Balaam; instead, he caused Balaam to bless you rather than curse you, because Yahweh our God loves you.*

What evidence showed that Yahweh did not listen to Balaam?

Yahweh turned Balaam's curse into a blessing for Israel.

Deuteronomy 23:7

ULT	UST
You shall not detest an Edomite, for he is your brother; you shall not detest an Egyptian, because you were a foreigner in his land.	*But do not despise any Edomites, because they are descendants of your ancestor Isaac, just like you are. Likewise, do not despise people from Egypt, because they treated your ancestors well when they first lived in Egypt.*

Why should they not detest the Edomites and Egyptians?

They are not to detest the Edomites because they are considered relatives of the Israelites as they are descendants of Isaac. The Egyptians should not be detested because the Israelites once lived as foreigners in Egypt.

Deuteronomy 23:9-11

If a man in the Israelite army becomes unclean because of what happens during the night, what must he do to become clean and return to the camp?

He must go outside the camp until evening. Then he must bathe in water, and at sunset he can return to the camp.

Deuteronomy 23:12-14

Why did Yahweh give instructions to the people of Israel about where and how to relieve themselves?

Yahweh was walking in the midst of their camp, so the camp must be holy in order that Yahweh would not see any unclean thing and turn away from them.

Deuteronomy 23:15-16

What are the instructions concerning a slave who escapes from their master?

Such a slave is not to be returned to their master. They are to be allowed to live among the Israelites in any town they choose, and they must not be mistreated.

Deuteronomy 23:17-18

Why were male and female cultic prostitutes not allowed among the Israelites, and why were their earnings not allowed to be brought as a vow into Yahweh's house?

These practices and the earnings from them are considered an abomination to Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 23:19-20

How is the policy for charging interest different for fellow Israelites compared to foreigners?

Israelites are not to charge interest to other Israelites on loans of money, food, or anything else. However, they are allowed to charge interest to foreigners.

Deuteronomy 23:21-23

How important is it for an Israelite to fulfill a vow made to Yahweh?

It is very important. An Israelite must not delay in fulfilling a vow made to Yahweh because Yahweh requires it, and failing to do so is a sin. They must do what they have voluntarily promised.

Deuteronomy 23:24-25

What are Israelites allowed to do when passing through a neighbor's vineyard or grain field?

When in a neighbor's vineyard, they are allowed to eat as many grapes as they want but not to put any in a container to take with them. When in a neighbor's grain field, they are allowed to pluck ears of grain by hand but not to use a sickle to cut the stalks.

Deuteronomy 24

Deuteronomy 24:1-2

What can a man who finds some indecent thing in his wife do to divorce her?

If a man has found some indecent thing in his wife, he can write her a letter of divorce, give the paper to her, and send her out of his house where she can go and become another man's wife.

Deuteronomy 24:3-4

What does Yahweh not allow if the second husband writes her a letter of divorce and sends her out of the house or if he dies?

Yahweh does not allow for the first husband who sent her away to take her again to be his wife.

Deuteronomy 24:5

ULT	UST
When a man takes a new wife, he shall not go out with the army, neither shall pass onto him any matter; he shall be free for his house one year and will cheer his wife whom he has taken.	*When a man has just married a woman, he must not become a soldier in the army. He must not have to do any other kind of government work. He must not do those things during the first year after he gets married. Instead, he must stay at home and do what he can to make his new wife happy.*

What are the benefits for a man who has taken a new wife?

He does not have to go to war or be commanded to go on forced duty, but he can stay home for one year to make his new wife happy.

Deuteronomy 24:6

ULT	UST
He shall not impound a mill or an upper millstone, for it is a life for a pledge.	*If someone lends money to another person, he may take something from that person as a guarantee that he will pay the money back. But he must not take a millstone. That is what the family needs to grind grain into flour in order to bake bread and stay alive.*

Why were they not allowed to take a mill or an upper millstone as a pledge from another?

They were not to take a millstone as a pledge because it would be taking a man's livelihood away from him.

Deuteronomy 24:7

ULT	UST
If a man is found stealing a life from his brothers from the sons of Israel, and treats him as a slave or sells him, then that thief shall die; and you shall remove the evil from among you.	*If someone kidnaps a fellow Israelite to make that person his slave or to sell him to become someone else's slave, you must execute the person-stealer. By doing that, you will make sure no one among you does this evil action.*

What are the circumstances when a man would be declared a thief and must die?

A man would be declared a thief who must die if he kidnaps a fellow Israelite and treats him as a slave or sells him.

Deuteronomy 24:8-9

What word of caution from Yahweh about leprosy did Moses pass on to the people of Israel?

Moses told them to carefully observe and follow every instruction which Yahweh gave to the priests regarding any plague of leprosy.

Deuteronomy 24:10-11

What restrictions were given when collecting a pledge on a loan made to a neighbor?

They were not to go into the house to get the pledge, but stand outside and wait for the man who received the loan to bring out the pledge.

Deuteronomy 24:12-13

What must happen if a man gives his cloak as a pledge because he is a poor man?

If the poor man gives his cloak as a pledge for a loan, the one who gives him the loan must not keep the cloak overnight, but must take it back to him by the time the sun goes down so he may sleep in his cloak.

Deuteronomy 24:14-15

What must they do for a hired servant who is poor and needy?

They must give him his wages every day because he is poor and is counting on it.

Deuteronomy 24:16

ULT	UST
Fathers shall not be put to death on account of sons, and sons shall not be put to death on account of fathers. A man shall be put to death for his sin.	*You must not execute any parents for crimes that their children have committed, and you must not execute any children for crimes that their parents have committed. You should only execute someone for the crimes that they themselves have committed.*

How did Yahweh make it clear that everyone was responsible for their own sins?

Yahweh told the people of Israel that the parents must not be put to death for the sins of their children and the children must not be put to death for the sins of their parents.

Deuteronomy 24:17-18

Why were the people of Israel reminded about their time of slavery in Egypt and how Yahweh rescued them from there?

They were reminded so that they would follow Yahweh's commands about how to treat foreigners, orphans, and widows.

Deuteronomy 24:19-20

What were the people of Israel commanded to do when they harvested their field or shook their olive tree?

When they harvested their crops, they were not to go back for a forgotten sheaf in the field or to beat their olive tree a second time to get more olives, but to leave them for the foreigner, the fatherless, and the widow.

Deuteronomy 25

Deuteronomy 25:1

ULT	UST
If there is a dispute between men and they go to the judgment, and they judge them, then they shall declare the righteous as just and declare the wicked as unjust.	*If people have a dispute and they go to a court, the judge will decide who is innocent and who is guilty.*

What will a judge do when he reaches a judgement in a dispute between two men in court?

He will declare the righteous as innocent and declare the wicked as guilty.

Deuteronomy 25:3

ULT	UST
He shall not add to his 40 blows, lest he add his striking of him with many more blows than these, and your brother is humiliated before your eyes.	*The judge may order someone to strike him up to forty times. Do not strike him more than that, since that would humiliate him publicly.*

Why will a judge limit the number of blows a man will receive?

The judge will order the number of blows to not exceed 40 blows so the man will not be humiliated.

Deuteronomy 25:5-6

What safeguard did Yahweh institute so that the name of a man would not disappear from Israel?

If a man dies without having a son, his brother must take the dead man's widow as his wife so that the firstborn she bears will carry on the name of that man's dead brother.

Deuteronomy 25:9-10

What punishment did Yahweh allow if the man's brother did not wish to take his brother's wife?

The brother's wife will take off his sandal in the presence of the elders, spit in his face, and tell him that this is what is done when a man refuses to preserve his brother's family line.

Deuteronomy 25:11-12

What would cause a wife to have one of her hands cut off?

If two men were fighting and the wife of one of the men grabs the private part of the other man in an attempt to rescue her husband, then her hand must be cut off.

Deuteronomy 25:15-16

What kind of dishonest act is disgusting to Yahweh?

It is disgusting to Yahweh when a man has a large and a small weight to measure rather than a correct weight.

Deuteronomy 25:17-19

Why must the people of Israel wipe out the memory of Amalek?

Amalek did not honor God when Amalek met Israel on the road and attacked those who were faint and weary at the rear as they came out of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 26

Deuteronomy 26:1-2

What must the people of Israel do when they possess the land which Yahweh has given them?

The people of Israel must take some of the first of all the harvest of the land in a basket and go to the place Yahweh has chosen for them to worship.

Deuteronomy 26:3

ULT	UST
And you shall go to the priest who will be in those days and say to him, 'I declare today to Yahweh your God that I have come to the land that Yahweh swore to our fathers to give to us.'	*Go to the high priest who is serving at that time and say to him, 'Yahweh our God solemnly promised our ancestors to give us this land. Today by this offering I declare to him that I am settled here in fulfillment of his promise.'*

What must they say to the priest when they give him the basket?

They must tell the priest that they declare to Yahweh that they have come and settled in the land that he swore to give to their ancestors.

Deuteronomy 26:5

ULT	UST
And you shall respond and say to the face of Yahweh your God, 'My father was a wandering Aramean. And he went down to Egypt and stayed there, his people were few, and there he became a great, mighty, and numerous nation.	*There in Yahweh our God's presence you must say this: 'My ancestor was a nomadic man in Aram. He took his family to Egypt. They were a small group when they went there, but they lived there and their descendants became a very large and powerful nation.*

What must they say about their ancestor?

The people of Israel must say that their ancestor was a wandering Aramean.

Deuteronomy 26:6

ULT	UST
And the Egyptians treated us badly and afflicted us. And they set hard work upon us.	*Then the people of Egypt acted very harshly toward them, and they forced them to become their slaves and to work very hard.*

How did the Egyptians treat the Israelites when they were in Egypt?

The Egyptians treated the Israelites badly and afflicted them, making them do the work of slaves.

Deuteronomy 26:8

ULT	UST
And Yahweh brought us out from Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with great fearsomeness and with signs and with wonders;	*Then by your great power and by performing many kinds of miracles, and other terrifying things, you brought them out of Egypt.*

How did Yahweh bring Israel out of Egypt?

He brought them out with a mighty hand, with a display of his great fearsome power, with signs, and with wonders.

Deuteronomy 26:10-11

What is the purpose for setting down the basket before Yahweh?

The purpose is to worship Yahweh and rejoice in all the good that he has done for Israel, their families, the Levites, and the foreigners among them.

Deuteronomy 26:12

ULT	UST
When you have finished tithing all the tithe of your harvest in the third year (the year of tithing), then you shall give it to the Levite, to the foreigner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, and they may eat within your gates and be satisfied.	*Every third year, you must bring to the descendants of Levi, to the foreigners who are living among you, to the orphans, and to the widows the offering of a tenth of your crops, in order that in every town they will have plenty to eat.*

What must they do after they have finished giving all the tithe from their harvest?

They must give it to the Levites, to the foreigners, to the orphans, and to the widows so they may eat and be filled.

Deuteronomy 26:15

ULT	UST
Look down from your holy habitation, from the heavens, and bless your people, Israel, and the land that you have given to us, as you had sworn to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey.'	*So please look down from your holy living place in heaven, and bless us, your Israelite people. Also bless this very fertile land which you have given to us, as you promised our ancestors you would give it to us.'*

What do the people of Israel want Yahweh to do for them?

The people of Israel want Yahweh to look down from heaven and bless them and the land which he has given to them.

Deuteronomy 26:16

ULT	UST
This day Yahweh your God is commanding you to obey these statutes and ordinances, and you shall keep and do them with all your heart and with all your soul.	*Today Yahweh our God is commanding you to obey all these rules and decrees. So obey them faithfully, with all that you are.*

What is Yahweh commanding the people to do?

He is commanding them to obey his statues and decrees with all their heart and soul.

Deuteronomy 26:17

ULT	UST
Yahweh you have declared today to be your God, and to walk in his ways and to keep his statutes and his commandments and his ordinances, and to listen to his voice.	*Today you have declared that it is Yahweh who is your God, and that you will conduct your lives as he wants you to do, that you will obey all his commands, rules, and decrees, and that you will do all that he tells you to do.*

What have the people declared before Yahweh?

They have declared that Yahweh is their God and that they will walk in his ways, keep his commandments, and listen to and obey all that he tells them to do.

Deuteronomy 26:18-19

What has Yahweh declared to the people of Israel?

Yahweh has declared that Israel is his own possession and he will set them high above all the other nations in respect to praise, reputation, and honor so they will be a people that is set apart and holy to him.

Deuteronomy 27

Deuteronomy 27:1

ULT	UST
And Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, “Keep all the commandments that I command you today.	*Moses, along with the other Israelite leaders, said this to the people, “Obey all the commandments that I am giving to you today.*

What did Moses and the elders of Israel command the people of Israel to keep?

Moses and the elders of Israel told the people to keep all the commandments that Moses had given them that day.

Deuteronomy 27:2

ULT	UST
And it will be, on the day when you cross the Jordan to the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you, then you shall erect for yourself large stones and plaster them with plaster.	*Soon you will cross the Jordan River and enter the land that Yahweh, our God, promised to give to you. There, set up some large stones and cover them with plaster.*

What were the people to do after they cross the Jordan River to the land which Yahweh would give them?

They were to erect some large stones covered with plaster.

Deuteronomy 27:4-6

What must the people build on Mount Ebal?

The people must build an altar of stone to Yahweh without using iron tools to sacrifice burnt offerings to him.

Deuteronomy 27:8

ULT	UST
And you shall write on the stones all the words of this law very plainly.”	*When you write these laws on those stones, you must write them very clearly.”*

What were the people to write on the stones they had plastered?

They were to write all the words of the law on the stones very plainly.

Deuteronomy 27:9-10

Why was it important for the people of Israel to hear the voice of Yahweh and obey his commandments that day?

It was important because on that day they became the people of Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 27:11-12

Why were six of the tribes of Israel commanded to stand on Mount Gerizim?

Moses told them that six of the tribes of Israel must stand on Mount Gerizim to receive the blessings that the Levites proclaimed.

Deuteronomy 27:13

ULT	UST
And these shall stand for the curse on Mount Ebal: Reuben, Gad and Asher and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali.	*And the tribes descended from Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali must stand on Mount Ebal and listen to the things that Yahweh will do when he curses the people.*

Why were six of the tribes of Israel commanded to stand on Mount Ebal?

Moses told them that the other six tribes of Israel must stand on Mount Ebal to receive the curses that the Levites proclaimed.

Deuteronomy 27:15

ULT	UST
‘Cursed is the man who makes a carved image or cast figure, an abomination to Yahweh, the work of the hands of a craftsman, and sets up secretly.’ And all the people shall answer and say, ‘Amen.’	*‘Yahweh will curse anyone who carves a figure from wood or stone or casts a figure from metal, and secretly sets it up and worships it. Yahweh considers that those things are detestable.’ And all the people must reply, ‘Amen.’*

What is one thing that is detestable to Yahweh?

One thing that is detestable to Yahweh is a carved or cast figure made by a craftsman who sets it up to worship it in secret.

Deuteronomy 27:20

ULT	UST
‘Cursed is the one who lies with the wife of his father, because he has uncovered the hem of his father.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’	*‘Yahweh will curse anyone who violates his father’s marriage rights by having sexual relations with any of his father’s wives.’ And all the people must reply, ‘Amen.’*

Why is a man cursed if he lies with his father’s wife?

A man is cursed if he sleeps with his father’s wife, because he has violated his father’s marriage rights.

Deuteronomy 27:24-25

What did the Levites say would happen to the man who secretly kills his neighbor or takes a bribe to kill an innocent person?

That the man would be cursed.

Deuteronomy 27:26

ULT	UST
‘Cursed is the one who does not keep the words of this law, to do them.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’	*‘Yahweh will curse anyone who does not carefully obey these laws.’ And all the people must reply, ‘Amen.’*

Why did the Levites say a man should keep the words of this law by obeying them?

A man should obey the words of this law so he would not be cursed.

Deuteronomy 28

Deuteronomy 28:1-2

What did the people of Israel have to do in order to be blessed by Yahweh and to be set above all the other nations of the earth?

The people of Israel needed to listen carefully to the voice of Yahweh and obey all his commandments.

Deuteronomy 28:7

ULT	UST
Yahweh shall let your enemies who rise up against you be struck down to your faces; they will come out against you one way but will flee to your faces seven ways.	*Yahweh will enable you to defeat the armies of your enemies; they will attack you from one direction, but they will run away from you in many directions.*

What will Yahweh do for the people of Israel if they will obey his commandments?

Yahweh will enable them to defeat their enemies.

Deuteronomy 28:9

ULT	UST
Yahweh will establish you as his sanctified people, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of Yahweh your God and walk in his ways.	*If you obey all that Yahweh our God is commanding you to do, he will keep you as his own holy people, just as he promised you.*

What does Moses tell the people of Israel they will become if they obey Yahweh's commandments?

Yahweh will establish them as his own holy people.

Deuteronomy 28:12

ULT	UST
Yahweh will open to you his treasure, the good of the heavens, to give rain for your land at the appointed time, and to bless all the work of your hand, and you will lend to many nations, but you, you will not borrow.	*At the time that your land needs rain, Yahweh will send it from where he stores it in the sky, and he will bless all your work, with the result that you will be able to lend money to many other people groups, but you will not need to borrow money from them.*

What will Yahweh do for the people of Israel if they will obey his commandments?

Yahweh will send rain for their land at the right time and bless all their work.

Deuteronomy 28:15

ULT	UST
And it will happen, if you do not listen to the voice of Yahweh your God, to keep doing all his commandments and his statutes that I am commanding you today, then all these curses will come upon you and reach you.	*But if you do not do what Yahweh our God tells you to do and do not faithfully obey all his rules and regulations that I am today commanding you to do, he will curse you in all these ways:*

What will happen to the people of Israel if they will not listen to the voice of Yahweh and keep all his commandments?

All the curses will come upon them.

Deuteronomy 28:23

ULT	UST
And your skies that are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth that is under you shall be iron.	*It will not rain so the ground will be very hard and unproductive.*

What will happen to the skies and the earth if the Israelites do not obey the commandments?

The skies will not give rain and the earth will be as dry and hard as iron.

Deuteronomy 28:25

ULT	UST
Yahweh shall let you be struck down to the faces of your enemies; you will go out one way against him but will flee to his face seven ways. And you will become a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth.	*Yahweh will enable your enemies to defeat you; your soldiers will attack them from one direction, but will run away from them in many directions. People from every other nation will be horrified at what Yahweh has done to you.*

What will happen to Israel when they fight their enemies if they do not obey the commandments?

They will flee from their enemies and be defeated by them.

Deuteronomy 28:27-28

What will Yahweh cause to happen to the people of Israel if they are disobedient?

He will cause them to have boils, ulcers, rash, and itch, as well as madness, blindness, and mental confusion.

Deuteronomy 28:30

ULT	UST
You will betroth a woman, but another man will rape her. You will build a house but not live in it; you will plant a vineyard but not use it.	*A man will formally arrange to marry a young woman, but someone else will rape her. You will build houses, but you will never live in them. You will plant grapevines, but you will not pick any grapes or drink any wine.*

What will happen if an Israelite is betrothed to a woman, builds a house, or plants a vineyard but disobeys Yahweh?

Another man will rape his betrothed and he will not be able to live in the house or enjoy the fruit of the vineyard.

Deuteronomy 28:32

ULT	UST
Your sons and your daughters will be given to other peoples, and your eyes will look on and will long for them all the day, and your hand will have no strength.	*Foreigners will steal your sons and daughters. You will constantly watch for your children to return, but you will not be able to do anything for them.*

What will happen to the sons and daughters of the Israelites if they disobey Yahweh?

Their sons and daughters will be given to other peoples and they will not return to them.

Deuteronomy 28:37

ULT	UST
And you will become a horror, a proverb, and a taunt among all the peoples where Yahweh will drive you there.	*The people in the nations where Yahweh drives you will use what has happened to you as a horror story, a proverb, and something to mock.*

What will the people of Israel become among all the peoples?

They will become a horror, a proverb, and a taunt among all the peoples.

Deuteronomy 28:38-39

How will the disobedience of the people of Israel affect the crops which they plant?

They will put seed in their fields and plant vineyards but they will not enjoy the harvest or fruit from them because the worms and the locusts will eat them.

Deuteronomy 28:43-44

How will the foreigner become more important than the people of Israel?

Foreigners will lend to them while the people of Israel will not be able to lend to the foreigners so will be considered inferior to them.

Deuteronomy 28:45

ULT	UST
And all these curses will come upon you and pursue you and reach you until you are destroyed because you did not listen to the voice of Yahweh your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that he commanded you.	*When all these disasters happen to you and continue to happen to you until they destroy you, you will know it is because you did not do what Yahweh your God told you to do and did not obey all the rules and regulations that he gave to you.*

What will happen because the people of Israel did not listen to the voice of Yahweh and keep his commandments?

All the curses listed will happen to them until they are destroyed.

Deuteronomy 28:47-48

Why will the people of Israel serve the enemies of Yahweh?

They will serve their enemies because they did not serve Yahweh with joyfulness and gladness of heart when they had abundant blessings.

Deuteronomy 28:49-51

What did Moses prophesy about the people of Israel?

Yahweh would bring a nation from far away to attack them with no respect for the aged or young, as well as taking their crops and animals, leaving them to starve.

Deuteronomy 28:54-55

ULT	UST
	When your enemies have surrounded your towns, even the most dainty and sensitive men among you will want food very desperately, with the result that they will kill their own children and eat them, because they will not have anything else to eat. They will be greedy and not even share any of it with their brothers or wives whom they love very much or with any of their other children who are still alive.

During the siege of the city what will the man who is described not share with even his own family?

He will not give to any of them the flesh of his own children that he is going to eat.

Deuteronomy 28:56-57

ULT	UST
	Even the most dainty and sensitive women among you, so sensitive and dainty that they have never walked barefoot, will do the same thing. When your enemies have surrounded your towns, those women will be extremely hungry, with the result that, after they give birth to a child, they will secretly kill the baby and eat it and also eat the afterbirth. They will be greedy and will not share any of it with their husbands whom they love very much or with any of their other children.

During the siege of the city what will a woman do with her own newborn and the children whom she will bear?

During the siege of the city a woman will eat her own children whom she will bear.

Deuteronomy 28:59

ULT	UST
then Yahweh will cause extraordinary afflictions—your plagues and the plagues of your seed will be great and enduring plagues and great and enduring sicknesses.	*he will punish you by sending on you and on your descendants great afflictions and plagues which will last for many years.*

What will happen if the people of Israel do not honor the name of Yahweh by keeping the words in the book of the law?

They will experience terrible plagues and enduring sicknesses.

Deuteronomy 28:62-64

How many of the people of Israel will be left after Yahweh punishes them?

Although they had been numerous, only a few of them will remain scattered among the other nations.

Deuteronomy 28:65

ULT	UST
And among these nations you will not have peace, and there will be no rest for the sole of your foot. And there Yahweh will give you a trembling heart and failing eyes and a mourning spirit.	*In those areas you will not have any peace or rest. Yahweh will make you afraid, hopeless, and discouraged.*

Will the people of Israel find rest when they are scattered among the nations?

They will find no peace or rest and they will be afraid, hopeless, and mournful.

Deuteronomy 29

Deuteronomy 29:1

ULT	UST
These are the words of the covenant that Yahweh commanded Moses to cut with the sons of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant that he had cut with them at Horeb.	*Yahweh commanded Moses to have the Israelites commit to all the following things when they were in the Moab region on the east side of the Jordan River. This was in addition to what they and Yahweh promised each other at Horeb:*

With whom did Yahweh make a covenant?

Yahweh made a covenant with Israel in the land of Moab.

What previous covenant had Yahweh made with the people of Israel?

Yahweh previously made a covenant with Israel at Horeb.

Deuteronomy 29:2

ULT	UST
And Moses called to all Israel and said to them, "You have seen everything that Yahweh did before your eyes in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land—	*Moses summoned all the Israelites and said to them, "You saw for yourselves what Yahweh did to the king of Egypt and to his officials and to his entire country.*

Of what did Moses remind all the people of Israel?

Moses reminded all them of everything that Yahweh had done in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, to all his servants, and to all his land.

Deuteronomy 29:3-4

Why did Moses say that the people of Israel needed to be reminded of the great sufferings that their eyes had seen as well as the signs and wonders?

Moses said that until that time, Yahweh had not given them understanding about those things.

Deuteronomy 29:5-6

Why did Yahweh lead Israel for 40 years in the wilderness where their clothes and sandals did not wear out and they did not eat any bread or drink any wine or alcoholic drinks?

He did those things so that they might know that he is Yahweh their God.

Deuteronomy 29:9

ULT	UST
And you shall keep the words of this covenant and do them so that you may prosper in everything that you do.	*So obey faithfully all that you have promised Yahweh you will do, in order that you will prosper in everything that you do.*

What did Israel need to do in order to prosper in everything?

They needed to keep the words of this covenant so that they might prosper in everything that they did.

Deuteronomy 29:10-11

Before whom were all of the Israelites standing?

All of the Israelites were standing before Yahweh their God.

Deuteronomy 29:12

ULT	UST
to enter into the covenant of Yahweh your God and into the oath that Yahweh your God is cutting with you today,	*You are all here today to agree with Yahweh our God, and to commit to obey him.*

Why were the Israelites standing before Yahweh their God?

They were standing before Yahweh in order to enter into the covenant that Yahweh was making with them on that day.

Deuteronomy 29:13

ULT	UST
so that he may raise you up today into a people for himself and he may be God for you, as he spoke to you and as he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob,	*He is agreeing with you in order to make sure that you are his people, and that he is your God. This is what he promised to do for you, and what he solemnly promised to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, that he would do.*

What did Yahweh want to do for the people of Israel through this covenant?

He wanted to make the people of Israel into a people for himself as he had promised their ancestors.

Deuteronomy 29:14-15

What people were included in the covenant and oath that Yahweh was making with Israel that day in Moab?

Everyone standing that day in Moab and also those who were not there with them were included in the covenant that Yahweh was making with Israel.

Deuteronomy 29:16

ULT	UST
For you know how we lived in the land of Egypt and how we went through in the midst of the nations which you passed through,	*You remember the things that our ancestors suffered in Egypt, and how they traveled through the land that belonged to other people groups after they came out of Egypt.*

About what were the people of Israel being reminded again?

They were being reminded how they had lived in the land of Egypt and how they had traveled through the land that belonged to other people groups after they came out of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 29:17-18

Why were the people being reminded of the disgusting things they had seen when they left Egypt?

They were being reminded of the disgusting things they had seen so that there would not be any among them whose heart would turn away from Yahweh, worshiping the gods of those nations.

Deuteronomy 29:19

ULT	UST
And it will be, when he hears the words of this curse, then he will bless himself in his heart, saying, 'I will have peace, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart,' so that the wet and the dry are swept away.	*Be sure that no one here today who hears us agreeing with Yahweh says to himself, 'Everything will go well with me, even if I stubbornly do what I want to.' If you do that, the result will be that Yahweh will eventually destroy all of you, both good people and evil people.*

What should the person who hears the words of the curse not say in his heart?

The person who hears the words of the curse should not say that he will have peace even though he stubbornly does what he wants.

Deuteronomy 29:20

ULT	UST
Yahweh is not willing to forgive him. Instead, the nose of Yahweh and his jealousy will smolder against that man, and all the curses written in this book will rest on him, and Yahweh will wipe out his name from under the heavens.	*Yahweh will not forgive anyone who is stubborn like that. Instead, he will be extremely angry with that person. He will cause all the curses that I have written down here to happen to that person, until Yahweh destroys that person and his family forever.*

What would happen to the man who says that he will have peace even though he stubbornly does what he wants?

Yahweh will not forgive him, Yahweh will be angry with him and all the curses written in the book will happen to him and Yahweh will destroy him and his family forever.

Deuteronomy 29:22-24

What will the future generations and other nations say when they see the plagues on this land and the diseases which Yahweh has sent on them?

They will say that Yahweh did this to this land and wonder why he was so angry with the people who lived there.

Deuteronomy 29:25-27

How will people reply when future generations ask why Yahweh did this to the land?

The people will say that Yahweh became very angry and brought these curses on their land because they had abandoned the covenant they had made with Yahweh and because they went and worshiped other gods, gods that they had not worshiped before and that he had told them not to worship.

Deuteronomy 29:28

ULT	UST
and Yahweh has torn them away from their land in nose and in wrath and in great fury and has thrown them into another land, as this day.'	*Yahweh became extremely angry with them and took them out of their land, and threw them into another land, and they are still there.'*

What will the people say that Yahweh will do in his anger?

The people will say that Yahweh, in his extreme anger, has taken them out of their land and thrown them into another land.

Deuteronomy 29:29

ULT	UST
The secret things are of Yahweh our God, but the revealed things are for us and for our sons until forever, in order to do all the words of this law.	*There are some things that Yahweh our God has kept secret, but he has revealed his law to us, and he expects us and our descendants to obey it forever.*

To whom do things that are revealed belong?

The things that are revealed belong forever to the people of Israel and to their descendants so that they may do all the words of the law.

Deuteronomy 30

Deuteronomy 30:1-3

What must the people of Israel do so that Yahweh will rescue them from their captivity and have compassion on them and gather them from all the peoples where Yahweh had scattered them?

They must return to Yahweh and obey his voice, follow all that he has commanded them with all their heart and with all their soul.

Deuteronomy 30:4

ULT	UST
If your scattered people are in the end of the heavens, from there Yahweh your God will gather you, and from there he will take you.	*Even if he scatters you to the most distant places on the earth, Yahweh our God will gather you from there and bring you back to your land.*

From where will Yahweh gather Israel's scattered people?

Yahweh will gather Israel's scattered people from the most distant places on earth.

Deuteronomy 30:5

ULT	UST
And Yahweh your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, and you will possess it, and he will do you good and will multiply you more than your fathers.	*He will enable you to possess again the land where your ancestors lived. He will cause you to be more prosperous and more numerous than you are now.*

To what place will Yahweh bring the scattered Israelites?

Yahweh will bring them into the land that their ancestors possessed.

Deuteronomy 30:6

ULT	UST
And Yahweh your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your seed, to the love of Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.	*Yahweh our God will change your and your children's inner beings, with the result that you will love him with all that you desire and with all that you feel and that you will continue to live in that land.*

Why will Yahweh change the hearts of the Israelites and their descendants?

Yahweh will change their hearts so that they will love Yahweh their God with all their heart and with all of their soul and so that they could live.

Deuteronomy 30:7

ULT	UST
And Yahweh your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on haters of you, who pursued you.	*Yahweh our God will send all the disasters that I have told you about on your enemies and on those who oppressed you.*

On whom will Yahweh put the curses that had been on the people of Israel?

Yahweh will put the curses on their enemies and on those who hate the people of Israel and have oppressed them.

Deuteronomy 30:8

ULT	UST
And you will return and listen to the voice of Yahweh, and you will do all his commandments that I am commanding you today.	*As you did before, you will do what Yahweh wants you to do and you will obey all that I have commanded you today.*

What will indicate that the people of Israel have returned to Yahweh?

They will obey the voice of Yahweh and will do all his commandments that Moses commanded them.

Deuteronomy 30:8-9

What will Yahweh do when the people of Israel return to him?

Yahweh will make them prosper and he will rejoice over the people of Israel as he rejoiced over their fathers.

Deuteronomy 30:10

ULT	UST
if you listen to the voice of Yahweh your God, keeping his commandments and his statutes written in this book of the law, if you return to Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul.	*But he will do those things only if you do what he has told you to do, and only if you obey all his rules and regulations that I have written about in this instruction book, and only if you again worship Yahweh with all that you desire and with all that you feel.*

What do the people of Israel need to do so that Yahweh will rejoice over them?

The people of Israel need to obey the voice of Yahweh their God, keep his commandments and statutes that were written in the book of the law and turn to Yahweh with all their heart and all their soul.

Deuteronomy 30:11

ULT	UST
For this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too wonderful for you, and it is not far away.	*The commands that I am giving to you today are not very difficult for you to obey, and they are not difficult to know.*

What does Moses say is not too hard for the people or too far for them to reach?

Moses says that the commandments that he is giving to the people of Israel are not too hard for them to know and obey.

Deuteronomy 30:15

ULT	UST
See, today I have set to your faces life and good and death and evil.	*So listen! Today I am allowing you to choose between doing what is good resulting in you living and doing what is evil resulting in you dying.*

What has Moses placed before the people of Israel?

Moses is allowing them to choose life and good, or death and evil.

Deuteronomy 30:16

ULT	UST
What I am commanding you today is to love Yahweh your God, to walk in his ways and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his ordinances, and you will live and multiply, and Yahweh your God will bless you in the land which you are going into to possess it.	*I say again, if you love Yahweh our God, conduct your lives as he wants you to do and obey everything he commands you, you will prosper and become very numerous. Yahweh our God will bless you in the land that you are about to enter and possess.*

What will happen if the people of Israel obey everything Yahweh their God has commanded them?

They will live and multiply and Yahweh will bless them in the land where they were going.

Deuteronomy 30:17-18

What will happen to the people if they do not listen and obey, but instead they bow down to other gods and worship them?

They will surely perish and they will not live very long in the land.

Deuteronomy 30:19

ULT	UST
I call the heavens and the earth to witness against you today: I have set to your faces life and death, the blessings and the curses; that you would choose life that you may live, you and your seed,	*I am requesting everyone in heaven and on the earth to testify to you, that today I am allowing you to choose whether you want to live for a long time or to soon die, whether you want Yahweh to bless you or to curse you. So choose to obey and therefore live; choose for you and for your descendants.*

What is Moses asking the people of Israel to choose as he calls heaven and earth to witness?

Moses is asking the people to choose life so that they and their descendants could live.

Deuteronomy 30:20

ULT	UST
to love Yahweh your God, to listen to his voice, and to cling to him—for he is your life and the length of your days—so you may live in the land that Yahweh swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them."	*Decide to love Yahweh our God, to obey him and to always be faithful to him. If you do that, he will enable you and your descendants to live for a long time in the land that Yahweh solemnly promised to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, that he would give to them."*

Why should the people choose life?

They should choose life so as to love Yahweh their God, to obey his voice and to cling to him because he is their life and will enable them and their descendants to live for a long time in the land that he has given to them.

Deuteronomy 31

Deuteronomy 31:1-2

What did Moses tell all Israel about his advancing age?

He told them that he was now 120 years old and that he could no longer go everywhere that they could go.

Deuteronomy 31:2-3

What did Yahweh tell Moses about going over the Jordan?

He told Moses that he would not be going over Jordan but God would go over Jordan ahead of them and would destroy the nations there for Israel.

Deuteronomy 31:3

ULT	UST
Yahweh your God, he will go over to your faces; he will destroy these nations from to your faces, and you will dispossess them. Joshua, he will go over to your faces, as Yahweh has spoken.	*Instead of me, Yahweh our God will lead you across the Jordan River. He will destroy the people groups that are living there for you, in order that you can occupy their land. Yahweh has appointed Joshua to lead you across the Jordan River in my place.*

Who did Yahweh say would go over Jordan instead of Moses?

Yahweh told Moses that Joshua would go over the Jordan to lead Israel.

Deuteronomy 31:4

ULT	UST
And Yahweh will do to them as he did to Sihon and to Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, which he destroyed them.	*Yahweh will do to those people groups what he did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites when, he destroyed them and their people.*

What had Yahweh done to Sihon and to Og, the kings of the Amorites?

Yahweh had destroyed them and their land.

Deuteronomy 31:5

ULT	UST
And Yahweh will give them to your faces, and you shall do to them according to all the commandments that I commanded you.	*Yahweh will enable you to conquer those people groups, but you must kill all of those people, which is what I have commanded you to do.*

What does Yahweh say he will do for Israel when they meet the nations in battle?

Yahweh says that he will enable Israel to conquer them when Israel meets them in battle.

Deuteronomy 31:6

ULT	UST
Be strong and courageous, you shall not fear, and you shall not be afraid of their faces; for Yahweh your God, he goes with you; he will not fail you nor forsake you."	*Be brave and confident. Do not be afraid of those people. Do not forget that it is Yahweh our God who will go with you. He will always help you and never abandon you."*

What instruction does Moses give to the Israelites?

Moses tells them to be strong and courageous, not to fear, and not to be afraid of the nations because Yahweh will go with them and will not fail or forsake them.

Deuteronomy 31:7

ULT	UST
And Moses called to Joshua and said to him in the eyes of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you will go with this people into the land that Yahweh has sworn to their fathers to give to them, and you will cause them to inherit it.	*Then Moses summoned Joshua, and while all the Israelites were listening, he said to him, "Be brave and confident. You are the one who will lead these people into the land that Yahweh promised to our ancestors that he would give to them, and you will enable them to occupy it.*

What did Moses say to Joshua while of all Israel was listening?

Moses told Joshua to be strong and courageous for Joshua would go with the people of Israel into the land that Yahweh swore to their ancestors to give to them and Yahweh will cause them to inherit the land.

Deuteronomy 31:8

ULT	UST
And Yahweh, he goes to your faces; he will be with you; he will not fail you nor abandon you; you shall not fear, and you shall not be dismayed."	*It is Yahweh who will go ahead of you. He will be with you. He will always help you. He will never abandon you. So do not be afraid or dismayed."*

What did Moses tell Joshua that Yahweh would do for him?

Moses told Joshua that Yahweh would go before Joshua and be with him, and Yahweh would not fail or abandon Joshua so he should not be afraid or dismayed.

Deuteronomy 31:9

ULT	UST
And Moses wrote this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carry the box of the covenant of Yahweh, and to all the elders of Israel.	*Moses wrote down all these laws and gave the scroll to the priests, the descendants of Levi, who carried Yahweh's sacred chest. He gave another copy of the laws to all the Israelite elders.*

To whom did Moses give the law after he wrote it?

Moses gave this law to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the box and he also gave copies of it to all the elders of Israel.

Deuteronomy 31:10-11

How often did Moses command the priests to read the law that Moses gave to them?

Moses commanded the priests to read the law at the end of every seven years, during the Festival of Huts, in the hearing of all Israel.

Deuteronomy 31:12-13

Why did Moses tell the priests to assemble the men, women, children, and foreigners?

Moses told the priests to assemble all the people so that they could hear and learn, and honor Yahweh their God and keep all the words of the law and so that their children could hear and learn to honor Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 31:13

ULT	UST
And their sons, who do not know, may hear and learn to fear Yahweh your God all the days that you live in the land to which you are crossing over the Jordan to possess it."	*This is so that your descendants, who will not yet know these laws, will hear them and learn to fear and respect Yahweh our God, during all the years that they live in the land that you are about to cross the Jordan River to occupy."*

For how long should the priests read the law to the people of Israel?

The priests should read the law to the people for as long as they live in the land that they were going over the Jordan to occupy.

Deuteronomy 31:14

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Behold, your dying day is approaching; call Joshua and present yourselves in the tent of meeting, and I will command him." And Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves in the tent of meeting.	*Then Yahweh said to Moses, "Listen carefully. You will soon die. Summon Joshua, and you will go to the sacred tent with him, in order that I may appoint him to be the new leader." So Joshua and Moses went to the sacred tent.*

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to call Joshua and present themselves in the tent of meeting?

Yahweh told Moses to call Joshua to the tent of meeting because the day was coming when Moses must die and Yahweh would appoint Joshua to be the new leader.

Deuteronomy 31:14-15

What happen when Moses and Joshua presented themselves in the tent of meeting?

When Moses and Joshua presented themselves in the tent of meeting, Yahweh appeared in the tent in a pillar of cloud which stood over the door of the tent.

Deuteronomy 31:16

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Moses, "Behold, you will sleep with your fathers, and this people will rise up and whore after the strange gods of the land in the midst of which he is going to there. And he will forsake me and break my covenant that I have cut with him.	*Yahweh said to Moses, "Listen, you will soon die. Then these people will become unfaithful to me. They will stop obeying the covenant that I made with them. They will begin to worship the foreign gods the people of the land that they will enter are worshiping.*

How did Yahweh tell Moses the people would act after Moses died?

Yahweh told Moses that the people would become unfaithful to Yahweh and begin to worship the strange gods of the land and that they would forsake Yahweh and break the covenant that he had made with them.

Deuteronomy 31:16-17

What did Yahweh tell Moses he would do when the people break Yahweh's covenant?

Yahweh told Moses that on the day the people break his covenant, he would be very angry with them and would abandon them, and he would refuse to help them any longer.

Deuteronomy 31:17-18

What did Yahweh tell Moses would happen to the people when Yahweh hid his face from them?

Yahweh told Moses that many bad things would happen to them and he would stop protecting them.

Deuteronomy 31:19

ULT	UST
And now, write this song for yourselves and teach it to the sons of Israel. Put it in their mouths, so that this song may be a witness for me against the sons of Israel.	*So I am going to give you, Moses, a song. Write it on a scroll, teach it to the Israelites, and make them memorize it. It will be like a witness that accuses them.*

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to write a song and teach it to the people of Israel and make them memorize it?

Yahweh told Moses to write a song and teach it to the people so that the song could be a witness for Yahweh against the people of Israel.

Deuteronomy 31:20

ULT	UST
When I bring him to the land that I swore to his fathers, flowing with milk and honey, and he eats and becomes satisfied and fat, then he will turn to other gods, and they will serve them and they will despise me and he will break my covenant.	*I am about to take them into a very fertile land, a land that I solemnly promised their ancestors that I would give to them. There they will have plenty to eat, with the result that their stomachs will always be full and they will become complacent. But then they will turn to other gods and start to worship them, and they will despise me and break the covenant that I have made with them.*

What did Yahweh tell Moses the people would do when they were in the land that Yahweh swore to give to their ancestors?

Yahweh told Moses the people of Israel would turn to other gods, worship them, despise Yahweh and break his covenant.

Deuteronomy 31:21

ULT	UST
And it will be, when many evils and troubles find him, then this song will testify to his face as a witness (for it will not be forgotten from the mouths of his seed). For I know the intent that he is making today, before I have brought him into the land that I promised."	*When many terrible disasters are happening to them, their descendants will remember this song. It will be like a witness that saw them commit to worship me and accuses them of breaking their promises. I will soon take them into the land that I solemnly promised that I would give to them, but even now, before I do that, I know what they are thinking that they will do when they are living there."*

What did Yahweh tell Moses the song would do when many evils and troubles happen to the people of Israel?

Yahweh told Moses that the song would testify before Israel as a witness and it would not be forgotten by their descendants.

What did Yahweh say he knew about the people even before he brought them into the land that he had sworn?

Yahweh said that he knew the plans that the people were already making.

Deuteronomy 31:22

ULT	UST
And Moses wrote this song on that day and taught it to the sons of Israel.	*So on the day that Yahweh gave Moses this song, he wrote it down and taught it to the Israelites.*

How long did Moses wait before he wrote the song that Yahweh told him to write?

Moses wrote the song on the same day that Yahweh told him to write it and then he taught it to the people of Israel on that same day.

Deuteronomy 31:23

ULT	UST
And he commanded Joshua, the son of Nun, and said, "Be strong and courageous; for you shall bring the sons of Israel into the land that I swore to them, and I will be with you."	*Then Yahweh commanded Joshua, whose father was Nun, "Be brave and confident, because you will lead the Israelites into the land that I solemnly promised that I would give to them. I will be with you."*

What command did Yahweh give to Joshua, the son of Nun?

Yahweh commanded Joshua to be strong and courageous.

Why did Yahweh command Joshua to be strong and courageous?

Yahweh told Joshua to be strong and courageous because Joshua would bring the people of Israel into the land that Yahweh had sworn to them and Yahweh told Joshua that he would be with Joshua.

Deuteronomy 31:24-25

To whom did Moses give the words of the law in a book when he had finished writing?

Moses gave the words of the law to the Levites who carried the box of the covenant of Yahweh.

Deuteronomy 31:25-26

What did Moses tell the Levites that they should do with the book of the law when he finished writing it?

Moses told the Levites to take the book of the law and put is by the side of the box of the covenant of Yahweh their God so that it would be there as a witness against them.

Deuteronomy 31:27

ULT	UST
For I know your rebellion and your hard neck; behold, while I am still alive with you today, you have been rebellious against Yahweh, and also surely after my death.	*I say this because I know that these people are very stubborn. They have rebelled against Yahweh all during the time that I have been with them, and they will rebel much more after I die!*

What did Moses tell the Levites he knew about them even while he was still alive?

Moses told the Levites that he knew how they had been and would continue to be rebellious against Yahweh even after his death.

Deuteronomy 31:28

ULT	UST
Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers and let me speak these words in their ears and call the heavens and the earth to witness against them.	*So gather all the elders of the tribes and your officials, in order that I can teach them the words of this song, and so that I can request all those who are in heaven and on the earth to be witnesses to testify against these people.*

Why did Moses tell the Levites to assemble before him all the elders of their tribes and their officers?

Moses told the Levites to assemble the elders and officers so that he could teach them the song which would be a witness against them.

Deuteronomy 31:29

ULT	UST
For I know that, after my death, corrupting, you will corrupt yourselves and turn aside from the path that I have commanded you, and disaster will meet you in the following days, because you will do evil in the eyes of Yahweh, provoking him to anger through the work of your hands."	*I say this because I know that after I die, the people will become very wicked. They will stop doing everything that I have commanded them to do. In the future, because of all the evil things that they will do, they will cause Yahweh to become angry with them. Then he will cause them to experience disasters."*

What does Moses say that he knows will happen after his death?

Moses says that after his death the people will utterly corrupt themselves and turn away from the path that Moses had commanded them.

What does Moses say will happen when the people turn away from the path that Moses had commanded them?

Moses says that disaster will come on the people in the following days after they turn away from the path that Moses had commanded them.

Why does Moses say disaster will come to the people?

Moses says disaster will come when Yahweh will become very angry because of the evil things they will do.

Deuteronomy 31:30

ULT	UST
And Moses spoke in the ears of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song until it was finished.	*Then, while all the Israelites listened, Moses sang the entire song to them (people will sing this in the future):*

What did Moses sing for all the assembly of Israel to hear?

Moses sang all the words of the song he had written.

Deuteronomy 32

Deuteronomy 32:1

ULT	UST
“Listen, heavens, and let me speak, and let the earth hear the utterances of my mouth.	*“Listen to me, all you who are in the heavens, let me sing this song, all you who are on the earth, do the same: listen to what I sing.*

What is Moses asking the heavens and the earth to do?

Moses is asking all who are in the heavens and on the earth to listen to the words of his mouth as he sings this song.

Deuteronomy 32:2

ULT	UST
Let my teaching drop like rain, my saying mist like dew, like sprinkling on the green, and like downpours on the grass.	*I wish that my song may help you like the rain helps you, may it refresh you like the dew on the ground in the morning, like a gentle rain on the young plants, or like showers of rain on the grass.*

To what does Moses compare his teaching and his speech?

Moses compares his teaching to rain and his speech to dew because of the refreshment they bring.

Deuteronomy 32:3

ULT	UST
For the name of Yahweh I proclaim; ascribe greatness to our God!	*This song will refresh you if you listen to it because I will praise Yahweh. All you people should praise how great our God is.*

To what name does Moses proclaim and ascribe greatness?

Moses proclaims the name of Yahweh and ascribes greatness to God.

Deuteronomy 32:4

ULT	UST
The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are just. A faithful God without iniquity, righteous and upright is he.	*He is like a rock on top of which we are safe; everything that he does is perfect and completely just. He always does what he says that he will do, and he never breaks his promises; he always does the right thing.*

Whose works are perfect and paths are just?

The work of Yahweh, the Rock, is perfect and his ways are just.

Who has no iniquity and is righteous and upright?

God is faithful, has no iniquity, and is righteous and upright.

Deuteronomy 32:5-6

What does Moses call the people who have acted corruptly against Yahweh?

Moses calls them a perverse and crooked generation and foolish people without wisdom.

Deuteronomy 32:6

ULT	UST
Is this how you reward Yahweh, people foolish and without wisdom? Is he not your father, your shaper? He made you and established you.	*You foolish and senseless people, this is certainly not the way that you should repay Yahweh for all that he has done for you. He is your father; he created you; he caused you to become a nation.*

Who does Moses say made and established the people of Israel?

Moses says that Yahweh made and established the people of Israel.

Deuteronomy 32:7

ULT	UST
Remember the days of eternity; consider the years of generation upon generation. Ask your father, and he will inform you, your elders, and they will tell you.	*Think about what happened long ago by considering what happened to your ancestors. Ask your parents, and they will inform you; ask the older people, and they will tell you.*

Of what does Moses say the fathers and elders will be able to remind the Israelites?

Moses says that the fathers and elders will be able to remind the Israelites about what happened to their ancestors.

Deuteronomy 32:9

ULT	UST
For the portion of Yahweh is his people, Jacob is the portion of his inheritance.	*because Yahweh decided that we would be his people. He chose us, Jacob's descendants, to belong to him.*

What is Yahweh's portion and inheritance?

Yahweh's portion and inheritance are Jacob's descendants, those who he chose to be his people.

Deuteronomy 32:10

ULT	UST
He found him in a wilderness land, and in the barren, howling desert. He surrounded him and gave mind to him, watched over him as the little man of his eye.	*He saw our ancestors when they were in a desert, wandering in a land that was desolate. He protected them and took care of them, as every person takes good care of his own eyes.*

Where did Yahweh find his people (Jacob)?

Yahweh found Jacob in a desert land.

What did Yahweh do for his people (Jacob)?

Yahweh protected them, watched over them, and cared for them.

Deuteronomy 32:11

ULT	UST
Like an eagle rouses his nest, over his young he hovers, He spread his wings, he took him, carried him on his pinions.	*Yahweh trained and protected his people just like an eagle encourages its babies to fly and flutters over them, spreading its wings and catching them if they start to fall.*

To what does Moses compare the way that Yahweh took care of his people?

Moses compares the way that Yahweh took care of his people to an eagle who guards her nest and hovers over her young.

Deuteronomy 32:12

ULT	UST
Yahweh alone led him, and there was not with him a god of foreigners.	*Yahweh was the only one who led them; no other foreign god helped them.*

Who alone led the people of Israel?

Yahweh alone led the people of Israel.

Deuteronomy 32:15-16

What happened when Jeshurun (Israel) grew prosperous?

When Jeshurun (Israel) grew prosperous and satisfied they abandoned and rejected Yahweh and made him jealous and angry by worshiping strange gods and idols.

Deuteronomy 32:17-18

Who did God's people forget when they continued to rebel?

They forgot the God who gave them birth.

Deuteronomy 32:19-20

What did Yahweh do because his people provoked him?

Yahweh rejected his people because of their unfaithfulness.

Deuteronomy 32:21

ULT	UST
They made me jealous with a not-god; angered me by their worthless things, so I will make them jealous with a not-people; by a foolish nation I will anger them,	*Because they worship worthless idols that are not real gods, they have made me angry like a jealous husband. So I will make them angry in return by using a foolish nation that is not really a people.*

Who will Yahweh use to make Israel angry in return for making him angry?

Yahweh will make them angry by a nation that has no understanding.

Deuteronomy 32:23

ULT	UST
I will increase disasters on them; I will spend my arrows on them,	*I will cause so many disasters to happen to them that they will feel like I am shooting all my arrows into them.*

What did Yahweh say he would cause to happen to Israel?

Yahweh said he would cause many disasters to happen to them.

Deuteronomy 32:27

ULT	UST
if the provocation of the enemy I did not fear, lest their adversaries misjudge, lest they say, "Our hand is exalted, and Yahweh did not carry out all this."'	*But I worried that if I did that, their enemies would boast. They would think the wrong thing. I did not want them to say, "We are the stronger than the Israelites; it was us, not Yahweh who destroyed them."'*

What would keep Yahweh from doing all that he threatened to his people?

Yahweh would keep from doing all that he threatened to his people because their enemies would mistakenly think they were stronger than Israel.

Deuteronomy 32:28

ULT	UST
For a nation devoid of counsel are they, and without understanding in them.	*You are a nation of people who do not have any sense. None of you are wise.*

Of what was Israel lacking as a nation?

Israel was lacking sense and there was no understanding in them.

Deuteronomy 32:29

ULT	UST
If they were wise, they would comprehend this; they would understand their latter days!	*If you were wise, you would understand why I would punish you; you would have realized what was going to happen to you.*

What does Moses want for Israel to consider?

Moses wants Israel to understand why Yahweh would punish them and what would happen to them.

Deuteronomy 32:30-31

How is it that Israel can be defeated by their enemies?

Israel could only be defeated by their enemies if Yahweh had given their enemies power to defeat them.

Deuteronomy 32:32-33

From where does the vine of the enemy come and how are the grapes described?

Their vine comes from Sodom and Gomorrah because their gods are as deeply evil theirs and the grapes from that vine are poisonous and bitter.

Deuteronomy 32:34

ULT	UST
‘Is it not concealed with me, sealed up among my treasures?	*Yahweh says, ‘The things I will do to punish them, I have kept hidden with me, protected like a treasure.*

How is the plan of Yahweh concealed?

Yahweh’s plan is concealed with him and sealed up and protected among his treasures.

Deuteronomy 32:35

ULT	UST
Mine is vengeance and recompense, at the time when their foot slips; for the day of their disaster is near, and the things prepared for them hasten.’	*It is for me to punish and to pay back. When everything sudden goes wrong I am starting to destroy them. I am prepared to punish them quickly.’*

To whom does vengeance and recompense belong?

Vengeance and recompense belongs to Yahweh.

How soon may the day of disaster and the things that are to come happen?

Disaster is near and the things to come will hurry to happen.

Deuteronomy 32:36

ULT	UST
For Yahweh vindicates his people, and has compassion on his servants. For he will see that gone is their hand, and there are none, kept back or let free.	*Yahweh will see that his people are helpless and that almost no one remains—neither prisoner nor free person. Then he will pity his servants and judge on behalf of them.*

Who will make decisions for his people and have pity on his servants?

Yahweh will decide for his people and he will pity his servants.

Deuteronomy 32:37-38

From whom does help and protection not come for the people of Israel?

Protection and help does not come from the gods, the rock in whom they took refuge and who ate their sacrifices and drank their drink offerings.

Deuteronomy 32:39

ULT	UST
See, now, that I, I am he, and there is no god besides me. I put to death and give life; I wound, and I heal, and no one rescues from my hand,	*But now you will realize that I, only I, am God; there is no other god who is a real god. I alone can kill people and can cause people to live; I can wound people, and I alone can heal people, and there is no one who can prevent me from doing those things.*

Who does God say is a god besides him and what does God alone say that he can do?

God says that there is no god besides him and he alone will kill and make alive, wound and heal.

Deuteronomy 32:40

ULT	UST
for I lift up my hand to heaven and say, "As I live forever,	*I solemnly swear that just as surely as I live forever, I will act.*

What does God, who alone is God promise as he lifts up his hand to heaven?

As he lifts his hand to heaven he promises that as he lives forever, he will act.

Deuteronomy 32:41

ULT	UST
when I sharpen my glittering sword, and my hand seizes justice, I will return vengeance on my enemies, and I will pay back those who hate me.	*I will prepare to judge my enemies like a warrior sharpens his sword until it shines. I will strike my enemies back by repaying those who hate me for what they have done.*

On whom will God bring justice and render vengeance?

God will bring justice and render vengeance on his enemies and those who hate him.

Deuteronomy 32:42

ULT	UST
I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword will devour flesh, with the blood of the slain and the captives, from the heads of the leaders of the enemy.”’	*The arrows of the army that I send to destroy my enemies will have so much blood on them that it would make them drunk if it were wine and they were people. Their swords will kill a lot of people. The blood will come from enemies that they kill or that they wound and capture, some will come from the enemies’ leaders’ heads.’*

From whom does God say that his arrows be drunk with blood and his sword devour flesh?

God’s arrows will be drunk with the blood of the killed and captives and his sword will devour flesh from the heads of the leaders of the enemy.

Deuteronomy 32:43

ULT	UST
Nations, make his people rejoice, for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and he will return vengeance on his adversaries, and atone for his land and his people.”	*Everyone joyfully praise Yahweh, because Yahweh gets revenge on those who kill the people who serve him, and he cleanses his people’s land which has become defiled because of their sins.”*

Who will rejoice with God’s people when he avenges the blood of his servants and brings vengeance on his enemies?

The nations will rejoice with God’s people.

For whom will God make atonement for his land?

God will make atonement for his land, for his people.

Deuteronomy 32:44

ULT	UST
And Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Joshua, the son of Nun.	*Moses and Joshua son of Nun sang that song while the Israelites listened.*

Who sang all the words of this song in the ears of the people?

Moses and Joshua sang this song in the ears of the people.

Deuteronomy 32:46

ULT	UST
And he said to them, "Set your hearts on all the words which I bore witness to you today, that you may command your children to keep doing all the words of this law.	*He concluded by telling them, "Never forget all these commands that I have been giving you today. Teach these laws to your children, in order that they will faithfully obey all of them.*

Why are the people of Israel to fix their minds on the words that Moses has witnessed to them?

The people are to fix their minds on Moses' words so they could command their children to keep all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 32:48-49

Why did Yahweh tell Moses to go up into the mountains opposite Jericho?

Yahweh told Moses to go up to the mountains so that he could look at the land of Canaan which Yahweh was giving to the people of Israel as their possession.

Deuteronomy 32:50

ULT	UST
And you will die on the mountain which you are going up to, and you will be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people,	*You will die on the mountain after you go up. You will join your people in the place where dead people stay, just like your older brother Aaron died on Mount Hor and went to join your people in the place where dead people stay.*

What does Yahweh say will happen to Moses on the mountain?

Yahweh says that Moses will die on the mountain as Aaron had died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people.

Deuteronomy 32:50-51

Why did Yahweh say that Moses was going to die on the mountain?

Moses was going to die on the mountain because he was unfaithful to Yahweh at the waters of Meribah in Kadesh and because Moses did not treat Yahweh with honor and respect among the people of Israel.

Deuteronomy 32:52

ULT	UST
For you will see the land from the front, but you will not go there, into the land that I am giving to the sons of Israel."	*When you are on that mountain where I told you to go, you will see in the distance in front of you the land that I am about to give to the Israelites, but you will not enter it."*

What did Yahweh say that Moses would see before his death?

Yahweh said that Moses would see the land that Yahweh was giving to the people of Israel but he would not go there.

Deuteronomy 33

Deuteronomy 33:1

ULT	UST
And this is the blessing with which Moses, the man of God, blessed the sons of Israel to the face of his death.	*Before God's prophet Moses died, he blessed the Israelites.*

When did Moses give this blessing to the people of Israel?

Moses gave this blessing to the people of Israel before his death.

Deuteronomy 33:2

ULT	UST
And he said, "Yahweh from Sinai came and rose from Seir to them, shone forth from Mount Paran, and came with ten thousands of the holy, in his right hand, a fire of law for them.	*This is what he said, "Yahweh came from Mount Sinai, he came to Israel like the sun rising over Mount Seir, his light shone from near Mount Paran. He came with ten thousand holy angels, and there was a flaming fire at his right side.*

How does Moses describe Yahweh?

Moses describes Yahweh as coming like the sun rising over Mount Seir, who shone out from Mount Paran, who came with thousands of holy angels, and there was a flaming fire at his right side.

Deuteronomy 33:3

ULT	UST
Yes, he loves the peoples. All his sanctified are in your hand, and they will be tied to your feet, he will take from your words.	*Yahweh truly loves his people and protects all his special people. So they worship him and listen to his instructions.*

How does Yahweh feel about the people of Israel?

Yahweh loves the people of Israel.

How do the holy people of Israel respond to the love of Yahweh?

The people of Israel will worship at Yahweh's feet and receive Yahweh's words.

Deuteronomy 33:4

ULT	UST
A law Moses commanded to us, a possession for the assembly of Jacob.	*They said that I gave them laws to obey, laws that would forever be for the descendants of Jacob.*

What does Moses say about the law that he commanded to the people?

Moses calls the law a possession for the descendants of Jacob.

Deuteronomy 33:5

ULT	UST
And he became a king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people had gathered together, the tribes of Israel.	*So Yahweh became the king of his precious people when all the tribes and their leaders had gathered together.*

What did Yahweh become when the heads of the people and all the tribes of Israel had gathered?

Yahweh became king in Jeshurun (Israel).

Deuteronomy 33:6

ULT	UST
Let Reuben live and not die, but let his men be few."	*I say this about the tribe of Reuben, I desire that their tribe will never disappear, but that they will never become numerous.*

What did Moses say would happen to Reuben?

Moses said that Reuben would live and not die but his men would be few.

Deuteronomy 33:7

ULT	UST
And this is for Judah. And he said, "Listen, Yahweh, to the voice of Judah, and to his people bring him. Let his hand strive for himself, and a help against his enemies you will be."	*I say this about the tribe of Judah, Yahweh, listen to them when they call out for help. When they are fighting a battle, help them against the enemy, and bring them back home safely.*

What is the blessing that Moses gives to Judah?

Moses asks Yahweh to bless Judah by listening and helping him against his enemies and bringing him home safely.

Deuteronomy 33:8-10

What does Moses tell Levi to do in his blessing?

Moses tells the Levi to keep Yahweh's covenant, teach his laws to Israel, put incense and burnt offerings on Yahweh's altar.

Deuteronomy 33:12

ULT	UST
To Benjamin, he said, "The beloved of Yahweh lives in security beside him. He covers him all the day, and between his shoulders he lives."	*I say this about the tribe of Benjamin, Yahweh loves them; he keeps them safe. He protects them continually, and he lives among their hills.*

What does Moses say about Benjamin in his blessing?

Yahweh says that Benjamin is the one loved by Yahweh who he keeps safe and protects.

Deuteronomy 33:16

ULT	UST
and from the bounty of earth and from its fullness, and the favor of the bush-dweller. Let them come on the head of Joseph, and on the top of the head of the prince of his brothers.	*Indeed, may he give them plenty of wonderful things from all that the earth produces and may Yahweh who lived in the burning bush be kind to them. I desire that Yahweh will bless the tribes of Joseph in all those ways, because he was the leader over his brothers when they were in Egypt.*

Who was prince over his brothers?

Joseph was prince over his brothers.

Deuteronomy 33:17

ULT	UST
His firstborn ox is his majesty, and the horns of a wild ox are his horns. With them he will ram the peoples together to the ends of the earth, And they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh."	*There are ten thousand upon ten thousand people in the tribe of Ephraim and thousands upon thousands of people in the tribe of Manasseh which will be as strong as a bull; with their weapons they will wound their enemies like a wild ox gores other animals with its horns. Together they will push other people groups to the most distant places on the earth.*

What will Ephraim and Manasseh do together?

They will push other people groups to the most places on earth.

Deuteronomy 33:18-19

From where does Moses say the blessings of Zebulun and Issachar will come?

The blessings of Zebulun and Issachar will come from the abundance of the seas and the sand.

Deuteronomy 33:20

ULT	UST
And to Gad, he said, "Blessed be the increaser of Gad. Like a lioness he will live, and tear off an arm, also a head.	*I say this about the tribe of Gad, Praise Yahweh, the one who made their territory large. The people of their tribe will attack their enemies fiercely like a lion that crouches, waiting to tear off the arm or the scalp of some animal.*

How does Moses say Gad will live as his territory is enlarged?

Gad will live there like a lioness ready to attach his enemies.

Deuteronomy 33:21

ULT	UST
And he saw the first for himself, for there the portion of a commander is reserved. And he came with the heads of the people. The justice of Yahweh he carried out, and his judgments with Israel."	*They chose the best part of the land for themselves; they got a share big enough for a leader. When the leaders of the tribes of Israel gathered together, the tribe of Gad did the righteous things Yahweh commanded Israel to do.*

What did Gad carry out for Yahweh?

Gad carried out the justice of Yahweh and his judgments with Israel.

Deuteronomy 33:22

ULT	UST
And to Dan, he said, "Dan is a lion cub leaping out from Bashan."	*I say this about the tribe of Dan, The people of the tribe of Dan are like a young lion; they leap out from their caves in the region of Bashan to attack their enemies.*

How did Moses describe Dan?

Moses described Dan as a lion cub that leaps out from Bashan.

Deuteronomy 33:23

ULT	UST
And to Naphtali, he said, "Naphtali, satisfied with favor, and full of the blessing of Yahweh, the west and the south, you will possess."	*I say this about the tribe of Naphtali, Yahweh has blessed and been very kind to the people of the tribe of Naphtali; their land extends far south from the Sea of Chenneroth.*

What land did Moses say Naphtali will take?

Naphtali will take possession of the land to the west and south.

Deuteronomy 33:24-25

What does Moses say about Asher in his blessing?

Moses says that Asher will be more blessed than the other sons, that he produce a lot of olive oil, and that he will be strong and secure as long as he lives.

Deuteronomy 33:27

ULT	UST
A refuge is the God of ancient days, and underneath are the eternal arms. And he thrust out the enemy from your faces, and he said, 'Destroy!'	*God, who lives forever, is the one who gives you refuge; it is as though he puts his everlasting arms under you to support you. He will drive out your enemies while you advance; he has told you to destroy all of them.*

What did Moses say God will do to Israel's enemies?

Moses said God would drive out Israel's enemies from before them.

Deuteronomy 33:28

ULT	UST
And Israel dwelt in safety secure, the spring of Jacob in a land of grain and new wine. Indeed, let his heavens drop dew.	*So you Israelite people will live safely; no one will disturb you descendants of Jacob; in the land where you will live, there will be plenty of grain and wine, and plenty of dew will fall from the sky.*

How will Israel live?

Israel will live safely and securely in a land of grain and new wine.

Deuteronomy 33:29

ULT	UST
Your happiness, Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by Yahweh, the shield of your help, and who is the sword of your majesty? And your enemies will fawn over you, but you, on their backs will trample."	*You people of Israel are very fortunate. There is certainly no nation like your nation, whom Yahweh has rescued from being slaves in Egypt. He will be like a shield to protect you and like a powerful sword to enable you to defeat your enemies. Your enemies will come to you begging for you to act mercifully toward them, but you will thoroughly overcome them."*

How does Moses describing Israel?

Moses describes Israel as a people saved by Yahweh, whose enemies will come begging to them.

Deuteronomy 34

Deuteronomy 34:1-3

From where was Moses shown all the lands that the tribes of Israel would possess?

Moses was shown all the land that the tribes of Israel would posses from the top of Pisgah.

Deuteronomy 34:4

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to him, "This is the land that I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your seed.' I have showed you, to your eyes, but you will not go over there."	*Then Yahweh said to him, "This is the land that I solemnly promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that I would give to their descendants. I have allowed you to see it clearly from a distance, but you will not go there."*

What did Yahweh allow Moses to see before he died?

Yahweh allowed Moses to see the land that Yahweh promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Deuteronomy 34:5-6

Where did Moses die and where did Yahweh bury Moses?

Moses died in the land of Moab and Yahweh buried him in the valley, in the land of Moab opposite Beth Peor.

Deuteronomy 34:7

ULT	UST
And Moses was a son of 120 years when he died; his eye was not dim, nor had his vigor fled.	*Moses was 120 years old when he died, but he was still very strong, and he could still see very well.*

What was Moses physical condition when he died at 120 years of age?

When Moses died he was still strong and could see well.

Deuteronomy 34:8

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel mourned Moses in the plains of Moab 30 days, and the days of the tears of mourning for Moses were finished.	*The Israelites mourned for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days and then they stopped crying for him.*

How long did the people of Israel mourn for Moses?

The people mourned for Moses for 30 days.

Deuteronomy 34:9

ULT	UST
And Joshua, the son of Nun, was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. And the sons of Israel listened to him and did what Yahweh had commanded Moses.	*Because Moses had put his hands on Joshua the son of Nun to appoint him to be the Israelites' new leader, God gave Joshua a spirit that made him very wise. The Israelites obeyed Joshua, and they obeyed all that Yahweh had commanded them through Moses.*

Why did the people of Israel listen to Joshua and do what Yahweh had commanded Moses?

The people of Israel listened to Joshua because Joshua was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him.

Deuteronomy 34:10

ULT	UST
And a prophet like Moses has not arisen in Israel since, whom Yahweh knew face to face,	*Since the time that Moses lived, there has never been a prophet in Israel like him, for Yahweh spoke with him personally.*

How was Moses known by Yahweh?

Yahweh knew Moses face to face.

Deuteronomy 34:10-12

Has there ever been a prophet like Moses in Israel?

There has never been any other prophet like Moses in all of Israel.

Joshua

Joshua 1

Joshua 1:1-3

What did Yahweh tell Joshua to do after the death of Moses?

Yahweh told Joshua to arise, cross the Jordan River with all the people, and go into the land he was giving to the sons of Israel.

Joshua 1:5

ULT	UST
No man will be able to stand to your face all of the days of your life. I will be with you just as I was with Moses. I will not abandon you and I will not leave you.	*No people group will be able to defeat you as long as you live. I will help you as I helped Moses. I promise that I will not abandon you and I will never leave you.*

Why did Yahweh say that no one would be able to stand against Joshua?

Yahweh said that no one would be able to stand against Joshua because Yahweh would be with Joshua just as he had been with Moses.

Joshua 1:7

ULT	UST
Only be strong and be very courageous, to be careful to do according to all of the law that Moses, my servant, commanded you. Do not turn aside from it to the right or to the left, so that you may succeed in every place where you go.	*Just be strong and very brave so that you can be sure to obey all the laws that my servant Moses gave to you. Obey those laws so that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not stop obeying any of them.*

What did Yahweh ask Joshua to do regarding the law of Moses?

Yahweh asked Joshua to be strong and very courageous, and to be careful to do according to all the law that Moses commanded, not turning from it to the right or to the left.

Joshua 1:8

ULT	UST
This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you will be careful to do according to everything written in it. For then you will make your ways prosperous and then you will succeed.	*Make sure to read continually the laws that God gave Moses. Constantly think about those laws so that you will carefully obey each one. If you do that, then you will be successful in the things you do.*

What did Yahweh tell Joshua he should meditate on day and night?

Yahweh told Joshua that the book of the law should not depart from his mouth, but he should meditate on it day and night.

Joshua 1:11

ULT	UST
“Pass through the midst of the camp and command the people, saying, ‘Prepare provisions for yourselves, because within three days you are crossing over this Jordan to enter to possess the land that Yahweh your God is giving to you to possess it.’”	*“Go throughout the camp and give these orders to the people: ‘Prepare all the food that you will take with you, because the day after tomorrow we will cross the Jordan River. We are going across in order to conquer the land that Yahweh, our God, has promised to give us.’”*

What did Joshua tell the officers of the people to command the people?

Joshua told the officers to command the people to prepare provisions for themselves because within three days they would cross the Jordan to possess the land Yahweh was giving them.

Joshua 1:13

ULT	UST
“Remember the word that Moses the servant of Yahweh commanded you, saying, ‘Yahweh your God is giving rest to you, and he will give to you this land.’	*“Keep in mind the orders that Moses the servant of Yahweh gave you. Moses said, ‘Yahweh your God will give you this land so that you can live here peacefully.’*

What did Joshua remind the people that Moses had said Yahweh would give them?

Joshua reminded the people that Moses had said, “Yahweh your God is giving rest to you, and he will give to you this land.”

Joshua 1:14

ULT	UST
Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock may remain in the land that Moses gave to you on the other side of the Jordan. But you yourselves, being armed, shall cross over to the face of your brothers, all of the warriors of valor, and you shall help them	*Your wives, your little children, and your cows, sheep, and goats may stay here in this land that Moses gave you on the east side of the Jordan River. But all the men of fighting age, twenty years old or older, must cross the Jordan River. They must go ahead of the people of the other tribes. Your soldiers must take all their weapons so that they can help their fellow Israelites.*

What did Joshua tell the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh to do?

Joshua told them that their wives, children, and livestock could remain in the land Moses had given them east of the Jordan, but all their warriors, being armed, should cross over to help their brothers.

Joshua 1:16

ULT	UST
And they answered Joshua, saying, "All of what you have commanded us, we will do, and to everywhere you send us, we will go.	*The people answered Joshua, "We will do everything you have told us to do, and we will go wherever you tell us to go.*

How did the people answer Joshua's commands?

The people answered Joshua by saying they would do all that he had commanded them and go wherever he sent them.

Joshua 2

Joshua 2:1

ULT	UST
And Joshua, the son of Nun, secretly sent from Shittim two men, spies, saying, "Go, see the land and Jericho." And they went and entered the house of a woman, a prostitute, and her name was Rahab, and they stayed there.	*Then Joshua son of Nun chose two men from their camp at Shittim. He told them, "Go secretly and find out all that you can about the land, especially about the city of Jericho." They left the camp and went to Jericho. A prostitute whose name was Rahab lived in that city. They stayed in her house that night.*

Where did the two spies stay when Joshua sent them to see the land and Jericho?

The two spies stayed at the house of a prostitute named Rahab in Jericho.

Joshua 2:4

ULT	UST
But the woman had taken the two men and had hidden them. And she said, "Indeed, the men came to me, but I did not know from where they were.	*But Rahab had already hidden the two men inside her house. She told the messengers, "Yes, it is true that those men came to me. But I did not know that they were spies.*

What did Rahab do with the two spies when the king of Jericho sent men to find them?

When the king's men came to Rahab looking for the spies, she had hidden the spies, and she denied knowing where they were.

Joshua 2:5

ULT	UST
And the gate was to shut at darkness, and the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue quickly after them, for you may overtake them."	*Those men left Jericho at dusk, before the guards closed the city gates. I do not know where they were going. But if you hurry, you might catch up with them."*

What did Rahab tell the men from the king of Jericho about the spies?

Rahab told the king's men that the spies had come to her, but she did not know where they were from, and they left at dark when the gate was about to shut. She told the men to pursue them quickly to overtake them.

Joshua 2:9

ULT	UST
And she said to the men, "I know that Yahweh has given the land to you and that the dread of you has fallen on us and that all the dwellers of the land have melted from your faces.	*She said to them, "We know that Yahweh is going to enable you Israelites to conquer this land. As a result, all the people living in this land are so afraid of you that we will not be able to fight with you.*

What reason did Rahab give the spies for why she had hidden them?

Rahab told the spies that she knew Yahweh had given them the land and that the dread of them had fallen on her people.

Joshua 2:10

ULT	UST
For we have heard that Yahweh dried up the water of the Sea of Reeds from your faces in your going out from Egypt, and what you did to two of the kings of the Amorite who were on the other side of the Jordan, to Sihon and to Og, that you devoted them.	*We have heard about how Yahweh dried up the water of the Sea of Reeds so that you could cross it when you left Egypt. We also heard how you killed Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorite people group who lived on the eastern side of the Jordan River. We heard how you totally destroyed them.*

What reports had made Rahab believe Yahweh had given the Israelites the land?

Rahab said she believed Yahweh had given the Israelites the land because she had heard how Yahweh dried up the water of the Sea of Reeds for them and what they did to the two Amorite kings, Sihon and Og.

Joshua 2:13

ULT	UST
that you will keep alive my father and my mother and my brothers and my sisters and all who are to them and you will deliver our lives from death."	*Spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all of their families. Promise me that you Israelites will not kill us when you destroy this city."*

What did Rahab ask the spies to do for her and her family?

Rahab asked the spies to swear by Yahweh that they would keep her father, mother, brothers, sisters, and all their households alive and deliver them from death.

Joshua 2:14

ULT	UST
And the men said to her, "Our lives in place of yours to die! If you do not tell this matter of ours, then it will happen, in Yahweh's giving the land to us, that we will do kindness and faithfulness with you."	*The two men told her, "May Yahweh cause us to die if we let anyone kill you or your family! If you do not tell others what we are planning to do, then we will act kindly toward you and all your family. We will not kill you when Yahweh enables us to conquer this land."*

What did the spies promise Rahab?

The spies promised Rahab that their lives would be given in place of hers if she did not tell about their mission, and they would deal kindly and faithfully with her when Yahweh gave them the land.

Joshua 2:18

ULT	UST
Behold us, coming into the land! You shall tie this cord of thread of scarlet in the window through which you lower us down, and your father and your mother and your brothers and all of the house of your father, you shall gather to you at the house.	*When we come into the land, you must tie this red cord in the window through which you let us down. You must gather together your father and mother, your brothers and sisters, and their families inside your house.*

What did the spies tell Rahab she must do for her and her family to be safe when they came into the land?

The spies told Rahab to tie a scarlet cord in the window and gather her father, mother, brothers, and all her father's household into her house.

Joshua 2:24

ULT	UST
And they said to Joshua, "Truly Yahweh has given all of the land into our hand, for indeed, all of the dwellers of the land are melting from our faces."	*They said to Joshua, "We are certain that Yahweh is going to enable us to conquer that whole land. We know that because all the people there are very afraid of us."*

What did the spies report to Joshua when they returned?

The spies told Joshua that Yahweh had given all the land into their hand and that all the inhabitants of the land were melting because of them.

Joshua 3

Joshua 3:2-3

What did the officers tell the people to do when they saw the Levite priests carrying the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh?

The officers told the people that when they saw the Box of the Covenant and the priests carrying it, they should set out from their place and follow it.

Joshua 3:3-4

Why did the officers tell the people to stay about 2,000 cubits behind the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh?

The officers told the people to stay that far behind the Box of the Covenant so they would know the way to go, since they had not passed that way before.

Joshua 3:5

ULT	UST
And Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow Yahweh will do wonders in your midst."	*Then Joshua told the Israelites, "Perform the ceremonies that will make yourselves acceptable to Yahweh, because tomorrow he is going to do things for you that will amaze you!"*

What did Joshua say Yahweh was going to do among the people the next day?

Joshua said that Yahweh was going to do wonders for the people the next day.

Joshua 3:8

ULT	UST
And you, you shall command the priests, the carriers of the Box of the Covenant, saying, 'As you come unto the edge of the waters of the Jordan, in the Jordan you shall stand.'"	*Tell the priests who are carrying the sacred chest, 'When you come to the edge of the Jordan River, stand still in the water.'"*

What did Yahweh tell Joshua to command the priests carrying the Box of the Covenant when they reached the edge of the Jordan River?

Yahweh told Joshua to command the priests to stand still in the Jordan River once they reached the edge of its waters.

Joshua 3:13

ULT	UST
And it will happen as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests, the carriers of the Box of Yahweh, the Lord of all of the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan will be cut off, the waters coming down from above. And they will stand, one heap."	*When the priests who are carrying the chest of Yahweh, who rules over all the earth, put their feet in the waters of the Jordan River, the water will stop flowing. The water coming from upstream will pile up because Yahweh will cause them to be blocked."*

What did Joshua tell the people would happen when the soles of the feet of the priests carrying the Box of Yahweh rested in the waters of the Jordan?

Joshua told the people that as soon as the soles of the priests' feet rested in the Jordan's waters, the waters flowing from above would be cut off and stand in one heap.

Joshua 3:16

ULT	UST
Then the waters coming down from above stood still. They rose up, one heap, at a great distance away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those going down to the sea of Arabah, the Sea of Salt, were completely cut off. (Now the people crossed over opposite Jericho.)	*the water stopped flowing. The water piled up far upstream, at a town named Adam, near the city named Zarethan. The water stopped flowing down to the Sea of Arabah, which people also call the Sea of Salt. The water completely stopped flowing, and the people were able to cross the river near Jericho.*

Where did the people cross the Jordan River?

The people crossed the Jordan opposite Jericho, while the waters from above stood in a heap far away at Adam.

Joshua 3:17

ULT	UST
So the priests, the carriers of the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh, stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan. And all of Israel was crossing over on dry ground until when all of the nation had finished crossing over the Jordan.	*The priests who were carrying the sacred chest of Yahweh stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan riverbed. They continued to stand there until all the people of Israel had crossed the river on dry ground.*

What did the priests who carried the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh do while all Israel crossed the Jordan?

The priests who carried the Box of the Covenant stood firmly on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan River until all the nation had finished crossing.

Joshua 4

Joshua 4:3

ULT	UST
and command them, saying: 'Lift up for yourselves from here, from the midst of the Jordan, from the firm standing place of the feet of the priests, 12 stones. And you shall bring them over with you and you shall leave them in the lodging place in which you will lodge tonight.'"	*Tell them to pick up 12 stones from the middle of the dry Jordan riverbed where the priests are standing. Tell them to carry those stones and put them down at the place you will stay tonight."*

What did Yahweh tell Joshua to command 12 men (one from each tribe) to do?

Yahweh told Joshua to command the 12 men to take 12 stones from the middle of the Jordan, from where the priests' feet stood, and carry them to their lodging place.

Joshua 4:7

ULT	UST
then you shall say to them, 'Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off from the face of the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh. In its crossing over in the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off.' And these stones will be for a memorial to the sons of Israel forever."	*Tell them that these stones are here because Yahweh blocked the water in the Jordan River so that it stopped flowing when the priests were carrying the sacred chest of Yahweh. When the chest was carried into the Jordan River, Yahweh blocked the water so that we were able to cross the Jordan on dry ground. These stones will cause our descendants to remember forever what Yahweh has done."*

What did Joshua say was the purpose of the 12 stones taken from the Jordan River?

The stones would be a memorial to the people of Israel forever, because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh when it crossed.

Joshua 4:13

ULT	UST
About 40, 000 equipped ones of the army crossed over to the face of Yahweh to the plains of Jericho for battle.	*As Yahweh was watching, about 40, 000 soldiers crossed the riverbed. These men were ready fight in the Israelite army. They were heading for the plains of Jericho, where they would fight a battle.*

About how many armed warriors crossed over before Yahweh to the plains of Jericho for battle?

About 40,000 armed warriors crossed over before Yahweh to the plains of Jericho for battle.

Joshua 4:18

ULT	UST
And it happened that when the priests, the carriers of the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh, came up from the midst of the Jordan, when the soles of the feet of the priests were lifted up to dry ground, then the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and went over all of its banks, as yesterday and the third day.	*Then the priests, carrying the sacred chest of Yahweh, came up out of the Jordan riverbed. As soon as the priests walked up out of the riverbed onto the riverbank, the water of the Jordan River started flowing again, and the river overflowed its banks as it had been doing before.*

What happened when the priests who carried the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh came up out of the Jordan and their feet touched dry ground?

When the priests' feet touched dry ground, the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and flowed over all its banks as before.

Joshua 4:20

ULT	UST
And those 12 stones that they had taken from the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal.	*At Gilgal, Joshua set up the 12 large stones that the 12 men had carried from the Jordan riverbed.*

Where did Joshua set up the 12 stones that the men had taken out of the Jordan?

At Gilgal Joshua set up the 12 stones that came out of the Jordan.

Joshua 4:24

ULT	UST
so that all of the peoples of the earth may know the hand of Yahweh, that it is mighty, so that you will fear Yahweh your God all of the days."	*Yahweh did that in order that all the peoples of the earth would know that he is very powerful. And because you have seen this, as a result, you will always revere Yahweh your God."*

Why did Joshua say the people should tell their children what Yahweh had done for them at the Jordan?

Joshua said they should tell their children so that all the peoples of the earth might know Yahweh's hand is mighty, and so that they might fear Yahweh their God all the days.

Joshua 5

Joshua 5:1

ULT	UST
And it happened that when all of the kings of the Amorite who were on the other side of the Jordan, toward the sea, and all of the kings of the Canaanite who were beside the sea heard that Yahweh had dried up the waters of the Jordan from the face of the sons of Israel until they had crossed over, then their heart melted, and a spirit was no longer in them from the face of the sons of Israel.	*The leaders of the Amorites and Canaanites heard about how Yahweh had dried up the water of the Jordan River in front of the Israelites so that they could cross it. Those leaders included all the kings of the Amorites who lived on the west side of the Jordan River, toward the Great Sea. They also included all the kings of the Canaanites, who lived close to the Great Sea. When those kings heard what Yahweh had done, they became very afraid and no longer desired to fight the Israelites.*

What was the reaction of the Amorite and Canaanite kings when they heard Yahweh had dried up the Jordan's waters for Israel?

When the kings heard how Yahweh had dried up the Jordan's waters, their hearts melted, and there was no longer any spirit in them because of the sons of Israel.

Joshua 5:2

ULT	UST
At that time Yahweh said to Joshua, "Make for yourself knives of flint and again, circumcise the sons of Israel a second time."	*While the Israelites were staying at Gilgal, Yahweh said to Joshua, "Someone had circumcised the Israelite males who lived in Egypt before they left there. Now make knives from flint stones and circumcise all the Israelite males whom no one has yet circumcised."*

What did Yahweh command Joshua to make and do a second time for the sons of Israel?

Yahweh commanded Joshua to make flint knives and circumcise the sons of Israel a second time.

Joshua 5:7

ULT	UST
And he raised up their sons instead of them; Joshua circumcised them. For they were uncircumcised because they had not circumcised them on the way.	*The sons of those who had disobeyed Yahweh were the ones whom Joshua and other Israelite leaders circumcised at Gilgal. They circumcised them there because no one had done that while they were traveling in the wilderness.*

Why did Joshua have to circumcise the sons of those who came out of Egypt?

Joshua had to circumcise them because they were uncircumcised, as they had not been circumcised while they were traveling in the wilderness.

Joshua 5:10

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel camped at Gilgal, and they performed the Passover on day 14 of the month, in the evening, on the plains of Jericho.	*On the evening of the fourteenth day of that month, while the people of Israel were staying at Gilgal, on the plain near the city of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover festival.*

What festival did the sons of Israel celebrate while camped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho?

While camped at Gilgal, the sons of Israel celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month.

Joshua 5:12

ULT	UST
And the manna stopped from the morrow of their eating from the yield of the land, and manna was no longer for the sons of Israel. And they ate from the produce of the land of Canaan in that year.	*The next day, Yahweh stopped sending manna for the people of Israel to eat. From then on, they ate food that grew in the land of Canaan.*

What food stopped the day after the people of Israel ate the produce of the land of Canaan?

The manna stopped the day after they ate the produce of the land, and the sons of Israel no longer had manna.

Joshua 5:13

ULT	UST
And it happened, in Joshua being by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing in front of him and his drawn sword was in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"	*One day, when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw someone who appeared to be a man standing in front of him. The man was holding a sword in his hand. Joshua approached him and asked him, "Are you going to fight for us or against us?"*

Who did Joshua see standing in front of him with a drawn sword when he was by Jericho?

Joshua saw a man standing in front of him with his drawn sword in his hand.

Joshua 5:14

ULT	UST
And he said, "No, but I myself have now come as the commander of the army of Yahweh." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and bowed down. And he said to him, "What is my lord speaking to his servant?"	*The man replied, "I am not a soldier in any human army. Rather, I am the commander of Yahweh's army. I have come here to help you." Then Joshua very respectfully got down on his knees and touched his face to the ground. Joshua said to him, "What do you want me to do? I will do it."*

Who did the man with the drawn sword say he was?

The man with the drawn sword told Joshua that he had come as the commander of the army of Yahweh.

What did Joshua ask the commander of Yahweh's army?

Joshua fell on his face to the earth, bowed down, and asked what his lord was speaking to his servant.

Joshua 5:15

ULT	UST
And the commander of the army of Yahweh said to Joshua, “Slip off your sandal from upon your foot, because the place that you are standing on, it is holy.” And Joshua did so.	*The commander of Yahweh’s army replied, “The ground on which you are standing is holy because I am here. So take off your sandals.” So Joshua took off his sandals.*

What did the commander of Yahweh’s army tell Joshua to do because the place on which he was standing was holy?

The commander of Yahweh’s army told Joshua to remove his sandals from his feet because the place on which he was standing was holy.

Joshua 6

Joshua 6:2

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, and its king, the warriors of valor.	*Then Yahweh said to Joshua, "Pay attention to what I am about to tell you! I am going to enable your army to conquer the city of Jericho and its king and its soldiers.*

What did Yahweh promise Joshua concerning Jericho, its king, and its warriors?

Yahweh promised Joshua that he had given Jericho, its king, and its warriors into Joshua's hand.

Joshua 6:3

ULT	UST
And you shall circle the city, all of the men of war, circling the city one time. Thus you shall do six days.	*You and your army must march around the city once a day for six days.*

How were the men of war to circle the city of Jericho for six days?

All the men of war were to circle the city, going around it one time each day for six days.

Joshua 6:4-5

What did Yahweh tell Joshua should happen on the seventh day involving priests, shofars, and the people?

Yahweh told him that seven priests should carry seven shofars before the Box, and on the seventh day the people should circle the city seven times while the priests blew the shofars; then, at a long blast, all the people should shout.

Joshua 6:5

ULT	UST
And it will happen, when they make a long blast with the horn of the ram, as soon as you hear the sound of the shofar, all of the people shall shout a great shout. And the wall of the city will fall under itself and the people shall go up, a man in front of him."	*After they have all marched around the city seven times, then the priests must blow their horns very loudly. When you and the Israelite soldiers hear that, you must all shout very loudly. Then the city wall will collapse onto itself, and all the Israelite soldiers will go straight into the city."*

What did Yahweh say would happen to the city wall when the people shouted on the seventh day?

Yahweh said the wall of the city would collapse unto itself, and the people should go up, every man straight into the city.

Joshua 6:10

ULT	UST
And Joshua commanded the people, saying, "You shall not shout, and you shall not make your voice heard, and a word shall not go out from your mouth until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout."	*But all the Israelites, except the priests who were blowing their horns, were silent, because Joshua had commanded them to say nothing. He had told them, "Do not make a war cry. Do not yell or say even one word until the seventh day when we have walked around the city and I tell you to shout. On that day, you must shout!"*

What did Joshua command the people not to do until he told them to shout?

Joshua commanded the people not to shout, nor let their voice be heard, nor let a word go out of their mouth until the day he told them to shout.

Joshua 6:17

ULT	UST
And the city is a devoted thing, it and all that is in it, for Yahweh. Only Rahab the prostitute will live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers whom we sent.	*Yahweh has declared that you must destroy the city and everything in it to show that it belongs to him. You must only spare Rahab the prostitute and all the people who are in her house with her, because she hid the spies we sent to Jericho.*

Who did Joshua say would live when the city of Jericho was devoted to Yahweh, and why?

Joshua said that only Rahab the prostitute and all who were with her in her house would live, because she hid the messengers they sent.

Joshua 6:19

ULT	UST
And all of the silver and gold and objects of bronze and iron, it is a holy thing for Yahweh. It shall enter the storehouse of Yahweh."	*All the silver and gold and all the iron and bronze articlesthat you find, you must set apart for Yahweh. You must put those things in his treasury."*

What did Joshua declare was holy to Yahweh and must enter Yahweh's treasury?

Joshua declared that all the silver, gold, and objects of bronze and iron were holy to Yahweh and must enter Yahweh's treasury.

Joshua 6:21

ULT	UST
And they devoted all that was in the city, from man and to woman, from young and to old, and to ox and sheep and donkey, to the mouth of the sword.	*They killed every living thing in Jericho. They killed all the men, women, boys, and girls. They also killed all the cattle and sheep and donkeys.*

What did the people of Israel do to everything in the city after the walls of Jericho fell?

The people of Israel devoted to destruction by the sword all that was in the city—men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys.

Joshua 6:22

ULT	UST
And Joshua said to the two men having spied out the land, "Enter the house of the woman, the prostitute, and bring out from there the woman and all who are to her, just as you swore to her."	*Then Joshua said to the two men who had spied on the land, "Go to the house of that prostitute woman who helped you. Bring her out, along with all her family, just as you promised her you would do."*

What did Joshua command the two men who had spied out the land to do regarding Rahab?

Joshua commanded the two spies to go into the prostitute's house and bring her out, and all who belonged to her, as they had sworn to her.

Joshua 6:26

ULT	UST
And Joshua made them swear at that time, saying, "Cursed is the man to the face of Yahweh who arises and builds this city, Jericho. With his firstborn he will found it, and with his youngest he will set up its gates."	*After Joshua and his soldiers had destroyed the city of Jericho, he made each of the Israelites swear that they would not rebuild the city. He said, "Yahweh will curse anyone who rebuilds this city, Jericho. When that person lays its foundation, Yahweh will cause his oldest son to die. When he finishes building the city wall and sets up its gates, Yahweh will cause his youngest son to die." All the people agreed that this should be the punishment for anyone who rebuilt the city.*

What curse did Joshua pronounce on the man who would rebuild Jericho?

Joshua said that the man who rebuilt Jericho would be cursed before Yahweh: he would lay its foundation with his firstborn and set up its gates with his youngest son.

Joshua 7

Joshua 7:1

ULT	UST
But the sons of Israel treacherously committed a treacherous act regarding a devoted thing. For Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, took from the devoted thing. And the nose of Yahweh burned against the sons of Israel.	*Yahweh had commanded the Israelites to show that all the things they found in Jericho belonged to him. To do that, the Israelites were to destroy them or put them in his treasury. But there was a man from the tribe of Judah whose name was Achan. He was the son of Karmi, the grandson of Zabdi, and the great-grandson of Zerah. He disobeyed what Yahweh had commanded the Israelites. He took for himself some of the things Yahweh had said belonged only to him. Therefore, Yahweh became very angry with the Israelites.*

Why did Yahweh's anger burn against the sons of Israel after Jericho?

Yahweh's anger burned against the sons of Israel because Achan, from the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things.

Joshua 7:3

ULT	UST
And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not let all the people go up. About 2, 000 men or about 3, 000 men should go up and strike Ai. Do not make all the people weary there, because they are few."	*When they returned, they told him, "Only a small number of people live in Ai. So just send 2, 000 or 3, 000 men to attack them. There is no need to send all of our soldiers."*

What did the spies who went to Ai report back to Joshua about its people?

The spies reported to Joshua not to make all the people go up, but that about 2,000 or 3,000 men should strike Ai, because its people were few.

Joshua 7:5

ULT	UST
And the men of Ai struck down from them about 36 men. And they pursued them from the face of the gate unto the quarries, and they struck them on the slope. And the heart of the people melted and became water.	*The soldiers of Ai killed about 36 Israelite soldiers. They chased the rest of them from the city gate to the stone quarries. They even killed Israelite soldiers on the slopes that led back down to the Jordan River. When the Israelite people saw this, they became very afraid. They no longer had the courage to fight.*

What happened when about 3,000 men from Israel attacked Ai?

The men of Ai struck down about 36 of the Israelite men, pursued them from the gate to the quarries, and struck them on the descent.

Joshua 7:6

ULT	UST
And Joshua tore his garments and fell on his face to the earth to the face of the Box of Yahweh until the evening, he and the elders of Israel. And they made dust go up onto their heads.	*Joshua and the leaders of Israel tore their clothes to show that they were very sad that their enemies had defeated them. They lay down on the ground in front of the sacred chest of Yahweh, and they stayed there until evening time. They also put dirt on their heads to show that they were very sad about what had happened.*

What did Joshua and the elders of Israel do until evening after the defeat at Ai?

Joshua tore his garments and fell on his face to the earth before the Box of Yahweh until evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads.

Joshua 7:11

ULT	UST
Israel has sinned and indeed transgressed my covenant, which I commanded them, and has indeed taken from the devoted thing and has indeed stolen and also deceived and also placed it among their things.	*The people of Israel have sinned. They have disobeyed the commands that I instructed them to obey. They have taken from the things that I said they must devote to me. They have stolen and been deceptive and put what they have stolen in with their own possessions.*

What did Yahweh tell Joshua was the reason Israel was defeated at Ai and could not stand before their enemies?

Yahweh told Joshua that Israel had sinned by transgressing his covenant, taking from the devoted things, stealing, deceiving, and putting it among their own things.

Joshua 7:13

ULT	UST
Arise! Consecrate the people and say, ‘Consecrate yourselves for tomorrow, because thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, “A devoted thing is in your midst, Israel. You will not be able to stand to the face of your enemies until you remove the devoted thing from your midst.”	*Now go and tell the people of Israel that they must prepare themselves for what will happen tomorrow. They must perform the rituals that will cause them to become acceptable to me again. Tell them that I said that one of you has kept some of the things that I told you to devote to me. Tell them that I said you will not be able to defeat your enemies until you get rid of those things.*

What did Yahweh tell Joshua to do to prepare the people for the next day?

Yahweh told Joshua to arise, consecrate the people, and tell them to consecrate themselves for the next day because there was a devoted thing in their midst.

Joshua 7:15

ULT	UST
And it will happen, the one taken with the devoted thing shall be burned with fire, he and all that is to him, because he has transgressed the covenant of Yahweh, and because he has done a disgraceful thing in Israel.’”	*Then you must kill and burn the body of the person who has taken some of the things that you should have given to me. You must burn him and his family and everything he owns, because he has disobeyed the agreement that I, Yahweh made with you Israelites, and because he has done a disgraceful act among the people of Israel.”*

What did Yahweh say would happen to the one caught with the devoted thing?

Yahweh said that the one caught with the devoted thing, he and all that belonged to him, would be burned with fire, because he transgressed Yahweh’s covenant and did a disgraceful thing in Israel.

Joshua 7:21

ULT	UST
Now I saw among the spoil one good coat of Shinar and 200 shekels of silver and one wedge of gold, 50 shekels was its weight. And I desired them and took them. And behold, they are hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver is under it."	*I saw among the plunder from Jericho a beautiful coat from Babylon. I also saw 200 pieces of silver and a piece of gold that weighed the equivalent of 50 pieces of silver. I wanted those things very much, so I took them. I buried them in the ground under my tent. You will find them there. The silver pieces are buried under the other things."*

What items did Achan confess to Joshua that he had taken from the spoil?

Achan confessed he had taken a good coat from Shinar, 200 shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing 50 shekels.

Where did Achan tell Joshua he had hidden the things he had taken?

Achan told Joshua he had hidden them in the earth in the middle of his tent, with the silver underneath.

Joshua 7:24

ULT	UST
And Joshua took Achan, the son of Zerah, and the silver and the coat and the wedge of gold and his sons and his daughters and his ox and his donkey and his flock and his tent and all that was to him, and all Israel with him. And they brought them up to the Valley of Achor.	*Then Joshua and the Israelites brought Achan son of Zerah up to a place that people later called the Valley of Achor. They brought the things he had stolen from Yahweh, and they also brought his sons and daughters and his wife and his cattle and donkeys and sheep and goats. They also brought his tent and everything else that belonged to him.*

Where did Joshua and all Israel take Achan, his family, his possessions, and the stolen items?

Joshua and all Israel took Achan and all that he had to the Valley of Achor.

Joshua 7:26

ULT	UST
And they raised up over him a great pile of stones, to this day. And Yahweh turned from the burning of his nose. Therefore the name of that place is called the Valley of Achor to this day.	*They piled rocks over the ashes of their corpses, and those rocks are still there now. After that, Yahweh was no longer angry with the Israelites. That is why the Israelites named that place the Valley of Achor. People still call it by that name now.*

What happened to Yahweh's burning anger after Achan and his household were stoned and burned?

After Achan was dealt with, Yahweh turned from his burning anger.

Joshua 8

Joshua 8:1-2

What instructions did Yahweh give Joshua for attacking Ai, including what to do with its spoil?

Yahweh told Joshua not to fear, to take all the men of war, go up to Ai, set an ambush behind the city, and do to Ai and its king as he did to Jericho, but they could take its spoil and livestock for themselves.

Joshua 8:2

ULT	UST
And you shall do to Ai and its king just as you did to Jericho and its king, except you may plunder its spoil and its livestock for yourselves. Set for yourselves an ambush against the city from behind it."	*Your army must do to the city of Ai and its people and king the same thing that you did to the city of Jericho and its people and king. But this time I will allow you to take all their possessions and keep them for yourselves. Tell some of your soldiers to hide behind the city and prepare to attack it suddenly."*

What were the people of Israel allowed to do with the spoil and livestock from Ai, unlike Jericho?

Yahweh told the people they could plunder the spoil and livestock of Ai for themselves.

Joshua 8:3

ULT	UST
And Joshua and all of the people of war arose to go up to Ai. And Joshua chose 30, 000 men, warriors of valor, and sent them at night.	*So Joshua led all his army toward the city of Ai. He chose 30, 000 of his best soldiers and prepared them to go out during the night.*

How many warriors did Joshua choose and send by night for the ambush of Ai?

Joshua chose 30,000 men, warriors of valor, and sent them out by night.

Joshua 8:5

ULT	UST
As I and all of the people who are with me, we will go near to the city. And it will happen, when they come out to meet us just as at the first, that we will flee to their faces.	*I and the soldiers who are with me will march toward the city in the morning. Then the soldiers who are in the city will come out to fight us, as they did before. We will turn around and start to run away from them.*

What was Joshua's plan for his main forces when they approached Ai and the men of Ai came out?

Joshua planned that he and all the people with him would approach the city, and when the men of Ai came out to meet them as before, they would flee.

Joshua 8:8

ULT	UST
And it will happen that when you capture the city, you shall burn the city with fire. You shall do according to the word of Yahweh. See, I have commanded you."	*After you capture the city, burn it. Do what Yahweh has commanded us to do. Those are the orders I am giving to you."*

What were Joshua's men in ambush to do to the city once they captured it, according to Yahweh's word?

When the men captured the city, they were to burn it with fire, according to the word of Yahweh.

Joshua 8:15-17

What did all the people of Ai and Bethel do when Joshua and his army pretended to be beaten and fled toward the wilderness?

All the people in Ai were summoned to pursue Joshua's army; they pursued Joshua, were drawn away from the city, and left the city open, as did the men of Bethel.

Joshua 8:18

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Joshua, "Stretch out with the curved sword that is in your hand toward Ai, because I will give it into your hand." And Joshua stretched out with the curved sword that was in his hand toward the city.	*Then Yahweh said to Joshua, "Lift up your curved sword and point it toward Ai, because I am going to enable your soldiers to capture it!" So Joshua pointed his curved sword toward Ai.*

What signal did Yahweh tell Joshua to give with his curved sword to initiate the ambush?

Yahweh told Joshua to stretch out the curved sword in his hand toward Ai, because he would give it into Joshua's hand.

Joshua 8:23

ULT	UST
And they seized the king of Ai alive, and they brought him to Joshua.	*But the king of Ai was still alive. They captured him and brought him to Joshua.*

Who did the men of Israel capture alive from Ai and bring to Joshua?

The men of Israel captured the king of Ai alive and brought him to Joshua.

Joshua 8:26

ULT	UST
And Joshua did not turn back his hand that he had stretched out with the curved sword, until when he had devoted all of the dwellers of Ai.	*Joshua continued to point his curved sword toward Ai until the Israelites had killed all the people who lived in Ai.*

How long did Joshua keep his hand stretched out with the curved sword?

Joshua did not draw back his hand with which he stretched out the curved sword until he had devoted all the inhabitants of Ai.

Joshua 8:27

ULT	UST
However, Israel plundered for themselves the livestock and the spoil of that city, according to the word of Yahweh, which he had commanded Joshua.	*The Israelite soldiers took for themselves the animals and the other things that had belonged to the people of Ai, just as Yahweh had told Joshua that they should do.*

What did Israel plunder for themselves from Ai, according to Yahweh's command to Joshua?

Israel plundered the livestock and the spoil of Ai for themselves, according to the word of Yahweh which he had commanded Joshua.

Joshua 8:29

ULT	UST
And he hanged the king of Ai on a tree until the time of the evening. And as the sun was going, Joshua commanded, and they brought down his corpse from the tree, and they threw it at the opening of the gate of the city, and they raised over it a great pile of stones, to this day.	*Joshua hanged the king of Ai on a tree. He left his corpse hanging there until evening. At sunset, Joshua told his men to take the king's body down from the tree and throw it on the ground at the entrance of the city gate. After they did that, they piled a great mound of rocks on top of the king's corpse. That pile of rocks is still there now.*

What did Joshua do with the king of Ai after hanging him on a tree until evening?

As the sun was going down, Joshua commanded, and they took his corpse down from the tree, threw it at the entrance of the city gate, and raised over it a great pile of stones.

Joshua 9

Joshua 9:2

ULT	UST
that they gathered themselves together as one mouth to fight against Joshua and against Israel.	*they all agreed to gather their armies together to fight against Joshua and the Israelite army.*

What did the kings beyond the Jordan in the hill country, the lowlands, and the coast of the Great Sea do when they heard about Israel's victories?

The kings gathered themselves together as one to fight against Joshua and against Israel.

Joshua 9:3-4

Which inhabitants acted with cunning when they heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai?

The inhabitants of Gibeon acted with cunning when they heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai.

Joshua 9:4-5

How did the Gibeonite envoys disguise themselves and their provisions to appear as if from a distant land?

They took worn-out sacks, worn-out and mended wine skins, wore worn-out and patched sandals and garments, and took dry, crumbly bread.

Joshua 9:6

ULT	UST
And they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and they said to him and to a man of Israel, "We have come from a distant land, and now, cut a covenant with us."	*They went to where Joshua and the other Israelites had set up their tents at Gilgal. They said to Joshua and the Israelite leaders, "We have traveled from a land that is far away. We want you to make a treaty with us."*

What did the Gibeonites tell Joshua and the men of Israel they had come from when they arrived at Gilgal?

The Gibeonites told Joshua and the men of Israel that they had come from a distant land.

What did the Gibeonites ask Joshua and the men of Israel to do?

The Gibeonites asked the men of Israel to make a covenant with them.

Joshua 9:14

ULT	UST
And the men took from their provisions, but they did not ask the mouth of Yahweh.	*The Israelite leaders looked at the food that the men from Gibeon had brought with them to see if it was old as they claimed. But the Israelite leaders did not ask Yahweh what they should do.*

What did the Israelite men fail to do before taking the Gibeonites' provisions and making a covenant?

The Israelite men took some of their provisions but did not ask for the mouth (counsel) of Yahweh.

Joshua 9:15

ULT	UST
And Joshua made peace with them, and he cut a covenant with them to let them live. And the leaders of the congregation swore to them.	*Then Joshua agreed to make a treaty with the men from Gibeon. He promised that the Israelites would not kill the Gibeonites. The Israelite leaders made the same promise to the men from Gibeon.*

What did Joshua do with the Gibeonites, and what did the leaders of the congregation do?

Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them to let them live, and the leaders of the congregation swore to them.

Joshua 9:16

ULT	UST
And it happened at the end of three days, after when they had cut a covenant with them, that they heard that they were near to them and they were dwelling among them.	*A whole day went by after Joshua and the Israelite leaders made this treaty with the men from Gibeon. On the day after that, the Israelites learned that they actually lived close by them.*

What did the Israelites learn about the Gibeonites three days after making the covenant?

The Israelites learned that the Gibeonites were their neighbors and lived among them.

Joshua 9:19

ULT	UST
But all of the leaders said to all of the congregation, "We, we have sworn to them by Yahweh the God of Israel, so now we are not able to touch them.	*But all the leaders replied, "We made a solemn vow by Yahweh our God promising them that we would not kill them. So now we may not kill them.*

Why did all the leaders say the Israelites could not attack the Gibeonites?

The leaders said they could not touch the Gibeonites because they had sworn to them by Yahweh, the God of Israel.

Joshua 9:24

ULT	UST
And they answered Joshua and said, "Because declaring, it was declared to your servants that Yahweh your God commanded Moses his servant to give all of the land to you and to destroy all of the dwellers of the land from your faces. And we were very afraid for our lives from your faces, so we did this thing.	*The Gibeonites answered, "We lied to you because we were very afraid that you would kill us. We had heard that your God Yahweh instructed his servant Moses to give you all this land and kill everyone who lives in it.*

What reason did the Gibeonites give Joshua for deceiving the Israelites?

The Gibeonites said they deceived the Israelites because it was declared to them that Yahweh had commanded Moses to give Israel all the land and destroy its inhabitants, and they were very afraid for their lives.

Joshua 9:26-27

What did Joshua decree concerning the Gibeonites, saving them from death but making them serve Israel?

Joshua delivered them from the hand of the sons of Israel so they did not kill them, but he made them cutters of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of Yahweh.

Joshua 10

Joshua 10:2

ULT	UST
that they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the cities of the kingdom, and because it was greater than Ai, and all of its men were warriors.	*The people of Jerusalem and their king became very afraid, because the city of Gibeon was as large as the cities that had kings ruling them. It was larger than the city of Ai, and all its men were strong warriors.*

Why did Adoni Zedek, king of Jerusalem, and his people fear greatly when they heard Gibeon made peace with Israel?

They feared greatly because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, larger than Ai, and all its men were warriors.

Joshua 10:4

ULT	UST
“Come up to me and help me, and let us strike Gibeon, because it has made peace with Joshua and with the sons of Israel.”	*Adoni Zedek told them, “Come and help me attack the city of Gibeon because its people have made a peace agreement with Joshua and the Israelites.”*

What did Adoni Zedek, king of Jerusalem, ask the kings of Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Eglon to do?

He asked them to come up to him and help him so they could strike Gibeon, because it had made peace with Joshua and Israel.

Joshua 10:5

ULT	UST
And the five of the kings of the Amorite gathered and went up, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, they and all of their camps. And they camped against Gibeon and fought against it.	*So these five kings of the Amorites joined their armies together. These were the kings of the cities of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Eglon. These kings and their armies went up with all their soldiers and surrounded the city of Gibeon and started to attack it.*

What did the five Amorite kings (of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Eglon) and their armies do?

The five Amorite kings and all their camps gathered and went up; they camped against Gibeon and fought against it.

Joshua 10:6

ULT	UST
And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua at the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Do not let your hands drop from your servants. Come up to us quickly and save us and help us, because all of the kings of the Amorite dwelling in the hill country have gathered against us."	*The men of Gibeon sent this message to Joshua at the camp at Gilgal: "Protect us, because we are your subjects. Come quickly and save us! Help us, because all the Amorite kings who live in the hill country have joined their armies together to attack us!"*

What message did the men of Gibeon send to Joshua at the camp in Gilgal?

The men of Gibeon sent to Joshua, asking him not to withdraw his hand from them, but to come up quickly, save them, and help them, because all the Amorite kings from the hill country had gathered against them.

Joshua 10:8

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them, because I have given them into your hand. Not a man from them will stand at your face."	*Yahweh told Joshua, "Do not be afraid of those armies. I will enable you to defeat them. None of them will be able to resist you."*

What did Yahweh say to Joshua regarding the five Amorite kings and their armies?

Yahweh told Joshua not to be afraid of them, because he had given them into Joshua's hand, and not a man from them would stand before him.

Joshua 10:11

ULT	UST
And it happened, in their fleeing from the face of Israel, they were on the descent of Beth Horon, that Yahweh threw on them great stones from the heavens unto Azekah, and they died. There were more who died by the stones of the hail than those whom the sons of Israel killed with the sword.	*As the enemies were running away from the Israelites down the road from Beth Horon, Yahweh threw large hailstones on them from the sky. These hailstones continued to fall on them all the way to the city of Azekah. The hailstones killed more of the enemy soldiers than the Israelites killed with their swords.*

How did Yahweh cause more of the fleeing Amorites to die than the Israelites killed with the sword?

As they fled, Yahweh threw great stones from the heavens on them as far as Azekah, and they died; more died from the hailstones than the sons of Israel killed with the sword.

Joshua 10:12

ULT	UST
Then Joshua spoke to Yahweh in the day of Yahweh giving the Amorite to the face of the sons of Israel, and he said to the eyes of Israel, "Sun, be still over Gibeon, and moon, over the Valley of Aijalon."	*On that same day, when Yahweh was helping the Israelites defeat the Amorites, Joshua spoke to Yahweh. While the Israelites were watching, Joshua prayed, asking Yahweh to make the sun stay in place over the city of Gibeon and to make the moon stay in place over the Valley of Aijalon.*

What did Joshua say in the sight of Israel on the day Yahweh gave the Amorites into their hands?

He said in the sight of Israel, "Sun, be still over Gibeon, and moon, over the Valley of Aijalon."

Joshua 10:16

ULT	UST
And these five kings had fled and hidden themselves in the cave at Makkedah.	*During the battle, the five kings ran away and hid in a cave near the city of Makkedah.*

Where did the five Amorite kings flee and hide themselves?

The five kings fled and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah.

Joshua 10:20

ULT	UST
And it happened, when Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished striking them with a very great striking until their finishing, that the survivors from them survived and entered into the cities of fortification.	*So Joshua and his soldiers chased and killed the Amorite soldiers until they had destroyed them almost completely. Only a few of them escaped to the safety of their cities, which had defensive walls.*

What happened to most of the armies of the five Amorite kings?

Joshua and the sons of Israel finished striking them with a very great slaughter until they were finished, and the survivors entered the fortified cities.

Joshua 10:26-27

What did Joshua do with the five Amorite kings after bringing them out of the cave at Makkedah?

Joshua struck them, killed them, and hanged them on five trees until evening; then, at sunset, they were taken down, thrown into the cave where they had hidden, and great stones were placed over the cave's mouth.

Joshua 10:40

ULT	UST
And Joshua struck all of the land, the hill country and the Negeb and the lowland and the slopes, and all of their kings. He did not leave a survivor. And he devoted every breathing thing, just as Yahweh, the God of Israel, had commanded.	*This is how Joshua conquered the whole region. He defeated all the kings and their people in the hill country, the southern desert, the western foothills, and the eastern slopes. He killed everyone in these places, as Yahweh, the God of Israel, had commanded.*

What did Joshua do to all the land (hill country, Negeb, lowland, slopes) and its kings?

Joshua struck all the land and all their kings; he left no survivor but devoted every breathing thing, as Yahweh, the God of Israel, had commanded.

Joshua 10:42

ULT	UST
And Joshua captured all of these kings and their land at one time, because Yahweh, the God of Israel, fought for Israel.	*Joshua defeated all these kings and took control of their territories in a single campaign. He was able to do that because Yahweh, the God of Israel, was fighting for his people.*

Why was Joshua able to capture all these kings and their land at one time?

Joshua was able to capture all these kings and their land at one time because Yahweh, the God of Israel, fought for Israel.

Joshua 11

Joshua 11:1

ULT	UST
And it happened, when Jabin, the king of Hazor, heard, that he sent to Jobab, the king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron and to the king of Achshaph	*When King Jabin of the city of Hazor learned what had happened, he sent messages to several other kings. He sent them to King Jobab of the city of Madon, to the king of the city of Shimron, and to the king of the city of Achshaph.*

What did Jabin, king of Hazor, do when he heard about Israel's victories?

When Jabin, king of Hazor, heard, he sent to Jobab king of Madon, to the king of Shimron, to the king of Achshaph, and to other northern kings.

Joshua 11:5

ULT	UST
And all of these kings met together and came and camped together at the waters of Merom to fight with Israel.	*All these kings joined their forces and set up their camp together near the lake of Merom, preparing to fight against the Israelites.*

Where did all these northern kings and their many armies meet and camp to fight against Israel?

All these kings met together and came and camped together at the waters of Merom to fight with Israel.

Joshua 11:6

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid from their faces, because tomorrow about this time I will give all of them slain to the face of Israel. You will hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire."	*Then Yahweh said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of these armies, because at about this time tomorrow, I will help you defeat all of them. When you attack them, you must cripple their horses and burn their chariots."*

What did Yahweh tell Joshua not to fear and what to do to their horses and chariots?

Yahweh told Joshua not to be afraid of them, for the next day he would give them all slain to Israel; Joshua was to hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire.

Joshua 11:11

ULT	UST
And they struck every soul that was in it to the mouth of the sword, devoting them. Not any breathing thing remained. And he burned Hazor with fire.	*The Israelite army killed everyone in the city. They made sure that no person survived. Then they burned the city.*

What did Joshua's army do to every person in Hazor and to the city itself?

They struck every person in Hazor with the edge of the sword, devoting them; not any breathing thing remained, and Joshua burned Hazor with fire.

Joshua 11:12

ULT	UST
And Joshua captured all of the cities of these kings and all of their kings, and he struck them to the mouth of the sword. He devoted them just as Moses, the servant of Yahweh, had commanded.	*Joshua's army captured all these cities and killed all their kings. They destroyed everything that was in the cities. They did exactly what Moses, Yahweh's servant, had commanded them to do.*

What did Joshua do with all the cities of these northern kings and all their kings?

Joshua captured all the cities of these kings and all their kings, and he struck them with the edge of the sword, devoting them, just as Moses the servant of Yahweh had commanded.

Joshua 11:15

ULT	UST
Just as Yahweh had commanded Moses his servant, thus Moses had commanded Joshua, and thus Joshua did. He did not turn aside a thing from all that Yahweh had commanded Moses.	*Moses had passed on to Joshua everything that Yahweh had told him to do. And Joshua carried out all of these commands completely. He did exactly what Yahweh had ordered Moses to do.*

How completely did Joshua follow the commands Yahweh had given Moses, and Moses had given him?

Just as Yahweh had commanded Moses his servant, so Moses had commanded Joshua, and thus Joshua did; he did not turn aside a thing from all that Yahweh had commanded Moses.

Joshua 11:19

ULT	UST
There was not a city that made peace with the sons of Israel except the Hivites, the dwellers of Gibeon. The all, they captured in battle.	*Only the people of the city of Gibeon, who were Hivites, agreed to become subjects of the Israelites. The Israelite army had to capture all the other cities by fighting.*

Which city was the only one, apart from the Hivite dwellers of Gibeon, that made peace with the sons of Israel?

There was not a city that made peace with the sons of Israel except the Hivites, the dwellers of Gibeon; they captured all of them in battle.

Joshua 12

Joshua 12:1

ULT	UST
Now these are the kings of the land whom the sons of Israel struck and possessed their land on the other side of the Jordan, from the rising of the sun, from the wadi of Arnon unto Mount Hermon, and all of the Arabah from the sunrise:	*While the Israelites were still on the east side of the Jordan River, they defeated the kings who ruled there, and they took their land. This land extended from the Arnon River gorge in the south to Mount Hermon in the north. It included all of the plain on the eastern side of the Jordan.*

Which kings of the land on the east side of the Jordan did the sons of Israel strike and possess their land?

The sons of Israel struck Sihon king of the Amorites and Og king of Bashan and possessed their land on the east side of the Jordan.

Joshua 12:6

ULT	UST
Moses, the servant of Yahweh, and the sons of Israel had struck them, and Moses the servant of Yahweh had given it as a possession to the Reubenite and to the Gadite and to half of the tribe of Manasseh.	*Moses, Yahweh's servant, and the whole Israelite army had defeated the armies of those kings. Then Moses gave their land to the tribes of Reuben and Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh.*

Who had led the sons of Israel in defeating these kings on the east side of the Jordan, and to whom was their land given?

Moses, the servant of Yahweh, and the sons of Israel had struck them; and Moses gave their land as a possession to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh.

Joshua 12:7

ULT	UST
Now these are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the sons of Israel struck on the other side of the Jordan, toward the sea, from Baal Gad in the valley of the Lebanon and unto Mount Halak, the one ascending to Seir. And Joshua gave it to the tribes of Israel as a possession according to their divisions,	*Joshua and the Israelite army also defeated kings who ruled over the land on the west side of the Jordan River. That land was between Baal Gad in the valley near Lebanon to Mount Halak, which goes up to Seir. Joshua gave land to the tribes of Israel for them to possess,*

Who led the sons of Israel in defeating the kings on the west side of the Jordan, and to whom was their land given?

Joshua and the sons of Israel struck the kings on the west side of the Jordan, and Joshua gave their land to the tribes of Israel as a possession according to their divisions.

Joshua 12:24

ULT	UST
the king of Tirzah, one. All of the kings were 31.	*and Tirzah. There was a total of thirty-one kings that the Israelite army defeated.*

How many kings in total did Joshua and the sons of Israel strike on the west side of the Jordan?

All the kings on the west side of the Jordan were 31.

Joshua 13

Joshua 13:1

ULT	UST
Now Joshua had aged, he had come into days. And Yahweh said to him, "You have aged, you have come into days, and very much land remains to possess it.	*When Joshua was very old, Yahweh said to him, "Joshua, you are now an old man, but there is still a lot of land for your army to capture.*

What did Yahweh tell Joshua when Joshua was old and advanced in days?

Yahweh told Joshua that he had aged and come into days, and very much land still remained to be possessed.

Joshua 13:6

ULT	UST
All of the dwellers of the hill country, from Lebanon unto Misrephoth Maim, all of the Sidonians, I myself will dispossess them from the face of the sons of Israel. You shall only cause it to fall to Israel as an inheritance, just as I have commanded you.	*I will force the people to leave who live in the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephoth Maim, including all the people of the city of Sidon. That way you will be able to live there instead. Your job will be to give that area to the Israelite people when you divide the land among them. That is what I have ordered you to do.*

What did Yahweh say he himself would do to the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephoth Maim, and what was Joshua to do with that land?

Yahweh said he himself would dispossess them from before the sons of Israel, and Joshua was to cause it to fall to Israel as an inheritance.

Joshua 13:7

ULT	UST
And now divide this land as an inheritance to the nine tribes and half of the tribe of Manasseh."	*Divide all that land among the nine tribes and the half tribe of Manasseh so that it will always belong to them."*

Among which tribes was Joshua to divide the remaining land as an inheritance?

Joshua was to divide the land as an inheritance to the nine tribes and the half-tribe of Manasseh.

Joshua 13:8

ULT	UST
With him the Reubenite and the Gadite had taken their inheritance that Moses had given to them on the other side of the Jordan, toward the sunrise, just as Moses, the servant of Yahweh, had given to them:	*Moses had already assigned the rest of the tribe of Manasseh land where it could live. Moses, Yahweh's servant, had also already assigned land to the tribes of Reuben and Gad on the east side of the Jordan River.*

Which tribes had already received their inheritance from Moses on the east side of the Jordan?

With the other half of Manasseh, the Reubenites and the Gadites had taken their inheritance that Moses gave them on the other side of the Jordan eastward.

Joshua 13:14

ULT	UST
Only he did not give an inheritance to the tribe of Levi. The burnt offerings of Yahweh, the God of Israel, they are his inheritance, just as he spoke to him.	*But Moses did not give the Levites any assignment of land. They were the only tribe that received no land. Yahweh, the God of Israel, told them that the burnt offerings he received, which provided their food, would be their possession.*

Which tribe did Moses not give an inheritance of land to?

Moses did not give an inheritance to the tribe of Levi.

What was the inheritance of the tribe of Levi, since Moses did not give them land?

Their inheritance was the burnt offerings of Yahweh, the God of Israel, just as he spoke to them.

Joshua 13:23

ULT	UST
And the border of the sons of Reuben was the Jordan and its border. This is the inheritance of the sons of Reuben according to their clans, the cities, and their villages.	*The border of the people of the tribe of Reuben was the Jordan River. This was the land that Moses gave to the clans of the tribe of Reuben. They lived in the cities and villages there.*

What geographical feature formed the border of the inheritance of the sons of Reuben?

The Jordan River and its border formed the border of the inheritance of the sons of Reuben.

Joshua 14

Joshua 14:4

ULT	UST
For the sons of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim. And they gave no portion to the Levites in the land if not cities for dwelling and their pasturelands for their livestock and for their property.	

The sons of Joseph became which two tribes, who received land, while the Levites received cities?

The sons of Joseph became two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim; and they gave no portion to the Levites in the land except cities to dwell in and pasturelands.

Joshua 14:6-7

How old was Caleb when Moses sent him from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land?

Caleb was 40 years old when Moses, the servant of Yahweh, sent him from Kadesh Barnea to spy on the land.

Joshua 14:9

ULT	UST
And Moses swore on that day, saying, 'If the land on which your foot has trodden will not be for an inheritance for you and for your sons unto forever, for you were full after Yahweh my God.'	*That day Moses promised me, 'The land that you walked on will become yours as your permanent possession. It will always belong to you and your descendants. I promise that it will be yours because you did everything that Yahweh, my God, wanted you to do.'*

What did Moses swear on that day concerning the land Caleb's foot had trodden?

Moses swore that the land on which Caleb's foot had trodden would be an inheritance for Caleb and his sons forever, because he was full after Yahweh his God.

Joshua 14:10

ULT	UST
And now, behold, Yahweh has kept me alive these 45 years, just as he spoke, from when Yahweh spoke this word to Moses when Israel walked in the wilderness. And now, behold, today I am a son of 85 years.	*Now Yahweh has done for me what he promised he would do. It has been 45 years since Moses made that promise to me during the time when we Israelites were still in the wilderness. But just as Yahweh promised, he has kept me alive and well all during that time. Look at me! I am now 85 years old.*

How old was Caleb when he spoke to Joshua about his inheritance, 45 years after Yahweh spoke to Moses?

Caleb was 85 years old at that time.

Joshua 14:12

ULT	UST
And now, give to me this hill country that Yahweh spoke of on that day. For you yourself heard on that day that the Anakites were there and great fortified cities. Perhaps Yahweh will be with me and I will dispossess them, just as Yahweh has spoken."	*So please give me the hill country that Yahweh promised to give to me on that day long ago. At that time, you heard me say that the Anakim lived there. You heard me say that their cities were large and that they had walls around them to protect them. And that is still true today. But I hope that Yahweh will help me to force the people there to leave, just as Yahweh promised."*

What specific hill country did Caleb ask Joshua to give him, which Yahweh had spoken of, where Anakites and fortified cities were?

Caleb asked Joshua to give him the hill country that Yahweh spoke of on that day, where the Anakites were with great fortified cities.

Joshua 15

Joshua 15:1

ULT	UST
Now the lot for the tribe of the sons of Judah according to their clans was to the border of Edom, from the wilderness of Zin southward from the end of the south.	*The Israelite leaders assigned land by lot to the clans of the tribe of Judah. In the south, their land extended to the wilderness of Zin at the border of Edom.*

Where was the lot for the tribe of Judah according to their clans, extending southward?

The lot for the tribe of Judah was to the border of Edom, from the wilderness of Zin southward from the end of the south.

Joshua 15:5

ULT	UST
And the border eastward was the Sea of Salt unto the end of the Jordan. And the border to the side of northward was from the tongue of the sea at the end of the Jordan.	*Its eastern border was the Sea of Salt, up to where the Jordan River flows into it. Its northern border began at the bay of the Sea of Salt near where the Jordan River flows in.*

What was the eastern border for the tribe of Judah?

The eastern border for the tribe of Judah was the Sea of Salt, up to the end of the Jordan River.

Joshua 15:12

ULT	UST
And the border of the west was the Great Sea and the border. This is the border of the sons of Judah all around, according to their clans.	*The western border of the territory of the tribe of Judah was the Great Sea. All the clans of Judah lived inside those borders.*

What was the western border for the clans of the sons of Judah?

The western border for the clans of the sons of Judah was the Great Sea and its border.

Joshua 15:19

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

What did Caleb give his daughter Achsah in addition to the land of the Negeb when she asked for a blessing?

When Achsah asked for springs of water, Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

Joshua 15:63

ULT	UST
But the Jebusite, the dwellers of Jerusalem, the sons of Judah were not able to dispossess them, so the Jebusite has dwelled with the sons of Judah in Jerusalem to this day.	*However, the army of the tribe of Judah was not able to force the Jebusites who were living Jerusalem to leave. So the Jebusites are still living among the people of Judah in Jerusalem today.*

Which people, dwelling in Jerusalem, were the sons of Judah not able to dispossess?

The sons of Judah were not able to dispossess the Jebusites, the dwellers of Jerusalem, so the Jebusites have dwelled with the sons of Judah in Jerusalem to this day.

Joshua 16

Joshua 16:4

ULT	UST
And the sons of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, inherited.	*That was the territory that the descendants of Joseph, the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim, received as their permanent possession.*

Which two tribes, the sons of Joseph, inherited land?

The sons of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, inherited land.

Joshua 16:10

ULT	UST
But they did not dispossess the Canaanite, the dweller of Gezer, so the Canaanite has dwelled within Ephraim to this day, but he has become a serving forced laborer.	*The people of the tribe of Ephraim could not force the Canaanites who were living in Gezer to leave. So those Canaanites still live there. However, the people of Ephraim did force them to become their slaves.*

Which Canaanite dwellers of Gezer did the Ephraimites not dispossess, who then lived among them as forced laborers?

The Ephraimites did not dispossess the Canaanite dwellers of Gezer, so the Canaanites have dwelled within Ephraim to this day but have become serving forced laborers.

Joshua 17

Joshua 17:1

ULT	UST
And a lot was for the tribe of Manasseh. (Now he was the firstborn of Joseph.) For Machir, the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, because he was a man of war, so to him were Gilead and Bashan.	*This is a description of the land that the Israelite leaders gave to the tribe of Manasseh, the descendants of the oldest son of Joseph. Manasseh's oldest son was Machir, and his grandson was Gilead. Their descendants were great soldiers, so Moses gave them land that they conquered in the regions of Gilead and Bashan.*

Who was the firstborn of Joseph, to whom a lot was given?

Manasseh was the firstborn of Joseph, and a lot was given to him.

Who was Machir, the firstborn of Manasseh and father of Gilead, and what did he receive because he was a man of war?

Machir was the firstborn of Manasseh and father of Gilead; because he was a man of war, Gilead and Bashan were given to him.

Joshua 17:3-4

Why did the daughters of Zelophehad approach Eleazar, Joshua, and the leaders?

The daughters of Zelophehad approached them because their father had no sons, and Yahweh had commanded Moses to give them an inheritance among their father's brothers.

Joshua 17:4

ULT	UST
And they came near to the face of Eleazar the priest, and to the face of Joshua the son of Nun, and to the face of the leaders, saying, "Yahweh commanded Moses to give to us an inheritance in the midst of our brothers." And he gave to them according to the mouth of Yahweh an inheritance in the midst of the brothers of their father.	*These women went to speak with Eleazar the high priest, to Joshua, and to the other Israelite leaders. They told them, "We want you to give us some land just as you have given to the men in our tribe. Yahweh told Moses that he should give to us some land." So Eleazar did what Yahweh had commanded. He gave some land to the daughters of Zelophehad, just as he had done for their uncles.*

What did Joshua (Eleazar and the leaders) give to the daughters of Zelophehad according to Yahweh's command?

They gave them an inheritance in the midst of the brothers of their father, according to the command of Yahweh.

Joshua 17:13

ULT	UST
Now it happened, when the sons of Israel became strong, that they put the Canaanite to forced labor. But dispossessing, they did not dispossess him.	*When the people of Israel became strong enough, they forced those Canaanites to work for them as slaves. But they were not able to take their land away from them.*

What did the sons of Israel do to the Canaanites when they became strong, though they did not dispossess them?

When the sons of Israel became strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but they did not dispossess them.

Joshua 17:14

ULT	UST
And the sons of Joseph spoke with Joshua, saying, "Why have you given to me as an inheritance one lot and one portion, when I am a numerous people, since Yahweh has blessed me unto now?"	*Some representatives of the descendants of Joseph (that is, of the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh) came to speak with Joshua. They told him, "Yahweh has blessed us by giving us many children. So you should have given us more than one small portion of land to live on."*

What did the sons of Joseph say to Joshua about their inheritance, since they were a numerous people blessed by Yahweh?

The sons of Joseph asked Joshua why he had given them only one lot and one portion as an inheritance, when they were a numerous people whom Yahweh had blessed.

Joshua 17:15

ULT	UST
And Joshua said to them, "If you are a numerous people, go up for yourself to the forest, and you shall clear for yourself there in the land of the Perizzite and the Raphaites, for the hill country of Ephraim is narrow to you."	*Joshua replied to them, "As you say, there is probably not enough room for you in the hill country we have assigned you. But since you do have a lot of people, you can also occupy the land where the Perizzites and the Raphaites now live. You can go up to that forest area and cut down trees to clear fields where you can plant your crops."*

What did Joshua tell the numerous sons of Joseph to do if the hill country of Ephraim was too narrow for them?

Joshua told them that if they were a numerous people, they should go up to the forest and clear land for themselves there in the land of the Perizzites and the Raphaites.

Joshua 18

Joshua 18:2

ULT	UST
And seven tribes remained among the sons of Israel to which they had not divided their inheritance.	*Now seven of the Israelite tribes had not yet occupied any land.*

How many tribes remained among the sons of Israel which had not yet occupied any land?

Seven tribes remained among the sons of Israel which had not yet divided their inheritance.

Joshua 18:4

ULT	UST
Provide for yourselves three men to a tribe. And I will send them, and they shall arise and walk about in the land and write it down according to the mouth of their inheritance, and they shall come to me.	*Choose three men from each of your seven tribes. I will send them out to explore the parts of the land that no tribe has occupied yet. They are to write a description of seven different regions that will become the territories of your seven tribes. Then they are to bring the description back to me.*

What did Joshua instruct each of the seven remaining tribes to provide for surveying the land?

Joshua instructed them to provide three men from each tribe to arise and walk about in the land and write down a description of it.

What were the men sent to survey the land supposed to write down and bring back to Joshua?

They were to write down a description of the land according to their inheritance and then come back to Joshua.

Joshua 18:10

ULT	UST
And Joshua threw a lot for them in Shiloh to the face of Yahweh. And there Joshua divided the land to the sons of Israel according to their divisions.	*Joshua read their report. Then, while Yahweh was watching, he cast lots at Shiloh to decide which parts of the land would belong to each of the seven Israelite tribes.*

What did Joshua do at Shiloh before Yahweh after the surveyors returned, to divide the land for the remaining tribes?

Joshua threw a lot for them in Shiloh before Yahweh, and there Joshua divided the land to the sons of Israel according to their divisions.

Joshua 18:11

ULT	UST
And the lot of the tribe of the sons of Benjamin according to their clans came up. And the border of their lot went out between the sons of Judah and between the sons of Joseph.	*The lot selected the clans of the tribe of Benjamin to receive the first part of the land. This part was between the territory of the tribe of Judah and the territory of the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh.*

Between which two tribes' territories did the lot for the tribe of Benjamin fall?

The border of the lot for the tribe of Benjamin went out between the sons of Judah and between the sons of Joseph.

Joshua 19

Joshua 19:1

ULT	UST
And the second lot came out for Simeon, for the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their clans. And their inheritance was in the midst of the inheritance of the sons of Judah.	*Then Joshua threw the lot again, and this time it selected the clans of the tribe of Simeon to receive the second part of the land. The land Joshua gave them was in the middle of Judah's territory.*

To which tribe, according to their clans, did the second lot come out?

The second lot came out for Simeon, for the tribe of the sons of Simeon according to their clans.

Joshua 19:9

ULT	UST
From the portion of the sons of Judah was the inheritance of the sons of Simeon. For the division of the sons of Judah was too great for them, so the sons of Simeon inherited in the midst of their inheritance.	*The leaders of Israel had assigned more land to the tribe of Judah than it needed, so they gave part of that land to the tribe of Simeon.*

From which tribe's portion was the inheritance of the sons of Simeon taken?

The leaders of Israel had assigned more land to the tribe of Judah than it needed, so they gave part of that land to the tribe of Simeon.

Why was the inheritance of Simeon taken from Judah's portion?

It was taken from Judah's portion because the division of the sons of Judah was too great for them, so the sons of Simeon inherited in the midst of their inheritance.

Joshua 19:10

ULT	UST
And the third lot came up for the sons of Zebulun according to their clans. And the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid.	*Then Joshua threw the lot again, and this time it selected the clans of the tribe of Zebulun to receive the third part of the land. Its southern border started at Sarid.*

To which tribe, according to their clans, did the third lot come up?

The third lot came up for the sons of Zebulun according to their clans.

Joshua 19:17

ULT	UST
The fourth lot came out for Issachar, for the sons of Issachar according to their clans.	*Then Joshua threw the lot again, and this time it selected the clans of the tribe of Issachar to receive the fourth part of the land.*

To which tribe, according to their clans, did the fourth lot come out?

Joshua threw the lot again, and this time it selected the clans of the tribe of Issachar to receive the fourth part of the land.

Joshua 19:24

ULT	UST
And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the sons of Asher according to their clans.	*Then Joshua threw the lot again, and this time it selected the clans of the tribe of Asher to receive the fifth part of the land.*

To which tribe, according to their clans, did the fifth lot come out?

Joshua threw the lot again, and this time it selected the clans of the tribe of Asher to receive the fifth part of the land.

Joshua 19:32

ULT	UST
The sixth lot came out for the sons of Naphtali, for the sons of Napthali according to their clans.	*Then Joshua threw the lot again, and this time it selected the clans of the tribe of Naphtali to receive the sixth part of the land.*

When Joshua threw the lot again, which tribe did it select to receive the sixth part of the land?

The sixth lot came out for the sons of Naphtali, for the sons of Naphtali according to their clans.

Joshua 19:38

ULT	UST
and Yiron and Migdal El, Horem and Beth Anath and Beth Shemesh: 19 cities and their villages.	*Naphtali's cities with strong walls also included Yiron, Migdal El, Horem, Beth Anath, and Beth Shemesh. Altogether there were 19 cities, together with their surrounding villages.*

How many fortified cities and their villages were included in the inheritance of the tribe of Naphtali?

The inheritance of the tribe of Naphtali included 19 cities and their villages.

Joshua 19:40

ULT	UST
The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the sons of Dan according to their clans.	*Then Joshua threw the lot again, and this time it selected the clans of the tribe of Dan to receive the seventh part of the land.*

To which tribe, according to their clans, did the seventh lot come out?

The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the sons of Dan according to their clans.

Joshua 19:49-50

What city did the sons of Israel give to Joshua son of Nun as an inheritance in their midst, upon Yahweh's command?

Upon the mouth of Yahweh, they gave him the city that he requested, Timnath Serah in the hill country of Ephraim.

Joshua 20

Joshua 20:2

ULT	UST
“Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘Give for yourselves the cities of refuge that I spoke to you by the hand of Moses	*“Tell the Israelite people that they should choose some cities to which people can flee in order to be safe, as I told Moses that you should do.*

What did Yahweh tell Joshua to instruct the sons of Israel to designate, as spoken by Moses?

Yahweh told Joshua to instruct the sons of Israel to choose some cities to which people can flee in order to be safe, as he spoke to them by the hand of Moses.

Joshua 20:3

ULT	UST
for the fleeing there of the one killing by striking a person by mistake without intent. And they will be for you for a refuge from the avenger of blood.	*If someone kills another person accidentally, without intending to kill that person, then he can run to one of these cities and be safe.*

For whom were the cities of refuge intended as a sanctuary?

They were intended for the one killing by striking a person by mistake without intent, to be a refuge from the avenger of blood.

Joshua 20:4

ULT	UST
And he shall flee to one from these cities and stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and he shall speak his words in the ears of the elders of that city. And they shall gather him into the city to themselves, and they shall give to him a place, and he shall dwell with them.	*When that person arrives at the gate of one of those cities, he must stop there and tell the leaders of the city what happened. If they believe him, they must allow him to enter the city, and they must give him a place to live among them.*

What was a person who fled to a city of refuge to do at the entrance of the city gate, and how were the elders to respond?

The person was to stand at the entrance of the city gate and speak his words in the ears of the elders of that city; they were to gather him into the city and give him a place to dwell with them.

Joshua 20:6

ULT	UST
And he shall dwell in that city until his standing to the face of the congregation for judgment, until the death of the great priest who is in those days. Then the one having killed may return and enter into his city and into his house, into the city that he fled from there.’”	*The person who killed someone must stay in the city where he fled until it holds a trial to decide his case. If they determine that the killing was accidental, he must still stay there until the current high priest dies. Then the man may return safely to his own home.”*

How long was the one who killed someone by mistake to dwell in the city of refuge before returning to his own city and house?

He was to dwell in that city until his standing before the congregation for judgment, and he must still stay there until the current high priest dies.

Joshua 21

Joshua 21:1-2

What did the heads of the fathers of the Levites ask Eleazar, Joshua, and the heads of the Israelite tribes at Shiloh?

They asked for cities to dwell in, with their pasturelands for their livestock, as Yahweh had commanded by the hand of Moses.

Joshua 21:8

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel gave these cities and their pasturelands to the Levites by the lot, just as Yahweh had commanded by the hand of Moses.	*In this way, the Israelite leaders assigned these cities and the surrounding fields to the people of the tribe of Levi. That was just what Yahweh had told Moses they should do.*

How did the sons of Israel give cities and pasturelands to the Levites from their inheritance?

The sons of Israel gave these cities and their pasturelands to the Levites by lot from their inheritance, just as Yahweh had commanded by the hand of Moses.

Joshua 21:18-19

How many cities in total, from the tribes of Judah, Simeon, and Benjamin, were given by lot to the sons of Aaron the priest?

All the cities of the sons of Aaron, the priests, were 13 cities and their pasturelands.

Joshua 21:26

ULT	UST
All of the ten cities and their pasturelands were for the remaining clans of the sons of Kohath.	*There were ten cities in all, together with their surrounding fields, that these other clans that were descendants of Kohath received.*

How many cities in total, from Ephraim, Dan, and half-Manasseh, were given to the remaining clans of the sons of Kohath?

There were ten cities in all, together with their surrounding fields, that these other clans that were descendants of Kohath received.

Joshua 21:33

ULT	UST
All of the cities of the Gershonite according to their clans were 13 cities and their pasturelands.	*Altogether, therefore, the Gershonite clans received 13 cities, together with their surrounding fields.*

How many cities in total, from half-Manasseh (in Bashan), Issachar, Asher, and Naphtali, were given to the clans of Gershon?

Altogether, the Gershonite clans received 13 cities, together with their surrounding fields.

Joshua 21:40

ULT	UST
All of the cities for the sons of Merari according to their clans, the remaining ones from the clans of the Levites, were 12 cities by their lot.	*In all, this last group of Levite clans, the ones that were descendants of Merari, received 12 cities when the Israelite leaders cast lots for them.*

How many cities in total, from Zebulun, Reuben, and Gad, were given by lot to the clans of Merari, the remaining Levites?

In all, this last group of Levite clans, the ones that were descendants of Merari, received 12 cities when the Israelite leaders cast lots for them.

Joshua 21:41

ULT	UST
All of the cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the sons of Israel were 48 cities and their pasturelands.	*So altogether, the Levites received 48 cities within the territories of the other tribes of Israel. They also received the fields around those cities.*

How many cities in total, with their pasturelands, did the Levites receive in the midst of the possession of the sons of Israel?

All the cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the sons of Israel were 48 cities and their pasturelands.

Joshua 21:44

ULT	UST
And Yahweh gave rest to them from all around, according to all that he had sworn to their fathers. And a man did not stand against their faces from all of their enemies. Yahweh gave all of their enemies into their hand.	*Yahweh had also told the ancestors of the Israelites that they would be able to live peacefully in the land, and he made that happen too. None of their enemies were able to fight against them and defeat them. Instead, Yahweh helped Israel defeat all their enemies.*

What did Yahweh give to Israel from all around, according to all he had sworn to their fathers, and what happened to their enemies?

Yahweh gave rest to them from all around, according to all that he had sworn to their fathers. None of their enemies were able to fight against them and defeat them. Instead, Yahweh helped Israel defeat all their enemies.

Joshua 22

Joshua 22:3

ULT	UST
You have not forsaken your brothers these many days, to this day. But you have kept the keeping of the commandments of Yahweh your God.	*For a long time you have helped the other tribes to defeat their enemies. You have obeyed everything that Yahweh your God taught you and commanded you to do.*

What did Joshua commend the Reubenites, Gadites, and half-tribe of Manasseh for having kept for many days?

Joshua commended them for not forsaking their fellow Israelites but having kept everything that Yahweh their God taught them and commanded them to do.

Joshua 22:8

ULT	UST
and he spoke to them, saying, "Return to your tents with many riches and with very much livestock, with silver and with gold and with bronze and with iron and with very many garments. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers."	*He said to them, "You may take back to your homes much money, many animals, and silver, gold, bronze, iron, and very many beautiful clothes. You got these things from your enemies when you defeated them. Share them with the people of your tribes back home."*

What did Joshua tell the departing tribes (Reuben, Gad, half-Manasseh) to do with the great spoil of their enemies?

Joshua told them to return to their tents with many riches, livestock, silver, gold, bronze, iron, and garments, and to divide the spoil of their enemies with their brothers.

Joshua 22:11

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel heard, saying, "Behold, the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and half of the tribe of Manasseh have built the altar at the front of the land of Canaan, in the regions of the Jordan, on the side of the sons of Israel."	*People from that area began to report to the other Israelites, "The people of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar at the entrance to the land of Canaan. It is on the banks of the Jordan River, on the western side where most of the Israelites live."*

What did the sons of Israel hear that the Reubenites, Gadites, and half-tribe of Manasseh had built near the Jordan in Canaan?

The sons of Israel heard that these tribes had built an altar at the front of the land of Canaan, in the regions of the Jordan, on the side of the sons of Israel.

Joshua 22:12

ULT	UST
When the sons of Israel heard, then all of the congregation of the sons of Israel gathered themselves at Shiloh to go up against them to war.	*When the other Israelites heard this, they all met together at the city of Shiloh. They decided they would fight against those tribes to make them tear down that altar.*

What did the whole congregation of the sons of Israel do at Shiloh when they heard about the altar?

The whole congregation of the sons of Israel gathered themselves at Shiloh to go up against them to war.

Joshua 22:13

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel sent Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the priest, into the land of the Gilead to the sons of Reuben and to the sons of Gad and to half of the tribe of Manasseh.	*But first, the Israelites sent Phinehas son of Eleazar, who was the leader of all the priests, across the river to talk with the people of Reuben, Gad, and eastern Manasseh.*

Who did the sons of Israel send to the land of Gilead to speak with the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half-Manasseh?

The sons of Israel sent Phinehas, the son of Eleazar the priest, to the land of Gilead.

Joshua 22:16

ULT	UST
“Thus says all of the congregation of Yahweh: ‘What is this unfaithfulness that you have done unfaithfully against the God of Israel, to turn today from after Yahweh in your building for yourselves an altar today for your rebelling against Yahweh?	*“All the other Israelites want to know why you have been so disloyal to the God whom we Israelites worship! He commanded that there should only be one altar, at his sacred tent. But you have now disobeyed Yahweh by building your own altar here in this place. You have rebelled against Yahweh!*

What accusation of unfaithfulness did the whole congregation of Yahweh make against the tribes who built the altar?

They asked what unfaithfulness these tribes had committed against the God of Israel, to turn away from Yahweh by building an altar for themselves in rebellion against Yahweh.

Joshua 22:18

ULT	UST
And will you yourselves turn today from after Yahweh? And it will happen, if you yourselves rebel against Yahweh today, then tomorrow he will be furious toward all of the congregation of Israel.	*So you should not disobey Yahweh like this! If you rebel against Yahweh like this now, soon he will severely punish all of the Israelites.*

What did the messengers fear would happen tomorrow if these tribes rebelled against Yahweh today?

They feared that if these tribes rebelled against Yahweh today, then tomorrow Yahweh would be furious toward all the congregation of Israel.

Joshua 22:27

ULT	UST
but it will be a witness between us and between you and between our generations after us, to serve the service of Yahweh to his face with our burnt offerings and with our sacrifices and with our peace offerings. And your sons will not say to our sons tomorrow, "No portion is for you in Yahweh."'	*Instead, we wanted it to be a monument to prove to you, to ourselves, and to all of our descendants after us that we will truly worship Yahweh. We will indeed worship him by bringing to his sacred tent our sacrifices to burn and our other sacrifices and the other offerings we make to promise friendship with him. We built this altar so your descendants would never say to our descendants in the future that they had nothing to do with Yahweh.*

Regarding future generations, what did the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half-Manasseh say was the purpose of building the altar?

They said they built the altar to be a witness between them and the other tribes, and between their future generations, to serve Yahweh with their offerings, so their sons would not tell the other tribes' sons they had no portion in Yahweh.

Joshua 22:30

ULT	UST
And Phinehas the priest and the leaders of the congregation and the heads of the thousands of Israel who were with him heard the words that the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad and the sons of Manasseh spoke. And it was good in their eyes.	*When Phinehas the priest and the clan leaders whom the Israelites had chosen when they met together heard what the people of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh had said, they were pleased.*

How did Phinehas the priest and the leaders of the congregation react to the explanation given by these tribes about the altar?

When Phinehas the priest and the leaders heard their words, it was good in their eyes.

Joshua 22:33

ULT	UST
And the word was good in the eyes of the sons of Israel. And the sons of Israel blessed God, and they did not speak of going up against them to war to destroy the land in which the sons of Reuben and the sons of Gad were dwelling.	*They were all pleased, and they thanked God. They did not talk anymore about fighting against the people of the tribes of Reuben and Gad and half of Manasseh to destroy them in the land where they lived.*

What was the reaction of the sons of Israel when Phinehas and the leaders reported the explanation for the altar?

The word was good in the eyes of the sons of Israel; they blessed God and did not speak of going up against them to war to destroy their land.

Joshua 23

Joshua 23:2

ULT	UST
And Joshua called to all of Israel, to its elders and to its heads and to its judges and to its officers, and he said to them, “I have aged, I have come into days.	*Joshua then called for all of Israel’s elders, leaders, judges, and officials to come and listen to him. When they arrived, he told them, “I am now very old.*

What did Joshua do when he had aged and come into days, having Yahweh given Israel rest?

Joshua called to all of Israel, to its elders, heads, judges, and officers, and spoke to them.

Joshua 23:3

ULT	UST
But you yourselves have seen all that Yahweh your God has done to all of these nations from your faces. For Yahweh your God, he is the one having fought for you.	*You have seen how, for your sake, Yahweh defeated all of these enemy people groups. Yahweh our God has fought for us.*

Who did Joshua remind the people had fought for them against all the nations?

Joshua reminded them that Yahweh their God was the one who had fought for them.

Joshua 23:7

ULT	UST
not to come among these nations, these ones remaining with you. And by the name of their gods you shall not invoke and you shall not swear, and you shall not serve them and you shall not bow down to them.	*Do not make friends with any of the people groups that are still in this land. Do not pray to their gods, and do not make oaths using the names of their gods. Do not worship those gods, and do not bow down to them.*

What did Joshua warn the people not to do regarding the nations remaining among them and their gods?

Joshua warned them not to come among these nations, nor invoke the name of their gods nor swear by them nor serve them nor bow down to them.

Joshua 23:14

ULT	UST
And behold, today I myself am going in the way of all of the earth. And you know with all of your heart and with all of your soul that not one word has fallen from all of the good words that Yahweh your God spoke concerning you. The whole has come to you. Not one word has fallen from it.	*It is almost time for me to die, as everyone else does. You know deep within you that Yahweh he has done every single thing he promised to do for you.*

What did Joshua, knowing he was about to die, affirm about all the good words Yahweh had spoken concerning Israel?

He affirmed that Yahweh he has done every single thing he promised to do for you.

Joshua 23:16

ULT	UST
In your transgressing the covenant of Yahweh your God that he commanded you and you go and serve other gods and bow down to them, then the nose of Yahweh will burn against you, and you will quickly perish from upon the good land that he has given to you."	*Suppose you do not obey the covenant that Yahweh made with you. Suppose you go and worship other gods and bow down to them. Then Yahweh will become very angry with you. Very soon none of you will be living any longer in this good land that he has given to you."*

What did Joshua warn would happen if the people transgressed Yahweh's covenant by serving and bowing to other gods?

Joshua warned that if they did so, Yahweh's anger would burn against them, and very soon none of them would be living in the good land that he gave them.

Joshua 24

Joshua 24:1

ULT	UST
And Joshua gathered all of the tribes of Israel to Shechem. And he called to the elders of Israel and to its heads and to its judges and to its officers. And they presented themselves to the face of God.	*Joshua brought all of the Israelites together in the city of Shechem. Their elders, leaders, judges, and officials all reported there in the presence of God.*

Where did Joshua gather all the tribes of Israel, and who presented themselves before God?

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and he called to the elders of Israel, its heads, judges, and officers, and they presented themselves before God.

Joshua 24:13

ULT	UST
And I gave to you a land for which you had not labored and cities that you had not built, and you dwelled in them. You are eating vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.'	*So I gave you a land that you had not cleared or plowed, and I gave you cities that you did not build. Now you live in those cities, and you eat the grapes from grapevines that you did not plant and olives from trees that you did not plant.'*

What did Yahweh say, through Joshua, he had given to the people of Israel that they did not labor for, build, or plant?

Yahweh said he had given them land for which they had not labored, cities they had not built (but dwelled in), and vineyards and olive groves they did not plant (but ate from).

Joshua 24:15

ULT	UST
But if it is evil in your eyes to serve Yahweh, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve, whether the gods that your fathers served that were beyond the river or the gods of the Amorite in whose land you are dwelling. But I and my house, we will serve Yahweh."	*Now if you do not want to worship Yahweh, then you must decide today what gods you will worship. You may decide that you want to worship the gods that your ancestors worshiped when they lived on the other side of the Euphrates River. You may decide that you want to worship the gods that the Amorites worshiped who used to live in this land. But as for me and my family, we will worship Yahweh."*

Whom did Joshua declare that he and his house would serve, regardless of the people's choice?

Joshua declared that he and his house would serve Yahweh.

Joshua 24:18

ULT	UST
And Yahweh dispossessed from our faces all of the peoples and the Amorite, the dweller in the land. We ourselves will serve Yahweh, for he is our God."	*Yahweh forced all the people who were here to leave so that we could live here. He defeated the Amorites who lived in this land. So we will worship only Yahweh. He is our God."*

How did the people respond to Joshua's challenge, affirming their commitment to serve Yahweh?

The people said, "We ourselves will serve Yahweh, for he is our God."

Joshua 24:20

ULT	UST
If you forsake Yahweh and serve the gods of the foreigner, then he will turn and do harm to you and finish you, after when he has done good to you."	*If you abandon Yahweh and worship other gods, then he will stop helping you and instead he will harm you until he has destroyed you. He will do that even after he has done such good things for you."*

What did Joshua warn would happen if Israel forsook Yahweh and served foreign gods, even after Yahweh had done good to them?

Joshua warned that if they forsook Yahweh and served foreign gods, then Yahweh would turn and do harm to them and destroy them, even after he has done such good things for them.

Joshua 24:24

ULT	UST
And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve Yahweh our God, and we will listen to his voice."	*The people replied, "We will worship Yahweh as our God, and we will obey what he tells us to do."*

What was the people's final declaration to Joshua regarding serving Yahweh and listening to his voice?

The people said to Joshua, "We will serve Yahweh our God, and we will listen to his voice."

Joshua 24:26

ULT	UST
And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the instruction of God. And he took a great stone and set it up there beneath the oak tree that was at the Holy Place of Yahweh.	*He wrote all those things down in the book of the law of God. Then he got a large stone and set it up there at Shechem, under the large oak tree that grew beside the place where Yahweh's sacred tent was.*

What did Joshua do to formalize the covenant, and where did he set up a great stone?

Joshua wrote these words in the book of the instruction of God, took a great stone, and set it up there beneath the oak tree that was at the Holy Place of Yahweh.

Joshua 24:27

ULT	UST
And Joshua said to all of the people, "Behold, this stone will be for a witness against us, for it has heard all of the words of Yahweh that he spoke to us. And it will be for a witness against you, lest you deal falsely with your God."	*Joshua told all the people, "Look! This stone will always be a reminder to us. This is the place where I told you what Yahweh wanted to say to you and you promised that you would serve him. This stone will remind you of your promise so that you are not disloyal to God."*

What did Joshua say the great stone would be a witness against them for, lest they deal falsely with their God?

Joshua told all the people, "Look! This stone will always be for a witness against us. This is the place where I told you what Yahweh wanted to say to you {and you promised that you would serve him}. This stone will remind you of your promise so that you are not disloyal to God."

Joshua 24:29

ULT	UST
And it happened after these things that Joshua, the son of Nun, the servant of Yahweh, died, a son of 110 years.	*After this, Joshua son of Nun, the servant of Yahweh, died. He was 110 years old when he died.*

How old was Joshua, the servant of Yahweh, when he died?

Joshua, the son of Nun, the servant of Yahweh, died at the age of 110 years.

Joshua 24:32

ULT	UST
And the bones of Joseph, which the sons of Israel had brought up from Egypt, they buried in Shechem, in the portion of the field that Jacob had bought from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for 100 qesitah. And it was to the sons of Joseph for an inheritance.	*The people of Israel had brought Joseph's bones with them when they left Egypt. Now they buried his bones at Shechem, in the piece of land that Jacob had bought long ago for the price of 100 pieces of silver. He had bought it from Hamor, the father of Shechem. That piece of land became a permanent possession for Joseph's descendants.*

Whose bones, brought up from Egypt by the sons of Israel, did they bury in Shechem?

The sons of Israel buried the bones of Joseph, which they had brought up from Egypt, in Shechem.

Judges

Judges 1

Judges 1:2

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

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

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

Judges 1:5

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

Against whom did the soldiers of Judah fight?

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

Judges 1:7

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

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

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

Judges 1:10

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

What was the previous name of Hebron?

The name of Hebron was previously Kiriath Arba.

Judges 1:13

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

What did Caleb give to Othniel?

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

Judges 1:15

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

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

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

Judges 1:16

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

Where is the wilderness of Judah?

The wilderness of Judah is in the Negeb.

Judges 1:19

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

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

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

Judges 1:21

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

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

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

Judges 1:25

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

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

The spies let the man and his family get away.

Judges 1:28

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

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

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

Judges 1:32

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

Why did the tribe of Asher live among the Canaanites?

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

Judges 1:35

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

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

The house of Joseph conquered them.

Judges 2

Judges 2:1

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

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

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

Judges 2:4

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

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

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

Judges 2:7

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

How long did the people serve Yahweh?

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

Judges 2:12

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

What gods did the people of Israel go after?

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

Judges 2:15

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

What had Yahweh sworn to Israel?

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

Judges 2:16

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

What did the judges do?

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

Judges 2:19

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

What happened when the judge died?

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

Judges 2:22

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

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

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

Judges 3

Judges 3:1

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

Why did Yahweh leave nations to test Israel?

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

Judges 3:4

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

What would Yahweh do by means of the remaining nations?

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

Judges 3:7

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

What did the people of Israel serve?

They served the Baals and the Asherahs.

Judges 3:9

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

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

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

Judges 3:12

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

Who gave strength to Eglon, the king of Moab?

Yahweh gave strength to Eglon, the king of Moab.

Judges 3:15

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

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

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

Judges 3:16

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

Where did Ehud strap on the sword he made?

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

Judges 3:20

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

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

Only Ehud and the king were there.

Judges 3:22

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

Why did fat close over the handle of the sword?

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

Judges 3:24

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

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

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

Judges 3:26

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

When did Ehud escape?

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

Judges 3:28

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

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

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

Judges 3:31

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

With what did Shamgar kill 600 Philistines?

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

Judges 4

Judges 4:3

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

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

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

Judges 4:5

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

Why did the people of Israel come to Deborah?

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

Judges 4:7

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

Where would Yahweh make Sisera meet Barak?

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

Judges 4:9

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

Why would Yahweh make a woman defeat Sisera?

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

Judges 4:11

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

From whom did the Kenites descend?

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

Judges 4:16

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

How many of the army of Sisera survived?

None of the army of Sisera survived.

Judges 4:17

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

Why did Sisera go to the tent of Jael?

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

Judges 4:19

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

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

When Sisera asked for water, Jael gave him milk.

Judges 4:21

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

How did Jael kill Sisera?

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

Judges 5

Judges 5:4

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

When did the earth shake?

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

Judges 5:8

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

What was not seen among 40,000 in Israel?

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

Judges 5:10

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

What things were used as saddles on the white donkeys?

Carpets were used as saddles on the white donkeys.

Judges 5:13

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

Why did the people of Yahweh come down?

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

Judges 5:18

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

What would Zebulun risk?

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

Judges 5:20

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

What fought against Sisera from their courses across the heavens?

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

Judges 5:23

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

Why did the angel of Yahweh curse Meroz?

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

Judges 5:26

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

To what did Jael put her hand?

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

Judges 5:28

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

Where did the mother of Sisera look out?

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

Judges 5:31

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

Like what should those who love Yahweh be?

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

Judges 6

Judges 6:2

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

What did the people of Israel do because of Midian?

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

Judges 6:3

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

What happened any time the Israelites planted their crops?

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

Judges 6:5

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

How many Midianites and Amalekites would attack?

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

Judges 6:10

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

In whose land were the people of Israel living?

They were living in the land of the Amorites.

Judges 6:11

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

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

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

Judges 6:13

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

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

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

Judges 6:15

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

Why did Gideon think he could not deliver Israel?

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

Judges 6:18

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

Why did Yahweh wait for Gideon?

Yahweh waited for Gideon to bring him an offering.

Judges 6:20

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

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

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

Judges 6:21

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

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

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

Judges 6:23

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

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

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

Judges 6:26

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

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

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

Judges 6:27

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

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

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

Judges 6:30

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

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

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

Judges 6:32

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

Why was Gideon given the name, "Jerubbaal"?

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

Judges 6:37

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

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

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

Judges 6:38

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

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

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

Judges 6:39

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

What was Gideon's second test for God?

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

Judges 7

Judges 7:2

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

Why did Yahweh have the fearful soldiers return?

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

Judges 7:4

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

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

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

Judges 7:5

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

How did Yahweh tell Gideon to separate the soldiers?

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

Judges 7:8

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

How many soldiers did Gideon keep?

Gideon kept 300 soldiers and sent the rest home.

Judges 7:11

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

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

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

Judges 7:14

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

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

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

Judges 7:16

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

What did Gideon give his 300 soldiers?

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

Judges 7:19

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

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

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

Judges 7:22

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

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

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

Judges 7:24

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

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

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

Judges 8

Judges 8:1

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

Why did the men of Ephraim argue with Gideon?

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

Judges 8:5

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

For what did Gideon ask the men of Succoth?

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

Judges 8:8

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

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

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

Judges 8:11

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

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

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

Judges 8:15

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

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

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

Judges 8:19

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

What men did Zebah and Zalmunna kill at Tabor?

Zebah and Zalmunna killed Gideon's brothers.

Judges 8:20

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

Why did Jether not draw his sword?

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

Judges 8:23

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

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

Gideon said Yahweh would rule over the men of Israel.

Judges 8:24

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

For what did Gideon ask the men of Israel?

Gideon asked them for the earrings from their spoil.

Judges 8:27

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

What did Gideon make out of the earrings?

Gideon made an sacred garment out of the earrings.

What did Israel do to the golden ephod?

Israel worshiped the ephod.

Judges 8:33

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

What happened as soon as Gideon was dead?

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

Judges 9

Judges 9:1

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

Who was Abimelech's father?

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

Judges 9:3

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

Why did the leaders of Shechem agree to follow Abimelech?

They agreed to follow Abimelech because he was their relative.

Judges 9:4

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

For what did Abimelech use the 70 pieces of silver?

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

Judges 9:5

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

Why was Jotham not murdered?

Jotham was not murdered because he hid himself.

Judges 9:18

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

On what day did Jotham address the leaders of Shechem?

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

Judges 9:20

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

What was the curse of Jotham?

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

Judges 9:24

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

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

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

Judges 9:25

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

Who did the leaders of Shechem hope to ambush?

The leaders of Shechem hoped to ambush Abimelech.

Judges 9:28

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

Who wished the people would serve him instead of Abimelech?

Gaal wished the people would serve him.

Judges 9:30

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

When was Zebul's anger kindled?

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

Judges 9:31

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

Why did Zebul send messengers to Abimelech?

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

Judges 9:36

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

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

Zebul said they were shadows of the hills.

Judges 9:38

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

What did Zebul tell Gaal to do?

Zebul told Gaal to go out and fight against Abimelech.

Judges 9:40

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

What happened when Gaal fought Abimelech?

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

Judges 9:45

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

What did Abimelech do after he captured the city?

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

Judges 9:46

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

Where did the leaders of the tower of Shechem enter?

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

Judges 9:49

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

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

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

Judges 9:53

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

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

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

Judges 9:54

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

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

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

Judges 10

Judges 10:1

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

Where was Shamir?

Shamir was in the hill country of Ephraim.

Judges 10:6

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

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

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

Judges 10:9

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

Why was Israel greatly distressed?

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

Judges 10:14

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

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

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

Judges 10:16

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

Why could Yahweh no longer bear the misery of Israel?

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

Judges 11

Judges 11:1

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

Who were Jephthah's parents?

Jephthah was the son of a prostitute and Gilead.

Judges 11:6

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

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

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

Judges 11:8

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

Why did the elders of Gilead come to Jephthah?

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

Judges 11:9

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

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

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

Judges 11:13

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

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

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

Judges 11:17

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

Who was not willing to let Israel pass?

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

Judges 11:21

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

Who gave Israel victory over Sihon?

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

Judges 11:26

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

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

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

Judges 11:31

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

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

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

Judges 11:32

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

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

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

Judges 11:34

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

How many children did Jephthah have?

Jephthah had only one child, this daughter.

Judges 11:37

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

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

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

Judges 11:39

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

What did Jephthah do with his daughter?

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

Judges 12

Judges 12:1

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

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

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

Judges 12:4

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

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

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

Judges 12:6

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

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

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

Judges 13

Judges 13:2

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

What clan was Manoah from?

Manoah was from the clan of Dan.

Judges 13:5

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

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

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

Judges 13:6

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

What did the man of God look like?

The man of God looked like an angel of God.

Judges 13:9

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

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

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

Judges 13:12

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

What did Manoah ask the angel about?

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

Judges 13:16

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

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

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

Judges 13:20

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

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

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

Judges 13:25

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

Where did Yahweh's Spirit begin to stir Samson?

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

Judges 14

Judges 14:2

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

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

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

Judges 14:3

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

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

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

Judges 14:6

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

How was Samson able to tear the lion apart?

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

Judges 14:8

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

What was in the carcass of the lion?

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

Judges 14:13

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

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

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

Judges 14:15

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

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

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

Judges 14:17

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

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

She cried for the seven days that the feast lasted.

Judges 14:19

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

How did Samson get 30 changes of clothing?

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

Judges 15

Judges 15:2

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

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

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

Judges 15:5

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

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

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

Judges 15:6

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

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

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

Judges 15:8

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

Why did Samson kill a great number of Philistines?

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

Judges 15:10

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

Why did the Philistines come up to attack Judah?

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

Judges 15:12

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

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

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

Judges 15:15

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

With what did Samson kill 1,000 men?

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

Judges 15:18

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

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

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

Judges 15:19

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

How did Samson get water?

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

Judges 16

Judges 16:2

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

When did the Gazites plan to kill Samson?

The Gazites planned to kill Samson at daylight.

Judges 16:3

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

How did Samson escape Gaza?

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

Judges 16:5

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

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

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

Judges 16:9

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

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

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

Judges 16:12

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

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

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

Judges 16:16

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

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

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

Judges 16:17

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

Why had Samson never cut the hair on his head?

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

Judges 16:19

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

How was Delilah able to subdue Samson?

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

Judges 16:21

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

What work did the Philistines make Samson do?

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

Judges 16:23

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

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

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

Judges 16:26

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

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

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

Judges 16:28

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

Why did Samson want God to strengthen him?

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

Judges 16:30

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

How many people did Samson kill when the building fell?

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

Judges 17

Judges 17:2

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

What did Micah steal?

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

Judges 17:3

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

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

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

Judges 17:5

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

To what did Micah appoint one of his sons?

He appointed one of his sons to become his priest.

Judges 17:8

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

Why did the Levite leave Bethlehem?

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

Judges 17:10

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

What did Micah ask the Levite to be to him?

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

Judges 17:13

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

Why did Micah think Yahweh would be good to him?

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

Judges 18

Judges 18:1

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

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

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

Judges 18:5

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

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

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

Judges 18:9

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

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

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

Judges 18:14

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

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

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

Judges 18:24

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

Why was Micah angry?

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

Judges 18:26

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

Why did Micah turn and go back to his house?

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

Judges 18:28

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

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

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

Judges 18:30

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

Who were the priests for the tribe of the Danites?

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

Judges 19

Judges 19:1

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

Where was the Levite living?

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

Judges 19:3

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

Where did the Levite's concubine bring him?

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

Judges 19:6

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

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

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

Judges 19:9

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

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

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

Judges 19:12

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

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

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

Judges 19:15

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

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

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

Judges 19:16

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

From what tribe were the men living in Gibeah?

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

Judges 19:20

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

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

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

Judges 19:22

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

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

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

Judges 19:24

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

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

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

Judges 19:26

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

What happened at dawn?

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

Judges 19:28

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

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

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

Judges 19:29

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

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

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

Judges 20

Judges 20:1

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

Who gathered together before Yahweh at Mizpah?

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

Judges 20:5

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

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

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

Judges 20:13

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

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

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

Judges 20:14

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

Why did the people of Benjamin come together at Gibeah?

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

Judges 20:16

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

What was special about the 700 chosen men?

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

Judges 20:18

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

Why did Judah attack Benjamin?

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

Judges 20:26

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

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

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

Judges 20:27

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

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

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

Judges 20:32

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

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

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

Judges 20:36

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

Why had the men of Israel retreated?

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

Judges 20:38

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

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

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

Judges 20:42

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

Why could the men of Benjamin not escape?

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

Judges 20:47

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

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

Six hundred men were able to escape to the wilderness.

Judges 21

Judges 21:3

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

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

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

Judges 21:5

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

Who would certainly be put to death?

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

Judges 21:8

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

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

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

Judges 21:12

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

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

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

Judges 21:14

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

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

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

Judges 21:19

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

Where was Shiloh?

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

Judges 21:21

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

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

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

Judges 21:22

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

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

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

Judges 21:25

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

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

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

Ruth

Ruth 1

Ruth 1:1

ULT	UST
Now it happened in the days of the ruling of the judges that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man from Bethlehem of Judah went to live in the fields of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.	*During the time that judges ruled Israel, there was a famine in that country. A man from the town of Bethlehem in the region of Judah in the country of Israel left there and went to live for a while in the country of Moab. His wife and his two sons went with him.*

During what period of time in Jewish history did the story of Ruth occur?

It occurred in the days when the judges ruled.

Why did Elimelek move to Moab with his family?

He moved because there was a famine in the land of Judah.

Ruth 1:3

ULT	UST
Then Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died. And she was left, she and her two sons.	*Then Naomi's husband, Elimelech, died, and Naomi had only her two sons with her.*

What happened to Elimelek in Moab?

He died, leaving Naomi a widow.

Ruth 1:5

ULT	UST
And the two of them, Mahlon and Kilion, also died, and the woman was left without her two children or her husband.	*Mahlon and Kilion also died. So then Naomi was alone without her husband or her two sons.*

What happened to Naomi's children in Moab?

They died, leaving behind two daughters-in-law for Naomi.

Ruth 1:6

ULT	UST
Then she arose, she and her daughters-in-law, and she returned from the fields of Moab, for she had heard in a field of Moab that Yahweh had visited his people, giving them bread.	*One day while Naomi was in Moab, she heard someone say that Yahweh had helped his people in Israel and that now they had plenty of food. So she got ready to return to Bethlehem with her daughters-in-law.*

Why did Naomi decide to return to Judah?

She heard that Yahweh had given the people of Judah food.

Ruth 1:8

ULT	UST
Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return, each woman to the house of her mother. May Yahweh act with you in covenant faithfulness as you have acted with the dead and with me.	*Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Each of you should turn around and go back to live with your mother. I am asking Yahweh to be as faithful to you as you have been to your dead husbands and to me.*

Where did Naomi want her two daughters-in-law to go?

She wanted them to return to their mothers' houses.

Ruth 1:9

ULT	UST
May Yahweh grant to you that you shall find rest, each woman in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and cried.	*I am asking Yahweh to allow each of you to have another husband with whom you will have a secure home." Then she kissed each of them, and they cried aloud.*

What did Naomi want her two daughters-in-law to find?

She wanted them to find other husbands.

Ruth 1:13

ULT	UST
would you therefore wait until the time when they are grown? Would you for this reason keep yourselves from belonging to a husband? No, my daughters! For it is exceedingly bitter for me, more than for you, that the hand of Yahweh has gone out against me."	*you would not wait until they grew up! You could not remain unmarried until then! No, my daughters, Yahweh has done very bad things to me, causing me to grieve very much. But your lives do not need to be as bad as mine."*

Who did Naomi believe was the source of her trouble?

She believed that Yahweh was against her.

Ruth 1:16

ULT	UST
But Ruth said, "Do not press me to forsake you, to turn back from behind you. For to where you go, I will go, and in where you stay, I will stay. Your people are my people, and your God is my God.	*But Ruth replied, "No! Please do not insist that I abandon you and stop taking care of you! Wherever you travel, I will travel too. Wherever you live, I will live too. Your relatives will be my relatives, and I will worship the God whom you worship.*

When Ruth stayed with Naomi, what promise did Ruth make to Naomi?

She said, "For I will go to the place where you go, and I will stay in the place where you stay. Your people are my people, and your God is my God."

Ruth 1:17

ULT	UST
In the place where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May Yahweh do thus to me, and thus may he add, if death separates between me and between you."	*Wherever you die, there I will die, and they will bury me there. May Yahweh punish me severely if I leave you even after we die."*

How long did Ruth say she would remain with Naomi?

She said she would remain with Naomi until they died. She said, "In the place where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May Yahweh do thus to me, and thus may he add, if death separates between me and between you."

Ruth 1:19

ULT	UST
So the two of them traveled until they came to Bethlehem. And it happened, as they were entering Bethlehem, the entire town was agitated on account of them. And the women said, “Is this Naomi?”	*So the two women continued walking until they came to the town of Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, many people in the town began talking loudly about them. Many women of the town exclaimed, “It is hard to believe that this is Naomi!”*

To which town did Naomi return?

She returned to Bethlehem.

Ruth 1:20

ULT	UST
But she said to them, “Do not call me Naomi. Call me Mara, for the Almighty has acted exceedingly bitterly to me.	*Naomi said to them, “You should not call me Naomi anymore, since it means ‘pleasant.’ Instead, call me Mara, because it means ‘bitter.’ God Almighty has made my life very bitter.*

What name did Naomi want to be called and why?

She asked to be called “Mara” (which means “bitter”), because she believed that Yahweh had dealt bitterly with her.

Ruth 1:22

ULT	UST
So Naomi returned, with Ruth the Moabite woman her daughter-in-law, with her, the woman who returned from the fields of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the harvest of barley.	*So that is how Naomi returned home along with her daughter-in-law Ruth, the woman from Moab. When they arrived in Bethlehem, it was the season for people there to begin harvesting their crops of barley.*

What time of the year did Naomi and Ruth arrive in Bethlehem?

They arrived at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Ruth 2

Ruth 2:1

ULT	UST
Now Naomi had a relative of her husband, a man of great worth from the clan of Elimelech. And his name was Boaz.	*There was a man there who was a relative of Naomi's dead husband, Elimelech. He was rich and important, and a member of the same clan to which Elimelech belonged. The man's name was Boaz.*

What was the relationship between Boaz and Naomi's dead husband?

Boaz was a relative of Naomi's husband.

Ruth 2:2

ULT	UST
And Ruth, the Moabite woman, said to Naomi, "Please, I want to go to the field and glean heads of grain after the one in whose eyes I find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."	*Ruth (the woman from Moab) said to Naomi, "Let me go to the fields and pick up the grain that the harvesters leave behind. I will go behind any harvester who allows me to do so." Naomi replied, "Go ahead, my daughter."*

As Ruth went out to glean for the first time, who did Ruth say she would follow while gleaning grain?

She would follow anyone in whose eyes she found favor.

Ruth 2:4

ULT	UST
Then behold, Boaz coming from Bethlehem! And he said to the reapers, "Yahweh be with you." And they said to him, "May Yahweh bless you."	*Just then, Boaz arrived from Bethlehem! He greeted the harvesters, "May Yahweh be with you!" They replied, "May Yahweh bless you!"*

What greeting did Boaz give to his workers?

He said, "Yahweh be with you."

Ruth 2:5

ULT	UST
Then Boaz said to his servant who was set over the reapers, "Who does this young woman belong to?"	*Then Boaz saw Ruth, and asked his foreman, "Who is that young woman related to?"*

What did Boaz want to know about Ruth?

He wanted to know to whom she belonged.

Ruth 2:8

ULT	UST
Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Will you not listen, my daughter? Do not go to glean in another field, and do not even go away from here, but thusly stick closely to my young female workers.	*Then Boaz walked over to where Ruth was and said to Ruth, "Young lady, please listen to me. You do not need to go to any other field or anywhere else to gather grain. You should stay right here with my servant girls.*

What instructions did Boaz give Ruth concerning her gleaning?

He told Ruth not to leave his field, but to stay and work in his field with his female workers.

Ruth 2:10

ULT	UST
Then she fell on her face and bowed down to the ground and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your eyes that you should take notice of me, since I am a foreigner?"	*Then she knelt before him in respect with her forehead touching the ground. She exclaimed, "Why are you being so kind to me? I did not think that you would pay any attention to me, since I am a foreigner!"*

After receiving the favorable instructions, what question did Ruth ask Boaz?

She asked Boaz why she had found favor in his sight.

Ruth 2:11

ULT	UST
Then Boaz answered and said to her, "It has been fully reported to me everything that you have done with your mother-in-law after the death of your husband. You left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and you came to a people whom you did not know the day before yesterday.	*Boaz replied, "People have told me everything that you have done for your mother-in-law since your husband died. They told me that you left your parents and your homeland, and that you came here to live among people whom you did not know previously.*

What good report had Boaz heard about Ruth?

He had heard that Ruth had left her home to follow Naomi.

Ruth 2:12

ULT	UST
May Yahweh reward your work, and may your full wages come from Yahweh, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."	*I pray that Yahweh will fully repay you for what you have done. Yes, may Yahweh, the God of Israel, the one whom you are trusting to protect you, reward you in full."*

Under whose wings did Boaz say Ruth had found refuge?

He said that Ruth had found refuge under Yahweh's wings.

Ruth 2:15

ULT	UST
Then she got up to glean. Then Boaz commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the bundles, and do not shame her.	*After she stood up to go back to work, Boaz ordered his workers, "Even if she gathers some grain near the bundles of grain that you have cut, do not tell her to stop doing that.*

What additional favor did Boaz show to Ruth when they returned to work after mealtime?

He allowed Ruth to glean among the bundles.

Ruth 2:16

ULT	UST
Even be sure to pull some out from the bundles for her and leave it for her to glean, and do not rebuke her!"	*Even more than that, I want you to pull out some stalks of grain from the bundles and leave them on the ground for her to pick up—and do not scold her."*

What did Boaz tell his workers to do for Ruth?

He commanded the reapers to pull out grain for Ruth from the bundles.

Ruth 2:19

ULT	UST
Then her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today and where did you work? May the one who noticed you be blessed." Then she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked. And she said, "The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz."	*Her mother-in-law asked her, "Where did you gather all this grain today? In whose field did you work? I pray that God will bless the man who was so kind to you." Then Ruth told her about the person with whom she had worked. She said, "The name of the man who owns the field where I worked today is Boaz."*

When Naomi saw the large amount of grain that Ruth brought back, what question did she ask Ruth?

She asked where Ruth had gleaned that day.

Ruth 2:20

ULT	UST
Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by Yahweh, who has not forsaken his covenant faithfulness with the living and with the dead." Naomi also said to her, "That man is close to us. He is one of our kinsman-redeemers."	*Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, "May Yahweh bless him! Yahweh has continued to act faithfully toward us who are still living, and to our husbands who have died." Then Naomi said, "That man is a close relative of Elimelek. In fact, he is one of those responsible for taking care of our family."*

What blessing did Naomi wish for Boaz when she heard that Boaz had helped Ruth?

She said, "May he be blessed by Yahweh."

Ruth 2:22

ULT	UST
Then Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you go out with his young female workers, so that they do not harm you in any other field."	*Naomi replied to her daughter-in-law Ruth, "My daughter, it will be good for you to go to his field with his servant girls, because if you go to someone else's field, someone might assault you."*

Why did Naomi think it was good for Ruth to work with Boaz's women workers?

By doing that, Ruth would not come to harm in any other field.

Ruth 2:23

ULT	UST
So she stayed close by the young female workers of Boaz to glean until the harvest of barley and the harvest of wheat were finished. And she lived with her mother-in-law.	*So Ruth worked alongside of Boaz's servant girls. She gathered heads of grain until the workers had finished harvesting both the barley and the wheat. During that time, she continued to live with Naomi.*

What did Ruth do during the rest of the barley harvest?

She gleaned with Boaz's workers and lived with her mother-in-law.

Ruth 3

Ruth 3:1

ULT	UST
Then Naomi, her mother-in-law, said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek a resting place for you, that will be good for you?	*One day, Naomi said to Ruth, "My daughter, I want to arrange for you to have a secure home with a good husband.*

What did Naomi say her desire was for Ruth?

She desired that Ruth have a place of rest, meaning to have a person who would treat her well.

Ruth 3:3

ULT	UST
Now wash yourself and anoint yourself and put on your cloak, and go down to the threshing floor. Do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.	*Bathe yourself and put on some perfume. Put on your full outer cloak. Then go down to the place where they thresh the grain. But do not let him know that you are there until he has finished his evening meal.*

What did Naomi tell Ruth to do before going down to the threshing floor?

She told her to wash and anoint herself and to put on her cloak.

Ruth 3:4

ULT	UST
And let it be, when he lies down, know the exact place where he is lying. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down. Then he, himself, will tell you what you should do."	*When he lies down to sleep, pay attention to where he lies down. Then go over to him, uncover his feet, and lie down there. When he wakes up, he will be the one to tell you what to do next."*

What was Ruth to do when she went to where Boaz was sleeping?

She was to uncover his feet and to lie down there.

Ruth 3:5

ULT	UST
And she said to her, "Everything that you say, I will do."	*Ruth replied, "I will do everything that you have told me to do."*

What was Ruth's attitude toward Naomi's instructions?

She said she would do everything Naomi told her to do.

Ruth 3:8

ULT	UST
Then it happened in the middle of the night that the man was startled and turned over. And behold, a woman was lying at his feet!	*In the middle of the night, he woke up suddenly. He sat up and was amazed to find a woman lying at his feet!*

At midnight, what was Boaz startled to find?

He was startled to find that a woman lay at his feet!

Ruth 3:9

ULT	UST
And he said, "Who are you?" Then she said, "I am Ruth, your female servant. So spread the edge of your cloak over your female servant, for you are a kinsman-redeemer."	*He asked her, "Who are you?" She replied, "I am your servant, Ruth. Since you are the one responsible for my dead husband's family, please make me secure by marrying me."*

What was Ruth's request to Boaz?

She asked Boaz to spread his cloak over her, for he was a kinsman-redeemer.

Ruth 3:10

ULT	UST
Then he said, "Blessed be you by Yahweh, my daughter! You have made your covenant faithfulness better at the end than at the beginning by not going after the young men, either poor or rich.	*Boaz replied, "May Yahweh bless you, my dear! Previously, you were very faithful to your mother-in-law, but you are acting even more faithfully now by not chasing after a young man to marry, whether rich or poor.*

Why did Boaz ask a blessing from Yahweh for Ruth?

Boaz blessed Ruth because she had come to Boaz, her kinsman-redeemer, rather than pursuing younger men.

Ruth 3:11

ULT	UST
So now, my daughter, do not be afraid! Everything that you say, I will do for you; for the whole gate of my people knows that you are a woman of worth.	*Now, my dear, I will do everything that you asked. Do not be afraid, because everyone in this town knows that you are an honorable woman.*

What did Boaz say he would do about Ruth's request?

He said that he would do all that she asked.

Ruth 3:12

ULT	UST
And now, it is indeed true that I am a kinsman-redeemer, but there is also a kinsman-redeemer nearer than I.	*However, while it is true that I am one of Elimelek's close relatives and, therefore, could be responsible for you and Naomi, there is another man who is a closer relative than I am. He is the one who is actually responsible for you.*

What obstacle prevented Boaz from immediately performing the part of a kinsman for Ruth?

There was another kinsman-redeemer nearer in relationship than Boaz.

Ruth 3:13

ULT	UST
Stay here tonight. And when it is morning, if he will redeem you, good, let him redeem. But if he does not want to redeem you, then I will redeem you myself, as Yahweh lives. Lie down until morning."	*You stay here for the rest of the night. Tomorrow morning I will tell this man about you. If he says that he will take care of you, fine, he can marry you. But if he is unwilling to take care of you, I solemnly promise that, as surely as Yahweh lives, I will marry you and take care of you myself. So stay here until it is morning."*

How was Boaz going to determine who would act as kinsman for Ruth?

If the nearest kinsman-redeemer was willing to redeem Ruth, then Boaz would let him do that. But if he was not willing, then Boaz would be the kinsman-redeemer.

Ruth 3:14

ULT	UST
So she lay at his feet until the morning, but she got up before a man could recognize his friend. And he said, "Do not let it be known that the woman came to the threshing floor."	*Then Boaz added, "It would be best if no one knew that a woman came here." So she lay at his feet until early morning and got up to leave before it was light enough that people would be able to recognize her.*

Why did Ruth leave the threshing floor early before anyone could recognize her?

Boaz did not want people to know that she had been with him overnight at the threshing floor.

Ruth 3:15

ULT	UST
Then he said, "Bring the cloak that is on you and hold it." So she held it. And he measured six of barley and put it on her. Then he went into the city.	*Then Boaz said to her, "Bring your shawl over here and hold it out." When she did that, he poured a generous amount of barley into it and put it on her back. Then he went into town.*

What gift did Boaz give Ruth before she left the threshing floor?

He gave her six large measures of barley.

Ruth 3:18

ULT	UST
Then she said, "Sit, my daughter, until the time when you know how the matter falls. For the man will not rest unless he has finished this matter today."	*Then Naomi said, "My daughter, just wait here until we see what happens. That man will work hard on this matter until he has resolved it today."*

Naomi was sure that Boaz would resolve the issue by what time?

He would resolve it by the end of that same day.

Ruth 4

Ruth 4:1

ULT	UST
Now Boaz had gone up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the kinsman-redeemer was passing by, the same man about whom Boaz had spoken earlier. And he said, "Turn aside and sit down here, a certain person." So he turned aside and sat down.	*Meanwhile, Boaz went up to the place inside the town gate where people conducted their official business. He sat down there. Just as he had hoped, the man responsible for Naomi's family came along, the man whom Boaz had mentioned earlier. Boaz called out to him by name and said, "Come over here and sit down." So the man came over and sat down.*

Where did Boaz go to resolve the issue of who would be the kinsman-redeemer for Ruth?

He went to the gate of the city.

Ruth 4:2

ULT	UST
Then he took ten men from the elders of the city and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down.	*Boaz then gathered ten of the older, well-respected men from the town and said to them, "Please sit here so you can witness our business." So they sat down.*

Who did Boaz ask to sit as witnesses?

He asked ten men who were from the elders of the city.

Ruth 4:3

ULT	UST
Then he said to the kinsman-redeemer, "Naomi, the woman who has returned from the fields of Moab, is selling the portion of the field that belonged to our brother Elimelek.	*Then Boaz said to the man responsible for Naomi's family, "The part of the field that belonged to our relative Elimelek is for sale. Naomi, who recently returned from Moab, is selling it.*

What did Boaz first speak about to the other kinsman?

He told him that Naomi was selling the piece of land that had been owned by Elimelek.

Ruth 4:4

ULT	UST
Now as for me, I said that I should uncover your ear, saying, 'Buy!' in the presence of those who are sitting here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not redeem it, then tell me so that I may know, for there is no one to redeem it besides you, and I am after you." Then he said, "I will redeem it myself."	*I thought that I should tell you about it and suggest that you buy the field while the people who are sitting here are listening, including these leaders of our people. If you want to buy it back into the family, then do so. But if you do not want to buy it back, then let me know, because you are the closest relative to Elimelek, and I am next after you." The man replied, "No, I will buy it!"*

What did Boaz suggest the other kinsman do about the parcel of land?

Boaz suggested that the other kinsman could redeem it.

What was the other kinsman's answer?

He said he would redeem it.

Ruth 4:5

ULT	UST
Then Boaz said, "On the day of your buying the field from the hand of Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite woman, the wife of the dead, in order to raise up the name of the dead over his inheritance."	*Then Boaz told him, "When you buy the land from Naomi, you will also need to marry Ruth, our deceased relative's widow from Moab, in order that she may have a son who will inherit the property and who will continue Elimelek's family line."*

About what additional requirement did Boaz then tell the other kinsman?

He told him that he would also have to marry Ruth in order to raise up the name of the dead man over his inheritance.

Ruth 4:6

ULT	UST
Then the kinsman-redeemer said, "I am not able to redeem it for myself lest I damage my own inheritance. You redeem for yourself my right of redemption, for I am not able to redeem it."	*Then the nearer relative said, "Then I cannot buy it back myself. If I did that, I would ruin my own son's inheritance. You may be responsible for the land and the woman instead of me. I cannot do it."*

What was the other kinsman's answer when he learned that he would have to marry Ruth?

He said he could not redeem the land.

Why did the other kinsman say he could not be the redeemer?

He said that it would damage his own inheritance.

Ruth 4:8

ULT	UST
So the kinsman-redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself," and he took off his sandal.	*So after the relative said to Boaz, "You buy the field yourself," he took off one of his sandals and gave it to Boaz.*

What did the other kinsman do to show that he agreed that Boaz should be the redeemer?

He took off his sandal and gave it to him in front of witnesses.

Ruth 4:9

ULT	UST
Then Boaz said to the elders and to all the people, "You are witnesses today that I am buying from the hand of Naomi everything that belonged to Elimelek and everything that belonged to Kilion and Mahlon.	*Then Boaz said to the respected men and to all the other people who were there, "Today you have all seen that I have bought from Naomi all the property that belonged to Elimelek, Kilion, and Mahlon.*

What was the first agreement that Boaz said the elders witnessed?

They witnessed that Boaz bought all the land that had belonged to Elimelek.

Ruth 4:10

ULT	UST
And also Ruth, the Moabite woman, the widow of Mahlon, I am acquiring as my wife, in order to raise up the name of the dead over his inheritance, so that the name of the dead will not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his place. Today you are witnesses!"	*I am also taking Ruth, Mahlon's widow from Moab, to be my wife. This is in order that she may give birth to a son. Everyone will consider this son to be a descendant of Elimelek. This son will inherit the property and carry on Elimelek's family name among his relatives and here in his hometown. Today you have seen and heard these things and can speak of them to anyone who asks about them."*

What was the second agreement that Boaz said the elders had witnessed?

They had witnessed that Boaz acquired Ruth as his wife.

Ruth 4:12

ULT	UST
And may your house become like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, from the seed that Yahweh gives you from this young woman."	*We pray that your family will be like the family of your ancestor Perez, son of Judah and Tamar, because of the many descendants that Yahweh will give to you and this young woman."*

What blessing did the people desire for Boaz?

They desired that Yahweh would give him offspring through Ruth, just as Tamar bore a son to Judah.

Ruth 4:15

ULT	UST
Now he will be for you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you, has borne him—she who is better to you than seven sons."	*Your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who has been better to you than if you had seven sons, has given birth to him. Therefore, he will make you feel young again, and he will take care of you when you become old."*

Why did the women say that Ruth was better for Naomi than seven sons?

They said this because of Ruth's love for Naomi, and because Ruth had given birth to a grandson for Naomi.

Ruth 4:16

ULT	UST
And Naomi took the child and put him on her lap, and she became his nurse.	*Then Naomi picked up the baby and held him closely and became a second mother to him.*

What was Naomi's relationship with Ruth's son?

Naomi became his nurse or caregiver.

Ruth 4:17

ULT	UST
So the neighbor women called out a name for him, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." And they called his name Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.	*The women who were living nearby said, "It is as though Naomi now has a son!" They named him Obed. Later, Obed became the father of Jesse, who became the father of King David.*

What was Ruth's son's name?

His name was Obed.

Of whom was Obed the father and grandfather?

Obed was the father of Jesse and the grandfather of David.

1 Samuel

1 Samuel 1

1 Samuel 1:1-2

Who were the two wives of Elkanah?

The wives of Elkanah were Hannah and Peninnah.

1 Samuel 1:2

ULT	UST
And two wives were to him. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the second was Peninnah. And children were to Peninnah, but to Hannah children were not.	*Elkanah had two wives. Their names were Hannah and Peninnah. Now Peninnah had several children, but Hannah had no children.*

How many children did Hannah have at that time?

At that time Hannah had no children.

1 Samuel 1:5

ULT	UST
But to Hannah he gave one portion for two faces, for he loved Hannah but Yahweh had shut her womb,	*But he would serve Hannah twice as much meat because he loved her very much even though Yahweh had not allowed her to give birth to children.*

Why did Elkanah give twice as much meat to Hannah?

He gave a double portion to Hannah because he loved her.

1 Samuel 1:6

ULT	UST
but her adversary also provoked her with provocation in order to make her thunder, because Yahweh had shut up her womb.	*But Elkanah's other wife, Peninnah, would try to make Hannah upset. She would remind her that Yahweh had not allowed her to give birth to any children.*

Why did Hannah's adversary provoke her?

She provoked Hannah in order to make her upset, because Yahweh had closed her womb.

1 Samuel 1:9-10

What did Hannah do because she was so sorrowful about not having children?

She went to the house of Yahweh, and she cried very sorrowfully as she prayed to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 1:11

ULT	UST
And she vowed a vow, and she said, "Yahweh of Armies, if looking, you will look on the affliction of your female servant and remember me and not forget your female servant and give to your female servant a seed of men, then I will give him to Yahweh all of the days of his life, and a razor will not go up on his head."	*Hannah made a solemn promise. She said, "Yahweh, you command the heavenly armies, so you are powerful enough to do anything. I am a woman who serves you devotedly. Please consider how unhappy I am. Please do something to help me. Allow me to give birth to a son. If you do that, then I will dedicate him to you for as long as he lives. And to show that we have dedicated him, we will never cut his hair."*

What did Hannah vow to Yahweh?

Hannah vowed that if Yahweh would give her a son, she would give him to Yahweh and they would never cut his hair.

1 Samuel 1:12-14

Because Hannah was speaking to Yahweh from her heart, what did Eli the priest think about her actions?

Eli saw Hannah's lips moving but did not hear her voice, so he thought she was drunk.

1 Samuel 1:15-16

What did Hannah assure Eli she was doing?

Hannah assured Eli that she was not drunk but was talking to Yahweh because someone made her feel very badly.

1 Samuel 1:17-18

What did Eli say to Hannah that caused her to go on her way, eat, and no longer feel sad?

Eli told her to go in peace and said that he hoped the God of Israel would grant her request.

1 Samuel 1:20

ULT	UST
And it happened, in the turning of the days, that Hannah conceived and bore a son. And she called his name Samuel, for "I requested him from Yahweh."	*She became pregnant, and nine months later she gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel. That name expressed in her language that Yahweh had answered her prayer for a son.*

When Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, what did she name him?

Hannah named her son Samuel because she had requested him from Yahweh.

1 Samuel 1:21-23

Why did Hannah not go with her husband to the house of Yahweh for the yearly sacrifice?

She did not go because she was waiting until her son was weaned.

1 Samuel 1:24-25

What offerings did Hannah bring with her when she brought her son to the house of Yahweh?

Hannah brought three bulls, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine.

1 Samuel 1:26-28

What did Hannah present to Yahweh?

Hannah presented her son to Yahweh for as long as he would live.

1 Samuel 2

1 Samuel 2:1

ULT	UST
And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart rejoices in Yahweh, my horn is high in Yahweh. My mouth is wide against my enemies, for I rejoice in your salvation.	*Then Hannah prayed. She said, "In my inner being I am so happy about what you, Yahweh, have done! I am strong because I belong to you. I laugh at my enemies because I am celebrating the way that you, Yahweh, have helped me.*

Why did Hannah laugh at her enemies?

Hannah laughed because she rejoiced in Yahweh's salvation.

1 Samuel 2:3

ULT	UST
May you not multiply, may you not speak, haughty, haughty! Let the arrogant go out from your mouth. For Yahweh is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.	*You people who oppose God, stop making so many boasts! Yahweh is a God who knows everything, and he will evaluate what each person does. So do not speak so arrogantly!*

Why does Hannah say that people should not boast or speak arrogantly?

People should not boast or speak arrogantly because Yahweh is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.

1 Samuel 2:5

ULT	UST
The satisfied hire themselves out for bread, but the hungry cease. Even the barren bears seven, but the plenteous of sons languishes.	*Many people who previously had plenty to eat now have to work for other people to earn money to buy food, but many who were always hungry are not hungry anymore. Women who could not have any children before have now given birth to many children, but women who had many children before are not able to have any more.*

In Hannah's song, who is the one who is unable to have more children?

The woman who had many children before is not able to have any more.

1 Samuel 2:6

ULT	UST
Yahweh makes die and makes alive, causing to go down to Sheol and causing to come up.	*You, Yahweh, cause some people to die, and you cause other people to live. It seems that some people will soon go to where dead people go, but you make them healthy again.*

Who decides death and life, or who goes down to Sheol or is raised up?

Yahweh is the one who decides death and life, and who causes people to go down to Sheol or to come up from there.

1 Samuel 2:7

ULT	UST
Yahweh is making poor and making rich, bringing down yet bringing up.	*Yahweh, you cause some people to be poor, but you cause others to become rich. You humble some people, but you honor other people.*

Who makes people poor or rich?

Yahweh makes people poor, and he makes them rich.

1 Samuel 2:8

ULT	UST
Raising the poor from the dust, he lifts up the needy from the trash heap to make them sit with nobles, and he makes them inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are to Yahweh, and he has set the world on them.	*Needy people often do not have homes, but Yahweh gives those poor people places to live in. People then treat them respectfully, and they even sit with community leaders. After all, it was Yahweh who created a place on which the world itself rests.*

Who raises up the poor and lifts the needy to sit in a seat of honor?

Yahweh raises them up to sit in a seat of honor.

1 Samuel 2:9

ULT	UST
He will keep the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked will be silenced in darkness. For not by strength does a man prevail.	*You protect from harm people who are loyal to you, but you cause wicked people to die and go to the dark place where dead people go. People do not defeat their enemies by their own strength.*

Who does Hannah say will protect the feet of his faithful people and silence the wicked in darkness?

Hannah says that Yahweh will guard the feet of his faithful people and will silence the wicked.

1 Samuel 2:10

ULT	UST
By Yahweh, the ones opposing him will be shattered. He will make thunder against him in the heavens. Yahweh will judge the ends of the earth. And he will give strength to his king and lift up the horn of his anointed one."	*Yahweh, you will break into pieces those who fight against you. You will come powerfully to punish them. You, Yahweh, will judge people everywhere. When you choose a king for us Israelites, you will make him strong. Yes, when you have a leader anoint someone as our king, you will make him powerful."*

Who will judge the ends of the earth and give strength to his king?

Yahweh will judge the ends of the earth and give strength to his king.

1 Samuel 2:11

ULT	UST
Then Elkanah went to Ramah, to his house. And the boy was serving Yahweh at the face of Eli the priest.	*After that, Elkanah and his family returned to their home in Ramah. But Samuel, who was still a little boy, stayed at the sacred tent to work with Eli the priest to help the people worship Yahweh.*

What child served Yahweh in the presence of Eli the priest?

Samuel served Yahweh in the presence of Eli the priest.

1 Samuel 2:12

ULT	UST
Now the sons of Eli were sons of wickedness. They did not know Yahweh.	*Eli's two sons were priests like their father, but they did very bad things. That was because they did not respect Yahweh.*

Whose sons were wicked men who did not know Yahweh?

Eli the priest's sons did very bad things.

1 Samuel 2:13-14

What was the custom of the priests with the people at the time of sacrifice?

The custom was for the priest's servant to come with a three-pronged fork while the meat was boiling and take whatever the fork brought up for the priest.

1 Samuel 2:15-16

What evil thing did Eli's sons have their servant do?

They had their servant demand raw meat for the priest before the fat was burned as an offering to Yahweh, and had him take it by force if the person refused.

1 Samuel 2:17

ULT	UST
So the sin of the young men was very great at the face of Yahweh. For the men disdained the offering of Yahweh.	*Eli's sons were committing a very serious sin that offended Yahweh personally. They were treating very disrespectfully the offerings that people were bringing to Yahweh.*

Why was the sin of Eli's sons so great?

Their sin was great before Yahweh because the men were treating very disrespectfully the offerings that people were bringing to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 2:18-19

What would Samuel's mother make for him from year to year to clothe him?

She would make him a small robe each year.

1 Samuel 2:20

ULT	UST
And Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife and would say, "May Yahweh give seed to you from this woman in place of the request that one requested of Yahweh." And they would go to his place.	*Then Eli would ask God to do good things for Elkanah and his wife. He would say to Elkanah, "I hope that Yahweh will enable your wife to give birth to other children, since she brought the child here whom she asked Yahweh to give her." Then Elkanah and his family would return to their home.*

How would Eli bless Elkanah and his wife?

Eli blessed them by asking Yahweh to give them more children from Hannah.

1 Samuel 2:21

ULT	UST
For Yahweh visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew with Yahweh.	*And Yahweh helped Hannah to have three more sons and two daughters. She raised them at home, while Samuel stayed in Shiloh and grew up while doing work for Yahweh in his sacred tent.*

What was Yahweh's response to Eli's prayer for Samuel's parents to have more children?

Yahweh helped Hannah, and she bore three more sons and two daughters.

1 Samuel 2:23-24

What did Eli say to his sons when he heard evil reports about them?

Eli told his sons that the report he was hearing from Yahweh's people about their evil deeds was not good. He told them to stop doing what they were doing.

1 Samuel 2:25

ULT	UST
If a man sins against a man, then God will intercede for him, but if a man sins against Yahweh, who will intercede for him?" But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for Yahweh desired to make them die.	*Suppose one person does something wrong to another person. Then God can act as a referee between them. But suppose a person does something wrong to Yahweh. Then no one can act as a referee between him and Yahweh!" But Eli's sons would not stop what they were doing, even though their father had commanded them to stop. This was because Yahweh had decided that they had already done so many wicked things that they deserved to die.*

Why did Eli's sons not listen to his voice?

Eli's sons did not listen to his voice because Yahweh desired to make them die.

1 Samuel 2:26

ULT	UST
But the boy Samuel was going and growing and was good both with Yahweh and also with men.	*Samuel, however, continued to grow up, and the things that boy did pleased Yahweh and other people.*

Who grew up and was good in the sight of Yahweh and also with men?

Samuel grew up and was good in the sight of Yahweh and with men.

1 Samuel 2:27-28

Who told Eli that Yahweh chose Eli's ancestors out of all the tribes of Israel to be Yahweh's priest?

A man of God told Eli that Yahweh had chosen his ancestors.

1 Samuel 2:29

ULT	UST
Why do you kick at my sacrifice and at my offering that I commanded for the Dwelling and honor your sons more than me by the fattening of yourselves from the first of every offering of Israel, of my people?	*But you and your sons are treating with great disrespect the sacrifices and offerings that I commanded the people to bring to my sacred tent! You are letting your sons do what they want instead of making sure that all of you do what I want. You have all been getting fat from eating the best parts of all the sacrifices that my Israelite people have been bringing to me!'*

How had Eli and his sons scorned Yahweh's sacrifices and offerings?

They scorned the sacrifices and offerings by honoring his sons above Yahweh and fattening themselves on the best parts of offerings.

1 Samuel 2:33

ULT	UST
But I will not cut off a man to you from near my altar, to make your eyes fail and to make your soul grieve. And all of the increase of your house will die as men.	*I will allow some of your descendants to survive and continue to serve at my altar. But they will be so sad about what happens to the sacred tent that their eyes will get very tired from crying. And all of your descendants will die while they are still young.*

What did Yahweh tell Eli would happen to the men in his family?

Yahweh told Eli that all the men born in his family would die young.

1 Samuel 2:34

ULT	UST
And this is the sign for you that will come to the two of your sons, to Hophni and Phinehas: in one day the two of them will die.	*And your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, will both die on the same day. That will prove to you that everything I have told you will happen.*

What did Yahweh say would be a sign to Eli that his prophecy would come true?

The sign would be that both of his sons would die on the same day.

1 Samuel 2:35

ULT	UST
And I will raise up for myself a faithful priest. He will do just as is in my heart and in my soul. And I will build for him an established house, and he will walk about to the face of my anointed all of the days.	*I have chosen another man to be my priest. He is someone who will serve me faithfully. He will do everything I want. I will make sure that he has descendants who will be priests. He will continually be a helper to the king whom I will appoint.*

Who will walk before Yahweh's faithful priest always?

Yahweh has chosen another man who will serve him faithfully and continually be a helper to the king whom Yahweh will appoint.

1 Samuel 2:36

ULT	UST
And it will happen that every remaining one in your house will come to bow down to him for a piece of silver and a loaf of bread, and he will say, "Please assign me to one of the priestly positions to eat a piece of bread."'"	*All of your descendants who remain alive will have to go to that priest and ask him to give them money and food. They will have to ask him to allow them to work with the other priests so that they can earn money to buy food.'"*

Why will everyone left in Eli's family come and bow down to the faithful priest?

They will ask him to allow them to work with the other priests so that they can have food to eat.

1 Samuel 3

1 Samuel 3:2-4

What was Samuel's reply when he heard Yahweh call to him as he was lying down?

Samuel replied that he was ready to do whatever you ask.

1 Samuel 3:5

ULT	UST
And he ran to Eli and said, "Behold me, for you called to me." But he said, "I did not call. Go back, lie down." So he went and lay down.	*Then he got up and ran to Eli. He told him, "I have come because you called me. I am ready to do whatever you ask." But Eli replied, "No, I did not call you. Go back to bed." So Samuel went and lay down again.*

What did Eli tell Samuel to do when Samuel ran to him?

Eli said that he did not call Samuel and told him to go lie down again.

1 Samuel 3:7

ULT	UST
(Now Samuel did not yet know Yahweh, for the word of Yahweh had not yet been revealed to him.)	*Samuel did not realize that it was Yahweh who was speaking to him because he had not yet become personally acquainted with Yahweh. That was because Yahweh had not previously spoken to him to reveal something to him.*

What had not yet been revealed to Samuel?

The word of Yahweh had not yet been revealed to Samuel.

1 Samuel 3:8

ULT	UST
And Yahweh resumed calling Samuel for a third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Behold me, for you called to me." Then Eli understood that Yahweh was calling to the boy.	*After he lay down again, Yahweh called out to Samuel yet again. So Samuel got up yet again and went to Eli. He said, "I have come because you called me. I am ready to do whatever you ask." Then Eli realized that it was Yahweh who had been calling Samuel.*

What did Eli realize after the third time that Samuel came to him?

Eli realized that it was Yahweh who had been calling Samuel.

1 Samuel 3:9

ULT	UST
And Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down. And it will happen that, if he calls to you, then you shall say, 'Speak, Yahweh, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.	*So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down again. If the same person calls you again, say, 'I am ready to obey you, Yahweh, so please tell me what you want me to do.'" So Samuel went back to bed and lay down.*

What did Eli tell Samuel to say if he was called again?

Eli told Samuel to say that Yahweh should speak, because his servant was listening.

1 Samuel 3:11

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Samuel, "Behold, I am doing a thing in Israel that everyone hearing it, the two of his ears will tingle.	*Then Yahweh said to Samuel, "Listen carefully! I am about to do something here in Israel that will shock everyone who hears about it.*

What did Yahweh say would happen to the ears of everyone when they heard what he was going to do?

Yahweh said that the ears of everyone who heard it would tingle.

1 Samuel 3:13

ULT	UST
Now I have declared to him that I am judging his house forever for the iniquity that he knew. For his sons have been cursing themselves, but he has not restrained them.	*Eli's sons have been doing things that are so wicked that they deserve severe punishment. Eli knows they have been doing those things. But he has not disciplined them. So I told him that I would punish all future generations of his family.*

What had Eli's sons brought upon themselves?

Eli's sons had brought a curse upon themselves.

1 Samuel 3:14

ULT	UST
And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli, 'If forever the iniquity of the house of Eli will cover itself by sacrifice or by offering!'"	*That is why I solemnly told Eli's family, 'Even if you give me sacrifices or offerings, I will still consider you guilty of your sin and punish you for it.'"*

What would never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering?

The iniquity of Eli's house would never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.

1 Samuel 3:15

ULT	UST
And Samuel lay until the morning, then he opened the doors of the house of Yahweh. But Samuel was afraid of telling the vision to Eli.	*Samuel stayed in bed until it became light. Then he got up and opened the doors of the building as usual. He was too afraid to tell Eli what Yahweh had said to him when he appeared to him.*

What was Samuel afraid to do in the morning after he opened the doors of the house of Yahweh?

He was afraid to tell Eli about the vision.

1 Samuel 3:17-18

What did Samuel do after Eli told him that he must not hide from him the words that Yahweh had spoken?

Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him.

1 Samuel 3:20

ULT	UST
So all of Israel, from Dan and unto Beersheba, knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of Yahweh.	*As a result, all the people of Israel, from the northern end of the country to the southern end, realized that Samuel was a prophet who truly spoke for Yahweh.*

What did all Israel from Dan to Beersheba know about Samuel?

All Israel knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 4

1 Samuel 4:1-2

What was the result of the battle between Israel and the Philistines?

Israel was defeated by the Philistines.

1 Samuel 4:3

ULT	UST
And the people came into the camp, and the elders of Israel said, "Why did Yahweh strike us today to the face of the Philistines? Let us take for ourselves from Shiloh the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh, and it will come in our midst, and it will save us from the palm of our enemies."	*When the remaining Israelite soldiers returned to their camp, the Israelite elders asked, "Why did Yahweh allow the Philistine army to defeat us today? It must have been because we did not bring the sacred chest into battle with us. We should bring the sacred chest here from Shiloh. That way we can bring it with us when we go into battle again, and it will keep our enemies from defeating us!"*

What did the elders of Israel decide to do so that they could be saved from the power of their enemies?

The elders decided to bring the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh from Shiloh to be with them.

1 Samuel 4:4

ULT	UST
So the people sent to Shiloh, and they carried from there the Box of the Covenant of Yahweh of Armies, sitter on the cherubs. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the Box of the Covenant of God.	*So the soldiers sent some men to Shiloh, and those men brought back the sacred chest of Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies. There were statues of winged creatures on top of the chest, and those statues were like a throne for Yahweh. Eli's two sons Hophni and Phinehas traveled with the sacred chest to the Israelite military camp.*

Who was with the Box of the Covenant of God?

The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the Box of the Covenant.

1 Samuel 4:5-6

What did the Philistines wonder when they heard the great shout from the people of Israel?

The Philistines wondered about the meaning of the great shout in the camp of the Hebrews.

1 Samuel 4:7

ULT	UST
And the Philistines feared, for they said, "A god has come into the camp!" And they said, "Woe to us! For it was not like this yesterday or the third day!	*They said, "A god has come into their camp to help them fight against us!" This made them very afraid. They said, "We are in big trouble now! Nothing like this has ever happened before!*

Who did the Philistines say had come into the camp of the Hebrews?

The Philistines said that a god had come into the camp.

1 Samuel 4:8

ULT	UST
Woe to us! Who will deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? These are they, the gods having struck the Egyptians with every plague in the wilderness.	*We certainly are in big trouble! The gods of the Israelites are very strong, and it will be difficult to overcome their power. It was the gods of the Israelites who made the Egyptians suffer from many plagues in the barren land outside their country.*

With what did the Philistines say that the gods of Israel had struck the Egyptians in the wilderness?

They said that the gods had struck the Egyptians with every kind of plague.

1 Samuel 4:10-11

What happened to the two sons of Eli when the Box of God was taken Israel was struck and fled?

The two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

1 Samuel 4:12-13

What did the whole city do when the man from the battle line entered the city and told the news?

When the man told the news, the whole city cried out.

1 Samuel 4:14

ULT	UST
And Eli heard the sound of the outcry, and he said, "What is the sound of this tumult?" And the man hurried and came and reported to Eli.	*Eli heard the noise and asked, "Why are people making all this noise?" So the messenger ran over to Eli and told him what had happened.*

What question did Eli ask when he heard the noise of the outcry?

Eli asked what the sound of the tumult meant.

1 Samuel 4:16-17

What did the man tell Eli had happened to his sons and to the Box of God when Israel was defeated?

The man told Eli that his two sons were dead and the Box of God had been taken.

1 Samuel 4:18

ULT	UST
And it happened, in his mentioning of the Box of God, that he fell backward from upon the seat at the side of the gate. And his neck was broken, and he died, for the man was old and heavy. And he had judged Israel 40 years.	*As soon as Eli heard what had happened to the sacred chest, he fell backward off his seat beside the city gate. Because he was very old and very fat, he broke his neck when he fell, and that killed him. He had led the Israelite people for 40 years.*

What was the injury that killed Eli when he fell over backward from his seat by the side of the gate?

Eli broke his neck and he died.

1 Samuel 4:19

ULT	UST
Now his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to give birth. And she heard the report about the Box of God being taken and that her father-in-law had died and her husband. And she knelt down and gave birth, for her pangs turned themselves upon her.	*The wife of Eli's son Phinehas was pregnant, and it was almost time for her to give birth to her baby. When she heard the news that the Philistines had captured God's sacred chest and that her husband and her father-in-law had died, her labor pains suddenly began. She crouched down and gave birth.*

What happened when Phinehas's pregnant wife heard that the Box of God was captured and her father-in-law and husband were dead?

Phinehas's wife knelt down and gave birth because her labor pains suddenly began.

1 Samuel 4:21-22

What name did Phinehas's wife give to the baby and why did she give him that name?

She named the baby Ichabod, saying that the glory had departed from Israel because the Box of God had been taken.

1 Samuel 5

1 Samuel 5:1-3

In what position did the people find the idol Dagon the next day after the Philistines brought the Box of God into Dagon's house?

Dagon was found fallen face down on the ground before the Box of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 5:4

ULT	UST
And they arose early in the morning on the next day, and behold, Dagon had fallen on his face to the ground to the face of the Box of Yahweh. And the head of Dagon and the two of the palms of his hands were cut off, on the threshold. Only Dagon was left on him.	*But when they first got up the following morning, they saw that it was once again lying face down on the ground in front of Yahweh's sacred chest. And the statue no longer had its head or hands. Those were lying in the doorway. All it had left was its body.*

What remained of the idol Dagon the next morning after they had set him back in his place?

Only the body of Dagon remained; his head and hands were lying cut off in the doorway.

1 Samuel 5:6-7

Why did the men of Ashdod say that the Box of the God of Israel should not stay with them?

They said it should not stay because the hand of their God was severe against them and against their god Dagon.

1 Samuel 5:8

ULT	UST
So they sent and gathered all of the lords of the Philistines to them, and they said, "What shall we do with the Box of the God of Israel?" And they said, "Let the Box of the God of Israel go around to Gath." So they brought around the Box of the God of Israel.	*They summoned the five rulers of the Philistines and asked them, "What should we do with the sacred chest of the God of the Israelites?" The rulers replied, "Send the sacred chest to the city of Gath." So they moved it to Gath.*

To what place did the Philistines move the Box of the God of Israel?

The Philistines moved the Box to Gath.

1 Samuel 5:9

ULT	UST
And it happened after they brought it around that the hand of Yahweh was on the city, a very great tumult. And he struck the men of the city from small and unto great. And tumors broke out on them.	*But when they took the sacred chest to Gath, Yahweh made the people of that city suffer as well. This caused very great distress. Throughout the city, people of all ages died, and many others got unhealthy skin growths.*

With what did Yahweh strike the men of the city of Gath?

Yahweh struck them with tumors.

1 Samuel 5:10

ULT	UST
So they sent the Box of God to Ekron. And it happened as the Box of God entered Ekron that the Ekronites cried out, saying, "They have brought around to me the Box of the God of Israel to kill me and my people!"	*So the people of Gath moved the sacred chest to the city of Ekron. But when some men from Gath carried the sacred chest into Ekron, the people there protested. They told the men, "You are going to cause us and our families to die by bringing the sacred chest of the god of the Israelites here!"*

What did the people of Ekron say the Box of the God of Israel would do to them?

They said that it would kill them and their people.

1 Samuel 5:11

ULT	UST
And they sent and gathered all of the lords of the Philistines, and they said, "Send away the Box of the God of Israel that it may return to its place, and it will not kill me and my people!" For there was a tumult of death in all of the city. The hand of God was very heavy there.	*So the people of Ekron also summoned the Philistine rulers. When they came, the people said to them, "Send this sacred chest of the god of the Israelites back to its own place! Otherwise, it will cause us and our families to die!" There was great distress throughout the city because so many people were dying. God was punishing them very severely.*

To what place did the people of Ekron ask the rulers to send the Box?

They asked that the Box be sent back to its own place.

1 Samuel 5:12

ULT	UST
And the men who did not die were struck with tumors. And the cry of the city went up to the heavens.	*Some of the people in Ekron had already died, and the rest of the people were suffering badly because of unhealthy growths on their skin. The people of the city were wailing so loudly that other people far away could hear them.*

To what place did the cry of the city go?

The cry of the city went up to the heavens.

1 Samuel 6

1 Samuel 6:1

ULT	UST
And the Box of Yahweh was in the field of the Philistines seven months.	*The people of Philistia kept Yahweh's sacred chest in their area for seven months.*

For how long was the Box of Yahweh in the Philistines' country?

The Box was in the country of the Philistines for seven months.

1 Samuel 6:2

ULT	UST
And the Philistines called to the priests and to the diviners, saying, "What should we do with the Box of Yahweh? Cause us to know with what we should send it to its place."	*Then they summoned their priests and their fortunetellers. They asked them, "We want to know how we should treat the sacred chest of Yahweh. Tell us what gift we should send with it back to its own land."*

Who did the Philistines call to ask for advice on how the Box of Yahweh should be sent back to its own country?

They called for the priests and the diviners to tell them how to send the Box back.

1 Samuel 6:3-4

What did the priests and diviners tell the Philistine people to send as a guilt offering to the God of Israel?

They told the Philistines to send five gold tumors and five gold mice.

1 Samuel 6:6

ULT	UST
And why do you make your heart heavy, just as the Egyptians and Pharaoh made their heart heavy? When he dealt severely with them, did they not send them away, and they went?	*Do not be stubborn as Pharaoh and the Egyptians were. Remember that Yahweh finally made them suffer more than they could bear, and that they then allowed the Israelites to leave their land.*

Why did the priests and diviners say the people should not be stubborn like the Egyptians and Pharaoh were?

Because when God dealt severely with the Egyptians and Pharaoh, they had to let Israel go.

1 Samuel 6:7

ULT	UST
And now, take and make a new cart, and two nursing cows upon which a yoke has not gone up. And you shall harness the cows to the cart, but you shall return their calves from behind them to the house.	*So this is what we advise you to do. Build a brand-new cart. Then get two cows that have very recently given birth to calves. They must be cows on which no one has ever put a yoke. Hitch those cows to the new cart. But keep their calves from following them by putting them securely in their pens.*

What animals did the priests and diviners tell the Philistines to tie to the cart for the Box of Yahweh?

They told the Philistines to hitch two nursing cows to the cart.

1 Samuel 6:9

ULT	UST
And you shall look; if it goes up the way of its border, to Beth Shemesh, he has done this great harm to us. But if not, then we will know that his hand has not touched us; it has happened to us by chance."	*Then watch the cart as the cows pull it. If they pull it back into the territory of the Israelites, to the town of Beth Shemesh, then we will know that it was their God who caused these terrible plagues to afflict us. But if the cows do not pull the cart there, then we will know that the God of the Israelites has not been punishing us for taking his sacred chest. We will know that it was just a coincidence that we got unhealthy skin growths and mice ate our crops at the same time."*

How would the Philistines know that it was Yahweh who had done this great harm to them?

The Philistines would know it was Yahweh if the cows pulling the cart went on their own to Beth Shemesh.

1 Samuel 6:10-12

Where did the nursing cows go with the cart carrying the Box and the gold mice and tumors?

The cows went straight in the direction of Beth Shemesh.

1 Samuel 6:13

ULT	UST
Now Beth Shemesh was harvesting the harvest of wheat in the valley. And they lifted up their eyes, and they saw the Box, and they rejoiced to see it.	*At that time, the people of Beth Shemesh were harvesting wheat in the valley outside their city. When the cows came along the road, they looked up and saw the sacred chest on the cart the cows were pulling. They were extremely happy when they saw it.*

What were the people of Beth Shemesh doing when they lifted up their eyes and saw the Box?

They were harvesting their wheat in the valley.

1 Samuel 6:14

ULT	UST
And the cart came into the field of Joshua the Bethshemite, and it stood still there. Now a great stone was there. And they broke up the wood of the cart, and they offered the cows as a burnt offering to Yahweh.	

What did the people of Beth Shemesh do with the cows that had pulled the cart?

They offered the cows as a burnt offering to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 6:15

ULT	UST
Now the Levites had taken down the Box of Yahweh and the box that was with it, in which were the objects of gold, and they had set them on the great stone. And the men of Beth Shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices on that day to Yahweh.	

Who took down the Box of Yahweh and the box that was with it?

The Levites took down the Box of Yahweh and the box that was with it.

1 Samuel 6:16

ULT	UST
And the five lords of the Philistines saw, and they returned to Ekron on that day.	*The five rulers of the Philistines watched the Israelites do these things. Then they returned to Ekron on that same day.*

What did the five rulers of the Philistines do when they saw what had happened?

They returned that day to Ekron.

1 Samuel 6:17-18

What did the numbers of gold tumors and gold mice represent?

The five gold tumors represented the people of their five cities, and the gold mice represented all the Philistine cities belonging to those rulers.

1 Samuel 6:19

ULT	UST
But he struck among the men of Beth Shemesh because they looked into the Box of Yahweh. And he struck among the people 70 men, 50, 000 men. And the people mourned because Yahweh had struck a great striking among the people.	*But some of the people who lived in Beth Shemesh looked into Yahweh's sacred chest. Because of that, Yahweh caused 50, 070 of them to die. The others who lived there mourned greatly because Yahweh had killed so many of those people.*

Why did Yahweh strike some of the men of Beth Shemesh?

Yahweh struck them because they looked into his Box.

1 Samuel 6:21

ULT	UST
And they sent messengers to the dwellers of Kiriath Jearim, saying, "The Philistines have returned the Box of Yahweh. Come down and bring it up to you."	*They sent messengers to the people who lived in the city of Kiriath Jearim. They told them, "The people of Philistia have sent Yahweh's sacred chest back to us. Come here and take it to your city."*

What did the messengers from Beth Shemesh ask the people of Kiriath Jearim to do?

The messengers asked the people of Kiriath Jearim to come and take the Box of Yahweh to their city.

1 Samuel 7

1 Samuel 7:1

ULT	UST
And the men of Kiriath Jearim came and lifted up the Box of Yahweh and brought it to the house of Abinadab on the hill. And they consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the Box of Yahweh.	*When the men of Kiriath Jearim received the message, they came to Beth Shemesh and took the sacred chest of Yahweh. They took it to the house of a man whose name was Abinadab. He lived on a hill. They gave Abinadab's son Eleazar the special duty of taking care of the chest.*

What did the men of Kiriath Jearim do to Abinadab's son, Eleazar, so that he could take care of the Box of Yahweh?

They consecrated him to keep the Box of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 7:2

ULT	UST
And it happened from the day of the dwelling of the Box in Kiriath Jearim that the days were many, and they were 20 years. And all of the house of Israel lamented after Yahweh.	*The sacred chest remained in Kiriath Jearim for a long time, for 20 years. During that time, the Israelite people were very sorry that Yahweh was not helping them anymore.*

What did all the house of Israel do during the twenty years that the Box remained in Kiriath Jearim?

During that time, the Israelite people were very sorry that Yahweh was not helping them anymore.

1 Samuel 7:3-4

What did Samuel tell the people of Israel that they needed to remove from among them for Yahweh to rescue them from the Philistines?

Samuel told them that they needed to remove the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths from among them and serve Yahweh only.

1 Samuel 7:5-6

What did the people of Israel admit that they had done when they gathered at Mizpah?

They admitted that they had sinned against Yahweh.

1 Samuel 7:7-8

Why did the people of Israel ask Samuel to call out to Yahweh for them?

They were afraid because they heard that the rulers of the Philistines were coming to attack them.

1 Samuel 7:9

ULT	UST
And Samuel took a lamb of milk, and he offered it, a whole burnt offering to Yahweh. And Samuel cried out to Yahweh for Israel, and Yahweh answered him.	*So Samuel took a young lamb that was still nursing, and he killed it and offered it to Yahweh as a sacrifice by burning it up entirely on the altar. Then he pleaded with Yahweh to help the Israelites, and Yahweh did what he asked.*

What did Yahweh do when Samuel offered a lamb as a burnt offering and cried out to him?

Yahweh answered Samuel.

1 Samuel 7:10

ULT	UST
And Samuel was offering the burnt offering, and the Philistines approached for battle with Israel. And Yahweh thundered with a great sound on that day against the Philistines, and he panicked them, and they were struck to the face of Israel.	*While Samuel was still burning the lamb as an offering, the Philistine army came near to attack the Israelites. But Yahweh caused it to thunder very loudly. The soldiers in the Philistine army became so frightened that they could no longer fight effectively. So the Israelite soldiers were able to defeat them completely.*

What did Yahweh do that threw the Philistines into confusion as they drew near to attack Israel?

Yahweh thundered with a great sound on that day against the Philistines.

1 Samuel 7:12

ULT	UST
And Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and between Shen. And he called its name Ebenezer, for he said, "Unto here has Yahweh helped us."	*After the battle, Samuel got a large stone and set it up between the city of Mizpah and the rocky cliff of Shen. He named the stone Ebenezer. He said, "Yahweh has helped us to defeat our enemies this far."*

What did Samuel set up between Mizpah and Shen as a remembrance that Yahweh had helped them?

Samuel took a stone and set it up.

1 Samuel 7:14

ULT	UST
And the cities that the Philistines had taken from Israel returned to Israel, from Ekron and unto Gath, and Israel delivered their border from the hand of the Philistines. And peace was between Israel and between the Amorite.	*The Philistines had previously captured some towns that belonged to the Israelites. But the Israelite army was now able to recapture those towns. They were around the Philistine cities of Ekron and Gath. The Israelites recaptured the whole area right up to the limits of those cities. The Amorites also did not attack the Israelites during this time.*

What happened to the towns that the Philistines had taken from Israel?

They were recaptured by Israel.

1 Samuel 7:15-16

What did Samuel do as he went on a circuit to Bethel, Gilgal, Mizpah, and back to Ramah?

Samuel judged Israel in all these places.

1 Samuel 8

1 Samuel 8:1-3

In what ways did Samuel's two sons, who were judges, not walk in the ways of their father?

They were not honest like their father. They accepted bribes, and they did not make honest decisions about people's disputes.

1 Samuel 8:4-5

What request did the elders of Israel make of Samuel?

They asked Samuel to appoint a king to judge them, like all the other nations.

1 Samuel 8:6

ULT	UST
And the thing was bad in the eyes of Samuel when they said, "Give to us a king to judge us." So Samuel prayed to Yahweh.	*Samuel thought it was wrong for them to ask him to give them a king to rule them. So he prayed to Yahweh about it.*

What did Samuel do when he was displeased by the elders' request to give them a king?

Samuel prayed to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 8:7

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people according to all that they have said to you. For they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from reigning over them.	*Yahweh answered him, "Do everything that these leaders have asked you to do. But recognize that by asking for a king, they are not really refusing to have your family continue to lead them. They are actually refusing to have me continue to be their king.*

Why did Yahweh tell Samuel to listen to the voice of the people?

Yahweh told Samuel to listen because the people were not rejecting Samuel, but they were rejecting Yahweh from reigning over them.

1 Samuel 8:8-9

What warning did Yahweh tell Samuel to give to the people of Israel?

Yahweh told Samuel to warn the people about the way the king would rule over them.

1 Samuel 8:10-12

For what did Samuel warn the people that a king would take their sons?

Samuel warned that the king would take their sons to be officers and soldiers, to plow his fields and harvest his crops, and to make weapons of war.

1 Samuel 8:13-15

How did Samuel warn the people about what a king would do with their daughters and property?

Samuel warned that the king would take their daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers, and he would take the best of their fields and vineyards and olive groves to give to his attendants.

1 Samuel 8:16-17

How did Samuel warn the people about what a king would do with their servants and animals?

Samuel warned that the king would take their servants, the best of their young men and donkeys, and a tenth of their flocks, and the people would become his servants.

1 Samuel 8:18

ULT	UST
And you will cry out on that day from to the face of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, but Yahweh will not answer you on that day."	*When all of this happens, you will complain loudly about the king whom you yourselves have chosen. But when that happens, Yahweh will make you keep serving the king you are complaining about."*

What did Samuel warn would happen when the people cried out because of the king they had chosen?

Samuel said that Yahweh would not answer them on that day.

1 Samuel 8:19-20

How did the people of Israel respond to the warnings from Samuel?

The people refused to listen and said they wanted a king over them so they could be like the other nations.

1 Samuel 8:21-22

What was Yahweh's response when Samuel repeated the people's words to him?

Yahweh told Samuel to listen to their voice and appoint a king for them.

1 Samuel 9

1 Samuel 9:1-2

What were the outstanding physical features of Saul, the son of Kish?

Saul was a handsome young man who was taller than any of the other people from his shoulders upward.

1 Samuel 9:3-4

What was the outcome when Kish asked his son Saul to go and look for their lost donkeys?

Saul took one of the servants and passed through many places without finding them.

1 Samuel 9:5

ULT	UST
They came into the land of Zuph, and Saul said to his servant who was with him, "Come, and let us return, lest my father cease from the female donkeys and become concerned about us."	*Finally, they came to the region of Zuph. Then Saul said to the servant, "We should go back home. If we do not do that, my father will stop worrying about the donkeys and start worrying about us."*

What did Saul tell his servant they should do when they came to the land of Zuph?

Saul told his servant that they should go back so his father would not stop being concerned about the donkeys and become concerned about them.

1 Samuel 9:6

ULT	UST
And he said to him, "Behold, please, a man of God is in this city, and the man is honored. All that he speaks, coming, it comes. Now let us go there. Perhaps he will declare to us our way on which we have gone."	*But the servant told Saul, "I have another idea. Please listen to it. One of God's prophets lives in this city. People respect him very much because everything he predicts comes true. Let us go and speak with him. Perhaps he can tell us where we should go to find the donkeys."*

What different idea did the servant present to Saul?

The servant suggested they should go to a man of God in the city who might tell them the way they should go.

1 Samuel 9:7-8

What did the servant have to give to the man of God so he would tell them which way to go?

The servant had a fourth of a shekel of silver to give to the man of God.

1 Samuel 9:9-11

ULT	UST
	Saul told his servant, "That is a good idea. Let us go and speak with him." So they went to the city where the prophet lived. As they were going up the hill into the city, they met some young women who were coming out of the city to get some water from a well. They asked the women, "Is the seer currently in the city?" (They said that because at that time, when people in Israel wanted a message from God, they would say, "Let us go and speak with the seer." They used the term "seer" to refer to the same kind of person whom people now call a "prophet.")

What did Saul and his servant ask the young women who were coming out to draw water?

Saul and his servant asked if the seer was in the city.

1 Samuel 9:12-13

Why was the seer coming to the city on that day?

The seer was coming to the city because the people were having a sacrifice at the high place, and he would bless the sacrifice.

1 Samuel 9:15-16

What did Yahweh reveal to Samuel about Saul's role in Israel?

Yahweh told Samuel that he was to anoint Saul as ruler over Israel, and Saul would save Yahweh's people from the hand of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 9:17-19

What invitation did Samuel give to Saul after he revealed that he was the seer Saul was seeking?

Samuel invited Saul to go up and eat with him at the high place.

1 Samuel 9:20-21

How did Samuel surprise Saul with what he told him?

Samuel told him that all the desire of Israel was for him and his father's house, even though Saul was from the least clan of the smallest tribe.

1 Samuel 9:23-24

What did Samuel tell the cook to serve to Saul?

Samuel told the cook to serve Saul the thigh portion that had been set aside for him for the appointed time.

1 Samuel 9:25-26

What did Samuel say to Saul from the roof in the morning?

Samuel told Saul to get up so he could send him on his way.

1 Samuel 9:27

ULT	UST
They were going down to the end of the city, and Samuel said to Saul, "Speak to the servant, that he may pass on to our face" (and he passed on), "but you, stand according to today, and I will make you hear the word of God."	*When they got to the edge of the city, Samuel told Saul to send his servant on ahead of them. After the servant left, Samuel said to Saul, "I want you to stay here for a few minutes so that I can give you a message I have received from God for you."*

Why did Samuel tell Saul to stand still for a while on the outskirts of the city?

Samuel told Saul to stand still so Samuel could tell him the word of God.

1 Samuel 10

1 Samuel 10:1

ULT	UST
And Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head, and he kissed him. And he said, "Is it not that Yahweh has anointed you as ruler over his inheritance?	*Then Samuel took a small jar of olive oil and poured some of it on Saul's head. Then he kissed Saul on the cheek. He told him, "I am doing this because Yahweh has chosen you to be the leader of his Israelite people.*

Why did Samuel pour a flask of oil on Saul's head and kiss him?

He did this because Yahweh had anointed Saul to be a ruler over his inheritance.

1 Samuel 10:2

ULT	UST
In your going today from with me, then you will find two men near the tomb of Rachel in the border of Benjamin in Zelzah. And they will say to you, 'The female donkeys that you went to seek have been found. And behold, your father has abandoned the matters of the female donkeys and has become concerned about you, saying, "What shall I do about my son?"'	*When you leave here today and start to return home, you will meet two men near Rachel's tomb near the town of Zelzah in the territory of the tribe of Benjamin. They will say to you, 'Someone has found the donkeys that you were looking for. But now your father is more worried about you. He is saying that he is concerned that you have become lost yourself, and he does not know how to find you.'*

What future event did Samuel share with Saul?

Samuel told Saul that he would find two men near Rachel's tomb who would tell him that the donkeys had been found.

1 Samuel 10:3-4

What did Samuel tell Saul would happen when he came to the oak of Tabor?

Three men going up to God at Bethel would meet him and give him two loaves of bread, which he should take.

1 Samuel 10:5-6

What did Samuel tell Saul would happen when he came to Gibeah of God?

The Spirit of Yahweh would rush upon him, he would prophesy with a group of prophets, and he would be changed into a different man.

1 Samuel 10:7-8

What instructions did Samuel give to Saul for later?

Samuel told Saul to go down to Gilgal and wait seven days for Samuel to come and offer sacrifices.

1 Samuel 10:9

ULT	UST
And it happened, as he turned his shoulder to go from with Samuel, that God changed to him another heart. And all of these signs came on that day.	*Just as Saul started to walk away from Samuel, God changed Saul's inner being. And all the things that Samuel had predicted happened that same day.*

What happened when Saul turned his back to leave Samuel?

When Saul turned to leave, God changed Saul's inner being.

1 Samuel 10:11-13

Why did people wonder if Saul was one of the prophets?

They saw him prophesying with the prophets and wondered how this had happened to the son of Kish.

1 Samuel 10:14

ULT	UST
And the uncle of Saul said to him and to his servant, "Where did you go?" And he said, "To seek the female donkeys. And we saw that they were not, so we came to Samuel."	*When Saul's uncle saw him there, he asked him and his servant, "Where have you been?" Saul replied, "We went to look for the donkeys. When we could not find them, we went to ask Samuel if he could tell us where they were."*

What did Saul tell his uncle when he was asked where he had gone?

Saul told his uncle that when he and his servant could not find the donkeys, they went to Samuel.

1 Samuel 10:15-16

What did Saul not tell his uncle about what Samuel had said to him?

Saul did not tell his uncle about the matter of the kingship.

1 Samuel 10:17-19

Why did Yahweh say that Israel had rejected him?

Israel had rejected Yahweh because they had asked for a king to be set over them.

1 Samuel 10:20-21

What happened when Saul, the son of Kish, was chosen as the next king?

They looked for Saul, but he could not be found.

1 Samuel 10:22

ULT	UST
So they asked of Yahweh again, "Has the man come here yet?" And Yahweh said, "Behold, he has hidden himself among the bags."	*So they asked Yahweh, "Can we not find Saul because he has not arrived here yet?" Yahweh replied, "I will tell you where he is. He is hiding under the baggage."*

Where was Saul when he was chosen as the next king?

Saul had hidden himself among the bags.

1 Samuel 10:24

ULT	UST
And Samuel said to all of the people, "Do you see upon whom Yahweh has chosen? For there is no one like him among all of the people!" And all of the people shouted and said, "May the king live!"	*Then Samuel said to all the people there, "This is the king whom Yahweh has chosen for you. Certainly he is taller and stronger than any other Israelite!" All the people shouted, "May God keep this king alive!"*

What did Samuel say about the man whom Yahweh had chosen?

Samuel said that there was no one like Saul among all the people.

1 Samuel 10:25

ULT	UST
And Samuel spoke to the people the custom of the kingship, and he wrote it in a book, and he made it rest to the face of Yahweh. And Samuel sent away all of the people, a man to his house.	*Then Samuel told the people what the responsibilities of the king would be and what responsibilities they would have toward him. He wrote all those things in a scroll. He placed the scroll for safekeeping in a location where people worshiped Yahweh. Then Samuel sent all the people home.*

How were the customs of the kingship established and preserved?

Samuel told the people the customs of the kingship, wrote them in a book, and placed the book before Yahweh.

1 Samuel 10:27

ULT	UST
But some sons of wickedness said, "How shall this one save us?" And they despised him, and they did not bring a gift to him. But he was like one being silent.	*But some bad men said, "A man like him will not be able to save us from our enemies!" They did not think he would make a good king, and they refused to give him any gifts to show that they would be loyal to him. But even though Saul knew about their insult, he said nothing about it at the time.*

How did some wicked men show their dislike for Saul?

Some wicked men despised Saul and did not bring him a gift.

1 Samuel 11

1 Samuel 11:1-2

What was the response of Nahash the Ammonite to the request for a covenant from the men of Jabesh?

He said he would make a covenant with them if he could gouge out all their right eyes and bring disgrace on Israel.

1 Samuel 11:3

ULT	UST
And the elders of Jabesh said to him, "Leave us alone seven days, and let us send messengers through all of the border of Israel. And if there is no one saving us, then we will go out to you."	*The leaders of Jabesh replied, "Please do not attack us for the next seven days. During that time, we will send messengers throughout the land of Israel to ask for help. If no one comes to help us, then we will surrender to you."*

How did the elders of Jabesh respond to Nahash's proposal?

They asked for seven days to send messengers throughout Israel to see if anyone would save them.

1 Samuel 11:4-5

Why were the people in Saul's town of Gibeah weeping?

They were weeping because they had heard the words of the men from Jabesh.

1 Samuel 11:6-8

How did Saul respond to the threat against Jabesh?

The Spirit of God rushed upon him, he became very angry, and he persuaded the men of Israel and Judah to fight.

1 Samuel 11:9

ULT	UST
And they said to the messengers having come, "Thus you shall say to the men of Jabesh Gilead, 'Tomorrow deliverance will be for you, at the heat of the sun.'" And the messengers went and declared this to the men of Jabesh, and they rejoiced.	*So Saul and Samuel sent the messengers back to the people at Jabesh Gilead to tell them, "We will come and rescue you tomorrow by the middle of the morning." The messengers went and told this to the people of Jabesh. They became very happy when they heard this news.*

What message did the messengers bring back to the men of Jabesh?

They told the men of Jabesh that they would have deliverance the next day by the time the sun was hot.

1 Samuel 11:10

ULT	UST
And the men of Jabesh said, "Tomorrow we will go out to you. And you may do to us according to all of the good in your eyes."	*Then the leaders of Jabesh told Nahash, "We will surrender to you tomorrow, and then you can do to us whatever you want."*

What did the men of Jabesh say to Nahash the Ammonite?

They told Nahash that they would come out to him the next day, and he could do to them whatever seemed good to him.

1 Samuel 11:11

ULT	UST
And it happened on the next day that Saul put the people into three companies. And they came into the midst of the camp during the watch of the morning, and they struck Ammon until the heat of the day. And it happened that the ones being left scattered, and two among them were not left together.	*That night Saul divided his troops into three groups. They marched all night and arrived at the city before the sun rose the next morning. They attacked the camp of the Ammonite soldiers from three different directions. By noontime they had killed most of them. Those who survived ran away, and none of them regrouped to continue fighting.*

What was the outcome of the battle between Israel and the Ammonites?

The people of Israel attacked and defeated the Ammonites, and the survivors were totally scattered.

1 Samuel 11:12-13

Why did Saul say that none of the men who opposed him would be put to death?

Saul said no one would be put to death, because that day Yahweh had brought deliverance to Israel.

1 Samuel 11:14-15

Why did Samuel, Saul, and all the people of Israel go to Gilgal?

They went to Gilgal to renew the kingship, make Saul king before Yahweh, and sacrifice peace offerings.

1 Samuel 12

1 Samuel 12:4-5

What did the people of Israel say when Samuel asked if he had ever wronged them?

The people of Israel told Samuel he had not defrauded or oppressed them or taken anything from anyone.

1 Samuel 12:6-7

Why did Samuel tell the people of Israel to present themselves before Yahweh?

He told them to present themselves so he could make the case against them that they should not have asked for a king instead of trusting Yahweh to rescue them.

1 Samuel 12:8-9

What did God do to the ancestors of Israel after they forgot Yahweh their God?

Yahweh sold them into the hand of Sisera, the Philistines, and the king of Moab, who all fought against them.

1 Samuel 12:10-11

What did Yahweh do after Israel's ancestors cried out to him and asked to be rescued from their enemies?

Yahweh sent Jerubbaal, Bedan, Jephthah, and Samuel to rescue them.

1 Samuel 12:12-13

What did Samuel remind the people of Israel that they had requested?

Samuel reminded the people that they had wanted a king to reign over them, even though Yahweh their God was their king.

1 Samuel 12:14-15

What choice did Samuel present to the people of Israel?

They could fear Yahweh and serve him, or they could rebel against his command and his hand would be against them.

1 Samuel 12:16

ULT	UST
Even now station yourselves and see this great thing that Yahweh is doing before your eyes.	*Now stand here quietly and look at the great thing that Yahweh is about to do while you watch.*

What did Samuel challenge the people of Israel to do?

Samuel challenged the people to stand and see the great thing Yahweh is doing before their eyes.

1 Samuel 12:17-18

What did Samuel ask Yahweh to send so that the people would know the extent of their wickedness?

He asked Yahweh to send thunder and rain during the wheat harvest.

1 Samuel 12:19-20

How did Samuel respond when the people of Israel realized their sin?

Samuel told the people not to be afraid, but to serve Yahweh with all their heart and not turn aside.

1 Samuel 12:22

ULT	UST
For Yahweh will not forsake his people, because of his great name. For Yahweh was pleased to make you into a people for himself.	*Yahweh wants everyone in the world to know what a faithful God he is. So he will not abandon us after he gladly chose us to be his own people.*

What message of comfort did Samuel give to the people of Israel?

Samuel comforted the people by telling them that Yahweh would not forsake them, because of his great name.

1 Samuel 12:23

ULT	UST
Also, for me, profane to me from sinning against Yahweh by ceasing to pray for you! And I will instruct you in the good and straight way.	*For my part, you can be sure that I will keep praying for you. If I did not, I would be sinning against Yahweh. I will also continue to teach you what the right things are to do.*

What did Samuel promise to do for Israel?

He promised to continue to pray for them and to instruct them in the good and right way.

1 Samuel 12:24

ULT	UST
But fear Yahweh and serve him in faithfulness with all of your heart. For see what he has made great with you!	*But you must honor Yahweh and serve him genuinely with complete commitment. Bear in mind all the great things that he has done for you.*

What did Samuel challenge the people of Israel to do?

Samuel told them to fear Yahweh and serve him faithfully with all their heart, considering the great things he had done for them.

1 Samuel 13

1 Samuel 13:2

ULT	UST
And Saul chose for himself 3, 000 from Israel. And 2, 000 were with Saul in Michmash and in the hill country of Bethel, and 1, 000 were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. And the rest of the people, he sent away, a man to his tent.	*After returning from defeating the Ammonites at Jabesh Gilead, Saul chose 3, 000 of the Israelite men who had fought them to become a regular army. He sent the other men back home. Of the soldiers Saul chose, 2, 000 stayed with him at Michmash and in the hilly area near the city of Bethel. The other 1, 000 stayed with his son Jonathan at the city of Gibeah within the territory of the tribe of Benjamin.*

What did Saul do with the soldiers he did not choose to be with him?

Saul sent the rest of the soldiers home to their own tents.

1 Samuel 13:3-4

How did Israel make itself stink among the Philistines?

They made themselves stink among the Philistines because Jonathan had struck the garrison of the Philistines at Geba.

1 Samuel 13:5

ULT	UST
And the Philistines gathered themselves to fight with Israel: 30, 000 chariots and 6, 000 horsemen and people like the sand that is on the shore of the sea for abundance. And they went up and camped at Michmash, east of Beth Aven.	*Then the Philistines mobilized their army to attack the Israelites. The Philistines had 3, 000 chariots and 6, 000 soldiers on horseback. They seemed to have too many footsoldiers to count, like the grains of sand on the seashore. The Philistines came and set up their tents near the city of Michmash, to the east of Beth Aven.*

How did the Philistines respond to the attack by Jonathan?

They gathered 30,000 chariots, 6,000 horsemen, and people as numerous as the sand on the seashore to fight against Israel.

1 Samuel 13:6-7

How did the men of Israel react to the forces of the Philistines?

They were distressed, so they hid in caves, thickets, cliffs, pits, and cisterns, and some fled across the Jordan.

1 Samuel 13:8-10

What did Saul do when Samuel did not come to Gilgal after seven days?

Saul offered the burnt offering himself.

1 Samuel 13:11-12

What excuse did Saul give Samuel for not waiting for him to offer the sacrifices?

He said he saw that the Philistine army was going to attack, and he had not yet asked Yahweh to help Israel, so he forced himself to offer the burnt offering.

1 Samuel 13:13

ULT	UST
And Samuel said to Saul, "You have acted foolishly! You have not kept the command of Yahweh your God that he commanded you. For now Yahweh would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.	*Samuel told Saul, "That was a very foolish thing to do! You did not obey what Yahweh, your God, commanded about sacrifices. If you had obeyed him, Yahweh would have allowed you and your descendants to rule Israel for a long time.*

How did Samuel rebuke Saul?

Samuel told Saul that he had acted foolishly by not keeping the command that Yahweh gave him.

1 Samuel 13:13-14

What did Samuel say would be the consequences of Saul's disobedience?

Because Saul did not obey Yahweh's command, none of his descendants will become king. Instead, Yahweh has found someone else who will do what he wants him to do, and he will make that person the next king of Israel.

1 Samuel 13:17

ULT	UST
And the destroyer went out from the camp of the Philistines, three companies. One company turned to the way of Ophrah, to the land of Shual,	*The Philistines sent out three groups of soldiers to make raids on Israelite towns. One group went north toward the city of Ophrah in the region of Shual.*

What strategy did the Philistines use against the people of Israel?

The Philistines sent out soldiers in three groups to attack different Israelite towns.

1 Samuel 13:19

ULT	UST
Now a blacksmith was not found in all of the land of Israel. For the Philistines had said, "Lest the Hebrews make a sword or a spear."	*The Philistines did not want the Israelites (whom they called Hebrews) to be able to make any swords or spears. So they did not allow any Israelites to be metalworkers.*

What problem did the Israelites face in their fight against the Philistines?

There were no blacksmiths in all the land of Israel, so they could not make swords or spears.

1 Samuel 13:22

ULT	UST
So it was on the day of battle that a sword or spear was not found in the hand of any of the people who were with Saul and with Jonathan, but one was found for Saul and for his son Jonathan.	*As a result, none of the 600 men who were with Saul and Jonathan had swords or spears that they could use to fight the Philistines. Only Saul and Jonathan, his son, had swords and spears.*

How were the soldiers of Israel hindered on the day of battle?

None of the people with Saul and Jonathan had a sword or spear in their hand.

1 Samuel 14

1 Samuel 14:1

ULT	UST
And it happened one day that Jonathan, the son of Saul, said to the young man, the carrier of his equipment, "Come, and let us cross over to the garrison of the Philistines that is across from here." But he did not declare this to his father.	*One day, Saul's son Jonathan said to the young man who carried his weapons, "I want to attack the Philistine soldiers who are staying on the other side of the valley from us, and I want you to help me do that." But Jonathan did not tell his father what he wanted to do.*

What secret plan did Jonathan, the son of Saul, have?

Jonathan planned to cross over to the Philistines' garrison, but he did not tell his father.

1 Samuel 14:2-3

What did the six hundred men with Saul not know?

They did not know that Jonathan had gone.

1 Samuel 14:6

ULT	UST
And Jonathan said to the young man, the carrier of his equipment, "Come, and let us cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised! Perhaps Yahweh will act for us, for there is no hindrance to Yahweh to save by many or by few."	*Jonathan said to the young man who carried his weapons, "Come with me. We will go to where those pagans have set up their tents. Perhaps Yahweh will help us. It does not matter to him that there are only two of us, rather than many soldiers. Yahweh can still enable us to defeat them."*

What proposal did Jonathan present to his young armor-bearer?

Jonathan proposed that they cross over to the garrison of the uncircumcised, because perhaps Yahweh would act for them.

1 Samuel 14:7

ULT	UST
And the carrier of his equipment said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Turn yourself; behold me, with you according to your heart."	*The young man who was carrying Jonathan's weapons said, "Go ahead and do what you are planning. Go across the valley, and I will come with you and help you do what you want to do."*

What was the armor-bearer's response to the proposal?

Jonathan's armor-bearer told him to do all that was in his heart and that he was with him and would help him in all that he wanted to do.

1 Samuel 14:8-10

What would be the sign to Jonathan and his armor-bearer that Yahweh had given the Philistines into their hand?

If the Philistines told them to come up to them, that would be the sign.

1 Samuel 14:11-12

What did Jonathan say to his armor-bearer after the Philistines told them to come up?

He told his armor-bearer to follow him because Yahweh had given the Philistines into the hand of Israel.

1 Samuel 14:13-14

What was the result of the attack that Jonathan and his armor-bearer made on the Philistine garrison?

Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed about twenty men.

1 Samuel 14:16-17

What did Saul do when his watchmen saw the Philistine army dispersing?

Saul had the people counted to see who was missing, and they discovered it was Jonathan and his armor-bearer.

1 Samuel 14:18-19

Why did Saul tell Ahijah the priest to bring the Box of God to him?

Saul wanted to inquire of God, but he stopped because the tumult in the Philistine camp was increasing.

1 Samuel 14:21

ULT	UST
Now some Hebrews were to the Philistines according to yesterday and the third day who had gone up with them into the camp all around. But even they became to be with Israel who was with Saul and Jonathan.	*Some of the Hebrew soldiers had earlier deserted their army and joined the Philistine army. They were in different areas throughout the Philistine camp. But now those men helped Saul and Jonathan and the other Israelite soldiers fight against the Philistines.*

Who rejoined the Israelites who had remained with Saul and Jonathan?

The Hebrews who had previously deserted to the Philistines in their camp rejoined the Israelites. Now those men helped Saul and Jonathan and the other Israelite soldiers fight against the Philistines.

1 Samuel 14:23

ULT	UST
And Yahweh saved Israel on that day. And the battle passed over Beth Aven.	*So Yahweh rescued the Israelites on that day. The Israelite soldiers chased the Philistines all the way to the city of Beth Aven and beyond it.*

Who saved Israel that day?

Yahweh saved Israel that day.

1 Samuel 14:24

ULT	UST
But the men of Israel were distressed on that day, for Saul had adjured the people, saying, "Cursed is the man who eats bread until the evening and I have taken vengeance on my enemies." So all of the people had not tasted bread.	*But the Israelites did not win as great a victory as they could have, because the Israelite soldiers became weak from hunger that day. That was because Saul had made the soldiers swear something. He had made them all say, "May Yahweh make bad things happen to any of us who eats any food before this evening, before we get revenge on our enemies!" So none of the Israelite soldiers ate any food, and this made them weak.*

What caused the men of Israel to be distressed and faint?

Saul had put the people under an oath, cursing any man who ate food before evening.

1 Samuel 14:27

ULT	UST
But Jonathan had not heard when his father adjured the people. So he extended the end of the staff that was in his hand, and he dipped it into a comb of honey. And he returned his hand to his mouth, and his eyes brightened.	*But because he had left the camp early that morning, Jonathan did not know that his father had made the soldiers swear that they would not eat any food before evening. So when he saw a honeycomb in a tree, he reached out with the end of the spear he was holding and collected some honey. He ate that honey, and it was evident from his appearance that afterward he felt stronger.*

How did Jonathan unknowingly break the oath?

Jonathan, who had not heard the oath, ate some honey from a honeycomb.

1 Samuel 14:29-30

How was Jonathan critical of the oath his father had made?

Jonathan said that if the people had been allowed to eat from the plunder of their enemies, the slaughter among the Philistines would have been greater.

1 Samuel 14:33-34

How did the people of Israel sin against Yahweh after their battle against the Philistines?

The people ate meat with the blood still in it.

1 Samuel 14:37-38

What did Saul believe was the reason why he did not receive an answer when he inquired of God?

Saul believed that God did not answer him on that day because someone had sinned.

1 Samuel 14:38-39

How did Saul say he would deal with the sin that had been committed?

He said that the person who committed the sin would surely die, even if it was his son Jonathan.

1 Samuel 14:41-42

How was it determined that Jonathan was the person who had sinned?

The priest threw a lot, and it indicated that either Jonathan or Saul had sinned, not one of the other Israelite soldiers. He threw the lot again, and the lot indicated that Jonathan had sinned.

1 Samuel 14:45

ULT	UST
But the people said to Saul, "Shall Jonathan die, who has done this great salvation in Israel? Profane! The life of Yahweh, if from the hair of his head should fall to the ground! For he has done with God this day." So the people redeemed Jonathan, and he did not die.	*But the Israelite soldiers said to Saul, "Jonathan has led all us Israelites to this great victory! So you must not execute him! That would be very wrong! Since Jonathan led us to this great victory by depending on God's help, we swear by Yahweh that we will not allow you to harm him in any way." By saying that, the Israelite soldiers persuaded Saul not to execute Jonathan.*

How was Jonathan saved from death?

The people redeemed Jonathan and would not allow him to die because he had brought about a great salvation for Israel.

1 Samuel 14:47-48

How did Saul lead Israel as their king?

Saul fought against all his enemies on every side and rescued Israel from the hands of those who plundered them.

1 Samuel 15

1 Samuel 15:2-3

Why did Yahweh want Saul to attack and completely destroy Amalek?

Yahweh wanted to punish Amalek for what he had done to Israel when he opposed them on the way up from Egypt.

1 Samuel 15:5-7

Why did Saul tell the Kenites to depart from the Amalekites?

He warned the Kenites to move away because they had shown kindness to the people of Israel when they came up from Egypt. He did not want to kill them when he killed the Amalekites.

1 Samuel 15:8-9

How did Saul disobey the directions that Yahweh had given to him?

Saul spared King Agag and the best of the sheep, cattle, and lambs, and was not willing to devote them to destruction as Yahweh had commanded.

1 Samuel 15:10-11

Why did Yahweh regret that he had made Saul king?

Yahweh regretted making Saul king because Saul had turned from following him and was no longer obedient to him.

1 Samuel 15:12-13

What lie did Saul tell Samuel?

Saul told Samuel that he had obeyed what Yahweh told him to do.

1 Samuel 15:14

ULT	UST
And Samuel said, “Then what is this sound of a flock in my ears? And the sound of cattle that I am hearing?”	*But Samuel replied, “If that is true, then I should not be hearing sheep bleating or cattle mooing, but I am!”*

How did Samuel respond to the lie that Saul had told him?

Samuel asked about the bleating of sheep and the lowing of cattle that he was hearing.

1 Samuel 15:15

ULT	UST
And Saul said, “They have brought them from the Amalekite. For the people had compassion on the best of the flock and the cattle, to sacrifice them to Yahweh your God. But the remainder, we devoted.”	*Saul replied, “The soldiers wanted to save the best sheep and cattle so they could offer them as sacrifices to Yahweh, your God. So they took these animals from the Amalekites and brought them here. But we completely destroyed all the other animals that the Amalekites had.”*

What excuse did Saul give to Samuel to explain his disobedience?

He said the people had spared the best of the sheep and cattle so they could sacrifice them to Yahweh.

1 Samuel 15:17-19

How did Samuel rebuke Saul?

He told Saul that Yahweh had sent him to devote the sinners, the Amalekites, to destruction, but instead he had swooped down on the plunder and done evil.

1 Samuel 15:20-21

What excuse did Saul repeat to Samuel?

Saul insisted that he had obeyed, but that the people brought back the best of the plunder to sacrifice to Yahweh at Gilgal.

1 Samuel 15:22-23

What was Samuel's response to Saul?

Samuel said that to obey is better than sacrifice, and that rebellion is as the sin of divination, and because Saul rejected Yahweh's word, Yahweh rejected him as king.

1 Samuel 15:24

ULT	UST
And Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned. For I have crossed over the mouth of Yahweh and your words, because I feared the people and listened to their voice.	*Then Saul said to Samuel, "I admit that I have sinned. I disobeyed what you told me Yahweh had commanded. I did that because I was afraid of what the soldiers would do to me if I did not give them what they wanted.*

What reason did Saul give Samuel for his sin?

Saul said he had disobeyed Yahweh's command because he was afraid of the people, and so he listened to their voice.

1 Samuel 15:25-26

What declaration did Samuel give to Saul from Yahweh?

Samuel said that Yahweh had rejected Saul from being king over Israel because Saul had rejected the word of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 15:28

ULT	UST
And Samuel said to him, "Yahweh has torn the kingdom of Israel from upon you today, and he has given it to your fellow, one better than you.	*Samuel said to him, "You have taken this piece away from my robe, and in the same way, Yahweh has now taken the kingship of Israel away from you. He is going to make another Israelite king instead of you. That other Israelite is a better man than you are.*

To whom was Yahweh going to give the kingdom of Israel?

Samuel told Saul that Yahweh was going to give the kingdom to one of Saul's neighbors, an Israelite who was a better man than Saul.

1 Samuel 15:32-33

What did Samuel do to finish the task that Saul had not done?

Samuel hacked King Agag to pieces before Yahweh.

1 Samuel 16

1 Samuel 16:1

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Samuel, "Until when will you be mourning for Saul, since I myself have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have seen among his sons a king for me."	*Finally, Yahweh said to Samuel, "You know that I have decided not to allow Saul to continue to be the king of Israel. So you should not keep feeling sad for him. I have recognized that one of the sons of the man whose name is Jesse who lives in the town of Bethlehem will make a good king. So I am sending you there to pour oil on the head of that son to show this. Now put some olive oil in a small container and go there."*

Why did Yahweh tell Samuel to stop mourning for Saul?

Yahweh told him to stop because he had rejected Saul from being king over Israel.

1 Samuel 16:2

ULT	UST
But Samuel said, "How shall I go? If Saul hears, then he will kill me." So Yahweh said, "Take a heifer of cattle in your hand and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to Yahweh.'	*But Samuel said, "I am afraid to go. If Saul hears that I have appointed someone else to be king, he will kill me." Yahweh answered, "Take with you a female cow that has not yet given birth, and tell the people of Bethlehem that you have come to offer it as a sacrifice to me.*

What did Samuel fear would happen if Saul heard he was going to Bethlehem?

He feared that Saul would kill him.

1 Samuel 16:3

ULT	UST
And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I myself will make you know what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me whom I say to you."	*Invite Jesse to come to the sacrifice. When he comes, I will show you what to do. I will tell you which of his sons I have chosen to be the king, and I want you to pour the olive oil on his head to indicate that I have chosen him to be the king."*

How did Yahweh say that Samuel would know whom to anoint?

Yahweh told Samuel that he would show him what to do and that Samuel should anoint the one Yahweh told him to anoint.

1 Samuel 16:4

ULT	UST
And Samuel did what Yahweh had spoken, and he came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the city trembled to meet him, and they said, "Is your coming in peace?"	*Samuel did what Yahweh told him to do. He went to Bethlehem. When the town leaders saw him coming, they were very afraid. One of them asked him, "Have you come here to speak peacefully with us?"*

How did the elders of Bethlehem act when Samuel arrived?

They came trembling to meet him and asked if his coming was in peace.

1 Samuel 16:6

ULT	UST
And it happened, in their coming, that he saw Eliab and said, "Surely his anointed one is before Yahweh."	*When Jesse and his sons arrived at the place where Samuel was going to offer the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Jesse's oldest son Eliab, and thought, "This must be the man whom Yahweh wants me to anoint as the next king!"*

What did Samuel think when he looked at Eliab?

He thought that surely Yahweh's anointed one was standing before him.

1 Samuel 16:7

ULT	UST
But Yahweh said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, for I have rejected him. For not what man sees, for man looks at the eyes, but Yahweh looks at the heart."	*But Yahweh said to Samuel, "Yes, Eliab is handsome and very tall, but this should not impress you, since he is not the one I have chosen. I do not evaluate people as humans do. Humans evaluate people by their appearances, but I evaluate people by their character."*

How did Yahweh explain that he does not see as a human sees?

Yahweh said that a human looks on the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks on the heart.

1 Samuel 16:10

ULT	UST
And Jesse made seven of his sons pass over to the face of Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "Yahweh has not chosen among these."	*Similarly, Jesse told the other four of his sons who were present to come and walk past Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "Yahweh has not chosen any of these sons of yours."*

What did Samuel say to Jesse after seven of his sons passed before him?

Samuel said that Yahweh had not chosen any of them.

1 Samuel 16:11

ULT	UST
So Samuel said to Jesse, "Are your young men complete?" And he said, "The youngest still remains, but behold, he is tending among the flock." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not go around until he comes here."	*Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all of your sons?" Jesse replied, "My youngest son is not here. That is because he is out in the pasture taking care of the sheep." Samuel told Jesse, "We will only sit down to eat once he has joined us. So send someone to bring him here."*

Where was Jesse's youngest son before Samuel called for him?

The youngest son was out in the pasture tending the flock of sheep.

1 Samuel 16:13

ULT	UST
And Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of Yahweh rushed upon David from that day and onward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.	*So as David stood there with his older brothers around him, Samuel took the container of oil that he had brought and poured some of it on David's head to indicate that Yahweh had chosen him to be the next king. Immediately the Spirit of Yahweh began to influence David powerfully, and the Spirit continued to influence him from then on. After they had shared a meal together with the meat from the heifer, Samuel left and went back home to Ramah.*

What happened to David after Samuel anointed him?

The Spirit of Yahweh rushed upon David from that day forward.

1 Samuel 16:14

ULT	UST
Now the Spirit of Yahweh turned from with Saul, and a bad spirit from with Yahweh terrified him.	*But Yahweh's Spirit no longer influenced Saul. Instead, Yahweh sent a troubling spirit that made Saul afraid.*

What spirit troubled Saul after the Spirit of Yahweh had turned away from him?

A bad spirit from Yahweh terrified him.

1 Samuel 16:16

ULT	UST
May our master please say to your servants to your face, 'Seek a man knowing playing upon the lyre.' And it will happen, when the bad spirit from God is upon you, that he will play by his hand, and it will be good for you."	*So we suggest that you allow us, your servants here, to search for a man who plays the harp well. He can play the harp whenever that troubling spirit bothers you. Then you will calm down."*

What did Saul's servants suggest a skillful player on the lyre could do for him?

When the bad spirit was on Saul, the person would play the lyre, and would calm down.

1 Samuel 16:19

ULT	UST
So Saul sent messengers to Jesse. And he said, "Send to me David your son, who is with the flock."	*So Saul sent some messengers to Jesse. He told them to say to Jesse, "Send your son David to me, the one who takes care of your sheep."*

Which of Jesse's sons did Saul ask to have sent to him?

Saul asked Jesse to send his son David, who was with the flock.

1 Samuel 16:21

ULT	UST
And David came to Saul, and he stood to his face. And he loved him greatly, and he became to him a carrier of equipment.	*Then David went to Saul and started to work for him. Saul liked David very much, and he became the man who carried Saul's weapons when Saul went to fight in battles.*

What assignment did Saul give David because he loved him greatly?

Saul made David his armor-bearer.

1 Samuel 16:23

ULT	UST
And it happened, when the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took the lyre and played it by his hand. And it breathed to Saul, and it was good for him, and the bad spirit turned away from upon him.	*After that, whenever the troubling spirit that God sent made Saul afraid, David would play the harp. Then the bad spirit would stop making Saul afraid, and he would calm down and feel better.*

What would happen to Saul when David played the lyre?

The bad spirit would turn away from Saul, and he would calm down and feel better.

1 Samuel 17

1 Samuel 17:2

ULT	UST
And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered, and they camped by the Valley of Elah. And they arrayed for battle to meet the Philistines.	*Saul gathered the Israelite solders, and they set up their tents near the Valley of Elah. Then they formed battle lines in order to be ready to fight the Philistines.*

Why had Saul and the men of Israel encamped in the valley of Elah?

They had drawn up in battle array to fight the Philistines.

1 Samuel 17:5

ULT	UST
And a helmet of bronze was on his head, and he was clothed with a coat of scales. And the weight of the coat was 5, 000 shekels of bronze.	*He wore a helmet made of bronze to protect his head, and he wore body armor that had small overlapping metal plates to protect his body. The metal armor weighed over 50 kilograms.*

What did Goliath have on his head?

He had a helmet of bronze on his head.

1 Samuel 17:6

ULT	UST
And greaves of bronze were on his legs, and a curved sword of bronze was between his shoulders.	*He wore bronze armor on his legs to protect them. He had slung a small bronze spear across his back.*

What did Goliath carry between his shoulders?

He had a curved sword of bronze between his shoulders.

1 Samuel 17:8

ULT	UST
And he stood and called out to the arrays of Israel, and he said to them, "Why have you come out to array for battle? Am I not the Philistine, and you, servants of Saul? Choose for yourselves a man, and let him come down to me.	*Goliath stood there and shouted to the Israelite army, "There is no need for our entire armies to fight each other. You can see that I am a Philistine soldier who is ready to fight alone on behalf of my people group. Someone ought to be able to represent all of you servants of Saul. Choose one man who can fight on behalf of all of you and send him down into this valley where I am!*

What did Goliath call the ranks of Israel?

Goliath called them servants of Saul.

1 Samuel 17:9

ULT	UST
If he is able to fight with me and he strikes me, then we will become servants to you. But if I am able against him and I strike him, then you will become servants to us, and you will serve us."	*If he can fight with me and kill me, then my fellow Philistines will all become your slaves. But if I can fight with him and kill him, then all of you Israelites will become our slaves instead."*

What did Goliath say would happen to the Philistines if Israel's chosen man killed him?

He said the Philistines would become servants to Israel.

1 Samuel 17:11

ULT	UST
And Saul and all of Israel heard these words of the Philistine, and they were dismayed and feared greatly.	*When Saul and all the Israelite soldiers heard Goliath say this, they lost their courage and became terrified.*

When Saul and all Israel heard what the Philistine said, how did they feel?

They lost their courage and became terrified.

1 Samuel 17:13

ULT	UST
And the oldest three of the sons of Jesse went, they went after Saul to the battle. And the names of the three of his sons who went into the battle were Eliab, the firstborn, and his second, Abinadab, and the third, Shammah.	*Jesse's three oldest sons had gone to fight the Philistines with Saul as their commander. The name of Jesse's oldest son was Eliab. His two younger brothers were Abinadab and Shammah.*

Which of Jesse's sons had followed Saul to the battle?

The three oldest sons of Jesse had followed Saul to the battle.

1 Samuel 17:16

ULT	UST
And the Philistine approached when it was early and when it was getting dark. And he stationed himself 40 days.	*Twice each day, in the morning and in the evening, Goliath came out from the Philistine camp and stood in the valley between the two armies. He challenged the Israelites to choose one man to fight with him. He did that for 40 days.*

For how long and how often did the Philistine champion present himself for battle?

He presented himself for forty days, morning and evening.

1 Samuel 17:20

ULT	UST
So David arose early in the morning and left the flock with a keeper. And he carried and went, just as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the wagon-track, and the army was going out to the array, and they shouted for the battle.	*So David arranged for another shepherd to take care of the sheep. Early the next morning he took the food that Jesse had told him to bring and went to the Israelite camp. He arrived at the edge of the camp just as the Israelite soldiers were going out into their battle lines. As they went, they were shouting a war cry.*

What was the army doing as David arrived at the camp?

The army was going out to the battle array, shouting the war cry.

1 Samuel 17:23

ULT	UST
And he was speaking with them, and behold, the man of the betweens was coming up, Goliath the Philistine was his name, from Gath, from the array of the Philistines, and he spoke like these words. And David heard.	*While David was speaking with them, something happened that immediately got his attention. Someone came into the valley between the battle lines. This was the man whom people called Goliath the Philistine Champion. He was from the city of Gath. He came forward from the Philistine battle lines and once again challenged any Israelite soldier to fight him in single combat. David heard what Goliath said.*

As David spoke with his brothers, who came out from the ranks of the Philistines?

As David spoke, the champion, Goliath, the Philistine from Gath, came out from the ranks of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 17:25

ULT	UST
And the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man coming up? Indeed he is coming up to taunt Israel! And it will be, the man who strikes him, the king will make him wealthy with great wealth, and he will give his daughter to him, and he will make the house of his father free in Israel."	*The soldiers were saying to each other, "See how this man defiantly approaches us! And hear how he mocks us Israelite soldiers! The king has said that he will give a huge reward to whoever kills this man. He also says that he will allow that man to marry his daughter, and that he will no longer require that man's family to pay taxes or do unpaid work for the Israelite kingdom."*

What would the king do for the man who killed Goliath?

The king would enrich the man with great wealth, give him his daughter in marriage, and no longer require that man's family to pay taxes or do unpaid work for the Israelite kingdom.

1 Samuel 17:26

ULT	UST
And David spoke to the men standing with him, saying, "What will be done for the man who strikes this Philistine and turns away the disgrace from upon Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the arrays of the living God?"	*David talked with some of the men who were standing near him. He said, "This Philistine is a mere pagan. He should not be mocking soldiers who worship the only true God. Please confirm for me what the king will give to the soldier who kills this Philistine and stops him from shaming us Israelites."*

What did David say the man who killed the Philistine would take away from Israel?

The man who killed the Philistine would turn away the disgrace from Israel.

1 Samuel 17:28

ULT	UST
Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men. And the nose of Eliab burned against David, and he said, "Why is this, you have come down? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I myself know your presumption and the evil of your heart, for you have come down in order to see the battle!"	*But when David's oldest brother Eliab heard David talking to the men, he became very angry with him. He said to David, "You should not have come here! You are supposed to be watching our father's small flock of sheep, but I imagine you left them alone in a desolate pastureland. I know you think you have a right to be here, but you do not. You do not have good motives. You came because you want to watch the battle!"*

What did Eliab accuse David of having in his heart?

Eliab accused David of presumption and evil in his heart, saying David's motive for coming was to watch the battle.

1 Samuel 17:32

ULT	UST
And David said to Saul, "Do not let the heart of a man fall because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."	*David told King Saul, "No one should despair because of him. I will go and fight with that Philistine man!"*

What did David tell Saul he would do?

David told Saul that he would go and fight with the Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:34-35

What did David do to a lion or a bear that took a sheep from the flock?

He went out after it, struck it, and delivered the sheep from its mouth; if it rose against him, he would seize its jaw and strike it and kill it.

1 Samuel 17:36

ULT	UST
Your servant has struck both the lion and the bear, and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, for he has taunted the arrays of the living God."	*So I have killed both lions and bears. And since he has mocked soldiers who worship the only true God, I will kill this pagan Philistine too!"*

Why did David say this uncircumcised Philistine would be like the lion or the bear he had killed?

The Philistine would be like them because he had taunted the arrayed armies of the living God.

1 Samuel 17:39

ULT	UST
And David strapped on his sword over his garments, and he tried to walk, for he had not tested them. And David said to Saul, "I am not able to walk with these, for I have not tested them." And David removed them from on him.	*David put these things on. Saul also gave David his sword, and David strapped that on over them. Since David had not worn armor before, he walked around to find out what it was like to walk wearing armor. Then David told Saul, "I am not used to wearing these things, so I cannot fight while wearing them!" So he took them off.*

Why was David not able to walk in the armor the king provided?

He was not able to walk in the armor because he was not used it.

1 Samuel 17:42

ULT	UST
And the Philistine looked and saw David, and he despised him, for he was a youth, and ruddy with a beautiful appearance.	*When he got near David, Goliath looked at David closely. He believed he could easily defeat David because he was only a young man. David still had a handsome, boyish appearance.*

Why did the Philistine despise David when he saw him?

He despised David because he was only a youth, ruddy, and with a boyish appearance, and Goliath believed he could easily defeat David.

1 Samuel 17:45

ULT	UST
And David said to the Philistine, "You are coming to me with a sword and with a spear and with a curved sword. But I am coming to you in the name of Yahweh of Armies, the God of the arrays of Israel, which you have taunted.	*David replied, "You are coming to attack me with a sword and a spear and a curved sword. But I am coming to you with the authority of Yahweh, commander of the angel armies. You have mocked the Israelite soldiers who worship him, and that is like mocking Yahweh himself.*

When the Philistine came with a sword, spear, and curved sword, in whose name did David say he came?

David said that he came in the name of Yahweh of Armies, the God of the armies of Israel, whom the Philistine had taunted.

1 Samuel 17:46

ULT	UST
This day Yahweh will enclose you in my hand, and I will strike you and remove your head from upon you. And this day I will give the corpse of the camp of the Philistines to the bird of the heavens and to the animal of the earth. And all of the earth will know that there is a God to Israel.	*Today Yahweh will enable me to defeat you. I will kill you and cut off your head. And today we Israelites will kill many Philistine soldiers and give their bodies to the birds and wild animals to eat. People throughout the world will hear about it, and they will know that we Israelite people worship an all-powerful God.*

What did David say all the earth would know after he defeated the Philistine?

All the earth would know that the Israelite people worship an all-powerful God.

1 Samuel 17:48

ULT	UST
And it happened, when the Philistine arose and went and approached to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the array to meet the Philistine.	*Then Goliath started to come closer in order to attack David. David ran quickly toward him, in the direction of the Philistine battle line.*

What did David do when the Philistine drew near to meet him?

David hurried and ran toward the battle line to meet him.

1 Samuel 17:51

ULT	UST
But David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it from its sheath and killed him and cut off his head with it. And the Philistines saw that their warrior had died, and they fled.	

What did the Philistines do when they saw that their warrior was dead?

The Philistines fled.

1 Samuel 17:53

ULT	UST
And the sons of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they plundered their camp.	*When the Israelites came back after chasing the Philistines, they took everything valuable from the Philistine camp.*

What did the people of Israel do when they returned from chasing the Philistines?

The people of Israel plundered the Philistine camp.

1 Samuel 17:57

ULT	UST
So as David returned from striking the Philistine, then Abner took him and brought him to the face of Saul. And the head of the Philistine was in his hand.	*So later, when David returned from killing Goliath, Abner brought him to Saul. David was carrying Goliath's head.*

What did David have in his hand when Abner brought him before Saul?

David had the head of the Philistine in his hand.

1 Samuel 18

1 Samuel 18:1

ULT	UST
And it happened, when he finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was bound with the soul of David. And Jonathan loved him as his soul.	*After David finished speaking with Saul, he met Saul's son Jonathan. Jonathan immediately felt a strong friendship for David. He loved him as much as he loved himself.*

How strongly was the soul of Jonathan bound to the soul of David?

The soul of Jonathan was bound with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

1 Samuel 18:4

ULT	UST
And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him, and he gave it to David, and his garments, and even his sword and even his bow and even his belt.	*Jonathan took off the outer robe he was wearing and gave it to David. He also gave David the special clothes he wore under his armor, his sword, his bow and arrows, and his belt.*

What did Jonathan give to David along with his garments, sword, bow, and belt?

Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing and gave it to David.

1 Samuel 18:5

ULT	UST
And David went out. In all that Saul sent him, he succeeded. And Saul set him over the men of war. And he was good in the eyes of all of the people and also in the eyes of the servants of Saul.	*David then fought battles as Saul directed him. Whatever Saul told him to do, David did it very successfully. As a result, Saul appointed David as a commander in the army. The people of Israel, and especially the ones who served Saul directly, admired David greatly.*

Over whom did Saul set David?

Saul set him over the men of war.

1 Samuel 18:7-8

What had the singers' song ascribed to David that displeased Saul?

They ascribed to David myriads, but they had ascribed only thousands to Saul.

1 Samuel 18:11

ULT	UST
And Saul hurled the spear, and he said, "I will strike David, and into the wall!" But David turned from his face two times.	*Saul thought, "I can throw my spear so hard at David that it will go through him into the wall behind him and pin him there!" Saul threw his spear at David twice, but David jumped aside both times.*

What did Saul think as he threw the spear at David?

Saul thought that he would strike David and pin him to the wall.

1 Samuel 18:14

ULT	UST
And David was succeeding in all of his ways, for Yahweh was with him.	*But Yahweh helped David, so David won all of the battles that he fought.*

Why did David succeed in all his ways?

David succeeded because Yahweh was with him.

1 Samuel 18:17

ULT	UST
And Saul said to David, "Behold my older daughter Merab. I will give her to you for a wife. Only be for me a son of valor and fight the battles of Yahweh." And Saul said, "Let not my hand be against him, but let the hand of the Philistines be against him."	*One day Saul said to David, "I want to talk to you about my older daughter Merab. I will allow you to marry her if you serve me bravely by fighting battles for Yahweh against the Philistines." Saul said that because he thought, "I will not try to kill David myself. I will have the Philistines kill him."*

What did Saul hope would happen to David if he fought the Philistines?

Saul hoped the Philistines would kill David.

1 Samuel 18:20-21

What did Saul think his daughter Michal would be for David if Saul gave her to him?

Saul thought she could be a snare for David.

1 Samuel 18:22

ULT	UST
And Saul commanded his servants, "Speak to David in secrecy, saying, 'Behold, the king delights in you, and all of his servants love you. And now, make yourself a son-in-law of the king.'"	*Saul told his servants, "Talk to David privately and tell him, 'Listen, the king is pleased with you. All of us who serve him love you. So we think that you should marry Michal and become the king's son-in-law.'"*

How did Saul command his servants to speak with David about becoming the king's son-in-law?

He commanded his servants to speak with David privately.

1 Samuel 18:23

ULT	UST
And the servants of Saul spoke these words in the ears of David. And David said, "Does it seem light in your eyes to make oneself a son-in-law of the king? And I am a poor man, and I am lightly esteemed."	*So they said those things to David. But David replied, "It would be a great honor for anyone to become the king's son-in-law. But I do not think that I should do that, because I am only a poor and insignificant man."*

Why did David think he was not worthy to be the king's son-in-law?

He said he was a poor and insignificant man.

1 Samuel 18:25

ULT	UST
And Saul said, “Thus you shall say to David, ‘There is no desire to the king for a bride-price except for a hundred foreskins of Philistines, to be avenged against the enemies of the king.’” (Now Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.)	*Saul replied, “Go and tell David, ‘The king does not want you to pay him a large amount of money in order to marry Michal. All he wants you to do is kill a hundred Philistine soldiers and bring back their foreskins. In that way, he will get revenge on his enemies.’” But what Saul really wanted was for the Philistines to kill David while he was trying to kill them.*

What was the only bride-price the king desired from David?

The king desired one hundred foreskins of the Philistines.

1 Samuel 18:27

ULT	UST
and David arose and went, he and his men, and he struck two hundred men among the Philistines. And David brought their foreskins, and they filled them to the king, to make himself son-in-law of the king. And Saul gave Michal, his daughter, to him for a wife.	*David and his men went into battle and killed two hundred Philistine soldiers. He brought back their foreskins. Saul’s officials counted them all while Saul was watching. This proved that David had done what Saul had required for him to become his son-in-law. So Saul allowed David to marry his daughter Michal.*

What did David and his men do that exceeded the king’s requested bride-price?

David and his men struck two hundred Philistines and brought their foreskins to the king.

1 Samuel 18:30

ULT	UST
And the commanders of the Philistines came out, and it happened that, whenever they came out, David was more successful than all of the servants of Saul, and his name became greatly precious.	*The Philistine commanders kept leading their armies to fight against the Israelites, but every time they fought, David and his soldiers were more successful than any of Saul’s other army commanders. As a result, David earned an excellent reputation.*

How great was David’s success, so that he earned an excellent reputation?

David was more successful than any of Saul’s other army commanders.

1 Samuel 19

1 Samuel 19:2

ULT	UST
so Jonathan declared to David, saying, "Saul my father is seeking to kill you. And now, please guard yourself in the morning and stay in a secret place and hide yourself.	*So he warned David, "My father Saul is looking for a way to kill you. So please be very careful. Tomorrow morning, find a place to hide in the field and do not come out unless I tell you it is safe.*

Why did Jonathan tell David to be on his guard and hide himself?

Jonathan told him to be very careful because his father was seeking to kill David.

1 Samuel 19:4

ULT	UST
And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, and he said to him, "May the king not sin against his servant, against David, for he has not sinned against you, but surely his deeds have been very good for you.	*The next morning, Jonathan spoke with his father Saul in the field. He said many good things about David. He told his father, "Please do not do anything to harm David, who serves you faithfully. That would be a sin. David has never done anything to harm you. Everything he has done has helped you very much.*

What did Jonathan tell Saul that David's deeds had been for him?

Jonathan told Saul that David's deeds had been very good for him.

1 Samuel 19:6

ULT	UST
And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan, and Saul swore, "The life of Yahweh, he shall not be killed"	*What Jonathan said persuaded Saul. Saul swore by Yahweh that he would not kill David.*

What did Saul swear after listening to Jonathan?

Saul swore that as Yahweh lives, David would not be killed.

1 Samuel 19:8

ULT	UST
And there resumed to be war, and David went out and fought with the Philistines, and he struck a great striking against them, and they fled from his face.	*But then the Philistines attacked the Israelites again. David led his soldiers to fight against the Philistine army. David's soldiers killed many of the Philistine soldiers, and as a result, the rest of the Philistine army ran away.*

What happened when David again went out and fought with the Philistines?

David's soldiers killed many of the Philistine soldiers, and as a result, the rest of the Philistine army ran away.

1 Samuel 19:11

ULT	UST
And Saul sent messengers to the house of David to watch him and to kill him in the morning. And Michal his wife declared to David, saying, "If you are not rescuing your life tonight, tomorrow you will be being killed."	*Then Saul sent some soldiers to David's house. He told them to see whether David was in the house and to kill him when he left the house the following morning. But David's wife Michal knew about this and warned him. She told him, "In order to save your life, you must run away tonight. If you do not do that, some soldiers will kill you tomorrow!"*

Why did Saul send messengers to David's house to watch him?

Saul wanted them to kill David in the morning.

1 Samuel 19:12

ULT	UST
And Michal lowered David through the window. And he went and fled and rescued himself.	*Then she lowered David out a window since the soldiers were watching the door, and he escaped by running away from the house.*

How did Michal help David to flee and escape?

Michal lowered David out a window since soldiers were watching the door.

1 Samuel 19:15

ULT	UST
So Saul sent messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed to kill him."	*When the soldiers reported that, Saul told them to enter David's house and see whether he was really sick. He told them, "If you have to, pick up the whole bed he is lying on and use that to carry him back here to me. That way I can kill him!"*

What did Saul plan to do when he ordered his messengers to bring David to him in the bed?

Saul planned to kill him.

1 Samuel 19:16

ULT	UST
And the messengers came, and behold, the teraphim was on the bed, and the weaving of goats was at its head.	*But when those soldiers entered David's house, they found that there was only a statue in his bed, with goat's hair around its head.*

What did Michal use at the head of the idol in the bed to make it look like David?

She put a weaving of goats' hair at its head.

1 Samuel 19:18

ULT	UST
Now David fled and rescued himself, and he came to Samuel in Ramah, and he declared to him all that Saul had done to him. And he went, and Samuel, and they stayed in Naioth.	*After David had escaped from Saul, he went to Samuel, who was at his home in Ramah. He told Samuel everything that Saul had done to try to kill him. Then David and Samuel went to Naioth, which was nearby, and they stayed there.*

When David fled and escaped, to whom did he go in Ramah?

David went to Samuel in Ramah.

1 Samuel 19:20

ULT	UST
And Saul sent messengers to take David. And one saw a group of prophets prophesying, and Samuel was standing, having stationed himself over them. And the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.	*So Saul sent some soldiers to capture David. When those soldiers arrived in Ramah, they met some prophets who were speaking and singing as God inspired them. Samuel was there as their leader. The Spirit of God influenced the soldiers whom Saul had sent, and they began to speak and sing themselves instead of trying to capture David.*

What happened to Saul's messengers when they saw the group of prophets?

The Spirit of God came on them, and they also prophesied.

1 Samuel 19:21-22

After sending messengers two more times, what did Saul do?

Saul himself went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 19:24

ULT	UST
And he also stripped off his clothes, and he also prophesied to the face of Samuel. And he lay naked all of that day and all of the night. Therefore they said, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"	*There he also took off his outer clothes, and he spoke and sang in front of Samuel. He lay on the ground uncovered all day and all night. That is the reason why, when people see someone doing something unexpected, they say, "Is Saul also a prophet?"*

How long did Saul lie naked before Samuel?

He lay naked all that day and all that night.

1 Samuel 20

1 Samuel 20:2

ULT	UST
And he said to him, "Profane! You will not die. Behold, my father does not do a great thing or a small thing and not uncover my ear. So why would my father hide this thing from me? There is not this!"	*Jonathan replied, "My father is not going to kill you! I would not let that happen. Besides, he always tells me before he does anything of any kind. So he would not fail to tell me if he were planning to kill you. What you are saying cannot be true."*

What did Jonathan say his father did not do without telling him?

He said that his father did nothing either great or small without revealing it to him.

1 Samuel 20:3

ULT	UST
And David swore besides and said, "Knowing, your father knows that I have found favor in your eyes. So he said, 'May Jonathan not know this, lest he be grieved.' But indeed, the life of Yahweh, and the life of your soul, surely like a step is between me and between death!"	*Then David solemnly declared this to Jonathan: "Your father knows very well that you and I are very good friends, so he says to himself, 'I will not tell Jonathan what I am going to do. If I tell Jonathan, he will be upset, and then he will tell David.' But I swear by Yahweh and I swear by your own life that your father is just about to kill me."*

How close did David say he was to death?

He said that there was only a step between him and death.

1 Samuel 20:5

ULT	UST
And David said to Jonathan, "Behold, the new moon is tomorrow, and sitting, I should sit with the king to eat. But you shall let me go, and I shall hide myself in the field until the third evening.	*David replied, "Here is what you can do for me. Tomorrow the king will host a feast to celebrate the start of a new month. I always sit with the king at such festivals. But this time, allow me not to attend. Instead, I will hide in the field, and I will stay there until the evening of the day after tomorrow.*

What did David ask Jonathan to let him do until the third evening?

David asked to hide in the field until the third evening.

1 Samuel 20:6

ULT	UST
If missing, your father misses me, then you shall say, 'Asking, David asked from me to run to Bethlehem, his city, for the sacrifice of days is there for all of the clan.'	*If your father asks why I am not there at the festival, this is what you should tell him: 'All of David's relatives gather once a year to sacrifice an animal and eat a meal from the meat at which they praise and thank Yahweh. He asked permission from me to make a brief visit to Bethlehem so that he could eat that meal with his family.'*

What reason did David tell Jonathan to give Saul if Saul missed him?

He was to tell Saul that David had asked make a brief visit to his city, Bethlehem, for the yearly sacrifice for his whole clan.

1 Samuel 20:8

ULT	UST
Then you shall do covenant faithfulness with your servant. For you have brought your servant into a covenant of Yahweh with you. But if there is iniquity in me, kill me yourself. For why this, that should you bring me to your father?"	*If that is true, then you must protect me. You indicated you would do that when you promised, with Yahweh as your witness, that you and I would always be good friends. But if I deserve to die for something very wrong that I have done, then you should kill me yourself. You do not need to make your father kill me."*

Why did David ask Jonathan to deal faithfully with him?

David asked this because Jonathan had brought him into a covenant of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 20:11

ULT	UST
And Jonathan said to David, "Come, and let us go out to the field." And the two of them went out to the field.	*Jonathan replied, "We need to go somewhere where we can speak more privately. Please come with me out to the field." So they went together out into the field.*

Where did Jonathan ask David to go so they could talk?

He asked David to go with him out into the field so they could speak privately.

1 Samuel 20:13

ULT	UST
Thus may Yahweh do to Jonathan, and thus may he add: if harm upon you is good to my father, then I will uncover your ear and send you away so you may go in peace. And may Yahweh be with you just as he was with my father.	*But if he is planning to kill you, I hope that Yahweh will punish me very severely if I do not tell you in advance and help you flee so that you get away safely. Yahweh helped my father when he became king, and I hope that Yahweh will help you in the same way.*

Why did Jonathan want to make his father's intentions known to David?

Jonathan promised to reveal his father's intentions so that David flee.

1 Samuel 20:16-17

How did Jonathan know that David would keep his promise that he would not harm Jonathan's descendants?

Jonathan knew that David would keep that promise because David loved Jonathan as much as he loved himself.

1 Samuel 20:21

ULT	UST
And behold, I will send a boy, 'Go find the arrows.' If saying, I say to the boy, 'Behold, the arrows are from you, and hither, get them,' then come, for peace is for you and there is no matter, the life of Yahweh.	*Then I will tell a boy to go and get the arrows. You may hear me call out to him, 'You have gone too far, the arrows are behind you, turn around and pick them up!' I swear by Yahweh that if you hear me say that, then it is safe for you to return. You are in no danger.*

Whom did Jonathan say he would send to find the arrows he shot?

He said he would send a boy to find the arrows.

1 Samuel 20:24

ULT	UST
And David hid himself in the field, and it was the new moon, and the king sat down at the food to eat.	*So David went and hid in the field. When the festival of the new moon started, King Saul came to the table for the feast.*

When the festival of the new moon came, what did the king do?

The king came to the table for the feast.

1 Samuel 20:26

ULT	UST
But Saul did not say anything on that day, for he said, "It is an accident. He is not clean, surely not clean."	*At the time Saul did not say anything about David being absent, because he was thinking, "Something must have happened that caused David to become ritually unclean so that he cannot attend this religious festival today."*

What did Saul think might have happened to David to make him absent from the feast?

Saul thought it was an accident and that David was not ritually clean.

1 Samuel 20:29

ULT	UST
And he said, 'Please let me go. For the sacrifice of our clan is in the city, and my brother himself has commanded me. And now, if I have found favor in your eyes, may I please go away, and may I see my brothers.' Therefore he has not come to the table of the king."	*He told me, 'Our family is going to offer a sacrifice in Bethlehem, and my oldest brother has insisted that I be there. So please let me go. I hope that you think well enough of me to permit that, since I would like to go and visit with my older brothers.' I allowed David to go, and that is the reason why he is not here eating with you."*

Why did Jonathan say David had to attend his family's sacrifice?

He said David's brother had commanded him to be there.

1 Samuel 20:30

ULT	UST
And the nose of Saul burned against Jonathan, and he said to him, "Son of one perverting herself in rebellion! Do I not know that you are choosing the son of Jesse to your shame and to the shame of the nakedness of your mother?	*Saul became furious with Jonathan. He said to him, "Your mother must have been unfaithful to me, because no real son of mine would have done that! It is no secret to me that you have promised always to be friends with that son of Jesse. But by being his friend, you are shaming yourself by showing that your mother must have had sexual relations with some other man who is your actual father.*

What did Saul call his son Jonathan in his burning anger?

He called him the son a mother who must have been unfaithful to Saul, because no real son of his would have done that.

1 Samuel 20:34

ULT	UST
And Jonathan arose from the table with burning of nose. And he did not eat bread on the second day of the new moon, for he was grieved for David, because his father had dishonored him.	*This made Jonathan very angry, and he left the room. On that second day of the festival, he refused to eat anything. His father had said unfairly that David was not loyal to him, and that made Jonathan offended for David's sake.*

Why was Jonathan grieved for David?

He was grieved for David because his father had dishonored him, saying unfairly that David was not loyal to him.

1 Samuel 20:36

ULT	UST
And he said to his boy, "Run, please find the arrows that I am shooting." The boy ran, and he shot the arrow to pass over him.	*Jonathan told the boy, "Run out into the field so that you can find the arrows that I shoot." The boy started running, and Jonathan shot an arrow over the boy so that it would land on the ground far ahead of him.*

Where did Jonathan shoot an arrow as the boy ran?

Jonathan shot an arrow over the boy so that it would land on the ground far ahead of him.

1 Samuel 20:42

ULT	UST
And Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, because we, the two of us, have sworn in the name of Yahweh, saying, 'Yahweh is between me and between you, and between my seed and between your seed, forever.'" And he arose and went, and Jonathan entered the city.	*Jonathan said to David, "I am letting you go safely, because we made a promise to each other with Yahweh as our witness. We asked Yahweh to make sure that we would always help each other and that our descendants would never hurt each other." Then David finally left, and Jonathan went back into the city of Gibeah.*

What did Jonathan do after David left?

Jonathan went back into the city of Gibeah.

1 Samuel 21

1 Samuel 21:2

ULT	UST
And David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has commanded me regarding a matter and has said to me, 'May a man not know anything about the matter for which I am sending you and about which I have commanded you.' And I have informed the young men about a certain unnamed place.	*David did not tell him the truth. He told Ahimelech, "I have come on a special mission from the king. I am alone because he told me that no one should find out about what he sent me to do. But I will have soldiers with me. I have told them to meet me at a specific place, but I must not say where that is.*

What did David say the king had told him to let no one know?

He said the king had commanded him to let no one know anything about what the king sent him to do.

1 Samuel 21:4

ULT	UST
And the priest answered David and said, "There is no common bread toward under my hand, but there is holy bread. If the young men have only kept themselves from women."	*Ahimelech told David, "There is no ordinary bread here, but I have some of the sacred bread that we put on the table in the sacred tent. I will give your men that bread to eat if they have not recently become ceremonially unclean by having sexual relations with women."*

What did the priest tell David about the bread he had?

The priest said that there was no common bread, but there was holy bread, if the young men not recently become ceremonially unclean by having sexual relations with women.

1 Samuel 21:6

ULT	UST
So the priest gave to him the holy. For no bread was there except the bread of the face having been removed from to the face of Yahweh to put hot bread on the day of its being taken away.	*Now the only bread that the priest had available was some bread that the priests had put on the table in Yahweh's presence in the sacred tent. They had later removed that bread to replace it with fresh bread. So the priest gave David several loaves of it.*

From where had the bread of the Presence been taken?

The bread of the Presence had been taken from the table in Yahweh's presence in the sacred tent.

1 Samuel 21:7

ULT	UST
Now a man was there from the servants of Saul on that day. He was detained to the face of Yahweh. And his name was Doeg the Edomite, the chief of the herders who were to Saul.	*On that day a man who worked for Saul was at the sacred tent. His name was Doeg. He was an Edomite. King Saul had made him the supervisor of all of his shepherds. Doeg needed to stay at the sacred tent until he had fulfilled a religious duty. He saw what Ahimelech did to help David.*

What was the work of Doeg the Edomite, who was there that day and saw what Ahimelech did to help David?

Doeg the Edomite was the chief of the herders who worked for Saul.

1 Samuel 21:8

ULT	UST
And David said to Ahimelech, "And is there not here under your hand a spear or a sword? For both my sword and also my weapons I did not take in my hand, because the matter of the king was being urged."	*David asked Ahimelech, "Do you have a spear or a sword here that you could give me? The king commanded me to leave right away on this mission, so I did not even have time to get any weapons."*

Why did David say he had no weapons with him?

He said that he had not brought any weapons because the king's matter was so urgent that he did not have time to get any weapons.

1 Samuel 21:10

ULT	UST
And David arose and fled on that day from the face of Saul. And he came to Achish, the king of Gath.	*So Ahimelech gave it to him, and David left that same day so that Saul would not capture him. He ran away to the Philistine city of Gath. He offered to work for Achish, the king of that city.*

From whom was David fleeing when he went to Achish, the king of Gath?

He was fleeing that day from Saul.

1 Samuel 21:13

ULT	UST
So he changed his behavior in their eyes, and he acted insane in their hand. And he made marks on the doors of the gate, and he caused his saliva to go down to his beard.	*So whenever he was with those officers or the king, he acted differently. For as long as he was in Gath, where they could harm him, he pretended that he was insane. When he was waiting in the court outside the palace, he would scratch all over the gate that led into the palace. He also drooled so much that saliva ran down onto his beard.*

What did David pretend to be when he changed his behavior before Achish and his servants?

He pretended to be insane whenever he was with the officers or the king.

1 Samuel 21:14

ULT	UST
And Achish said to his servants, "Behold, you see a man raving. Why did you bring him to me?	*Then King Achish said to his men, "Look at this man! He is acting crazy! You should not have brought him to me!*

What did Achish ask his servants when he saw that David was acting as if he was insane?

He asked them why they had brought a raving man to him.

1 Samuel 22

1 Samuel 22:2

ULT	UST
And they gathered themselves to him, every man of distress and every man for whom was a creditor and every man bitter of soul. And he became a commander over them. And they were with him, about 400 men.	*Then other men joined him. Some were in trouble. Others had debts they could not pay. Still others came because they did not like what was happening in Israel with Saul as king. David became their commander. Eventually he had an army of 400 men.*

Who gathered with David at the cave of Adullam?

Everyone who was in distress, in debt, or who did not like what was happening in Israel with Saul as king.

1 Samuel 22:3-4

How long did David's father and mother stay with the king of Moab?

They stayed with the king the whole time that David was in the stronghold.

1 Samuel 22:6

ULT	UST
And Saul heard that David had become known, and the men who were with him. Now Saul was sitting in Gibeah under the tamarisk tree on the height, and his spear was in his hand, and all of his servants had stationed themselves beside him.	*Saul learned that people knew that David and his men had returned to Judah. One day Saul was sitting underneath the tamarisk tree on a hill in the city of Gibeah. He was holding his royal spear, and his officials were standing around him.*

Who did Saul hear had been discovered?

He heard that David and the men who were with him had been discovered.

1 Samuel 22:8

ULT	UST
For all of you have conspired against me! And there was no uncovering my ear when my son cut with the son of Jesse. And there was no grieving from you for me or uncovering my ear that my son had raised up my servant against me to lie in ambush as this day."	*You seem to think that, and that is why you have all conspired against me. Not one of you informed me that my own son had promised always to be friends with that son of Jesse! Not one of you felt sorry for me or told me that my son had encouraged my own servant to revolt against me! At this very moment he is hiding somewhere, hoping to surprise me and kill me!"*

What did Saul accuse his servants of not revealing to him?

Saul said that none of his servants had revealed to him that his own son had made a covenant with David or had incited David against him.

1 Samuel 22:10

ULT	UST
And he inquired of Yahweh for him, and he gave provisions to him. And he gave to him the sword of Goliath the Philistine."	*Ahimelech asked Yahweh to show David what he should do. Ahimelech also gave David some food, and he gave him the sword that had belonged to Goliath, that great Philistine soldier."*

What two things did Doeg the Edomite tell Saul that Ahimelech gave to David?

Doeg the Edomite told Saul that Ahimelech gave David provisions and the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

1 Samuel 22:13

ULT	UST
And Saul said to him, "Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, by your giving to him bread and a sword and inquiring of God for him, to rise up against me, to lie in ambush, as this day?"	*Saul said, "You are conspiring against me with that son of Jesse! You gave him some bread and a sword, and you asked God to tell him what he should do. You helped him to revolt against me, and at this very moment he is hiding somewhere, hoping to surprise me and kill me!"*

What did Saul say Ahimelech did for the son of Jesse besides giving him bread and a sword?

Saul said that Ahimelech had inquired of God for him.

1 Samuel 22:17

ULT	UST
And the king said to the runners having stationed themselves beside him, "Turn and kill the priests of Yahweh, because their hand is also with David, and because they knew that he was fleeing but they did not uncover my ear." But the servants of the king were not willing to stretch out their hand to attack the priests of Yahweh.	*Then Saul commanded his bodyguards, who were standing around him, "These priests of Yahweh are conspiring with David against me! They knew that David was trying to run away from me, but they did not tell me! So I want you to kill them right away!" But Saul's bodyguards refused to kill Yahweh's priests.*

What were the servants of King Saul not willing to do?

They were not willing to attack the priests of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 22:18-19

Whom did Doeg kill with the sword in Nob, the city of the priests?

He killed men and women, children and infants, and oxen, donkeys, and sheep.

1 Samuel 22:20

ULT	UST
But a son of one to Ahimelech, the son of Ahitub, escaped, and his name was Abiathar. And he fled after David.	*However, one of Ahimelech's sons escaped. His name was Abiathar. He ran away and joined David and the men who were with him.*

Where did Abiathar go when he escaped the killing?

Abiathar ran away and joined David.

1 Samuel 22:22

ULT	UST
And David said to Abiathar, "I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that declaring, he would declare to Saul. I myself have turned against every soul of the house of your father!	*Then David said to him, "That man from the Edomites, Doeg, was there at Nob on the day when I was there. I knew that he would surely tell Saul that your father helped me. So it is my fault that your father and all of his family are dead.*

For what did David tell Abiathar he was responsible?

David said that the death of every person in Abiathar's father's house was his fault.

1 Samuel 23

1 Samuel 23:1-2

About what did David inquire of Yahweh when he heard the Philistines were robbing the threshing floors at Keilah?

David asked Yahweh if he should go and strike the Philistines.

1 Samuel 23:3-4

Why did David inquire of Yahweh again about the Philistines?

David's men told him they were afraid even in Judah, and would be much more afraid to go to Keilah against the Philistine armies.

1 Samuel 23:5

ULT	UST
And David and his men went to Keilah and fought with the Philistines. And he drove off their livestock and struck a great striking against them. And David saved the dwellers of Keilah.	*So David and his men went to Keilah and fought against the Philistines. They killed many of their soldiers and captured many of their cattle. In that way David and his men rescued the people of Keilah.*

What was the outcome when David and his men fought with the Philistines?

David struck the Philistines with a great blow, drove off their livestock, and saved the people of Keilah.

1 Samuel 23:7-8

Why did Saul think he could capture David and his men in Keilah?

Saul thought God had delivered David into his hand because David had shut himself in a city that had gates and bars and locks to keep David from leaving.

1 Samuel 23:9

ULT	UST
But David knew that Saul was devising harm against him. And he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring near the ephod."	*But David found out that Saul was preparing to capture him with his army. So he told Abiathar the priest, "Bring the sacred apron here so we can use it to consult Yahweh."*

After David knew that Saul was plotting harm against him, what did David say to Abiathar the priest?

David told Abiathar the priest to bring the ephod so they could use it to consult Yahweh.

1 Samuel 23:10-11

What did David ask Yahweh concerning Saul and the men of Keilah?

David asked if Saul would come down to Keilah and if the leaders of Keilah would surrender him into Saul's hand.

1 Samuel 23:12

ULT	UST
And David said, "Will the lords of Keilah enclose me and my men in the hand of Saul?" And Yahweh said, "They will enclose."	*Then David asked, "If we stay here, will the leaders of Keilah let Saul's army capture me and my men?" Yahweh replied, "Yes, they will."*

What was Yahweh's reply to David concerning the men of Keilah?

Yahweh told David that the men of Keilah would surrender him to Saul.

1 Samuel 23:13-14

Why did Saul stop his pursuit of David at Keilah?

Saul was told that David had left Keilah, so he stopped his pursuit.

1 Samuel 23:15-16

How did Jonathan, Saul's son, help David in the wilderness of Ziph?

He went to David and reassured him that he could trust God to protect him.

1 Samuel 23:18

ULT	UST
And the two of them cut a covenant to the face of Yahweh. And David stayed in the forest, and Jonathan went to his house.	*Then, with Yahweh as their witness, David and Jonathan repeated their solemn promise always to be loyal to each other. Then Jonathan went home, and David stayed in the forest.*

Before Jonathan went home, what did he and David do in the forest?

With Yahweh as their witness, David and Jonathan repeated their solemn promise to be loyal to each other.

1 Samuel 23:25

ULT	UST
And Saul and his men went to seek. And they declared to David, and he went down to a crag and stayed in the wilderness of Maon. And Saul heard, and he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon.	*Saul and his soldiers went to search for David, but someone told David that they were coming. So he and his men went farther south to stay on a rocky hill in the area of Maon. Saul found out about that, and he and his men chased David and his men farther into that desolate area.*

Why did David and his men go to the wilderness of Maon?

Someone told David that Saul and his men went to search for David so he and his men went farther south to the wilderness of Maon.

1 Samuel 23:26-27

What happened as Saul and his men were surrounding David and his men?

A messenger came to Saul and told him that the Philistines had made a raid against the land.

1 Samuel 23:28

ULT	UST
And Saul returned from pursuing after David, and he went to meet the Philistines. Therefore they called that place Sela Hammahlekoth.	*So Saul stopped pursuing David. Instead, he and his soldiers went to fight against the Philistine army. That is the reason why people call that place Sela Hammahlekoth.*

What was Saul's response to this news?

Saul returned from pursuing David and went to meet the Philistines.

1 Samuel 24

1 Samuel 24:1-2

What did Saul do when he heard that David was in the wilderness of En Gedi?

He took three thousand chosen men and went there to seek David and his men.

1 Samuel 24:3-4

What did David do to Saul in the cave instead of killing him?

David secretly cut off the edge of Saul's robe.

1 Samuel 24:5-7

Why did David not allow his men to attack Saul?

David's heart struck him, and he said he would not stretch out his hand against his master, because he was the anointed of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 24:8

ULT	UST
And David arose after this and came out from the cave. And he called out after Saul, saying, "My master the king!" And Saul looked behind him, and David bowed, nostrils to the ground, and prostrated himself.	*David then came out of the cave and shouted to Saul, "King Saul, my lord!" Saul turned around and looked, and David humbly bowed down with his face touching the ground.*

When David left the cave after Saul, how did he show respect to Saul?

David called out to Saul as his master the king, and then he bowed with his face to the ground.

1 Samuel 24:10-11

How did David prove to Saul that he did not want to harm him?

David showed Saul the edge of his robe that he had cut off, proving he had been close enough to kill him, but did not.

1 Samuel 24:16

ULT	UST
And it happened, as David finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And Saul lifted up his voice and wept.	*When David finished saying this to Saul, Saul called back to him and said, "Is that really you speaking to me, David my son?" Then he cried loudly.*

What was Saul's response to David?

He asked if it was David's voice, called him his son, then lifted up his voice and wept.

1 Samuel 24:17-18

Why did Saul say that David was more righteous than he was?

David had repaid Saul with good even though Saul had done evil to David.

1 Samuel 24:20

ULT	UST
And now, behold, I know that reigning, you will reign, and the kingdom of Israel will stand in your hand.	*Now I know that someday you will surely become king and that you will have a long and successful reign over the kingdom of Israel.*

What did Saul say he knew about David at this time?

Saul knew that David would surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel would be established in David's hand.

1 Samuel 24:21-22

Before Saul went home, what oath did David swear to him?

David swore that he would not cut off Saul's descendants or destroy his name from his father's house.

1 Samuel 25

1 Samuel 25:3

ULT	UST
And the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife was Abigail. Now the woman was good of insight and beautiful of appearance. But the man was harsh and evil of deeds, and he was a Calebite.	*This man's name was Nabal. He was a descendant of Caleb. His wife Abigail was a wise and beautiful woman, but Nabal himself was very cruel. He treated people very unkindly.*

What kind of man was Nabal in his dealings?

He was harsh and evil in his deeds.

What was Nabal's wife Abigail like?

She had good insight and was beautiful in appearance.

1 Samuel 25:4-5

Whom did David send to greet Nabal while he was shearing his sheep?

David sent ten young men to greet Nabal.

1 Samuel 25:7

ULT	UST
And now, I have heard that shearers are to you. Now the shepherds who are to you have been with us. We have not hurt them, and anything to them has not been missing all of the days of their being in Carmel.	*I have a small request. People have told me that you now have workers cutting the wool from your sheep. My soldiers and I were in the same area where your shepherds were tending those sheep. But the whole time they were with us near Carmel, we did not harm them, and we did not steal any sheep from them.*

Why did David think that Nabal would be generous to him and his men?

David's men had not harmed Nabal's shepherds, and nothing of theirs was missing while they were near David's men.

1 Samuel 25:8

ULT	UST
Ask your young men, and they will declare to you. So let the young men find favor in your eyes, for we have come on a good day. Please give whatever your hand finds to your servants and to your son, to David.'"	*You can ask your own servants about this, and they will tell you that it is true. We have come here at a time when you are celebrating, so I ask you please to be generous to us and send back with these men something from the feast that you have prepared for this occasion. David regards you respectfully as a benefactor.'"*

What did David's young men ask Nabal to give them?

They asked Nabal to please send back with them something from the feast that he prepared for this occasion.

1 Samuel 25:9-11

What was Nabal's response to David's young men?

Nabal spoke of disrespectfully of David, implying that he was a runaway slave wandering the countryside, and he said he would not give any of his food and water to them.

1 Samuel 25:13

ULT	UST
And David said to his men, "Strap on, a man his sword." And they strapped on, a man his sword. And David also strapped on his sword. And about 400 men went up behind David, and 200 stayed with the equipment.	*When he heard this, David told his men, "We are going to kill Nabal! Each of you, fasten on your swords!" So they did, and David fastened on his own sword. Then 400 of the men went with David to Carmel, while 200 of them stayed behind to guard their supplies.*

What did David tell his men to do when he heard Nabal's response?

David ordered his men to strap on their swords.

1 Samuel 25:14-15

When one of the young men spoke to Abigail, how did he say that David and his men had treated Nabal's shepherds?

He said the men were very kind to them and did not harm them or steal anything from them.

1 Samuel 25:17

ULT	UST
And now, know and see what you shall do, for harm has completed against our master and against all of his house. And he is a son of wickedness from speaking to him."	*So please consider this situation and think of something that you can do about it. David has already decided to hurt our master and all of us in his household. Nabal is a very bad man, so he will not listen to anyone who tries to tell him what he should do."*

Why did the young man go to Abigail instead of to Nabal?

He said that Nabal is such a wicked man that he will not listen to anyone who tries to tell him what he should do.

1 Samuel 25:18-19

What did Abigail do after hearing about her husband's response?

Abigail hurriedly gathered provisions, put them on donkeys, and told her young men to go ahead of her, taking them to David, but she did not tell Nabal.

1 Samuel 25:20

ULT	UST
And she was riding on the donkey and going down in the cover of the mountain, and behold, David and his men were coming down to meet her. And she encountered them.	*Abigail was riding on her donkey, and she was coming down the slope of a hill. Just then David and his men were coming down the slope of an opposite hill. So they met at the bottom.*

Whom did Abigail meet as she rode her donkey down the mountain?

David and his men were coming down to meet her, and she encountered them.

1 Samuel 25:21-22

What had David said he planned to do after protecting Nabal's possessions in vain?

David had said that by morning he would kill Nabal and every male person in his household.

1 Samuel 25:23-24

What did Abigail do when she met David?

Abigail hurriedly got down from her donkey, respectfully bowed to the ground before David, accepted the blame for the way he was mistreated, and asked to speak to him.

1 Samuel 25:25-26

What did Abigail hope to prevent by speaking to David?

She hoped to keep David from killing many people himself instead of relying on Yahweh to protect him.

1 Samuel 25:27-28

What did Abigail ask David to do with the blessing she brought?

Abigail asked that the blessing be given to the young men who followed David and that he would forgive her transgression.

1 Samuel 25:28

ULT	UST
Please lift off the transgression of your maidservant. For making, Yahweh will make for my master an established house, because my master is fighting the battles of Yahweh. And evil will not be found in you from your days.	*So please forgive this offense, for which I consider myself responsible. Because you have been fighting against Yahweh's enemies, he will certainly make you king of Israel and then allow many of your descendants to become king after you. So please do not do anything terrible that you will regret for as long as you live.*

Who did Abigail say would make David to be king?

Abigail said that Yahweh would make David king of Israel and then allow many of his descendants to become king after him. because he was fighting the battles of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 25:29

ULT	UST
If a man arises to pursue you and to seek your life, then the life of my master will be bound in the bundle of the living by Yahweh your God. But the life of your enemies, he will sling it away in the midst of the pocket of a sling.	*Even if someone searches for you to try to kill you, Yahweh your God will make sure that you stay alive, as if he had wrapped you up securely for protection. He will make your enemies die instead. They will die as swiftly as a stone flies that someone hurls from a sling.*

Who does Abigail say will sling away the lives of David's enemies?

She says that Yahweh, David's God, will sling them away as swiftly as a stone flies from the pocket of a sling.

1 Samuel 25:32

ULT	UST
And David said to Abigail, "May Yahweh, the God of Israel, be blessed, who sent you this day to meet me.	*David replied to Abigail, "I thank Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, for sending you to speak with me today.*

Whom did David say had sent Abigail to meet him?

David said that Yahweh, the God of Israel, had sent Abigail.

1 Samuel 25:33

ULT	UST
And blessed be your discernment, and blessed be you who have kept me this day from entering into bloodshed and my hand saving for myself!	*I thank him for your wisdom, and I thank him that you kept me today from killing many people myself instead of relying on Yahweh to protect me.*

Why did David say that Abigail and her discernment were blessed?

Because Abigail had kept him that day from entering into bloodshed and from saving himself with his own hand.

1 Samuel 25:34

ULT	UST
For indeed, the life of Yahweh, the God of Israel, who has retrained me from harming you, that lest you had hurried and come to meet me, that if one pissing against the wall had been left to Nabal until the light of the morning!"	*I will swear something to you by Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, who has prevented me from hurting you. If you had not come so quickly to speak with me, not a single male in your household would have still been alive by dawn tomorrow."*

Who had kept David from harming Nabal's household?

Yahweh, the God of Israel, had restrained David from harming them.

1 Samuel 25:36

ULT	UST
And Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, a feast was to him in his house like the feast of a king. And the heart of Nabal was good within him, and he was drunk to abundance. So she did not declare to him a thing small or great until the light of the morning.	*When Abigail returned home to Nabal, she found that he was having a big celebration such as kings have. He was feeling very happy, and he had gotten very drunk. So Abigail did not say anything at all to him that night about her meeting with David.*

Why did Abigail not say anything to Nabal when she returned from seeing David?

Nabal was holding a feast like a king's feast and was very drunk.

1 Samuel 25:37-38

What happened to Nabal in the morning when Abigail told him what had happened?

He had a stroke and could no longer move; about ten days later, Yahweh struck Nabal and he died.

1 Samuel 25:39-40

What did David do when he heard that Nabal was dead?

David sent messengers to speak with Abigail, to take her as his wife.

1 Samuel 25:42

ULT	UST
And Abigail hurried and arose and rode on a donkey, and her five young women were going at her feet. And she went after the messengers of David, and she became to him a wife.	*Abigail quickly got on her donkey and went with David's messengers. Five of her female servants went with her. When she arrived where David was, he married her.*

What did Abigail do when she heard David wanted to marry her?

Abigail hurriedly arose, rode on a donkey with her five young women, and followed David's messengers to become his wife.

1 Samuel 25:44

ULT	UST
But Saul had given his daughter Michal, the wife of David, to Palti the son of Laish, who was from Gallim.	*King Saul's daughter Michal was David's wife, but Saul had given her to Palti son of Laish, who was from the town of Gallim.*

What had happened to David's wife, Michal?

Saul had given her to another man as his wife.

1 Samuel 26

1 Samuel 26:2

ULT	UST
And Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, and with him were 3, 000 men, chosen ones of Israel, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.	*So Saul chose 3, 000 of the best Israelite soldiers and led them to the desolate area in the region of Ziph to search for David.*

Whom did Saul take with him to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph?

Saul took three thousand chosen men of Israel.

1 Samuel 26:4

ULT	UST
For David sent spies, so he knew as a confirmed thing Saul had come.	*He learned that by sending out some spies. They came back and told him that Saul had in fact come to their area.*

How did David know that Saul was coming after him into the wilderness?

David sent out spies and learned for certain that Saul had come.

1 Samuel 26:5

ULT	UST
And David arose and came to the place where Saul had camped there. And David saw the place where Saul lay there, and Abner, the son of Ner, the commander of his army. And Saul lay within the wagon-track, and the people were camped around him.	*David decided to go at night and look at the place where the spies told him Saul's army had set up its tents. From a distance, he could see where Saul and his army commander, Abner, were sleeping. Saul was sleeping inside a barricade that the soldiers had made with the wagons in which they had brought their supplies. The rest of the army was sleeping all around Saul.*

Where did David go after learning that Saul had come?

David arose and went to the place where Saul had camped.

1 Samuel 26:6-8

What did Abishai want to do when he and David saw Saul sleeping inside the camp?

Abishai wanted to strike Saul with his own spear and pin him to the earth.

1 Samuel 26:9

ULT	UST
But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him. For who has stretched out his hand against the anointed one of Yahweh and been innocent?"	*But David whispered to Abishai, "No, do not kill Saul. Yahweh has appointed him to be king, so Yahweh will surely punish anyone who kills him."*

Why did David not want Abishai to kill Saul?

David said no one could kill Yahweh's appointed king and be innocent. He said that Yahweh will surely punish anyone who kills him.

1 Samuel 26:10

ULT	UST
And David said, "The life of Yahweh—but rather Yahweh will strike him, or his day will come and he will die, or he will go down into a battle and be swept away—	*David continued, "Instead, Yahweh may cause him to die, or he may die of some disease or of old age, or enemy soldiers may kill him in a battle. But I swear by Yahweh that I will not kill Saul myself.*

How did David say Saul must die?

David said that Yahweh may cause him to die, or he may die of some disease or of old age, or enemy soldiers may kill him in a battle, but David would not kill him.

1 Samuel 26:11-12

What did David take from beside Saul's head?

David took the spear and the jug of water from near Saul's head.

1 Samuel 26:13

ULT	UST
And David passed over to the other side, and he stood on the head of a hill at a distance. Great was the place between them.	*David and Abishai went across a valley and climbed up high on a hill opposite Hakilah. They were far away from Saul's camp.*

Where did David go after he left Saul's camp?

He went across a valley and stood on the top of the hill far away from Saul's camp.

1 Samuel 26:15-16

Why did David say Abner, the man who was to watch over Saul, deserved to die?

He said Abner deserved to die because he did not watch over his master, the anointed of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 26:17-18

What question did David ask Saul?

David asked why his master was pursuing David, his servant, and what evil he had done.

1 Samuel 26:19

ULT	UST
And now, may my lord the king please hear the words of his servant. If Yahweh has incited you against me, may he smell an offering. But if sons of man, may they be cursed to the face of Yahweh. For they have driven me out today from joining myself with the inheritance of Yahweh, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.'	*Your majesty, please listen to me! If Yahweh is punishing me for sinning by causing you to want to harm me, I hope he will accept a guilt offering from me and forgive me. But if it is people who have caused you to be angry with me, then I hope Yahweh will make bad things happen to them! If people have convinced you to want to harm me, they are now forcing me to leave this land that Yahweh has given to the Israelites. By making me leave Israel, it is as if they are telling me to live somewhere else where the people worship different gods!*

What did David say should happen to the people who had caused Saul to be angry with him?

David said that they should be cursed before Yahweh because they had driven him out from the inheritance of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 26:21

ULT	UST
And Saul said, "I have sinned! Return, my son David! For I will not harm you again, for my life was precious in your eyes this day. Behold, I have acted foolishly and have strayed very greatly!"	*Then Saul said, "David, my son, I have sinned by trying to kill you. Please come back home. Today you considered my life to be very valuable, so you did not kill me. So I will not try to harm you anymore. I recognize that I have foolishly made a very big mistake."*

What did Saul say to David?

Saul said that he had sinned, had acted foolishly, and would not harm David anymore. He asked David to come back home.

1 Samuel 26:22

ULT	UST
And David answered and said, "Behold the spear of the king! Now let one of the young men pass over and take it.	*David replied, "Look, here is your spear! Send one of your young men over here to get it.*

What did David tell Saul to do about his spear?

He told Saul to send one of his young men over to get it.

1 Samuel 26:24

ULT	UST
And behold, just as your life was great in my eyes this day, so may my life be great in the eyes of Yahweh, and may he deliver me from all distress."	*Just as I considered your life to be valuable and spared it today, I hope that Yahweh will consider my life to be valuable and rescue me from every danger."*

What did David say about the value of both of their lives?

David said that just as Saul's life was great in his eyes that day, he hoped that Yahweh could consider his own life to be great and rescue him from every danger.

1 Samuel 27

1 Samuel 27:1

ULT	UST
And David said to his heart, "Now I will be swept away one day by the hand of Saul. There is no good for me except escaping, I should escape to the land of the Philistines. And Saul will despair of me to seek me again in all of the border of Israel, and I will escape from his hand."	*But David thought, "Some day Saul will capture me and kill me if I stay here in Israel. So the best thing that I can do is certainly to flee to the region of Philistia. If I do that, Saul will stop searching for me here in Israel, and I will be safe from him."*

Why did David think that he needed to escape into the land of the Philistines?

David felt that otherwise Saul would capture him and kill him.

1 Samuel 27:4

ULT	UST
And it was declared to Saul that David had fled to Gath, and he did not add to seek him more.	*When Saul learned that David had gone to live in Gath, he stopped pursuing him.*

What made Saul no longer seek for David?

Saul heard that David had fled to Gath.

1 Samuel 27:5-6

What did David ask for and receive from Achish the Philistine?

David asked for a place to live in one of the villages in the countryside, and Achish gave him Ziklag.

1 Samuel 27:8-9

What did David and his men do when they raided the Geshurites, Girzites, and Amalekites?

They struck the land, did not let a man or woman live, and took the sheep, cattle, donkeys, camels, and garments.

1 Samuel 27:10

ULT	UST
And Achish said, “Have you not raided today?” And David said, “Against the Negeb of Judah” or “against the Negeb of the Jerahmeelite” or “against the Negeb of the Kenite.”	*Each time Achish would ask David, “Where did you go raiding today?” David would lie to him and sometimes say that he and his men had attacked the people who lived in the Negeb within the territory of Judah. Other times, he would say that they had attacked the Jerahmeelites who lived in the Negeb. And at other times, he would say that they had attacked the Kenites who lived in the Negeb.*

Where did David tell Achish he had raided?

David would say that he had raided the south of Judah, or the south of the Jerahmeelites, or the south of the Kenites.

1 Samuel 27:11

ULT	UST
Now David did not let a man or a woman live to bring to Gath, saying, “Lest they declare about us, saying, ‘Thus did David do.’” And this was his custom all of the days that he dwelled in the field of the Philistines.	*David’s men never brought anyone alive back to Gath. David thought, “If we do not kill everyone, some of them will tell Achish the truth about what we really did.” David did that the whole time that he and his men lived in the region of Philistia.*

From the raids, why did David not bring anyone alive back to Gath?

David did this so that they would not be able to tell Achish the truth about he had really done.

1 Samuel 27:12

ULT	UST
And Achish trusted in David, saying, “Stinking, he stinks among his people in Israel, so he will be to me for a servant forever.”	*Achish believed what David told him, and he thought, “Because of what David has done, his own people, the Israelites, must now hate him very much. So he will always have to stay here and serve me.”*

Why did Achish trust David?

Achish believed what David told him and thought that David had made himself to be hated among his own people so that he would always have to stay and serve Achish.

1 Samuel 28

1 Samuel 28:1-2

What did Achish want David and his men to do when the Philistines gathered to fight Israel?

Achish wanted David and his men to go out with him into the camp for battle.

1 Samuel 28:3

ULT	UST
Now Samuel had died, and all of Israel had mourned for him, and they had buried him in Ramah, even in his city. And Saul had removed the ritual pits and the familiar spirits from the land.	*By this time, Samuel had died, and the Israelite people had mourned for him. Then they had buried him in Ramah, his hometown. Also, before this, Saul had forbidden anyone in Israel to try to contact people who had died or to try to talk to spirits that could tell them things that people otherwise could not know.*

Whom had Saul removed from the land after Samuel's death?

Saul had removed those who consulted with ritual pits and familiar spirits from the land.

1 Samuel 28:4

ULT	UST
And the Philistines gathered and came and camped at Shunem. And Saul gathered all of Israel, and they camped at Gilboa.	*The Philistines assembled their troops and marched into Israel and set up their tents near the city of Shunem. Saul gathered the Israelite army, and they set up their tents at Gilboa.*

Where did the Philistines and the Israelites set up their camps to fight?

The Philistines camped at Shunem, and Israel camped at Gilboa.

1 Samuel 28:5-7

Why did Saul search for a woman who was a mistress of a ritual pit?

Saul was very afraid of the Philistine army, and Yahweh did not answer him by dreams, Urim, or prophets, so Saul sought a women who owns a pit that she uses to contact people who have died.

1 Samuel 28:8-9

What was the woman afraid of when the disguised Saul went to talk to her?

She was afraid that he was setting a trap for her life, because Saul had cut off those who try to contact people who have died or to try to talk to spirits.

1 Samuel 28:10

ULT	UST
But Saul swore to her by Yahweh, saying, "The life of Yahweh, if punishment shall meet you for this thing!"	*In response, Saul made her a sacred promise. He said, "I swear by Yahweh, if you do what I ask, no one will punish you."*

What did Saul promise the woman?

Saul swore by Yahweh that no one would punish if she did what he asked.

1 Samuel 28:11-12

How did the woman know that the man who asked her to bring up Samuel was Saul?

When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice and said to Saul that he had deceived her.

1 Samuel 28:13-14

What did the woman say Samuel looked like?

The woman said she saw an old man wearing a robe.

1 Samuel 28:15

ULT	UST
And Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me to bring me up?" And Saul said, "It is very narrow to me, for the Philistines are fighting with me. And God has turned aside from with me, and he does not answer me anymore, either by the hand of prophets or by dreams, so I have called to you to let me know what I should do."	*Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you bothered me by bringing me back to earth from the place where dead people go?" Saul said, "I am in great danger. The Philistine army is about to attack my army, but God is no longer helping me. He no longer tells me what I should do by giving a message for me to any prophet or by giving me a dream. That is why wanted to speak with you. I want you tell me what I should do!"*

Why did Saul say he had brought up Samuel?

Saul said that he was in great danger but God was no longer helping him, so he wanted Samuel to tell him what he should do.

1 Samuel 28:16-17

What did Samuel say Yahweh had done with Saul's kingdom?

Yahweh had torn Saul's kingdom from his hand and had given it to his fellow, to David.

1 Samuel 28:19

ULT	UST
And Yahweh will also give Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. Yahweh will also give the camp of Israel into the hand of the Philistines."	*Yahweh will also enable the Philistine army to defeat you and all the other Israelite soldiers. By tomorrow you and your sons will be with me in the place where dead people go. Yes, Yahweh will enable the Philistine army to defeat the entire Israelite army."*

What did Samuel say would happen to Saul and his sons the next day?

He said that the next day, Saul and his sons would be with him in death.

1 Samuel 28:22

ULT	UST
And now, please listen, even you, to the voice of your maidservant, and let me set to your face a piece of bread, and eat. And strength will be in you when you go in the way."	*Since I did what you asked, please now do what I ask. Please let me serve you some food to eat. That way you will get enough strength back to return to your army."*

What did the woman and Saul's servants urge him to do?

They urged him to eat a piece of bread to have strength to go on his way.

1 Samuel 28:24-25

What did the woman prepare for Saul and his servants to eat?

She killed a fatted calf from the stall of her house, and she baked unleavened bread for them to eat.

1 Samuel 29

1 Samuel 29:3

ULT	UST
And the lords of the Philistines said, "What are these Hebrews?" And Achish said to the lords of the Philistines, "Is this not David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, who has been with me these days, or these years? And I have not found anything in him from the day of his falling to this day."	*But on the way to the battlefield the Philistine rulers asked, "These Hebrews should not be here, marching with us to battle!" Achish replied, "Their leader is David. He previously served King Saul of Israel, but now he has been living near me for more than a year. During all the time since he left Saul, he has been completely loyal to me."*

How did Achish defend the presence of David on the battlefield to the Philistine rulers?

Achish said that in the year that David had been living near him, David had been completely loyal to him.

1 Samuel 29:4

ULT	UST
But the lords of the Philistines were angry with him. And the lords of the Philistines said to him, "Make the man return, that he may return to his place that you assigned him there. For he shall not go down with us into the battle, so he does not become an adversary for us in the battle. For by what shall this one make himself acceptable to his master? Is it not by the heads of these men?	*But the Philistine rulers became angry with Achish. They said to him, "You must send David and his men back to the city that you gave him! We do not want him to go with us into the battle. If he goes with us, we will have an enemy within our own army! He would make Saul happy with him again by killing our own soldiers!*

What were the commanders of the Philistines afraid that David would do during the battle?

They feared that David would become an adversary to them in the battle by turning against them.

1 Samuel 29:6-7

What did Achish tell David to do because the commanders of the Philistines did not approve of him?

He told David to return and go in peace.

1 Samuel 29:9

ULT	UST
And Achish answered and said to David, “I know that you are good in my eyes like an angel of God. Nevertheless, the lords of the Philistines have said, ‘He shall not go up with us into the battle.’	*Achish replied, “I know I can trust you as much as I would trust an angel from God. But the Philistine commanders have said, ‘We will not allow David and his men to go with us into the battle.’*

What was Achish’s final decision about David?

Achish said that David was good in his eyes like an angel of God, but the commanders had said David must not go up with them to the battle.

1 Samuel 29:10

ULT	UST
And now, arise early in the morning with the servants of your master who came with you. And you shall arise early in the morning, when light is to you, and go.”	*So you and the other Israelite men who came to me with you must leave early tomorrow morning. Get up as soon as it becomes light and leave.”*

What did Achish tell David to do in the morning?

He told David and his men to rise early in the morning and go away as soon as it was light.

1 Samuel 30

1 Samuel 30:1-2

What did David and his men find had happened to Ziklag while they were away?

The Amalekites had raided Ziklag, burned it with fire, and taken captive all the women who were in it.

1 Samuel 30:3-4

How did David and his men react to what they found in Ziklag?

They lifted up their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep.

1 Samuel 30:5-6

Why was David greatly distressed?

His two wives had been taken captive, and the people were talking about killing David by stoning him.

1 Samuel 30:8

ULT	UST
And David inquired of Yahweh, saying, "Shall I pursue after this band? Will I overtake it?" And he said to him, "Pursue, for overtaking, you will overtake, and delivering, you will deliver."	*Then David asked Yahweh, "Should I and my men pursue the men who took our families? Will we be able to catch up with them?" Yahweh answered David by means of the stones in the sacred apron: "Yes, pursue them. Yes, you will catch up with them. Yes, you will be able to rescue your families."*

What did David ask Yahweh?

David asked Yahweh if he should pursue the band of raiders and if he would overtake them.

What was Yahweh's answer to David?

Yahweh told him to pursue the men who took their families, for he would catch up with them and be able to rescue their families.

1 Samuel 30:10

ULT	UST
So David pursued, he and 400 men, but 200 men stayed who were too exhausted to pass over the wadi of Besor.	*There were 200 of those men. They stayed there at the ravine because they were too tired to cross it. But David and the other 400 men continued to pursue the Amalekites who had captured their families.*

What happened to two hundred of David's men at the wadi of Besor?

They were too exhausted to cross the wadi, so they stayed behind.

1 Samuel 30:11-12

What was wrong with the Egyptian man that David and his men found in the field?

He had not eaten bread or drunk any water for three days and three nights.

1 Samuel 30:13

ULT	UST
And David said to him, "To whom are you? And where from this are you?" And he said, "I am an Egyptian young man, the slave of a man of the Amalekite. But my master abandoned me the third day because I became sick.	*David asked him, "Who is your master? And where do you come from?" He replied, "I am a youth from Egypt. I am a slave of an Amalekite man. But I became sick, and it was difficult for me to keep traveling with the raiding band. So the day before yesterday, my master left me here.*

Why had the Egyptian slave's Amalekite master abandoned him?

His master abandoned him because he became sick three days earlier and it was difficult for him to keep traveling with the raiding band.

1 Samuel 30:15

ULT	UST
And David said to him, "Will you bring me down to this band?" And he said, "Swear to me by God, if you will cause me to die and if you will enclose me in the hand of my master, and I will bring you down to this band."	*David asked him, "Can you lead us to this group of raiders?" He replied, "Swear to me by God that you will not kill me or give me back to my master. If you promise that, I will take you to them."*

What did the Egyptian require before he would lead David to the raiding party?

He made David swear by God that he would not kill him or deliver him into the hand of his master.

1 Samuel 30:16-17

What were the raiders doing when David attacked them?

They were spread out over the land, eating, drinking, and celebrating because of all the great plunder they had taken.

1 Samuel 30:18

ULT	UST
And David rescued all that Amalek had taken, and David rescued the two of his wives.	*David and his men were able to recover everything that the Amalekites had taken, including David's two wives.*

What did David recover after his attack on the raiders?

He rescued everything the Amalekites had taken, including his two wives.

1 Samuel 30:22

ULT	UST
But all of the evil and wicked men from the men who had gone with David answered and said, "Because they did not go with us, we will not give to them from the plunder that we have rescued except a man, his wife and his sons, that they may lead away and go."	*But some of the men who had gone with David were bad men and troublemakers. They said, "These 200 men did not go with us. So we will not give them any of the things that we recovered. We will just allow each of them to take his wife and children and go back to his home."*

Why did the evil and wicked men not want to share the recovered plunder with those who stayed behind?

They said those who stayed behind did not go with them.

1 Samuel 30:23-24

Why did David tell the men they should all share alike?

He said Yahweh had given them what they had and had given the raiders into their hand, so the share of the one who went to battle should be the same as the one who stayed with the equipment.

1 Samuel 30:26

ULT	UST
And David came to Ziklag, and he sent from the plunder to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, "Behold, a blessing for you from the plunder of the enemies of Yahweh,"	*Then David and his men and their families returned safely to Ziklag. The leaders of some of the cities and towns in Judah had helped David. They were his friends. David sent them some of the things that he and his men had captured from the Amalekites. He sent messengers with those things to say, "Here is a present for you. These are things that we took from Yahweh's enemies."*

What did David do with some of the plunder when he came back to Ziklag?

David sent some of the plunder to the elders of Judah who were his friends, telling them it was a blessing for them from the plunder of the enemies of Yahweh.

1 Samuel 31

1 Samuel 31:1

ULT	UST
Now the Philistines were fighting with Israel, and the men of Israel fled from the face of the Philistines, and they fell pierced on Mount Gilboa.	*Meanwhile, the Philistine army attacked the Israelite army. The Israelites ran away from them to Mount Gilboa. But the Philistines killed many of them there.*

What happened to the men of Israel when they fought the Philistines on Mount Gilboa?

The men of Israel fled from the Philistines to Mount Gilboa, but the Philistines killed many of them there.

1 Samuel 31:2

ULT	UST
And the Philistines overtook Saul and his sons. And the Philistines struck Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchi Shua, the sons of Saul.	*The Philistines caught up with Saul and the three of his sons who were fighting with him. They killed all three of them, Jonathan and Abinadab and Malchi Shua.*

What happened to Saul's sons?

The Philistines overtook Saul and his sons and killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchi Shua.

1 Samuel 31:3

ULT	UST
And the battle was heavy against Saul. And the shooters, the men with the bow, found him. And he writhed greatly from the shooters.	*The fighting became very fierce around Saul. The Philistine archers realized that he was the king of Israel, so they aimed many arrows at him and wounded him badly.*

What happened to Saul in the battle?

The fighting became very fierce around Saul. The Philistine archers realized that he was the king of Israel, so they aimed many arrows at him and wounded him badly.

1 Samuel 31:4

ULT	UST
And Saul said to the carrier of his equipment, "Draw your sword and stab me with it, lest these uncircumcised ones come and stab me and abuse me." But the carrier of his equipment was not willing, for he feared greatly. So Saul took the sword and fell on it.	*Saul told the man who was carrying his weapons, "Take out your sword and kill me with it! That way these pagan Philistines will not come and kill me slowly with many small wounds and make fun of me while I am dying." But the man who was carrying Saul's weapons was too afraid to do that. So Saul took out his own sword and threw himself on it. The sword went deep into his body and killed him.*

What did Saul ask his armor-bearer to do?

Saul asked him to draw his sword and stab him so that the uncircumcised Philistines would not come and abuse him.

What did Saul do when his armor-bearer was afraid and would not kill him?

Saul took out his own sword and threw himself on it, killing himself.

1 Samuel 31:5

ULT	UST
And the carrier of his equipment saw that Saul had died, so he fell, he also, on his sword, and he died with him.	*When the man carrying his weapons saw that Saul had died, he also threw himself on his own sword. He died next to Saul.*

What did the armor-bearer do after he saw that Saul was dead?

He also fell on his own sword and died with Saul.

1 Samuel 31:7

ULT	UST
And the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley and who were on the other side of the Jordan saw that the men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons had died. And they abandoned their cities and fled. And the Philistines came and dwelled in them.	*The Israelite people who lived in the area north of the Valley of Jezreel and west of the Jordan River learned that the Israelite army had run away and that Saul and his sons had died. They knew that no one would now defend them from the Philistines, so they left their homes and ran away. Then the Philistines came and occupied the cities and towns that area.*

Why did the men of Israel who lived across the valley and the Jordan abandon their cities and flee?

They fled because they saw that the men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead.

1 Samuel 31:9-10

What did the Philistines do with Saul's body after they found it?

The Philistines cut off Saul's head, stripped off his equipment, and fastened his corpse to the wall of Beth Shan.

1 Samuel 31:11-12

What did the valiant men of Jabesh Gilead do after they heard what happened to Saul?

They marched all night and took the corpses of Saul and his sons from the wall of Beth Shan, brought them to Jabesh, and burned them there.

1 Samuel 31:13

ULT	UST
And they took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh. And they fasted seven days.	*Then they took the bones and buried them under a big tamarisk tree in Jabesh like the one Saul would sit under when he was with his royal court. Then, to show how sad they were, they ate very little food for seven days.*

What did the inhabitants of Jabesh do with the bones of Saul and his sons?

They buried their bones under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh and fasted for seven days.

2 Samuel

2 Samuel 1

2 Samuel 1:1

ULT	UST
And it happened after the death of Saul that David returned from striking Amalek. And David remained in Ziklag two days.	*After they defeated the Amalekites, David and the men who were with him returned to the city of Ziklag. By that time, the Philistines had already killed Saul. David and his men stayed there that day and the next one without receiving any news of the battle between the Philistines and Israelites.*

What did David do after defeating the Amalekites?

David returned from defeating the Amalekites and remained in Ziklag for two days without receiving any news of the battle between the Philistines and Israelites.

2 Samuel 1:2

ULT	UST
And it happened on the third day that, behold, a man came from the camp, from with Saul, and his clothes were torn, and dirt was on his head. And it happened, when he came to David, that he fell to the ground and prostrated himself.	*But on the day after that, a young man unexpectedly arrived there who had been in the camp where Saul's soldiers had set up their tents. He had torn his clothes and put dust on his head to show that he was grieving. He came to David and knelt down and lay flat on the ground to show respect for him.*

On the third day, who came to David from Saul's camp?

On the third day, a man with his clothes torn and with dirt on his head came to David.

2 Samuel 1:4

ULT	UST
And David said to him, "How was the matter? Declare to me, please." And he said that the people had fled from the battle, and also many from the people had fallen and died, and also Saul and Jonathan his son had died.	*David asked him, "What happened? Please tell me about the battle!" The man replied, "The Philistines defeated our army so badly that our soldiers ran away. The Philistines killed many of them. They even killed King Saul and his son Jonathan."*

What did the young man say about Saul and Jonathan?

The young man said that Saul and his son Jonathan were killed.

2 Samuel 1:6

ULT	UST
And the young man, the one declaring to him, said, "Happening to be, I happened to be on the mountain of Gilboa, and behold, Saul was leaning on his spear. And behold, the chariots and the masters of the horsemen had overtaken him.	*The young man replied, "As it happened, I was on Mount Gilboa where the Israelites had fled from the Philistines. I saw Saul. He was wounded and leaning on his spear for support. I noticed that the Philistine chariot drivers and the commanders of their soldiers on horseback had seen him, and they all were rushing toward him.*

Where did the young man say he found Saul?

The young man said he was on Mount Gilboa, and Saul was there leaning on his spear.

2 Samuel 1:8

ULT	UST
And he said to me, 'Who are you?' And I said to him, 'I am an Amalekite.'	*He asked me, 'Who are you?' I replied, 'I am an Amalekite.'*

What did the young man say Saul asked him to do?

The young man said Saul asked him to stand over him and kill him.

2 Samuel 1:9

ULT	UST
And he said to me, 'Please stand over me and kill me, for agony has seized me, for my life is still whole in me.'	*Then he said to me, 'I can no longer fight, because I am in such pain from my many wounds. But those wounds will not kill me. So please use one of the weapons here to kill me yourself.'*

Why did Saul ask the young Amalekite man to kill him?

Saul asked the young Amalekite man to kill him because great agony had seized him, but his life was still in him.

2 Samuel 1:10

ULT	UST
So I stood over him and killed him, for I knew that he would not live after his having fallen. And I took the crown that was on his head and the band that was on his arm, and I have brought them here to my lord."	*I knew that the Philistines would soon come and kill him, so he was not going to live anyway. So I used one of the weapons there to kill him. Then I took the crown he had been wearing and his armband. Here they are for you to see, sir."*

After the young man killed Saul, what did he take from Saul?

The young man took the crown that was on Saul's head and the band that was on his arm.

2 Samuel 1:11-12

What did David and his men do when they heard about the deaths of Saul and Jonathan?

David and his men tore their clothes, and they mourned, wept, and fasted until evening.

2 Samuel 1:12

ULT	UST
And they mourned and wept and fasted until the evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son and for the people of Yahweh and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.	*They felt very sad, and they cried. They did not eat anything for the rest of that day. This was to honor and remember Saul and his son Jonathan and all of the Israelite soldiers whom the Philistines had killed in the battle. They were also very sorry for all of the Israelite people, who had lost their king and many of their men and much of their territory.*

For whom else were David and his men mourning?

David and his men also mourned for the people of Yahweh and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

2 Samuel 1:14-15

Why did David have the young Amalekite man killed?

David had the young Amalekite man killed because the man's own words testified that he had killed Yahweh's anointed.

2 Samuel 1:16

ULT	UST
And David said to him, "Your blood is on your head, for your mouth answered against you, saying, 'I myself killed the anointed of Yahweh.'"	*David said to the Amalekite, "You yourself said, 'I killed the man whom Yahweh appointed to be the king.' So you admitted that you were guilty and deserved to die!"*

Why did David have the young Amalekite man killed?

David had the young Amalekite man killed because the man's own words testified that he had killed Yahweh's anointed.

2 Samuel 1:17-18

Where is the funeral song that David sang for Saul and Jonathan written?

The song is written in the Book of Jashar.

2 Samuel 1:19

ULT	UST
"The splendor of Israel is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen!	*"You Israelite people, the Philistines have pursued your great warriors even onto the mountains and killed them there! It is very sad that these strong soldiers have died!*

What was slain on Israel's high places?

The splendor of Israel was slain there.

2 Samuel 1:20

ULT	UST
May they not declare it in Gath, may they not proclaim it in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.	*Do not let anyone who lives in cities such as Gath and Ashkelon find out about this! Otherwise, the women among the pagan Philistines will have victory celebrations.*

Why did David not want the news of the defeat proclaimed in Gath or Ashkelon?

He did not want the daughters of the Philistines to rejoice or triumph.

2 Samuel 1:21

ULT	UST
Mountains in Gilboa, may not dew and may not rain be upon you, nor fields of offerings, for there the shield of the mighty was loathed, the shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.	*The shield of Saul, that mighty king, remains on the ground on Mount Gilboa. No one is caring for it by rubbing it with olive oil. So I hope there will never be rain or dew there again so that the shield does not rust. I hope that there is so little rain that the fields do not even produce the small amount of grain that someone would bring as an offering.*

Where does the shield of the Saul, the mighty king, remain?

The shield of the mighty king remains on ground on Mount Gilboa.

2 Samuel 1:24

ULT	UST
Daughters of Israel, weep for Saul, the one having clothed you in scarlet with delights, the one having put an ornament of gold on your clothing.	*You women in Israel should mourn for Saul. He made Israel a safe and prosperous place in which you had beautiful scarlet clothes and expensive jewelry and gold ornaments to wear.*

What did Saul do for the daughters of Israel?

He made Israel a safe and prosperous place in which they had beautiful scarlet clothes and expensive jewelry and gold ornaments to wear.

2 Samuel 1:26

ULT	UST
It is narrow to me concerning you, my brother Jonathan! You were very pleasant to me. Your love was more wonderful to me than the love of women.	*Jonathan, my dear friend, I grieve for you. You were very dear to me. You loved me in a wonderful way. It was much better than the fleeting feelings of romance that men and women have for each other.*

How did David describe his love for Jonathan?

David said Jonathan’s love for him was more wonderful than the love of women.

2 Samuel 2

2 Samuel 2:1

ULT	UST
And it happened after this that David inquired of Yahweh, saying, "Shall I go up into one of the cities of Judah?" And Yahweh said to him, "Go up." And David said, "Where shall I go up?" And he said, "To Hebron."	*Sometime after that, David asked Yahweh, "Should I return to Judah and live in one of the cities there?" Yahweh replied, "Yes, return to Judah." Then David asked, "To which city should I go?" Yahweh replied, "You should go to Hebron."*

What did David ask Yahweh, and what was the reply?

David asked if he should go up to one of the cities of Judah, and Yahweh told him to go up.

When David inquired further, to which city did Yahweh tell David to go?

Yahweh told David to go to Hebron.

2 Samuel 2:2-3

Who went up with David to Hebron?

David went up to Hebron with his two wives, Ahinoam and Abigail, and all his men and their families.

2 Samuel 2:4

ULT	UST
And the men of Judah came, and they anointed David there as king over the house of Judah. And they declared to David, saying, "It was the men of Jabesh Gilead who buried Saul."	*Then the men who were the leaders of the tribe of Judah came to Hebron. One of them poured olive oil on David's head to show they were appointing him to be the king of the tribe of Judah. Someone told David how soldiers from the city of Jabesh in the region of Gilead had recaptured Saul's body from the wall of Beth Shan and how the people of that city had buried his body honorably.*

What did the men of Judah do when they came to David?

The men of Judah came and anointed David as king over the house of Judah.

2 Samuel 2:8

ULT	UST
But Abner, the son of Ner, the commander of the army that was to Saul, took Ish Bosheth, the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim.	*But instead, Abner son of Ner, who had been Saul's army commander, brought Ish Bosheth son of Saul across the Jordan River to the city of Mahanaim.*

Who was Abner?

Abner was the son of Ner and the commander of Saul's army.

2 Samuel 2:8-9

What did Abner do with Ishbosheth, the son of Saul?

Abner took Ishbosheth to Mahanaim and made him king of all the territory that would later be the northern kingdom of Israel.

2 Samuel 2:11

ULT	UST
And the number of the days that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.	*David ruled them for seven and a half years while he was living in Hebron.*

How long was David king in Hebron over the house of Judah?

David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah for seven years and six months.

2 Samuel 2:12-13

Where did Joab's men and Abner's men meet?

They met near the large pool of Gibeon, staying on opposite sides of the pool.

2 Samuel 2:15

ULT	UST
So they arose and crossed over, 12 by number to Benjamin and to Ish Bosheth, the son of Saul, and 12 from the servants of David.	*So Abner chose 12 men from his own tribe of Benjamin to fight on behalf of Ish Bosheth son of Saul. They went over to the other side of the pool and fought against 12 soldiers whom Joab chose to fight on behalf of David.*

How many young men fought before Joab and Abner?

Twelve men from Benjamin for Ishbosheth and twelve men from David's soldiers fought.

2 Samuel 2:17

ULT	UST
And the battle was severe to extremity on that day. And Abner and the men of Israel were struck to the face of the servants of David.	*Then the two whole groups of soldiers started fighting each other. It was a very fierce battle. But as they fought, David's soldiers defeated Abner and the soldiers from the other tribes of Israel.*

Who won the battle that day?

The soldiers of David defeated Abner and the soldiers from the other tribes of Israel.

2 Samuel 2:19

ULT	UST
And Asahel pursued after Abner, and he did not turn aside to go to the right or to the left from after Abner.	*When Abner fled from the battle, Asahel chased him. No matter which way Abner went to try to escape, Asahel kept following him.*

Which son of Zeruiah pursued Abner?

Asahel pursued Abner.

2 Samuel 2:22

ULT	UST
And Abner continued still, saying to Asahel, "Turn aside for yourself from behind me. Why should I strike you to the ground? Then how would I lift my face to Joab your brother?"	*So Abner shouted at him again, "Stop chasing me! Do not make me fight you, because I would kill you. Then I could never again have a peaceful relationship with your brother Joab, because he would want to get revenge against me."*

How did Abner try to convince Asahel to stop pursuing him?

Abner warned Asahel that if he had to strike him down, he could never again have a peaceful relationship with Asahel's brother Joab.

2 Samuel 2:23

ULT	UST
But he refused to turn aside, so Abner struck him with the back end of the spear in the stomach, and the spear came out from his back. And he fell there, and he died under him. And it happened, every one coming to the place where Asahel fell there and died, that they stood.	*But Asahel refused to stop chasing Abner. So Abner let Asahel nearly catch him, then he suddenly stopped and swung the butt end of his spear into Asahel's stomach as he was still running fast toward him. The force was so great that the end of the spear went right through Asahel's stomach and came out his back. Asahel was wounded so badly that he fell down and died right there. When other soldiers came to the place where Asahel's dead body was lying in the roadway, they all stopped and stood there.*

What happened to Asahel when he refused to stop pursuing Abner?

Abner struck him in the stomach with the butt end of his spear, and the spear went right through his stomach and came out of his back, so Asahel fell and died there.

2 Samuel 2:24

ULT	UST
But Joab and Abishai pursued after Abner, and the sun was coming in, and they themselves came to the hill of Ammah, which is on the face of Giah, the way of the wilderness of Gibeon.	*But when Joab and Abishai saw what had happened, they ran off in pursuit of Abner. At sunset they came to the hill of Ammah, which is near the town of Giah along the road that leads into the desolate area near Gibeon.*

To what location did Joab and Abishai pursue Abner?

Joab and Abishai pursued Abner to the hill of Ammah, which is near Giah on the way to the wilderness of Gibeon.

2 Samuel 2:26-27

What did Abner say to stop Joab from pursuing him?

Abner called out to Joab that they should not continue this deadly battle any longer. He told Joab to realize that if they continue fighting, many people will suffer great harm. He said that they are all Israelites, and asked Joab to please tell his soldiers right now to stop chasing Abner and his soldiers.

2 Samuel 2:29

ULT	UST
And Abner and his men walked through the Arabah all of that night, and they crossed the Jordan, and they walked all of the morning, and they came to Mahanaim.	*That night Abner led his soldiers back through the Jordan River valley. They crossed the river and marched all the next morning. Then they finally arrived back at Mahanaim.*

Where did Abner and his men travel?

Abner and his men marched back to Mahanaim.

2 Samuel 2:32

ULT	UST
And they took up Asahel, and they buried him in the tomb of his father, which was in Bethlehem. And Joab and his men walked all of the night, and it became light for them at Hebron.	*Some of Joab's soldiers carried Asahel's body from the battlefield to the town of Bethlehem and buried it in the same tomb where people had buried his father. Then Joab and his soldiers marched all through the night, and at dawn they arrived back home at Hebron.*

Where did Joab and his men travel?

Joab and his men traveled to Hebron to bury Asahel's body in the tomb of his father at Bethlehem. Then they marched all night, going back to Hebron, their home.

2 Samuel 3

2 Samuel 3:1

ULT	UST
And the war was long between the house of Saul and between the house of David. And David was going and strong, but the house of Saul were going and weak.	*After that, the people who wanted Saul's son to be the next king fought a long war against those who wanted David to be the king. As the war continued, more people began to support David, while fewer people supported Saul's son.*

In the war between the house of Saul and the house of David, who grew stronger and who grew weaker?

The house of David grew stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker.

2 Samuel 3:2-3

Who were David's first three sons born to him in Hebron?

Amnon, Chileab, and Absalom were the first three sons born to David in Hebron.

2 Samuel 3:7-8

What did Ishbosheth accuse Abner of doing?

Ishbosheth accused Abner of doing something wrong by having sexual relations with his father Saul's concubine.

2 Samuel 3:9-10

ULT	UST
	Yahweh solemnly promised David that he would make him the next king instead of one of Saul's descendants. He promised to make David the ruler not just of the tribe of Judah but also of all the other tribes of Israel. He promised that David would rule all the territory extending from the city of Dan far in the north to the city of Beersheba far in the south. I am going to make that happen! If I do not, may God take away my position and my possessions and do even worse things to me."

After Ishbosheth's accusation, what did Abner swear he would do?

Abner swore that he would transfer the kingdom from Saul's house to David and establish David's throne over all Israel and Judah.

2 Samuel 3:13

ULT	UST
And he said, "Good, I, I will cut a covenant with you. Only one thing I am asking from you, saying, 'You shall not see my face unless you bring Michal, the daughter of Saul, to my face when you come to see my face.'"	*David told the messengers to tell Abner. "All right, I am willing to make an agreement with you. But there is one thing you must do. Otherwise, I will not meet with you so that we can make that agreement in person. When you come to meet with me, you must bring my wife Michal, Saul's daughter, to me."*

What was David's one condition for making a covenant with Abner?

Abner had to bring his wife Michal, Saul's daughter, when he came to see David.

2 Samuel 3:14

ULT	UST
And David sent messengers to Ish Bosheth, the son of Saul, saying, "Give me my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to myself with 100 foreskins of Philistines."	*Abner agreed to get Michal for David. So David sent messengers to Ish Bosheth to tell him, "I killed 100 Philistine soldiers and cut off their foreskins to give to Saul to pay for Michal to be my wife. So now, give her back to me!"*

What price had David paid for Michal to be his wife?

David had paid the price of 100 Philistine foreskins for Michal.

2 Samuel 3:17-18

What did Abner tell the elders of Israel to do?

Abner told the elders to make David their king, since Yahweh spoke about David, saying that by the hand of his servant David my servant, he would save his people Israel from the hand of the Philistines and from the hand of all of their enemies.

2 Samuel 3:20

ULT	UST
And Abner came to David in Hebron, and with him were 20 men. And David made a feast for Abner and for the men who were with him.	*Abner respectfully brought 20 of his soldiers with him when he went to see David at Hebron. David served a feast to all of them.*

What did David do for Abner when Abner and his twenty men arrived in Hebron?

David made a feast for Abner and his men.

2 Samuel 3:21

ULT	UST
Then Abner said to David, "Let me arise and go and gather to my lord the king all of Israel so they may cut a covenant with you so you may reign over all that your soul desires." And David sent Abner away, and he went in peace.	*After they had eaten, Abner said to David, "Sir, I know that you have wanted to be the king of all the Israelites. Let me now go and get leaders from all the tribes of Israel and bring them here so they can make an agreement with you to be their king." David agreed, and he allowed Abner and his men to leave safely.*

What did Abner tell David he planned to do?

Abner said he would gather all of Israel to David so they could make a covenant with him, and so David could reign over all that he desired.

2 Samuel 3:23

ULT	UST
And Joab and all of the army that was with him came, and they declared to Joab, saying, "Abner, the son of Ner, came to the king, and he sent him away, and he went in peace."	*When Joab and the soldiers who were with him arrived, someone told Joab that Abner had come there and talked with the king and that the king had allowed Abner to leave safely.*

How did David and Abner part ways?

David sent Abner away, and he went in peace.

2 Samuel 3:25

ULT	UST
You know Abner, the son of Ner, that he came to deceive you and to know your going out and your coming in and to know all that you are doing!”	*You know what kind of person Abner son of Ner is! He only pretended that he wanted to make an agreement with you. He really wanted to find out how you lead your armies and what plans you were making!”*

What did Joab accuse Abner of doing?

Joab accused Abner of coming to deceive David and to learn all about his plans.

2 Samuel 3:27

ULT	UST
And Abner returned to Hebron, and Joab turned him aside to the middle of the gate to speak with him in quiet. And he struck him there in the stomach, and he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.	*When Abner returned to Hebron, Joab pretended he wanted to speak with him privately. He led him into the shaded area between the inner and outer gate in the city wall. But there he stabbed Abner in the stomach and killed him. Joab did that to get revenge against Abner for killing his brother Asahel.*

What did Joab do after he had Abner brought back to Hebron?

To avenge the death of his brother Asahel, Joab took Abner aside to the middle of the gate and struck him in the stomach, and he died.

2 Samuel 3:29

ULT	UST
May it writhe on the head of Joab and to all of the house of his father, and may not be cut off from the house of Joab one discharging or one stricken with leprosy or one holding onto a staff or one falling by the sword or a destitute of bread.”	*May Yahweh punish Joab and his relatives instead. I hope that there will always be someone in his family who has sores or who is a leper or who cannot walk without a crutch or who dies in battle or who does not have enough food to eat!”*

After Joab killed Abner, what curse did David pronounce on Joab’s family?

David pronounced a curse that the guilt for Abner’s blood would be on Joab and his father’s house forever. He asked that there will always be someone in Joab’s family who has sores or who is a leper or who cannot walk without a crutch or who dies in battle or who does not have enough food to eat.

2 Samuel 3:29-30

Why did David curse Joab for murdering Abner?

Joab and Abishai his brother had murdered Abner because he had killed Asahel their brother at Gibeon in the battle. They should not have taken revenge.

2 Samuel 3:31

ULT	UST
And David said to Joab and to all of the people who were with him, "Tear your clothes and put on sackcloth and mourn to the face of Abner." And King David was walking behind the bier.	*Then David told Joab and all of his soldiers, "I want you to tear your clothes and wear rough cloth to show that you are sad that Abner has died!" When men carried Abner's body to his grave in a casket, King David walked right behind it to honor him.*

What did David tell Joab and all the people with him to do?

David told them to tear their clothes, put on sackcloth, and mourn for Abner.

2 Samuel 3:35

ULT	UST
Then all of the people came to make David eat bread while it was still day, but David swore, saying, "Thus may God do to me, and thus may he add, that if to the face of the coming in of the sun I taste bread or any of a thing."	*Later that day some people came and invited David to join in the customary funeral meal. But David refused since he wanted to go without eating to show how sad he was that Abner had died. He said, "I swear that I will not even taste any kind of food for the rest of this day on which we buried Abner! If I do, I hope that God will make very bad things happen to me."*

What did David swear when the people urged him to eat?

David swore an oath that he would not taste bread or anything else for the rest of this day.

2 Samuel 3:37

ULT	UST
So all of the people and all of Israel knew on that day that it had not been from the king to kill Abner, the son of Ner.	*Because he had mourned deeply and sincerely for Abner, the people of the tribe of Judah and the people of all the other tribes of Israel realized then that King David had not wanted Joab to kill Abner.*

What did all the people of Israel understand from David's mourning for Abner?

They understood that the king had not wanted Joab to kill Abner.

2 Samuel 3:38

ULT	UST
And the king said to his servants, "Do you not know that a commander and great has fallen this day in Israel?	*King David told his officials, "I hope you realize that a great leader has now died in Israel.*

What did the king say to his servants about Abner?

The king told his servants that a commander and a great man had fallen that day in Israel.

2 Samuel 3:39

ULT	UST
And I am weak today, though anointed king. For these men, the sons of Zeruiah, are more harsh than I. May Yahweh repay the one doing evil according to his evil."	*Even though Yahweh appointed me to be the king, I now feel weak. These two sons of Zeruiah, Joab and Abishai, are very violent. I cannot control them. So I hope that Yahweh will punish them as they deserve for this wicked thing that they have done!"*

What did David hope for the sons of Zeruiah?

David hoped that Yahweh would repay the evildoer according to his evil.

2 Samuel 4

2 Samuel 4:1

ULT	UST
And the son of Saul heard that Abner had died in Hebron, and his hands dropped, and all of Israel was terrified.	*When Saul's son Ishbosheth heard that Joab had killed Abner at Hebron, he lost his courage. The people of the Israelite tribes he ruled worried greatly about what would happen next.*

What caused Ishbosheth's hands to become weak?

When Ishbosheth heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands became weak.

2 Samuel 4:2

ULT	UST
Now two men, commanders of troops, were to the son of Saul. The name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the second was Rechab, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, from the sons of Benjamin, for Beeroth is also reckoned to Benjamin.	*Two of the officers who led groups of soldiers for Ishbosheth were brothers whose names were Baanah and Rechab. Their father was Rimmon. They came from the city of Beeroth. People considered them to be Benjaminites because Beeroth is within the territory that Joshua assigned to the tribe of Benjamin.*

What were the names of two of Ishbosheth's commanders?

The names of two of his commanders were Baanah and Rechab.

2 Samuel 4:4

ULT	UST
Now to Jonathan, the son of Saul, was a son, lame of feet. He was a son of five years when the report of Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. And his nurse picked him up and fled. And it happened, when she hurried to flee, that he fell and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.	*Saul's son Jonathan had a son whose name was Mephibosheth. Mephibosheth was five years old when Saul and Jonathan died in the battle at Jezreel. When people came to Gibeah and told what had happened, Mephibosheth's nursemaid picked him up and ran away to escape from the Philistines. She ran so fast that she dropped him. That injured his legs, so that he could no longer walk well.*

What was the name of Jonathan's son who was crippled in his feet?

The name of Jonathan's son who was crippled in his feet was Mephibosheth.

2 Samuel 4:6

ULT	UST
And behold, they came to the midst of the house, takers of wheat, and they struck him in the stomach. And Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.	

How did Rechab and Baanah get into Ishbosheth's house?

They went into the middle of the house as if they were getting wheat.

2 Samuel 4:7

ULT	UST
For they entered the house, and he was lying on his bed in the chamber of his bed, and they struck him, and they killed him, and they removed his head. And they took his head, and they walked the way of the Arabah all of the night.	

What did Rechab and Baanah do once they were inside Ishbosheth's house?

They went to his private bedroom and they stabbed and killed him as he was lying asleep on his bed, and then they removed his head.

2 Samuel 4:8

ULT	UST
And they brought the head of Ish Bosheth to David at Hebron, and they said to the king, "Behold, the head of Ish Bosheth, the son of Saul, your enemy who sought your life. Now Yahweh has given to my lord the king vengeance this day against Saul and against his seed."	*so they could go to Hebron. When they got there, they presented Ish Bosheth's head to David. They told him, "Here is the head of Ish Bosheth, the son of your enemy Saul, who tried to kill you! Your Majesty, today Yahweh has allowed you to get revenge on Saul and his descendants."*

Where did Rechab and Baanah go after they killed Ishbosheth?

They brought the head of Ishbosheth to David at Hebron.

2 Samuel 4:11

ULT	UST
How much more, when wicked men have murdered a righteous man in his house on his bed! And now, shall I not seek his blood from your hand and consume you from the earth?”	*If I punished him by killing him, I should certainly do the same to you. You two evil men murdered a man who had done nothing wrong, and you killed him while he was sleeping on his bed in his own house! Because you murdered him, it is right for me to punish you by executing you. I am going to remove you completely from the earth!”*

What did David say about Rechab and Baanah?

David said they were wicked men who had murdered a righteous man in his own house on his bed.

2 Samuel 4:12

ULT	UST
And David commanded the young men, and they killed them, and they cut off their hands and their feet, and they hung them beside the pool in Hebron. But the head of Ish Bosheth, they took and buried in the grave of Abner in Hebron.	*Then David gave orders to his soldiers, and they killed Rechab and Baanah. They cut off their hands and their feet and hung them near the pool at Hebron. But they took the head of Ish Bosheth and buried it respectfully in the tomb of Abner, there at Hebron.*

On David’s orders, what did the young men do to Rechab and Baanah?

The young men killed Rechab and Baanah, cut off their hands and feet, and hung them beside the pool at Hebron.

What did David have done with the head of Ishbosheth?

David had the head of Ishbosheth buried in Abner’s grave in Hebron.

2 Samuel 5

2 Samuel 5:2

ULT	UST
Both yesterday and the third day, when Saul was king over us, you, you were the one bringing out and bringing in Israel. And Yahweh said to you, 'You, you will shepherd my people Israel, and you, you will become the ruler over Israel.'"	*Previously, even though Saul was our king, you were the one who led our soldiers into battle. Yahweh promised you, 'You will be the leader of the Israelite people, who belong to me. You will be their king.'"*

What did the tribes of Israel say Yahweh had promised David?

They said Yahweh had promised that David would shepherd his people Israel and become their ruler.

2 Samuel 5:3

ULT	UST
Then all of the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David cut for them a covenant in Hebron to the face of Yahweh. And they anointed David as king over Israel.	*Then, with Yahweh as their witness, all the leaders of the people of Israel came and made an agreement with David at Hebron that he would be their king. They poured olive oil on his head to show that he was now the king of the Israelites.*

Who came to Hebron, made a covenant with David, and anointed him king over Israel?

All the elders of Israel came to Hebron, made a covenant with David, and anointed him king over Israel.

2 Samuel 5:5

ULT	UST
In Hebron, he reigned over Judah seven years and six months. And in Jerusalem, he reigned 33 years over all of Israel and Judah.	*In Hebron, he had ruled over the tribe of Judah for seven and a half years. He would then rule over all the people of Judah and Israel for 33 more years in Jerusalem.*

How many years did David reign in Jerusalem over all Israel and Judah?

David reigned in Jerusalem for 33 years over all Israel and Judah.

2 Samuel 5:6-7

By what other names was Jerusalem called?

The stronghold of Zion was also called the City of David.

From whom did David capture the stronghold of Zion?

David captured the stronghold of Zion from the Jebusites.

2 Samuel 5:10

ULT	UST
And David went, going and becoming great, for Yahweh, the God of Armies, was with him.	*David continued to become more and more powerful because Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, was helping him.*

Why did David become greater and greater?

David became greater and greater because Yahweh, the God of Armies, was with him.

2 Samuel 5:11

ULT	UST
And Hiram, the king of Tyre, sent messengers to David, and trees of cedar and craftsmen of wood and craftsmen of stone of wall. And they built a house for David.	*One day Hiram, the king of the city of Tyre, sent ambassadors to make a peace treaty with David. Hiram agreed to provide cedar trees to make lumber, and he also agreed that he would send carpenters and stone masons to build a palace for David.*

What did Hiram, king of Tyre, send to David?

Hiram sent messengers, cedar trees, carpenters, and stonemasons to David to build a house for David.

2 Samuel 5:14-16

How many sons were born to David in Jerusalem?

Eleven sons were born to David in Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 5:17

ULT	UST
And the Philistines heard that they had anointed David as king over Israel, and all of the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard, and he went down to the stronghold.	*When the Philistines learned that the Israelites had made David their king, they assembled their army, and it marched toward Jerusalem to try to capture David. But David learned that they were coming, so he left the city and went to another place where he would be safe.*

What did the Philistines do when they heard that David had been anointed king over Israel?

When the Philistines heard David had been anointed king, they marched toward Jerusalem to try to capture David.

2 Samuel 5:19

ULT	UST
And David inquired of Yahweh, saying, "Shall I go up to the Philistines? Will you give them into my hand?" And Yahweh said to David, "Go up, for giving, I will give the Philistines into your hand."	*David asked Yahweh, "Should I lead my soldiers to attack the Philistine army? Will you enable us to defeat them?" Yahweh replied, "Yes, attack them, because I will definitely enable your army to defeat them."*

What did Yahweh tell David when David asked if he should attack the Philistines?

Yahweh told David to go up because he would definitely enable David's army to defeat them.

2 Samuel 5:20

ULT	UST
So David came to Baal Perazim, and David struck them there. And he said, "Yahweh has broken through my enemies to my face like the breach of waters." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim.	*So David led his army to where the Philistine army was, and they defeated them there. Then David said, "Yahweh enabled us to break through the enemy battle lines just as a flood of water breaks through a dam!" So David named that place Baal Perazim.*

Where did David attack the Philistines, and what was the outcome?

David attacked the Philistines at Baal Perazim and defeated them there.

2 Samuel 5:23

ULT	UST
And David inquired of Yahweh, and he said, "You shall not go up. Go around to behind them, and you shall come to them from opposite the balsam trees.	*So David asked Yahweh again what he should do. Yahweh replied, "Do not attack their battle lines directly. Tell your soldiers to go around them and attack them from the back. Come through the grove of balsam trees.*

When the Philistines came up a second time, how did Yahweh tell David to attack them?

Yahweh told David not to go up to attack them from the front, but to circle around behind them and attack from opposite the balsam trees.

2 Samuel 5:24

ULT	UST
And it will be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then you shall act determinedly, for then Yahweh will go out to your face to strike the camp of the Philistines."	*You will hear the sound of an army marching in the tops of the balsam trees. When you do, you will know that I am going ahead of you to enable your army to defeat the Philistine army. So when you hear that sound, attack them right away."*

What sound did Yahweh tell David to listen for before attacking the Philistines?

Yahweh told David to attack when he heard the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees.

2 Samuel 5:25

ULT	UST
And David did thus, just as Yahweh commanded him. And he struck the Philistines from Geba to your coming to Gezer.	*So David did what Yahweh told him to do. His soldiers defeated the Philistine soldiers and chased them from the city of Geba all the way west to the city of Gezer.*

What was David's response to Yahweh's command?

David did just as Yahweh had commanded him.

What was the outcome of this battle against the Philistines?

David's soldiers defeated the Philistine soldiers and chased them from the city of Geba all the way west to the city of Gezer.

2 Samuel 6

2 Samuel 6:1-2

Why did David gather all the chosen men of Israel?

David gathered the chosen men of Israel to bring up the Box of God from Baalah of Judah.

2 Samuel 6:3

ULT	UST
And they mounted the Box of God on a new cart, and they bore it from the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart.	*They went to the hilltop house of Abinadab. They used a new cart to carry the chest from there. Two oxen were pulling the cart, and Abinadab's two sons Uzzah and Ahio were guiding them.*

On what did they set the Box of God?

They set the Box of God on a new cart pulled by two oxen.

Who was guiding the new cart?

Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were guiding the new cart.

2 Samuel 6:6

ULT	UST
And they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, and Uzzah reached out to the Box of God and held it, for the oxen stumbled.	*But when they came to the place in the area of Nacon where people threshed grain, the oxen tripped. Because that made the cart tilt so that the sacred chest might have fallen off of it, Uzzah put his hand on the sacred chest to steady it.*

What happened at the threshing floor of Nacon?

The oxen stumbled, and Uzzah reached out to steady the Box of God.

2 Samuel 6:7

ULT	UST
And the nose of Yahweh burned against Uzzah, and God struck him there for the fault. And he died there by the Box of God.	*Yahweh immediately became very angry with Uzzah for touching the chest. God killed him right there next to it.*

What did God do in response to Uzzah's action?

God became angry and struck Uzzah for his fault, and Uzzah died there by the Box of God.

2 Samuel 6:8-9

How did David feel about what Yahweh had done to Uzzah?

David was angry because Yahweh had broken out against Uzzah. Then David became afraid of Yahweh, and he said that it was too dangerous for him to try to bring the sacred chest to where he lived in Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 6:10-11

What did David do with the Box of God after Uzzah died?

David decided not to bring the sacred chest to the City of David. Instead, he had the people take it into the house of Obed Edom, there by the road.

2 Samuel 6:12

ULT	UST
And it was declared to King David, saying, "Yahweh has blessed the house of Obed Edom and all who are to him for the sake of the Box of God." So David went, and he brought up the Box of God from the house of Obed Edom to the City of David with joy.	*After that time, people told King David, "Because Obed Edom is taking care of the sacred chest, Yahweh is making good things happen for his family and all of his servants!" When David heard that, he gathered many of the Levites and went to Obed Edom's house. Together they very joyfully brought the sacred chest from there to the City of David.*

Why did David bring the Box of God from Obed Edom's house to the City of David?

David brought it because he was told that Yahweh had blessed the house of Obed Edom because of the Box of God.

2 Samuel 6:14

ULT	UST
And David danced to the face of Yahweh with all of his strength. And David was girded with an ephod of linen.	*David was wearing just a plain linen robe. He danced to honor Yahweh, leaping as high as he could and whirling around fast.*

What did David do as the Box of God was being brought up?

As the Box of God was being brought up, David, wearing a linen ephod, danced before Yahweh with all his strength.

2 Samuel 6:16

ULT	UST
and the Box of Yahweh was entering the City of David. But Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down through a window, and she saw King David leaping and dancing to the face of Yahweh, and she despised him in her heart.	*While they were bringing the sacred chest into the City of David, Michal daughter of Saul, his wife, was on an upper floor of her house. She looked through a window down onto the street. She saw her husband King David leaping and whirling to honor Yahweh. That made her feel disgusted with him because she did not think a king should dress and act that way.*

What was Michal's response when she saw King David leaping and dancing before Yahweh?

When Michal saw King David leaping and dancing before Yahweh, she despised him in her heart.

2 Samuel 6:17

ULT	UST
And they brought the Box of Yahweh, and they set it in its place in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it. And David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings to the face of Yahweh.	*David had put up a tent for the sacred chest, and the Levites carried the sacred chest into it and set it up there. Then David made some offerings to Yahweh that he completely burned on an altar. He made other offerings whose meat the people could share at a meal to celebrate this happy occasion.*

After the Box of Yahweh was set in its place, what offerings did David make to Yahweh?

David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings to Yahweh.

2 Samuel 6:19

ULT	UST
And he distributed to all of the people, to all of the multitude of Israel, to man and to woman, to a man one cake of bread and one date cake and one raisin cake. And all of the people went, a man to his house.	*Then he gave special gifts of food to all the Israelites who had come for the celebration. To each man and woman he gave a loaf of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake. Then they all returned to their homes.*

What did David distribute to all the people?

He distributed a cake of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake to each person.

2 Samuel 6:20

ULT	UST
Then David returned to bless his house. And Michal, the daughter of Saul, came out to meet David, and she said, "How the king of Israel honored himself today, who uncovered himself today to the eyes of the female servants of his servants, as uncovering himself, one of the worthless uncovers himself!"	*Then David went home to ask Yahweh to do good things for his family. His wife Michal daughter of Saul came out to meet him. She told him, "As the king of Israel, you should not have acted so disgracefully today! You took off almost all of your clothes, and you let the female servants of your officials see you that way! Only immoral men take off their clothes in public as you did."*

What did Michal say to David when he returned home?

She sarcastically asked how the king of Israel had honored himself by uncovering himself before the eyes of his servants' female servants, like a worthless person.

2 Samuel 6:21-22

What was David's response to Michal's rebuke?

David said that he celebrated before Yahweh, who chose him as leader. He said he would humble himself even more, and that the female servants would honor him.

2 Samuel 7

2 Samuel 7:1

ULT	UST
And it happened, when the king dwelled in his house and Yahweh gave rest to him from all around, from all of his enemies,	*King David was living in his palace, and Yahweh caused the enemy people groups that surrounded the Israelites to stop attacking them.*

What did Yahweh give David?

Yahweh gave David rest from all his surrounding enemies.

2 Samuel 7:2

ULT	UST
that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See, please, I am dwelling in a house of cedars, but the Box of God is dwelling in the midst of a curtain."	*So one day David said to the prophet Nathan, "Consider that I live in a palace that King Hiram's craftsmen built for me from cedar wood. But the sacred chest is only in a tent rather than a splendid temple!"*

What did the king say to Nathan the prophet?

The king said to Nathan that he was living in a house of cedar, but the Box of God was dwelling in a tent.

2 Samuel 7:3-4

What did Nathan tell David before the word of Yahweh came to him?

Nathan told David to do all that was in his heart, because Yahweh was with him.

2 Samuel 7:7

ULT	UST
In any place where I went about with all of the sons of Israel, did I speak a word with one of the scepters of Israel whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built for me a house of cedars'?"'	*I went with the Israelites wherever they traveled, but I never told any of the leaders whom I appointed to rule them that they should have built a temple for me out of cedar wood.*

What question did Yahweh ask about the leaders of Israel?

Yahweh asked if he had ever commanded one of the leaders of Israel to build him a house of cedars.

2 Samuel 7:8-9

What did Yahweh say he had done for David?

Yahweh said he took David from the pasture to be ruler over Israel, had been with him everywhere, and had cut off all his enemies from before him.

2 Samuel 7:10

ULT	UST
And I have established a place for my people, for Israel, and I will plant him that he may dwell under him, and he will not tremble anymore, and the sons of wickedness will not continue to afflict him as at first,	

What did Yahweh say he was going to do for Israel?

Yahweh said he had established a place for them and will plant them so they could live in their own place and not be afflicted by wicked people anymore.

2 Samuel 7:12-13

Who did Yahweh say would build a house for his name?

Yahweh said he would raise up David's own offspring after him, and that offspring would build a house for his name.

2 Samuel 7:16

ULT	UST
And your house and your kingdom will be confirmed to forever to your face. Your throne will be established to forever.”””	*So assure David that his descendants will continually rule the kingdom of Israel after him. No other family will ever replace them as the royal family.”*

What did Yahweh say about David’s house and kingdom?

Yahweh said David’s descendants would continually rule the kingdom of Israel after him.

2 Samuel 7:18-20

After Nathan told David all the words Yahweh had said, what did David do?

David went in and sat before Yahweh and prayed to him.

2 Samuel 7:20

ULT	UST
And what more shall David add to say to you? But you, you know your servant, my Lord Yahweh.	*Yahweh my Lord, I am not able to say anything further to you. But you know me so well that you know what I would say if I could say it.*

After hearing the prophecy, what did David say about Yahweh?

David said that Yahweh knew his servant so well.

2 Samuel 7:21

ULT	UST
For the sake of your word and according to your heart, you have done all this greatness, to make your servant know this.	*You are going to do a wonderful thing and make my descendants kings after me. You are going to do this because you promised to make me a king, and because it is what you really want to do. It was also wonderful for you to tell me about this now.*

Why did David say Yahweh had done this great thing and revealed it to him?

David said Yahweh had done it for the sake of his word and according to his own heart.

2 Samuel 7:23

ULT	UST
And who is like your people, like Israel, the one nation on earth whose God went to redeem a people for himself and to make for himself a name and to do greatness for you and things being feared for your land, from the face of your people whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, nations and its gods?	*No other nation in the world is like us, your Israelite people. None of the gods that other people groups worship rescued them so that those people would belong to them. You rescued us from being slaves in Egypt. You also rescued us from enemy nations here in Canaan that thought their gods would enable them to defeat us. You did miracles to enable us to settle in this land. Because of the powerful things you have done, people throughout the world now respect you.*

Why did God go to redeem Israel?

God redeemed Israel to make them a people for himself and to make a name for himself.

2 Samuel 7:27

ULT	UST
For you, Yahweh of Armies, are the God of Israel. You have uncovered the ear of your servant, saying, 'I will build a house for you.' Therefore, your servant has found his heart to pray this prayer to you.	*I am confident that you will do this, because you, Yahweh, have chosen us Israelites to be your people. You have revealed to me that you will make some of my descendants kings. For that reason, I have been bold enough to pray like this to you.*

Why did David say he had been bold enough to pray like this to Yahweh?

David said he found the heart to pray because Yahweh had revealed that he would build a house for David.

2 Samuel 7:28

ULT	UST
And now, my Lord Yahweh, you are he, God, so your words are true. And you have spoken concerning this good your servant.	*So now, Yahweh my Lord, because you are God, we can trust that you will do what you promise. You have promised to do these good things to me.*

What did David say about Yahweh's words?

David said that Yahweh's words are true.

2 Samuel 7:29

ULT	UST
And now, take pleasure and bless the house of your servant to be to your face forever. For you, my Lord Yahweh, you have spoken and from your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever."	*So now I pray that it will please you to do good things for my descendants. Please enable them to keep ruling your Israelite people. Yahweh my Lord, you have promised these things, and so I know that you will always keep doing good things for my descendants."*

What did David ask Yahweh to do?

David asked Yahweh to be pleased to bless his house so that it would continue forever before him.

2 Samuel 8

2 Samuel 8:1

ULT	UST
And it happened after this, that David struck the Philistines, and he subdued them. And David took Metheg Ammah from the hand of the Philistines.	*Some time later, David and his army defeated the Philistine army. They captured Metheg Ammah and made the Philistines subject to the Israelites.*

What did David gain by attacking and subduing the Philistines?

They captured Metheg Ammah and made the Philistines subject to the Israelites.

2 Samuel 8:2

ULT	UST
And he struck Moab, and he measured them with a rope, making them lie on the ground. And he measured two ropes to kill and the fullness of the rope to let live. And Moab became servants to David, lifters of tribute.	*David and his army also defeated the Moabite army. Afterwards, David forced their soldiers to lie down on the ground close to each other in a long line. His soldiers went down the line and measured two lengths of a rope. They killed all of the Moabite soldiers in that part of the line. Then they measured one length of that rope and let the Moabite soldiers in that part of the line live. They continued to do this all the way down the line. The rest of the Moabites had to accept David as their ruler. Every year they had to give him the payment that he demanded.*

How did David decide which Moabite soldiers would live or die?

He made them lie on the ground and measured them with a rope, measuring two rope lengths to be killed and one full rope length to be kept alive.

What happened to the Moabites who were left alive?

The rest of the Moabites had to accept David as their ruler. Every year they had to give him the payment that he demanded.

2 Samuel 8:3-4

What did David capture from Hadadezer?

David captured from him 1,700 horsemen and 20,000 men on foot.

2 Samuel 8:5

ULT	UST
And Aram of Damascus came to help Hadadezer, the king of Zobah. And David struck 22, 000 men among Aram.	*Then an army of Arameans from the kingdom whose capital was the city of Damascus came to help King Hadadezer's army. But David's soldiers killed 22, 000 of those Arameans.*

What did David do to the Arameans of Damascus when they came to help Hadadezer?

David struck 22,000 men among the Arameans.

2 Samuel 8:6

ULT	UST
And David put garrisons in Aram of Damascus, and Aram became servants to David, lifters of tribute. And Yahweh saved David in every place where he went.	*Then David stationed groups of his soldiers in that kingdom. Those Arameans had to accept David as their ruler. Every year they had to give him the payment that he demanded. Each time David led his soldiers into battle, Yahweh enabled them to win victories over their enemies.*

Why was David victorious?

Each time David led his soldiers into battle, Yahweh enabled them to win victories over their enemies.

2 Samuel 8:10

ULT	UST
And Toi sent Joram his son to King David to ask about him regarding peace and to bless him because he had fought with Hadadezer and had struck him. For Hadadezer had been a man of war of Toi. And in his hand were vessels of silver and vessels of gold and vessels of bronze.	*he sent his son Joram to make a peace treaty with King David and to congratulate him for defeating Hadadezer's army. Toi congratulated David because Hadadezer's army had fought many times against his own army. Joram brought David many articles of gold, silver, and bronze as gifts.*

What did Toi, king of Hamath, do when he heard that David had defeated Hadadezer's army?

Toi sent his son Joram to greet and bless David, and Joram brought vessels of silver, gold, and bronze.

2 Samuel 8:11

ULT	UST
King David also consecrated them to Yahweh, with the silver and the gold that he consecrated from all of the nations that he had subdued,	*King David dedicated all those items to Yahweh, just as he had dedicated the silver and gold that his army had captured from the nations they had conquered.*

What did David do with the silver and gold from the nations he had subdued?

David consecrated the silver and gold to Yahweh.

2 Samuel 8:13

ULT	UST
And David made a name when he returned from his striking Aram in the Valley of Salt, 18, 000.	*David became even more famous after his army killed 18, 000 Aramean soldiers in a battle in the Valley of Salt.*

Where did David strike the Arameans?

David killed 18,000 Arameans in the Valley of Salt.

2 Samuel 8:15

ULT	UST
And David was king over all of Israel. And it happened, David did justice and righteousness for all of his people.	*So David ruled over all the Israelite people. As king, he decided the people's cases, and he judged them fairly.*

What did David do for all his people?

David did justice and righteousness for all his people.

2 Samuel 8:18

ULT	UST
And Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada, both the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and the sons of David were priests.	*Benaiah son of Jehoiada was the commander of David's elite corps of bodyguards. David's sons were his advisors.*

How did David's sons serve his kingdom?

David's sons were his advisors.

2 Samuel 9

2 Samuel 9:1

ULT	UST
And David said, “Is it that there is still one who remains to the house of Saul, that I may do covenant faithfulness with him for the sake of Jonathan?”	*One day David asked some of his officials, “Are there any descendants of Saul still living? I promised Jonathan that I would act kindly toward his family, and I would like to do that if I can.”*

Why did David want to show covenant faithfulness to anyone left in Saul’s house?

David wanted to show covenant faithfulness for the sake of Jonathan.

2 Samuel 9:3

ULT	UST
And the king said, “Is there no longer a man to the house of Saul, that I may do with him the covenant faithfulness of God?” And Ziba said to the king, “A son is still to Jonathan, lame of feet.”	*Then King David asked him, “Is there anyone still alive in Saul’s family toward whom I can act kindly, as I promised God that I would do?” Ziba replied, “Yes, there is one son of Jonathan who is still alive. But he is not able to walk.”*

How did Ziba answer the king when he was asked if anyone was left in Saul’s house?

Ziba told the king that one son of Jonathan was still alive but not able to walk.

2 Samuel 9:6

ULT	UST
And Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, and he fell on his face, and he prostrated himself. And David said, “Mephibosheth.” And he said, “Behold your servant.”	*When Mephibosheth came to David, he knelt down with his face on the ground, to show respect. Then David said, “Mephibosheth.” He replied, “What may I do for you, your Majesty?”*

Who was left in Saul’s house?

Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was left.

2 Samuel 9:7

ULT	UST
And David said to him, "Do not fear, for doing, I will do covenant faithfulness with you for the sake of Jonathan your father. And I will restore to you all of the field of Saul your father, and you yourself will eat bread at my table continually."	*David said to him, "Do not be afraid. You can be sure that I am going to be kind to you because Jonathan your father was my friend. I will give back to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul. And I want you to always eat meals with my family in the royal palace."*

What kindness did David show Mephibosheth for Jonathan's sake?

David restored to Mephibosheth all the land of his grandfather Saul, and he had Mephibosheth eat meals with his family continually.

2 Samuel 9:10

ULT	UST
And you shall work the land for him, you and your sons and your servants, and you shall bring, that there will be bread for the son of your master, that he may eat it. And Mephibosheth, the son of your master, shall eat bread continually at my table." (Now to Ziba were 15 sons and 20 servants.)	*You and your sons and your servants must plow the land and plant crops and harvest them for Mephibosheth's family. That way they will have food to eat. Mephibosheth will eat meals regularly with me in my palace." (Ziba had 15 sons and 20 servants.)*

What did David tell Ziba to do for Mephibosheth?

David told Ziba that he, his sons, and his servants were to work the land for Mephibosheth and bring in the harvest.

2 Samuel 9:13

ULT	UST
But Mephibosheth dwelled in Jerusalem, for he was continually eating at the table of the king. And he was lame, the two of his feet.	*So Mephibosheth came to live in Jerusalem, since he always ate meals with David's family in the royal palace. He was still not able to walk, because he had injured both of his legs.*

Where did Mephibosheth live after David showed him kindness?

Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem because he ate meals with David's family in the palace.

What physical problem did Mephibosheth have?

Mephibosheth was lame in both of his feet.

2 Samuel 10

2 Samuel 10:1

ULT	UST
And it happened after this that the king of the sons of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in place of him.	*Sometime later, Nahash, the king of the Ammonites, died. His son Hanun became the next Ammonite king.*

Who became king of the Ammonites after the former king died?

Hanun his son became the new king.

2 Samuel 10:2

ULT	UST
And David said, "I will do kindness with Hanun the son of Nahash, just as his father did kindness with me." And David sent by the hand of his servants to console him concerning his father. And the servants of David entered the land of the sons of Ammon.	*David thought to himself, "Nahash was kind to me, so I will be kind to his son Hanun." So David sent some of his officials to tell Hanun that David was sorry that Hanun's father had died. When those messengers arrived in the land of Ammon,*

How did David show kindness to Hanun?

David sent his servants to console Hanun concerning the death of his father.

2 Samuel 10:3

ULT	UST
And the commanders of the sons of Ammon said to Hanun their master, "In your eyes, is David honoring your father, since he has sent consolers to you? Is it not in order to explore the city and to spy on it and to overthrow it that David has sent his servants to you?"	*the Ammonite military leaders said to King Hanun, "You should not think that when David sent these men to tell you he is sorry that your father died, he did that to honor your father. He sent them here to look around the city to determine how his army can conquer us!"*

What did the Ammonite commanders say about David's show of kindness to Hanun?

The commanders told Hanun that David had sent his servants to explore the city in order to spy on it and overthrow it.

2 Samuel 10:4

ULT	UST
So Hanun took the servants of David, and he shaved half of their beard, and he cut their garments in the middle, to their buttocks, and he sent them away.	*Hanun believed what they said. So he commanded some of his soldiers to seize David's officials and insult them by shaving off one side of their beards. He also had them cut off the lower part of their robes so that their buttocks would show. Then he made them leave Ammon and go back to Israel.*

What did Hanun do to David's servants?

He commanded his soldiers to seize David's officials and insult them by shaving off one side of their beards and cut off the lower part of their robes so that their buttocks would show. Then he sent them back to Israel.

2 Samuel 10:6

ULT	UST
And the sons of Ammon saw that they had made themselves stink to David. So the sons of Ammon sent and hired Aram of Beth Rehob and Aram of Zoba, 20, 000 footsoldiers, and the king of Maacah, 1, 000 men, and a man of Tob, 12, 000 men.	*Then the Ammonite leaders realized that they had greatly insulted David. So they sent some men to hire some soldiers from other nearby areas to help defend them. They hired 20, 000 soldiers from the Aramean regions of Beth Rehob and Zobah. They also hired 1, 000 soldiers from the army of the king of Maacah and 12, 000 soldiers from the region of Tob.*

Why did the Ammonites hire soldiers from other nations?

The Ammonites hired soldiers because they saw that they had greatly insulted David.

2 Samuel 10:6-8

Where did the Ammonites and their hired soldiers position themselves for battle?

The Ammonites formed a battle line at their city gate, while their hired soldiers from Aram, Tob, and Maacah were by themselves in the field.

2 Samuel 10:7

ULT	UST
And David heard, and he sent Joab and all of the army, the mighty.	*When David heard about that, he sent Joab with all of the best Israelite soldiers to fight against them.*

What did David do when he heard that the Ammonites had hired soldiers?

When David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army of mighty men to fight against them.

2 Samuel 10:9-10

How did Joab prepare for the battle?

Joab chose some of the best men of Israel and arrayed them to meet the Arameans, and he put the rest of the people in the hand of his brother Abishai to meet the Ammonites.

2 Samuel 10:14

ULT	UST
And the sons of Ammon saw that Aram had fled, and they fled from the face of Abishai, and they entered the city. Then Joab returned from against the sons of Ammon, and he came to Jerusalem.	*When the Ammonites saw that the Arameans were running away, they also ran away from Abishai and the soldiers he was commanding. They retreated back inside their city. So Joab and his army stopped fighting against them and went back to Jerusalem.*

What did the Ammonites do when they saw that the Arameans had fled from Joab?

When the Ammonites saw that the Arameans had fled, they also fled from Abishai and went into the city.

2 Samuel 10:15-16

What did the Arameans do when they saw they had been defeated by Israel?

The Arameans gathered themselves together again at Helam, and Hadadezer sent for many troops from Aramean kingdoms beyond the Euphrates River.

2 Samuel 10:17

ULT	UST
And it was declared to David, and he gathered all of Israel, and he crossed the Jordan, and he came toward Helam. And Aram arrayed themselves to meet David, and they fought with him.	*When David learned about this, he gathered all of the Israelite fighting men and led them across the Jordan River. They marched to Helam. The Aramean army formed a battle line there, and the two armies fought.*

What did David do when he heard that the Arameans had gathered again?

David gathered all Israel, crossed the Jordan, and came toward Helam to fight the Arameans.

2 Samuel 10:19

ULT	UST
And all of the kings, servants of Hadadezer, saw that they had been struck to the face of Israel, and they made peace with Israel, and they served them. And Aram feared to save the sons of Ammon anymore.	*Then all the kings who has been Hadadezer's subjects thought about how the Israelites had defeated their combined armies. They decided to make a peace treaty with the Israelites. They agreed to accept David as their king. The Arameans would not help the Ammonites anymore after that, because they were afraid of Israel.*

What did all the kings who were servants of Hadadezer do when they saw they were defeated by Israel?

They made peace with Israel and served them. The Arameans would not help the Ammonites anymore after that, because they were afraid of Israel.

2 Samuel 11

2 Samuel 11:1

ULT	UST
And it happened, at the return of the year, at the time of the going out of kings, that David sent Joab and his servants with him and all of Israel, and they destroyed the sons of Ammon, and they besieged against Rabbah. But David stayed in Jerusalem.	*The following spring, at the time when kings usually led their armies to fight against their enemies, David sent out his commander Joab with his officers and the rest of the Israelite army. They fought the Ammonites and severely defeated them. Then they surrounded Rabbah, their capital city, and tried to capture it. But David himself stayed in Jerusalem.*

When did kings normally go out to war?

Kings normally went out to war at the return of the year, in the spring.

Where was King David at this time?

David sent out his commander Joab with his officers and the rest of the Israelite army, but David himself stayed in Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 11:2-3

Who did David see one evening when he was walking on the roof of his palace?

David saw a very beautiful woman bathing, and her name was Bathsheba.

2 Samuel 11:3

ULT	UST
And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"	*David sent someone to find out who she was. He returned and told David, "That woman is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam. She is the wife of Uriah the Hittite."*

Who was Bathsheba's husband?

Bathsheba's husband was Uriah the Hittite.

2 Samuel 11:4-5

What did David do with Bathsheba?

David sent for her, he had sexual relations with her, and she became pregnant.

2 Samuel 11:6

ULT	UST
And David sent to Joab, "Send Uriah the Hittite to me." So Joab sent Uriah to David.	*So David sent a message to Joab. He said, "Tell Uriah the Hittite to come back to Jerusalem so that I can speak with him." So Joab sent Uriah to go and speak with David.*

After David found out Bathsheba was pregnant, what did he do?

He told Joab to send Uriah the Hittite to him.

2 Samuel 11:8

ULT	UST
And David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." And Uriah went out from the house of the king, and a gift from the king went out after him.	*Then David told Uriah, "Now go home and relax for a while." So Uriah left, and David sent someone to bring some special food to Uriah for him to enjoy.*

When Uriah came to David, what did David try to get him to do?

David tried to get Uriah to go down to his house and relax for a while.

2 Samuel 11:9

ULT	UST
But Uriah lay down at the entrance of the house of the king with all of the servants of his master, and he did not go down to his house.	*But Uriah did not go home. Instead, he slept at the palace entrance with the palace guards.*

What did Uriah do after David told him to go to his house?

Uriah did not go to his house, but instead slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his master.

2 Samuel 11:11

ULT	UST
And Uriah said to David, "The Box and Israel and Judah are dwelling in tents, and my master Joab and the servants of my master are camping on the face of the field. And I, shall I go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? Your life, and the life of your soul, I will not do this thing!"	*Uriah replied, "The soldiers of Israel and Judah are camping in the open fields. Even our commander Joab and his officers are sleeping in tents like the rest of us. We brought the sacred chest with us, and it is also in a tent. As a soldier who is part of this military campaign, it would not be right for me to go to my home, enjoy food and drink, and have sexual relations with my wife. I swear by your life that I would never do such a thing!"*

Why did Uriah say he would not go to his own house?

Uriah said he would never go to his house to eat, drink, and lie with his wife while the Box, Israel, and Judah were dwelling in tents, and Joab and his men were camping in the open field.

2 Samuel 11:15

ULT	UST
And he wrote in the letter, saying, "Put Uriah in the front of the face of the strongest battle, and turn them back from behind him so he will be struck and die."	*In the letter, he wrote, "Put Uriah in the front line at the place where he will be in the greatest danger. Then command the soldiers who are supporting him to retreat. That way our enemies will wound him so badly that he will die."*

What did David's letter to Joab say?

The letter said to put Uriah in the front of the strongest battle and then to retreat from him so he would be struck and die.

2 Samuel 11:19-20

What did Joab think might happen when his messenger brought news of the war to David?

Joab thought David might become angry because he had allowed the Ammonites to kill some of his soldiers.

2 Samuel 11:20

ULT	UST
it will be, if the heat of the king rises and he says to you, 'Why did you draw near to the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?	*David may become angry because we allowed the Ammonites to kill some of our soldiers. He may tell you, 'Your soldiers should not have gone so close to the city to fight! You should have known that the Ammonite soldiers would shoot arrows at you from the top of the city wall!*

What news did Joab think David might be angry about?

Joab thought David might be angry that soldiers got so close to the city to fight because the Ammonite soldiers would shoot arrows at them from the top of the city wall.

2 Samuel 11:21

ULT	UST
Who struck Abimelech, the son of Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman throw a piece of a millstone onto him from the wall, and he died in Thebez? Why did you draw near to the wall?' then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is also dead.'"	*You must remember how Abimelech son of Jerubbesheth died! A woman who lived in Thebez threw a heavy millstone onto him from the top of a tower, and that killed him. So our troops should not have gone near the city wall!' If the king says this, then tell him that his soldier Uriah the Hittite also died in the battle."*

What did Joab tell the messenger to say if David got angry?

Joab told the messenger to say that his servant Uriah the Hittite was also dead.

2 Samuel 11:25

ULT	UST
And David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab, 'May this matter not be bad in your eyes, for like this and like this the sword devours. Strengthen your battle against the city and destroy it.' So strengthen him."	*David said to the messenger, "Go back to Joab and tell him, 'Do not feel badly about what happened, because no one ever knows who might die in a battle. Make an even stronger attack against the city and conquer it.' Encourage Joab by telling him those things."*

What did David tell the messenger to say to Joab?

David told the messenger to encourage Joab by telling him to not feel badly since no one ever knows who might die in a battle. David advised him to strengthen his battle against the city and destroy it.

2 Samuel 11:26

ULT	UST
And the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her man had died. And she lamented for her husband.	*When Uriah's wife Bathsheba heard that her husband had died, she mourned for him.*

What did Uriah's wife do when she heard that her husband was dead?

When she heard her husband was dead, she mourned for him.

2 Samuel 11:27

ULT	UST
And the mourning passed, and David sent and gathered her to his house, and she became a wife to him, and she bore a son to him. But the thing that David had done was bad in the eyes of Yahweh.	*After her time of mourning ended, David sent messengers to bring her to the palace, and he married her. She later gave birth to a son whose father was David. But Yahweh was very displeased with what David had done.*

What happened to Bathsheba?

After her mourning passed, David sent for her, and she became his wife, and she bore him a son.

Who was displeased with what David had done?

Yahweh was very displeased with what David had done.

2 Samuel 12

2 Samuel 12:1

ULT	UST
And Yahweh sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and he said to him, "Two men were in one city, one rich and one poor.	*Yahweh told the prophet Nathan what David had done, and he sent Nathan to correct David. Nathan came and told him a story to help him recognize that he had done was very wrong. He said, "Once there were two men in a certain city. One man was rich and the other was poor.*

Why did Nathan go to David?

Nathan went to David because Yahweh sent him.

2 Samuel 12:1-3

What was Nathan's story about?

The story was about a rich man with many flocks and herds and a poor man who had only one little ewe lamb that was like a daughter to him.

2 Samuel 12:4

ULT	UST
Now a traveler came to the rich man, and he spared to take from his flock or from his herd to prepare for the wayfarer having come to him, but he took the ewe of the poor man, and he prepared it for the man having come to him."	*One day a visitor came to see the rich man. The rich man did not want to take one of his own sheep or cattle and kill it to prepare a meal for his guest. Instead, he sent men to take the poor man's lamb. Then he had someone kill it and prepare it as a meal for his guest."*

What did the rich man do with the poor man's lamb?

When a traveler came to the rich man, he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it as a meal for his guest.

2 Samuel 12:5

ULT	UST
And the nose of David burned greatly against the man, and he said to Nathan, "The life of Yahweh, that the man having done this is a son of death!	*When David heard that, he became very angry with the rich man. He told Nathan, "I swear by Yahweh that I want to execute the man who did that!*

What was David's reaction to Nathan's story?

David was very angry and said that he wanted to execute the man who did that.

2 Samuel 12:7

ULT	UST
And Nathan said to David, "You are the man. Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: 'I, I anointed you as king over Israel, and I, I delivered you from the hand of Saul.	*Nathan said to David, "You have acted like the man I told you about. Now this is what Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, says to you: 'I was the one who chose you to be the king of Israel. When Saul was trying to kill you, I was the one who rescued you.*

What did Nathan tell David after David reacted in anger?

Nathan told David, "You are the man."

2 Samuel 12:9

ULT	UST
Why have you despised the word of Yahweh to do evil in my eyes? You struck Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and you took his wife for yourself as a wife, and you murdered him with the sword of the sons of Ammon.	*But you have not taken seriously what I commanded when I said that my people must not commit adultery or murder. You have done things that I consider to be very evil! You arranged for Uriah the Hittite to die in battle, and after the Ammonite soldiers killed him, then you took his wife as your own wife!*

What did Yahweh say David had done?

Yahweh said David had struck Uriah the Hittite with the sword, had taken his wife to be his own wife, and had murdered him with the sword of the Ammonites. Yahweh said that David did not take seriously what he commanded when he said that his people must not commit adultery or murder. David did things that Yahweh considers to be very evil!

2 Samuel 12:10-11

What did Yahweh say would happen because David despised him and took Uriah's wife?

Yahweh said that he would make someone from David's own family cause disaster for him. Yahweh would take David's wives away from him and give them to that person instead. He will have sexual relations with them in public.

2 Samuel 12:13

ULT	UST
And David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against Yahweh." And Nathan said to David, "Yahweh has also taken away your sin. You will not die.	*David replied, "I have sinned against Yahweh." Nathan said to David, "Yahweh has forgiven you for sinning. He is not going to punish you by killing you for committing this sin.*

After he confessed his sin, what did Nathan say would happen to David?

Nathan told David that Yahweh had taken away his sin and that he would not die.

2 Samuel 12:14

ULT	UST
Nevertheless, because spurning, you have spurned the enemies of Yahweh with this thing, also the son born to you dying, will die."	*But you have shown great contempt for Yahweh by doing this. So the son you have just had is going to die."*

What did Nathan say would happen to the son born to David?

Nathan said that because David had shown great contempt for Yahweh by doing this, the son born to him would surely die.

2 Samuel 12:16-17

What did David do when the child was very sick?

David prayed to God that the child would not die, fasted, and went in and slept on the floor of his room.

2 Samuel 12:18

ULT	UST
And it happened on the seventh day that the child died, and the servants of David were afraid to declare to him that the child had died, for they said, "Behold, while the child was living, we spoke to him, but he did not listen to our voice. So how shall we say to him, 'The child has died'? For he will do harm."	*After a week, the baby died. David's servants were afraid to tell him that. They said to each other, "Consider that while the baby was still alive, we encouraged him to take better care of himself, but he refused. Now if we tell him that the baby has died, he may do something to hurt himself!"*

When did the child die?

The child died on the seventh day.

2 Samuel 12:20

ULT	UST
Then David arose from the ground, and he washed, and he anointed himself, and he changed his clothes, and he entered the house of Yahweh, and he prostrated himself. Then he went to his house, and he asked, and they set out bread for him, and he ate.	*Then David got up from the floor. He bathed himself, put olive oil on his hair and skin, and put on different clothes. Then he went to Yahweh's sacred tent and worshiped him there. After that, he came home. He asked his servants to bring him some food, and when they did, he ate it.*

What did David do once he knew the child was dead?

David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, changed his clothes, and went to the house of Yahweh and prostrated himself. Then he asked his servants for food and he ate it.

2 Samuel 12:23

ULT	UST
But now, he is dead. Why is this, that I should fast? Am I able to bring him back again? I am going to him, but he, he will not return to me."	*But now that the baby is dead, there is no reason for me to go without food anymore. I cannot bring him back to me. Someday I will go to where he is, but he will not return to me."*

Why did David stop fasting after the child died?

David reasoned that there was no reason to fast since he could not bring the child back again.

2 Samuel 12:25

ULT	UST
And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and he called his name Jedidiah because of Yahweh.	*Yahweh told the prophet Nathan to tell David to name the baby boy Jedidiah, since he loved him.*

Why did Yahweh send word through Nathan to name the new son Jedidiah?

Yahweh said to name him Jedidiah because of Yahweh.

2 Samuel 12:26

ULT	UST
And Joab fought with Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, and he captured the city of the kingdom.	*Meanwhile, Joab's soldiers were still fighting to conquer Rabbah, the Ammonite capital city. They captured the part of the city where the king had his palace.*

Against whom was Joab fighting at this time?

Joab was fighting against Rabbah of the sons of Ammon.

2 Samuel 12:28

ULT	UST
And now, gather the rest of the people and encamp against the city and capture it, lest I myself capture the city and my name be called to it."	*Now assemble all the rest of our soldiers. Come and attack the fortress that is on higher ground and capture it. If you do not do that, my soldiers will capture the fortress, and then people will give the whole city a new name, The City of Joab."*

Why did Joab tell David to gather the rest of the army and capture the city?

Joab did not want to capture the city himself, because if he did, it would renamed to honor him and not King David.

2 Samuel 12:31

ULT	UST
But the people who were in it, he brought out, and he set them with the saw and with picks of iron and with axes of iron, and he made them pass through at the brick kiln. And thus he did to all of the cities of the sons of Ammon. And David and all of the people returned to Jerusalem.	*Then the Israelite soldiers brought the Ammonite people out of the city and forced them to work for them using saws, iron picks, and iron axes. David's troops also forced them to make bricks. David's soldiers made the people who lived in the other Ammonite cities work for them in the same way. Then David and all of his army returned to Jerusalem.*

What did David make the people of Rabbah do after he captured the city?

David brought out the people and set them to work with saws, iron picks, and iron axes. David's troops also forced them to make bricks.

2 Samuel 13

2 Samuel 13:1

ULT	UST
And it happened after this that to Absalom, the son of David, was a beautiful sister, and her name was Tamar, and Amnon, the son of David, loved her.	*After this, the trouble that Nathan had announced began in David's family. David's son Absalom had a beautiful sister whose name was Tamar. Another of David's sons, Amnon, wanted to have sexual relations with her.*

To whom was Amnon, the son of David, attracted?

Amnon loved his beautiful half-sister Tamar, who was the sister of Absalom.

2 Samuel 13:4

ULT	UST
And he said to him, "Why are you so weak, son of the king, by morning, by morning? Will you not declare to me?" And Amnon said to him, "I am loving Tamar, the sister of Absalom my brother."	*One day Jonadab said to Amnon, "Even though you are the king's son, every day when I see you, you seem depressed. Please tell me why." Amnon replied, "I feel sexual desire toward Tamar, the sister of my half-brother Absalom."*

How did Amnon respond when Jonadab asked him why he was so weak?

Amnon told Jonadab that he loved Tamar, his brother Absalom's sister.

2 Samuel 13:6

ULT	UST
So Amnon lay down, and he pretended to be sick. And the king came to see him, and Amnon said to the king, "Please let Tamar my sister come, and let her make to my eyes a couple of pancakes, and I will eat from her hand."	*So Amnon lay down and pretended that he was sick. When King David came to visit him, Amnon told him, "I might eat something if someone made a couple of pancakes for me while I was watching and then served them to me directly. Please allow my half-sister Tamar to come and do that for me."*

What did Amnon do to get to see Tamar?

Amnon pretended to be sick, and when David came to see him, he asked David to let Tamar come and make food for him so he could eat from her hand.

2 Samuel 13:11

ULT	UST
And she brought them near to him to eat, and he seized her, and he said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister."	*But when she brought them close for him to eat them, he grabbed her and told her, "I want to have sex with you!"*

What did Amnon do when Tamar came to feed him?

When Tamar came to feed him, he seized her and told her to come and lie with him.

2 Samuel 13:12-14

What did Amnon do when Tamar begged him not to force her?

He refused to do what she said he should do. He was stronger than she was, so he forcibly had sexual relations with her.

2 Samuel 13:15

ULT	UST
Then Amnon hated her with very great hatred, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Arise, go."	*Afterwards, Amnon felt great hatred toward her. He hated her much more than he had desired her. He told her, "Now I want you to leave!"*

How did Amnon feel toward Tamar after he raped her?

Amnon hated her with a very great hatred that was greater than the love with which he had loved her.

What did Amnon command Tamar to do?

Amnon commanded Tamar to leave.

2 Samuel 13:17

ULT	UST
And he called his young man, the one attending him, and he said, "Now send this one away from me outside, and lock the door behind her."	*Instead, he summoned his personal servant and told him, "Take this woman outside, away from me, and lock the door so that she cannot come in again!"*

What did Amnon order his servant to do?

He ordered his servant to send Tamar outside and to lock the door behind her.

2 Samuel 13:19

ULT	UST
And Tamar put ashes on her head, and she tore the long robe that was on her, and she put her hand on her head, and she went, going and she cried out.	*But to show how distressed she was, Tamar put ashes on her head. She tore the long robe that she was wearing. She also placed her hand on her head. As she went away, she kept screaming.*

What did Tamar do after she was put out of Amnon's room?

Tamar tore the long robe that she was wearing. She put ashes on her head, and she put her hand on her head. As she went away, she kept screaming.

2 Samuel 13:21

ULT	UST
And King David heard all of these things, and it burned to him greatly.	*When King David learned what had happened, it made him very angry but he did not do anything about it.*

What was King David's response when he heard about these things?

When King David heard all these things, it made him very angry, but he did nothing about it.

2 Samuel 13:22

ULT	UST
But Absalom did not speak with Amnon to evil or to good, for Absalom hated Amnon for the reason that he had humbled Tamar his sister.	*Absalom hated Amnon because he had forcibly had sexual relations with his sister Tamar. But he did not say anything to Amnon about this, because he did not want Amnon to suspect that he wanted to kill him.*

How did Absalom feel toward Amnon after he raped Tamar?

Absalom hated Amnon because he had humbled his sister Tamar.

2 Samuel 13:23-24

Whom did Absalom invite to visit him at Baal Hazor?

Absalom invited the king and all the king's sons to visit him.

2 Samuel 13:25

ULT	UST
And the king said to Absalom, "No, my son, please let not all of us go, and let us not be heavy to you." Then he urged him, but he was not willing to go, but he blessed him.	*But the king replied, "No, my son, it would not be good for all of us to come. That would be too great an expense for you." Absalom kept inviting him, but King David finally refused. Instead, he said that he hoped that God would make them happy while they celebrated.*

What did the king say in response to Absalom's invitation?

The king said they should not all go because they would be a heavy burden to Absalom.

2 Samuel 13:26

ULT	UST
And Absalom said, "If not, may Amnon my brother please go with us." And the king said to him, "Why should he go with you?"	*Then Absalom said, "If you will not come, please send my half-brother Amnon the crown prince with us as your representative." But the king replied, "You do not need to invite him to the celebration either."*

What did David say when Absalom asked him to let Amnon go with them?

But the king replied, "You do not need to invite him to the celebration either."

2 Samuel 13:27

ULT	UST
But Absalom urged him, so he sent Amnon and all of the sons of the king with him.	*But Absalom insisted, and finally King David agreed to let Amnon go with Absalom. He sent all of his other sons with him.*

Who went with Absalom?

Absalom urged David, so he sent Amnon and all the king's sons with him.

2 Samuel 13:28

ULT	UST
And Absalom commanded his young men, saying, "See, now, when Amnon is good of heart with wine, and I say to you, 'Strike Amnon!' then you shall kill him. Do not fear. Is it not that I, I have commanded you? Be courageous and be sons of valor."	*At the celebration, Absalom told his servants, "Pay attention to these instructions. Once Amnon has become a bit drunk from the wine, I will shout out, 'Kill Amnon!' When I say that, you must kill him. Do not be afraid. You will be doing this only because I told you to do it. So be very brave and do it!"*

What did Absalom command his servants to do to Amnon?

Absalom commanded his servants to kill Amnon when Amnon began to be drunk with wine.

2 Samuel 13:29

ULT	UST
And the young men of Absalom did to Amnon just as Absalom had commanded. And all of the sons of the king arose, and they rode, a man on his mule, and they fled.	*So Absalom's servants did what Absalom told them to do. They killed Amnon. When the rest of David's sons saw what had happened, they left the celebration. They got onto their mules and escaped by riding away fast.*

What did the king's sons do after Absalom's servants killed Amnon?

All the king's sons arose, and they got onto their mules and escaped by riding away fast.

2 Samuel 13:30

ULT	UST
And it happened, they were on the road, and the report came to David, saying, "Absalom has struck all of the sons of the king, and not one of them is left."	*While they were still on their way home, someone who had fled when the servants first killed Amnon rushed back and reported incorrectly to David, "Absalom has killed all of your other sons! None of them is still alive!"*

What was the first news David heard about the incident?

The first report to David said that Absalom had killed all the king's sons and not one was still alive.

2 Samuel 13:32

ULT	UST
But Jonadab, the son of Shimeah the brother of David, answered and said, "May my lord not say, 'All of the young men, the sons of the king, have been killed,' for Amnon alone has died. For it was placed on the mouth of Absalom from the day of his humbling Tamar his sister.	*But Jonadab, the son of David's brother Shimeah, said, "Your Majesty, please do not believe that Absalom has killed all your sons. I am sure that only Amnon is dead. I say this because Absalom has wanted to kill him ever since the day that Amnon raped his sister Tamar.*

What did Jonadab say had happened and why?

Jonadab said that only Amnon is dead. Absalom has been determined to kill him ever since the day that Amnon raped his sister Tamar.

2 Samuel 13:37

ULT	UST
But Absalom fled, and he went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, the king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son all of the days.	*Absalom fled for safety to the kingdom of Geshur, where his grandfather Talmai son of Ammihud was the king. King David mourned continually for his son Amnon.*

Where did Absalom go after having Amnon killed?

Absalom fled to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur.

2 Samuel 13:38

ULT	UST
And Absalom fled, and he went to Geshur, and he was there three years.	*When Absalom fled to the kingdom of Geshur, he stayed there for three years.*

How long was Absalom in Geshur?

Absalom was in Geshur for three years.

2 Samuel 13:39

ULT	UST
And it ceased, David the king to go out against Absalom, for he was comforted concerning Amnon, that he had died.	*King David had intended to attack Absalom to capture him and punish him for killing Amnon. But by the end of those three years, David was not grieving as severely that Amnon had died, so he no longer planned to attack Absalom.*

What did King David intend to do?

King David had intended to attack Absalom and punish him for killing Amnon.

2 Samuel 14

2 Samuel 14:1-2

What did Joab do when he knew the king's heart was against Absalom?

Joab sent to Tekoa and brought a wise woman from there to act as if she had been in mourning for a long time.

2 Samuel 14:2-3

What did Joab want the wise woman to do?

Joab wanted the wise woman to pretend to be a mourner and to go speak to the king the words Joab told her to say.

2 Samuel 14:5

ULT	UST
And the king said to her, "What is to you?" And she said, "Truly I am a woman, a widow, for my husband has died.	*The king replied, "What is your problem?" She replied, "Sadly I am a widow. My husband died some time ago.*

When the wise woman went to the king, whom did she say she was?

The wise woman told the king she was a widow.

2 Samuel 14:6

ULT	UST
And to your maidservant were two sons. But the two of them fought in the field, and there was no deliverer between them. And the one struck him, the one, and he killed him.	*I had two sons. But one day they quarreled with each other while they were working out in the field. There was no one to separate them, and one of them hit the other one so hard that he killed him.*

What did the wise woman tell the king her two sons had done?

She told the king that her two sons fought in a field, and one struck the other and killed him.

2 Samuel 14:7

ULT	UST
And behold, all of the clan has arisen against your maidservant, and they have said, 'Give the one having struck his brother, and we will kill him for the life of his brother whom he slew, and let us destroy the heir also.' And they would quench my coal that remains, without leaving to my husband a name or remnant on the face of the ground."	*Now, all of my extended family has come to me and insisted that I surrender to them my son who is still alive. They want to kill him to punish him for killing his brother. But if they do that, I will not have any son to inherit my late husband's land and the family will take it. My son is the only relative I have left. If they kill him, my husband will have no living descendants to preserve our family's name."*

What did the wise woman tell the king she was afraid would happen to her remaining son?

She said she was afraid the whole clan would kill her remaining son, destroying her heir and leaving no descendants to preserve her family's name.

2 Samuel 14:11

ULT	UST
And she said, "May the king please remember Yahweh your God, from the increasing of the avenger of blood to destroy. Then they will not destroy my son." And he said, "The life of Yahweh, if from the hair of your son should fall to the ground!"	*Then the woman said, "Your Majesty, please swear by Yahweh your God that you will do this. That way the relative who would be responsible to kill my son if he had actually murdered his brother will not kill him and cause someone further to die in my family." David replied, "I swear by Yahweh that I will not allow anyone to hurt your son at all."*

Why did the wise woman ask the king to remember Yahweh his God?

She asked the king to remember Yahweh so that the avenger of blood would not destroy her son.

Who did the king swear by when he told the woman that not one hair of her son would fall to the ground?

The king swore by the life of Yahweh.

2 Samuel 14:13

ULT	UST
And the woman said, "Then why have you devised like this against the people of God? For from speaking this word, the king is like the guilty, in that the king has not brought back his banished one.	*The woman said, "You have been acting badly toward God's people. Based on the judgment you have just given, you have been doing the wrong thing. Since you take circumstances into account when judging cases of manslaughter, you should allow your son Absalom, our crown prince, to return home.*

Why did the woman say the king had been doing the wrong thing?

The woman said the king was acting badly because he had not brought back his own banished son.

2 Samuel 14:14

ULT	UST
For dying, we will die, and like water spilled on the ground that is not gathered. But God does not take away life, but he devises devices so that the banished will not be banished from him.	*Consider that all of us are going to die. Like water that no one can pick up from the ground once someone has spilled it, death is permanent so you should reconcile with Absalom while you are both still alive. And it is not God who makes people die even to punish them when they have done wrong things. Instead, God forgives people who have sinned against him so that they can once more be in a good relationship with him.*

What did the woman say God does instead of taking away life?

She said that God forgives people who have sinned against him so that they can once more be in a good relationship with him.

2 Samuel 14:15-16

Why did the woman say she came to speak to the king?

She said she came because the people had frightened her, and she hoped the king would listen and deliver her.

2 Samuel 14:17

ULT	UST
Then your maidservant said, ‘Now the word of my lord the king will be for rest, because like an angel of God, so is my lord the king, to understand good and evil. And may Yahweh your God be with you!’”	*And I decided, ‘What the king says will comfort me, because he is like an angel of God. He knows how to determine what is right and what is wrong.’ I pray that Yahweh your God will help you.”*

What did the woman say about the king?

She said that what the king says will comfort her, because he is like an angel of God, and he knows how to determine what is right and what is wrong.

2 Samuel 14:19

ULT	UST
And the king said, “Is the hand of Joab with you in all of this?” And the woman answered and said, “The life of your soul, my lord the king, if there is turning to the right or turning to the left from all that my lord the king has spoken. For your servant Joab, he, he commanded me, and he, he put all of these words in the mouth of your maidservant.	*The king said, “Did Joab arrange for you to do all this?” She replied, “I swear by your life, Your Majesty, that it is not possible to say otherwise than you have said! Yes, it was in fact Joab who told me to come here, and he was the one who told me what to say.*

What did the king ask the woman?

The king asked the woman if Joab arranged for her to do all this.

2 Samuel 14:20

ULT	UST
In order to turn the face of the matter, your servant Joab did this thing. But my master is wise like the wisdom of an angel of God, to know everything that is in the land.”	*Joab did that to try to get you to feel differently about this matter. But Your Majesty, you seem to be as wise as one of God’s angels. You know what is happening throughout your kingdom, and that is how you knew that Joab sent me here.”*

Why did Joab have the woman go to the king?

Joab did that to try to get David to feel differently about this matter.

2 Samuel 14:22

ULT	UST
And Joab fell on his face to the ground, and he prostrated himself, and he blessed the king. And Joab said, "Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your eyes, my lord the king, that the king does the word of his servant."	*Joab got down and lay flat out in front of David to honor him. Then he asked God to do good things for him. Then Joab said, "Your Majesty, now I know that you are pleased with me, since you have agreed to do what I asked."*

What did Joab do when the king told him to bring Absalom back?

Joab lay facedown on the ground in honor and gratitude to the king.

2 Samuel 14:24

ULT	UST
Now the king had said, "He may return to his house, but my face he shall not see." So Absalom returned to his house, but the face of the king he did not see.	*But King David had said that while Absalom could live in his own house again, he could not come and speak with him. So Absalom lived in his own house, but he did not go and speak with the king.*

What instructions did the king give about Absalom?

The king said that Absalom could return to his own house but could go and speak with the king.

2 Samuel 14:25-26

What was notable about Absalom's appearance?

He was so handsome that people throughout Israel praised Absalom for being a very handsome man. He did not seem to have any flaws in any part of his body. His hair was long, thick, and heavy.

2 Samuel 14:28

ULT	UST
And Absalom lived in Jerusalem two years, days, but the face of the king he did not see.	*Even though Absalom had lived in Jerusalem for two entire years, David had still not allowed him to come and speak with him.*

How long did Absalom live in Jerusalem without seeing the king's face?

Absalom lived in Jerusalem for two years, during which David still did not allow Absalom to come and speak with him.

2 Samuel 14:30

ULT	UST
So he said to his servants, "See, the property of Joab is to my hand, and barley is to him there. Go and burn it with fire." So the servants of Absalom burned the property with fire.	*Then Absalom told his servants, "Here is what I want you to do. Joab owns a piece of land next to my land, and he has barley growing there. Go over and start a fire there to burn up the barley." So Absalom's servants went over and started a fire, and it burned up all the barley.*

What did Absalom tell his servants to do after Joab refused to come to him?

Absalom told his servants to go and burn Joab's barley field with fire.

2 Samuel 14:32

ULT	UST
And Absalom said to Joab, "Behold, I sent to you, saying, 'Come here, that I may send you to the king, saying, "Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me if I were still there."' And now, let me see the face of the king, but if iniquity is in me, then let him kill me."	*Absalom replied, "I had them do that because when I sent messengers to ask you to come and speak with me, you refused. I wanted you to go to the king and tell him on my behalf that it seemed useless for me to have come here from Geshur and that I thought it would have been better for me to stay there. Now please get the king to allow me to come and speak with him. Tell him that if he is keeping me away to punish me for doing something wrong, he can go ahead and execute me!"*

What did Absalom want Joab to do?

Absalom wanted Joab to go to the king and ask why he had come from Geshur, and to say that he wanted to come and speak with him.

2 Samuel 14:33

ULT	UST
So Joab came to the king, and he declared to him. And he called to Absalom, and he came to the king, and he prostrated himself to him on his nose to the ground to the face of the king. And the king kissed Absalom.	*So Joab went to the king and told him what Absalom had said. Then the king sent messengers to bring Absalom to the royal court. Absalom came to the king and, to honor him, he knelt down in front of him with his face touching the ground. Then the king indicated that Absalom could get up, and he kissed Absalom on the cheek to show that he was no longer hostile to him.*

What did the king do when Absalom bowed before him?

The king kissed Absalom on the cheek to show that he was no longer hostile to him.

2 Samuel 15

2 Samuel 15:1

ULT	UST
And it happened after this that Absalom made for himself a chariot and horses and 50 men running to his face.	*Soon afterwards, Absalom got a chariot and horses to pull it. He hired 50 men to run in front of him while he was riding around Jerusalem in the chariot.*

What did Absalom prepare for himself?

Absalom prepared a chariot and horses for himself.

Who ran before Absalom's chariot?

He hired fifty men to run in front of his chariot.

2 Samuel 15:2

ULT	UST
And Absalom would arise early, and he would stand at the hand of the way of the gate. And it happened, when any man to whom was a dispute came to the king for judgment, then Absalom would call to him, and he would say, "Where from this city are you?" And he would say, "Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel."	*And Absalom would also go and stand by the city gate starting early each morning. When a person came toward the gate so they could go into the city and ask the king to decide a case for him, Absalom would call out to him. He would ask what city he was from. Then the person would tell him what city and tribe he was from.*

Whom would Absalom call to as he stood by the gate?

Absalom would call to any man who had a dispute and was coming to the king for judgment.

2 Samuel 15:3

ULT	UST
Then Absalom would say to him, "See, your matter is good and right, but there is not a hearer for you from with the king."	*Then Absalom would ask the person about his case and tell him, "It certainly seems to me that you deserve to win your case. But the king is not able to decide everyone's case, and he has not appointed anyone else to judge cases for people like you."*

What would Absalom say about the cases of the men who came for judgment?

Absalom would say to them that their matter was good and right, but the king is not able to decide everyone's case, and he has not appointed anyone else to judge cases for people like you.

2 Samuel 15:4

ULT	UST
And Absalom would say, "Who will appoint me a judge in the land, that every person to whom was a dispute and a judgment would come to me, and I would do him justice?"	*Absalom would then add, "I should really be a judge for all the Israelites. That way anyone who had a legal case could come to me, and I would decide it fairly."*

Why did Absalom say he wished he were a judge in the land?

Absalom said he wished he were a judge so that every person with a dispute could come to him and he would give them justice.

2 Samuel 15:5

ULT	UST
And it happened, when a man approached to prostrate himself to him, that he would stretch out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him.	*And whenever anyone approached Absalom and started to bow respectfully in front of him, Absalom would reach out and hold him up and kiss him on the cheek.*

What did Absalom do when a man approached to prostrate himself?

Absalom would stretch out his hand, hold the man up, and kiss him on the cheek.

2 Samuel 15:6

ULT	UST
And Absalom acted according to this matter for all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. And Absalom stole the heart of the men of Israel.	*Absalom acted this way toward every Israelite who came to King David to ask him to judge a case. As a result, the Israelites began to wish that Absalom were their king instead of David.*

What did Absalom steal from the men of Israel?

Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. The Israelites began to wish that Absalom were their king instead of David.

2 Samuel 15:7

ULT	UST
And it happened at the end of 40 years that Absalom said to the king, "Please may I go, and may I fulfill in Hebron my vow that I vowed to Yahweh.	*After four years, Absalom went to King David and said, "I made a promise to Yahweh. Please allow me to go to the city of Hebron so that I can do what I promised.*

What reason did Absalom give the king for needing to go to Hebron?

Absalom said he had to go to Hebron to fulfill a vow he had made to Yahweh.

2 Samuel 15:10

ULT	UST
Then Absalom sent spies among all of the tribes of Israel, saying, "When you hear the sound of the shofar, then you shall say, 'Absalom reigns in Hebron!'"	*But while he was there, he secretly sent messengers throughout the territory of all the tribes of Israel. The messengers told people, "When you hear the sound of people blowing rams' horns, shout, 'Absalom has become the king at Hebron!'"*

What did the spies that Absalom sent throughout Israel say?

The spies said that when people heard the sound of the shofar, they should say that Absalom has become the king at Hebron.

2 Samuel 15:11

ULT	UST
Now 200 men from Jerusalem had gone with Absalom, called and walking in their innocence, and they did not know any of the matter.	*There were 200 men who came from Jerusalem to Hebron with Absalom. But they came because he had invited them to the feast he was going to host there. They were not part of his conspiracy. They knew nothing about what he was planning to do.*

Did the two hundred men who went with Absalom to Hebron know of his plans?

No, the two hundred men came because he had invited them to the feast he was going to host there. They were not part of his conspiracy. They knew nothing about what he was planning to do.

2 Samuel 15:14

ULT	UST
And David said to all of his servants who were with him in Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee, for there will not be for us an escape from the face of Absalom. Hurry to go, lest he hurry and overtake us and bring harm upon us and strike the city to the mouth of the sword."	*So David told all the officials in his royal court, "We must leave immediately if we want to escape from Absalom! We must go quickly, before he and his men arrive. If we do not do that, they will kill us and everyone else in the city!"*

What did David tell his servants to do after a messenger told him that the hearts of the men of Israel were behind Absalom?

David told his servants in Jerusalem to arise and flee, because there would be no escape from Absalom.

2 Samuel 15:16

ULT	UST
And the king went out, and all of his house was at his feet. And the king left ten women, concubines, to keep the house.	*So King David quickly left Jerusalem. His family and officials went with him. But David left ten of his secondary wives at the palace to take care of it.*

Whom did the king leave behind in Jerusalem to keep the house?

The king left ten women, who were concubines, to keep the house.

2 Samuel 15:18

ULT	UST
And all of his servants were passing by at his hand. And all of the Cherethites and all of the Pelethites and all of the Gittites, the 600 men who had come at his foot from Gath, were passing by to the face of the king.	*David stepped out of the roadway so that his officials could walk past him. He also let his elite corps of bodyguards go in front of him to lead the way. The 600 men who had been David's soldiers when he fled to the city of Gath also walked by in front of him.*

Who marched with the king as he left Jerusalem?

All his servants, all the Cherethites, all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites—600 men from Gath—marched with him.

2 Samuel 15:21

ULT	UST
But Ittai answered the king and said, "The life of Yahweh and the life of my lord the king, surely in the place where my lord the king will be there, whether to death, whether to life, that there your servant shall be."	*But Ittai replied, "Your Majesty, I swear by Yahweh and I swear by your own life that I will go wherever you go. I will fight to defend you even if I have to die doing that."*

What did Ittai the Gittite tell the king after the king told him to return?

Ittai swore that he would go wherever the king would go, and he would fight to defend David even if he had to die doing that.

2 Samuel 15:23

ULT	UST
And all of the land was weeping with a great voice, and all of the people were crossing, and the king was crossing, over the Valley of Kidron, and all of the people were crossing to the face of the way of the wilderness.	*All the people who lived along the road cried loudly when they saw King David and the people with him walking by. Since Absalom would be coming from the southwest, the king and the others crossed the Kidron Valley and then went up the hill on the road that goes through the desolate area east of Jerusalem.*

Which way did David and all those with him go as they left Jerusalem?

Since Absalom would be coming from the southwest, the king and the others crossed the Kidron Valley and then went up the hill on the road that goes through the desolate area east of Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 15:25

ULT	UST
And the king said to Zadok, "Bring back the Box of God to the city. If I find favor in the eyes of Yahweh, then he will bring me back, and he will make me see it and his habitation.	*Then the king told Zadok, "I want you to take the sacred chest back into Jerusalem. If Yahweh chooses to be kind to me, someday he will allow me to return and see the sacred chest in the place where he is especially present.*

What did the king tell Zadok the priest to do with the Box of God?

The king told Zadok to take the Box of God back to the city.

2 Samuel 15:28

ULT	UST
See, I will be waiting at the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you to declare to me."	*This will be the plan. I will wait in the wilderness at the place where people can walk across the Jordan River until you send a message to me telling me what I should do."*

Why was David going to wait at the fords of the wilderness?

He was going to wait there until a word came from the priests to tell him what to do.

2 Samuel 15:31

ULT	UST
And to David one declared, saying, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." And David said, "Please, Yahweh, make foolish the counsel of Ahithophel."	*Then someone told David that Ahithophel had joined the Israelites who were rebelling against David and supporting Absalom as their king. So David prayed, "Yahweh, please make Ahithophel give Absalom bad advice!"*

What did David pray when he was told that Ahithophel was with Absalom?

David prayed that Yahweh would make Ahithophel give Absalom bad advice.

2 Samuel 15:32

ULT	UST
And it happened, David came to the top, where one would prostrate himself to God there, and behold, meeting him was Hushai the Archite. His robe was torn, and dirt was on his head.	*When they arrived at the top of the hill, where there was a place where people worshiped God, David unexpectedly met Hushai the Archite. To show that he was very sad, Hushai had torn his clothes and put dirt on his head.*

Who did David meet at the top of the Mount of Olives?

David unexpectedly met Hushai the Archite, who had torn his clothes and put dirt on his head to show that he was very sad.

2 Samuel 15:34

ULT	UST
But if you return to the city and say to Absalom, 'I am your servant, O king. I was the servant of your father, and as I was previously, and now, so I will be your servant,' then you will break up the counsel of Ahithophel for me.	*But if you return to the city, you can help me by telling Absalom, 'Your Majesty, I will be your advisor. In the past, I was your father's advisor. But just as I advised him then, so I will advise you now.' If you do that, you will be able to help me by countering any good advice that Ahithophel gives to Absalom.*

What did David want Hushai the Archite to do for him?

David wanted Hushai to return to the city and offer to be Absalom's servant so he would be able to counter any good advice that Ahithophel would give to Absalom.

2 Samuel 15:35

ULT	UST
Will not Zadok and Abiathar the priests be with you there? And may it be, every word that you hear from the house of the king, declare to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests.	*Zadok and Abiathar the priests are already there. Whatever you hear people say in the king's palace, tell it to Zadok and Abiathar.*

To whom did David want Hushai to report everything he heard in the king's palace?

David wanted Hushai to report everything to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

2 Samuel 16

2 Samuel 16:1

ULT	UST
And David passed over a little from the top, and behold, meeting him was Ziba, the young man of Mephibosheth, and a pair of saddled donkeys, and on them 200 loaves of bread and 100 clusters of raisins and 100 summer fruit and a skin of wine.	*When David and the others had gone a little way past the top of the hill, he unexpectedly met Mephibosheth's servant Ziba. He had two donkeys with him that were carrying 200 loaves of bread, 100 bunches of raisins, 100 bunches of fresh figs, and a leather bag full of wine.*

What did Ziba, the servant of Mephibosheth, bring to David?

Ziba brought a pair of saddled donkeys, 200 loaves of bread, 100 clusters of raisins, 100 summer fruits, and a skin of wine.

2 Samuel 16:3

ULT	UST
And the king said, "And where is the son of your master?" And Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he is staying in Jerusalem, for he said, 'Today, the house of Israel will return the kingdom of my father to me.'"	*The king said, "Where is Mephibosheth, the grandson of your former master Saul?" Ziba answered, "You should know that he has remained in Jerusalem, because he thinks that now the Israelites will allow him to rule their kingdom as his grandfather Saul did."*

According to Ziba, why did Mephibosheth stay in Jerusalem?

Ziba said Mephibosheth stayed because he said that the house of Israel would return the kingdom of his father to him that day.

2 Samuel 16:4

ULT	UST
And the king said to Ziba, "Behold, to you is all that was to Mephibosheth." And Ziba said, "I prostrate myself. May I find favor in your eyes, my lord the king."	*The king said to Ziba, "In that case, everything that belonged to Mephibosheth is now yours." Ziba replied, "Your Majesty, I will humbly serve you. I hope that you will always be pleased with me."*

What did the king say now belonged to Ziba?

The king told Ziba that all that belonged to Mephibosheth was now his.

2 Samuel 16:5-6

What did Shimei do to David and all the king's officials?

Shimei came out cursing, and he threw stones at David and all the servants of King David.

2 Samuel 16:7-8

What did Shimei call David?

Shimei called David a man of blood and a man of wickedness.

2 Samuel 16:12

ULT	UST
Perhaps Yahweh will look at my affliction, and Yahweh will return good to me in place of his cursing this day."	*Perhaps Yahweh will see how much trouble I am having and decide to make good things happen to me instead of the curses that this man is shouting at me today."*

What did David hope Yahweh would do in response to Shimei's cursing?

David hoped that Yahweh would look at his affliction and return good to him in place of the cursing.

2 Samuel 16:16

ULT	UST
And it happened, when Hushai the Archite, the friend of David, came to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, "May the king live! May the king live!"	*Then David's friend Hushai came to Absalom and said, "May you, the king, live a long time!"*

When Absalom came to Jerusalem, what did Hushai say to him?

Hushai said to Absalom, "May the king live! May the king live!"

2 Samuel 16:18

ULT	UST
And Hushai said to Absalom, "No, but whom Yahweh has chosen, and this people, and every man of Israel, to him I will be, and with him I will stay.	*Hushai replied, "Yahweh has chosen you to be the king. So have all these people here, and so have all the other Israelites. So I will now be loyal to you and stay here in Jerusalem with you.*

To whom did Hushai tell Absalom he would belong?

Hushai told Absalom that he would belong to the one whom Yahweh, the people, and every man of Israel had chosen.

2 Samuel 16:21

ULT	UST
And Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Go in to the concubines of your father whom he left to keep the house, and all of Israel will hear that you have made yourself stink with your father, and the hands of all who are with you will become strong."	*Ahithophel replied, "Your father left some of his secondary wives in the palace to take care of it. I advise you to have sexual relations with them. When people throughout Israel hear that you have done that, they will realize that you will never be able to reconcile with your father. Then all of the Israelites who are supporting you will fight hard to make sure that you defeat him."*

What did Ahithophel advise Absalom to do?

Ahithophel advised Absalom to go in to his father's concubines whom David had left to keep the house.

2 Samuel 16:23

ULT	UST
Now the counsel of Ahithophel that he counseled in those days was just as if one inquired of the word of God. Thus was all of the counsel of Ahithophel, both to David and to Absalom.	*In those days, people did what Ahithophel recommended just as if God himself had recommended it. That was how David had regarded what Ahithophel recommended, and Absalom regarded it in that same way.*

How was Ahithophel's counsel viewed?

The counsel of Ahithophel was viewed as if God himself had recommended it.

2 Samuel 17

2 Samuel 17:1-4

What did Ahithophel advise Absalom and all the elders of Israel about how he should attack David?

Ahithophel's advice was to let him lead a large army carry out a surprise attack on David that night, when he was weary and weak, kill only David, and bring back all the rest of the people for Absalom to rule.

2 Samuel 17:5-7

What was Hushai's opinion of Ahithophel's plan?

Hushai said that the counsel Ahithophel had given on this occasion was not good.

2 Samuel 17:9-10

Why did Hushai say the plan was not good?

Hushai said that David and his very brave warriors were probably in a safe place, and David's soldiers will certainly kill some of Ahithophel's soldiers at the start of the battle. When people hear about that, they will say that David's soldiers are slaughtering Absalom's soldiers! Then your other soldiers, even if they are as fearless as lions, will become very afraid.

2 Samuel 17:11-12

What did Hushai advise Absalom to do?

Hushai advised Absalom to gather all of Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and for Absalom himself to go into the battle. He said that this great army would overwhelm David's smaller army and none of them would survive.

2 Samuel 17:14

ULT	UST
And Absalom and all of the men of Israel said, "The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel." For Yahweh had appointed to break up the good counsel of Ahithophel for the sake of Yahweh bringing harm to Absalom.	*Absalom and the other Israelite leaders who were with him decided, "What Hushai suggests is better than what Ahithophel suggested." Yahweh led them not to accept Ahithophel's advice, which actually would have been better for Absalom. As a result, Yahweh caused a great defeat for Absalom.*

How did Absalom and the men of Israel respond to Hushai's advice?

They said the counsel of Hushai was better than the counsel of Ahithophel and they decided to do what Hushai suggested.

2 Samuel 17:16

ULT	UST
And now, send quickly and declare to David, saying, 'Do not lodge tonight at the fords of the wilderness, but also crossing over, cross over, lest the king be swallowed and all of the people who are with him.'"	*Then he said to them, "There is still a risk that Absalom might decide to do what Ahithophel suggested, so send a message quickly to David. Tell him not to stay overnight at the place where people can walk across the Jordan River. Instead, he and his soldiers must cross the Jordan River immediately. Otherwise, Absalom and his army may come and kill them."*

What message did Hushai send to David?

The message was that David should not stay at the place where people can walk across the Jordan River but should cross over immediately, because otherwise, Absalom and his army may come and kill them.

2 Samuel 17:17

ULT	UST
Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz were staying at En Rogel, and a maidservant would go and declare to them, and they, they would go and declare to King David, for they were not able to be seen entering the city.	*The priests' two sons, Jonathan and Ahimaaz, were staying near En Rogel, outside Jerusalem. They did not dare to enter the city, because if someone saw them, he would report it to Absalom. Instead, they had arranged for a woman who served the two priests to come and report to them what was happening. They would then go and report it to King David.*

How was information relayed to King David?

A maidservant of the two priests would go and declare news to Jonathan and Ahimaaz, and they would go and declare it to King David.

2 Samuel 17:18

ULT	UST
But a young man saw them, and he declared to Absalom. So the two of them went in haste, and they came to the house of a man in Bahurim, and to him was a well in his courtyard, and they went down there.	*But a young man saw them at En Rogel, and he went and reported this to Absalom. They knew the young man had recognized them, so both of them left quickly and went to the house of a man who lived in the city of Bahurim. That man had a well in his courtyard, and he let Jonathan and Ahimaaz go down into the well to hide.*

What did Jonathan and Ahimaaz do when a young man saw them and told Absalom?

The two of them went quickly to the house of a man in Bahurim and went down into a well in his courtyard.

2 Samuel 17:19-20

How were the two men helped?

The man's wife spread a covering over the well and spread grain on it, and when Absalom's servants asked where the men were, she told them they had crossed the brook.

2 Samuel 17:21-22

After Absalom's men left, what did the two men do?

They came up from the well, went and reported the news to King David, and told him to get all these people across the Jordan River quickly.

2 Samuel 17:23

ULT	UST
And Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not done, and he saddled his donkey, and he arose and went to his house, to his city, and he commanded about his house, and he hanged himself, and he died. And he was buried in the grave of his father.	*When Ahithophel realized that Absalom was not going to do what he had recommended, he knew that David would defeat Absalom, so he put a saddle on his donkey and returned home to his own city. He gave to his family instructions about what to do with his possessions, and then he hanged himself because he knew that otherwise David would kill him as a traitor. People buried his body in the same tomb where people had buried his father.*

What did Ahithophel do when he saw that his counsel was not followed?

Ahithophel saddled his donkey, went to his house, gave to his family instructions about what to do with his possessions, and then he hanged himself because he knew that otherwise David would kill him as a traitor.

2 Samuel 17:27-29

How were David and his people cared for in the wilderness?

Shobi, Machir, and Barzillai brought beds, basins, pottery, and all kinds of food for David and the people with him to eat.

2 Samuel 18

2 Samuel 18:2

ULT	UST
And David sent out the people, a third in the hand of Joab and a third in the hand of Abishai, the son of Zeruiah, the brother of Joab, and a third in the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said to the people, "Going out, I will go out, I too, with you."	*David then sent the soldiers out in three divisions. Joab commanded one division, Joab's brother Abishai commanded a second division, and Ittai from Gath commanded the third division. Before they left, David told the soldiers, "I will go with you personally into the battle."*

What did King David tell the army?

King David told the army that he would also go out with them himself.

2 Samuel 18:3-4

What was the response from the men in the army to King David?

The men told King David not to go out, because he was worth ten thousand of them, and it was better for him to be ready to help them from the city.

2 Samuel 18:5

ULT	UST
And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Gently for me with the young man, with Absalom." And all of the people heard when the king commanded all of the commanders about the matter of Absalom.	*As they were leaving, the king ordered Joab, Abishai, and Ittai, "For my sake, do not harm that young man Absalom!" All the soldiers heard David give this order about Absalom to his three main commanders.*

What instructions did the king give his commanders about Absalom?

The king told the commanders not to harm the young man Absalom for his sake.

2 Samuel 18:6-8

What was the outcome of the battle in the Forest of Ephraim?

The people of Israel were struck down before the servants of David, and more of Absalom's soldiers died because of accidents in the forest than the number of them whom David's soldiers killed in the battle.

2 Samuel 18:9

ULT	UST
And Absalom was met to the face of the servants of David. Now Absalom was riding on the mule, and the mule came under the branches of a great oak tree, and his head was caught in the oak tree, and he was put between the heavens and between the earth, and the mule that was under him passed on.	*In the forest, Absalom suddenly noticed that some of David's soldiers were near him. Absalom was riding on the mule that the Israelite king rode. To get away from David's soldiers, he made the mule run away, and the mule ran under the thick branches of a large oak tree. Absalom's head got caught in the branches. The mule he was riding kept going, and that left Absalom dangling in the air.*

What happened to Absalom when the mule he was riding ran under the thick branches of a large oak tree?

Absalom's head was caught in the oak tree. The mule kept going, and that left Absalom dangling in the air.

2 Samuel 18:10-11

Why was Joab upset with the man who saw Absalom?

Joab was upset because the man did not kill Absalom immediately.

2 Samuel 18:12-13

Why did the man refuse to kill Absalom?

He refused because he had heard the king command his commanders to keep from hurting the young man Absalom.

2 Samuel 18:14

ULT	UST
And Joab said, "I will not wait thus to your face." And he took three spears in his palm, and he thrust them into the heart of Absalom, he still being alive in the heart of the oak tree.	*Joab said, "I am not going to stay here and speak with you any longer!" Then he got three spears and went to where Absalom was. Absalom was still alive, dangling from the branches of the oak tree. Joab thrust the spears into Absalom's chest.*

What did Joab do to Absalom?

Joab took three spears and thrust them into the heart of Absalom while he was still alive in the oak tree.

2 Samuel 18:17

ULT	UST
And they took Absalom, and they threw him into a great pit in the forest, and they set up a very great heap of stones over him. And all of Israel fled, a man to his tent.	*They took Absalom's body and threw it into a huge pit in the forest. They covered it with a huge pile of stones. Meanwhile, all the remaining Israelite soldiers who had been supporting Absalom ran away back to their own homes.*

What was done with Absalom's body?

They threw Absalom's body into a great pit in the forest and set up a very great heap of stones over him.

2 Samuel 18:18

ULT	UST
Now while he was living, Absalom had taken and set up for himself a pillar, which was in the Valley of the King. For he said, "There is no son to me in order to make people remember my name." And he called the pillar according to his name, and it is called the Hand of Absalom to this day.	*(Absalom had no sons to preserve his family name because his sons had died while they were still young. So while Absalom was alive, he had built a monument in the Valley of Kings near Jerusalem. He thought that if he did that, people would remember him. He named the monument after himself, and people still call it Absalom's Monument.)*

Why had Absalom set up a pillar for himself in the Valley of the King while he was alive?

Absalom set up a pillar to make his name remembered, because he said he had no son to make people remember his name.

2 Samuel 18:19-20

Why did Joab tell Ahimaaz not to run to the king with the news?

Joab told him not to bring the news that day because the king's son was dead.

2 Samuel 18:21-23

Why did Ahimaaz still run and tell David the news?

Ahimaaz insisted on running after the Cushite, even though Joab told him there was no reward for the news, so Joab told him to go.

2 Samuel 18:24-25

What did the king think when the watcher reported a lone runner?

The king said that if the man was by himself, that indicates that he is bringing news.

2 Samuel 18:26

ULT	UST
And the watcher saw another man running, and the watcher called to the gatekeeper and said, "Behold, a man running by himself." And the king said, "This one is also bringing news."	*Then the watchman saw another man running. So he called down to those below, "I see another man running alone!" And King David said, "He is also coming to tell us some news."*

What did the king think when the watcher reported another lone runner?

The king said that this one was also bringing news.

2 Samuel 18:27

ULT	UST
And the watcher said, "I am seeing the running of the first like the running of Ahimaaz, the son of Zadok." And the king said, "This is a good man, and he comes with good news."	*The watchman said, "The first man seems to be Ahimaaz son of Zadok. He is running the way Ahimaaz runs." The king said, "He must be coming to tell us good news, because Joab would not have sent someone like him to tell us bad news."*

What did the king think when the watcher identified the first runner as Ahimaaz?

The king said that he was a good man and came with good news.

2 Samuel 18:28

ULT	UST
And Ahimaaz called and said to the king, "Peace!" And he prostrated himself to the king with his nose to the ground. And he said, "Blessed be Yahweh your God, who has enclosed the men who lifted their hand against my lord the king."	*When Ahimaaz got close enough, he called out to King David, "All is well!" When he arrived, he knelt down in front of him with his face on the ground to show respect. Then he said, "Your Majesty, praise Yahweh your God, who made your soldiers defeat the men who were rebelling against you!"*

What news did Ahimaaz bring to the king?

Ahimaaz told the king that Yahweh had defeated the men who had lifted their hand against the king.

2 Samuel 18:29

ULT	UST
And the king said, "Is peace to the young man, to Absalom?" And Ahimaaz said, "I saw a great tumult when Joab sent the servant of the king and your servant, but I do not know what."	*King David asked, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" Ahimaaz did not want to answer that question, so he replied, "When Joab sent the man from Ethiopia and me to bring news to you, I saw that there was a lot of confusion, but I do not know what it was about."*

How did Ahimaaz answer when the king asked about Absalom?

Ahimaaz said he saw a great tumult but did not know what it was about.

2 Samuel 18:32

ULT	UST
And the king said to the Cushite, "Is peace to the young man, to Absalom?" And the Cushite said, "May the enemies of my lord the king and all who arise against you for harm be like the young man."	*The king said to him, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" The man from Ethiopia replied, "Sir, I wish that what happened to him would happen to all of your enemies and to anyone who violently rebels against you!"*

What was the Cushite's answer when the king asked about Absalom?

The Cushite said that he wished that what happened to Absalom would happen to all of David's enemies and to anyone who rebels against him.

2 Samuel 18:33

ULT	UST
And the king trembled, and he went up to the upper room of the gate, and he wept. And thus he said as he went: "My son Absalom! My son, my son, Absalom! Who will give my dying myself in place of you? Absalom, my son, my son!"	*Realizing that he meant that Absalom was dead, David became extremely distressed. He went up to the room above the gateway and cried. As he was going up, he kept crying out, "O, my son Absalom! O, my dear son Absalom, I wish that I had died instead of you, Absalom, my dear son!"*

How did the king respond to the news of his son's death?

The king trembled, went up to the upper room of the gate, and wept, wishing he had died in place of his son.

2 Samuel 19

2 Samuel 19:2

ULT	UST
And the victory on that day became mourning for all of the people, for the people heard on that day, saying, "The king is grieved because of his son."	*All of David's soldiers heard that he was unhappy that their army had killed Absalom. So even though they had won the battle against Absalom's soldiers, they could not celebrate that day.*

Why did the victory that day turn into mourning for all the people?

The victory turned into mourning because the people heard that the king was grieved because of his son.

2 Samuel 19:4

ULT	UST
And the king covered his face, and the king cried out with a loud voice, "My son Absalom! Absalom, my son, my son!"	*The king covered his face with part of his cloak, and he kept crying loudly, "O, my son Absalom! Absalom, my dear son!"*

What was the king's cry?

The king cried, "My son Absalom! Absalom, my son, my son!"

2 Samuel 19:6

ULT	UST
by loving the ones hating you and by hating the ones loving you. For you have declared today that the commanders and servants are nothing to you. For I know today that if Absalom were alive and all of us were dead today, that then it would be right in your eyes.	*You seem to love those who hate you and hate those who love you! It is as if you have said that you do not care about your own commanders and your soldiers. I can see that if Absalom were still alive and all of us were dead today, you would like that better.*

What did Joab say would have pleased the king?

Joab said that he could see that if Absalom were still alive and all of David's men were dead today, David would like that better.

2 Samuel 19:7

ULT	UST
But now, arise, go out and speak to the heart of your servants, for I swear by Yahweh, if you are not going out, if a man will lodge with you tonight, and this will be more trouble for you than all of the trouble that has come on you from your youth until now."	*So now you must go out and thank your soldiers for what they did. I swear by Yahweh that if you do not do that, they will all have abandoned you by tomorrow morning. Then you will be in more trouble than you have already had in your entire life!"*

What did Joab tell the king would happen if he did not go out and speak to his servants?

Joab swore by Yahweh that if the king did not go out, all his soldiers will have abandoned him by tomorrow morning.

2 Samuel 19:8

ULT	UST
So the king arose and sat in the gate. And they declared to all of the people, saying, "Behold, the king is sitting in the gate." And all of the people came to the face of the king. But Israel had fled, a man to his tent.	*So the king went and sat at the city gate. People told the soldiers, "Look, the king is sitting at the gate!" So the soldiers came and gathered around him, and he thanked them. Meanwhile, all the remaining Israelite soldiers who had been supporting Absalom had run away back to their own homes.*

When did all the people come before the king?

All the people came before the king after they were told that the king was sitting in the gate.

2 Samuel 19:9-11

What were the people in the tribes of Israel arguing about?

The people were arguing about what they should do now that Absalom was dead and David had left Israel to escape from Absalom.

2 Samuel 19:11

ULT	UST
And King David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar, the priests, saying, "Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, 'Why are you the last to bring back the king to his house? For the word of all of Israel has come to the king, to his house.	*King David learned what the people were saying, so he sent the two priests, Zadok and Abiathar, to say to the leaders of Judah, "The king says that he has heard that the Israelite people want him to be king again. He says that you should not be the last ones to bring him back to his palace.*

Whom did King David send to speak to the elders of Judah?

David sent Zadok and Abiathar the priests to speak to the elders of Judah.

2 Samuel 19:13

ULT	UST
And to Amasa you shall say, 'Are you not my bone and my flesh? Thus may God do to me, and thus may he add, if you are not the commander of the army to my face all of the years in place of Joab.'"	*He also told them to say to Amasa, "You are one of my relatives. I swear that I am going to make you my army commander from now on instead of Joab. If I do not do that, then may God not make me the king again."*

Whom did David say would be the commander of his army in place of Joab?

David said Amasa would be the commander of the army in place of Joab.

2 Samuel 19:15

ULT	UST
And the king returned, and he came to the Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal to go to meet the king to bring the king across the Jordan.	*So King David and his officials started back toward Jerusalem. When they arrived at the eastern shore of Jordan River, the leaders of the tribe of Judah met them. They had come to Gilgal on the western shore to escort the king and his officials across the river.*

Why did the men of Judah come to Gilgal?

The men of Judah came to Gilgal to meet the king and to bring him across the Jordan.

2 Samuel 19:16-17

Who rushed to the Jordan to meet the king?

Shimei, with 1,000 men from Benjamin, and Ziba, with his 15 sons and 20 servants, rushed to the Jordan.

2 Samuel 19:20

ULT	UST
For your servant knows that I, I have sinned, and behold, I have come today, the first of all of the house of Joseph to come down to meet my lord the king."	*I acknowledge that I have sinned against you. But please consider that I have been first one from the northern tribes to come here today to welcome you back, Your Majesty."*

Why did Shimei say he was the first from the house of Joseph to meet the king?

Shimei came first because he knew that he had sinned against the king.

2 Samuel 19:23

ULT	UST
And the king said to Shimei, "You shall not die." And the king swore to him.	*Then King David told Shimei, "I promise that I will not execute you," and he swore an oath that he would not execute him.*

What did the king say to Shimei after Abishai said Shimei should be put to death?

The king told Shimei that he would not die, and he swore an oath to him.

2 Samuel 19:24

ULT	UST
And Mephibosheth, the son of Saul, came down to meet the king. And he had not done his feet, and he had not done his mustache, and he had not washed his clothes from the day the king went up to the day that he came in peace.	*Mephibosheth, Saul's grandson, also came to the Jordan River to welcome King David back. To show his grief, Mephibosheth had not cut his toenails or trimmed his mustache or washed his clothes from the time that the king left Jerusalem up to the time when he returned safely.*

How did Mephibosheth look when he came to meet the king?

Mephibosheth had not cared for his feet, trimmed his mustache, or washed his clothes from the day the king went away.

2 Samuel 19:26

ULT	UST
And he said, "My lord the king, my servant deceived me, for your servant said, 'Let me saddle a donkey for myself, and let me ride on it, and let me go with the king.' For your servant is lame.	*He replied, "Your Majesty, when I heard that you were leaving Jerusalem, I told my servant Ziba, 'Saddle my donkey so that I can ride on it and go with the king.' But he deceived me and left without me. I could not follow him, because I am crippled.*

What reason did Mephibosheth give for not going with the king?

Mephibosheth told the king that his servant, Ziba, had deceived him and left without him, and Mephibosheth could not follow him because he was crippled.

2 Samuel 19:27

ULT	UST
And he slandered your servant to my lord the king. But my lord the king is like an angel of God, so do the good in your eyes.	*He lied to you about me. But your Majesty, you are as wise as one of God's angels. So do whatever seems right to you.*

What else did Mephibosheth say Ziba had done to him?

Mephibosheth said Ziba had lied about him to the king.

2 Samuel 19:30

ULT	UST
And Mephibosheth said to the king, "Let him even take the whole, after that my lord the king has come in peace to his house."	*Mephibosheth replied to the king, "Your Majesty, Ziba may have all of the land. All that matters to me is that you have returned safely."*

How did Mephibosheth reply when the king said he and Ziba should divide the field?

Mephibosheth told the king to let Ziba take the whole field, because all that mattered to him was that the king had returned safely.

2 Samuel 19:32

ULT	UST
Now Barzillai had aged greatly, a son of 80 years. And he, he had sustained the king in his stay in Mahanaim, for he was a very great man.	*By this time Barzillai was elderly. He was 80 years old. But he was such a wealthy man that he had been able to provide all of the food that the king and his soldiers needed while they were at Mahanaim.*

What had Barzillai done for the king?

Barzillai had provided all of the food that the king and his soldiers needed while they were at Mahanaim.

2 Samuel 19:34-35

Why did Barzillai say he should not go to Jerusalem with the king?

Barzillai said he was too old, could no longer taste what he ate or drank, could not hear singers, and would be a burden to the king.

2 Samuel 19:37

ULT	UST
Please let your servant return, and let me die in my city by the grave of my father and my mother. But behold your servant Chimham. Let him cross over with my lord the king, and do for him what is good in your eyes."	*Instead, please allow me to return to my home. That is where I want to die, near my parents' grave so people can bury me there. But here is my son Chimham. Your Majesty, please allow him to go with you and serve you, and do for him whatever seems right to you."*

What did Barzillai request of the king?

Barzillai asked to return to his own city to die, but he asked the king to take his servant Chimham and do for him what was good in the king's eyes.

2 Samuel 19:40

ULT	UST
And the king passed on to Gilgal, and Chimham passed on with him. And all of the people of Judah brought the king over, and also half of the people of Israel.	*But Chimham stayed with King David as he continued on to Gilgal. Now the leaders of the tribe of Judah had escorted David across the Jordan River. But only some of the leaders of the other tribes arrived in time to do that with them, since the leaders of Judah did not wait for them.*

Who crossed over to Gilgal with the king?

Chimham, all the people of Judah, and also half the people of Israel crossed over to Gilgal with the king.

2 Samuel 19:43

ULT	UST
And a man of Israel answered a man of Judah, and he said, "Ten hands are to me in the king, and also in David, I more than you. So why have you despised me? Was not my word first, to bring back my king to me?" But the word of a man of Judah was harsher than the word of a man of Israel.	*The men of the other Israelite tribes replied, "We represent ten of the tribes that the Israelite king rules, and you represent only one. So you should not have treated us with disrespect by bringing the king back across the Jordan River without us. We were the first ones to talk about bringing David back to Jerusalem to be our king again." But the leaders of Judah angrily disagreed with the leaders of the other tribes of Israel.*

Why did the men of Israel say they had more right to David than the men of Judah?

The men of Israel said they had more right to David because they represented ten tribes that were related to the king. The men of Judah represented only one tribe. Also, the people of Judah had started the rebellion against David.

Whose words were harsher, the men of Judah or the men of Israel?

The word of the men of Judah was harsher than the word of the men of Israel.

2 Samuel 20

2 Samuel 20:1

ULT	UST
And a man of wickedness was met there, and his name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a man of Benjamin. And he blew on a shofar, and he said, "There is no portion to us in David, and no inheritance is to us in the son of Jesse. A man to his tents, Israel!"	*There was a man there at Gilgal whose name was Sheba. He was the son of Bichri. He was a man who often caused trouble. He came from the tribe of Benjamin. He blew a ram's horn and called out, "David, that son of Jesse, does not belong to us at all! So, my fellow Israelites, let us return to our homes!"*

Why was Sheba called a man of wickedness?

He was called a man of wickedness because he blew a shofar and told the men of Israel to return home; he said David did not belong to them at all.

2 Samuel 20:2

ULT	UST
And all of the men of Israel went up from after David to after Sheba, the son of Bichri. But the men of Judah clung to their king from the Jordan and to Jerusalem.	*Then the leaders of the Israelite tribes decided not to escort David back to Jerusalem. Instead, they did what Sheba had said and returned to their homes. But the leaders of the tribe of Judah remained with David. They still wanted him to be their king. So they escorted him from near the Jordan River back to the city of Jerusalem.*

How was the response of the men of Judah to Sheba different from the men of Israel?

The men of Judah clung to their king, but the men of Israel did what Sheba had said and returned to their homes.

2 Samuel 20:3

ULT	UST
And David came to his house in Jerusalem, and the king took the ten concubine wives whom he had left to keep the house, and he put them in a house of keeping, and he sustained them, but he did not go in to them. And they were confined until the day of their death, a widowhood of life.	*When David arrived at the palace in Jerusalem, he took the ten secondary wives whom he had left there to take care of the palace and put them in another residence where someone guarded them. David provided what they needed, but he never had sexual relations with them again. It was as if they were widows, even though their husband was still alive. They had to stay in that residence until they died.*

How did David's relationship with his ten concubines change?

He put them in another residence where someone guarded them. They had to stay in that house until they died. David provided what they needed, but he never had sexual relations with them again.

2 Samuel 20:4-5

What did the king tell Amasa to do?

The king told Amasa to call up the men of Judah within three days and to be there himself.

2 Samuel 20:6-7

How did David respond when Amasa was delayed?

David told Abishai to take the soldiers already here and go to capture him. If not, we will no longer know where his is going, and the delay would allow him and his soldiers to go into fortified cities.

2 Samuel 20:9-10

What did Joab do when he greeted Amasa?

As Joab held Amasa's beard with his right hand to kiss him, he struck him in the stomach with the sword in his left hand.

2 Samuel 20:11-13

What did one of Joab's men do after Joab stabbed Amasa?

He stood by Amasa and called for those who delighted in Joab and David to follow Joab, and then he removed Amasa's body from the road into a field so the soldiers would not stop to look.

2 Samuel 20:14-15

What did Joab and his men do when they found Sheba in Abel Beth Maacah?

They besieged him in the city built a dirt ramp up against the outer wall of the city to batter and collapse the city wall.

2 Samuel 20:18-19

How did the wise woman describe the residents of her city of Abel to Joab?

She described the residents as peaceful and loyal Israelites.

2 Samuel 20:19

ULT	UST
I am pacified and faithful ones of Israel. You are seeking to kill a city and a mother in Israel. Why will you devour the inheritance of Yahweh?"	*We who live in this city are peaceful and loyal Israelites. But you are trying to destroy our city. Many towns and villages in this area depend on us. You should not be trying to destroy a community that belongs to Yahweh!"*

What did the woman ask Joab?

The woman asked Joab why he would try to destroy an Israelite community.

2 Samuel 20:20-21

What condition did Joab give the woman for withdrawing from the city?

Joab said that if they would give him Sheba, who is rebelling against King David, he would go away from the city.

2 Samuel 20:21-22

How did the people of the city respond to Joab's condition?

The woman came to the people in her wisdom, and they cut off the head of Sheba and threw it to Joab.

2 Samuel 20:24

ULT	UST
And Adoniram was over the forced labor, and Jehoshaphat, the son of Ahilud, was the recorder.	*Adoniram supervised the men whom the king forced to work for him. Jehoshaphat son of Ahilud was the man who reported to the people everything that David decided.*

What was Adoniram's responsibility?

Adoniram was over the forced labor.

2 Samuel 21

2 Samuel 21:1-2

Why was there a famine in the land for three years?

There was a famine because of the bloodguilt on Saul and his house. The Israelites had solemnly promised that they would not kill them, but Saul had tried to kill all of them because he wanted the people of Judah and Israel to be the only ones living in that land.

2 Samuel 21:2-3

Why did King David want to make atonement to the Gibeonites?

David wanted to make atonement so that they ask Yahweh to do good things for us Israelites again.

2 Samuel 21:4

ULT	UST
And the Gibeonites said to him, “There is no silver or gold for us with Saul or with his house. And there is not for us a man to kill in Israel.” And he said, “What are you saying I shall do for you?”	*They replied, “You cannot make up for what Saul did to us by having his family pay us any amount of money. And we do not have the right to kill any Israelites.” So David asked, “So what are you asking me to do for you?”*

What did David agree to do to atone for the injustice done to the Gibeonites?

David agreed to do whatever the Gibeonites asked him to do.

2 Samuel 21:5-6

What did the Gibeonites request from David to atone for Saul’s actions?

They requested that seven men from Saul’s sons be given to them so they could hang them before Yahweh at Gibeah.

2 Samuel 21:7-9

How did David respond to the Gibeonites' request?

David spared Mephibosheth but gave them the two sons of Rizpah and the five sons of Michal, and the Gibeonites hanged them on the hill.

2 Samuel 21:10-11

What did Rizpah do to express her grief for her sons?

She did not allow any birds to come near the corpses during the day, and she did not allow any animals to come near them during the night from the time that people started to harvest barley until the autumn rains began.

2 Samuel 21:12

ULT	UST
And David went, and he took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the lords of Jabesh Gilead, who had stolen them from the open area of Beth Shan, where the Philistines had hanged them there on the day the Philistines struck Saul at Gilboa.	*So he went with some of his servants to Jabesh Gilead, where the leaders of that city allowed him to take the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan. The soldiers from that city had gone stealthily at night and taken their bones from the plaza in the city of Beth Shan. That was where Philistine soldiers had hung them on the day when they had killed Saul and Jonathan on Mount Gilboa.*

From whom did David take the bones of Saul and Jonathan?

David took the bones of Saul and Jonathan from the leaders of the city of Jabesh Gilead.

2 Samuel 21:15-17

How did Abishai rescue David when he was weary?

When David was weary, Abishai helped him by striking and killing the Philistine giant Ishbi Benob, who had intended to kill David.

2 Samuel 21:17

ULT	UST
But Abishai, the son of Zeruiah, helped him, and he struck the Philistine, and he killed him. Then the men of David adjured him, saying, "You shall not go out with us to battle anymore, so you do not extinguish the lamp of Israel."	*But Abishai son of Zeruiah came to help David. He attacked the giant and killed him. Then David's soldiers made David promise that he would not go with them into a battle again. They said that if enemy soldiers killed him in battle, Israel would no longer have him as king to guide them.*

Why did David's men insist that he no longer go into battle with them?

They said that if enemy soldiers killed him in battle, Israel would no longer have him as king to guide them.

2 Samuel 21:20-22

Whom did David and his servants kill in Gath?

They killed four giants who were born to Rapha in Gath.

2 Samuel 22

2 Samuel 22:1-2

When did David sing the song that Yahweh was his rock?

David sang the song on the day Yahweh delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

2 Samuel 22:4

ULT	UST
To the one being praised I call, to Yahweh, and I am saved from my enemies.	*You deserve for people to praise you, Yahweh. When I cry to you for help, you rescue me from my enemies.*

When David calls on Yahweh, what does he say that Yahweh does?

David says when he calls on Yahweh, he is saved from his enemies.

2 Samuel 22:5-6

What did David feel like when he was surrounded by his enemies?

David felt like the waves of death and the cords of Sheol surrounded him.

2 Samuel 22:7

ULT	UST
In my distress I called to Yahweh, and to my God I called. And he heard my voice from his temple, and my cry was in his ears.	*But when I was very distressed, I cried out to you, Yahweh my God. From your temple in heaven you could hear me calling, and you listened to my prayer.*

How did David respond to his distressing circumstances?

In his distress, David called to Yahweh, and Yahweh heard his voice from his temple.

2 Samuel 22:8-9

What happened because God was angry?

The earth shook and trembled, smoke went up from his nose, and a stream of fire was flowing out from his mouth to burn up everything in its path.

2 Samuel 22:10-12

How did Yahweh come down from the heavens?

He lowered the heavens and came down, riding on a cherub and flying on the wings of the wind.

2 Samuel 22:14-15

How did Yahweh scatter his enemies?

Yahweh thundered from the heavens, sent out arrows and flashes of lightning, and panicked them.

2 Samuel 22:16

ULT	UST
And the channels of the sea were seen, the foundations of the world were uncovered, at the rebuke of Yahweh, from the blast of the breath of his nose.	*Then it was as if you shouted at my enemies to tell them to stop trying to kill me. It was as if you blew away all the water that was covering the bottom of the ocean and all the ground that was over the deepest part of the earth.*

How were the foundations of the world uncovered?

The foundations of the world were uncovered at the rebuke of Yahweh, from the blast of the breath of his nose.

2 Samuel 22:17-18

How did Yahweh rescue David from the strong enemy who hated him?

David said it was as if Yahweh reached down from heaven and grabbed him so that he could pull David up out of the deep water of the ocean.

2 Samuel 22:19-21

Why did Yahweh deliver David?

Yahweh delivered David because he delighted in him.

2 Samuel 22:22-23

How did David keep the ways of Yahweh?

David kept the ways of Yahweh and did not turn away from his statutes.

2 Samuel 22:24-25

What happened because David was blameless and kept himself from iniquity?

Yahweh gave back to him according to his righteousness and his cleanness.

2 Samuel 22:28-29

What does Yahweh do to the proud?

Yahweh is aware of people who are arrogant, and he humiliates them.

2 Samuel 22:31

ULT	UST
This God, his way is perfect. The word of Yahweh is refined. He is a shield to all of the ones taking refuge in him.	*My God, everything that you do is perfect. Everything that you say is right. You protect everyone who depends on you, as if you are a shield that defends them.*

What is Yahweh to everyone who takes refuge in him?

Yahweh is a shield to all who take refuge in him.

2 Samuel 22:32-33

Why did David say God was his rock and fortress?

David said God was his rock, the only real God, because God is where he can go to be safe. He said God was his fortress of strength because, to David, God is like a very secure place where he could go to hide from danger.

2 Samuel 22:37

ULT	UST
You enlarge my step under me, and my feet do not slip.	*You have given me many ways to respond to each situation. As a result, I have been able to carry out my plans successfully.*

Why had David's feet not slipped?

David says that God gave him many ways to respond to each situation, so that his enemies were not able to trap him.

2 Samuel 22:43

ULT	UST
And I beat them like the dust of the earth. Like the mud of the streets, I pulverize them, I stomp them.	*I defeated them so completely that they were no longer any threat to me, no more than tiny particles of dust would be. It was as if I had flattened them smoothly on the ground like the mud on the streets.*

What did David do to his enemies when they looked for a savior?

David defeated them so completely that they were no longer any threat to him no more than tiny particles of dust would be.

2 Samuel 22:44

ULT	UST
And you rescue me from the disputes of my people. You keep me as the head of nations. People I did not know serve me.	*You rescued me from the Israelites who tried to rebel against me. You preserved me as the ruler of many nations. Foreign people are now my subjects.*

What did Yahweh do for David?

Yahweh rescued David from the disputes of his people and kept him as the head of nations.

2 Samuel 22:47-49

What did Yahweh do on behalf of David?

Yahweh enabled David to conquer enemies, protecting him from being captured by them. Yahweh kept David safe when people rebelled against him and rescued hm from men who tried to harm him.

2 Samuel 22:50-51

Why did David sing praises to the name of Yahweh?

David said he thanks Yahweh so that all people groups will know that Yahweh is the one who has helped him. He sings to praise Yahweh for the great things he has done, faithfully showing kindness to David and to his descendants in the future.

2 Samuel 23

2 Samuel 23:1-2

What are the last words of David said to be?

They are the oracle of David, the man raised to a high position, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the one who wrote beautiful songs for the people of Israel.

2 Samuel 23:3-4

What did the God of Israel say to David?

The God of Israel said that a righteous one ruling over man in the fear of God is like the light of morning when the sun rises.

2 Samuel 23:6-7

Why will the wicked be like a thorn thrown away?

God will remove people who disrespect him, just as people throw away thorns that hurt their hands when they try to pick them up.

2 Samuel 23:9-10

How did Eleazar defeat the Philistines?

When other Israelites retreated in fear, Eleazar arose and struck the Philistines until his hand cramped and he could not let go of his sword, Yahweh won a great victory for the Israelites on that day.

2 Samuel 23:11-12

What did Shammah defend against the Philistines?

When other Israelite soldiers ran away from the battle, Shammah stationed himself in the middle of the field full of ripe lentils and fought and killed the Philistines, who wanted to steal the lentils. And so Yahweh won a great victory for the Israelites.

2 Samuel 23:15-16

What did the three mighty warriors do when they heard David express his desire for water from the well of Bethlehem?

The three warriors broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well, and brought it to David.

2 Samuel 23:16-17

Why did David refuse to drink the water from the well of Bethlehem?

David said it would not be right to drink it because he said that would be like drinking the blood of these men who were willing to die to get it for him.

2 Samuel 23:18-19

For what was Abishai known?

He once fought against 300 enemy soldiers and killed them all. As a result, he became famous like the three very greatest soldiers.

2 Samuel 23:20-21

How did Benaiah kill a huge Egyptian soldier?

Benaiah went down against the Egyptian with a staff, seized the spear from the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.

2 Samuel 24

2 Samuel 24:1-2

What did David ask Joab to do?

David asked Joab to go through all the tribes of Israel and count the men who could fight as soldiers.

2 Samuel 24:2-4

Why was Joab reluctant to count the people?

Joab did not understand why David wanted to count the people, and he did not think it was a good idea to count how many soldiers they had.

2 Samuel 24:8

ULT	UST
So they went about in all of the land. And they came, at the end of nine months and twenty days, to Jerusalem.	*It took them nine months and 20 days to finish going throughout the land and counting the people. After that, they returned to Jerusalem.*

How long did it take for Joab to go throughout all the land and return to Jerusalem?

It took nine months and twenty days for Joab to go throughout all the land and return to Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 24:9

ULT	UST
And Joab gave the number of the mustering of the people to the king. And Israel was 800, 000 men of valor drawing the sword, and the men of Judah were 500, 000 men.	*They reported to King David the number of men that they had counted. There were 800, 000 men in Israel and 500, 000 men in Judah who were fit to serve as soldiers in the army.*

How many fighting men did Joab count?

They reported to David that there were 800,000 men in Israel and 500,000 men in Judah who were fit to serve as soldiers in the army.

2 Samuel 24:10

ULT	UST
But the heart of David struck him after this, he had counted the people. And David said to Yahweh, "I have sinned greatly by what I have done. But now, Yahweh, please take away the iniquity of your servant, for I have acted very foolishly."	*But after David's officers had counted the fighting men of Israel, David felt very badly that he had told them to do that. He confessed to Yahweh, "When I ordered them to do that, I committed a very serious sin. Please forgive me. But now, Yahweh, I admit that what I did was very foolish."*

Why did David feel very badly after he had counted the people?

David realized that he had committed a very serious sin, confessed it to Yahweh, and asked Yahweh to forgive him for his foolish act.

2 Samuel 24:11-12

What message did Yahweh give to David through the prophet Gad?

Yahweh told David that he must choose one of three punishments.

2 Samuel 24:13

ULT	UST
And Gad came to David, and he declared to him. Then he said to him, "Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land, or three months of your fleeing to the face of your enemies and he is pursuing you, or three days of plague being in your land? Now, know and see what word I shall return to the one having sent me."	*So Gad went to David and told him that Yahweh had said he would need to choose one of three punishments. He then told David, "You can choose for there to be seven years of famine in Israel. You can choose for your enemies to keep defeating you so badly over the course of three months that your army keeps running away from them. Or you can choose for there to be a plague here in Israel for three days. I will go back and tell Yahweh your answer. So think carefully about what you will choose."*

What three choices of punishment did God give to David?

God offered a choice of seven years of famine, three months of fleeing from his enemies, or three days of plague in the land.

2 Samuel 24:15-16

Why did not more than 70,000 people die in the plague?

Yahweh grieved about punishing any more people, and told the angel to lower his hand.

2 Samuel 24:17

ULT	UST
And David spoke to Yahweh when he saw the angel, the striker among the people, and he said, "Behold, I, I have sinned, and I, I have committed iniquity. But these sheep, what have they done? Please, let your hand be against me and against the house of my father."	*When David saw the angel who was causing the people to become sick and die, he spoke to Yahweh. He said, "Truly, I am the one who has committed the sin. I have done a very wicked thing, but these people are as innocent as sheep. They have certainly not done anything that is wrong. So you should punish me and my family, not these people!"*

What did David request of Yahweh when he saw the angel?

David said that he had sinned, and he asked that Yahweh's hand be against him and his father's house, not against the people.

2 Samuel 24:18-20

What did Gad the prophet tell David to do?

Gad told David to go up and set up an altar for Yahweh on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

2 Samuel 24:21

ULT	UST
And Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" And David said, "To buy from you the threshing floor to build an altar for Yahweh, that the plague may be restrained from against the people."	*Araunah said, "Your Majesty, may I ask why you have come to me?" David replied, "I have come to buy this ground where you thresh grain. That way I can build an altar here to Yahweh and offer sacrifices on it so that he will stop the plague that has been killing so many Israelites."*

What was David's purpose for going to Araunah?

David wanted to buy the threshing floor to build an altar for Yahweh so that he will stop the plague that has been killing so many Israelites.

2 Samuel 24:24

ULT	UST
And the king said to Araunah, "No, but buying, I will buy it from you for a price. For I will not offer to Yahweh my God burnt offerings for nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for silver, 50 shekels.	*But the king said to Araunah, "No, I will not accept these things as a gift. I will pay you for them. I will not take things that have cost me nothing and burn them completely on an altar as offerings to Yahweh." So David paid 50 shekels of silver to Araunah for the oxen and the ground.*

Why did David insist on buying Araunah's threshing floor for a price?

David insisted on buying it because he would not offer to Yahweh burnt offerings that cost him nothing.

2 Samuel 24:25

ULT	UST
And David built an altar there for Yahweh, and he offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. And Yahweh was entreated for the land, and the plague was restrained from against Israel.	*Then David built an altar there to Yahweh. He burned the oxen completely on the altar as an offering. He also offered fellowship sacrifices. Then Yahweh answered David's prayers for the people of his land, and he ended the plague that had been killing so many Israelites.*

How did David stop the plague in Israel?

David built an altar for Yahweh and he offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. Then Yahweh answered David's prayers, and he ended the plague that had been killing so many Israelites.

1 Kings

1 Kings 1

1 Kings 1:1

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

What problem did King David have when he became old?

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

1 Kings 1:4

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

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

The king did not have sexual relations with Abishag.

1 Kings 1:5

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

How did Adonijah the son of Haggith exalt himself?

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

1 Kings 1:6

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

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

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

1 Kings 1:7

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

Who were the two men who followed and helped Adonijah?

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

1 Kings 1:9-10

Who did Adonijah not invite to his sacrifice?

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

1 Kings 1:11-12

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

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

1 Kings 1:13

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

What questions did Nathan tell Bathsheba to ask King David?

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

1 Kings 1:17

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

What promise had King David sworn to Bathsheba?

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

1 Kings 1:18-19

What did Bathsheba tell King David that Adonijah had done?

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

1 Kings 1:21

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

What did Bathsheba fear would happen when David died?

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

1 Kings 1:24

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

What question did Nathan the prophet ask of King David?

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

1 Kings 1:24-25

Why did Nathan the prophet come to visit King David?

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

1 Kings 1:29-30

What oath did King David make to Bathsheba?

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

1 Kings 1:32-34

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

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

1 Kings 1:39-40

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

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

1 Kings 1:51

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

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

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

1 Kings 1:53

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

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

King Solomon told Adonijah to go to his house.

1 Kings 2

1 Kings 2:3

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

What did King David tell his son Solomon?

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

1 Kings 2:4

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

What was Yahweh's promise to David?

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

1 Kings 2:5-6

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

King David told Solomon not to let him die peacefully.

1 Kings 2:7

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

What had the sons of Barzillai done for King David?

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

1 Kings 2:8

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

What had Shimei done to King David?

Shimei had violently cursed King David.

1 Kings 2:9

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

What did Kind David tell Solomon to do to Shimei?

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

1 Kings 2:11

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

How long did King David reign over Israel?

David reigned for 40 years.

1 Kings 2:15

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

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

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

1 Kings 2:16

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

What did Adonijah request from Bathsheba?

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

1 Kings 2:20-21

Why did Bathsheba go to Solomon?

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

1 Kings 2:23

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

What did King Solomon say in response to Bathsheba?

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

1 Kings 2:25

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

Who did King Solomon send to execute Adonijah?

Solomon sent Benaiah son of Jehoiada to execute Adonijah.

1 Kings 2:27

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

What did King Solomon tell Abiathar the priest to do?

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

1 Kings 2:28

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

Where did Joab go to flee from Solomon?

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

1 Kings 2:29

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

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

Solomon sent him to kill Joab.

1 Kings 2:30

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

What did Joab say to Benaiah the son of Jehoiada?

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

1 Kings 2:31

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

What did King Solomon tell Benaiah to do to Joab?

Solomon told Benaiah to do as Joab had said.

1 Kings 2:32-33

Why did King Solomon want Joab to be killed?

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

1 Kings 2:35

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

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

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

1 Kings 2:36

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

Where did King Solomon allow Shimei to live?

Solomon told Shimei that he could live in Jerusalem.

1 Kings 2:37

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

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

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

1 Kings 2:40

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

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

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

1 Kings 2:44

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

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

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

1 Kings 2:46

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

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

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

1 Kings 3

1 Kings 3:1

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

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

Solomon allied himself to Pharaoh by marrying his daughter.

1 Kings 3:3

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

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

Solomon sacrificed and burned incense at the high places.

1 Kings 3:4

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

Where was the great shrine located?

The great shrine was located in Gibeon.

1 Kings 3:5

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

How did Yahweh appear to King Solomon?

Yahweh appeared to Solomon in a dream at night.

1 Kings 3:9

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

What did King Solomon ask of Yahweh?

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

1 Kings 3:10

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

Did King Solomon’s request please the Lord?

Yes, Solomon’s request pleased the Lord.

1 Kings 3:12

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

What did God give to King Solomon?

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

1 Kings 3:13

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

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

Yes, God gave Solomon both riches and honor.

1 Kings 3:14

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

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

God said he would lengthen Solomon's days.

1 Kings 3:15

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

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

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

1 Kings 3:16

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

Who came and stood before King Solomon?

Two women who were prostitutes came and stood before Solomon.

1 Kings 3:20

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

What did the one woman say to King Solomon?

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

1 Kings 3:25

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

What command did King Solomon give to his servants?

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

1 Kings 3:26

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

What did the first woman say to King Solomon?

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

1 Kings 3:27

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

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

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

1 Kings 3:28

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

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

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

1 Kings 4

1 Kings 4:1

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

Was Solomon king over all Israel?

Yes, Solomon was king over all of Israel.

1 Kings 4:2-5

Did King Solomon have officials and officers?

King Solomon had many men who were officials and officers.

1 Kings 4:7

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

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

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

1 Kings 4:20

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

How numerous were Judah and Israel?

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

1 Kings 4:21

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

How far did Solomon rule?

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

1 Kings 4:22-23

What was Solomon's provision for one day?

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

1 Kings 4:25

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

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

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

1 Kings 4:26

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

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

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

1 Kings 4:28

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

What was brought for Solomon's horses?

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

1 Kings 4:29

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

What did God give to Solomon?

God gave Solomon great wisdom and understanding.

1 Kings 4:31

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

How far did Solomon's fame reach?

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

1 Kings 4:32

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

How many proverbs and songs did Solomon have?

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

1 Kings 4:34

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

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

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

1 Kings 5

1 Kings 5:1

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

Who sent servants to Solomon?

Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon.

1 Kings 5:3

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

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

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

1 Kings 5:5

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

What did Yahweh tell David?

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

1 Kings 5:6

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

What did Solomon ask Hiram to do?

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

1 Kings 5:7

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

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

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

1 Kings 5:8

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

Did Hiram do what Solomon asked him to do?

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

1 Kings 5:9

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

What would Hiram's servants do with the trees?

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

What did Hiram want Solomon to do for him?

Hiram desired that Solomon would supply food for his men.

1 Kings 5:11

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

What food did Solomon give to Hiram?

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

1 Kings 5:12

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

Was there peace between Hiram and Solomon?

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

1 Kings 5:13

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

How many forced laborers did Solomon have out of Israel?

Solomon had 30,000 forced laborers out of Israel.

1 Kings 5:14

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

Who did Solomon put over all of the forced laborers?

Solomon put Adoniram over all of the forced laborers.

1 Kings 5:16

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

Did Solomon have men who supervised all of the workers?

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

1 Kings 5:17

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

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

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

1 Kings 6

1 Kings 6:1

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

When did Solomon begin building the temple of Yahweh?

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

1 Kings 6:2

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

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

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

1 Kings 6:4

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

Did Solomon make windows for the house?

Yes, Solomon made framed windows for the house.

1 Kings 6:7

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

Where were the stones for the house prepared?

The stones for the house were prepared at the quarry.

1 Kings 6:9

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

What did Solomon use to cover the house?

Solomon covered the house with beams and boards of cedar.

1 Kings 6:10

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

How were the side rooms joined to the house?

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

1 Kings 6:13

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

Did Yahweh promise to live among the people of Israel?

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

1 Kings 6:15

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

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

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

1 Kings 6:17

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

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

The main hall of the house was 40 cubits long.

1 Kings 6:19

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

Why did Solomon prepare the inner sanctuary inside the house?

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

1 Kings 6:22

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

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

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

1 Kings 6:23

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

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

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

1 Kings 6:27

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

Where did Solomon place the cherubs he had made?

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

1 Kings 6:29

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

What did Solomon carve on the walls of the house?

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

1 Kings 6:31

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

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

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

1 Kings 6:38

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

How long did Solomon take to build the temple?

Solomon took seven years to build the temple.

1 Kings 7

1 Kings 7:1

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

How long did Solomon take to build his own palace?

Solomon took 13 years to build his own palace.

1 Kings 7:2

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

What forest did Solomon use to build his palace?

Solomon built his palace from the Forest of Lebanon.

1 Kings 7:6

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

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

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

1 Kings 7:7

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

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

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

1 Kings 7:8

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

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

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

1 Kings 7:10

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

How big were the foundation stones of the buildings?

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

1 Kings 7:12

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

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

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

1 Kings 7:14

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

Who came to work with bronze for king Solomon?

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

1 Kings 7:15

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

How many pillars of bronze did Hiram make?

Hiram made two pillars of bronze.

1 Kings 7:20

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

What was included at the very top of the pillars?

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

1 Kings 7:23-25

How many oxen did the sea stand on?

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

1 Kings 7:27

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

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

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

1 Kings 7:33

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

What were the wheels underneath the panels made of?

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

1 Kings 7:38

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

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

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

1 Kings 7:40

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

Did Hiram finish the work in the temple of Yahweh?

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

1 Kings 7:42

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

How many pomegranates did Hiram make for the decorative latticework?

Hiram made 400 pomegranates for the decorative latticework.

1 Kings 7:48

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

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

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

1 Kings 7:51

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

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

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

1 Kings 8

1 Kings 8:1

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

Why did Solomon assemble the leaders of Israel before himself?

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

1 Kings 8:2

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

Who assembled before King Solomon at the feast?

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

1 Kings 8:3

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

Who carried the Box?

The priests carried the Box.

1 Kings 8:5

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

What was sacrificed before the Box?

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

1 Kings 8:6

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:11

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

What filled the house of Yahweh?

The glory of Yahweh filled his house.

1 Kings 8:14

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

What did the king do for the assembly of Israel?

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

1 Kings 8:19

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

What had Yahweh told David?

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

1 Kings 8:22

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

What did Solomon do before the altar of Yahweh?

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

1 Kings 8:26

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

What did Solomon pray and ask of Yahweh?

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

1 Kings 8:29

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

What did Solomon pray for Yahweh to do?

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

1 Kings 8:30

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

From where would Yahweh listen when Israel prayed to him?

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

1 Kings 8:32

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:33

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

When would Israel be defeated by an enemy?

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

1 Kings 8:35

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

Why would the skies be shut and no rain fall?

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

1 Kings 8:40

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:41

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

Why would a foreigner come from a distant country?

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

1 Kings 8:43

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:46

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:47

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:48

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:50

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:51

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

From where did Yahweh rescue his people?

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

1 Kings 8:52

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

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

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

1 Kings 8:53

ULT	UST
For you, you separated them for yourself as an inheritance from all of the peoples of the earth, just as you spoke by the hand of Moses your servant when you brought out our fathers from Egypt, my Lord Yahweh."	*Yahweh my Lord, we are your people because you chose us from all the other people groups in the world to belong to you always. That is what you told Moses, your servant, to tell our ancestors when you delivered them from slavery in Egypt."*

Why did Yahweh separate his people from among all the peoples of the earth?

Yahweh separated his people from among all the peoples of the earth to belong to him and to receive his promises.

1 Kings 8:55

ULT	UST
And he stood, and he blessed all of the assembly of Israel in a great voice, saying,	*He turned to face the crowd and asked God to make good things happen for all the Israelite people. He said loudly,*

What did Solomon do after he finished all his prayer and request to Yahweh?

After he finished his prayer, Solomon stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel in a loud voice.

1 Kings 8:60

ULT	UST
so that all of the peoples of the earth may know that Yahweh, he is God, there is no other!	*If you do that, all the people groups in the world will know that you, Yahweh, are the only one who actually is God, and that there is no other one who is God at all.*

What did Solomon want all peoples of the earth to know?

Solomon wanted all the peoples of the earth to know that Yahweh is God and there is no other God.

1 Kings 8:61

ULT	UST
And may your heart be complete with Yahweh our God, to walk in his statutes and to keep his commandments, as this day.”	*I pray that all of you Israelites will always commit yourselves fully to Yahweh and that you will always obey his laws, just as you are doing now.”*

What did Solomon tell Yahweh’s people to do?

Solomon told them to keep their heart true to Yahweh and to walk in his statutes and commandments.

1 Kings 8:62

ULT	UST
And the king and all of Israel with him were sacrificing sacrifices to the face of Yahweh.	*Then King Solomon and all the Israelites who had come to Jerusalem for the temple dedication offered sacrifices to Yahweh.*

Who offered sacrifices to Yahweh?

The king and all Israel with him offered sacrifices to Yahweh.

1 Kings 8:63

ULT	UST
And Solomon sacrificed a sacrifice of peace offerings that he sacrificed to Yahweh, 22, 000 cattle and 120, 000 sheep. And the king and all of the sons of Israel dedicated the house of Yahweh.	*They sacrificed 22, 000 cattle and 120, 000 sheep as fellowship sacrifices to Yahweh. In this way the king and all the Israelites who were there dedicated Yahweh’s temple.*

How many oxen and sheep did Solomon sacrifice?

Solomon sacrificed 22,000 cattle and 120,000 sheep to Yahweh.

1 Kings 8:64

ULT	UST
On that day the king consecrated the middle of the courtyard that was to the face of the house of Yahweh, so that there he made the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat of the peace offerings, for the altar of bronze that was to the face of Yahweh was small from the containing of the burnt offering and the grain offering and the fat of the peace offerings.	*The bronze altar in front of the temple was not big enough to hold all those sacrifices. So that day King Solomon temporarily made the middle part of the courtyard in front of the temple a sacred place. There he and the people offered sacrifices that they burned completely on the altar, the accompanying offerings of flour, and the fat of the animals that were fellowship sacrifices.*

Why did the king consecrate the courtyard that was in front of the temple of Yahweh?

The king consecrated the courtyard because the bronze altar before Yahweh was too small for all of the offerings.

1 Kings 8:66

ULT	UST
On the eighth day he sent the people away, and they blessed the king, and they went to their tents rejoicing and good of heart over all of the good that Yahweh had done for David his servant and for Israel his people.	*Once the Festival of Shelters was over, Solomon told the people they could go back to their homes. They asked God to make good things happen for him. As the people went home, they were very happy because of all the good things that Yahweh had done for David his servant and for the Israelite people, who belonged to him.*

When did the king send the people away back to their homes?

On the eighth day, the king sent the people back to their homes.

1 Kings 9

1 Kings 9:2

ULT	UST
that Yahweh appeared to Solomon a second time, just as he had appeared to him at Gibeon.	*Yahweh appeared to him in a dream. That was the same way in which he had appeared to him earlier at the city of Gibeon.*

After Solomon finished building the house of Yahweh, what did Yahweh do?

When Solomon finished the house of Yahweh, he appeared to Solomon a second time.

1 Kings 9:3

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you supplicated to my face. I have consecrated this house that you have built, to put my name there to forever. And my eyes and my heart will be there all of the days.	*Yahweh said to him, "I agree to do what asked me to do when you prayed to me at the temple. I have made the temple you built a place where I will be present in a special way so that people can always worship me there. I will always pay attention to what people pray when they face the temple, and I will always care deeply about what happens there.*

What did Yahweh say to Solomon?

Yahweh said to Solomon, "I have heard your prayer and request you made before me."

1 Kings 9:4

ULT	UST
And you, if you walk to my face just as David your father walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, if you keep my statutes and my judgments,	*And as for you, conduct your life as I want you to, just as your father David did. Obey very sincerely all the laws that I have commanded you to obey as an Israelite. If you do that,*

What did Yahweh want Solomon to obey?

Yahweh wanted Solomon to obey all the commandments and decrees that he had commanded him.

1 Kings 9:5

ULT	UST
then I will raise up the throne of your kingdom over Israel to forever, just as I spoke to David your father, saying, 'A man to you will not be cut off from upon the throne of Israel.'	*then I will make sure that you are the king of Israel for your whole life and that your descendants reign as king after you. That is what I promised to your father David. I promised him that one of his descendants would always rule Israel.*

What did Yahweh promise to David, Solomon's father?

Yahweh promised to establish the throne of David's kingdom over Israel forever.

1 Kings 9:7

ULT	UST
then I will cut off Israel from upon the face of the ground that I have given to them, and the house that I have consecrated for my name, I will send away from before my face, and Israel will be for a proverb and for a taunt among all of the peoples.	*If you do that, then I will allow an enemy to take the Israelite people away from this land that I have given to them. I will also allow an enemy to destroy this temple that I have made a place where I will be especially present. Then people throughout the world will use the Israelites as an example of a very bad thing happening to a nation. They will even mock other people by saying that they are like the Israelites.*

What did Yahweh tell Solomon he would do if Solomon did not keep his commandments?

Yahweh told Solomon that he would cut off Israel from the ground that he had given them.

1 Kings 9:8

ULT	UST
And this house that is exalted, everyone passing by it will be appalled and will hiss. And they will say, 'Why did Yahweh do thus to this land and to this house?'	*Even though this temple is now very beautiful, if you disobey me and worship other gods, someday everyone who sees where it used to be will wonder whatever happened to it. They will hiss in contempt and they will ask, 'Why did Yahweh allow an enemy to take the Israelite people away from this land and destroy their temple?'*

What would people ask when they passed by the temple of Yahweh?

People would ask, "Why has Yahweh done this to this land and to this house?"

1 Kings 9:9

ULT	UST
And they will say, ‘Because they forsook Yahweh their God, who brought their fathers out from the land of Egypt, and they held onto other gods and prostrated themselves to them and served them. Therefore Yahweh brought upon them all of this harm.’”	*Other people will reply, ‘This happened because the Israelite people abandoned Yahweh their God. He was the one who rescued their ancestors from slavery in Egypt. But they became loyal to other gods instead. They lived the way people who worship those other gods live. They even bowed down to idols that represented those gods. That is why Yahweh caused them to experience all these disasters.’”*

Why would Yahweh bring this disaster on them?

Yahweh would bring disaster on them because they abandoned their God and worshiped other gods.

1 Kings 9:10

ULT	UST
And it happened at the end of 20 years that Solomon had built the two houses, the house of Yahweh and the house of the king.	*Solomon’s workers spent 20 years building Yahweh’s temple and Solomon’s palace.*

What happened at the end of 20 years?

At the end of 20 years, Solomon finished building the temple of Yahweh and the king’s palace.

1 Kings 9:11

ULT	UST
Hiram, the king of Tyre, had supplied Solomon with trees of cedar and with trees of cypress and with gold, according to all of his delight. Then King Solomon gave to Hiram 20 cities in the land of Galilee.	*Hiram, the king of the city of Tyre, had arranged for his workers to provide Solomon with cedar and pine logs and with gold. That enabled Solomon to build everything he wanted to build. In gratitude, after his workers had completed the building projects, King Solomon gave Hiram 20 cities in the region of Galilee.*

With what did Hiram king of Tyre furnish Solomon?

Hiram king of Tyre furnished Solomon with cedar trees, cypress trees, and gold.

1 Kings 9:12

ULT	UST
And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities that Solomon had given to him, but they were not right in his eyes.	*Hiram traveled from Tyre to Galilee to visit the cities that Solomon had given to him. When he saw them, he did not like them.*

What did Hiram come from Tyre to see?

Hiram came from Tyre to see the cities that Solomon had given him.

1 Kings 9:13

ULT	UST
And he said, "What are these cities that you have given to me, my brother?" And he called them the land of Cabul, to this day.	*He said to Solomon, "My friend, those cities that you gave me are worthless." Because of that, Hiram called that region the Land of Cabul. That is still the name of that region now.*

What did Hiram call the cities which Solomon had given him?

Hiram called the cites the land of Cabul, which means worthless.

1 Kings 9:14

ULT	UST
Now Hiram had sent to the king 120 kikkars of gold.	*Hiram was so upset because he had provided Solomon with about 4, 000 kilograms of gold for the temple and for his palace.*

How much gold did Hiram send to king Solomon?

Hiram had sent 120 kikkars of gold to the king.

1 Kings 9:15

ULT	UST
Now this is the matter of the forced labor that King Solomon brought up to build the house of Yahweh and his house and the Millo and the wall of Jerusalem and Hazor and Megiddo and Gezer.	*This is an account of how King Solomon forced some of the men who lived in the land of Israel to work hard on his building projects. He forced them to work on the temple, his palace, the Millo, and the wall around Jerusalem. He also forced them to work to make the cities of Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer into fortresses.*

What did Solomon have built at Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer?

Solomon had cities built at Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer.

1 Kings 9:16

ULT	UST
Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had gone up and captured Gezer, and he had burned it with fire, and he had killed the Canaanite, the dweller of the city. And he had given it as a dowry to his daughter, the wife of Solomon.	*The city of Gezer belonged to Solomon because Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had sent his army to attack Gezer and capture it. His soldiers had burned all the houses in the city and killed all the people who lived there. They were Canaanites. Pharaoh then gave that city to his daughter as a gift when she married Solomon.*

What did Pharaoh king of Egypt do at Gezer?

Pharaoh king of Egypt took Gezer and burned it, and also killed the Canaanites in the city.

1 Kings 9:17

ULT	UST
And Solomon built Gezer and Lower Beth Horon	*Then Solomon's workers rebuilt Gezer as a border fortress city. They also built up as border fortress cities Lower Beth Horon,*

What did Solomon do at Gezer and Beth Horon?

Solomon rebuilt Gezer and Beth Horon.

1 Kings 9:21

ULT	UST
their sons who were left after them in the land, whom the sons of Israel were not able to devote them, Solomon brought them up for the forced labor of working, to this day.	*These people were descendants of members of those people groups whom the Israelites were not able to kill when they defeated those groups and occupied the land of Canaan. It was those people whom Solomon forced to work hard on his building projects. The Israelites still require those people to work for them.*

What did Solomon do with the people in the land who were not of Israel?

The people in the land who were not of Israel Solomon made into forced laborers.

1 Kings 9:22

ULT	UST
But from the sons of Israel Solomon did not make a servant, for they were men of war and his servants and his commanders and his captains and the commanders of his chariotry and his horsemen.	*But Solomon did not force any Israelite people to become slaves. Instead, some of them became his soldiers, officials, army commanders, army officers, and leaders of his chariot forces and troops who rode on horses.*

What did Solomon do with the people of Israel?

Solomon made the people of Israel become soldiers, servants, officials, officers and commanders.

1 Kings 9:23

ULT	UST
These were the commanders of the deputies who were over the work for Solomon, 550, ruling over the people doing the work.	*Solomon also had 550 officials who supervised the men who commanded the workers whom he forced to build all those places.*

How many chief officers did Solomon have?

Solomon had 550 chief officers who were over the supervisors.

1 Kings 9:25

ULT	UST
And three times in the year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar that he had built for Yahweh, and he burned incense with it, which was to the face of Yahweh. And he completed the house.	*Three times each year, on the altar that he had built for Yahweh in front of the temple, Solomon offered sacrifices that the priests burned completely on the altar and fellowship sacrifices. He also brought incense for the priests to burn with these sacrifices. In that way Solomon made the temple the place where the Israelites would come to worship Yahweh.*

What did Solomon offer three times a year?

Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar of Yahweh three times a year.

1 Kings 9:26

ULT	UST
And King Solomon made a fleet in Ezion Geber, which is near Elath on the lip of the Sea of Reeds in the land of Edom.	*King Solomon also had his workers build a fleet of ships at the city of Ezion Geber. That city is near the city of Elath on the shore of the Sea of Reeds in the territory of the Edomites.*

What did Solomon do at Ezion Geber?

Solomon built a fleet of ships at Ezion Geber.

1 Kings 9:28

ULT	UST
And they came to Ophir, and they took gold from there, 420 kikkars. And they brought it to King Solomon.	*They sailed together to the region of Ophir, and from there they brought back to Solomon about 14 metric tons of gold.*

Why did Solomon send servants to Ophir?

Solomon sent servants to Ophir to bring back gold.

1 Kings 10

1 Kings 10:1

ULT	UST
Now the Queen of Sheba heard the report of Solomon regarding the name of Yahweh. And she came to test him with difficult questions.	*The queen who ruled the land of Sheba heard that Solomon had great understanding of what Yahweh was like. She wanted to know whether what she had heard about him was true. So she traveled to Jerusalem to ask him the many difficult questions she had about God.*

Why did the queen of Sheba come to Solomon?

The queen of Sheba came to Solomon to test him with hard questions.

1 Kings 10:2

ULT	UST
And she came to Jerusalem with a very great entourage, camels carrying spices and very much gold and precious stone. And she came to Solomon and spoke to him all that was with her heart.	*She brought many of her officials with her in a large caravan. The camels were carrying spices, gemstones, and much gold as gifts for Solomon. Solomon welcomed her, and she asked him about everything she wanted to know.*

What did the Queen of Sheba bring to Jerusalem?

The Queen of Sheba brought spices, gold, and precious gemstones to Jerusalem with her.

1 Kings 10:3

ULT	UST
And Solomon declared to her all of her matters. No matter was hidden from the king that he did not declare to her.	*Solomon answered all of her questions. Not one of her questions was too difficult for him to answer.*

How many of the queen's questions did Solomon answer?

Solomon answered all of the questions of the Queen of Sheba.

1 Kings 10:5

ULT	UST
and the food of his table and the seating of his servants and the service of his attendants and their apparel and his cupbearers and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of Yahweh. And no more breath was in her.	*and she saw the food that he served. She saw how his many officials sat in different places of honor at meals. She saw how the waiters and cupbearers wore splendid uniforms. She also saw the many animals that he brought to the temple for the priests to burn completely as sacrifices. What she saw overwhelmed her.*

How did the Queen of Sheba react when she saw all of Solomon's wisdom?

When the Queen of Sheba saw all of Solomon's wisdom, it took her breath away.

1 Kings 10:7

ULT	UST
But I did not believe the words until when I came and my eyes saw, and behold, the half had not been declared to me! You have added wisdom and goodness to the report that I heard.	*But I did not believe it was true until I came here and saw it for myself. Indeed, what people told me was only half of what they could have told me about you. You are much wiser and wealthier than people told me.*

What did the queen of Sheba say to Solomon?

The queen of Sheba said to Solomon, "You have exceeded the fame that I heard about you."

1 Kings 10:8

ULT	UST
The happiness of your men! The happiness of these servants of yours, the ones standing to your face continually, the ones hearing your wisdom!	*How fortunate are your subjects! And how fortunate are your servants, who are always standing around you and listen to the wise things that you say!*

Why did the Queen of Sheba say that Solomon's servants were blessed?

The Queen of Sheba said that Solomon's servants were blessed because they heard his wisdom.

1 Kings 10:9

ULT	UST
May Yahweh your God be blessed, who has delighted in you to put you on the throne of Israel. Because Yahweh loves Israel to forever, he has set you as king, to do justice and righteousness!”	*I praise Yahweh, your God, who has shown that he is pleased with you by making you the king of Israel! Yahweh has always loved the Israelite people, and so he has appointed you to be a king who will rule them fairly and righteously.”*

How did Yahweh show his love to Israel?

Yahweh showed his love for Israel by making Solomon their king.

1 Kings 10:10

ULT	UST
And she gave to the king 120 kikkars of gold and very many spices and precious stone. There has not come again for abundance like that spice that the Queen of Sheba gave to King Solomon.	*The Queen of Sheba gave King Solomon as gifts from what she had brought over 4, 000 kilograms of gold, many gemstones, and a very large amount of spices. The spices that she gave to Solomon were the greatest quantity of spices that anyone ever brought to Jerusalem.*

What did the Queen of Sheba give to Solomon?

The Queen of Sheba gave to Solomon 120 talents of gold, a large amount of spices, and precious stones.

1 Kings 10:11

ULT	UST
(And also the fleet of Hiram, which carried gold from Ophir, brought from Ophir very much wood of almug and precious stone.	*(Solomon had built a fleet of ships that King Hiram’s men sailed. Solomon built the ships to get gold from Ophir. But the crews also brought a large amount of sandalwood and many gemstones back from Ophir.*

What did the fleet of Hiram bring from Ophir?

The fleet of Hiram brought gold from Ophir, and almug wood and precious stones.

1 Kings 10:12

ULT	UST
And the king made the wood of almug a support for the house of Yahweh and for the house of the king and harps and lyres for the singers. Such wood of almug had not come and has not been seen to this day.)	*King Solomon had his workers use that wood to make furnishings for the temple and for his palace. He also had them it to make harps and lyres for the temple musicians. No one had ever brought such sandalwood to Israel before, and no one has brought s uch sandalwood to Israel since then.)*

What did the king make for the temple of Yahweh?

The king made almug wood pillars for the temple of Yahweh.

1 Kings 10:13

ULT	UST
And King Solomon gave to the Queen of Sheba all of her desire that she asked, besides what he gave to her according to the hand of King Solomon. And she turned and went to her land, she and her servants.	*The Queen of Sheba admired many things in Jerusalem and asked for them, and Solomon gave them to her. He also gave her other generous gifts from his own riches. Then she and the officials who had come with her returned to their own land.*

What did King Solomon give to the queen of Sheba?

King Solomon gave to the Queen of Sheba everything she asked for.

1 Kings 10:14

ULT	UST
And the weight of the gold that came to Solomon in one year was 666 kikkars of gold,	*Each year Solomon received over 22 metric tons of gold in tribute from kingdoms that he controlled.*

What was the weight of the gold that came to King Solomon in one year?

The weight of the gold that came to King Solomon in one year was 666 kikkars.

1 Kings 10:15

ULT	UST
apart from the men of the searchers and from the merchandise of the traders and all of the kings of the Arab and the governors of the land.	*In addition to that, merchants and traders who traveled through and within Israel paid him duties and tolls. Arabian kings also often sent him gifts of gold, and the district governors submitted the taxes they collected in gold.*

Who brought gold and silver to Solomon?

The kings of Arabia and governors in the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

1 Kings 10:16

ULT	UST
And King Solomon made 200 beaten-gold large shields (he brought up 600 gold onto one large shield)	*King Solomon told his workers to take gold and hammer it into thin sheets and cover 200 large shields with those thin sheets of gold. They used nearly seven kilograms of gold to make each large shield.*

How many large shields of beaten gold did King Solomon make?

King Solomon made 200 shields of beaten gold.

1 Kings 10:17

ULT	UST
and 300 beaten-gold shields (he brought up three gold minas onto one shield). And the king put them in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.	*He also told his workers to make 300 smaller shields. They covered each of them with about one and a half kilograms of gold. King Solomon put all of those shields in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.*

Where did King Solomon put 300 shields of beaten gold?

King Solomon put 300 shields of beaten gold into the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon.

1 Kings 10:18

ULT	UST
And the king made a great ivory throne, and he overlaid it with refined gold.	*He also had his workers make a large throne for him. The workers inlaid this throne with ivory, and they framed the ivory with borders of very fine gold.*

What did the king make out of ivory and finest gold?

The king made a great throne of ivory and the finest gold.

1 Kings 10:19

ULT	UST
Six steps were to the throne, and a round head was to the throne from behind it. And hands were from this and from this to the place of the seat. And two lions were standing beside the hands.	*There were six steps in front of the throne. The back of the throne was rounded at the top. There was an armrest on each side of the throne. There was a statue of a lion next to each armrest.*

What was standing beside the armrests of the throne that the king made?

Two lions were standing beside the armrests of the throne that the king made.

1 Kings 10:20

ULT	UST
And 12 lions were standing there on the six steps, from this side and from that side. It had not been done thus for any of the kingdoms.	*There was also a statue of a lion on both sides of each step. So altogether there were 12 statues of lions. There was no throne like this one in any other kingdom.*

What stood on the side of the six steps at the throne?

Twelve lions were standing on the sides of the six steps at the throne.

1 Kings 10:21

ULT	UST
And all of the vessels of the drink of King Solomon were gold, and all of the vessels of the House of the Forest of Lebanon were beaten gold. There was no silver. It was not reckoned as anything in the days of Solomon.	*King Solomon and his court officials drank only from gold cups. His craftsmen also made all of the dishes for the House of the Forest of Lebanon by hammering out gold. They did not make any of these things from silver. That metal was so common during the time when Solomon ruled that people did not consider it to be valuable.*

Of what were the drinking cups in the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon made?

The drinking cups in the Palace of the Forest of Lebanon were made of pure gold.

1 Kings 10:22

ULT	UST
For a fleet of Tarshish was to the king on the sea with the fleet of Hiram. One in three years the fleet of Tarshish would come carrying gold and silver, elephant tusks and apes and peacocks.	*They had so much gold because King Solomon had a fleet of ships that were able to sail out on the sea. That is where King Hiram's ships also sailed from Tyre. The ships would sail to many different ports for three years. At the end of that time, they would bring back gold, silver, ivory, monkeys, and peacocks.*

What did the king's ships bring every three years?

Every three years, the king's ships brought gold, silver, ivory, apes, and peacocks.

1 Kings 10:24

ULT	UST
And all of the earth was seeking the face of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.	*People from many different places came to listen to the wise things that Solomon said about matters that God had enabled him to understand.*

Why did all the earth seek out Solomon?

All the earth sought out Solomon to hear the wisdom God put in his heart.

1 Kings 10:25

ULT	UST
And they were bringing, a man his gift, vessels of silver and vessels of gold and garments and weaponry and spices, horses and mules, a matter of year by year.	*Each of the people who came to him brought presents. They brought articles made from silver or gold, or robes, or weapons, or spices, or horses, or mules. The people continued to do this every year.*

What tribute did Solomon's visitors bring to him?

Those who visited brought tribute such as gold, silver, clothing, armor, and spices, horses and mules.

1 Kings 10:26

ULT	UST
And Solomon accumulated chariotry and horsemen. And 1, 400 chariots and 12, 000 horsemen were to him. And he stationed them in the cities of chariotry and with the king in Jerusalem.	*Solomon acquired a great force of chariots and riders. In his army, he had 1, 400 chariots and 12, 000 men who rode on horses. Solomon had built special cities in which to keep chariots, and he kept many of his chariots in them. But he also kept some chariots with him in Jerusalem.*

Where did Solomon station his chariots and horsemen?

Solomon stationed his chariots and horsemen in the chariot cities and in Jerusalem.

1 Kings 10:27

ULT	UST
And the king made silver in Jerusalem like stones, and he made cedars like the sycamores that are in the Shephelah for abundance.	*During the years that Solomon was king, silver became very common in Jerusalem, just as stones are common. Cedar wood became very plentiful, just as the wood is plentiful that comes from the sycamore trees that grow in the foothills of Judah.*

What did the king do with cedar wood?

The king made cedar wood become as abundant as the sycamore fig trees in the lowlands.

1 Kings 10:28

ULT	UST
And the going out of the horses that were to Solomon was from Egypt and from Kue. The traders of the king took from Kue for a price.	*Solomon imported horses from Egypt and Kue. His purchasing agents would go to Kue and buy horses there at the current price.*

From where were Solomon’s horses brought?

Solomon’s horses were brought from Egypt and Kue.

1 Kings 10:29

ULT	UST
And a chariot came up and went out from Egypt for 600 silver, and a horse for 150, and thus by their hand they brought out to all of the kings of the Hittites and to the kings of Aram.	*In Egypt, his agents bought both horses and chariots. They paid about seven kilograms of silver for each chariot and about two kilograms of silver for each horse. Agents of Solomon would then resell many of the horses and chariots to Hittite and Aramean kings.*

What was the purchase price of each chariot Solomon owned?

The chariots were purchased for 600 shekels of silver each.

1 Kings 11

1 Kings 11:1

ULT	UST
Now King Solomon loved many foreign women and the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabitesses, Ammonitesses, Edomitesses, Sidonianesses, Hittitesses,	*King Solomon had many foreign wives. First he married the daughter of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. Later he married many Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women.*

Whom did King Solomon love?

King Solomon loved many foreign women.

1 Kings 11:2

ULT	UST
from the nations about which Yahweh had said to the sons of Israel, "You must not enter into them, and they must not enter into you. Surely they will stretch out your heart after their gods." Solomon clung to them in love.	*He married them even though Yahweh had told the Israelites, "You must not marry people from those groups, because if you do, they will certainly persuade you to worship the gods that they worship!" But Solomon loved these women, and so he married them anyway.*

What did Yahweh command about marrying women from foreign nations?

Yahweh commanded Israel not to marry women from foreign nations.

1 Kings 11:3

ULT	UST
And to him were 700 wives, princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives stretched out his heart.	*Solomon married 700 women who were kings' daughters. These wives led him to start worshiping foreign gods. He also had 300 secondary wives.*

What did Solomon's wives do to his heart?

Solomon's wives turned his heart away from God, worshiping foreign gods.

1 Kings 11:4

ULT	UST
And it happened in the time of the old age of Solomon that his wives stretched out his heart after other gods. And his heart was not complete with Yahweh his God like the heart of David his father.	*By the time Solomon became old, his wives persuaded him to worship the gods their people groups worshiped. He was not completely faithful to Yahweh his God as his father David had been.*

How was David's heart toward Yahweh?

David's heart was completely faithful to Yahweh his God.

1 Kings 11:5

ULT	UST
And Solomon went after Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom, the abomination of the Ammonites.	*Solomon worshiped Ashtoreth, the goddess that the Sidonians worshiped. He also worshiped Milcom, the disgusting god that the Ammonites worshiped.*

What did Solomon follow?

Solomon followed Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and Milcom, the disgusting god of the Ammonites.

1 Kings 11:6

ULT	UST
And Solomon did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, and he was not full after Yahweh like David his father.	*In that way, Solomon did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. Solomon's father David had always devoted himself entirely to Yahweh, but Solomon did not.*

What did Solomon do in the sight of Yahweh?

Solomon did that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh.

1 Kings 11:7

ULT	UST
Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is on the face of Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the sons of Ammon.	*On the hill that is to the east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a place to worship Chemosh, the disgusting god that the Moabites worshiped. He also built a place to worship Molech, the disgusting god that the Ammonites worshiped.*

What did Solomon build for Chemosh?

Solomon built a shrine for Chemosh, the idol of Moab.

1 Kings 11:8

ULT	UST
And thus he did for all of his foreign wives burning incense and sacrificing to their gods.	*Solomon built similar high places for all of his foreign wives so that they could burn incense and offer sacrifices to the gods that their people groups worshiped.*

What did Solomon do at the shrines of his foreign wives?

Solomon burned incense and sacrificed to their gods at the shrines.

1 Kings 11:9

ULT	UST
And Yahweh became angry with Solomon, for his heart had stretched away from with Yahweh, the God of Israel, the one having appeared to him two times,	*Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worshiped, had appeared to Solomon twice. Even so, Solomon began to worship gods other than Yahweh. So Yahweh became very angry with him.*

How many times did Yahweh appear to Solomon?

Yahweh appeared twice to Solomon.

1 Kings 11:10

ULT	UST
and he had commanded to him about this thing, not to go after other gods. But he did not keep what Yahweh had commanded.	*When he appeared to Solomon the second time, Yahweh had commanded him not to worship foreign gods. But Solomon had disobeyed what Yahweh told him.*

What did Yahweh command Solomon?

Yahweh commanded Solomon not to go after foreign gods.

1 Kings 11:11

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Solomon, "Because this is with you, that you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I commanded concerning you, tearing, I will tear the kingdom away from you, and I will give it to your servant.	*Yahweh told him, "You have disobeyed the laws that I gave the Israelites for their king when I made my covenant with them. So you can be sure that I am going to make someone else, one of your officials, the king of Israel.*

What did Yahweh tell Solomon he would do because of the foreign gods?

Yahweh told Solomon he would tear the kingdom from him and give it to his servant.

1 Kings 11:13

ULT	UST
Only I will not tear away all of the kingdom. I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of David my servant and for the sake of Jerusalem, which I have chosen."	*However, I will allow him to rule some of the kingdom. I will allow him to rule one tribe. I will do that in order to honor my servant David by allowing one of his descendants always to be a king. And because I have chosen Jerusalem as the location for my temple, I will allow your son to rule the tribe of Judah, whose territory includes Jerusalem."*

How many tribes did Yahweh promise to give to Solomon's son?

Yahweh promised to give one tribe to Solomon's son.

1 Kings 11:14

ULT	UST
And Yahweh raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite. He was from the seed of the king in Edom.	*Then Yahweh enabled Hadad, a son of the king of Edom, to become Solomon's enemy and lead the Edomites to rebel against him.*

Whom did Yahweh raise up as an adversary to Solomon?

Yahweh raised up Hadad the Edomite as an adversary to Solomon.

1 Kings 11:15

ULT	UST
Now it had happened, when David was in Edom, when Joab, the commander of the army, had gone up to bury the slain, that he had struck every male in Edom.	*This is what happened. Many years before, David's army had fought against Edom and conquered it. After the fighting was over, his army commander Joab had gone to Edom to supervise the Israelite soldiers who were burying their fellow soldiers whom the Edomites had killed during the war. While he was there, Joab tried to kill every Edomite man and boy.*

Who went up to bury the dead who had been killed in Edom?

Joab, the commander of the army, went up to bury the dead who were killed in Edom.

1 Kings 11:16

ULT	UST
For Joab and all of Israel dwelled there six months until he had cut off every male in Edom.	*Joab and his whole army stayed in Edom for six months so that they could kill as many Edomite males as possible.*

How long did Joab and Israel remain in Edom?

Joab and Israel remained in Edom six months.

1 Kings 11:17

ULT	UST
But Adad fled, he and Edomite men from the servants of his father with him, to enter Egypt. And Hadad was a little boy.	*Hadad was a young child at that time. But some of the officials of his father, the king of Edom, carried him away, hoping to bring him to Egypt where he would be safe.*

To where was Hadad taken?

Hadad was taken to Egypt.

1 Kings 11:19

ULT	UST
And Hadad found much favor in the eyes of Pharaoh. And he gave to him a wife, the sister of his wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.	*The king liked Hadad very much. As a result, he allowed him to marry the sister of his own wife, Queen Tahpenes.*

Whom did Pharaoh give as a wife to Hadad?

Pharaoh gave to Hadad the sister of Queen Tahpenes as his wife.

1 Kings 11:20

ULT	UST
And the sister of Tahpenes bore to him Genubath, his son, and Tahpenes weaned him in the midst of the house of Pharaoh. And Genubath was in the house of Pharaoh in the midst of the sons of Pharaoh.	*Later, the sister of Tahpenes had a baby boy. The name of this son of Hadad was Genubath. Tahpenes herself nursed him in the royal palace. He grew up there with Pharaoh's sons.*

What was the name of Hadad's son?

Hadad's son was named Genubath.

1 Kings 11:21

ULT	UST
And Hadad heard in Egypt that David had lain down with his fathers and that Joab, the commander of the army, had died. And Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Send me away, that I may go to my land."	*Much later, while Hadad was still in Egypt, he learned that King David and Joab, the commander of David's army, had both died. So he asked Pharaoh, "Please allow me to return to my own country."*

What did Hadad ask of Pharaoh?

Hadad asked Pharaoh if he might depart and go to his own country.

1 Kings 11:23

ULT	UST
And God raised up an adversary against him, Rezon, the son of Eliada, who had fled from Hadadezer, the king of Zobah, his master.	*God also enabled another man, Rezon son of Eliada, to become Solomon's enemy. Rezon had been an official of King Hadadezer, who ruled the area of Zobah. But Rezon had stopped serving him and had run away.*

What was the name of another adversary that God raised up against Solomon?

God raised up another adversary to Solomon named Rezon, the son of Eliada.

1 Kings 11:24

ULT	UST
And he gathered men to himself, and he became the commander of a raiding band when David killed them. And they went to Damascus, and they dwelled in it and they reigned in Damascus.	*This is what happened. David's army defeated Hadadezer and killed many of his soldiers. Rezon escaped with some other soldiers, and together they formed a group of outlaws with Rezon as their leader. They went to Damascus and settled there, and they took control of the city.*

To where did Rezon's men travel?

Rezon's men went to Damascus and lived there.

1 Kings 11:25

ULT	UST
And he was an adversary against Israel all of the days of Solomon, and the harm that Hadad did. And he loathed Israel, and he reigned over Aram.	*Just like Hadad, Rezon was an enemy of Israel for the rest of the time that Solomon was king. Rezon hated the Israelites bitterly. He eventually controlled the whole region of Aram.*

How long was Rezon an enemy of Israel?

Rezon was an enemy of Israel all of the days of Solomon.

1 Kings 11:26

ULT	UST
And Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite from Zeredah, and the name of his mother was Zeruah, a woman, a widow, was a servant of Solomon, and he raised a hand against the king.	*Another man who rebelled against Solomon was one of his officials. His name was Jeroboam son of Nebat. Nebat had lived in the city of Zeredah within the territory of the tribe of Ephraim. Nebat had died, so that Jereboam's mother Zeruah was a widow.*

Who else rebelled against the king?

Jeroboam the son of Nebat also rebelled against King Solomon.

1 Kings 11:27-31

Why did Jeroboam raise his hand against the king?

Jeroboam the son of Nebat raised his hand against the king because the prophet Ahijah told him he would become king of ten tribes.

1 Kings 11:28

ULT	UST
And the man Jeroboam was mighty of strength. And Solomon had seen the young man, that he was a doer of work, so he had appointed him over all of the forced labor of the house of Joseph.	*Jeroboam was a very skillful young man. He had worked on these building projects, and Solomon had seen that he was able to accomplish tasks effectively. So Solomon appointed him to supervise all the men from the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim whom he forced to work.*

What did Solomon give Jeroboam command over?

Solomon gave Jeroboam command over all the labor of the house of Joseph.

1 Kings 11:29

ULT	UST
And it happened at that time that Jeroboam went out from Jerusalem, and the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the road. And he was covering himself with a new cloak, and the two of them were by themselves in the field.	*One day as Jeroboam was leaving Jerusalem for his work in the area north of there, the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite met him on the road. The two of them were alone, away from any city. Ahijah was wearing a new robe,*

Who found Jeroboam in the road as he went out of Jerusalem?

The prophet Ahijah found Jeroboam in the road as he went out of Jerusalem.

1 Kings 11:30

ULT	UST
And Ahijah took hold of the new cloak that was upon him, and he tore it into 12 pieces.	*which he took off and tore into 12 pieces.*

What did Ahijah do to his new garment?

Ahijah took hold of the new cloak he was wearing and tore it into twelve pieces.

1 Kings 11:31

ULT	UST
And he said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces. For thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, 'Behold me, tearing the kingdom from the hand of Solomon, and I will give ten tribes to you.	*He told Jeroboam, "Take ten of these pieces for yourself, because Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, says to you, 'I am going to take the kingdom away from Solomon, and I am going to make you the ruler of ten of the tribes of Israel.*

What did Yahweh say about Solomon's kingdom?

Yahweh said that he would tear the kingdom out of Solomon's hand, giving ten tribes to Jeroboam.

1 Kings 11:32

ULT	UST
But one tribe will be to him for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city upon which I have chosen from all of the tribes of Israel.	*However, I will allow Solomon's descendants to keep ruling one tribe. I will do that in order to honor my servant David. And because I have chosen Jerusalem from all of the Israelite cities to be the location for my temple, I will allow his descendants to rule the tribe of Judah, whose territory includes Jerusalem.*

How many tribes would Solomon keep?

Solomon would keep one tribe for the sake of David.

1 Kings 11:34

ULT	UST
But I will not take all of the kingdom from his hand. Rather, I will put him as a leader all of the days of his life for the sake of David my servant, him whom I chose, who kept my commandments and my statutes.	*But I will not stop Solomon from ruling the entire kingdom of Israel while he is alive. Instead, I will allow him to remain as king. I will do that in order to honor David, whom I chose to be the king of Israel and who faithfully obeyed my laws.*

How long did Yahweh make Solomon to be ruler?

Yahweh made Solomon ruler all the days of his life.

1 Kings 11:36

ULT	UST
But to his son I will give one tribe so that there may be a lamp for David my servant all of the days to my face in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen for myself to put my name there.	*I will allow Solomon's son to rule one tribe so that I will always see one of David's descendants ruling in Jerusalem. I chose that city to be the place where the Israelites would worship me.*

In which city did Yahweh choose to put his name?

Yahweh chose to put his name in the city of Jerusalem.

1 Kings 11:38

ULT	UST
And it will be, if you hear all that I command you and you walk in my ways and you do right in my eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments, just as David my servant did, then I will be with you and I will build for you an established house, just as I built for David, and I will give Israel to you.	*But you must obey everything that I command you to do. You must conduct your life as I want you to. You must do things that I consider to be right. You must obey my laws as David did. If you do those things, I will help you. I will make sure that your descendants become kings of Israel after you die, as I have done for David.*

What did Yahweh promise to do for Jeroboam if he walked in his ways?

Yahweh promised to be with him and give him an established house if Jeroboam walked in his ways.

1 Kings 11:40

ULT	UST
And Solomon sought to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam arose and fled to Egypt, to Shishak, the king of Egypt. And he was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.	*Solomon found out what Ahijah told Jeroboam, and so he tried to kill Jeroboam. But Jeroboam escaped and went to Egypt. Shishak, the king of Egypt, protected him. Jeroboam stayed there until after Solomon died.*

What did Solomon try to do to Jeroboam?

Solomon tried to kill Jeroboam.

1 Kings 11:42

ULT	UST
And the days that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all of Israel were 40 years.	*Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all of Israel for 40 years.*

How long did Solomon reign in Jerusalem?

Solomon reigned in Jerusalem for 40 years.

1 Kings 11:43

ULT	UST
And Solomon lay down with his fathers, and he was buried in the City of David, his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his place.	*Then Solomon died. The Israelites buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people called the City of David. Solomon's son Rehoboam became the next king.*

Who became king in Solomon's place?

Rehoboam became king in Solomon's place.

1 Kings 12

1 Kings 12:1

ULT	UST
And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all of Israel had come to Shechem to make him reign.	*Leaders from all the tribes of Israel went to the city of Shechem in order to appoint Rehoboam as their king. So Rehoboam also went there.*

Why did Rehoboam go to Shechem?

Rehoboam went to Shechem because all Israel was coming there to make him king.

1 Kings 12:3

ULT	UST
that they sent and they called for him. And Jeroboam came, and all of the assembly of Israel, and they spoke to Rehoboam, saying,	*The Israelite leaders asked him to come back to Israel, and he did. They went together to speak with Rehoboam. They told him,*

Who came with the assembly of Israel to speak to Rehoboam?

Jeroboam the son of Nebat came with the assembly of Israel to speak to Rehoboam.

1 Kings 12:4

ULT	UST
“Your father made our yoke hard. But you, now make it lighter than the hard service of your father and than his heavy yoke that he put on us, and we will serve you.”	*“Your father Solomon forced us to work very hard, but if you allow us to work less hard and allow us to pay fewer taxes, then we will agree to be your subjects.”*

What did Israel ask of Rehoboam?

All Israel asked that Rehoboam would lighten the heavy yoke his father had put on them.

1 Kings 12:5

ULT	UST
And he said to them, "Go until three days, then return to me." So the people went.	*He replied, "Go away for a couple of days to give me some time to consider that. Then come back and I will give you my answer." So those leaders and Jeroboam left.*

For how many days did Rehoboam send the people away?

Rehoboam sent the people away for three days.

1 Kings 12:6

ULT	UST
And King Rehoboam consulted with the elders who had been standing to the face of Solomon his father while he was alive, saying, "How are you advising to answer this people with a word?"	*Then King Rehoboam asked for advice from the older men who had been officials of his father Solomon while he was still living. He asked them, "What do you think I should say in response to what these Israelite leaders have asked me to do?"*

With whom did Rehoboam consult?

Rehoboam consulted with the older men who had advised Solomon his father.

1 Kings 12:7

ULT	UST
And they spoke to him, saying, "If today you will be a servant to this people and serve them and you answer them and speak good words to them, then they will be servants to you all of the days."	*They replied, "We recommend that on this occasion, you humble yourself and do what they have asked. Speak kindly to them when you reply to them. If you do that, they will always be your loyal subjects."*

What did the older men say to Rehoboam?

The older men said that Rehoboam should speak kindly to the people of Israel.

1 Kings 12:8

ULT	UST
But he forsook the counsel of the elders that they had counseled him, and he consulted with the young men who had grown up with him who were standing to his face.	*But Rehoboam decided not to do what the older men had advised him to do. Instead, he asked for advice from the younger men who had been his friends since they were boys and who were now his advisors.*

What did Rehoboam do with the advice the older men gave him?

Rehoboam decided not to follow the advice of the older men.

1 Kings 12:10

ULT	UST
And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus you shall say to this people who spoke to you, saying, 'Your father made our yoke heavy, but you, make light from upon us.' Thus you shall speak to them, 'My little finger is thicker than the loins of my father.	*Those young men who were his boyhood friends replied, "This is what you should tell these people who asked you to allow them to work less hard than your father required them to work: 'I am a harsher man than my father was.*

What did the younger men tell Rehoboam to say to the people?

The younger men told Rehoboam to say, "I am going to rule you much more harshly than my father did."

1 Kings 12:11

ULT	UST
And now, my father loaded a heavy yoke on you, but I, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I, I will discipline you with scorpions.'"	*This is my answer to you. My father required you to work hard. But I am going to make you work even harder. My father had his overseers discipline you Israelite workers harshly. But I am going to have them discipline you even more harshly.'"*

What did Rehoboam say he would use to punish the people?

Rehoboam said he would use scorpions to punish the people.

1 Kings 12:12

ULT	UST
And Jeroboam and all of the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, just as the king had spoken, saying, “Return to me on the third day.”	*A couple of days after Jeroboam and the Israelite leaders first met with Rehoboam, they came to speak with him again, just as he had told them to do.*

What had the king instructed the people to do?

The king had instructed the people to come back on the third day.

1 Kings 12:13

ULT	UST
And the king answered the people harshly, and he forsook the counsel of the elders that they had counseled him.	*The king disregarded the advice that the older men had given him. Instead, he spoke roughly to the Israelite leaders.*

How did the king answer the people?

The king answered the people harshly.

1 Kings 12:14

ULT	UST
And he spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I, I will discipline you with scorpions.”	*He told them what the younger men had advised him to say. He said, “My father required you to work hard. But I am going to make you work even harder. My father had his overseers discipline you Israelite workers harshly. But I am going to have them discipline you even more harshly.”*

What did the king say he would do with the yoke on the people?

The king said he would add to the yoke on the people.

1 Kings 12:15

ULT	UST
And the king did not listen to the people, for the turn was from with Yahweh, so that he might raise up his word, which Yahweh had spoken by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam, the son of Nebat.	*So the king did not do what the Israelite leaders wanted him to do. That was because Yahweh caused him to refuse their request. In that way, Yahweh made happen what he had told Jeroboam son of Nebat through the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite.*

Who brought about these events?

These events were brought about by Yahweh.

1 Kings 12:16

ULT	UST
And all of Israel saw that the king had not listened to them, and the people answered the king with a word, saying, "What portion is to us in David? And no inheritance in the son of Jesse! To your tents, Israel! Now see your house, David!" And Israel went to its tents.	*When the Israelite leaders realized that Rehoboam was not going to do what they had asked, they responded to him by shouting, "We do not want to be subjects of this descendant of King David! We will not accept this grandson of Jesse as our ruler! We Israelites should all go home! As for this descendant of David, he can rule his own tribe!" So the Israelite leaders returned to their homes.*

What did all Israel say when they saw that the king did not listen to them?

All Israel said they would go home and not be ruled by Rehoboam. They said he can rule his own tribe but not the others.

1 Kings 12:17

ULT	UST
(But the sons of Israel dwelling in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.)	*(After that, the only Israelites who accepted Rehoboam as their king were the members of the tribe of Judah.)*

Over what people did Rehoboam become king?

Rehoboam became king over the people of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah.

1 Kings 12:18

ULT	UST
And King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the forced labor, but all of Israel stoned him with stone, and he died. And King Rehoboam strengthened himself to go up into the chariot to flee to Jerusalem.	*King Rehoboam had an official whose name was Adoniram. He supervised the men whom Rehoboam forced to work for him. Before the Israelite leaders left, King Rehoboam sent out Adoniram to try to make them obey him. But the Israelite people killed him by throwing stones at him. When that happened, King Rehoboam got into his chariot as fast as he could and escaped to Jerusalem.*

What did Israel do to Adoram?

All Israel stoned Adoram to death with stones.

1 Kings 12:20

ULT	UST
And it happened, when all of Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, that they sent and called him to the congregation, and they made him reign over all of Israel. One was not after the house of David except the tribe of Judah by itself.	*When the people of the northern tribes heard that Jeroboam had returned from Egypt, they invited him to come to a gathering of their representatives. There they appointed him to be their king. Only the people of the tribe of Judah continued to be loyal to the kings who were descendants of David.*

Who followed the family of David?

Only the tribe of Judah followed the family of David.

1 Kings 12:21

ULT	UST
And Rehoboam entered Jerusalem, and he assembled all of the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin, 180, 000 chosen makers of war, to fight with the house of Israel to return the kingdom to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon.	*When Rehoboam got back to Jerusalem, he gathered 180, 000 of the best soldiers from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. He wanted them to fight against soldiers of the northern Israelite tribes and defeat them so that he could rule all of the Israelite tribes again.*

Why did Rehoboam assemble the house of Judah in Jerusalem?

Rehoboam assembled the house of Judah to fight against the house of Israel to return the rest of the kingdom to him.

1 Kings 12:22

ULT	UST
But the word of God was to Shemaiah the man of God, saying,	*But God spoke to the prophet Shemaiah and said to him,*

To whom did the word of God come?

The word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God.

1 Kings 12:24

ULT	UST
‘Thus says Yahweh, “You shall not go up and you shall not fight with your brothers, the sons of Israel. Return, a man to his house, for this thing has been from with me.”’” And they heard the word of Yahweh, and they returned to go, according to the word of Yahweh.	*Tell them that I say that they must not go to fight against their fellow Israelites. They must all go home. Tell them that this has happened because I wanted it to happen.” So Shemaiah went and told that to them, and they all obeyed what Yahweh had commanded them to do and went home.*

What did Yahweh say?

Yahweh said, “You must not attack or fight against your fellow Israelites. Instead, go home.”

1 Kings 12:25

ULT	UST
And Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and he dwelled in it. And he went out from there, and he built Penuel.	*Then Jeroboam told his workers to rebuild walls around the city of Shechem in the hilly area where the tribe of Ephraim lived. He moved to that city and made it his capital. Later he and his workers went from there to the city of Peniel, and they rebuilt the walls around that city to make it a border fortress.*

Where did Jeroboam build Shechem?

Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim.

1 Kings 12:26

ULT	UST
And Jeroboam said in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David.	*Then Jeroboam said to himself, "It seems likely that the descendants of David will soon rule all of Israel once again.*

What did Jeroboam think in his heart?

Jeroboam thought in his heart, "Now the kingdom will return to the house of David."

1 Kings 12:27

ULT	UST
If this people goes up to make sacrifices in the house of Yahweh in Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will return to their master, to Rehoboam, the king of Judah. And they will kill me, and they will return to Rehoboam, the king of Judah."	*If my subjects continue to go to Jerusalem and offer sacrifices to Yahweh at the temple there, soon they will want Rehoboam to be their king again. Then they will kill me and agree to become his subjects again."*

What did Jeroboam say about the people offering sacrifices in the temple of Yahweh?

Jeroboam said, "If these people offer sacrifices in the temple of Yahweh, they will kill me and return to Rehoboam king of Judah."

1 Kings 12:28

ULT	UST
And the king consulted, and he made two calves of gold. And he said to them, "Going up to Jerusalem is too much for you. Behold your gods, Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"	*So he asked his advisors what they thought he should do, and then he did what they suggested. He told his workers to make two gold statues of calves. Then he told the people whom he ruled, "It would be too difficult for you to keep traveling to Jerusalem to worship. You people of Israel, look! These statues represent the God who rescued our ancestors from slavery in Egypt and you can worship them here!"*

What did King Jeroboam make?

King Jeroboam made two calves of gold.

1 Kings 12:29

ULT	UST
And he set one in Bethel, and he put one in Dan.	*He told his workers to place one of the statues in the city of Bethel in the south of his kingdom and one in the city of Dan in the north.*

Where did Jeroboam set up the two calves of gold?

King Jeroboam set up one calf in Bethel and one in Dan.

1 Kings 12:31

ULT	UST
And he made a house of high places. And he made priests from the extremities of the people, who were not from the sons of Levi.	*Jeroboam had his workers build shrines for worship on the top of hills. He also appointed Israelite men from many different tribes to be priests, even though the law of Moses said that only men from the tribe of Levi could be priests.*

What people did Jeroboam make into priests?

Jeroboam made priests of the people who were not among the sons of Levi.

1 Kings 12:32

ULT	UST
And Jeroboam made a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that was in Judah, and he offered on the altar. Thus he did at Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And he stationed at Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made.	*Jeroboam also held a celebration like the Festival of Shelters that people celebrated in Judah each year. However, he held it on the fifteenth day of the eighth month rather than on that day in the seventh month, as the law of Moses commanded. He went to Bethel and offered sacrifices to the golden calf statue that he had made and put there. He had the priests whom he had appointed come to Bethel and work in the shrine that his workers had built there.*

What did Jeroboam do at Bethel?

Jeroboam made a feast at Bethel like the feast that was in Judah.

1 Kings 12:33

ULT	UST
And he offered on the altar that he had made at Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, in the month that he had devised by himself. And he made a festival for the sons of Israel, and he offered on the altar to burn incense.	*Jeroboam offered sacrifices on the altar in that shrine on the fifteenth day of the eighth month. He had chosen that month himself. There on that altar he burned incense as an offering. And he declared that the people should celebrate that festival on that same day every year.*

What did Jeroboam do at the altar in Bethel?

Jeroboam went up to the altar to burn incense.

1 Kings 13

1 Kings 13:1

ULT	UST
And behold, a man of God came from Judah by the word of Yahweh to Bethel. And Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense.	*Yahweh commanded a prophet to go from where he lived in the kingdom of Judah to the city of Bethel, and the prophet obeyed him. He arrived there right at the time when Jeroboam was standing at the altar, ready to burn incense.*

Who came out of Judah by the word of Yahweh?

A man of God came out of Judah by the word of Yahweh.

1 Kings 13:2

ULT	UST
And he cried out against the altar by the word of Yahweh and said: "Altar! Altar! Thus says Yahweh, 'Behold, a son will be born to the house of David, Josiah will be his name. And he will sacrifice on you the priests of the high places, the ones burning incense on you. And they will burn the bones of a human on you.'"	*Saying what Yahweh told him to say, the prophet shouted, "This is what Yahweh says about this altar! 'I want you to know that someday King David will have a descendant whose name will be Josiah. He will come to this altar and slaughter the priests who burn incense while offering sacrifices at this shrine. He will burn the bones of dead people on this altar.'"*

What did the man of God cry out against the altar at Bethel?

The man of God cried out against the altar, "On you they will burn men's bones."

1 Kings 13:3

ULT	UST
And he gave a sign on that day, saying, "This is the sign that Yahweh has spoken, 'Behold, the altar will be split open, and the ash that is on it will be poured out.'"	*Then the prophet told them how they would know that what he had said was true. He said, "Yahweh has announced that he is going to make something happen so that you will know that what he has said is true. This altar will split apart, and the ashes that are on it will fall onto the ground."*

What sign did the man of God give about the altar?

The man of God gave a sign saying, "The altar will be split apart and the ashes on it will be poured out."

1 Kings 13:4

ULT	UST
And it happened, when the king heard the word of the man of God that he had cried out against the altar at Bethel, that Jeroboam stretched out his hand from over the altar, saying, "Seize him!" And his hand that he had stretched out against him dried up, and he was not able to bring it back to himself.	*When King Jeroboam heard what the prophet said about the altar at Bethel, at which he was standing, he pointed his finger at him and told his servants, "Seize that man!" But immediately his arm stuck in that position, and he could not lower it.*

What happened to Jeroboam's hand when he reached out from the altar?

When Jeroboam reached out from the altar, his hand was dried up so he could not draw it back to himself.

1 Kings 13:5

ULT	UST
And the altar was split open, and the ash was poured out from the altar, according to the sign that the man of God had given by the word of Yahweh.	*Then the altar split apart, and the ashes that were on it spilled out on the ground. That is exactly what the prophet had said that Yahweh had announced would happen.*

What happened to the altar?

The altar was split apart and the ashes poured out, just as the man of God described.

1 Kings 13:6

ULT	UST
And the king answered and said to the man of God, "Entreat, please, the face of Yahweh your God and pray for me, that my hand may return to me." And the man of God entreated the face of Yahweh, and the hand of the king returned to him, and it became like at the first.	*Then the king said to the prophet, "Please pray that Yahweh will be merciful to me and heal my arm!" So the prophet prayed, and Yahweh healed the king's arm so that he could move it again.*

What happened when the man of God prayed to Yahweh about Jeroboam's hand?

When the man of God prayed to Yahweh, the king's hand was restored and became as it was before.

1 Kings 13:7

ULT	UST
And the king spoke to the man of God, "Come with me to the house and refresh yourself, and I will give a gift to you."	*Then the king said to the prophet, "Come with me to my house and I will serve you a meal. I will also give you a reward for what you have done!"*

What did the king say to the man of God?

The king said to the man of God, "Come home with me, and I will give you a reward."

1 Kings 13:8

ULT	UST
But the man of God said to the king, "If you gave half of your house to me, I would not come with you, and I would not eat bread and I would not drink water in this place.	*But the prophet replied, "Even if you gave me half of what you owned, I would not go with you, and I would not eat or drink anything here.*

What did the man of God say to the king?

The man of God said to the king, "I will not go with you."

1 Kings 13:10

ULT	UST
And he went by another road, and he did not return by the road by which he had come to Bethel.	*Then the prophet started to return home. He walked on a different road than the one on which he had walked to come to Bethel.*

What did the man of God do after speaking with the king?

After speaking with the king, the man of God returned home by a different way than he came to Bethel.

1 Kings 13:11

ULT	UST
Now an old prophet was dwelling in Bethel, and his son came, and he recounted to him all of the deed that the man of God had done that day in Bethel. The words that he had spoken to the king, also they recounted them to their father.	*At that time there was an old man living in Bethel who was a prophet himself. His sons came and told him what the prophet from Judah had done there on that day. They also told him what the prophet had said to the king.*

Where did an old prophet live?

An old prophet lived in Bethel.

1 Kings 13:12

ULT	UST
And their father spoke to them, "Where is this, the road he walked?" Now his sons had seen the road that the man of God had walked who had come from Judah.	*Their father asked, "On what road did he leave to return home?" His sons had seen what road the prophet from Judah had started walking on, so they told him which road it was.*

Who saw the way that the man of God had gone from Bethel?

The old prophet's sons saw the way that the man of God walked who had come from Judah.

1 Kings 13:14

ULT	UST
And he went after the man of God, and he found him sitting under the oak tree. And he said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am."	*He went along the road to find the prophet from Judah. He found him sitting to rest under the large oak tree that was in that area. The old man asked him, "Are you the prophet who came from Judah?" He replied, "Yes, I am."*

Where did the old prophet find the man of God?

The old prophet found the man of God sitting under the oak tree.

1 Kings 13:15

ULT	UST
And he said to him, "Go with me to the house and eat bread."	*The old man said to him, "Please come home with me so that I can serve you a meal."*

What did the old prophet say to the man of God?

The old prophet said to the man of God, "Come home with me and eat food."

1 Kings 13:16

ULT	UST
And he said, "I am not able to return with you or to come with you. And I will not eat bread and I will not drink water with you in this place.	*He replied, "No, I cannot accept your invitation to go with you to your house. I can not eat or drink anything with you here.*

What was the man of God's answer to the old prophet?

The man of God answered, "I am not allowed to go with you into your house, or to eat or drink anything with you."

1 Kings 13:17-18

What was the old prophet's answer to the man of God?

The old prophet was lying to the man of God when he told him that an angel told the old prophet to bring him back to your house.

1 Kings 13:19

ULT	UST
And he returned with him, and he ate bread in his house and drank water.	*So the prophet from Judah returned with the old man to his home, and he ate a meal with him there.*

Where did the man of God go after the old prophet lied to him?

The man of God went back and ate food and drank water in his house.

1 Kings 13:20

ULT	UST
And it happened, as they were sitting at the table, that the word of Yahweh was to the prophet who had brought him back.	*While they were sitting at the table, Yahweh gave the old prophet a message to speak the prophet from Judah.*

What came to the old prophet as they sat at the table?

The word of Yahweh came to the old prophet as they sat at the table.

1 Kings 13:22

ULT	UST
and you have returned and you have eaten bread and you have drunk water in the place about which he spoke to you, "You shall not eat bread and you shall not drink water," your corpse shall not enter into the grave of your fathers.'"	*Instead, you have come back to this house and eaten a meal, even though I commanded you not to eat anything there. As a result, you will die, and people will not bury your body in the same place where people buried your ancestors.'"*

What did the word of Yahweh say to the man of God?

The word of Yahweh said, "Because you came back and ate food and drank water, your body will not be buried in the tomb of your fathers."

1 Kings 13:23

ULT	UST
And it happened after his eating bread and after his drinking that he saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet, him whom he had brought back.	*When they had finished eating, the old man had his sons get his donkey ready so that the prophet from Judah could ride on it, and the prophet left.*

What did the old prophet do after they ate?

After they ate, the old prophet saddled the man of God's donkey for him.

1 Kings 13:24

ULT	UST
And he went, and a lion found him in the road, and it killed him. And his corpse was thrown on the road, and the donkey was standing beside it, and the lion was standing beside the corpse.	*But as he was going, a lion met him and killed him. It left the prophet's body lying on the road. The donkey stood beside it, and the lion also stood beside it.*

What happened after the man of God had gone?

After the man of God had gone, a lion met him on the road and killed him.

1 Kings 13:25

ULT	UST
And behold, men were passing by, and they saw the corpse thrown in the road and the lion standing beside the corpse. And they came and spoke in the city in which the old prophet was dwelling.	*When some men who were walking along that road came to that place, they were surprised to see the prophet's body on the road and the lion standing next to it. So they went into the city of Bethel, where the old man lived, and they reported what they had seen.*

What did men do when they saw the body of the man of God lying on the road?

When men saw the man of God's body lying on the road, they came back and told it in the city of the old prophet.

1 Kings 13:26

ULT	UST
And the prophet who had brought him back from the road heard, and he said, "He is the man of God who disobeyed the mouth of Yahweh. And Yahweh gave him to the lion, and it tore him apart and killed him, according to the word of Yahweh that he spoke to him."	*When the old man who had brought the prophet from Judah to his home heard what had happened, he said, "The man whom the lion killed is the prophet who disobeyed the instructions that Yahweh gave him. Yahweh allowed the lion to attack him and kill him. That is exactly what Yahweh said would happen in the message he gave me for him!"*

What was the old prophet's answer to the men?

The old prophet answered that this was the man of God who had disobeyed the word of Yahweh.

1 Kings 13:28

ULT	UST
And he went, and he found the corpse thrown in the road and the donkey and the lion standing beside the corpse. The lion had not eaten the corpse, and it had not torn apart the donkey.	*Then the old man rode on that donkey along the road on which the prophet had started to return to Judah. He came to the place where the prophet's body had fallen on the road. He saw his other donkey and the lion standing there next to the man's body. But the lion had not eaten any of the prophet's flesh, and it had not attacked the donkey.*

What did the old prophet do after hearing the men?

The old prophet spoke to his sons to saddle his donkey, and he went and found the body left in the road.

1 Kings 13:30

ULT	UST
And he laid his corpse in his grave. And they mourned over him, "Alas, my brother!"	*He buried the prophet's body in the grave where people had buried other members of his family. Then he and other people who lived in the city mourned for him. They said, "We are so sorry that our fellow Israelite has died!"*

What did the old prophet do with the body of the man of God?

The old prophet took up the body of the man of God and buried him in his own grave.

1 Kings 13:31

ULT	UST
And it happened after his burying him that he spoke to his sons, saying, "When I die, then you shall bury me in the grave in which the man of God is buried. Lay my bones beside his bones.	*After they had buried him, the old man told his sons, "When I die, I want you to bury me in this grave where we have just buried the prophet from Judah. Put my body next to his.*

What did the old prophet say to his sons about his own burial?

The old prophet said to his sons, "When I am dead, bury me in the tomb in which the man of God is buried."

1 Kings 13:33-34

What thing became sin to the family of Jeroboam and caused it to be cut off from the face of the earth?

Jeroboam did not turn away from evil, and even more, he consecrated as priests anyone who wanted to be a priest.

1 Kings 14

1 Kings 14:1

ULT	UST
At that time Abijah, the son of Jeroboam, became sick.	*Shortly after Jeroboam chose to ignore Yahweh's warning about the hilltop shrines, his son Abijah became very sick.*

What happened to Abijah the son of Jeroboam?

Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick.

1 Kings 14:2

ULT	UST
And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Arise, please, and change yourself, so they will not know that you are the wife of Jeroboam. And you shall go to Shiloh. Behold, Ahijah the prophet is there. He, he spoke about me as king over this people.	*Jeroboam told his wife, "I want you to disguise yourself so that no one will recognize that you are my wife. Then go to the city of Shiloh. That is where the prophet Ahijah lives. He is the man who met me and told me that I would become the king of Israel.*

What did Jeroboam ask his wife to do?

Jeroboam asked his wife to disguise herself and go to the prophet Ahijah in Shiloh.

1 Kings 14:3

ULT	UST
And you shall take in your hand ten loaves of bread and cakes and a jar of honey, and you shall go to him. He, he will declare to you what will happen to the boy."	*Take with you ten loaves of bread, some small flat cakes, and a jar of honey. Give them to him as gifts. Tell him about our son, and he will tell you whether he will become well again."*

Why did Jeroboam ask his wife to go to the prophet Ahijah?

Jeroboam asked his wife to go to the prophet Ahijah to find out what would happen to his sick son.

1 Kings 14:4

ULT	UST
And the wife of Jeroboam did thus. And she arose and went to Shiloh, and she entered the house of Ahijah. (Now Ahijah was not able to see, for his eyes had set because of his age.)	*So that is what his wife did. She went to Shiloh, to Ahijah's house. Ahijah was not able to see, since he was very old and his eyes were no longer healthy.*

What was wrong with Ahijah's eyes?

Since Ahijah was old, he was blind and his eyes could not see.

1 Kings 14:5

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Ahijah, "Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to seek a word from you about her son, for he is sick. Like this and like this you shall speak to her. And it will happen when she comes that she will be disguising herself."	*But before she got there, Yahweh told Ahijah that Jeroboam's wife was coming to inquire about their son, who was very sick. He told him that when she arrived, she would be pretending to be someone else. Yahweh told Ahijah what he should say to her.*

Who told Ahijah, "The wife of Jeroboam is coming to see you."?

Yahweh told Ahijah, "The wife of Jeroboam is coming to see you to seek advice concerning her son."

1 Kings 14:6

ULT	UST
And it happened, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet coming into the entrance, that he said, "Enter, wife of Jeroboam. Why is this, you are disguising yourself? Now I have been sent to you harshly.	*So when Ahijah heard her footsteps as she entered the doorway, he said to her, "Come in. I know you are Jeroboam's wife, so do not pretend that you are someone else. Yahweh has told me to tell you some bad news.*

What did Ahijah say to the wife of Jeroboam?

When Ahijah heard her come in at the door he said to her, "I know you are Jeroboam's wife, so do not pretend that you are someone else."

1 Kings 14:8

ULT	UST
and I tore the kingdom away from the house of David and I gave it to you, but you are not like my servant David, who kept my commandments and who walked after me with all of his heart, to do only the right in my eyes,	*I stopped David's descendants from ruling most of the people of the kingdom of Israel, and I allowed you to become the king of those Israelites instead. But you have not been like David, who served me very well. He obeyed my commandments very sincerely and wanted to do only things that I considered to be right.*

What did the God of Israel say about Jeroboam?

The God of Israel said to Jeroboam, "You are not like my servant David, who kept my commandments."

1 Kings 14:9

ULT	UST
and you have been evil to do more than all who were to your face, and you have gone and made for yourself other gods and molded images to anger me, and you have thrown me behind your back,	*But you have done more wicked things than any of the men who were kings of Israel before you. You have rejected me, and you have made me very angry by making metal images of other gods so that you and others could worship them.*

What did Jeroboam do to provoke Yahweh to anger?

Jeroboam cast metal images to provoke Yahweh to anger.

1 Kings 14:10

ULT	UST
therefore, behold me, bringing harm to the house of Jeroboam, and I will cut off from Jeroboam one pissing against a wall, one restrained and one set free in Israel. And I will burn after the house of Jeroboam, just as dung burns until the finishing of it.	*Therefore, I am going to make terrible things happen to your family. I will allow someone to kill all of the males in your household, whether they are family members or servants, no matter where they live in your kingdom. I will completely destroy your family, just as fire completely destroys dung when people burn it.*

What disaster would Yahweh bring on Jeroboam?

Yahweh said that he would cut off from him every male of his household, whether they are family members or servants, whether they are young or old.

1 Kings 14:11

ULT	UST
The one to Jeroboam dying in the city, dogs will eat, and the one dying in the field, birds of the sky will eat.” For Yahweh has spoken.’	*Dogs will eat the bodies of any members of your household who die in cities. Scavenger birds will eat the bodies of any members of your household who die in the countryside.’ This will surely happen, since Yahweh has said that it will happen.*

What would happen to anyone of Jeroboam’s family who died in the city?

Any of Jeroboam’s family who died in the city would be eaten by dogs.

1 Kings 14:12-13

What would all Israel do for the child of Jeroboam?

All Israel would mourn for and bury the child of Jeroboam.

1 Kings 14:15

ULT	UST
And Yahweh will strike Israel, just as a reed sways in the waters, and he will uproot Israel from upon this good ground that he gave to their fathers. And he will scatter them beyond the River because they made their Asherahs, provoking Yahweh.	*Yahweh will punish the people of Israel. He will unsettle them, just as the strong, flowing water of a river unsettles the reeds that grow on its banks. He will finally expel the Israelite people from this good land that he gave to our ancestors. The Israelites have worshiped statues of the goddess Asherah, and by doing that, they have made Yahweh very angry. As a result, he will allow enemies to take them as captives into lands on the far side of the Euphrates River.*

How far did Yahweh say that he would scatter Israel?

Yahweh said that he would scatter Israel beyond the Euphrates River.

1 Kings 14:15-16

What did Yahweh say that Jeroboam led Israel to do?

Yahweh said that Jeroboam led Israel to worship statues of the goddess Asherah, as he was doing.

1 Kings 14:17

ULT	UST
And the wife of Jeroboam arose and went, and she came to Tirzah. She was entering at the threshold of the house, and the boy died.	*Then Jeroboam's wife got up and left, and she traveled back home to the city of Tirzah. Just as she was walking through the door of her house, her son died.*

What happened when Jeroboam's wife came to the threshold of the house?

When Jeroboam's wife came to the threshold of the house, the child died.

1 Kings 14:18

ULT	UST
And they buried him, and all of Israel mourned for him, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.	*People throughout Israel mourned for him, and his family was able to bury him. That is just what Yahweh had told the prophet Ahijah, his servant, to say would happen.*

What did all Israel do after the child died?

All Israel buried him and mourned for him.

1 Kings 14:19

ULT	UST
Now the rest of the matters of Jeroboam, how he fought and how he reigned, behold them, written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel.	*The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Jeroboam did, including the wars that his army fought and how he ruled.*

Where were the other matters concerning Jeroboam written?

The other matters concerning Jeroboam were written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel.

1 Kings 14:20

ULT	UST
And the days that Jeroboam reigned were 22 years. And he lay down with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place.	*Jeroboam ruled for 22 years. Then he died, and his son Nadab became the next king.*

How many years did Jeroboam reign before he slept with his fathers?

Jeroboam reigned for 22 years, and he slept with his fathers.

1 Kings 14:21

ULT	UST
Now Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was a son of 41 years when he reigned. And he reigned 17 years in Jerusalem, the city where Yahweh had chosen to put his name there from all of the tribes of Israel. And the name of his mother was Naamah the Ammonitess.	*Meanwhile, Solomon's son Rehoboam was ruling Judah. He had been 41 years old when he started to rule, and he ruled for 17 years. He ruled in Jerusalem, the city that Yahweh chose to be the place where the Israelites would worship him. Rehoboam's mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess.*

Who was reigning in Judah?

Rehoboam the son of Solomon was reigning in Judah.

1 Kings 14:22

ULT	UST
And Judah did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. And they made him jealous more than all that their fathers had done by their sins that they sinned.	*The people of the kingdom of Judah did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. They committed more sins than their ancestors had committed. This made Yahweh very angry, because they were worshiping idols, and they should have been worshiping only him.*

How did Judah provoke Yahweh to jealousy?

Judah provoked Yahweh to jealousy with the sins they committed.

1 Kings 14:23

ULT	UST
And they built for themselves, they also, high places and pillars and Asherahs on every high hill and under every green tree.	*Just as the northern Israelites had done, the Judeans built places to worship foreign gods. On high hills and under big trees, they built shrines and set up stone pillars and made wooden images to represent the goddess Asherah.*

What did Judah build on every high hill and under every green tree?

Judah built shrines and Asherah poles on every high hill and under every green tree.

1 Kings 14:24

ULT	UST
And also a cultic prostitute was in the land. They did according to all of the abominations of the nations that Yahweh had dispossessed from the face of the sons of Israel.	*There were also male shrine prostitutes at these places of worship. The Israelite people did the same disgraceful things that the people had done whom Yahweh had forced to leave so that the Israelites could possess the land.*

What despicable things did the nations do?

The Israelite people did the same disgraceful things with male prostitutes that the people had done whom Yahweh had forced to leave so that the Israelites could possess the land.

1 Kings 14:25

ULT	UST
And it happened that in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem.	*When Rehoboam had been ruling for almost five years, King Shishak of Egypt came with his soldiers to attack Jerusalem.*

In what year did Shishak come up against Jerusalem?

In the fifth year of King Rehoboam, Shishak came up against Jerusalem.

1 Kings 14:26

ULT	UST
And he took the treasures of the house of Yahweh and the treasures of the house of the king. And he took everything. And he took all of the shields of gold that Solomon had made.	*They defeated the Judeans, and then his soldiers took away the valuable things they found in Yahweh's temple and in the royal palace. They also took many other valuable things they found. Because they took the gold shields that Solomon's workers had made,*

What shields did Shishak take away from Jerusalem?

Shishak took all the shields of gold that Solomon had made.

1 Kings 14:27

ULT	UST
And King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place, and he committed them to the hand of the commanders of the runners, the ones keeping the entrance of the house of the king.	*King Rehoboam had his workers make bronze shields to replace them. He had the officers of the soldiers who guarded the entrance to his palace take care of these shields.*

What did King Rehoboam do with the shields of bronze that he made?

King Rehoboam put them into the hands of the palace guards.

1 Kings 14:28

ULT	UST
And it happened that whenever the king entered the house of Yahweh, the runners bore them, and they brought them back to the chamber of the runners.	*Whenever the king was going to come into the temple, those guards got those shields and held them, and after he left the temple, they returned the shields to their storeroom.*

When would the guards carry the shields of bronze?

Whenever the king entered the house of Yahweh, the guards would carry the shields.

1 Kings 14:29

ULT	UST
Now the rest of the matters of Rehoboam and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah?	*The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Rehoboam did.*

Where were the other matters of King Rehoboam written?

The other matters of King Rehoboam were written in book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah.

1 Kings 14:31

ULT	UST
And Rehoboam lay down with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the City of David. And the name of his mother was Naamah the Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his place.	*Then Rehoboam died, and people buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people call the City of David. That is where people had buried his ancestors. Rehoboam's mother Naamah was an Ammonitess, and that is why he became devoted to idol worship. After Rehoboam died, his son Abijam became the next king.*

Who became king in Rehoboam's place?

Abijah, Rehoboam's son, became king in his place.

1 Kings 15

1 Kings 15:1

ULT	UST
Now in the year of 18 to King Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, Abijam reigned over Judah.	*Abijah became the king of Judah when Jeroboam had been the king of Israel for almost 18 years.*

When did Abijah begin to reign over Judah?

Abijah began to reign over Judah in the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam.

1 Kings 15:2

ULT	UST
He reigned three years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Maacah, the daughter of Abishalom.	*Abijah ruled for three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Maacah daughter of Abishalom.*

How long did Abijah rule in Jerusalem?

Abijah ruled in Jerusalem for three years.

1 Kings 15:3

ULT	UST
And he walked in all of the sins of his father that he had done to his face. And his heart was not complete with Yahweh his God like the heart of David his father.	*Abijah committed the same kind of sins that his father had committed. He was not completely faithful to Yahweh his God as his ancestor David had been.*

Was Abijah's heart devoted to Yahweh his God?

Abijah's heart was not devoted to Yahweh his God.

1 Kings 15:4

ULT	UST
But for the sake of David, Yahweh his God gave to him a lamp in Jerusalem by raising up his son after him, and by making Jerusalem stand,	*But Yahweh had promised to David that one of his descendants would always be king in Jerusalem. So Yahweh allowed Abijah's son to become king after he died. Yahweh also did not allow any enemies to conquer Jerusalem.*

Why did Yahweh raise up a son for Abijah in Jerusalem?

Yahweh raised up a son for Abijah for the sake of David.

1 Kings 15:5

ULT	UST
because David had done right in the eyes of Yahweh, and he had not turned from all that he had commanded him all of the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.	*Yahweh did that because David had done the things that he had told the Israelites were good to do. When Yahweh had told David to do something, David had always obeyed. The only time when David disobeyed Yahweh was when he had sexual relations with the wife of Uriah the Hittite and tried to hide what he had done by causing him to die in battle.*

In what matter did David turn away from Yahweh?

David only turned away from Yahweh in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

1 Kings 15:6

ULT	UST
And war was between Rehoboam and between Jeroboam all of the days of his life.	*The kingdoms of Judah and Israel had been enemies when Rehoboam and Jeroboam were their kings, and they continued to be enemies all during the time that Abijah ruled.*

What happened all the days of Abijah's life?

There was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of Abijah's life.

1 Kings 15:8

ULT	UST
And Abijam lay down with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of David. And Asa his son reigned in his place.	*Abijah died, and the Israelites buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people call the City of David. His son Asa became the next king.*

When Abijah slept with his fathers, who became king in his place?

When Abijah slept with his fathers, Asa became king in his place.

1 Kings 15:9

ULT	UST
Now in the year of 20 to Jeroboam, the king of Israel, Asa reigned as the king of Judah.	*Asa started to rule Judah after Jeroboam had been the king of Israel for almost 20 years.*

When did Asa begin to reign over Judah?

Asa began to reign over Judah in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel.

1 Kings 15:10

ULT	UST
And he reigned 41 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom.	*He ruled in Jerusalem for 41 years. His grandmother was Maacah daughter of Abishalom.*

How many years did Asa reign in Jerusalem?

Asa reigned 41 years in Jerusalem.

1 Kings 15:11

ULT	UST
And Asa did right in the eyes of Yahweh like David his father.	*Asa did the things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were good to do, as his ancestor David had done.*

What did Asa do in the eyes of Yahweh?

Asa did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh, as David had done.

1 Kings 15:12

ULT	UST
And he made the cultic prostitutes pass over from the land, and he removed all of the idols that his fathers had made.	*He forced the male shrine prostitutes to leave Israel, and he also destroyed all of the idols that his ancestors had made.*

What did Asa do in the land?

Asa removed the male prostitutes and the idols his ancestors had made in the land.

1 Kings 15:13

ULT	UST
And also Maacah his mother, he removed her from being queen mother because she had made a horror for Asherah. And Asa cut down her horror, and he burned it in the wadi of Kidron.	*His grandmother Maacah had been in the influential position of queen mother, but he removed her from that position. He did that because she had made a disgusting wooden statue for the goddess Asherah. Asa had his servants cut down the statue and burn it in the Kidron Valley.*

Whom did Asa remove from being queen?

Asa removed his own grandmother Maacah from being queen.

1 Kings 15:14

ULT	UST
But they did not remove the high places. Nevertheless, the heart of Asa was complete with Yahweh all of his days.	*He did not order his servants to destroy the shrines for worship on the top of hills. Even so, he was completely faithful to Yahweh for the whole time that he lived.*

What was the condition of Asa's heart toward Yahweh?

Asa's heart was completely dedicated to Yahweh all his days.

1 Kings 15:15

ULT	UST
And he brought the holy things of his father and his holy things into the house of Yahweh, silver and gold and vessels.	*He told his servants to put in Yahweh's temple the valuable things that his father had dedicated. He also told them to put there the things that he had dedicated. These included gold, silver, and other valuable articles.*

What did Asa bring into the house of Yahweh?

Asa brought all the items that his father had dedicated to God and all the gold and silver things that he had dedicated to God into the house of Yahweh.

1 Kings 15:16

ULT	UST
And war was between Asa and between Baasha, the king of Israel, all of their days.	*Asa fought wars against Baasha king of Israel during the whole time that he reigned.*

With whom was Asa at war?

Asa was at war with Baasha king of Israel all their days.

1 Kings 15:17

ULT	UST
And Baasha, the king of Israel, went up against Judah, and he built Ramah so as not to give going out or coming in to Asa, the king of Judah.	*Baasha's army invaded Judah. They captured the city of Ramah just north of Jerusalem. Then they started to build a wall around it so that it would be a border fortress and they would be able to prevent people from entering or leaving Asa's kingdom of Judah.*

Why did Baasha build up Ramah?

Baasha built up Ramah so that no one would enter into or leave the area that King Asa ruled.

1 Kings 15:18

ULT	UST
And Asa took all of the silver and the gold remaining in the storerooms of the house of Yahweh and the storerooms of the house of the king, and he gave them into the hand of his servants. And King Asa sent them to Ben Hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, the king of Aram, the dweller in Damascus, saying,	*So Asa had his officials collect all of the silver and golden articles that were still in the storerooms in the temple and his palace. He told them to bring those things to Damascus and give them to Ben Hadad, the king who ruled Aram from that city. Ben Hadad was the son of Tabrimmon and the grandson of Hezion. Asa told his officials to tell Ben Hadad,*

What did Asa do with all the silver and gold from the storerooms of the house of Yahweh?

Asa sent the silver and gold to Ben Hadad, the grandson of the king of Aram, who lived in Damascus.

1 Kings 15:19

ULT	UST
“A covenant between me and between you, between my father and between your father. Behold, I have sent to you a gift of silver and gold. Go, break your covenant with Baasha, the king of Israel, that he may go up from against me.”	*“My father had an alliance with your father, and I would like to have an alliance with you. To make that alliance, I am giving you this silver and gold. So please break the alliance you have with Baasha, the king of Israel, and attack him. That way he will stop invading my kingdom because he will have to send his army to fight your army.”*

What did Asa say to Benhadad?

Asa said to Benhadad, “Let there be a treaty between me and you, as there was between my father and your father.”

1 Kings 15:20

ULT	UST
And Ben Hadad listened to King Asa, and he sent the commanders of the armies that were to him against the cities of Israel. And he struck Ijon and Dan and Abel Beth Maacah and all of Chinnereth, with all of the land of Naphtali.	*When the officials spoke that message to Ben Hadad, he agreed to do what Asa wanted. He ordered his commanders to lead their soldiers to attack some areas in the kingdom of Israel. They attacked the cities of Ijon, Dan, and Abel Beth Maacah, the region of Chinnereth, and the whole territory of the tribe of Naphtali.*

What did Benhadad do after he listened to Asa?

After he listened to Asa, Benhadad sent his armies to attack the cities of Israel.

1 Kings 15:21

ULT	UST
And it happened, when Baasha heard, that he ceased from building Ramah, and he dwelled in Tirzah.	*When Baasha learned that Ben Hadad's armies were attacking Israel, he ordered his soldiers to stop building the wall around Ramah. He and his soldiers returned to his capital city of Tirzah and stayed there.*

What did Baasha do when he heard about this?

When Baasha heard about the attacks, he stopped building up Ramah.

1 Kings 15:22

ULT	UST
And King Asa made all of Judah hear. None was exempt. And they carried away the stones of Ramah and its wood, with which Baasha had been building. And with them King Asa built Geba of Benjamin and Mizpah.	*Then King Asa sent messengers to tell the men throughout his kingdom of Judah that he was requiring them all to go to Ramah. They were to carry away the stones and timber that Baasha's soldiers had been using to build a wall around that city. With those stones and timber, King Asa had his workers fortify the city of Mizpah and the city that people call Geba that is within the territory of the tribe of Benjamin.*

What did Asa do with the materials that had been used to build up Ramah?

Asa took the materials that had been used to build up Ramah and used them to build up Geba and Mizpah.

1 Kings 15:23

ULT	UST
Now the rest of all of the matters of Asa and all of his might and all that he did and the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah? (But in the time of his old age he became sick in his feet.)	*The book in which the kings of Judah recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Asa did during his reign, including the battles that his armies won and the cities that he had his workers fortify. (When Asa became old, he got a foot disease.)*

Where were all of Asa's matters written?

All of Asa's matters were written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Judah.

1 Kings 15:24

ULT	UST
And Asa lay down with his fathers, and he was buried with his fathers in the City of David his father. And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his place.	*Asa died, and the Israelites buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people call the City of David. That is where people had also buried his ancestors. Asa's son Jehoshaphat became the next king.*

After Asa slept with his fathers, who became king in his place?

After Asa slept with his fathers, his son Jehoshaphat became king in his place.

1 Kings 15:25

ULT	UST
Now Nadab, the son of Jeroboam, reigned over Israel in year two of Asa, the king of Judah. And he reigned over Israel two years.	*Nadab son of Jeroboam started to rule Israel after Asa had been the king of Judah for almost two years. Nadab ruled Israel for two years.*

Who began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa?

Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa.

1 Kings 15:26

ULT	UST
And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. And he walked in the way of his father and in his sin that he caused Israel to sin.	*He did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. He behaved in the sinful way his father had behaved. He continued to lead the Israelites to sin by worshiping the calf statues at the shrines in Bethel and Dan.*

How did Nadab walk in the sight of Yahweh?

Nadab did evil in the sight of Yahweh and walked in the ways of his father and in his sin.

1 Kings 15:27

ULT	UST
And Baasha, the son of Ahijah, from the house of Issachar, conspired against him, and Baasha struck him at Gibbethon, which is to the Philistines. Now Nadab and all of Israel were besieging against Gibbethon.	*King Nadab and his soldiers were attacking the city of Gibbethon in the region of Philistia. One of his military commanders, Baasha son of Ahijah from the tribe of Issachar, plotted against him with some of the other commanders. Baasha killed Nadab at Gibbethon.*

What did Baasha son of Ahijah do at Gibbethon?

Baasha the son of Ahijah killed Nadab at Gibbethon.

1 Kings 15:29

ULT	UST
And it happened when he reigned that he struck all of the house of Jeroboam. He did not leave any breathing one to Jeroboam, until he had destroyed him, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken by the hand of his servant Ahijah the Shilonite	*As soon as he became king, Baasha commanded his soldiers to kill all the rest of Jeroboam's living descendants. He made sure that none of them survived. That is exactly what Yahweh had said would happen in the message that he gave to Ahijah the Shilonite, his servant.*

What did Baasha do as soon as he became king?

As soon as Baasha became king, he killed all of the family of Jeroboam. He did not leave one of Jeroboam's descendants breathing.

1 Kings 15:32

ULT	UST
And war was between Asa and between Baasha, the king of Israel, all of their days.	*The armies of Asa and Baasha were continually at war with one another.*

How long was there war between Asa and Baasha?

There was war between Asa and Baasha all their days.

1 Kings 15:33

ULT	UST
In year three of Asa the king of Judah, Baasha, the son of Ahijah, reigned over all of Israel in Tirzah 24 years.	*Baasha son of Ahijah, started to rule Israel from the city of Tirzah after Asa had been the king of Judah for almost three years. He ruled for 24 years.*

How long did Baasha reign in Tirza?

Baasha reigned in Tirza for 24 years.

1 Kings 15:34

ULT	UST
And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh. And he walked in the way of Jeroboam and in his sin that he caused Israel to sin.	*Baasha did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. He behaved the way King Jeroboam had behaved. He continued to lead the Israelites to sin by worshiping the calf statues at the shrines in Bethel and Dan.*

How did Baasha live?

Baasha did evil in the sight of Yahweh and lived in the way of Jeroboam. encouraging his people to sin in the same way that he sinned.

1 Kings 16

1 Kings 16:2

ULT	UST
“Because I raised you from the dust and made you the leader over my people Israel, but you walked in the way of Jeroboam and caused my people Israel to sin, provoking me by their sins,	*“You were an insignificant person, but I allowed you to become the king of Israel. Despite that, you have done the same evil things that King Jeroboam did. You have led the people of Israel to commit sins, and that has made me very angry.*

Out of what did Yahweh raise Baasha?

Yahweh raised him out of the dust.

1 Kings 16:4

ULT	UST
The one to Baasha dying in the city, dogs will eat, and the one to him dying in the field, birds of the sky will eat.”	*Dogs will eat the bodies of any members of your household who die in cities. Scavenger birds will eat the bodies of any members of your household who die in the countryside.”*

What would eat anyone belonging to Baasha who died in the city?

The dogs would eat anyone belonging to Baasha who died in the city.

1 Kings 16:7

ULT	UST
And also by the hand of Jehu, the son of Hanani, the prophet, the word of Yahweh was to Baasha and to his house and against all of the evil that he had done in the eyes of Yahweh, provoking him with the work of his hands, by being like the house of Jeroboam and because he had struck him.	*Baasha did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. The things he did made Yahweh very angry. Baasha did the same kind of things that King Jeroboam and his descendants who ruled as kings after him had done. Yahweh was also angry with Baasha because he killed all of Jeroboam’s family. That was why Yahweh gave a message to the prophet Jehu son of Hanani saying that he would destroy Baasha and his family.*

Why did the word of Yahweh come against Baasha and his family?

The word of Yahweh came against Baasha and his family both because of all the evil he did in the sight of Yahweh and also because he had killed all of Jeroboam’s family.

1 Kings 16:8-10

What was Elah doing when Zimri killed him?

Elah was drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza when Zimri killed him.

1 Kings 16:11

ULT	UST
And it happened that when he reigned, as soon as he sat on his throne, he struck all of the house of Baasha. He did not leave to him one pissing against a wall, both his kinsmen and his friend.	*Once Zimri became king, as soon as he could, he commanded his soldiers to kill Baasha's whole remaining family. He killed every male in Baasha's family and all of Baasha's male friends.*

When did Zimri kill all the family of Baasha?

When Zimri began to reign, as soon as he had sat on his throne, he killed all the family of Baasha.

1 Kings 16:15

ULT	UST
In the year of 27, the year to Asa, the king of Judah, Zimri reigned seven days in Tirzah. Now the people were camping against Gibbethon, which was to the Philistines.	*In that way, Zimri became the next king of Israel. This happened after Asa had been the king of Judah for 27 years. But Zimri ruled in Tirzah for only seven days. At that time, the Israelite army was attacking the city of Gibbethon in the region of Philistia.*

To whom did Gibbethon belong?

Gibbethon belonged to the Philistines.

1 Kings 16:18

ULT	UST
And it happened, when Zimri saw that the city had been taken, that he entered into the citadel of the house of the king. And he burned the house of the king over himself with fire, and he died,	*When Zimri realized that Omri's soldiers had captured the city, he went into his palace and set it on fire. The palace burned down, and he died in the fire.*

Where did Zimri kill himself?

Zimri killed himself in the citadel attached to the king's palace, burning it down over himself and dying in the fire.

1 Kings 16:21

ULT	UST
Then the people of Israel were divided in half. Half of the people were behind Tibni, the son of Ginath, to make him reign, and half were behind Omri.	*After Zimri died, the Israelite soldiers disagreed about who should be the next king. Many of them wanted Tibni son of Ginath to be the king. But many others wanted Omri to be the king.*

About what two leaders were the people of Israel divided into two parts?

The people of Israel divided into two parts about who should be their king, Tibni or Omri.

1 Kings 16:24

ULT	UST
Then he bought the hill of Samaria from Shemer for two silver kikkars. And he built on the hill, and he called the name of the city that he built Samaria, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill.	*Then Omni bought the hill that people now call Samaria from a man whose name was Shemer. He paid him about 66 kilograms of silver for it. Then Omri had his workers build a city on that hill. He called the city Samaria because Shemer was the name of the man who had owned the hill previously.*

Why did Omri call the name of the city Samaria?

Omri called the name of the city Samaria, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill.

1 Kings 16:28

ULT	UST
And Omri lay down with his fathers, and he was buried in Samaria. And Ahab his son reigned in his place.	*Then Omri died, and the Israelites buried him in Samaria. His son Ahab became the next king.*

Who became king in Omri's place?

Ahab his son became king in his place.

1 Kings 16:32

ULT	UST
And he set up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal that he built in Samaria.	*He built a temple in Samaria where people could worship Baal, and he put an altar in that temple for making sacrifices to Baal.*

Who had built the house of Baal in Samaria?

Ahab had built the house of Baal in Samaria.

1 Kings 16:34

ULT	UST
In his days, Hiel the Bethelite built Jericho. By Abiram, his firstborn, he founded it, and by Segub, his youngest, he set up its doors, according to the word of Yahweh that he spoke by the hand of Joshua, the son of Nun.	*During the years when Ahab ruled, a man whose name was Hiel, who came from the city of Bethel, rebuilt the city of Jericho. When Hiel and his family and servants started restoring the foundations of the city, his oldest son Abiram died. And they had nearly finished the rebuilding and were putting the doors in the gates of the city, his youngest son Segub died. Joshua son of Nun had said this would happen to the sons of anyone who rebuilt Jericho. Yahweh had led Joshua to say that, and that is exactly what happened.*

What caused the loss of Hiel's son Abiram?

Hiel began rebuilding Jericho, causing the loss of his oldest son, Abiram.

1 Kings 17

1 Kings 17:1

ULT	UST
Now Elijah the Tishbite, from the Tishbites of Gilead, said to Ahab, "The life of Yahweh, the God of Israel, to whose face I stand, if there will be dew or rain these years except by the mouth of my word."	*There was a man whose name was Elijah. He came from the city of Tishbe. He was one of the Tishbites who lived in the region of Gilead. One day he went to Samaria to speak with King Ahab. He told him, "Yahweh is the God whom we Israelites should worship, and he is the God whom I obey. I swear by Yahweh there will be no dew or rain for the next several years unless I say so."*

What ominous message did Elijah give to Ahab?

Elijah told Ahab that as Yahweh lives, there would be no dew or rain unless he said so.

1 Kings 17:4

ULT	UST
And it will happen that you shall drink from the wadi. And I have commanded the ravens to sustain you there."	*When you get there, you can drink water from the brook. And I will have ravens bring food to you there."*

Who did Yahweh command to feed Elijah while Elijah was at the brook Cherith?

Yahweh commanded the ravens to feed Elijah at the brook Cherith.

1 Kings 17:7

ULT	UST
And it happened, at the end of some days, that the wadi dried up because no rain was in the land.	*But after a while, because it had stopped raining anywhere in Israel, the brook dried up.*

What happened when there was no rain in the land?

The brook dried up when there was no rain in the land.

1 Kings 17:8-10

Where did Elijah go after the brook dried up?

Yahweh sent Elijah to a widow in Zarephath.

1 Kings 17:12

ULT	UST
And she said, "The life of Yahweh your God, if there is to me a bread-cake, but only the fullness of a palm of flour in a jar and a little bit of oil in a jug. And behold me, gathering two sticks, and I will enter, and I will make it for me and for my son, and we will eat it, and we will die."	*But she replied, "I swear by Yahweh your God that I do not have even a single loaf of bread in my house. I have only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I was going to gather a few sticks and then go home and make a fire so that I could cook a meal with them. My son and I would eat that meal, and after that, we would die from hunger."*

Why was the widow gathering two sticks?

The widow was gathering two sticks so she could go in and cook for herself and her son, that they could eat, and die from hunger.

1 Kings 17:14

ULT	UST
For thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour will not finish, and the jug of oil will not lack, up to the day Yahweh gives rain on the face of the ground.'"	*You will be able to do that because Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, has told me, 'There will be flour in that jar and olive oil in that jug right up to the time when I make it rain on the earth and crops grow again!'"*

For how long would the widow's jar of meal and jug of oil be full?

They would be full until the day that Yahweh sent rain on the earth.

1 Kings 17:17

ULT	UST
And it happened after these things that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became sick, and his sickness became very strong until breath did not remain in him.	*Some time later, the son of the woman in whose home Elijah was staying became sick. He kept getting sicker, and finally he died.*

How sick was the woman's son?

The son's sickness was so severe that there was no more breath left in him.

1 Kings 17:21

ULT	UST
And he stretched himself out over the child three times. And he called out to Yahweh and said, "Yahweh my God, please let the life of this child return into his midst."	*Then Elijah stretched himself on top of the boy's body three times. He cried out to Yahweh, "Yahweh my God, please cause this boy to become alive again!"*

What did Elijah do to save the child?

Elijah stretched himself on the child three times; he cried out to Yahweh and said, "Yahweh my God, please let this child become alive again."

1 Kings 17:22-24

How did the woman know that Elijah was a man of God?

The woman knew that Elijah was a man of God when her son revived, and Elijah took the child and gave him to his mother.

1 Kings 18

1 Kings 18:1-2

What message did Yahweh ask Elijah to give to Ahab during the severe famine?

Yahweh asked Elijah to tell Ahab he would send rain on the land.

1 Kings 18:3-4

How did Obadiah honor Yahweh when Jezebel was killing the prophets of Yahweh?

Obadiah honored Yahweh by hiding 100 prophets by fifties in a cave and feeding them with bread and water.

1 Kings 18:5

ULT	UST
And Ahab said to Obadiah, "Go into the land, to all of the springs of water and to all of the wadis. Perhaps we will find grass, and we will keep alive a horse or a mule, and we will not cut off from the cattle."	*Ahab told Obadiah, "I want you to go throughout the country and check every spring and every stream bed to see whether we can find enough grass to feed the horses and mules so that they will not all die. If we can find grass, we will also not have to slaughter all of the cattle."*

Why did Ahab and Obadiah go through the land to all the water springs and brooks?

Ahab and Obadiah were searching for water and grass so they could keep a horse or a mule alive.

1 Kings 18:7-8

What dangerous message did Elijah ask Obadiah to tell Ahab?

Elijah asked Obadiah to tell Ahab that Elijah is here.

1 Kings 18:9-11

Why was Obadiah reluctant to tell Ahab that “Elijah is here.”?

Obadiah was reluctant to tell Ahab, “Elijah is here,” because all the nearby nations had taken an oath swearing that Elijah was not there.

1 Kings 18:12

ULT	UST
And it will happen that I, I will go from with you, and the Spirit of Yahweh will carry you to where I do not know. And I will come to declare to Ahab, but he will not find you, and he will kill me. But your servant has been fearing Yahweh from my youth.	*I believe that when I leave you, the Spirit of Yahweh will take you away somewhere, and I will not know where he has taken you. So when I tell Ahab that you are here, and he comes here and discovers that you are not here, he will kill me! But I do not deserve to die, because I have revered Yahweh ever since I was a boy.*

What did Obadiah think would happen as soon as he left Elijah?

Obadiah thought the Spirit of Yahweh would carry Elijah some place Obadiah would not know.

1 Kings 18:14-15

What did Elijah tell Obadiah to calm his fears?

Elijah told Obadiah that as Yahweh lives, he would surely show himself to Ahab that day.

1 Kings 18:16-17

What did Ahab call Elijah when he met him?

Ahab called Elijah “one troubling Israel” when he met him.

1 Kings 18:18

ULT	UST
And he said, "I have not troubled Israel, but rather you and the house of your father, by your forsaking the commandments of Yahweh and going after the Baals.	*Elijah replied, "I am not the one who has caused trouble for the people of Israel! You and your family are the ones who have done that! You have refused to obey Yahweh's commands, and you have worshiped idols representing Baal instead.*

How did Elijah respond to Ahab calling him a "troublemaker"?

Elijah told the king that Ahab and his father's family were the troublemakers because they abandoned the commandments of Yahweh to follow the Baals.

1 Kings 18:19

ULT	UST
And now, send, gather to me all of Israel to Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, eaters at the table of Jezebel."	*So I want you to command leaders from throughout Israel to meet me at Mount Carmel. I want you to tell the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah to go there also. Your wife Jezebel supports those prophets."*

Who did Elijah say to gather on Mount Carmel?

Elijah said to gather all the people of Israel, along with the 450 prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah who eat at Jezebel's table.

1 Kings 18:21

ULT	UST
And Elijah approached to all of the people, and he said, "Until when will you be limping on two opinions? If Yahweh is God, go after him, but if Baal, go after him." But the people did not answer him a word.	*Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, "You must not remain undecided any longer about who is truly God! If Yahweh is God, then you should worship him. If Baal is God, then you should worship him!" But the people said nothing in reply.*

Who did Elijah tell the people they should follow?

Elijah told the people to follow Yahweh if he was God or follow Baal if he was truly God.

1 Kings 18:22-24

What proposal did Elijah bring before the people?

Elijah proposed that he and the prophets of Baal each call upon their god to consume the sacrifice of a bull by fire to prove which one was God.

1 Kings 18:26

ULT	UST
And they took the bull that one gave to them, and they prepared, and they called on the name of Baal from morning and to midday, saying, "Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and there was no answering. And they limped beside the altar that one had made.	*So they chose one of the bulls and cut it into pieces. They built an altar and put wood on it, and they placed the pieces on the altar. Then they prayed to Baal specifically as their god all through that morning. They shouted, "Baal, answer us!" Then they danced wildly around the altar that they had made. But no one spoke to them from the sky or did anything in response to their prayer.*

How long did the prophets of Baal call on Baal?

The prophets of Baal called on Baal from morning until noon.

1 Kings 18:28

ULT	UST
And they called out with a great voice, and they cut themselves, according to their custom, with swords and with spears until a pouring of blood was on them.	*So they shouted even more loudly. They slashed themselves with swords and spears, as they typically did when they worshiped Baal, until blood covered their bodies.*

After Elijah mocked the prophets of Baal at noon, what did the prophets of Baal do?

The prophets of Baal cried more loudly and cut themselves with swords and spears.

1 Kings 18:29

ULT	UST
And it happened, when midday passed, that they prophesied until the offering of the grain offering. But there was no voice, and there was no answering, and there was no attention.	*They kept calling out to Baal until the middle of the afternoon, when it would soon be the time when it was customary to make a grain offering. But no one spoke to them from the sky or did anything in response to their prayer or paid any attention to it.*

How long did the prophets of Baal continue their raving?

The prophets of Baal were raving until the time of the evening sacrifice.

1 Kings 18:30-32

What did Elijah do to the ruined altar of Yahweh?

Elijah repaired the altar of Yahweh with twelve stones.

1 Kings 18:32

ULT	UST
And with the stones he built an altar in the name of Yahweh. And he made a trench around the altar like the house of two seahs of seed.	*With these stones, Elijah rebuilt Yahweh's altar. Then he dug a ditch around the altar that was large enough to hold about 15 liters of grain.*

What did Elijah make around the altar of Yahweh?

Elijah dug a trench around the altar of Yahweh.

1 Kings 18:33-34

What did Elijah have the people do to the wood and the bull for the burnt offering?

Three times Elijah had the people fill four jars with water and pour them on the burnt offering and the wood.

1 Kings 18:38-39

How did the people of Israel respond when the fire of Yahweh fell and consumed the sacrifice and everything around it?

The people lay face down on the ground and said, “Yahweh, he is God! Yahweh, he is God!”

1 Kings 18:40

ULT	UST
And Elijah said to them, “Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let a man from them escape.” And they seized them. And Elijah led them down to the wadi Kishon, and he slaughtered them there.	*Then Elijah commanded the people, “Seize all the prophets of Baal! Do not allow any of them to escape!” So the people seized all the prophets of Baal. They brought them down the mountain to the Kishon valley, and Elijah had the people execute them all there.*

What did Elijah do with the prophets of Baal?

Elijah brought the prophets of Baal down to the brook of Kishon and killed them.

1 Kings 18:43-44

What did the servant of Elijah see after he looked toward the sea seven times?

On the seventh time, the servant saw a cloud as small as a man’s hand.

1 Kings 18:44

ULT	UST
And it happened on the seventh time that he said, “Behold, a small cloud like the palm of a man is coming up from the sea.” And he said, “Go up, say to Ahab, ‘Harness and go down so the rain does not stop you.’”	*When the servant went the seventh time, he came back and told Elijah, “I saw a cloud forming above the sea. It was very small, like a person’s hand.” Then Elijah told him, “Go and tell King Ahab to have his servants get his chariot ready so he can go home right away. If he does not do that, the rain will stop him!”*

What did Elijah tell his servant to say to Ahab?

Elijah told his servant to tell Ahab to make ready his chariot and go down so the rain would not stop him.

1 Kings 18:46

ULT	UST
And the hand of Yahweh was on Elijah, and he girded up his loins, and he ran to the face of Ahab to your coming to Jezreel.	*Yahweh gave extra strength to Elijah. He tucked his cloak into his belt so that he could run, and he ran ahead of Ahab's chariot all the way to Jezreel.*

What did Elijah do as Ahab rode and went to Jezreel?

Elijah tucked his robe in his belt and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

1 Kings 19

1 Kings 19:1-2

What threat did Jezebel make to Elijah?

Jezebel told Elijah that by the next day she would have killed him, just like he killed all those prophets of Baal.

1 Kings 19:3

ULT	UST
And he saw, and he arose and went for his life, and he came to Beersheba, which is to Judah. And he made his servant stay there.	*When Elijah received her message, he realized he could not stay safely within the kingdom of Israel. So he took his servant with him and fled far to the south to Beersheba in the kingdom of Judah. He left his servant there.*

How did Elijah respond to the threat from Jezebel?

Elijah fled for his life to Beersheba.

1 Kings 19:4

ULT	UST
And he, he went the journey of a day into the wilderness, and he came and sat under a juniper tree. And he asked, regarding his life, to die, and he said, "Enough! Take my life now, Yahweh, for I am not better than my fathers."	*Then he walked for a whole day into the desolate area south of Beersheba. He came to a juniper tree and sat down in its shade. Then he prayed that Yahweh would allow him to die. He said, "Yahweh, I cannot endure anymore. So please allow me to die, just as my ancestors died."*

Why did Elijah request that he might die?

Elijah requested that he might die because he felt he was no better than his dead ancestors.

1 Kings 19:5

ULT	UST
And he lay down and slept under a juniper tree. And behold this, an angel was touching him, and he said to him, "Arise, eat!"	*Then Elijah lay down under that juniper tree and fell asleep. While he was sleeping, an angel tapped him and woke him up and said to him, "You need to get up and eat some food."*

What happened as Elijah was sleeping under a juniper tree?

An angel touched Elijah and said to him, "Get up and eat."

1 Kings 19:6

ULT	UST
And he looked, and behold, by his head was a bread-cake of hot stones and a jug of water. And he ate and drank, and he returned and lay down.	*Elijah looked around and saw some bread nearby that someone had baked on hot stones. He also saw a jar of water. So he ate the bread and drank some water, then he lay down to sleep again.*

What did Elijah see and do after the angel touched him?

Elijah saw bread that had been baked on coals and a jug of water. Elijah ate and drank, and then he lay down again.

1 Kings 19:8

ULT	UST
So he arose, and he ate and drank. And he went in the strength of that food 40 days and 40 nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.	*So Elijah got up and ate more food and drank more water. That made him strong enough to travel for 40 days and nights all the way to Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to the Israelites.*

How long did it take Elijah to get to Horeb, the mountain of God?

Elijah traveled 40 days and 40 nights to Horeb.

1 Kings 19:9-10

How did Elijah respond when Yahweh asked him what he was doing in a cave?

Elijah told Yahweh that he had been very zealous for him, but the people of Israel had forsaken his covenant, destroyed his altars, and killed his prophets, and he was the only one left, and they sought to kill him too.

1 Kings 19:15-16

What did Yahweh tell Elijah to do?

Yahweh told Elijah to return to the wilderness near Damascus to anoint Hazael to be king over Aram, Jehu to be king over Israel, and Elisha to be a prophet in his place.

1 Kings 19:18

ULT	UST
But I will leave in Israel 7, 000, all of the knees that have not bowed to Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him."	*But no one will kill the 7, 000 people in Israel who have never bowed down to worship Baal or reverently kissed his idol."*

How did Yahweh respond to Elijah's claim that he was the only prophet left in the land?

Yahweh told Elijah there were 7,000 people in Israel who never worshiped Baal.

1 Kings 19:19-20

What excuse did Elisha give to Elijah after he draped his cloak on him?

Elisha asked Elijah to let him kiss his mother and father before he followed him.

1 Kings 20

1 Kings 20:1-3

What was the message which Ahab received from Ben Hadad when the city of Samaria was under siege?

Ben Hadad told Ahab that his silver and gold as well as his wives and children were now Ben Hadad's possessions.

1 Kings 20:4-6

How did Ben Hadad respond to Ahab's willingness to give him his silver, gold, wives, and children?

Ben Hadad informed Ahab that he was sending his servants the next day, and they would seize with their hands anything valuable of Ahab's and bring it to him.

1 Kings 20:7-8

What was the advice which the king of Israel received from all the elders of the land and the people?

The elders of the land and the people told the king not to listen or consent to the demands of Ben Hadad.

1 Kings 20:9

ULT	UST
And he said to the messengers of Ben Hadad, "Say to my lord the king, 'All that you sent to your servant at first, I will do, but this thing I am not able to do.'" And the messengers went and returned him word.	*So Ahab told Ben Hadad's messengers, "Tell the king that I still agree to give him the things that he first requested. But I do not agree to what he is now demanding further." The messengers went back to King Ben Hadad and told him that.*

What was the message Ahab sent back to Ben Hadad?

Ahab told Ben Hadad that he was agreeable to his first demand, but he could not accept his second demand.

1 Kings 20:10

ULT	UST
And Ben Hadad sent to him and said, "Thus may the gods do to me, and thus may they add, if the dust of Samaria is enough for handfuls for all of the people who are at my feet!"	*Then Ben Hadad sent messengers back to Ahab. They told him on his behalf, "We will destroy your city completely. There will not be enough debris left for each of my soldiers to have a handful of it! If we do not do that, I ask the gods to destroy me completely and do other terrible things to me!"*

What was the response of Ben Hadad to the message of Ahab?

Ben Hadad took an oath that he would reduce Samaria less than a handful of ashes.

1 Kings 20:11-12

What did Ben Hadad say when the king of Israel told him that he should not boast as if the battle were over?

Ben Hadad told his soldiers to prepare to attack the city.

1 Kings 20:13-15

Who did Yahweh say would win the battle for Israel against the great army of the Arameans?

Yahweh told Ahab that the 232 young soldiers commanded by the district governors would win the battle for Israel.

1 Kings 20:16-17

When the young soldiers advanced first, what were Ben Hadad and the 32 lesser kings who were supporting him doing?

Ben Hadad and his 32 lesser kings were drinking themselves drunk.

1 Kings 20:20-21

What happened to Ben Hadad and the Arameans?

Ben Hadad escaped on a horse with some horsemen, and many of the Arameans were killed in a great slaughter.

1 Kings 20:22

ULT	UST
And the prophet came near to the king of Israel and said to him, "Go, strengthen yourself, and know and see what you shall do, because at the return of the year the king of Aram will be coming up against you."	*Then that same prophet went to King Ahab and told him, "The king of Aram is going to attack you with his army again in the springtime of next year. So you must increase the size of your army and make careful preparations."*

What message did the prophet bring to the king of Israel?

The prophet told the king of Israel that the king of Aram would return against them again, so Israel should strengthen itself and think carefully and prepare for what they would do.

1 Kings 20:23

ULT	UST
And the servants of the king of Aram said to him, "Their gods are gods of the hills. Therefore they were stronger than us. But indeed, we shall fight them in the plain, surely we will be stronger than them.	*After the Israelites defeated the Aramean army, Ben Hadad's officials told him, "The gods that the Israelites worship are gods who live in the hills, and Samaria is built on a hill. That is why their soldiers were able to defeat us when we fought them there. But if we fight against them in the plains, we will certainly defeat them because their gods will not be able to help them there.*

What did the servants of the king of Aram give as the reason for Israel being stronger in battle than the Arameans?

The servants of the king of Aram told him Israel was stronger than the Arameans, since their god is a god of the hills.

1 Kings 20:26

ULT	UST
And it happened at the return of the year that Ben Hadad mustered Aram. And he went up to Aphek for battle with Israel.	*In the spring of the following year, Ben Hadad gathered his soldiers and marched with them to the city of Aphek to fight against the Israelite army.*

What did Ben Hadad do after the beginning of the new year?

Ben Hadad mustered the Arameans and went up to Aphek to fight against Israel.

1 Kings 20:28

ULT	UST
And a man of God came near and spoke to the king of Israel and said, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Because Aram has said, "Yahweh is a god of the hills, but he is not a god of the valleys," I will give all of this great multitude into your hand, and you will know that I am Yahweh.'"	*A prophet came to King Ahab and told him, "Here is a message from Yahweh for you. He says, 'The Arameans are saying that I am a god who lives in the hills, and so I will not be able to help you if they fight you in a valley. I am going to prove that they are wrong by enabling your soldiers to defeat their huge army here in this valley. Then you will recognize that I, Yahweh, am the only true God.'"*

What did a man of God say to the king of Israel concerning the Arameans?

The man of God said that because the Arameans said God was a god of the hills and not a god of the valleys, God was going to place the Aramean army into the hands of the king of Israel in the valley.

1 Kings 20:29-30

What was the outcome of the battle between the armies?

Israel killed 100,000 Aramean footmen in one day. The rest fled to Aphek, into the city where a wall fell on 27,000 men who were left, and Ben Hadad fled into the city, into an inner room.

1 Kings 20:31-32

What did Ben Hadad's servants do for Ben Hadad?

Ben Hadad's servants put sackcloth on their waists and ropes around their heads and went to the king of Israel and begged the king of Israel to let Ben Hadad live.

1 Kings 20:33-34

What proposal did Ben Hadad make to Ahab when he was summoned to meet with him in his chariot?

Ben Hadad told Ahab that he would restore to him the cities which had been taken from Israel if Ahab would let him go.

1 Kings 20:35-36

Why was one of the prophets killed by a lion?

One of the prophets was killed by a lion because he did not obey the voice of Yahweh by hitting his fellow prophet.

1 Kings 20:37-38

How did the prophet disguise himself from the king after he had been hit and wounded?

The prophet disguised himself from the king with a bandage over his eyes.

1 Kings 20:39-40

Why did the prophet tell a story to the king of Israel?

The prophet told the story to the king of Israel to deceive him, so the king would make a ruling which would result in the forfeit of the king's own life.

1 Kings 20:41-42

What bold statement did the prophet make to the king of Israel?

The prophet told the king that he would lose his own life since he had allowed the man to live whom Yahweh had sentenced to death.

1 Kings 21

1 Kings 21:1-2

What did Ahab the king of Samaria want from Naboth the Jezreelite?

Ahab, king of Samaria, wanted the vineyard from Naboth, which was near his palace.

1 Kings 21:2

ULT	UST
And Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give your vineyard to me, and it will be to me for a garden of vegetables, for it is near beside my house. And let me give to you in its place a better vineyard than it. If it is good in your eyes, let me give to you silver of the price of this."	*Ahab went to Naboth and said to him, "Your vineyard is close to my palace. I would like to buy it so that I can use the land for a vegetable garden. In exchange, I will give you a better vineyard somewhere else, or if you prefer, I will pay you what your vineyard is worth in silver."*

What did Ahab offer Naboth for his vineyard?

Ahab offered to give Naboth a better vineyard or to pay him in silver.

1 Kings 21:3

ULT	UST
And Naboth said to Ahab, "Profane to me from Yahweh, from my giving the inheritance of my fathers to you!"	*But Naboth replied, "I inherited that land from my ancestors and the law of Moses does not allow me to sell it. Yahweh would be very displeased with me if I sold that land to you, so I will not sell it!"*

Why did Naboth refuse to give his vineyard to Ahab?

Naboth refused to give his vineyard to Ahab because it was the inheritance of his ancestors.

1 Kings 21:4

ULT	UST
And Ahab entered into his house sullen and angry because of the word that Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him, for he had said, "I will not give to you the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed, and he turned his face away, and he did not eat bread.	*Ahab became angry and depressed when Naboth told him that he would not sell him the vineyard that he had inherited from his ancestors. Ahab went home and lay down on his bed. He turned his face toward the wall, and he refused to eat anything.*

What did Ahab do when Naboth refused to give up his vineyard?

Ahab became resentful and angry, went to bed, and refused to eat any food.

1 Kings 21:7

ULT	UST
And Jezebel his wife said to him, "Now you, you do the kingship over Israel. Get up, eat bread, and let your heart be good! I, I will give to you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."	*Jezebel replied, "You are the king of Israel, so you can have whatever you want! Now get up and eat some food, and do not let what Naboth said bother you. I will get his vineyard for you."*

Who told Ahab to get up from bed, eat, and be happy?

Ahab's wife, Jezebel, told him to get out of bed, eat, and be happy. She said she would get the vineyard for him.

1 Kings 21:8-11

What did Jezebel do to make sure Ahab would get Naboth's vineyard?

Jezebel had two dishonest men falsely accuse Naboth of blasphemy against God and the king at a public fast.

1 Kings 21:10

ULT	UST
And seat two men, sons of wickedness, in front of him, and let them witness against him, saying, 'You blessed God and the king.' And take him out and stone him, and may he die."	*Then get two very dishonest men and seat them opposite him as witnesses against him. Tell those men to testify that they heard Naboth cursing God and me, King Ahab. Declare that he is guilty, and take Naboth out of the city and kill him by throwing stones at him."*

What would be the penalty for Naboth's blasphemy?

Naboth would be taken out and stoned to death.

1 Kings 21:17-18

Who did Yahweh send to the vineyard to meet Ahab?

Yahweh sent Elijah the Tishbite to the vineyard.

1 Kings 21:18

ULT	UST
"Arise! Go down to meet Ahab, the king of Israel, who is in Samaria. Behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone down there to possess it.	*"I want you to go right away and speak to Ahab, the king of Israel, whose main palace is in Samaria. He is now in Jezreel, and he has gone to the vineyard that belongs to a man whose name is Naboth. He has gone there to claim that he now owns it.*

What did Ahab do when Jezebel told him that Naboth was dead?

When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he went to the vineyard to take possession of it.

1 Kings 21:19

ULT	UST
And you shall speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says Yahweh, “Have you murdered and also taken possession?”’ And you shall speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says Yahweh, “In the place where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth, the dogs will lick your blood, even you.”’”	*Give Ahab this message from me. Tell him that I say, ‘I know that you have murdered Naboth and taken his land!’ Give him this further message from me. Tell him that I say, ‘When Naboth died, dogs came and licked up his blood. You are also going to die, and dogs will lick up your blood in that same place. Yes, this will happen to you!’”*

What did Elijah tell Ahab would happen to him because of his sin?

Elijah told Ahab that dogs would lick his blood where they had licked the blood of Naboth.

1 Kings 21:22

ULT	UST
And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha, the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation by which you have provoked me, and you have caused Israel to sin.’	*I will allow someone to kill your entire family, just as people killed the entire families of Jeroboam son of Nebat and Baasha son of Ahijah. I will do this because you have caused me to become very angry and because you have led the Israelite people to sin.’*

What message did Elijah deliver to Ahab from Yahweh?

Elijah told Ahab that Yahweh said his family will all be killed, because he had provoked Yahweh and caused Israel to sin.

1 Kings 21:23

ULT	UST
And also about Jezebel Yahweh has spoken, saying, ‘Dogs will eat Jezebel at the rampart of Jezreel.’	*Yahweh has also told me that your wife Jezebel is going to die and that dogs will eat her body near the outer wall of Jezreel.*

What would happen to Jezebel?

The dogs would eat Jezebel by the rampart of Jezreel.

1 Kings 21:27

ULT	UST
And it happened, when Ahab heard these words, that he tore his garments and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and he fasted. And he lay down in sackcloth, and he walked softly.	*When Ahab heard the message from Yahweh that Elijah had spoken, to show that he was sorry for all the sins that he had committed,he tore his clothes. He also wore clothes made from rough, uncomfortable cloth, and he did not eat anything. He kept wearing those rough clothes even when he got into bed to sleep. He also walked very quietly.*

What did Ahab do when he heard these words?

Ahab tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his body, fasted and showed that he was sorry for the sins he had committed.

1 Kings 21:29

ULT	UST
“Have you seen that Ahab has humbled himself from to my face? Because he has humbled himself from my face, I will not bring harm in his days. In the days of his son, I will bring harm on his house.”	*“As you are aware, Ahab is acting very humbly now because he wants me to see that he is sorry for the evil things he has done. So I am not going to destroy his family while he is still alive. I am going to destroy his family after he dies and his son becomes king.”*

What did Yahweh do when Ahab humbled himself before him?

Yahweh said that he would not bring this disaster in Ahab’s day, but would do it in his son’s day.

1 Kings 22

1 Kings 22:1

ULT	UST
And they continued three years without war between Aram and between Israel.	*For the next three years, the kingdoms of Aram and Israel did not fight any wars against each other.*

How long was there no war between Aram and Israel?

For three years there had been no war between Aram and Israel.

1 Kings 22:2

ULT	UST
And it happened in the third year that Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, went down to the king of Israel.	*Then King Jehoshaphat, who ruled Judah, went to visit King Ahab, who ruled Israel.*

Who was the king of Judah?

The king of Judah was Jehoshaphat.

1 Kings 22:4

ULT	UST
And he said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you go with me to battle at Ramoth Gilead?" And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "Like me, like you. Like my people, like your people. Like my horses, like your horses."	*Then Ahab turned toward Jehoshaphat and asked, "Will you lead your army and join me as I lead my army to fight to recapture Ramoth Gilead?" Jehoshaphat replied, "Yes, I will lead my army and join you as you lead your army. My soldiers and their horses will fight alongside your soldiers and their horses."*

What did the king of Israel ask Jehoshaphat to do with him?

The king of Israel asked Jehoshaphat to go to Ramoth Gilead and make war on the king of Aram.

1 Kings 22:6

ULT	UST
And the king of Israel gathered the prophets, about 400 men, and he said to them, "Shall I go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?" And they said, "Go up, for the Lord will give it into the hand of the king."	*So Ahab summoned his prophets. There were about 400 of them. He asked them, "Should I lead my army to fight to recapture Ramoth Gilead, or should I not do that?" They answered, "Yes, go and attack them, because God will enable your army to recapture the city so that it will belong to you again."*

Who did the king of Israel call together to seek the will of Yahweh in this matter?

The king of Israel gathered the prophets, 400 men, and asked them about making war on Aram.

1 Kings 22:9

ULT	UST
So the king of Israel called to a eunuch and said, "Hasten Micaiah, the son of Imlah."	*So King Ahab told one of his officers to summon Micaiah immediately.*

From what other prophet did the king of Israel seek advice?

The king of Israel called upon Micaiah, the son of Imlah.

1 Kings 22:12

ULT	UST
And all of the prophets were prophesying thus, saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and prosper, for Yahweh will give it into the hand of the king."	*The other prophets who were there said the same thing. They told Ahab, "If you go and attack Ramoth Gilead, you will succeed in conquering it, because Yahweh will enable you to defeat its defenders!"*

As the kings Ahab and Jehoshaphat sat on their thrones before the prophets, what was the prophesy they heard?

As the kings Ahab and Jehoshaphat sat on their thrones, all the prophets said to them that they should attack Ramoth Gilead and win.

1 Kings 22:15

ULT	UST
And he came to the king, and the king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth Gilead for battle, or shall we refrain?" And he said to him, "Go up and prosper, for Yahweh will give it into the hand of the king."	*When Micaiah came to Ahab, Ahab asked him, "Micaiah, should I lead my army to fight to recapture Ramoth Gilead, or should I not do that?" Micaiah replied, "If you go and attack Ramoth Gilead, you will succeed in conquering it, because Yahweh will enable you to defeat its defenders."*

Was Micaiah in agreement with all the other prophets?

Yes, Micaiah was in agreement with all the other prophets.

1 Kings 22:17

ULT	UST
And he said, "I saw all of Israel scattered on the hills like a flock when no shepherd is to them. And Yahweh said, 'No masters are to these. Let them return, a man to his house, in peace.'"	*So Micaiah said to him, "The truth is that in a vision I saw that the Israelite soldiers had scattered on the hills, the way sheep scatter when they do not have a shepherd. And Yahweh said, 'Their master is dead. So let them all stop fighting and go home.'"*

What bad news did Micaiah tell the king of Israel?

Micaiah told the king of Israel that they would have no shepherd and would be scattered.

1 Kings 22:21-23

How did Micaiah tell the king of Israel that he would be enticed to go to Ramoth Gilead?

Micaiah told the king of Israel that he would be enticed to go to Ramoth Gilead by the lies his prophets would tell him.

1 Kings 22:26-27

What did the king of Israel order to be done to Micaiah?

The king of Israel ordered that Micaiah be seized and put in prison and be fed only a little bread and water until the king of Israel returned safely.

1 Kings 22:30

ULT	UST
And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself and come into the battle, but you, wear your robes." And the king of Israel disguised himself, and he came into the battle.	*King Ahab said to Jehoshaphat, "When I lead my army into battle, I will wear different clothes so that no one will recognize that I am the king of Israel. But you should wear your royal robes." So Ahab put on different clothes, and they both led their armies into the battle.*

What did the king of Israel do to avoid capture in the battle at Ramoth Gilead?

The king of Israel disguised himself to avoid capture at Ramoth Gilead.

1 Kings 22:34

ULT	UST
But a man drew the bow in his innocence, and he struck the king of Israel between the joints and between the armor. And he said to his charioteer, "Turn your hand and bring me out from the camp, for I am wounded."	*But one Aramean soldier shot an arrow at the Israelite soldiers without aiming at anyone in particular. The arrow struck Ahab where the parts of his armor joined together and so it went through the armor and into his body. Ahab told the driver of his chariot, "This arrow has wounded me! So turn the chariot around and get me out of the midst of the fighting!"*

How did Ahab receive a serious wound at the battle of Ramoth Gilead?

A soldier of Aram shot his bow at random and the arrow struck Ahab between the joints of his armor, wounding him.

1 Kings 22:37

ULT	UST
And the king died, and he came to Samaria. And they buried the king in Samaria.	*After King Ahab died, his soldiers brought his body back to Samaria and buried it there.*

Where was Ahab buried?

Ahab was buried in Samaria.

1 Kings 22:40

ULT	UST
And Ahab lay down with his fathers. And Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.	*When Ahab died, his son Ahaziah became the next king.*

Who became king at the death of Ahab?

His son Ahaziah became king of Israel.

1 Kings 22:42

ULT	UST
Jehoshaphat was a son of 35 years when he reigned, and he reigned 25 years in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Azubah, the daughter of Shilhi.	*Jehoshaphat was 35 years old when he started to rule, and he ruled in Jerusalem for 25 years. His mother was Azubah daughter of Shilhi.*

How long did Jehoshaphat reign in Jerusalem?

Jehoshaphat reigned in Jerusalem for 25 years.

1 Kings 22:43

ULT	UST
And he walked in every way of Asa his father, he did not turn from it, doing right in the eyes of Yahweh. However, they did not remove the high places. The people were still sacrificing and burning incense at the high places.	*Jehoshaphat was a good king, just as his father Asa had been. Throughout his life, he did things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were good to do. However, he did not order his servants to destroy the shrines for worship on the top of hills. So the people continued to offer sacrifices and burn incense at those shrines.*

What was said about the reign of Jehoshaphat?

It was said that Jehoshaphat did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh.

1 Kings 22:51-52

What was said about the reign of Ahaziah?

It was said that Ahaziah did the evil things that his father and mother had done and the evil things that Jeroboam had done, leading the Israelite people to worship idols.

2 Kings

2 Kings 1

2 Kings 1:2

ULT	UST
And Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and he injured himself. And he sent messengers, and he said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron, if I will live from this injury."	*One day, Ahaziah, the new king of Israel, was in his room on an upper floor of his palace in Samaria. The window of that room had wooden slats, and he fell through them down to the floor below and hurt himself badly. So he sent for some messengers and commanded them, "Go and ask Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron, whether or not I will recover from this injury."*

How was Ahaziah injured?

Ahaziah fell down through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and was injured.

2 Kings 1:4

ULT	UST
And therefore, thus says Yahweh, "The bed where you have gone up there, you will not come down from it, for dying, you will die."'" So Elijah went.	*Yahweh says that you should tell King Ahaziah that because he consulted Baal Zebub instead, he will never recover from this injury. He will never get out of bed again. Instead, he is certainly going to die." So Elijah went to meet the messengers.*

Why was Ahaziah going to certainly die?

Because Ahaziah consulted with Baal Zebub, the god of Ekron, he would certainly die.

2 Kings 1:8

ULT	UST
And they said to him, "A man, a master of hair, and a belt of skin was tied around his waist." And he said, "He was Elijah the Tishbite."	*They replied, "He was wearing a hairy cloak, and he had a wide leather belt around his waist." The king said, "Then that was Elijah the Tishbite!"*

What did Elijah wear?

Elijah wore a garment made of hair, and he had a leather belt wrapped around his waist.

2 Kings 1:10

ULT	UST
And Elijah answered and said to the captain of the fifty, "And if I am a man of God, let fire come down from the heavens, and let it consume you and your fifty." And fire came down from the heavens, and it consumed him and his fifty.	*Elijah replied to the officer, "I am a prophet, as you say. So I command fire to come down from the sky and burn you up along with your fifty soldiers!" Immediately fire came down from the sky and burned up the officer and his fifty soldiers.*

What consumed the captain and his fifty men?

A fire came down from heaven, called by Elijah, and it consumed the captain and his fifty men.

2 Kings 1:13

ULT	UST
And he returned and sent a third captain of fifty and his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up and came and knelt on his knees in front of Elijah, and he pleaded with him and said to him, "Man of God, please let my life and the life of these your fifty servants be valuable in your eyes.	*When the king found out about that, he sent yet another officer with fifty more soldiers. They went to where Elijah was, and the officer went up to the top of the hill alone. He bowed down respectfully in front of Elijah. Then he begged him to be merciful. He said, "You prophet, please do not kill me and my fifty soldiers!*

How did the third captain approach Elijah?

The third captain went up, fell on his knees before Elijah, and begged him to value his life and the lives of his men.

2 Kings 1:17

ULT	UST
And he died, according to the word of Yahweh that Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his place in the year of two to Jehoram, the son of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, because a son was not to him.	*So Ahaziah died, just as Yahweh told Elijah to say would happen. Ahaziah had no son to succeed him as king. So Jehoram, another son of Ahab, became the next king. This happened when Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat had been ruling Judah for almost two years.*

Why did Joram begin to reign in the place of Ahaziah?

Joram began to reign in his place because Ahaziah had no son.

2 Kings 2

2 Kings 2:1

ULT	UST
And it happened, when Yahweh took up Elijah in a whirlwind to the heavens, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.	*When Yahweh was about to take the prophet Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and his fellow prophet Elisha left the city of Gilgal in the territory of Ephraim, where Elijah had been staying with a community of prophets.*

When did Elijah leave with Elisha from Gilgal?

When Yahweh was going to take up Elijah by a whirlwind into heaven, Elijah left with Elisha from Gilgal.

2 Kings 2:3

ULT	UST
And sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and they said to him, "Do you know that today Yahweh is taking your master from over your head?" And he said, "I, I also know. Be quiet."	*A group of prophets lived in the city of Bethel. Some of them came out and asked Elisha, "Do you know that Yahweh is going to take your master Elijah away from you today?" Elisha told them, "Yes, I know that. Please do not say anything further about it."*

How did Elisha answer when the sons of the prophets told him that Yahweh would take his master from him?

Elisha answered, "Yes, I know it, but do not talk about it."

2 Kings 2:8

ULT	UST
And Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up, and he struck the waters, and they were divided, here and here. And the two of them crossed over on dry ground.	*Then Elijah took off his cloak and rolled it up. He hit the water with it, and path opened up for them through the Jordan River. The ground on this pathway became dry, and that allowed them to walk across to the other side.*

Why did the river divide on both sides?

Because Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up, and struck the water with it, the river divided on both sides.

2 Kings 2:9

ULT	UST
And it happened, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken from with you." And Elisha said, "Then may a double portion of your spirit please be to me."	*When they got to the other side, Elijah told Elisha, "Tell me what you would like me to do for you before Yahweh takes me away." Elisha replied, "Since I am going to be your successor, I want you to leave me twice as much of your spirit as you leave to any other prophet, as if I were your firstborn son."*

For what did Elisha ask?

Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit to come on him.

2 Kings 2:11

ULT	UST
And it happened, they were going, going and speaking, and behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire, and they separated between the two of them. And Elijah went up in a whirlwind to the heavens.	*They continued to walk away from the Jordan River. They were talking together as they walked. Suddenly a fiery chariot that fiery horses were pulling appeared. Its driver drove the chariot between Elijah and Elisha to separate them. Then a whirlwind came and lifted Elijah up into the sky.*

How did Elijah go up into heaven?

Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

2 Kings 2:14

ULT	UST
And he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from on him, and he struck the waters and said, "Where is Yahweh, the God of Elijah, even he?" And he struck the waters, and they were divided, here and here, and Elisha crossed over.	*He rolled up the cloak and struck the water with it. As he did that, he cried out, "If Yahweh, the God of Elijah, is present, may he do for me what he did for Elijah!" A path opened up for him through the water, and Elisha went across.*

What happened when Elisha struck the waters with Elijah's cloak?

When Elisha had struck the waters, they divided on both sides and Elisha crossed over.

2 Kings 2:16

ULT	UST
And they said to him, "Behold, please, there are with your servants fifty men, sons of valor. Please, let them go, and let them seek your master, lest the Spirit of Yahweh has lifted him up and thrown him onto one of the mountains or into one of the valleys." And he said, "Do not send them."	*Then one of them told him, "Sir, we are concerned that after the Spirit of Yahweh picked up Elijah, he may have dropped him onto some mountain or into some valley. We would like to send fifty of our strongest men to look for him on the other side of the river." Elisha replied, "No, do not send them."*

What did the sons of the prophets want fifty strong men to do?

They wanted fifty strong men to go and look for Elisha's master, in case the Spirit of Yahweh had taken him up and thrown him onto some mountain or into some valley.

2 Kings 2:17

ULT	UST
But they urged him until he felt shame, so he said, "Send them." And they sent fifty men, and they searched three days, but they did not find him.	*But they kept asking, and finally he felt embarrassed because it appeared that he did not care about Elijah. So he said, "Very well, send them." So they had fifty men search for three days, but they did not find Elijah.*

For how long did the fifty men search for Elijah?

The fifty men searched for three days.

2 Kings 2:19

ULT	UST
And the men of the city said to Elisha, "Behold, please, the dwelling place of the city is good, just as my lord is seeing. But the waters are bad, so the land is miscarrying."	*Then the leaders of Jericho came to talk with Elisha. One of them told him, "Sir, you can see that this is a very nice place to live in. But the water is harmful to drink. It is causing the women and female animals that live here to have miscarriages."*

What was the problem at Jericho?

The water was bad and the land was not fruitful.

2 Kings 2:21-22

How was the water healed?

Elisha went out to the spring of water and threw salt in it.

2 Kings 2:23-24

When some boys mocked Elisha, what curse happened to them?

When some boys mocked Elisha, two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the boys.

2 Kings 3

2 Kings 3:2

ULT	UST
And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, however, not like his father or like his mother. For he removed the pillar of Baal that his father had made.	*He did things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil. But he did not do as many evil things as his father Ahab and his mother Jezebel had done. He destroyed the stone pillar for worshiping Baal that his father had set up.*

How was Joram's evil different from the evil of his father and his mother?

Joram's evil was not like his father and his mother, for he removed the sacred stone pillar of Baal that his father had made.

2 Kings 3:6

ULT	UST
And King Jehoram went out from Samaria on that day, and he mustered all of Israel.	*When Mesha rebelled, King Jehoram left the city of Samaria and gathered soldiers from throughout Israel to reconquer the Moabites.*

Why did King Joram leave Samaria?

King Joram left Samaria to mobilize all Israel for war.

2 Kings 3:9

ULT	UST
And, the king of Israel, went with the king of Judah and the king of Edom, and they went around, a journey of seven days. But water was not for the camp or for the animals that were at their feet.	*So the kings of Israel and Judah led their armies along that route. When they got to Edom, the king of Edom joined them with his army. They spent seven days marching around the southern end of the Sea of the Arabah. By that time, there was no water left for the soldiers or for the animals they had with them.*

What three armies marched around the Sea of the Arabah for seven days?

The armies of Israel, Judah, and Edom marched for seven days.

2 Kings 3:11

ULT	UST
And Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not here a prophet of Yahweh, that we might seek Yahweh by him?" And one of the servants of, the king of Israel, answered and said, "Elisha, the son of Shaphat, is here, who poured water onto the hands of Elijah."	*Jehoshaphat said, "We should ask Yahweh what we should do. Is one of his prophets here?" One of Jehoram's army officers replied, "Elisha son of Shaphat is here. He was Elijah's servant."*

What had Elisha done for Elijah?

Elisha had poured water on the hands of Elijah, acting as his servant.

2 Kings 3:14

ULT	UST
And Elisha said, "The life of Yahweh of armies, to whose face I stand, that unless I were lifting the face of Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah, if I would look at you and if I would regard you.	*Elisha replied, "I serve Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies. I swear by Yahweh that I am only helping you at all because you have Jehoshaphat king of Judah with you, and I respect him.*

Why did Elisha pay attention to the king of Israel?

Elisha paid attention to the king of Israel because Elisha honored the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah.

2 Kings 3:15

ULT	UST
But now, bring to me a harpist." And it happened when the harpist harped that the hand of Yahweh was upon him.	*So bring someone to me who plays the harp." So they did that, and when the person played the harp, Yahweh gave Elisha the power to prophesy.*

When did the hand of Yahweh come upon Elisha?

When the harpist played, the hand of Yahweh came upon Elisha.

2 Kings 3:20

ULT	UST
And it happened in the morning when the grain offering went up that behold, waters were coming from the way of Edom, and the land was filled with the waters.	*Early the next morning, it was the time when the Israelites customarily offered a grain sacrifice. They suddenly saw water flowing toward them from the direction of Edom. It filled all the ditches they had dug.*

When was the country filled with water?

In the morning about the time of offering the grain sacrifice, there came water from the direction of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

2 Kings 3:21

ULT	UST
And all of Moab heard that the kings had come up to fight with them. And they were summoned, from every one tying a belt and upwards, and they stood at the border.	*The people of Moab learned that the three kings had come with their armies to fight against them. So they summoned all of their soldiers, including youths who were just learning to fight. The Moabite soldiers set up a defensive position at the border of their land with Edom.*

Who from the Moabites gathered themselves together to fight?

All who were able to put on armor gathered themselves together.

2 Kings 3:22-23

What did the Moabites think when they saw the water?

When the Moabites saw the water, they thought the three kings had killed each other.

2 Kings 3:27

ULT	UST
So he took his firstborn son, who would reign in his place, and he offered him as a burnt offering on the wall. And great wrath was against Israel, and they departed from upon him, and they returned to the land.	*Then the king of Moab took his oldest son, who would have become the next king after he died, and offered him as a burnt sacrifice. He did this on top of the city wall so people could see it. Then there was great anger against the attacking soldiers, and they left and all went back to their own countries.*

What did the king of Moab do to his oldest son?

He took his oldest son and offered him as a burnt offering upon the wall.

2 Kings 4

2 Kings 4:1

ULT	UST
Now a woman from the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant, my husband, has died, and you, you know that your servant was fearing Yahweh. But the creditor has come to take two of my children for himself as slaves."	*One day the widow of one of the young prophets came to Elisha and pleaded with him. She told him, "My husband, who was one of the prophets you were training, has died. You know very well that he revered Yahweh greatly. But now someone who lent him money has come and is demanding repayment. I can not pay him back, so he is threatening to take away two of my children as slaves as his payment!"*

What was going to happen to the children of the wife of one of the sons of the prophets?

The creditor was going to take her two children to be his slaves.

2 Kings 4:3

ULT	UST
And he said, "Go, ask for yourself vessels from outside, from all of your neighbors, empty vessels. Do not get few.	*Elisha said, "Go out to your neighbors and borrow from them as many empty containers as you can.*

From where should the woman borrow jars?

The woman should borrow jars from her neighbors.

2 Kings 4:6

ULT	UST
And it happened as she was filling the vessels that she said to her son, "Bring to me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another vessel." And the oil stopped.	*When she had filled a certain container, her children did not bring her another one. So she called to one of her sons, "Bring me another container!" But he answered, "There are no more containers!" Right then the olive oil stopped flowing.*

When did the oil stop flowing?

After her son said there were no more jars, the oil stopped flowing.

2 Kings 4:10

ULT	UST
Please, let us make a small upper room of a wall, and let us put for him there a bed and a table and a chair and a lampstand. And it will be, when he comes to us, he may turn aside to there."	*Let us please build a small room for him on our flat roof. Let us put a bed, a table, a chair, and a lampstand in it. If we do that, whenever he comes here, he will have a place to stay."*

What did the important woman from Shunem and her husband make for Elisha?

They made a little room on the roof for Elisha, with a bed, a table, a seat, and a lamp.

2 Kings 4:16

ULT	UST
And he said, "In this season, according to the time of reviving, you will embrace a son." And she said, "No, my lord, man of God, do not lie to your maidservant."	*Elisha told her, "By this time next year you will be holding your infant son in your arms." But she protested, "Sir, please do not deceive me by saying things like that. After all, you are a prophet!"*

What was the woman to be holding in one year's time?

In one year's time, she would be holding a son.

2 Kings 4:18-19

When did the child develop pain in his head?

When the child went out one day to his father, who was with harvesters, he cried out about pain in his head.

2 Kings 4:20

ULT	UST
And he picked him up and brought him to his mother. And he sat on her knees until noon, then he died.	*So the servant carried him home, and his mother held him on her lap all that morning. But then the boy died.*

Where did the child sit until he died?

The child sat on his mother's knees until he died.

2 Kings 4:25

ULT	UST
And she went, and she came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. And it happened, when the man of God saw her from opposite, that he said to Gehazi his servant, "Behold, that Shunammitess.	*So they traveled as quickly as they could to Mount Carmel, where Elisha was. When Elisha saw her in the distance, he told Gehazi, "Look, here comes that Shunammite woman!*

Where was the man of God?

The man of God was at Mount Carmel.

2 Kings 4:26

ULT	UST
Now please run to meet her and say to her, 'Is welfare to you? Is welfare to your husband? Is welfare to the child?'" And she said, "Peace."	*Run to her and ask her if everything is all right with her and her husband and with her child!" So Gehazi ran to her and asked her, but she told him that she did not want to stop to answer his questions.*

When Gehazi asked the woman if everything was alright, what did she answer?

When Gehazi asked the woman if everything was alright, she answered, "It is alright."

2 Kings 4:27

ULT	UST
And she came to the man of God, to the mountain, and she held onto his feet. And Gehazi approached to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone, for her soul is bitter to her, but Yahweh has hidden from me, and he has not declared to me."	*When she came to where Elisha was, she bowed down and grasped Elisha's feet to show that she desperately wanted him to do something for her. Gehazi came over to push her away, but Elisha told him, "Let her stay here! She is feeling great distress about something, but Yahweh has not told me at all what it is."*

What did the woman do when she came to the man of God at the mountain?

When she came to the man of God at the mountain, she caught hold of his feet.

2 Kings 4:29

ULT	UST
And he said to Gehazi, "Gird your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go. If you find a man, you shall not bless him, and if a man blesses you, you shall not answer him. And you shall put my staff on the face of the young man."	*Then Elisha realized that something must have happened to her son, so he told Gehazi, "Tuck your cloak into your belt so that you can run fast. Take my staff with you and go to her home. Do not stop to talk to anyone on the way. Go quickly to where her son is and lay the staff on the child's face so that Yahweh may cause him to become alive again."*

What should Gehazi do if he met any man or if anyone greeted him?

If Gehazi met any man or if anyone greeted him, he should not answer him.

2 Kings 4:31

ULT	UST
And Gehazi went on to their faces, and he put the staff on the face of the young man, but there was no voice, and there was no hearing. And he returned to meet him, and he declared to him, saying, "The young man did not awaken."	*Gehazi hurried quickly to the woman's house ahead of them. When he arrived there, he laid the staff on the boy's face. But he did not say anything, and he did not react when Gehazi spoke to him. So Gehazi went back and met Elisha, who was on his way to Shunem. He told him, "The boy did not become alive again."*

What did Gehazi lay on the child's face?

He laid the staff on the child's face.

2 Kings 4:34

ULT	UST
And he went up, and he lay on the child, and he put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and his palms on his palms. And he stretched out upon him, and the flesh of the child became warm.	*Then he climbed onto the bed and lay down on top of the boy's body. He put his mouth on the boy's mouth. Then he put his eyes on the boy's eyes. Then he put his hands on the boy's hands. He stretched his body out over the boy's body. After that, the boy's body started to become warm.*

How did the boy's body grow warm?

Elisha stretched himself out on the boy, and the boy's body grew warm.

2 Kings 4:35

ULT	UST
And he returned, and he walked in the house, once here and once here. And he went up, and he stretched out upon him. And the young man sneezed until seven times, and the young man opened his eyes.	*Elisha went back down to the house and walked around for a while. Then he went back up to the room. He stretched his body out over the boy's body again. The boy sneezed seven times, and then he opened his eyes!*

What did the child do before he opened his eyes?

The child sneezed seven times and then opened his eyes.

2 Kings 4:38-39

Who gathered wild gourds?

One of the prophets gathered wild gourds.

2 Kings 4:40-41

How did Elisha remove the death from the pot?

Elisha threw some flour into the pot.

2 Kings 4:42-43

How many people ate the twenty loaves of barley bread?

One hundred people ate the twenty loaves of barley bread.

2 Kings 5

2 Kings 5:1

ULT	UST
Now Naaman, the commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man to the face of his master, and he was lifted of face, because through him Yahweh gave deliverance to Aram. And the man was mighty of valor, a leper.	*A certain man whose name was Naaman was the commander of the Aramean army. Yahweh had enabled him to win many victories for Aram, and so the king of Aram admired and honored him. Naaman was a great warrior. Unfortunately, he also had leprosy.*

What had Yahweh given to Aram by Naaman?

Yahweh had given deliverance to Aram.

2 Kings 5:3

ULT	UST
And she said to her mistress, "Oh that my lord was to the face of the prophet who is in Samaria! Then he would remove him from his leprosy."	*One day that girl told her, "I wish that my master Naaman could go to the prophet who lives in the city of Samaria. That prophet would heal him of his leprosy."*

Whom did the little girl say would heal her master?

The girl said the prophet who was in Samaria would heal her master.

2 Kings 5:6

ULT	UST
And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, "And now, when this letter comes to you, behold, I have sent to you Naaman my servant, and you shall remove him from his leprosy."	*When Naaman arrived, he gave the king of Israel the letter. The king of Aram had written in it, "I am writing this letter to introduce my army commander Naaman. I want you to heal him of his leprosy."*

To whom did Naaman take the letter which was from the king of Aram?

Naaman took the letter to the king of Israel.

2 Kings 5:7

ULT	UST
And it happened when the king of Israel read the letter that he tore his clothes, and he said, "Am I God, killing and making alive, that this one is sending to me to remove a man from his leprosy? For surely, please know and see that he is seeking a quarrel with me."	*When the king read the letter, he tore his clothes to show his distress. He told his officials, "I am not God! I am not able to cause people to live or to die! So this man should not be asking me to cure someone of leprosy. If you think about it, the king of Aram must want a reason to attack us and he will pretend to be offended if I do not do what he asks."*

What did the king of Israel think was the reason Naaman came to him for a cure?

The king of Israel thought Naaman was seeking to start an argument with him.

2 Kings 5:10

ULT	UST
And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, and you shall wash seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will return to you, and be clean."	*But rather than coming out to speak to Naaman, Elisha sent a messenger to tell him, "Go to the Jordan River. Go down into its water seven times to wash yourself. Then your skin will become healthy again. You will no longer have leprosy."*

What was Naaman told to do to be clean?

Naaman was told to go and wash himself into the Jordan seven times to be clean.

2 Kings 5:11

ULT	UST
And Naaman became angry, and he went, and he said, "Behold, I said to myself, 'Coming out, he will come out, and he will stand, and he will call on the name of Yahweh his God, and he will wave his hand over the place, and he will remove the leprosy.'	*But this made Naaman furious, and he left Elisha's house. He stopped and told his servants, "I expected him to come out of his house and stand in front of me. I was sure that he would ask Yahweh his God to heal me. I expected him to wave his hand over the area where I have leprosy and heal me!*

How did Naaman think Elisha would heal him?

Naaman thought Elisha would come out to him and stand and call on the name of Yahweh his God, and wave his hand over the place and heal the leprosy.

2 Kings 5:14

ULT	UST
So he went down, and he dipped in the Jordan seven times, according to the word of the man of God. And his flesh returned like the flesh of a little boy, and he became clean.	*So Naaman went to the Jordan River and went down into its water seven times, as the prophet had instructed him to do. Then his skin became smooth once again, like the skin of a young child. He no longer had leprosy.*

Like what was Naaman's flesh restored?

Naaman's flesh was restored again like the flesh of a little boy.

2 Kings 5:15

ULT	UST
And he returned to the man of God, he and all of his camp, and he came and stood to his face. And he said, "Behold, please, I know that there is no God in all of the earth except in Israel. And now, please take a blessing from your servant."	*Then Naaman and the soldiers who were with him returned to Elisha's house. This time Elisha met with them personally. Naaman told him, "Now I know that the God whom you Israelites worship is the only true God anywhere. Please accept these gifts that I have brought you."*

After Naaman was healed, what did he know?

After Naaman was healed, he knew that there was no God in all the earth except in Israel.

2 Kings 5:18

ULT	UST
For this matter, may Yahweh forgive your servant. When my master comes to the house of Rimmon to prostrate himself there, and he is leaning himself on my hand, and I prostrate myself in the house of Rimmon, when I prostrate myself in the house of Rimmon, may Yahweh please forgive your servant in this matter."	*But there is one thing I will have to do for which I ask Yahweh to forgive me. When my master, the king of Aram, goes into the temple of Rimmon and bows down to the idol there, he needs to lean on my arm for support. That requires me to bow down as well, but I will not intend that as an act of worship. I ask Yahweh to forgive me for bowing down to the idol of Rimmon."*

For what did Naaman ask Yahweh to pardon him?

Naaman asked Yahweh to pardon him when he bowed himself in the house of Rimmon to serve his master.

2 Kings 5:22

ULT	UST
And he said, "Peace. My master sent me, saying, 'Behold, even now two young men from the sons of the prophets have come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give to them a kikkar of silver and two changes of clothes.'"	*Gehazi replied, "Yes, everything is all right. But two young prophets from the hilly area where the descendants of Ephraim live have just arrived to stay with Elisha for a while. He wants to give them something. So he sent me to ask you for a disk of 33 kilograms of silver and two sets of clothing."*

According to Gehazi, who came from the hill country of Ephraim?

According to Gehazi, two young men of the sons of the prophets came from the hill country of Ephraim.

2 Kings 5:24

ULT	UST
And he came to the hill, and he took them from their hand, and he deposited them in the house. And he sent the men away, and they went.	*When they arrived at a certain hill in Samaria, Gehazi took the bags from the servants and sent them back to Naaman. He brought the bags into his own house and hid them there.*

What did Gehazi hide in the house?

He hid the bags of silver in the house.

2 Kings 5:26-27

What happened because Gehazi lied?

Because Gehazi lied, he became a leper.

2 Kings 6

2 Kings 6:1-2

Why did the sons of the prophets want to build a place to live?

The place where they lived with Elisha was too small, so they wanted to build a new place to live.

2 Kings 6:5

ULT	UST
And it happened, one was felling a beam, and the iron fell into the water. And he cried out and said, “Alas, my lord, for it was lent!”	*But while one of them was cutting down a tree, the axe head that he had secured to a wooden handle came loose and fell into the water. He cried out to Elisha, “This is terrible! I had to borrow that axe head, and it will be very difficult for me to afford to replace it.”*

Why was the man who lost the axe head worried?

He was worried because the axe was borrowed.

2 Kings 6:6

ULT	UST
And the man of God said, “Where did it fall?” And he showed him the place, and he cut off a stick, and he threw it to there, and the iron floated.	*Elisha replied, “Where did the axe head fall into the water?” The man showed him the place, and then Elisha cut off a stick and threw it into the water at that place. The axe head rose to the surface of the water.*

How did Elisha make iron float?

He cut off a stick, threw it in the water, and made the iron float.

2 Kings 6:12

ULT	UST
And one from his servants said, "No, my lord the king, but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, declares to the king of Israel the things that you speak in the room of your bed."	*One of his officers answered, "Your Majesty, it is not any of us. Instead, there is a prophet whose name is Elisha who lives in Israel. He tells the king of Israel even our most secret plans because Yahweh reveals them to him."*

Who told the king of Israel the words of the king of Aram?

Elisha told the king of Israel the words of the king of Aram.

2 Kings 6:15

ULT	UST
And the servant of the man of God arose early to arise, and he went out, and behold, an army surrounding the city, and horse and chariot. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my lord! What shall we do?"	*Early the next morning, Elisha's servant got up and went outside the house. He saw that Aramean soldiers with their horses and chariots were surrounding the city. The servant went back inside the house and exclaimed to Elisha, "Oh, no! Sir, they have trapped us!"*

Why was Elisha's servant worried?

He was worried because he saw a large army with horses and chariots surrounding the city.

2 Kings 6:18-19

How did Elisha lead the Arameans to Samaria?

Elisha asked Yahweh to blind them, and then Elisha told them to follow him.

2 Kings 6:20

ULT	UST
And it happened when they entered Samaria that Elisha said, "Yahweh, open the eyes of these, that they may see." And Yahweh opened their eyes, and they saw, and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.	*Once they got inside the city, Elisha prayed, "Yahweh, please enable these soldiers to see again!" And Yahweh enabled them to see again. When they looked around, they realized that they were inside Samaria.*

Where were the Arameans when Yahweh opened their eyes?

The Arameans were in the middle of the city of Samaria when Yahweh opened their eyes.

2 Kings 6:22-23

What did the king of Israel do to the Arameans?

He put bread and water before them, and he sent them away.

2 Kings 6:25

ULT	UST
And a great famine was in Samaria, and behold, they were besieging against it, until the head of a donkey was at 80 silver, and a fourth of a kab of dung of doves was at 5 silver.	*As a result, soon there was almost no food in the city. People were paying nearly a kilogram of silver for a donkey's head. They were even paying 55 grams of silver for about a cup of dove's dung.*

Why was a donkey's head sold for eighty pieces of silver?

There was a great famine in Samaria, so a donkey's head was sold for eighty pieces of silver.

2 Kings 6:28-29

What did the woman tell the king was troubling her?

She answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son so that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.' So we boiled my son and ate him, and I said to her on the next day, "Give your son that we may eat him, but she has hidden her son."

2 Kings 6:32

ULT	UST
And Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. And he sent a man from his face. Before the messenger came to him, then he, he said to the elders, "Do you see that this son of a murderer has sent to remove my head? See, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and you shall press him with the door. Is the sound of the feet of his master not behind him?"	*So the king sent a soldier to execute Elisha. Elisha was sitting in his house with some of the elders of Samaria. Before the soldier arrived, Elisha spoke to the elders. He told them, "Yahweh has shown me that the king of Israel, that violent person, has sent a soldier here to kill me. Listen, when the soldier arrives, do not open the door. Instead, hold the door shut to keep him out. The king will be arriving shortly after that soldier."*

When the messenger came to Elisha, what did he tell the elders to do?

When the messenger came to Elisha, he told the elders to shut the door, and hold the door shut against him.

2 Kings 7

2 Kings 7:2

ULT	UST
And the captain who was to the king, leaning himself on his hand, answered the man of God and said, "Behold Yahweh, making windows in the heavens, may this thing be?" And he said, "Behold you, seeing with your eyes, but from there you will not eat."	*The officer accompanying the king told Elijah, "That could not happen even if Yahweh opened the windows of the sky and sent grain down to us!" Elisha responded, "Because you have said that, you will see it happen, but you will not eat any of the food!"*

What did Elisa say would happen to the captain who did not believe him?

Elisha said the captain would not eat any of the flour or barley.

2 Kings 7:3

ULT	UST
Now four men were lepers at the entrance of the gate. And they said, a man to his fellow, "Why are we sitting here until we die?	*Now there were four men who had leprosy who were sitting outside the gate of the city of Samaria. They told each other, "We should not stay here until we starve to death.*

Why did the four men with leprosy go to the army of the Arameans?

They went to the army of the Arameans because they said they might die stayed where they were.

2 Kings 7:6

ULT	UST
For the Lord had made the camp of Aram hear the sound of chariotry, the sound of a horse, the sound of a great army. And they said, a man to his brother, "Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to come against us."	*What had happened was that Yahweh had caused the army of Aram to hear something that sounded like a large army approaching with chariots and horses. The Aramean soldiers told each other, "Listen! The king of Israel has hired the kings of Egypt and the Hittites to come and attack us with their armies!"*

Why did the Aramean army think the king of Israel hired the kings of the Hittites and Egyptians to come against the Arameans?

The Aramean army thought the king of Israel hired the kings of the Hittites and Egyptians to come against the Arameans because they heard a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses —the noise of another large army approaching.

2 Kings 7:11

ULT	UST
And the gatekeepers called, and they informed the house of the king within.	*The guards shouted the news, and some people who heard it went to the palace and reported it to the king's officials.*

What did the gatekeepers do after they were told that the Arameans had deserted their camp?

The gatekeepers shouted out the news that the Arameans had deserted their camp.

2 Kings 7:12

ULT	UST
And the king arose at night, and he said to his servants, "Please let me declare to you what Aram has done to us. They know that we are hungry, and they have gone out from the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, 'For they will come out from the city, and we will capture them alive, and we will enter into the city.'"	*It was still night, but the king got out of bed and told his officials, "The Arameans are trying to trick us! I will tell you how. They know that we are starving here, so they have left their camp and are hiding in the fields. They think that we will discover that the camp is empty and leave the city to get the food they have left in it. Then they will come out of hiding and capture us and conquer the city!"*

What did the king think was the reason the Arameans left their camp?

The king thought they had gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the fields. Then when the Israelites came out of the city, the Arameans would take them alive, and conquer the city.

2 Kings 7:15

ULT	UST
And they went after them to the Jordan, and behold, all of the road was full with clothes and equipment that Aram had thrown away in their hastening themselves. And the messengers returned, and they declared to the king.	*All along the road, those men found clothing and weapons that the Arameans had discarded while they were running away. The men went as far as the Jordan River and still saw no enemy soldiers, so they knew they had left Israel and gone back to Aram. So the men returned to the king and reported what they had seen.*

Of what was the road full?

The road was full of clothes and equipment the Arameans had cast away in their hurry.

2 Kings 7:18-19

What did the captain say when Elisha told him, “About this time in the gate of Samaria, two measures of barley will be available for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel.”?

The captain said to Elisha, “That could not happen even if Yahweh opened the windows of the sky and sent grain down to us!”

2 Kings 8

2 Kings 8:1-2

Why did the woman whose son Elisha restored to life live in the land of the Philistines seven years?

The woman whose son Elisha restored to life lived in the land of the Philistines seven years because Elisha said Yahweh had called for a famine.

2 Kings 8:3

ULT	UST
And it happened at the end of seven years that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines. And she went out to cry out to the king for her house and for her land.	*After those seven years were over, she and her family returned to Israel. By this time someone else was living in her house and on her land, so the woman went to the king to ask him to order that person to return her house and her land to her.*

Why did the woman go to the king?

The woman went to the king to beg him for her house and for her land.

2 Kings 8:5

ULT	UST
And it happened, he was recounting to the king that he had made the dead live, and behold, the woman whose son he had made live was crying out to the king for her house and for her field. And Gehazi said, "My lord the king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha made live."	*Just as Gehazi was telling the king how Elisha had caused the woman's son to become alive again, that woman came in and asked the king to enable her to get her house and land back. Gehazi exclaimed, "Your Majesty, this is the woman I was just telling you about, and this is her son, whom Elisha caused to become alive again!"*

What was Gehazi telling the king when the woman whose son Elisha restored to life arrived?

Gehazi was telling the king how Elisha had restored to life the child who was dead.

2 Kings 8:9

ULT	UST
And Hazael went to meet him, and in his hand he took a gift and every good thing of Damascus, a burden of 40 camels. And he came and stood to his face, and he said, "Your son Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, has sent me to you, saying, 'Will I revive from this sickness?'"	*So Hazael went to speak with Elisha. As a gift, he brought him many of the goods that people produced in Damascus. It took 40 camels to carry everything he brought. When Hazael met with Elisha, he told him, "Your friend Ben Hadad, the king of Aram, has sent me to ask you whether he will recover from his illness."*

What did Hazael take with him to give to Elisha?

Hazael took a gift with him of every kind of good thing of Damascus, carried by forty camels.

2 Kings 8:11-12

Why did the man of God weep?

The man of God wept because he knew the evil that Hazael would do to the people of Israel.

2 Kings 8:14-15

After Hazael told the king of Aram that he would recover, what did he do to King Ben Hadad?

After Hazael told King Ben Hadad that he would recover, he took the blanket and dipped it in water, and spread it on Ben Hadad's face so that he died.

2 Kings 8:18

ULT	UST
And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab did, for the daughter of Ahab was a wife to him. And he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh.	*Jehoram's wife was the daughter of King Ahab. As a result, he behaved just as the kings of Israel behaved who were descendants of Ahab. He did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil.*

Who was Jehoram's wife?

Jehoram's wife was Ahab's daughter.

2 Kings 8:19

ULT	UST
But Yahweh was not willing to destroy Judah, for the sake of David his servant, just as he had said to him, to give to him a lamp for his sons all of the days.	*However, Yahweh had promised his servant David that his descendants would always be kings. So Yahweh did not want to allow the enemies of the kingdom of Judah to destroy it.*

Why was Yahweh not willing to destroy Judah?

Yahweh was unwilling to destroy Judah because he had told his servant David that his descendants would always be kings.

2 Kings 8:20

ULT	UST
In his days, Edom rebelled from under the hand of Judah, and they made a king rule over them.	*During the time when Jehoram ruled, the Edomites rebelled against Judah. They appointed their own king.*

When did Edom revolt from under the hand of Judah?

In Jehoram's days, Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah.

2 Kings 8:27

ULT	UST
And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and he did evil in the eyes of Yahweh, like the house of Ahab, for he was a son-in-law of the house of Ahab.	*Because Ahaziah's mother was a daughter of Ahab, he behaved just as the kings of Israel behaved who were descendants of Ahab. He did many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil.*

Why did Ahaziah do what was evil in Yahweh's sight?

Ahaziah did what was evil in Yahweh's sight, for Ahaziah was a son-in-law to the house of Ahab.

2 Kings 8:29

ULT	UST
And King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel from the wounds with which the Arameans had struck him at Ramah when he fought with Hazael, the king of Aram. And Ahaziah, the son of Jehoram, the king of Judah, went down to see Joram, the son of Ahab, in Jezreel because he was infirm.	*So King Joram left Ramah, where his army had been fighting against the army of King Hazael of Aram. Because the Arameans had wounded him, he went back to the city of Jezreel to recover from his wounds. King Ahaziah of Judah learned that he had gone there to recover. So he went to Jezreel to visit him.*

Where did King Joram return to be healed of the wounds that the Arameans had given him at Ramah?

King Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel.

2 Kings 9

2 Kings 9:1-3

Why did one of the sons of the prophets take a little bottle of oil in his hand and go to Ramoth Gilead?

He took the bottle of oil and went to Ramoth Gilead to anoint Jehu.

2 Kings 9:6

ULT	UST
And he arose and came to the house. And he poured the oil on his head and said to him, "Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, 'I have anointed you as king over the people of Yahweh, over Israel.	*So Jehu got up and went with the young prophet into the house. There the young prophet poured the olive oil on Jehu's head. Then he told him, "Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship, declares that he is appointing you to be the king of his Israelite people.*

Who poured the oil on Jehu's head?

The prophet poured the oil on Jehu's head.

2 Kings 9:7

ULT	UST
And you shall strike the house of Ahab, your master, and I will avenge the blood of my servants the prophets and the blood of all of the servants of Yahweh from the hand of Jezebel.	*Ahab's wife Jezebel murdered many of his prophets and many other Israelites who worshiped him. To punish them for these murders, Yahweh wants you to kill the entire family of Ahab. You formerly served him as a military commander.*

How would Yahweh avenge the blood of his servants?

If Jehu killed the family of Ahab, Yahweh would avenge the blood of his servants shed by the hand of Jezebel.

2 Kings 9:10

ULT	UST
And dogs will eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there will be no burying.'" And he opened the door, and he fled.	*When Jezebel dies, no one will bury her body. Instead, dogs will eat her body on the property near the city of Jezreel that belonged to Naboth." After the young prophet said this, he went out the door and ran away.*

What was going to happen to Jezebel?

The dogs would eat Jezebel in Jezreel, and there would be no one to bury her.

2 Kings 9:12-13

What did the servants of Jehu's master do after Jehu said he was anointed as king?

After Jehu said he was anointed as king, each of the servants quickly took off his outer garment and put it under Jehu at the top of the steps. They blew the trumpet and said, "Jehu is king."

2 Kings 9:15

ULT	UST
But King Joram had returned to be healed in Jezreel from the wounds with which the Arameans had struck him when he fought with Hazael, the king of Aram. And Jehu said, "If it is your soul, may an escaper not go out from the city to go to declare in Jezreel."	*But the Arameans had wounded Joram as he was fighting against their army. Joram had returned to the city of Jezreel to recover from his wounds. Jehu told the other commanders, "If you really want me to be king, make sure that no one leaves this city to warn the people of Jezreel that I am planning to go there."*

Why had King Joram gone back to Jezreel?

King Joram had gone back to Jezreel to be healed of the wounds that the Arameans had given him.

2 Kings 9:17-18

What did the watchman see the messenger do?

The watchman saw the messenger speak to the men but did not come back ahead of them.

2 Kings 9:20

ULT	UST
And the watchman declared, saying, "He has come to them, but he has not returned, and the driving is like the driving of Jehu, the son of Nimshi, for he drives with madness."	*Then the watchman reported again, "That messenger also reached them, but he is not coming back ahead of them. And the leader of that group of men must be Jehu son of Nimshi, because he is driving his chariot so recklessly!"*

How did the watchman know Jehu was driving the chariot?

The watchman knew Jehu was driving the chariot, for he was driving wildly.

2 Kings 9:21

ULT	UST
And Joram said, "Harness." And one harnessed his chariot. And Jehoram, the king of Israel, went out with Ahaziah, the king of Judah, a man in his chariot, and they went out to meet Jehu. And they found him on the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.	*Jehoram told one of his attendants, "Get my chariot ready for me." So his attendants did that. Then King Jehoram and King Ahaziah each rode out in his own chariot toward Jehu. They met Jehu just as he arrived on the property that had belonged to Naboth.*

How did Joram king of Israel ride out to meet Jehu?

Joram king of Israel rode out with Ahaziah king of Judah, each in his chariot, to meet Jehu.

2 Kings 9:24

ULT	UST
And Jehu filled his hand with the bow, and he struck Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out from his heart. And he sank down in his chariot.	*But Jehu got his bow and shot an arrow that hit Jehoram in the back between his shoulder blades. The arrow entered Jehoram's body and went right through his heart. He slumped down dead in his chariot.*

What happened after Jehu shot Joram between his shoulders?

After Jehu shot Joram between his shoulders, the arrow went through Joram's heart, and he sank down in his chariot.

2 Kings 9:26

ULT	UST
‘“If I have not seen the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons yesterday,” the declaration of Yahweh, “and I will repay you on this portion,” the declaration of Yahweh.’ And now, pick him up, throw him onto the portion, according to the word of Yahweh.”	*He said that he had seen Ahab murder Naboth and his sons the day before. He solemnly promised that he would punish Ahab right here in this same field! So take Jehoram’s body and throw it onto this field! That will make happen exactly what Yahweh said would happen.”*

What would bring to pass the things that were told would happen by the word of Yahweh?

Taking Joram’s body and throwing him into that field would bring to pass the things that were told would happen by the word of Yahweh.

2 Kings 9:28

ULT	UST
And his servants caused him to ride to Jerusalem, and they buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the City of David.	*His officials brought his body back to Jerusalem in his chariot. The Judeans buried him in the tombs in the part of Jerusalem that people called the City of David. That was where they had also buried his ancestors.*

Who was buried in his sepulchre with his fathers in the City of David?

Ahaziah was buried in his sepulchre with his fathers in the City of David.

2 Kings 9:30

ULT	UST
And Jehu came to Jezreel. And Jezebel heard, and she set her eyes in paint, and she made good her head, and she looked down through the window.	*Then Jehu went to Jezreel. When Jezebel the queen mother heard what had happened, she put on eye makeup and combed her hair to make it beautiful. Then she looked out the window of the palace toward the street below.*

What happened when Jehu came to Jezreel?

When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it, and she painted her eyes, arranged her hair, and looked out the window.

2 Kings 9:32-33

Who threw Jezebel down?

Some eunuchs threw Jezebel down.

2 Kings 9:35

ULT	UST
So they went to bury her, but they did not find of her except the skull and the feet and the palms of the hands.	*But when they went to get her body to bury it, the only things left were her skull, her feet, and the front part of her hands.*

Why could no one bury Jezebel?

When they went to bury her, they found no more of her than the skull, the feet, and the palms of her hands.

2 Kings 10

2 Kings 10:3

ULT	UST
then you shall look for the good and right one from the sons of your master, and you shall set him on the throne of his father, and you shall fight for the house of your master."	*decide which of Jehoram's sons you think is the most qualified to be the next king of Israel. Proclaim his as your king, and then prepare to fight to defend him."*

What did Jehu's letter tell the elders and guardians of Ahab's descendants to do?

It told the elders and guardians of Ahab's descendants to select the best and most deserving of their master's descendants and set him on his father's throne and then defend him.

2 Kings 10:4-5

Why did the elders and guardians of Ahab's descendants not make any man king?

They did not make any man king because they realized that not even the two kings could stand before Jehu.

2 Kings 10:7

ULT	UST
And it happened when the letter came to them that they took the sons of the king and slaughtered 70 men. And they put their heads in baskets and sent them to him in Jezreel.	*When a messenger brought Jehu's letter to the leaders of Samaria and they read it, they killed all 70 of Ahab's male descendants and cut off their heads. They put their heads in baskets and sent them to Jehu at Jezreel.*

What did the elders and guardians of Ahab's descendants do to the king's sons?

They took the king's sons and killed them, seventy persons, put their heads in baskets, and sent them to Jehu in Jezreel.

2 Kings 10:10

ULT	UST
Know then that nothing from the word of Yahweh that Yahweh spoke about the house of Ahab has fallen to the ground. For Yahweh has done what he spoke by the hand of his servant Elijah."	*Instead, Yahweh has done what he said through his servant Elijah that he would do. As a result, you can be sure that everything Yahweh said would happen to Ahab's family has in fact happened."*

Why did Jehu say that no part of Yahweh's word, the word that he spoke concerning the family of Ahab, would fall to the ground?

Jehu said that no part of Yahweh's word, the word that he spoke concerning the family of Ahab, would fall to the ground, for Yahweh had done what he spoke about through his servant Elijah.

2 Kings 10:13-14

How many brothers of Ahaziah did Jehu meet and kill?

He met and killed forty-two men.

2 Kings 10:15

ULT	UST
And he went from there, and he found Jehonadab, the son of Recab, to meet him. And he blessed him, and he said to him, "Is your heart right, just as my heart is with your heart?" And Jehonadab said, "It is." "If it is, give your hand." And he gave his hand. Then he lifted him to himself into the chariot.	*Then Jehu continued to travel toward Samaria. He met Jehonadab son of Rechab, who was coming to join him. Jehu greeted him and told him, "I am willing to work with you. Are you willing to work with me?" Jehonadab replied, "Yes, I am." Jehu said, "If you are, then let us shake hands." So they shook hands. Then Jehu helped him to get into his chariot.*

Why did Jehu take Jonadab into the chariot?

Jehu took Jonadab into the chariot because Jonadab said his heart was with Jehu, and he gave Jehu his hand.

2 Kings 10:19

ULT	UST
And now, call to me all of the prophets of Baal, all of his servants, and all of his priests. Let not a man be missing, for a great sacrifice is to me for Baal. Everyone who is missing will not live." But Jehu was acting with cunning in order to destroy the servants of Baal.	*So now summon all of Baal's prophets and priests and all the other Israelites who worship Baal. I am going to offer a great sacrifice to Baal, and I want all of them to be there. I will have my soldiers execute any of them who do not come to the sacrifice." But Jehu was deceiving them. He was planning to kill everyone who worshiped Baal.*

Why did Jehu gather all the prophets of Baal, all his worshipers, and all his priests?

He gathered them deceitfully, with the intent to kill the worshipers of Baal.

2 Kings 10:21

ULT	UST
And Jehu sent into all of Israel, and all of the servants of Baal came, and a man was not left who had not come. And they entered the house of Baal, and the house of Baal was filled mouth to mouth.	*Jehu sent messengers throughout Israel telling the people who worshiped Baal to gather in Samaria on a certain day. All those people came that day. They went into the huge temple of Baal and filled it from one side to the other.*

To where did the worshipers of Baal come?

They came into the temple of Baal.

2 Kings 10:24

ULT	UST
And they came in to make sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had stationed for himself 80 men outside, and he had said, "The man who escapes from the men whom I am bringing into your hands, his life in place of his life."	*Then he and Jonadab prepared to offer fellowship sacrifices and burnt offerings to Baal. But Jehu had stationed 80 of his men outside the temple. He had told them, "I want you to kill all the people who are in this temple. I will have my soldiers execute any of you who allows any of them to escape!"*

What would happen if any of the worshipers of Baal escaped?

If any of the worshipers of Baal escaped, whoever let that man escape, his life would be taken for the life of he who escaped.

2 Kings 10:27

ULT	UST
And they broke down the pillar of Baal, and they broke down the house of Baal, and they made it a latrine, to this day.	*They also smashed the large stone pillar outside the temple that represented Baal. Then they tore down the temple. People then used it for a bathroom, and people continued to do that afterwards.*

Into what did the guards and captains make the house of Baal?

They made the house of Baal into a latrine.

2 Kings 10:29

ULT	UST
Only the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin, Jehu did not turn away from after them, the calves of gold that were in Bethel and that were in Dan.	*The one form of idolatry that Jehu allowed to continue was the worship of the golden statues of calves in the cities of Bethel and Dan. King Jeroboam had sinned by making those statues, and he led the people of Israel to sin by worshiping them.*

How did Jehu not leave the sins of Jeroboam?

Jehu did not leave the sins of Jeroboam because he worshiped the golden calves in Bethel and Dan.

2 Kings 10:30

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to Jehu, "Because you did well by doing right in my eyes, according to all that was in my heart you did to the house of Ahab, sons of the fourth will sit for you on the throne of Israel."	*Then Yahweh told Jehu, "I wanted someone to destroy Ahab's descendants, and you did that. Because you obeyed me and did what I had decided was proper, I promise that your son, grandson, great-grandson, and great-great-grandson will all be kings of Israel."*

Why would Jehu's descendants sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation?

Because Jehu did well in executing what was right in Yahweh's eyes, and did to the house of Ahab and did all that was in Yahweh's heart, his descendants would sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation.

2 Kings 10:34

ULT	UST
Now the rest of the matters of Jehu and all that he did and all of his might, are they not written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel?	*The book in which the kings of Israel recorded what happened during their reigns describes further things that Jehu did, including the victories that his armies won.*

Where were the other matters concerning Jehu written?

The other matters concerning Jehu, and all that he did, and all his power, were written in the book of the matters of the days of the kings of Israel.

2 Kings 11

2 Kings 11:1-2

Who was Athaliah not able to kill?

Athaliah could not kill Joash because the soldiers could not find him.

2 Kings 11:4

ULT	UST
And in the seventh year, Jehoiada sent, and he took the commanders of hundreds to the Carite and to the runners, and he brought them to himself at the house of Yahweh. And he cut a covenant with them, and he made them swear in the house of Yahweh, and he showed them the son of the king.	*But after those six years, Jehoiada the high priest sent messengers to get the officers who commanded the royal bodyguards and the palace guards. He told them to come to him at the temple. He had them make a solemn agreement with him that they would do what he told them to do. They swore an oath by Yahweh in his temple that they would do this. Then he showed them Joash, the son of King Ahaziah.*

What did the commanders of hundreds of the Carite and of the guard have to do before they saw the king's son?

The commanders of hundreds of the Carite and of the guard had to make a covenant with Jehoiada and swear an oath in the house of Yahweh. Then he showed them the king's son.

2 Kings 11:7

ULT	UST
And the two of the hands among you, everyone going out on the Sabbath, even they shall keep the keeping of the house of Yahweh for the king.	*Many others of you guards will be going off duty on the Sabbath day. Instead of leaving, you must guard the temple in two groups to protect young King Joash.*

What did the two groups who were not serving on the Sabbath have to do?

The two groups who were not serving on the Sabbath had to guard the house of Yahweh to protect young King Joash.

2 Kings 11:10

ULT	UST
And the priest gave to the captains of the hundreds the spears and the shields that were to King David that were in the house of Yahweh.	*Some spears and shields that had belonged to King David were in the temple. Jehoiada distributed them to the commanders of the guards to give to their men.*

What did Jehoiada hand over to the commanders?

Jehoiada handed over to the commanders the spears and shields that had been King David's, which were in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 11:14

ULT	UST
And she looked, and behold, the king was standing by the pillar, according to the custom, and the commanders and the trumpeters were near the king, and all of the people of the land were rejoicing and blasting on trumpets. And Athaliah tore her clothes, and she called out, "Conspiracy! Conspiracy!"	*She saw Joash, the new king, standing next to one of the big pillars on the temple porch. That was where new kings customarily stood. She saw that the commanders of the palace guards and musicians playing trumpets were standing next to him. She heard a crowd of ordinary Israelites shouting joyfully. Some of them were blowing trumpets. She tore her clothes to show her distress and shouted, "You are traitors! You have betrayed me!"*

Why did Athaliah tear her clothes and shout?

Athaliah tore her clothes and shouted because she saw King Joash standing by the pillar.

2 Kings 11:15-16

Why was Athaliah killed at the king's house?

Athaliah was killed at the king's house, for the priest had said, "Do not let her be killed in the house of Yahweh."

2 Kings 11:17-18

After Jehoiada made a covenant, what did the people do?

After Jehoiada made a covenant, the people tore down the house of Baal, smashed Baal's altars and his idol figures to pieces, and killed Mattan, the priest of Baal.

2 Kings 11:19-20

When Joash sat on the throne of the kings, how did the people respond?

When Joash sat on the throne of the kings, all the people of the land rejoiced.

2 Kings 12

2 Kings 12:2

ULT	UST
And Joash did right in the eyes of Yahweh all of his days because Jehoiada the priest instructed him.	*Jehoiada the priest instructed him. As a result, throughout his life, Joash did things that pleased Yahweh.*

Why did Joash do what was right in the eyes of Yahweh all the time?

Joash did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh all the time, because Jehoiada the priest was instructing him.

2 Kings 12:4

ULT	UST
And Joash said to the priests, "All of the silver of the sacred things that is brought into the house of Yahweh, the silver passing over a man, the silver of the lives of his valuation, all of the silver that goes up onto the heart of a man to bring into the house of Yahweh,	*Joash told the priests, "People give money to Yahweh's temple for several reasons. The law requires them to give some money to support the temple. Sometimes people dedicate people or animals to Yahweh and redeem them with money. And sometimes people just want to give money to the temple.*

By what were the people motivated to give money for the temple?

The people were motivated by Yahweh in their hearts to give.

2 Kings 12:6-7

Why did Joash tell the priests to take no more money from the taxpayers?

Joash told the priests this because they had not repaired anything in the temple.

2 Kings 12:9

ULT	UST
And Jehoiada the priest took a box and bored a hole in its lid, and he put it beside the altar, on the right side. When a man came to the house of Yahweh, then the priests keeping the threshold put into there all of the silver brought to the house of Yahweh.	*Then Jehoiada took a chest and made a hole in its top. He put the box on the right side of the altar in the temple courtyard. Often people gave some money for the temple when they came to the temple courtyard. When they did, the priests who supervised the courtyard entrance put that money in the box.*

Who put money into the chest?

The priests who were guarding the temple entrance put into the chest all the money that was brought to the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 12:12

ULT	UST
and to the masons and to the hewers of stone and to buy wood and stones of hewing to strengthen the damage of the house of Yahweh and for everything that came out concerning the house to strengthen it.	*They also used the money to pay masons and stone cutters and to buy timber and stones that workers had shaped. They used the timer and stone to repair damages in the temple. They also used the money to pay for all the other expenses of the repair work.*

For what did the workers use the money?

The workers used the money for buying timber and cutting stone to repair the temple of Yahweh, and for all that was needed to be paid to repair it.

2 Kings 12:16

ULT	UST
The silver of the guilt offering and the silver of the sin offerings was not brought into the house of Yahweh. They were to the priests.	*Sometimes people gave money to the priests who offered the animals that they brought as sacrifices for guilt or sin. That money belonged to the priests, so the supervisors did not use it to repair the temple.*

Why was the money for the guilt offerings and the money for the sin offerings not brought into the temple of Yahweh?

The money for the guilt offerings and the money for the sin offerings was not brought into the temple of Yahweh, because it belonged to the priests.

2 Kings 12:18

ULT	UST
And Joash, the king of Judah, took all of the holy things that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, his fathers, the kings of Judah, had consecrated and his holy things and all of the gold found in the treasuries of the house of Yahweh and the house of the king, and he sent them to Hazael, the king of Aram, and he went up from upon Jerusalem.	*So King Joash of Judah got all of the gold and silver items that the previous kings, Jehoshaphat, Jehoram, and Ahaziah, had dedicated to Yahweh. He also got the gold and silver items that he had dedicated. He also got all of the gold that was in the storerooms of the temple and his palace. He sent this treasure to King Hazael to persuade him to stop attacking Jerusalem. So King Hazael led his army away from Jerusalem.*

How did King Joash prevent King Hazael from attacking Jerusalem?

Joash took all the holy objects that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah had consecrated to Yahweh, his own holy things, and all the gold that was found in the storerooms of the houses of Yahweh and of the king, and he sent them to Hazael, king of Aram. Then Hazael went away from Jerusalem.

2 Kings 12:21

ULT	UST
And Jozabad, the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad, the son of Shomer, his servants, struck him, and he died. And they buried him with his fathers in the City of David. And Amaziah his son reigned in his place.	*The two officials who ambushed Joash were Jozabad son of Shimeath and Jehozabad son of Shomer. They killed him. The Judeans buried Joash in the part of Jerusalem that people called the City of David. That is where people had also buried his ancestors. Then Joash's son Amaziah became the next king of Judah.*

Who attacked Joash?

Jozabad, the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad, the son of Shomer, his servants, attacked Joash.

2 Kings 13

2 Kings 13:4-5

Why did Yahweh give Israel a rescuer?

Jehoahaz implored Yahweh, so Yahweh gave Israel a rescuer.

2 Kings 13:7

ULT	UST
For he did not leave people to Jehoahaz except 50 horsemen and 10 chariots and 10, 000 foot soldiers, for the king of Aram destroyed them and made them like dust to threshing.	*The Aramean army killed so many of Jehoahaz's soldiers that he had only 50 men left who rode on horses. He had only 10 chariots and 10, 000 other soldiers left. The Arameans were so powerful compared to the Israelites that it was as if they could knock them down and walk over them.*

The king of Aram destroyed the army of Israel and made them like what?

The king of Aram had destroyed the army of Israel and made them like the dust at threshing time.

2 Kings 13:15

ULT	UST
And Elisha said to him, "Bring a bow and arrows." And he brought to him a bow and arrows.	*Elisha told him, "Bring me a bow and some arrows." So the king did that.*

When Elisha was sick, what did he tell Joash to bring?

He told Joash to bring a bow and some arrows.

2 Kings 13:18-19

What happened because Joash hit the ground only three times?

Because he hit the ground only three times, he would strike Aram only three times.

2 Kings 13:21

ULT	UST
And it happened, they were burying a man, and behold, they saw a raiding band, and they threw the man into the grave of Elisha. And the man went and touched the bones of Elisha, and it happened that he arose onto his feet.	*Around that time, while some Israelites were carrying a man's body to where they wanted to bury him, they saw a group of those raiders. They were afraid, so they quickly threw that man's body into the same tomb where Elisha's body was and ran away. But as soon as the man's body touched Elisha's body, the dead man became alive again and stood up!*

What happened to the man who was buried in Elisha's grave?

The man who was buried in Elisha's grave revived and stood up on his feet as soon as the man touched Elisha's bones.

2 Kings 13:23

ULT	UST
But Yahweh was gracious to them and had compassion on them, and he turned to them because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And he was not willing to destroy them, and he has not cast them away from his face until now.	*But Yahweh felt sorry for the Israelite people, so he treated them better than they deserved. He helped them because of the solemn agreement he had made with their ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He wanted them to continue being a nation. So he still did not allow enemies to take the Israelites away from their land.*

Why did Yahweh not drive Israel away from his presence?

Yahweh was gracious to Israel and had compassion on them and concern for them because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. So Yahweh did not destroy them, and he did not drive them away from his presence.

2 Kings 14

2 Kings 14:5

ULT	UST
And it happened, as soon as the kingdom was strong in his hand, that he struck his servants, the ones having struck the king, his father.	*As soon as Amaziah was completely in control of his kingdom, he had his soldiers execute the officials who had murdered his father, King Joash.*

What did Amaziah do as soon as his rule was well established?

As soon as his rule was well established, Amaziah killed the servants who had murdered his father, the king.

2 Kings 14:6

ULT	UST
But the sons of the ones striking, he did not kill, as written in the book of the law of Moses, what Yahweh commanded, saying, "Fathers shall not be killed for sons, and sons shall not be killed for fathers. Rather, a man shall be killed for his sin."	*But he did not tell his servants to execute those officials' children. He obeyed what Moses wrote in the book of laws that Yahweh gave him. He wrote, "You must not execute parents for crimes that their children commit, and you must not execute children for crimes that their parents commit. You must only execute people for the sins that they themselves commit."*

Why did Amaziah not put the sons of the assassins to death?

Amaziah did not put the sons of the assassins to death because Yahweh had commanded him, saying, "The fathers must not be put to death for their children, neither must the children be put to death for their parents. Instead, every person must be put to death for his own sin."

2 Kings 14:9

ULT	UST
And Jehoash, the king of Israel, sent to Amaziah, the king of Judah, saying, "A thornbush that was in Lebanon sent to a cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, 'Give your daughter to my son as a wife.' But a beast of the field that was in Lebanon passed by, and it trampled the thornbush.	*But in reply, King Jehoash had his messengers tell King Amaziah a story that taught a lesson. They said, "Once a little thornbush was growing in the mountains in Lebanon. It sent a message to a great cedar tree. It told the cedar that it should allow the son of the thornbush to marry its daughter. But as a wild animal in Lebanon was walking along, it stepped on the thornbush and crushed it."*

What trampled down the thistle?

A wild beast in Lebanon trampled down the thistle.

2 Kings 14:14

ULT	UST
And he took all of the gold and the silver and all of the articles found in the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the house of the king, and sons of pledges. And he returned to Samaria.	*Jehoash's soldiers seized all the gold and silver and valuable items that were in Yahweh's temple and that Amaziah was keeping in the royal palace. They also took some prisoners to make sure that Amaziah would not attack Israel. Then Jehoash returned to Samaria.*

What did Jehoash take to Samaria from Jerusalem?

He took all the gold and silver, all the objects that were found in the house of Yahweh, and the valuable things in the king's palace, and hostages also.

2 Kings 14:19

ULT	UST
And they conspired a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish. But they sent after him to Lachish, and they killed him there.	*Some people in Jerusalem plotted against Amaziah, so he ran away to the city of Lachish. But those people sent men to follow him to Lachish, and those men killed him there.*

How did Amaziah die?

A conspiracy was made against Amaziah in Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish. But men were sent after him to Lachish and they killed him there.

2 Kings 14:22

ULT	UST
He, he built up Elath, and he returned it to Judah after the king lay down with his fathers.	*After his father Amaziah died, Azariah led his army to recapture the city of Elath. He then fortified that city.*

What did Uzziah do to Elath?

Uzziah rebuilt Elath and restored it to Judah.

2 Kings 14:25

ULT	UST
He, he restored the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of Yahweh, the God of Israel, that he spoke by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was from Gath Hepher.	*Jeroboam led his soldiers to reconquer much of the territory that the Israelites had previously controlled, from Lebo Hamath in the north to the Sea of the Arabah in the south. That is exactly what Yahweh, the God whom the Israelites worship, promised would happen. He said that in a message he gave to the prophet Jonah son of Amittai, who came from the city of Gath Hepher.*

Through whom did Jeroboam hear that he should restore the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the sea of the Arabah?

Jeroboam heard through Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, that he should restore the border of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the sea of the Arabah.

2 Kings 14:26-27

Because Yahweh saw there was no rescuer for Israel, how did he save them?

Because Yahweh saw there was no rescuer for Israel, Yahweh saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Jehoash.

2 Kings 15

2 Kings 15:5

ULT	UST
And Yahweh touched the king, and he was a leper until the day of his death, and he lived in a house of separation. And Jotham, the son of the king, was over the house, judging the people of the land.	*Azariah committed a serious sin, and Yahweh punished him by causing him to become a leper. Azariah remained a leper for the rest of his life. He had to live in a house away from other people. His son Jotham was in charge of the royal palace and decided cases that Judeans brought to him.*

How did Yahweh afflict King Azariah?

Yahweh afflicted the king so that he was a leper to the day of his death and lived in a separate house.

2 Kings 15:7

ULT	UST
And Azariah lay down with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the City of David. And Jotham his son reigned in his place.	*When Azariah died, the Judeans buried him in the part of Jerusalem that people called the City of David. That is where people had also buried his ancestors. Ahaziah's son Jotham became the next king.*

Who became king in Azariah's place?

Jotham, his son, became king in his place.

2 Kings 15:10

ULT	UST
And Shallum, the son of Jabesh, conspired against him, and he struck him in front of the people, and he killed him. And he reigned in his place.	*Then Shallum son of Jabesh plotted against Zechariah. He assassinated him right in public. Then he became the next king.*

Where did Shallum kill Zechariah?

Shallum killed Zechariah in front of the people.

2 Kings 15:12

ULT	UST
It was the word of Yahweh that he had spoken to Jehu, saying, "Sons of the fourth will sit for you on the throne of Israel." And it was thus.	*Yahweh had told Jehu that his son, grandson, great-grandson, and great-great-grandson would all be kings of Israel. And that is exactly what happened.*

For how long would Jehu's descendants sit on the throne of Israel?

Jehu's descendants would sit on the throne of Israel to the fourth generation.

2 Kings 15:13-14

Why did Shallum reign only one month in Samaria?

Shallum reigned only one month in Samaria because Menahem the son of Gadi killed him.

2 Kings 15:16

ULT	UST
Then Menahem struck Tiphsah and all who were in it and its borders, from Tirzah, because one did not open. And he struck them, all of its pregnant women he ripped open.	*After he became king, Menahem led his soldiers from Tirzah to the city of Tiphsah. They destroyed the city and killed the people who lived in it and near it. His soldiers even used their swords to split open the bellies of the pregnant women in the city and kill the children in their wombs. They did that because those people had not wanted Menahem to be their king, so they had not allowed him to come into their city.*

Why did Menahem attack Tiphsah and all who were there?

Menahem attacked Tiphsah and all who were there because they did not open the city up to him.

2 Kings 15:19-20

How did Menahem collect the one thousand talents of silver to give Pul?

Menahem collected one thousand talents of silver by requiring each of the wealthy men to pay fifty shekels of silver to him.

2 Kings 15:25

ULT	UST
And Pekah, the son of Remaliah, his captain, conspired against him, and he struck him in Samaria, in the citadel of the house of the king, Argob and Arieh, and with him 50 men of the sons of the Gileadites. And he killed him, and he reigned in his place.	*One of Pekahiah's military officers, Pekah son of Remaliah, plotted against him. Together with 50 men from the region of Gilead, he went to the fortress in the king's palace in Samaria. There they assassinated Pekahiah and two of his officials, Argob and Arieh. Then Pekah became the next king.*

Who killed Pekahiah?

Pekah killed Pekahiah.

2 Kings 15:29-30

Why did Hoshea form a conspiracy against Pekah?

Hoshea formed a conspiracy against Pekah because Tiglath Pileser king of Assyria came and took many cities.

2 Kings 15:34

ULT	UST
And he did right in the eyes of Yahweh. Like all that Azariah his father did, he did.	*He did many things that pleased Yahweh, just as his father Uzziah had done.*

Whose example did Jotham follow?

Jotham followed the example of his father, Uzziah.

2 Kings 16

2 Kings 16:3

ULT	UST
And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel. And he even made his son pass through the fire, like the abominations of the nations that Yahweh had driven them out from the face of the sons of Israel.	*Instead, he behaved in the same sinful way that the kings of Israel behaved. He even burned up his son as an offering to an idol. That was one of the disgusting things that the people groups who had previously lived in the land of Canaan had done. Yahweh drove those people out so that the Israelites could settle in the land.*

What did Ahaz do to his son?

Ahaz put his son in the fire as a burned offering, following the detestable practices of the nations.

2 Kings 16:5

ULT	UST
Then Rezin, the king of Aram, came up with Pekah, the son of Remaliah, the king of Israel, to Jerusalem for battle. And they besieged against Ahaz, but they were not able to fight.	*Then King Rezin of Aram and King Pekah of Israel led their armies to attack Jerusalem. Those armies surrounded the city, but they could not defeat the army of Ahaz and conquer it.*

What could Rezin not do when he attacked Jerusalem?

When Rezin attacked Jerusalem, he could not conquer Ahaz.

2 Kings 16:8

ULT	UST
And Ahaz took the silver and the gold found in the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the house of the king, and he sent a gift to the king of Assyria.	*Ahaz took the silver and gold that was in Yahweh's temple and that he was keeping in the royal palace and sent it as tribute to the king of Assyria.*

What gift did Ahaz give the king of Assyria?

Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of Yahweh and among the treasures of the king's palace, and he sent it as a gift to the king of Assyria.

2 Kings 16:10-11

What altar did Ahaz want Uriah to replicate?

Ahaz wanted to replicate the altar at Damascus.

2 Kings 16:13

ULT	UST
And he burned his burnt offering and his grain offering and poured out his drink offering and sprinkled the blood of the peace offerings that were to him on the altar.	*He burned a sacrificial animal and a grain offering on it. He also poured a wine offering onto it. He also scattered on it the blood from his fellowship sacrifices.*

Who made his burned offering and his grain offering?

The king made his burned offering and his grain offering.

2 Kings 16:15

ULT	UST
And King Ahaz commanded Uriah the priest, saying, "On the large altar burn the burnt offering of the morning and the grain offering of the evening and the burnt offering of the king and his grain offering and the burnt offering of all of the people of the land and their grain offering and their drink offerings. And you shall sprinkle on it all of the blood of the burnt offering and all of the blood of the sacrifice. But the altar of bronze will be for me to seek."	*Then King Ahaz ordered Uriah, "I want you to use this new altar for the sacrifices that the priests burn completely each morning and for the grain offering that they offer each evening. I also want you to use it for the burnt offerings and grain offerings that I bring. I also want you to use it for the burnt offerings, grain offerings, and wine offerings that the people bring. When the priests offer animals as burnt sacrifices or fellowship sacrifices, scatter the blood of those animals against the sides of the altar. The old bronze altar will be only for me to use when I pray."*

What was the purpose of the bronze altar?

The bronze altar was for Ahaz to ask for God's help.

2 Kings 16:18

ULT	UST
and the canopy of the Sabbath that they had built at the house and the outer entrance of the king, he removed from the house of Yahweh, from the face of the king of Assyria.	*Earlier one of the kings had had his workers build a covered walkway that people could use to get to the temple courtyard on the Sabbath day. Another king had made a private entrance into the temple courtyard for the kings of Judah. Ahaz had his workers take down that walkway and close up that entrance. Ahaz did all these things in order to please the king of Assyria.*

Why did Ahaz remove the covered walkway for the Sabbath that they had built at the temple, along with the king's entry outside the temple of Yahweh?

Ahaz removed the covered walkway for the Sabbath they had built at the temple, along with the king's entry outside the temple of Yahweh, to please the king of Assyria.

2 Kings 17

2 Kings 17:3

ULT	UST
Shalmaneser, the king of Assyria, came up against him, and Hoshea became a servant to him, and he paid tribute to him.	*King Shalmaneser of Assyria led his army to attack and defeat the army of King Hoshea. Hoshea became a vassal of Shalmaneser, who forced the Israelites to pay him tribute each year.*

What did Hoshea do when he became Shalmaneser's servant?

Hoshea became his servant and brought him tribute.

2 Kings 17:4

ULT	UST
And the king of Assyria found a conspiracy in Hoshea, that he had sent messengers to So, the king of Egypt, and he had not brought up tribute to the king of Assyria, as year by year. And the king of Assyria shut him up and bound him in a house of imprisonment.	*Then Hoshea secretly plotted to rebel against the king of Assyria. He sent messengers to King So of Egypt, asking if his army would help the Israelites become free from Assyrian control. Hoshea also stopped paying tribute to Assyria each year. But the king of Assyria discovered what Hoshea was doing, so he invaded and conquered Israel and put Hoshea in prison.*

How had Hoshea been plotting against Shalmaneser?

Hoshea had been plotting against Shalmaneser, for Hoshea had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt.

2 Kings 17:7

ULT	UST
And it happened because the sons of Israel sinned against Yahweh their God, the one having brought them up from the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. And they feared other gods,	*This happened because the Israelite people sinned against Yahweh their God. Even though he had rescued their ancestors from Egypt, where they were slaves to Pharaoh, they began to worship other gods.*

Why did the captivity happen?

The captivity happened because the people of Israel had sinned against Yahweh their God.

2 Kings 17:12

ULT	UST
And they served idols, about which Yahweh had said to them, "You shall not do this thing."	*They worshiped idols, even though Yahweh had specifically commanded them not to do that.*

What had Yahweh said the Israelites must not do?

Yahweh had said they must not worship idols.

2 Kings 17:13

ULT	UST
And Yahweh warned Israel and Judah by the hand of all of his prophets, every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments, my statutes, according to all of the law that I commanded your fathers and that I sent to you by the hand of my servants the prophets."	*Yahweh frequently sent his prophets and seers to warn the people of Israel and the people of Judah. The message that Yahweh spoke through them was, "Stop doing all the evil things you have been doing! Instead, obey all the laws that I gave to your ancestors and that my prophets are now telling you to obey."*

By whom had Yahweh testified to Israel and to Judah?

Yahweh had testified to Israel and to Judah by every prophet and every seer.

2 Kings 17:14

ULT	UST
But they did not listen, and they stiffened their neck, like the neck of their fathers who did not trust in Yahweh their God.	*But the Israelite people did not do what the prophets told them to do. They were stubborn, just as their ancestors had been. Their ancestors had not truly believed in Yahweh their God.*

The Israelites were very stubborn like whom?

The Israelites were very stubborn like their fathers who did not trust in Yahweh their God.

2 Kings 17:17

ULT	UST
And they made their sons and their daughters pass through the fire. And they divined divinations, and they observed signs. And they sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of Yahweh, making him angry.	*They also burned their own sons and daughters as sacrifices to false gods. They practiced sorcery and fortune telling. They continually chose to do things that Yahweh had told them were evil. That made Yahweh very angry.*

How did the Israelites sell themselves?

The Israelites sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight of Yahweh.

2 Kings 17:22-23

Why did Yahweh remove Israel from his sight?

The people of Israel followed all the sins of Jeroboam and they did not depart from them, so Yahweh removed Israel from his sight.

2 Kings 17:25

ULT	UST
And it happened, at the beginning of their settling there, they did not fear Yahweh. And Yahweh sent lions among them, and they were killing among them.	*But when those people first arrived in Israel, they did not worship Yahweh. So Yahweh allowed lions to attack them, and the lions killed some of them.*

Why did Yahweh send lions among the new nations in Samaria?

The nations in Samaria did not worship Yahweh, so he sent lions among them.

2 Kings 17:28

ULT	UST
And one from the priests whom they had exiled from Samaria came, and he settled in Bethel. And he was teaching them how they should fear Yahweh.	*So the officers sent back one of the Israelite priests. That priest went to live in the city of Bethel. From there he taught the people who had settled in the land how to worship Yahweh properly.*

What did the priest teach the new people in Bethel?

The priest taught them how they should fear Yahweh.

2 Kings 17:29

ULT	UST
And they were making, a nation, a nation, its gods, and they put them in the house of the high places that the Samaritans had made, a nation, a nation, in their cities where they were settling there.	*But the people of each of those nations also made idols to represent their own gods. They put them in the shrines that the Israelites had built on the tops of hills. Each group of people put idols representing their gods in the shrines near the cities where they lived.*

Where did every ethnic group put the gods they made?

Every ethnic group made gods of their own, and put them in the shrines that the Samaritans had made.

2 Kings 17:32

ULT	UST
And they were fearing Yahweh, but they made for themselves priests of high places from their extremities, and they were making sacrifices to them in the house of the high places.	*Those people worshiped Yahweh, but they also appointed men from their own groups to be priests at the hilltop shrines. Those priests offered sacrifices in the shrines to foreign gods.*

Besides their own gods, who did the new nations in Israel honor?

The new nations also honored Yahweh.

2 Kings 17:34-35

How did the new people in Israel not honor Yahweh?

The new people did not honor Yahweh, because he commanded that they must not fear other gods.

2 Kings 17:40

ULT	UST
But they are not careful, but rather they are acting according to their first custom.	*But the people who live in what was the kingdom of Israel do not carefully obey Yahweh's law. Instead, they still act the way the first settlers did.*

How did the nations in Israel not listen?

They did not listen because they continued to do what they had done in the past.

2 Kings 18

2 Kings 18:4

ULT	UST
He, he removed the high places, and he shattered the pillars, and he cut down the Asherah. And he broke up the serpent of bronze that Moses had made, because until those days the sons of Israel were offering incense to it (and one called it Nehushtan).	*He had his servants destroy the shrines that were on the tops of hills. He also had them smash the stone pillars that represented Baal. He had them cut down and burn the poles that people had set up for worshiping the goddess Asherah. He also broke into pieces the bronze replica of a snake that Moses had made. Hezekiah did that because at that time, the people were burning incense in front of it to honor it. (They had named it Nehushtan.)*

What were the people of Israel doing to the bronze serpent Moses had made?

The people of Israel were burning incense to the bronze serpent Moses had made.

2 Kings 18:9-10

For how long did Shalmaneser king of Assyria attack Samaria?

Shalmaneser king of Assyria attacked Samaria for three years.

2 Kings 18:11-12

Why did the king of Assyria carry Israel captive away to Assyria?

The king of Assyria carried Israel captive away to Assyria because they disobeyed the solemn agreement that Yahweh had made with their ancestors.

2 Kings 18:15

ULT	UST
And Hezekiah gave all of the silver found in the house of Yahweh and in the storerooms of the house of the king.	*So Hezekiah sent him all the silver that was in Yahweh's temple and that he was keeping in the royal palace.*

From where did Hezekiah get silver to give the king of Assyria?

Hezekiah got silver that was found in the house of Yahweh and in the treasuries of the king's palace.

2 Kings 18:17-18

From where did Tartan and Rabsaris and the chief commander call to King Hezekiah?

They called to King Hezekiah from the conduit of the upper pool, on the highway of the Field of the Fuller.

2 Kings 18:21

ULT	UST
Now behold, you trust for yourself in the staff of this broken reed, in Egypt, on which a man supports himself and it goes into his palm and pierces it. Thus is Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to all of the ones trusting in him.”’	*You are relying on the army of Egypt to help you. But you must realize that that is like using a broken reed as a staff for support. The pointed end of such a staff would make a hole in the hand of anyone who tried to use it! That is what the king of Egypt is like. He hurts anyone who relies on him for help.”*

What would happen if a man leaned on Egypt?

If a man leaned on Egypt, it would stick into his hand and pierce it.

2 Kings 18:23

ULT	UST
‘And now, wager, please, with my master, with the king of Assyria. And I will give to you 2, 000 horses if you are able to put riders on them for yourself.	*So tell Hezekiah for me that I am offering him a deal on behalf of my master, the king of Assyria. I will give him 2, 000 horses if he still has enough healthy soldiers to ride on them!*

What wager did the king of Assyria make?

The king of Assyria wagered two thousand horses if Hezekiah was able to find riders for them.

2 Kings 18:25

ULT	UST
‘“Now have I come up against this place to destroy it without Yahweh? Yahweh said to me, ‘Go up against this land and destroy it.’”’	*Furthermore, do not think that we have come to destroy Jerusalem without Yahweh’s help. It is Yahweh himself who told us to come here and destroy this land!”*

What did Yahweh tell the king of Assyria to do?

Yahweh told the king of Assyria to attack Judah and destroy it.

2 Kings 18:26

ULT	UST
And Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, with Shebnah and Joah, said to the Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we are understanding. But do not speak with us in Judean in the ears of the people who are on the wall."	*Then Eliakim told the Rabshakeh on behalf of himself and Shebna and Joah, "Sir, please speak to us in your own Aramaic language. We understand it. Do not keep speaking to us in our Judean language. The people who are standing on the wall can hear and understand you, and you are frightening them."*

In what language did Eliakim, Shebnah, and Joah ask the chief commander to speak?

Eliakim, Shebnah, and Joah asked the chief commander to speak in Aramaic.

2 Kings 18:28

ULT	UST
And the Rabshakeh stood, and he called out in a great voice in Judean. And he spoke and said, "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria.	*Then the Rabshakeh directly faced the people on the wall. He shouted to them in Judean, "Listen to this message from the great king, the king of Assyria.*

In what language did the chief commander shout?

The chief commander shouted in the Jews' language.

2 Kings 18:31

ULT	UST
Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make a blessing with me, and come out to me, and eat, a man of his vine and a man of his fig tree, and drink, a man from the waters of his well,	*Do not let Hezekiah persuade you! The king of Assyria says that you should come out of the city and surrender to him. He says that if you do that, instead of being very hungry as you are now, you will be able to eat the grapes and figs you have grown and drink water from your own wells.*

What would the king of Assyria let those who made peace with him do?

He would let them eat from their own vine and from their own fig tree, and drink from the water in their own cistern.

2 Kings 18:36

ULT	UST
But the people were silent and did not answer him a word, for it was a commandment of the king, saying, "You shall not answer him."	*King Hezekiah had told the people, "When the Rabshakeh speaks to you, do not answer him." So the people who were listening did not say anything in reply to him.*

What did King Hezekiah command?

The king commanded the people to not answer the chief commander.

2 Kings 19

2 Kings 19:1

ULT	UST
And it happened when King Hezekiah heard that he tore his clothes, and he covered himself with sackcloth, and he went into the house of Yahweh.	*When King Hezekiah heard what the Rabshakeh had said, to show how distressed he was, he tore his regular clothes and wore rough cloth instead. Then he went into the courtyard of Yahweh's temple to pray.*

What did King Hezekiah do when he heard the report?

When King Hezekiah heard the report, he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 19:4

ULT	UST
Perhaps Yahweh your God will have heard all of the words of the Rabshakeh, him whom the king of Assyria, his master, sent to taunt the living God, and he will chastise the words that Yahweh your God has heard. And may you lift up a prayer on behalf of the remnant that is found.'"	*The Rabshakeh insulted the only true God. That was what his master, the king of Assyria, sent him to do. Perhaps Yahweh your God heard everything that he said. Perhaps he will punish him for saying those things. King Hezekiah asks you to pray for those of us who are still alive here in Jerusalem."*

What did Hezekiah say Yahweh might do?

Hezekiah said that perhaps Yahweh will punish him for saying those things.

2 Kings 19:7

ULT	UST
Behold me, putting a spirit in him, and he will hear a report, and he will return to his land, and I will make him fall by the sword in his land.""'"	*I am going to send a spirit to Sennacherib that will make him anxious. Then he will hear a rumor that will worry him so much that he will return to his own country. There some men will assassinate him."*

What would Yahweh do to stop the king of Assyria?

Yahweh would put a spirit in him, and the king would hear a certain report and go back to his own land.

2 Kings 19:10

ULT	UST
“Thus you shall say to Hezekiah, the king of Judah, saying, ‘Do not let your God, in whom you are trusting, deceive you, saying, “Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.”	*The king told his messengers to tell Hezekiah, “Yahweh your God is promising you that my army will never capture Jerusalem. You trust Yahweh, but he is not telling the truth, so do not believe him.*

According to Sennacherib, in what way did God deceive Hezekiah?

According to Sennacherib, God deceived Hezekiah by saying Jerusalem would not be given over into the hand of the king of Assyria.

2 Kings 19:14

ULT	UST
And Hezekiah took the writings from the hand of the messengers, and he read them. And he went up to the house of Yahweh, and Hezekiah spread it out to the face of Yahweh.	*The messengers gave Hezekiah a letter from the Assyrian king that said the same thing they had told him. Hezekiah read the letter. Then he went to the temple. The Assyrian king had written the letter on a scroll, and Hezekiah unrolled the scroll so that the writing would be visible as he prayed to Yahweh.*

Where did Hezekiah spread the letter from the messengers?

Hezekiah spread the letter from the messengers in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 19:19

ULT	UST
And now, Yahweh our God, please save us from his hand, so that all of the kingdoms of the earth will know that you, Yahweh, are God, you alone.”	*So now, Yahweh our God, please prevent the king of Assyria from conquering us. That way the people in all the kingdoms of the world will know that you, Yahweh, are the only true God.”*

Why should Yahweh save the people of Judah?

Yahweh should save the people of Judah so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Yahweh is God alone.

2 Kings 19:22

ULT	UST
Whom have you mocked and taunted? And against whom have you raised a voice and lifted your eyes upward? Against the Holy One of Israel!	*Yahweh says that the Assyrian king should not have insulted and made fun of him, the holy God whom the Israelites worship. He should not have shouted at him or proudly looked up at the sky.*

Against whom did the king of Assyria raise his voice?

The king of Assyria raised his voice against the Holy One of Israel!

2 Kings 19:24

ULT	UST
I, I dug, and I drank foreign waters. And with the sole of my feet I will dry up all of the streams of Matsor."	*Yahweh says that the Assyrian king is boasting that in order to march through desolate regions, he and his soldiers have dug wells in other countries to get water. He is also boasting that he will conquer Matsor, which people also call Egypt, as easily as a person can stamp out a small puddle of water.*

Who said he would dry up all the streams of Matsor under the soles of his feet?

Sennacherib said he would dry up all the streams of Matsor under the soles of his feet.

2 Kings 19:25

ULT	UST
Have you not heard? From long ago, I did it; from days of antiquity, I formed it. Now I have brought it, that you should be for devastating fortified cities into ruined heaps.	*But Yahweh says that the Assyrian king should realize that he planned long ago for those things to happen. Now he is causing them to occur. That is why the king's army has been capturing and destroying many cities that were surrounded by high walls.*

Who determined long ago that impregnable cities would be reduced into heaps of ruins?

Yahweh determined long ago that impregnable cities would be reduced into heaps of ruins.

2 Kings 19:28

ULT	UST
Because of your raging against me, and your arrogance has come up into my ears, I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your lips, and I will make you return on the way by which you came.'	*Yahweh says that he has heard the king yelling at him angrily. As a result, he is going to force him to return to his own country without conquering Jerusalem by the same route that he took to get here. It will be as if Yahweh puts a hook in his nose and a bit in his mouth in order to make him go where he wants him to go.*

What would Yahweh put in Sennacherib's nose?

Yahweh would put his hook in Sennacherib's nose.

2 Kings 19:29

ULT	UST
And this will be the sign for you. This year, you will eat wild grain, and in the second year, its offspring. But in the third year, sow and harvest, and plant vineyards and eat their fruit.	*Here is a sign for you, Hezekiah, to show that this message is truly from Yahweh. This year, you and your people will eat wild grain. Next year, you will eat the grain that grows from the seeds of those wild plants. But the following year, you Israelites will be able to plant grain and harvest it. You will be able to plant vineyards and eat the grapes.*

What would be the sign for Hezekiah?

The sign would be that the people of Judah would eat what grows wild, and in the second year what grows from that.

2 Kings 19:34

ULT	UST
'For I will cover over this city to save it, for my sake and for the sake of David my servant.'"	*Yahweh says that he will defend this city and prevent the Assyrians from destroying it. He will do that to show that he is the one true God and because of what he promised to his servant David, that his descendants would always rule in Jerusalem."*

Why would Yahweh defend Jerusalem?

Yahweh would defend Jerusalem for his own sake and for his servant David's sake.

2 Kings 19:35

ULT	UST
And it happened in that night that the angel of Yahweh went out and struck in the camp of Assyria 185, 000. And they arose early in the morning and behold, all of them were dead corpses.	*That night, an angel representing Yahweh went to the place where the Assyrian soldiers had set up their tents. He killed 185, 000 of the soldiers. When the rest of the soldiers woke up the next morning, they saw the dead bodies of all those soldiers.*

How did Yahweh defend Jerusalem?

The angel of Yahweh went out and struck the camp of the Assyrians, putting to death 185,000 soldiers.

2 Kings 20

2 Kings 20:1

ULT	UST
In those days, Hezekiah was sick to dying. And Isaiah, the son of Amoz, the prophet, came to him and said to him, "Thus says Yahweh, 'Command regarding your house, for you are dying, and you will not live.'"	*Around that time, Hezekiah became so sick that he was in danger of dying. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz came to him and told him, "Yahweh says that you should tell the people in your palace what you want them to do after you die. You should do that because you are not going to recover from this illness. Instead, you are going to die."*

What did Yahweh tell Hezekiah to do because he would die?

Yahweh told Hezekiah to set his house in order, for he would die.

2 Kings 20:5

ULT	UST
"Return, and you shall say to Hezekiah, the leader of my people, 'Thus says Yahweh, the God of David your father, "I have heard your prayer. I have seen your weeping. Behold me, healing you. On the third day, you will go up to the house of Yahweh.	*"Go back to Hezekiah, the king of Judah, and tell him that I, Yahweh, the God whom his ancestor King David worshiped, have heard what he prayed. I have seen how he has been crying. Tell him that I will heal him. Two days from now, he will be able to go to my temple.*

Why was Yahweh about to heal Hezekiah?

Because Yahweh heard Hezekiah's prayer and saw his tears, he was about to heal him.

2 Kings 20:7

ULT	UST
And Isaiah said, "Bring a cake of figs." And they brought it, and they put it on the sore, and he lived.	*Isaiah came back and told Hezekiah what Yahweh had said, then he told Hezekiah's servants, "Make a paste from figs." The servants made the fig paste and put it on the sore place on Hezekiah's body. Then he recovered.*

How did Hezekiah recover?

A lump of figs was put on his boil, and he recovered.

2 Kings 20:10-11

How did Yahweh change the shadow?

Yahweh brought the shadow ten steps backward from where it had moved to on the stairway of Ahaz.

2 Kings 20:13

ULT	UST
And Hezekiah listened to them, and he showed them the whole house of his treasure, the silver and the gold and the spices and the fine oil and the house of his armor and everything that was found in his treasuries. There was not a thing that Hezekiah did not show them in his house or in all of his realm.	*When the messengers arrived, Hezekiah listened when they read the letter to him from Berodach Baladan. Then he showed them all the valuable possessions he was keeping in his palace. He showed them the silver and the gold, the spices, the special olive oil, and the weapons for his soldiers. He showed them all the valuable things that were in his storerooms and in other places in his kingdom.*

What did Hezekiah show the messengers from the king of Babylon?

Hezekiah showed them everything in his house and kingdom.

2 Kings 20:18

ULT	UST
‘And they will take some of your sons who will come forth from you, whom you will beget, and they will be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.’”	*He is also telling you that the Babylonian army will force some of your own descendants to go to Babylon. There they will be eunuchs in the royal palace.”*

What would happen to the sons born from Hezekiah?

The people of Babylon would take away the sons born from him, and they would become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

2 Kings 20:19

ULT	UST
And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of Yahweh that you have spoken is good." For he said, "Is it not, if peace and stability will be in my days?"	*Then Hezekiah replied to Isaiah, "I accept what Yahweh has said in the message you have delivered." He said that because he was thinking, "Even if that happens, the people of my kingdom will live peacefully and safely for as long as I am alive."*

Why did Hezekiah think that the word of Yahweh was good?

Hezekiah thought that the word of Yahweh was good because there would be peace and stability in his days.

2 Kings 21

2 Kings 21:3

ULT	UST
And he returned and built the high places that Hezekiah his father had destroyed. And he set up altars for Baal, and he made an Asherah, just as Ahab, the king of Israel, had done. And he prostrated himself to the whole army of the heavens, and he served them.	*His father Hezekiah had destroyed the shrines where the Judeans had worshiped on the tops of hills. But Manasseh commanded his workers to rebuild those shrines. He had his workers build altars for Baal. He also had them set up a pole for the worship of the goddess Asherah, as King Ahab of Israel had previously done. Manasseh also bowed down to the sun, moon, and stars to worship them.*

What did Manasseh rebuild?

Manasseh rebuilt the shrines that Hezekiah, his father, had destroyed.

2 Kings 21:6

ULT	UST
And he made his son pass through the fire, and he practiced divination, and he observed signs, and he made a ritual pit and familiar spirits. He multiplied doing evil in the eyes of Yahweh, making him angry.	*He even burned his own son as a sacrifice to a false god. He performed rituals to practice sorcery. He allowed people to dig pits so they could use them try to contact people who had died. People also used those pits to try to talk to spirits that they thought could tell them things that people otherwise could not know. He did very many things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil, and that made Yahweh very angry.*

With whom did Manasseh consult?

Manasseh practiced divination, and he observed signs, and he made a ritual pit and familiar spirits.

2 Kings 21:7

ULT	UST
And he put the image of Asherah that he made in the house about which Yahweh had said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen from all of the tribes of Israel, I will put my name forever.	*He placed the pole for the worship of the goddess Asherah inside the temple building. That was the place about which Yahweh had said to David and his son Solomon, "I will make Jerusalem, and especially this temple, places where people will always worship me. I chose Jerusalem for that purpose from among all of the cities in the land of Israel.*

What did Manasseh place in the house of Yahweh?

Manasseh placed the carved figure of Asherah that he had made in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 21:11

ULT	UST
"Because Manasseh, the king of Judah, has done these evil abominations more than all that the Amorite did who was to his face, and he has also made Judah sin with his idols,	*"Yahweh is angry with King Manasseh of Judah because he has done disgusting evil things. They are worse than the things the Amorites did who lived in the land before the Israelites. Manasseh has also influenced the people of Judah to sin against Yahweh by worshiping the idols that he has made.*

Whom did Manasseh act more wickedly than?

Manasseh acted more wickedly than the Amorites who were before him.

2 Kings 21:14-15

Why would the remnant become victims and plunder for all their enemies?

The remnant would become victims and plunder for all their enemies because his people have done things that he has told them are very evil.

2 Kings 21:16

ULT	UST
And Manasseh also poured out very much innocent blood, until he filled Jerusalem mouth to mouth, besides his sin by which he made Judah sin by doing evil in the eyes of Yahweh.	*Manasseh also had his soldiers kill very many innocent people throughout the city of Jerusalem. He did this in addition to committing sins that influenced the people of Judah to commit sins by doing things that Yahweh had told the Israelites were evil.*

How much innocent blood did Manasseh shed?

Manasseh shed so much innocent blood that he filled Jerusalem from one end to another with death.

2 Kings 21:23

ULT	UST
And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and they killed the king in his house.	*Amon's officials plotted against him. They assassinated him in his palace.*

How did Amon die?

The servants of Amon conspired against him and put the king to death in his own house.

2 Kings 21:26

ULT	UST
And one buried him in his tomb in the garden of Uzza. And Josiah his son reigned in his place.	*The Judeans buried Amon in the tomb in the garden that Uzza had formerly owned. Amon's son Josiah became the next king.*

Where was Amon buried?

The people buried Amon in his tomb in the garden of Uzza.

2 Kings 22

2 Kings 22:2

ULT	UST
And he did right in the eyes of Yahweh, and he walked in every way of David his father, and he did not turn away, right or left.	*Josiah did things that pleased Yahweh. He behaved in the same godly manner as his ancestor King David had behaved. He did not behave differently at all.*

How did Josiah walk?

Josiah walked in all the ways of David his ancestor, and he did not turn away either to the right or to the left.

2 Kings 22:3-5

What did Josiah want Hilkiah to give to the workmen who were in the house of Yahweh?

Josiah wanted Hilkiah to give the money that was brought into the house of Yahweh to the workmen who were in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:7

ULT	UST
However, the silver given to their hand shall not be reckoned with them, because they are acting in faithfulness.	*The men who supervise the work are completely honest. So you do not need to require them to report how they spend the money you give them.*

Why was no accounting required for the money that was given to the workmen?

No accounting was required for the money that was given to the workmen, because they handled it faithfully.

2 Kings 22:8

ULT	UST
And Hilkiah the great priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found a scroll of the Law in the house of Yahweh." And Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan, and he read it.	*So Shaphan did that, and later Hilkiah reported to him, "I have found a scroll in the temple that records the laws that God gave to Moses." Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan, and he read it.*

What did Hilkiah find in the house of Yahweh?

Hilkiah found the Book of the Law in the house of Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:11

ULT	UST
And it happened when the king heard the words of the scroll of the Law that he tore his clothes.	*When the king heard the laws that Shaphan was reading to him from the scroll, he tore his robes to show how concerned he was that Yahweh would punish the Judeans.*

When the king heard the words of the law, what did he do?

When the king heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes.

2 Kings 22:14

ULT	UST
And Hilkiah the priest went with Ahikam and Akbor and Shaphan and Asaiah to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum, the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, the keeper of the clothes (now she was living in Jerusalem, in the Second Quarter), and they spoke to her.	*So Hilkiah, Ahikam, Akbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to consult a woman whose name was Huldah. She was a prophetess, and she lived in the Second Quarter of Jerusalem. She was married to Shallum, whose father was Tikvah and whose grandfather was Harhas. Shallum took care of the garments that the priests wore in the temple. Those five men told Huldah about the scroll that Hilkiah had found.*

Where did Huldah live?

Huldah lived in Jerusalem in the second quarter.

2 Kings 22:19

ULT	UST
“Because your heart is tender and you humbled yourself from the face of Yahweh when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its dwellers, that they would become a horror and a curse, and you tore your clothes and wept to my face, now I, I have also heard.” The declaration of Yahweh.	*he is going to treat him mercifully. Yahweh will do that because he was so sad and he acted humbly toward me when he heard what Yahweh said he was going to do to punish this city and the people who live here. Yahweh said that he was going to do something so terrible that it would horrify people. People would curse other places by saying they wanted them to become like Jerusalem. But when King Josiah heard that, he wept and tore his robes to show his distress. He knew that Yahweh was watching him. That is why Yahweh declares that he is going to treat him mercifully.*

Why did Yahweh listen to the king of Judah?

Yahweh listened to the king of Judah because his heart was tender and because he humbled himself before Yahweh and because he tore his clothes and wept before Yahweh.

2 Kings 22:20

ULT	UST
“Therefore, behold me, gathering you to your fathers, and you will be gathered to your graves in peace, and your eyes will not see all of the disaster that I am bringing upon this place.”’” And they brought a word back to the king.	*Yahweh wants you to tell Josiah that because he was sorry for the sins of Judah, Yahweh is going to allow him to die peacefully. The Judeans will bury him in the same place where people buried his ancestors. Yahweh is still going to cause something terrible to happen to Jerusalem and the people who live in it. But Josiah will not be alive to see that.” The officials returned to King Josiah and reported what Huldah had told them.*

What would the eyes of the king of Judah not see?

His eyes would not see any of the disaster that Yahweh would bring on the place and its inhabitants.

2 Kings 23

2 Kings 23:2

ULT	UST
And the king went up to the house of Yahweh, and every man of Judah and all of the dwellers of Jerusalem with him, and the priests and the prophets, and all of the people from small and to great. And he read in their ears all of the words of the scroll of the covenant having been found in the house of Yahweh.	*Those elders, along with many ordinary people from Judah and Jerusalem, gathered in the temple courtyard with the king. Many priests and prophets also came. A great crowd representing all the kinds of people in the city was there. While they all listened, the king read to them from the scroll that had been in the temple. He all of the laws that Yahweh had given the Israelites when he made his solemn agreement with them.*

In whose hearing did the king read all the words of the book of the covenant?

The king read all the words of the book of the covenant in the hearing of all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, prophets, and all the people, from small to great.

2 Kings 23:3

ULT	UST
And the king stood by the pillar, and he cut a covenant to the face of Yahweh to walk after Yahweh and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all of the heart and with all of the soul, to raise up the words of this covenant written on that scroll. And all of the people stood in the covenant.	*Then the king stood next to a pillar on the temple porch and he made a solemn agreement with Yahweh that he would live as Yahweh wanted him to live. He promised to obey all of Yahweh's laws sincerely and devotedly. In that way, the solemn agreement that the scroll from the temple described became the law of Israel once again. The Judean people who had gathered at the temple courtyard promised to obey that solemn agreement.*

What did all the people agree to do?

All the people agreed to obey the covenant.

2 Kings 23:4

ULT	UST
And the king commanded Hilkiah the great priest and the priests of the second rank and the keepers of the threshold to bring out from the temple of Yahweh all of the vessels having been made for Baal and for Asherah and for the whole army of the heavens. And he burned them outside of Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and he brought their ashes to Bethel.	*Then the king gave a command to the high priest Hilkiah, the other leading priests, and the priests who supervised the courtyard entrance. He told them to remove from the temple all the objects that people had been using to worship Baal, Asherah, and the sun, moon, and stars. They took those outside the city to the Kidron Valley and burned them completely there. Then they took all the ashes to the city of Bethel.*

What did the king burn outside Jerusalem in the fields in the Kidron Valley?

The king burned all the vessels that were made for Baal and Asherah, and for all the stars of heaven outside Jerusalem in the fields in the Kidron Valley.

2 Kings 23:7

ULT	UST
And he tore down the houses of the cultic prostitutes that were by the house of Yahweh, where women were weaving houses there for Asherah.	*There were male prostitutes living in small houses near the temple. In those houses, women also wove articles that people used in the worship of Asherah. Josiah tore down those houses and ended the activities that took place in them.*

What rooms did the king clear out?

The king cleared out the rooms of the male prostitutes who were by the temple of Yahweh.

2 Kings 23:9

ULT	UST
(However, the priests of the high places did not go up to the altar of Yahweh in Jerusalem. Rather, they ate unleavened bread in the midst of their brothers.)	*(Josiah did not allow the priests he had brought to Jerusalem from the hilltop shrines to offer sacrifices on the altar in the temple courtyard in Jerusalem. But he did allow them to eat the food that the priests received as their share of sacrifices that people brought.)*

Where were the priests of those shrines where incense was burned allowed to eat unleavened bread?

The priests of those shrines where incense was burned were allowed to eat unleavened bread in Jerusalem.

2 Kings 23:11

ULT	UST
And he removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun from the entrance of the house of Yahweh, by the chamber of Nathan Melech the eunuch, which was in the precincts. And he burned the chariots of the sun with fire.	*Previous kings of Judah had dedicated horses to pull chariots in processions in honor of the sun. There were stables for those horses near the entrance to the temple. A royal official whose name was Nathan Melech was responsible for the horses, and he lived in an apartment near the stables. King Josiah had his servants take the horses away from the temple and destroy the chariots by burning them.*

Where were the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun?

The horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun were in an area at the entrance to the temple of Yahweh, near the room of Nathan Melech.

2 Kings 23:13

ULT	UST
And the king defiled the high places that were on the face of Jerusalem, which were on the right of the Mount of Destruction, which Solomon, the king of Israel, had built for Ashtoreth, the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom, the abomination of the sons of Ammon.	*King Solomon had built shrines east of Jerusalem, on the south side of the Mount of Destruction, for the disgusting gods that other people groups worshiped. He built a shrine for Ashtoreth, whom the Sidonians worshiped. He built one for Chemosh, whom the Moabites worshiped. And he built one for Milcom, whom the Ammonites worshiped. Josiah commanded his servants to ruin those shrines.*

Who built the Mount of Destruction?

Solomon king of Israel built the Mount of Destruction.

2 Kings 23:16

ULT	UST
And Josiah turned and saw the graves that were there on the mountain, and he sent and took bones from the graves and burned them on the altar. So he defiled it, according to the word of Yahweh that the man of God proclaimed who had proclaimed these things.	*Then Josiah looked around and saw some tombs on a nearby hill. He commanded his servants to take bones out of those tombs and burn them on the altar. This made the altar ritually unclean. Josiah did exactly what Yahweh had told a prophet many years before to say would happen.*

Why did Josiah burn bones on the altar at Bethel?

He burned bones on the altar to defile it.

2 Kings 23:17-18

Whose bones did Josiah not move?

Josiah did not move the bones of the man of God who came from Judah and the prophet who had come from Samaria.

2 Kings 23:22

ULT	UST
Now like this Passover was not done from the days of the judges who judged Israel or all of the days of the kings of Israel or the kings of Judah,	*During all the years when the judges ruled Israel, and during all the years when kings reigned in Israel and Judah, the Israelites had not celebrated Passover like that.*

For how long had such a Passover celebration not been held?

Such a Passover celebration had not been held from the days of the judges who ruled Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel or Judah.

2 Kings 23:25

ULT	UST
And to his face a king was not like him, who returned to Yahweh with all of his heart and with all of his soul and with all of his strength, according to all of the Law of Moses. And after him, one has not arisen like him.	*Josiah sincerely, devotedly, and powerfully led the Judeans to worship Yahweh once again. He obeyed all the laws of Moses. No previous king was as devoted to Yahweh as he was, and no later king was that devoted either.*

How did Josiah turn to Yahweh?

Josiah turned to Yahweh with all his heart, all his soul, and all his strength.

2 Kings 23:26

ULT	UST
However, Yahweh did not turn from the great burning of his nose with which his nose burned against Judah because of all of the provocations by which Manasseh had provoked him.	*Even so, King Manasseh had done many things that had made Yahweh extremely angry with the people of Judah, and he continued to be very angry.*

From what did Yahweh not turn?

Yahweh did not turn from his great anger.

2 Kings 23:29

ULT	UST
In his days, Pharaoh Neco, the king of Egypt, went up to the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River. And King Josiah went to meet him, but he killed him at Megiddo when he saw him.	*While Josiah was the king of Judah, Pharaoh Neco of Egypt led his army north to the Euphrates River to help the king of Assyria. King Josiah led his army to fight the army of Egypt. The two armies fought at the city of Megiddo, and Josiah died in the battle there.*

Who went to fight against the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River?

Pharaoh Neco, king of Egypt, went to fight against the king of Assyria at the Euphrates River.

2 Kings 23:33

ULT	UST
And Pharaoh Neco bound him in Riblah, in the land of Hamath, from reigning in Jerusalem. And he imposed tribute on the land, 100 kikkars of silver and a kikkar of gold.	*At the city of Riblah in the district of Hamath, Pharaoh Neco made Jehoahaz his prisoner so that he would no longer rule in Jerusalem. Neco then forced the people of Judah to pay to him a tribute of about 3. 3 metric tons of silver and 33 kilograms of gold.*

Why did Pharaoh Neco put Jehoahaz in chains at Riblah in the land of Hamath?

Pharaoh Neco put him in chains at Riblah in the land of Hamath, so he might not reign in Jerusalem.

2 Kings 23:35

ULT	UST
And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh, but he assessed the land to give the silver according to the mouth of Pharoah. From a man according to his assessment, he exacted the silver and the gold from the people of the land to give to Pharoah Neco.	*In order to pay Neco the silver and gold that he had demanded, Jehoiakim collected a tax from the people of Judah. He collected more from the rich people and less from the poor people. After he had collected the silver and gold from them, he paid it to Neco.*

How did Jehoiakim get the money to pay Pharaoh?

Jehoiakim taxed the land to pay the money, in order to pay Pharaoh.

2 Kings 24

2 Kings 24:2

ULT	UST
And Yahweh sent against him raiding bands of Chaldeans and raiding bands of Aram and raiding bands of Moab and raiding bands of the sons of Ammon. And he sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of Yahweh that he had spoken by the hand of his servants the prophets.	*Then Yahweh allowed Chaldean that is, Babylonian, Aramean, Moabite, and Ammonite raiders to come into the land of Judah and steal the people's crops and valuable possessions. Yahweh had said through his prophets that he would punish the Judeans, and that is just what happened.*

What had Yahweh spoken through his servants the prophets?

Yahweh had spoken through his servants the prophets that bands of Chaldeans, Arameans, Moabites, and Ammonites would destroy Judah.

2 Kings 24:4

ULT	UST
and also for the innocent blood that he poured out, for he had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and Yahweh was not willing to forgive.	*Manasseh had also had his soldiers kill very many innocent people throughout the city of Jerusalem. Yahweh would not forgive that.*

What was Yahweh not willing to pardon?

Yahweh was not willing to pardon that Manasseh filled Jerusalem with innocent blood.

2 Kings 24:7

ULT	UST
And the king of Egypt did not resume again to go out from his land, because the king of Babylon took all that had been to the king of Egypt from the wadi of Egypt to the Euphrates River.	*The king of Babylon led his soldiers to conquer the whole area that the Egyptians had formerly controlled, from the brook at the boundary of Egypt to the Euphrates River. After that, the king of Egypt did not lead his soldiers anywhere outside of his country.*

Why did the king of Egypt not attack any more out of his land?

The king of Egypt did not attack any more out of his land because the king of Babylon had conquered all the lands that had been controlled by the king of Egypt.

2 Kings 24:12

ULT	UST
And Jehoiachin, the king of Judah, went out to the king of Babylon, he and his mother and his servants and his commanders and his eunuchs. And the king of Babylon took him in the year of eight to his reigning.	*Then King Jehoiachin and his mother, advisors, military officers, and palace officials all surrendered to King Nebuchadnezzar. Nebuchadnezzar had been king for eight years when he captured Jehoiachin.*

When did Nebuchadnezzar capture Jehoiachin?

Nebuchadnezzar captured Jehoiachin in the eighth year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign.

2 Kings 24:14

ULT	UST
And he exiled all of Jerusalem and all of the commanders and all of the mighty of valor, exiling 10, 000 and every craftsman and smith. One was not left except the poor of the people of the land.	*They forced 10, 000 people to leave Jerusalem and go to Babylon. These people included the military officers and the wealthy Judeans. They also included the skilled workers and the metalworkers. The Babylonians left only the poorest people in Judah.*

Who was left in the land?

Only the poorest people were left in the land.

2 Kings 24:17

ULT	UST
And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, his uncle, king in his place, and he changed his name to Zedekiah.	*Then Nebuchadnezzar appointed Jehoiachin's uncle Mattaniah to be the king of Judah instead of him. He changed Mattaniah's name to Zedekiah.*

To what name did the king of Babylon change Mattaniah's name?

The king of Babylon changed Mattaniah's name to Zedekiah.

2 Kings 25

2 Kings 25:3

ULT	UST
On nine of the month, then famine seized the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land.	*Because the Babylonians had surrounded the city, the people could not bring in any food. By the ninth day of the fourth month of that year, they had no food left.*

Why was there no food for the people of the land?

The famine was so severe in the city that there was no food for the people of the land.

2 Kings 25:4

ULT	UST
And the city was breached, and all of the men of war at night the way of the gate between the two walls that were near the garden of the king (now the Chaldeans were against the city all around), and he went the way of the Arabah.	*Then the Chaldean soldiers that is, the Babylonian soldiers broke through the city wall and entered the city. King Zedekiah and the Judean soldiers tried to escape at night when the Chaldeans would not see them. They used the gate near the king's garden to go through the inner and outer walls of the city. Zedekiah and the soldiers tried to escape through the Jordan River valley. But the Chaldeans had surrounded the city, and some of their soldiers saw where they went.*

Where did all the fighting men flee?

All the fighting men fled at night by the way of the gate between the two walls, by the king's garden.

2 Kings 25:7

ULT	UST
And they slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah to his eyes. And he blinded the eyes of Zedikiah, and he bound him with two bronze chains, and he brought him to Babylon.	*Then he forced Zedekiah to watch as his soldiers killed all of his sons. Then the soldiers gouged out Zedekiah's eyes. They put bronze chains on his hands and feet and brought him as a prisoner to the city of Babylon.*

What happened to Zedekiah after his sons were slaughtered?

After Zedekiah's sons were slaughtered, the Chaldeans put out his eyes, bound him in bronze chains, and brought him to Babylon.

2 Kings 25:10

ULT	UST
And all of the army of the Chaldeans who were with the chief of the guards tore down the walls of Jerusalem all around.	*Then the Chaldean soldiers who had come to Jerusalem with Nebuzaradan tore down the walls all around Jerusalem.*

Who destroyed all the walls around Jerusalem?

All the army of the Babylonians who were under the commander of the bodyguard destroyed all the walls around Jerusalem.

2 Kings 25:12

ULT	UST
But the chief of the guards let some of the poor of the land remain as vinedressers and as farmers.	*But Nebuzaradan allowed some of the very poor people to stay in Judah to take care of the vineyards and to plant crops in the fields.*

Why did the bodyguard leave some of the poorest of the land?

The bodyguard left some of the poorest of the land to work the vineyards and fields.

2 Kings 25:16

ULT	UST
The two pillars, the one sea, and the stands that Solomon had made for the house of Yahweh, a weight was not for the bronze of all of these vessels.	*There was too much bronze for the Babylonians to weigh in the two pillars, the carts, and the giant water basin that people called the sea. King Solomon had commanded his workers to make those things for Yahweh's temple.*

How much bronze did the two pillars contain?

The two pillars contained more bronze than could be weighed.

2 Kings 25:21

ULT	UST
And the king of Babylon struck them and killed them in Riblah in the land of Hamath. And Judah went into exile away from its land.	*There at the city of Riblah, in the province of Hamath, the king of Babylon had his soldiers kill all of the prisoners. That is what happened when the Babylonians forcefully took the people of Judah away from their land.*

What did the king of Babylon do to the people taken prisoner by the commander of the bodyguard?

The king of Babylon put them to death.

2 Kings 25:22

ULT	UST
Now as for the people having been left in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, left, he appointed Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, over them.	*King Nebuchadnezzar allowed some people to continue living in Judah. He appointed Gedaliah to be their governor. Gedaliah was the son of Ahikam and the grandson of Shaphan.*

Whom did Nebuchadnezzar put in charge of the people who remained in the land of Judah?

Nebuchadnezzar put Gedaliah in charge of them.

2 Kings 25:26

ULT	UST
Then all of the people from small and to great and the captains of the armies arose and went to Egypt, for they were afraid from the face of the Chaldeans.	*This made the Judeans who were still living in the land very afraid of what the Chaldeans would do to them. So a large number of them fled to Egypt. The army commanders also fled there.*

Why did all the people and the commanders of the soldiers go to Egypt?

All the people and the commanders of the soldiers went to Egypt, because they were afraid of the Babylonians.

2 Kings 25:27

ULT	UST
And it happened in year 37 of the exile of Jehoiachin, the king of Judah, in month 12, on 27 of the month, Evil Merodach, the king of Babylon, in the year of his reigning, lifted the head of Jehoiachin, the king of Judah, from the house of imprisonment.	*After the Babylonians took King Jehoiachin of Judah to Babylon, 37 years went by. Then Nebuchadnezzar's son Evil Merodach became the king of Babylon. On the twenty-seventh day of the twelfth month of his first year as king, he released Jehoiachin from prison.*

When was Jehoiachin released from prison?

Jehoiachin was released from prison in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin, in the year that Evil Merodach began to reign.

2 Kings 25:29-30

What food did Jehoiachin eat?

Jehoiachin ate regularly at the king's table for the rest of his life. And a regular food allowance was given to him every day for the rest of his life.

Ezra

Ezra 1

Ezra 1:2

ULT	UST
"Thus says Cyrus, the king of Persia: Yahweh, the God of heaven, has given to me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he himself has appointed me to build for him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.	*"I, King Cyrus, rule the Persian Empire, and I say this: Yahweh, the God who is in heaven, has made me ruler over the great kingdoms of this part of the world. Now he has assigned me to make sure that his people build a temple for him in the city of Jerusalem in the province of Judah.*

Who did Yahweh appoint to build for him a house in Jerusalem?

Yahweh appointed Cyrus to build for him a house in Jerusalem.

Ezra 1:4

ULT	UST
And every one who is remaining in all of the places where he is sojourning there, let the men of his place lift him with silver and with gold, and with goods and with livestock, along with the freewill offering for the house of God, which is in Jerusalem."	*There are other people who are living around the Israelites in the places where the Israelites have been living since their ancestors were exiled here. Those people must contribute silver and gold to the Israelites who go. They must also give to the Israelites animals and any supplies that they might need. They should also give them other gifts that they can use to help build the temple of God in Jerusalem."*

Who would provide silver and gold and goods and livestock for the Jewish people who were returning to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple?

The Jewish people returning to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple were to be provided silver and gold and goods and livestock by the Jewish men who had been living in the same region.

Ezra 1:7

ULT	UST
And the king Cyrus brought out the vessels of the house of Yahweh that Nebuchadnezzar had brought out from Jerusalem and had put in the house of his gods.	*King Cyrus also commanded his servants to bring out the valuable things that King Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers had taken from the temple of Yahweh in Jerusalem and had put in the temples of their gods in Babylon.*

Where had Nebuchadnezzar put the objects belonging to Yahweh's house?

Nebuchadnezzar had put the objects belonging to Yahweh's house in the house of his own gods.

Ezra 1:11

ULT	UST
All the vessels of gold and of silver were 5, 400. Sheshbazzar brought up all this with the going up of the exiles from Babylon to Jerusalem.	*All together, Cyrus gave 5, 400 silver and gold items to Sheshbazzar to take with him when he and the others returned from the kingdom of Babylon to Jerusalem.*

How many gold and silver items did Sheshbazzar bring when the exiles went from Babylon to Jerusalem?

Sheshbazzar brought 5,400 gold and silver items when the exiles went from Babylon to Jerusalem.

Ezra 2

Ezra 2:1

ULT	UST
Now these are the sons of the province, the ones who went up from the captivity of the exiles whom Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, had exiled to Babylon. And they returned to Jerusalem and Judah, a man to his city;	*Many years ago, the army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had captured many Israelite people and taken them away to the kingdom of Babylon. Now, these Israelite people began to return to Judah. Some returned to Jerusalem, and some returned to other places in Judah. Each of them went to the towns where their ancestors had lived. This is a list of the groups who returned.*

Who had exiled the Jewish people living in Babylon?

King Nebuchadnezzar had exiled the Jewish people living in Babylon.

Ezra 2:62

ULT	UST
These ones sought their record among the ones who were enrolled by genealogy, but they were not found. And they were desecrated from the priesthood.	*The people in this group searched in the documents that listed the names of the descendants from the various Israelite clans, but they did not find their names there. So the officials did not permit them to do the work that priests did.*

Why were some of the priests' descendants excluded from the priesthood?

They were excluded from the priesthood because they could not find a record of their genealogy.

Ezra 2:63

ULT	UST
And the Tirshatha said to them that they must not eat from the holiest holy food until a priest stood with Urim and with Thummim.	*The governor told these men that they could not eat the shares of the sacrifices that only the priests could eat until a high priest could consult Yahweh by using the sacred lots to determine that they truly were descendants of priestly families. Only if the high priest determined that these men truly were priests could they eat the most sacred food.*

When could the priests' descendants eat the holiest holy food?

The priests' descendants could eat the holiest holy food after a priest stood with the Urim and Thummim.

Ezra 2:70

ULT	UST
So the priests, and the Levites, and some from the people, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the temple servants dwelt in their cities. So all Israel was in their cities.	*So all of these priests, Levites, musicians, gatekeepers, temple servants, and other people returned to live in the towns and villages of the province of Judah. They settled in the places where their ancestors had lived.*

Who lived in their cities?

The priests, and the Levites, and some from the people, and the ones who sang, and the gatekeepers, and the Nethinim lived in their cities.

Ezra 3

Ezra 3:2

ULT	UST
Then arose Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brothers the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brothers, and they built the altar of the God of Israel to offer up burnt up offerings on it as is written in the law of Moses, the man of God.	*Then Joshua son of Jehozadak and his fellow priests and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and his associates all began to rebuild the altar of the God of Israel. They did that so that they could sacrifice burnt offerings on it. They wanted to follow what the prophet Moses had written in the laws that God had given to him.*

What did Jeshua, the priests, and Zerubbabel and his brothers rise up to do?

They rose up to build the altar of the God of Israel so that burnt offerings could be offered on it.

Ezra 3:3

ULT	UST
And they set up the altar on its foundation, for dread was on them because of the peoples of the lands. Then they offered up on it burnt up offerings to Yahweh, burnt up offerings at the morning and at the evening.	*Even though they were afraid of the people who were already living in that area, they rebuilt the altar at the same place where the previous altar had been. They began to offer sacrifices to Yahweh on it every morning and every evening.*

How often did Jeshua and the priests and Zerubbabel and his brothers offer burnt offerings to Yahweh?

They offered burnt offerings to Yahweh in the morning and in the evening.

Ezra 3:7

ULT	UST
And they gave silver to the masons and to the carpenters, and food, and drink, and oil to the Sidonians and to the Tyrians, to bring trees of cedar from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the permission of Cyrus, the king of Persia, given to them.	*So the leaders of the Israelites hired stone-cutters and carpenters to do the construction work. They also bought logs of cedar trees from the people of the cities of Tyre and Sidon. To pay for the logs, the Israelites sent grain, wine, and olive oil to those people. Since King Cyrus had said that the Israelites could buy these things, the people of Tyre and Sidon agreed. They brought the logs down from the mountains in Lebanon to the seashore at Joppa and then floated them along the coast to the city of Joppa. Then they brought the logs inland from Joppa up to Jerusalem.*

Who gave permission for cedar trees to be sent from Lebanon to Joppa by sea?

Cyrus, king of Persia, gave permission for cedar trees to be sent from Lebanon to Joppa by sea.

Ezra 3:8

ULT	UST
Then in the second year of their coming to the house of God in Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and all the ones who came from captivity to Jerusalem began, and they appointed the Levites from a son of 20 years and above to act as overseers for the work of the house of Yahweh.	*The Israelites started to rebuild the temple in the second month of the second year after they had returned to Jerusalem. Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, Joshua the son of Jozadak, their fellow leaders the priests and the Levites, and all the people who had come from where their enemies had taken them to Jerusalem supported this project. The leaders assigned the Levites who were twenty years old and older to supervise this work of rebuilding the temple for Yahweh.*

When did the work begin?

The work began in the second month of the second year after the Israelites came to the house of God in Jerusalem.

Ezra 3:11

ULT	UST
Then they sang in response, praising and giving thanks to Yahweh: "For he is good, for his covenant faithfulness to Israel is to eternity!" And all the people shouted a great shout in praise to Yahweh because the foundation of the house of Yahweh had been laid.	*Then the Levites praised Yahweh and thanked him by singing this song about him: "He is very good to us! He will continue to be faithful and kind to us Israelites and he will love us forever." Then all the people shouted loudly. They praised Yahweh because they had finished laying the foundation of his temple.*

How did all the people respond after the temple's foundations had been laid?

All the people shouted a great shout in praise to Yahweh because the temple's foundation had been laid.

Ezra 3:12

ULT	UST
But many from the priests and the Levites, and the heads of the fathers, the old men who had seen the first house, at the founding of this house in their eyes, were weeping with a loud voice. Yet many with a shout, with joy, were lifting up a voice.	*Many of the old priests, Levites, and leaders of families remembered seeing the first temple. They cried aloud when they saw the workers lay the foundation of this temple because they thought that this temple would not be as big or as beautiful as the first temple. But the other people shouted joyfully in loud voices.*

How did the people who had seen the first temple respond after seeing the foundation of the second temple?

They wept with a loud voice.

Ezra 4

Ezra 4:1

ULT	UST
Now the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the sons of the exile were building a temple for Yahweh, the God of Israel.	*The enemies of the people of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin learned that the Israelites who had returned from Babylon were rebuilding the temple for Yahweh, the God whom the people of Israel worship.*

What did the enemies of Judah and Benjamin hear that the people who had been exiled were doing?

The enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the people who had been exiled were building a temple for Yahweh, the God of Israel.

Ezra 4:2

ULT	UST
So they came to Zerubbabel and to the heads of the fathers and they said to them, "Let us build with you, for, like you, we seek your God and to him we have been sacrificing since the days of Esarhaddon, the king of Assyria, the one who caused us to come up here."	*So they approached Zerubbabel the governor and the other clan leaders and deceptively said to them, "We want to help you to build the temple. After all, we also worship your God. We have been offering sacrifices to him since the time that Esarhaddon, the king of Assyria, brought us here."*

For how long did the enemies of Judah and Benjamin say that they themselves had been sacrificing to Yahweh?

Judah and Benjamin's enemies said that they themselves had been sacrificing to Yahweh since the days of Esarhaddon, the king of Assyria.

Ezra 4:4-5

What were the people of the land doing to the people of Judah?

The people of the land were making the hands of the people of Judah weak, and making them afraid to build, and hiring counselors against them to frustrate their plans.

Ezra 4:5

ULT	UST
and hiring counselors against them to frustrate their plans all the days of Cyrus, the king of Persia, and until the reign of Darius, the king of Persia.	*They bribed government officials to prevent the Jews from fulfilling their plans to rebuild the temple and the city. They did that all during the time that Cyrus was king of Persia, and continued to do it during the time of the kings after him, including the time when Darius was king of Persia.*

For how long did the people of the land make the hands of the people of Judah weak and make them afraid to build and hire counselors against them to frustrate their plans?

They people of the land did this to the people of Judah all the days of Cyrus, the king of Persia, and until the reign of Darius, the king of Persia.

Ezra 4:6

ULT	UST
Now in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against those who dwelled in Judah and Jerusalem.	*These enemies of the Jews continued to accuse them during the time that Darius' son Ahasuerus was king. When Ahasuerus became king, they wrote a letter to him in which they accused the people living in the province of Judah and the city of Jerusalem of planning to rebel against the government.*

What did the enemies of Judah and Benjamin write at the beginning of Ahasuerus' reign?

At the beginning of Ahasuerus' reign, the enemies wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

Ezra 4:12

ULT	UST
let it be known to the king that the Jews who went up from near you have come to us at Jerusalem. Rebuilding the rebellious and evil city, they are completing the walls and repairing the foundations.	*"Your Majesty, we want you to know that the Jews who left from your territories are now living near us. They are rebuilding the city of Jerusalem. These people are wicked and want to rebel against you. Therefore, they are now rebuilding the walls of that city and repairing the foundations of its buildings.*

What did the enemies tell the king about Jerusalem?

The enemies told the king that Jerusalem was a rebellious city.

Ezra 4:19

ULT	UST
So from me was set a decree, and they searched and discovered that that city since the ancient days has risen up against kings and rebellion and revolt have been made in it.	*Then I ordered my officials to search the records. I have found out that what you said is true. The people of Jerusalem have repeatedly revolted against their rulers, beginning a long time ago.*

After the letter that the enemies sent to the king was read to him, what did the king do?

After the letter that the enemies sent to the king was read to him, the king ordered that the book of the records be searched to see if what the enemies had written about Jerusalem's past history of rebellion was true.

Ezra 4:24

ULT	UST
At that time the work of the house of God which is in Jerusalem stopped, and it was stopped until the second year of the reign of Darius, the king of Persia.	*Because the enemies of the Jews kept opposing them so strongly in these ways, the Jews had stopped rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem. They did not do any more work to rebuild the temple until the second year after Darius had become the king of Persia.*

For how long did the work on the house of God in Jerusalem stop?

The work on the house of God in Jerusalem stopped until the second year of the reign of Darius, king of Persia.

Ezra 5

Ezra 5:1

ULT	UST
Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet and Zechariah, the son of Iddo, prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and in Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel who was over them.	*At that time two prophets were giving messages from God to the Jews living in Jerusalem and in other cities in Judah, saying that they should continue rebuilding the temple. Those prophets were Haggai and Zechariah, the son of Iddo. They spoke their messages representing the God whom the people of Israel worshiped, the one who ruled them.*

What did the prophets Haggai and Zechariah do?

They prophesied to the Jews who were in Judah and in Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel.

Ezra 5:2

ULT	UST
Then Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, arose and began to build the house of God which is in Jerusalem, and the prophets of God were with them, supporting them.	*So Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Joshua son of Jozadak led many other people to start rebuilding the temple of God in Jerusalem again. God's prophets Haggai and Zechariah were with them and helping them.*

What did the Jewish elders Zerubbabel and Jeshua arise and do?

The Jewish elders Zerubbabel and Jeshua arose and began to build the house of God in Jerusalem.

Ezra 5:5

ULT	UST
But the eye of God was on the elders of the Jews, and they did not stop them until the report came to Darius, and then they returned the letter concerning this matter.	*However, God was taking care of the Jewish leaders, and their enemies did not make them stop building the temple. Instead, the enemies sent King Darius a report and waited for him to send back a decree about it. The decree would either allow the Jewish leaders to finish their work on the temple, or else it would command them to stop their work completely.*

Did the Jewish elders stop their work of building the temple while they were waiting for King Darius to respond to the letter that Tattenai and Shethar-Bozenai and their companions sent?

The elders of the Jews did not stop their work of rebuilding God's house in Jerusalem while they were waiting for King Darius to respond to the letter that was sent to him.

Ezra 5:8

ULT	UST
Let it be known to the king that we went to Judah, the province, to the house of the great God, and it is being built of large stones, and timber is being placed in the walls. And this work is being done diligently and is succeeding in their hand.	*We want you to know that we went to the temple of the great God in the province of Judah. The people are building it with huge stones, and they are putting wooden beams in the walls. They are doing this work very carefully, and they are making good progress.*

How did Tattenai, Shethar Bozenai, and their fellow officials describe the work on the house of God?

They wrote that the work was being done diligently and was succeeding.

Ezra 5:12

ULT	UST
However, because of this, that our fathers caused the God of heaven to be angry, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, and he destroyed this house and caused the people to be exiled to Babylon.	*But our ancestors did things that caused God, who is in heaven, to become very angry. So God allowed the armies of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, a Chaldean, to conquer them. His armies destroyed that temple, and they took many of the Israelite people to Babylon.*

Why did the God of heaven give the ancestors of the Jews into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon?

The God of heaven gave the Jews into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon because their ancestors caused him to be angry by sinning against him.

Ezra 5:14

ULT	UST
And also the vessels of the house of God, of gold and silver, that Nebuchadnezzar had taken out from the temple that was in Jerusalem and had brought them to the temple of Babylon—Cyrus the king took them out from the temple of Babylon and they were given to one whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had set as governor.	*There had been a lot of containers made of gold and silver in the temple of God. Nebuchadnezzar took them from the temple in Jerusalem and brought them to a temple for his god in Babylon. Later, King Cyrus removed those containers from that temple in Babylon and gave them to a man named Sheshbazzar, whom he appointed as governor of Judah.*

What items did King Cyrus give to Sheshbazzar the governor?

King Cyrus gave Sheshbazzar the gold and silver vessels belonging to the house of God.

Ezra 5:15

ULT	UST
Then he said to him, "Take away these vessels. Go deposit them in the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be built on its place."	*King Cyrus told Sheshbazzar to take these containers and put them back in the temple in Jerusalem. He also decreed that the Jews should rebuild the temple at the place where it had been before.*

What did Cyrus the king command Sheshbazzar to do with the silver and gold vessels that belonged to God's house?

King Cyrus commanded Sheshbazzar to take the silver and gold vessels and deposit them in God's temple in Jerusalem.

Ezra 5:17

ULT	UST
And now, if it is good to the king, let a search be made in the house of the treasures of the king which is there in Babylon, if it is that a decree was set by Cyrus the king to build this house of God in Jerusalem. And let him send to us the will of the king concerning this."	*Therefore, your Majesty, please order your officials to search in the place in Babylon where you keep the royal records. Have them find out whether or not it is true that King Cyrus decreed that the Jews should rebuild this temple of God in Jerusalem. Then please tell us what you would like us to do about this matter."*

What did Tattenai and Shethar-Bozenai and his companions request that the king do?

They requested that the king search in the house of the treasures of the king to see if Cyrus had made a decree to build the house of God in Jerusalem.

Ezra 6

Ezra 6:1

ULT	UST
Then Darius the king set a decree and they searched in the house of the books where the treasures had been deposited there in Babylon.	*So King Darius commanded his servants to search in the places where he kept important records there in the kingdom of Babylon.*

How did King Darius respond to the request that a search be made to see if Cyrus had made a decree to build the house of God in Jerusalem?

Darius the king responded to the request by making a decree that a search be made in the house of the books where the treasures had been deposited to see if it was true that King Cyrus had made a decree to build the house of God in Jerusalem.

Ezra 6:2

ULT	UST
And one scroll was found in the fortress at Ecbatana that is in the province of Media, and the record was written within it thusly:	*They searched, and they found a scroll that contained the information that they wanted to know in the fortress city of Ecbatana in the province of Media. This is what that scroll said:*

What was found when King Darius ordered a search be made in the house of archives in Babylon?

A scroll was found in the fortress at Ecbatana in the province of Media.

Ezra 6:3

ULT	UST
“In year one of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king set a decree about the house of God in Jerusalem: ‘Let the house be built, a place where sacrifices are sacrificed, and let its foundations be raised. Its height will be 60 cubits. Its width will be 60 cubits,	*“During the first year that King Cyrus ruled the empire, he sent out a decree concerning the temple of God that was in Jerusalem. He said, ‘I command that the Jews shall build a new temple in the same place where they had previously offered sacrifices. They must make the temple 27 meters high and 27 meters wide.*

What did King Cyrus do in his first year as king?

King Cyrus made a decree regarding the house of God in Jerusalem.

Ezra 6:4

ULT	UST
with three layers of large stone and a layer of new timber. And let the cost be given from the house of the king.	*They must build the temple from large stones. After putting down three layers of stones, the workers must put a layer of new timber on top of them. I will pay for this work with money from the royal treasury.*

According to the decree of King Cyrus how was the cost of building God's house in Jerusalem to be paid for?

The cost for building God's house in Jerusalem was to be paid for by the house of the king.

Ezra 6:5

ULT	UST
And also, the vessels of the house of God, of gold and silver, that Nebuchadnezzar had taken out from the temple that was in Jerusalem and had brought to Babylon, must be returned. And let each go to the temple that is in Jerusalem, to its place. So you must put them in the house of God.'"	*I also give back to the Jews the gold and silver containers that had belonged to the temple of God but that Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon. The Jews must take these and return them to the temple in Jerusalem. The Jews must put each one back in its original place in the temple of God.'"*

According to King Cyrus' decree, what was to be brought back to the house of God?

According to King Cyrus' decree, the gold and silver vessels belonging to the house of God in Jerusalem that Nebuchadnezzar had taken to Babylon were to be brought back to the house of God in Jerusalem.

Ezra 6:7

ULT	UST
Leave alone the work of that house of God. Let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build that house of God on its place.	*Allow them to continue the work of rebuilding that temple of God. Allow the governor of the Jews and their elders to lead their people in building this new temple on the same site as the former temple.*

After King Darius read the decree of Cyrus what did Darius write to Tattenai and Shethar-Bozenai and their companions regarding the work that was being done on the house of God in Jerusalem?

Darius commanded Tattenai and Shethar-Bozenai and their companions to leave the work on God's house alone and to stay far away from it so that it could be built successfully.

Ezra 6:10

ULT	UST
so that they may be offering sweet-smelling sacrifices to the God of heaven and praying for the life of the king and his sons.	*When you do that, they will be able to offer sacrifices that please the God who is in heaven, and they will be able to pray that God will bless me and my sons.*

Why did Cyrus say that he wanted the Jews to be given whatever they needed for building the house of God?

Cyrus said he wanted the Jews to be given whatever they needed to build the house of God so that the Jews could offer sweet-smelling sacrifices to the God of heaven and pray for the life of the king and his sons.

Ezra 6:11

ULT	UST
And from me is set a decree that, for any man who changes this edict, a beam shall be pulled from his house, and, being erect, he shall be impaled on it. And his house shall be made a rubbish heap on account of this.	*This is what I command about anyone who disobeys this decree. My soldiers will pull a beam from his house and sharpen one end of it. Then they will bury the other end of the beam in the ground so that it stands upright. Then they will pick that person up and ram his body onto the sharpened beam. Then they will completely destroy that person's house until only a pile of rubble is left, because he disobeyed me.*

What did Darius decree must happen to the person who changes the edict?

Darius decreed that a beam must be pulled from the person's house and the beam placed upright and the person who had changed the edict be impaled on the beam and their house be made into a rubbish heap.

Ezra 6:14

ULT	UST
And the elders of the Jews were building and prospering by the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built and completed by the decree of the God of Israel and by the decree of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes, the king of Persia.	*So the Jewish leaders continued to progress in their work of rebuilding the temple. The messages that the prophets Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo preached encouraged them greatly. The people worked until they completed the temple, just as their God had commanded them to do, and just as the Persian kings Cyrus and Darius had decreed, and as the Persian king Artaxerxes would decree later.*

How did Haggai and Zechariah assist the Jewish elders in the work of rebuilding the temple?

Haggai and Zechariah prophesied and this helped the elders of the Jews prosper in their work of rebuilding the temple.

Ezra 6:15

ULT	UST
And this house was done by day three of the month of Adar, which was year six of the reign of Darius the king.	*The people finished building this temple on the third day of the month of Adar, during the sixth year that King Darius ruled the kingdom of Persia.*

When was the work of rebuilding the temple completed?

The work of rebuilding the temple was completed on day three of the month of Adar in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius.

Ezra 6:20

ULT	UST
For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves as one, all of them were pure. And they slaughtered the Passover for all the sons of the exile, and for their brothers, the priests, and for themselves.	*To qualify themselves for offering the sacrifices, all the priests and Levites had already purified themselves by performing the proper rituals. Then they slaughtered the lambs for the benefit of everyone who had returned from Babylonia, for the other priests, and for themselves.*

For whom did the priests and Levites slaughter the Passover lamb?

The priests and Levites slaughtered the Passover lamb for all the sons of the exile, and for their brothers, the priests, and for themselves.

Ezra 6:22

ULT	UST
Then they made the Festival of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy, because Yahweh had caused them to be joyful, and had caused the heart of the king of Assyria to turn toward them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.	*Then for the next seven days, they joyfully celebrated the Festival of Unleavened Bread. They were joyful because Yahweh had caused the king of Assyria to be favorable to them. As a result, the king had helped them to rebuild the temple of God, the God whom Israel worshiped.*

Why did the Jews joyfully celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

The Jews joyfully celebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread because Yahweh had caused them to be joyful, and had caused the heart of the king of Assyria to turn toward them, to strengthen their hands in their work of rebuilding the house of God.

Ezra 7

Ezra 7:6

ULT	UST
this Ezra went up from Babylon, and he was a skilled scribe in the law of Moses that Yahweh, the God of Israel, had given. And the king granted to him all his request according to the hand of Yahweh his God upon him.	*This man Ezra knew the laws of Moses very well. Those were the laws that Yahweh had given to the people who worship him, the Israelite people. Ezra asked the king for many things and the king gave Ezra everything that he asked for because Yahweh, the God whom Ezra worshiped, caused all of it to go well for him. Then Ezra traveled from Babylon to Jerusalem.*

What was Ezra's occupation?

He was a skilled scribe in the law of Moses.

Ezra 7:9

ULT	UST
For on the first of the first month was the beginning of the ascent from Babylon. And on the first of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him.	*Consider this: They started out from Babylon on the first day of the first month. They arrived safely in Jerusalem on the first day of the fifth month of that year. God certainly acted very kindly toward them.*

Why did Ezra arrive in Jerusalem safely after a long journey from Babylon?

Ezra arrived in Jerusalem safely after a long journey from Babylon because the good hand of his God was on him.

Ezra 7:13

ULT	UST
from me is set a decree that everyone in my kingdom who freely offers to go to Jerusalem with you, from the people 'Israel' and its priests and the Levites, may go.	*I am commanding that any of the Israelite people in my kingdom may go with you to Jerusalem if they want to go. That includes priests and Levites.*

Who was allowed to go to Jerusalem with Ezra?

King Artaxerxes made a decree that everyone in his kingdom who freely offered to go to Jerusalem with Ezra from the people Israel and from the priests and Levites could go with Ezra.

Ezra 7:14

ULT	UST
Because it was sent from before the king and his seven counselors to inquire about Judah and about Jerusalem by the law of your God which is in your hand,	*I, the king, and my seven advisors are sending you to investigate whether the people of Judah and Jerusalem are following the law of your God that you carry.*

Why did the king and his seven counselors send the Israelites back to Jerusalem?

The king and his seven counselors sent the Israelites back to Jerusalem to inquire about Judah and Jerusalem and to bring the silver and gold that the king and his counselors had freely offered and to bring all the silver and gold that they found in all the province of Babylon, along with the freewill offerings of the people and the priests.

Ezra 7:16

ULT	UST
with all the silver and the gold that you find in all the province of Babylon, along with the freewill offering of the people and the priests who freely give for the house of God, which is in Jerusalem:	*You should also take any silver and gold that the people in the entire province of Babylonia may give to you. Add that to the money that the Israelite people and the priests freely give for you to use at the temple of their God in Jerusalem.*

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Ezra 7:20

ULT	UST
And the rest of what is needed for the house of your God that falls to you to give, you may give from the house of the treasures of the king.	*If you need to supply any other things for the temple of your God, I permit you to get the money to pay for those things from the royal treasury.*

How were the Jews to pay for additional things they might need for the house of God?

King Artaxerxes decreed that the Jews should take anything else that they needed for the house of their God from Artaxerxes' treasury.

Ezra 7:23

ULT	UST
Everything that is from the decree of the God of heaven shall be done exactly for the house of the God of heaven. For why should there be wrath against the kingdom of the king and his sons?	*Be sure that you provide everything that the God who is in heaven requires for his temple. We certainly do not want this God to be angry with me or with my descendants, who will later be kings, because I did not provide what he required.*

Why did Artaxerxes say that the treasurers should do exactly what the God of Heaven decreed regarding the temple?

King Artaxerxes said that the treasurers should do exactly what the God of Heaven decreed regarding the temple so that God's wrath would not come against the kingdom of Artaxerxes and his sons.

Ezra 7:26

ULT	UST
And everyone who will not do the law of your God and the law of the king, judgment shall be exacted from him diligently, whether for death, whether for banishment, whether for confiscation of goods, or for imprisonment."	*You and the men whom you appoint must make sure to severely punish everyone who does not obey my law or the law of the God whom you worship. You may decide whether to execute them or to send them out of the country or to take away all of their property or to put them in prison."*

What did King Artaxerxes decree should be done to every person who did not obey the law of Ezra's God and the law of the king?

Artaxerxes decreed that whoever would not obey the law of Ezra's God and the law of the king should be punished diligently, either by death, or banishment, or confiscation of goods, or by imprisonment.

Ezra 7:28

ULT	UST
and caused covenant faithfulness to extend to me before the face of the king, and his counselors, and before all the mighty officials of the king. And as for me, I gained strength according to the hand of Yahweh my God upon me, and I gathered from Israel heads to go up with me.	*God also acted very kindly to me by causing the king and his advisors and all of his powerful officials to want to help me. When I saw how Yahweh, the God whom I worship, was making all of my plans succeed, I boldly asked some of the Israelite leaders to go to Jerusalem with me."*

What caused Ezra to be strengthened?

Ezra was strengthened because he realized that the hand of Yahweh his God was on him to help him.

Ezra 8

Ezra 8:15

ULT	UST
And I gathered them to the river, the one that goes to Ahava, and we encamped there three days. And I examined the people and the priests, but I did not find there any from the sons of Levi.	*This is an account of how we traveled to Jerusalem. I gathered together all of these Israelites at the canal that goes from Babylon to Ahava. We set up our tents and stayed there for three days. During that time I interviewed the people and the priests and discovered that there were no Levites among us.*

When Ezra examined the people and the priests by the river that flowed to Ahava, what could Ezra not find?

When Ezra examined the people and the priests by the river that flowed to Ahava, he could not find any descendants of Levi.

Ezra 8:17

ULT	UST
And I commanded them to go to Iddo, the head at the place Kasiphia. And I put in their mouth words to speak to Iddo and his brothers, the temple servants in the place Kasiphia, to bring to us those who minister for the house of our God.	*I sent them all to Iddo, a Levite leader who was living in a place called Kasiphia. I told them what to say to Iddo and to his fellow Levites, the descendants of temple workers whom he oversaw there. I wanted them to send us some men who would go with us to work in the temple of our God.*

Why did Ezra send men to go to Iddo and his brothers?

Ezra sent men to Iddo and his brothers because he wanted Iddo and his brothers to send him Levites who could minister in the house of God.

Ezra 8:18

ULT	UST
And according to the good hand of our God upon us, they brought to us: a man of insight from the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel, even Sherebiah, and his sons and his brothers were 18;	*Because God acted kindly toward us, they brought us a very wise man named Sherebiah and 18 of his sons and other relatives. He was a descendant of Mahli, who was a grandson of Levi, the son of Israel.*

How did Ezra describe Sherebiah?

Ezra described Sherebiah as a man of insight.

Ezra 8:22

ULT	UST
For I was ashamed to ask from the king an army and horsemen to help us from an enemy on the way. For we had spoken to the king, saying, "The hand of our God is for good upon all those who seek him, but his might and his nose are against all those who forsake him."	*Previously we had told the king that our God takes care of all those who truly trust in him, but that he powerfully punishes everyone who refuses to obey him. So I would have been ashamed to ask the king to send soldiers and men riding on horses to protect us from our enemies while we were traveling along the road.*

Why did Ezra not ask the king for an army or horsemen to protect the Jews against their enemies as they traveled to Jerusalem?

Ezra did not ask the king for an army or horsemen to protect the Jews against their enemies as they traveled because he was ashamed to ask since the Jews had told the king that the hand of their God is for good upon all those who seek him, and that God's might and nose are against all who forsake him.

Ezra 8:29

ULT	UST
Watch and keep until you weigh them out before the face of the leaders of the priests and the Levites and the leaders of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of Yahweh."	*So guard them carefully. When we arrive in Jerusalem, weigh them out where the leading priests and Levites and the other leaders of the Israelite clans can see them. They will then put them in the storerooms in the temple of Yahweh.'*

How long were the twelve men to watch over the gold and silver?

The twelve men were to watch over the gold and silver until they weighed them out before the face of the leaders of the priests and the Levites and the leaders of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of Yahweh.

Ezra 8:31

ULT	UST
Then we set out from the river Ahava on day 12 of the first month to go to Jerusalem. And the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the palm of the enemy and ambush on the way.	*On the twelfth day of the first month, we left the Ahava Canal and started to travel to Jerusalem. Our God took care of us, and while we traveled, he prevented any enemies from attacking or robbing us.*

How did Ezra say that God's hand was upon him and the rest of the Jews as they traveled to Jerusalem?

Ezra said that the hand of God was on him and his fellow Jews in that God protected them from the hand of their enemies and from ambush as they traveled to Jerusalem.

Ezra 8:36

ULT	UST
And they gave the laws of the king to the satraps of the king and the governors of Beyond-the-River. And they lifted the people and the house of God.	*Some of us who had returned from Babylonia took the letter that the king had given to us to the governors of the king's provinces and to the officials of the province west of the Euphrates River. After they read the letter, they did what the king commanded for us Israelite people and for the temple of God."*

To whom were the king's decrees given?

The king's decrees were given to the satraps of the king and the governors of Beyond-the-River.

Ezra 9

Ezra 9:2

ULT	UST
For they have lifted from their daughters for themselves and for their sons, so they have mixed the seed of holiness with the peoples of the lands. And the hand of the leaders and the rulers has been first in this unfaithfulness."	*Specifically, some Israelite men have married women from these groups, and they have allowed their sons to do the same thing. So they are making us, God's sacred people, to be no longer distinct from the other groups that live here. In fact, some of our leaders and officials have been the first ones to betray God in this way!'*

In what way did the people of Israel not separate themselves from the people of other lands?

The people of Israel did not separate themselves from the people of other lands in that they married non-Israelites and allowed their sons to marry non-Israelites.

Ezra 9:3

ULT	UST
And as soon as I heard this matter, I tore my garment and my robe. And I pulled out some from the hair of my head and my beard, and I sat down appalled.	*When I heard that, I was so sad and angry that I tore my clothes and my robe. I even pulled out some hair from my head and my beard. Then I sat down. I was very dismayed.*

How did Ezra respond to the people's unfaithfulness?

Ezra tore his garment and his robe and pulled out some of the hair of his head and beard, and sat down appalled.

Ezra 9:6

ULT	UST
And I said, "My God, I am ashamed and humiliated to raise my face to you, my God. For our iniquities have multiplied to above the head, and our guilt has grown up as far as to the heavens.	*and this is what I prayed: 'God, I belong to you. Yet I am very ashamed even to approach you in prayer. This is because the sins that we Israelites have committed are very bad. It is as though our sins are so many that they have risen up in a heap that is higher than our heads. We are so guilty for committing those sins that it is as though the heap of them has risen all the way up to you in heaven.*

Why was Ezra too ashamed and disgraced to raise his face to Yahweh?

Ezra was too ashamed and disgraced to raise his face to Yahweh because his people's iniquity and guilt were great.

Ezra 9:9

ULT	UST
For we are slaves, yet our God has not forsaken us in our slavery. But he has extended to us covenant faithfulness before the face of the kings of Persia to give to us reviving, to raise up the house of our God and to cause its ruins to stand, and to give to us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.	*Yes, we are like slaves, but even so, you have not abandoned us. Instead, you have caused the kings of Persia to act very kindly toward us. They have given us some freedom and allowed us to rebuild your temple, which had been destroyed. They have allowed us to live safely here in the province of Judah and the city of Jerusalem.*

What did God extend to the Jewish people in their effort to build God's house?

God extended covenant faithfulness to the Jewish people in their effort to build his house.

Ezra 9:12

ULT	UST
So now, neither give your daughters to their sons nor lift their daughters for your sons, nor shall you seek their peace or their good until eternity, so that you may be strong and eat the good things of the land and cause your sons to inherit it until eternity.'	*They said, "Therefore do not allow your daughters to marry their sons! Do not allow your sons to marry their daughters! Do not ever try to cause things to go well for those people! If you obey these instructions, your nation will be strong. You will enjoy the good crops that grow on the land, and the land will belong to your descendants forever."*

Why did God not want the Israelites to intermarry with the people of the land?

God did not want the Israelites to intermarry with the people of the land because the people had made the land impure by their impure behavior and by doing things that were an abomination to God.

Ezra 9:13

ULT	UST
Yet after all that has come upon us because of our evil deeds and because of our great guilt (although you, our God, you have restrained it to lower than our iniquities, and you have given to us a survival such as this),	*But you punished us because we became very guilty for doing wicked things. Still, you, our God, have not punished us as much as we deserve for you to punish us. I say this because you have allowed this group of us to survive.*

What did God hold back?

God held himself back from fully judging the Jewish people as their sins deserved and he graciously allowed them to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple.

Ezra 10

Ezra 10:1

ULT	UST
And when Ezra prayed, and when he confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the face of the house of God, an extremely great assembly from Israel, men and women and children, gathered to him. Indeed the people wept an abundant weeping.	*Ezra prostrated himself on the ground in front of the temple as he cried and prayed to God. He was confessing to God the sins that the people had committed. While he was doing that, a very large crowd of Israelites gathered around him, consisting of men, women, and children. They all cried very, very much because they had sinned against God.*

What did Ezra do as he prayed and confessed?

As Ezra prayed and confessed, he wept and threw himself down before God's house.

Ezra 10:3

ULT	UST
So now, let us cut a covenant with our God to cause all the women to go out, and the ones who were born from them, by the counsel of my lord and the ones who tremble at the commandment of our God. And let it be done according to the law.	*Here is what I suggest. We should do what God told us to do in his laws. We should make an agreement with our God that we will divorce our foreign wives and send them away with their children. We will do everything according to what you, sir, and the others who greatly respect what our God has commanded, tell us to do.*

What covenant did Shekaniah say the Israelites should make?

Shekaniah said that they should make a covenant with their God to send away all the foreign women and their children.

Ezra 10:6

ULT	UST
And Ezra rose up from before the face of the house of God, and he went to the chamber of Jehohanan, the son of Eliashib. And he went there. He did not eat bread and he did not drink water, but was mourning on account of the unfaithfulness of the exiles.	*Then Ezra went away from in front of the temple and went to the room where Jehohanan the grandson of Eliashib lived. Ezra continued to grieve because some of the Israelites who had returned from Babylonia had not faithfully obeyed God's laws. So while he was there, he did not eat or drink anything.*

Why did Ezra not eat any bread or drink any water?

Ezra did not eat any bread or drink any water because he was mourning the unfaithfulness of the exiles.

Ezra 10:8

ULT	UST
And for all who did not come in three days according to the counsel of the leaders and the elders, all his property would be devoted to the ban. And he himself would be separated from the assembly of the exiles.	*The leaders announced the following penalties for anyone who did not arrive within three days. They would take away all the property belonging to that person, and they would banish that person from the community of Israelites.*

What was to happen to any Israelite who did not come to Jerusalem within three days?

Any Israelite who did not come to Jerusalem within three days was to have all his property devoted to the ban and was to be separated from the assembly of the exiles.

Ezra 10:9

ULT	UST
So all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered to Jerusalem in three days. It was the ninth month, on 20 in the month. And all the people sat in the open place of the house of God, trembling on account of the matter and because of the rains.	*So within three days, by the twentieth day of the ninth month, all the men from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin gathered in Jerusalem. They were sitting in the courtyard in front of the temple. They were trembling because it was raining hard and because they were worried that they would be punished for what they had done.*

What two things caused the people who stood in the open place of God's house to tremble?

All the people who stood in the open place of God's house trembled on account of the matter and because of the rains.

Ezra 10:13

ULT	UST
However, the people are many, and the time is rain showers and there is no strength to stand in the outdoors. And the work is neither for one day nor for two, for we have done much to rebel in this matter.	*Then one of them said, "But we are a very large group, and it is raining hard. We cannot continue to stand outside in this rain. Also, since many of us have committed this sin, it will take a long time to make things right again.*

Why did the Israelites want more time to send away the foreign women?

The Israelites wanted more time to send away the foreign women because the people were many, they had done much to rebel in this matter, and therefore, it would take them more than a day or two to complete the process. It was the rainy season, and they did not have the strength needed to stand in the outdoors to complete the process.

Ezra 10:17

ULT	UST
And they finished with all the men, the ones who had caused foreign women to dwell, by day one of the first month.	*By the first day of the first month of the next year they had finished determining which men had married women who were not Israelites.*

How long did it take to search out the matter of Israelite men who had taken foreign women as wives?

It took from day one of the tenth month until day one of the first month of the following year to search out the matter fully.

Ezra 10:19

ULT	UST
So they gave their hand to cause their wives to go out, and, being guilty ones, a ram of the flock for their guilt.	*They solemnly promised to divorce their wives and they each offered a ram as a sacrifice to atone for their sins.*

What did the Israelite men who were guilty of taking foreign women as wives do?

The guilty Israelite men promised to send away their foreign wives, and they offered a ram of the flock for their guilt.

Nehemiah

Nehemiah 1

Nehemiah 1:1

ULT	UST
The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah: And it happened in the month of Kislev, in year 20, that I myself was in Susa the citadel.	*I am Nehemiah, son of Hacaliah. I am writing this account. My story begins in the month of Kislev during the twentieth year of the reign of King Artaxerxes over the Persian Empire. I was in the capital city of Susa.*

Who wrote the book of Nehemiah?

Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah wrote the book of Nehemiah.

Nehemiah 1:1-2

When did Nehemiah ask Hanani and some people from Judah about the Jews who had escaped, the remnant of the Jews who were there, and about Jerusalem?

He asked them in the month Kislev, in the twentieth year.

Nehemiah 1:3

ULT	UST
And they said to me, “The ones left behind, who were left behind from the captivity there in the province, are in great evil and in reproach. And the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire.”	*They said to me, “The Jews who escaped the exile and remained in the province of Judah are in a desperate situation. The Babylonian soldiers broke down the wall of Jerusalem to get into the city, and they burned down all of its gates. The people living there are defenseless.”*

What did Hanani and some people from Judah reply?

They replied that those who remained in the province were in great evil and reproach because Jerusalem’s wall was broken down and its gates were burned with fire.

Nehemiah 1:4

ULT	UST
And it happened that, when I heard these words, I sat down and wept, and I mourned for days. And I was fasting and praying before the face of the God of heaven.	*When I heard about these things, I sat down and cried. I could not stop mourning for days. I went without food, and I prayed to the God who is in heaven.*

What did Nehemiah do when he heard about the condition of Jerusalem?

He sat down and wept, and he mourned for days. He also fasted and prayed.

What did Nehemiah request while praying before the God of heaven?

Nehemiah requested that Yahweh would listen to his prayer. Nehemiah requested that Yahweh would remember the word he commanded Moses, promising to gather the scattered Israelites if they returned to him and kept his commandments. Nehemiah requested that Yahweh would give him success and grant him mercy.

Nehemiah 1:6-7

What did Nehemiah confess while praying before the God of heaven?

Nehemiah confessed the sins of the people of Israel and his own sins and the sins of his family. Nehemiah said they had acted very corruptly against Yahweh and had not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments that Yahweh had commanded Moses.

Nehemiah 1:8-11

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Nehemiah 1:11

ULT	UST
Ah! My Lord, please let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant and to the prayer of your servants, the ones who delight to fear your name. And please cause your servant to succeed today, and give him mercies before the face of this man.” Now as for me, I was a cupbearer for the king.	*O my Lord, please pay careful attention to my prayer and to the prayers of my fellow Israelites. We are eager to honor you. Please grant that the king will agree to the request that I hope to make soon.” At that time, I was an important official who served the wine at the king’s table.*

To whom did Nehemiah serve as cupbearer?

Nehemiah served as cupbearer to the king.

Nehemiah 2

Nehemiah 2:1

ULT	UST
And it happened that, in the month of Nisan, in year 20 of Artaxerxes the king, wine was before his face. And I lifted the wine, and I gave it to the king, and I was not unpleasant before his face.	*I prayed like this for four months. Then one day in the month of Nisan, still in the twentieth year of the reign of Artaxerxes, something happened. When it was time to serve the wine, I took some and gave it to the king. I had never before looked sad in his presence.*

At what date did Nehemiah, when he was sad, give wine to the king?

Nehemiah gave wine to the king in the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes.

Nehemiah 2:3

ULT	UST
And I said to the king, "May the king live to eternity! Why should not my face be unpleasant, when the city, the house of the graves of my fathers, is desolate, and its gates have been consumed by fire."	*I replied to the king, "Your Majesty, I hope you will live a very long time! I am sorry, but I cannot help being sad. I am sad because the city of Jerusalem, the place where my ancestors are buried, lies in ruins. Our enemies have burned down its gates."*

Why was Nehemiah sad?

He was sad because Jerusalem, the city of the graves of his fathers, was desolate and its gates had been consumed by fire.

Nehemiah 2:4

ULT	UST
And the king said to me, "For what is this you are seeking?" And I prayed to the God of heaven.	*The king replied to me, "What do you want me to do for you?" Before I answered him, I prayed to the God who is in heaven.*

When the king asked what Nehemiah wanted him to do, what did Nehemiah do?

Nehemiah prayed to the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 2:4-5

What did Nehemiah want the king to give him permission to do?

Nehemiah wanted permission from the king to go to Judah to rebuild the city.

Nehemiah 2:9-10

When the king sent Nehemiah with officers of the army and horsemen, why were Sanballat and Tobiah displeased?

Sanballat and Tobiah were displeased that someone had come who wanted to seek good for the people of Israel.

Nehemiah 2:12

ULT	UST
And I arose in the night, myself and a few men with me, and I did not tell anyone what my God had been giving to my heart to do for Jerusalem. Now there was no animal with me except the animal upon which I was riding.	*I did not say publicly what God was leading me to do for Jerusalem. Instead, I got up secretly in the night to inspect the city walls. I brought only a few other men with me. So that we could work quietly, the only animal I brought with me was the one that I was riding.*

When Nehemiah arose in the night, who did he tell what God had put into his heart to do for Jerusalem?

At that time, Nehemiah did not tell anyone what his God had put into his heart to do for Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 2:17-18

When Nehemiah told the rulers, the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the rest who did the work that the good hand of his God was on him and about the words the king had spoken to him, what did they say and do?

They said that they would rise and build, and they strengthened their hands for the good work.

Nehemiah 2:19-20

How did Nehemiah respond to Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem when they heard about the work, and mocked and ridiculed the workers?

Nehemiah responded by saying that God would give them success, that they were God's servants, and that Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem had no share, no right, and no memorial in Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 3

Nehemiah 3:1

ULT	UST
And Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the gate of sheep. They themselves consecrated it and erected its doors. And they consecrated it as far as the tower of the hundred and as far as the tower of Hananel.	*These are the names of the people who helped to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem. Eliashib the Supreme Priest and his fellow priests began by rebuilding the Sheep Gate. They dedicated this gate to God, as a symbolic way of dedicating the entire wall. Then they set the doors of the Sheep Gate in place. They rebuilt the wall as far as the Tower of 100 Soldiers and beyond that to the Tower of Hananel. Then they dedicated that part of the wall to God as well.*

Who built and consecrated the Sheep Gate?

Eliashib built and consecrated the Sheep Gate along with his brothers, the priests.

Nehemiah 3:3

ULT	UST
And the sons of Hassenaah built the gate of fish. They themselves laid its beams and erected its doors, its bolts, and its bars.	*The sons of Hassenaah rebuilt the Fish Gate. They framed it with wooden beams, they set its doors in place, and they installed bolts and bars for locking the gate.*

Who built the Fish Gate?

The sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate.

Nehemiah 3:5

ULT	UST
And the Tekoites strengthened at their hand, but their nobles did not bring their necks to the service of their lords.	*Next to him, some people from Tekoa repaired part of the wall. But the leading citizens of Tekoa were too proud to do the work that the leaders of Judah had asked them to do.*

Whose nobles refused to do the work ordered by their lords?

The nobles of the Tekoites refused to do the work.

Nehemiah 3:6

ULT	UST
And Joiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah, strengthened the gate of old. They themselves laid its beams and erected its doors, its bolts, and its bars.	*Joiada the son of Paseah, and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah, repaired the Old Gate. They framed it with wooden beams, they set its doors in place, and they installed bolts and bars for locking the gate.*

Who repaired the Old Gate?

Joiada and Meshullam repaired the Old Gate.

Nehemiah 3:8

ULT	UST
Uzziel, the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths, strengthened at his hand. And Hananiah, a son of the perfumers, strengthened at his hand. And they restored Jerusalem as far as the broad wall.	*Next to them, Uzziel the son of Harhaiah repaired part of the wall. He was one of the goldsmiths, the workers who made jewelry and other objects from gold. Next to him, Hananiah repaired part of the wall. He was one of the workers who made perfumes. They rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall.*

Who repaired Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall?

Uzziel and Hananiah repaired that portion of Jerusalem.

Nehemiah 3:11

ULT	UST
Malkijah the son of Harim, and Hasshub the son of Pahath-Moab, strengthened a second section along with the tower of ovens.	*Malkijah the son of Harim and Hashub the son of Pahath-Moab repaired another section of the wall, along with the Tower of the Ovens.*

Who repaired another section along with the Tower of Ovens?

Malkijah (the son of Harim) and Hasshub repaired another section and the Tower of Ovens.

Nehemiah 3:12

ULT	UST
And Shallum, the son of Hallohesh, the administrator for half of the district of Jerusalem, strengthened at his hand, he and his daughters.	*Next to them, Shallum the son of Hallohesh repaired part of the wall. Shallum ruled the other half of the district of Jerusalem. His daughters worked with him on the repairs.*

Who helped Shallum repair the walls?

His daughters helped him.

Nehemiah 3:13

ULT	UST
Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah strengthened the gate of the valley. They themselves built it and erected its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and a thousand cubits of the wall as far as the gate of dung.	*Hanun and some people from the city of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They rebuilt the gate, they set its doors in place, and they installed bolts and bars for locking the gate. They also repaired 1500 feet of the wall, as far as the Rubbish Gate.*

Who repaired the Valley Gate as far as the Dung Gate?

Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate and the entire portion of wall between the Valley Gate and the Dung Gate.

Nehemiah 3:14

ULT	UST
And Malkijah, the son of Recab, the administrator for the district of Beth-Hakkerem, strengthened the gate of dung. He himself was building it and erecting its doors, its bolts, and its bars.	*Malkijah. The son of Rechab, repaired the Rubbish Gate. Malkijah ruled the district of Beth-Hakkerem. He rebuilt the gate, he set its doors in place, and he installed bolts and bars for locking the gate.*

Who repaired the Dung Gate?

Malkijah (the son of Recab) repaired the Dung Gate.

Nehemiah 3:15

ULT	UST
And Shallun, the son of Kol-Hozeh, the administrator for the district of the Mizpah, strengthened the gate of the spring. He himself was building it and covering it and erecting its doors, its bolts, and its bars, and the wall of the pool of Shelach at the garden of the king even as far as the stairs descending from the city of David.	*Shallun the son of Kol-Hozeh repaired the Fountain Gate. Shallun ruled the district of Mizpah. He rebuilt the gate and put a roof over it, he set its doors in place, and he installed bolts and bars for locking the gate. Near the Pool of Siloam he also repaired the wall next to the royal garden, as far as the steps that went down from the City of David.*

Who repaired the Fountain Gate and the wall of the Pool of Siloam?

Shallun repaired the Fountain Gate and the wall of the Pool of Siloam.

Nehemiah 3:16

ULT	UST
After him, Nehemiah, the son of Azbuk, the administrator for half of the district of Beth-Zur, strengthened as far as in front of the graves of David, and as far as the pool that was made, and as far as the house of the mighty men.	*Next to him, Nehemiah the son of Azbuk repaired the wall as far as the place opposite the tombs in the City of David, to the reservoir that the people had made and the army barracks. Nehemiah ruled half of the district of Beth-Zur.*

Who repaired from the place across from the tombs of David to the house of the mighty men?

Nehemiah the son of Azbuk repaired that section.

Nehemiah 3:20

ULT	UST
After him, Baruch the son of Zabbai burned, and strengthened a second section from the angle as far as the opening of the house of Eliashib the high priest.	*Next to him, Baruch the son of Zabbai repaired another section with great enthusiasm, from the bend in the wall as far as the door of the house of Eliashib the Supreme Priest.*

Who repaired from the angle to the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest?

Baruch repaired it.

Nehemiah 3:23

ULT	UST
After him, Benjamin and Hasshub strengthened in front of their house. After him, Azariah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ananiah, strengthened beside his house.	*Next to them, Benjamin and Hasshub repaired a section opposite their house. Azariah, the son of Maaseiah and grandson of Ananiah, repaired the next section, beside his house.*

Which section of the wall did Benjamin and Hasshub repair?

They repaired the section in front of their own house.

Nehemiah 3:28

ULT	UST
The priests strengthened from above the gate of horses, a man to the front of his house.	*A group of priests repaired the wall starting at the Horse Gate. Each one repaired the section in front of his own house.*

Who did the repairs on the section above the Horse Gate?

The priests repaired that section. Each of the priests repaired in front of his own house.

Nehemiah 3:32

ULT	UST
And the goldsmiths and the merchants strengthened between the upper chamber of the corner to the gate of sheep.	*Some of the other goldsmiths, along with some merchants, repaired the last section of the wall from the corner apartments to the Sheep Gate.*

Who repaired the wall between the upper changes of the corner and the Sheep Gate?

The goldsmiths and the merchants repaired that section.

Nehemiah 4

Nehemiah 4:1-3

Who mocked the Jews when they heard the Jews were building the wall?

Sanballat and Tobiah mocked the Jews.

Nehemiah 4:4-6

Why did Nehemiah ask God not to cover over the iniquity of Sanballat and Tobiah?

Nehemiah asked God not to cover their iniquity because they had contempt for the Jews and provoked the builders to anger.

Nehemiah 4:7-9

When Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabians, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites came to fight against Jerusalem, what did the builders and people do?

They prayed to their God and set a guard as protection.

Nehemiah 4:12-14

What did Nehemiah do after the Jews warned him of the schemes being made against them?

After learning of the schemes against them, Nehemiah positioned people in the lowest parts of the wall, in the bare areas. He positioned each family with their weapons. Nehemiah told the people to not be afraid of their enemies, but to remember the great and fearsome Lord and to fight for their families and homes.

Nehemiah 4:15

ULT	UST
And it happened that, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and God had frustrated their counsels, all of us returned to the wall, a man to his work.	*When our enemies learned that we had found out about their plan, they realized that God had kept them from launching a surprise attack. They decided not to attack us. So we all went back to working on the wall. Each person continued doing the same work as before.*

What did the enemies hear?

They heard that the workers knew their plans and that God had frustrated their plans.

Nehemiah 4:16

ULT	UST
And it happened that, from that day, half of my young men were doing the work, and half of them were grasping, even the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the breastplates. And the officials were behind all the house of Judah.	*But after that, only half of my servants worked on the wall. The other half of them stood guard armed with spears, shields, bows and arrows, and metal armor. Officers stood behind the workers and guards to encourage everyone and to give orders in case there was an attack.*

What were the young men doing?

Half of them were working on rebuilding the wall and half of them were holding their weapons and armor.

Nehemiah 4:19-20

What reason did Nehemiah give for sounding the ram's horn as a signal to fight?

Nehemiah explained that the workers were separated on the wall, far from one another.

Nehemiah 4:21-23

Why did some people not go to their homes to sleep? Why did some people not change their clothes?

Some people did not go to their homes or change their clothes so that they could spend the night in the middle of Jerusalem, being a guard during the night and a worker in the day.

Nehemiah 5

Nehemiah 5:1-5

Why did the men and women raise a great outcry against their fellow Jews?

They raised an outcry because some of them had to mortgage their property in order to get grain, some of them had to put their children in bondage as slaves, and some of them had to borrow silver in order to pay the kings taxes on their fields and vineyards.

Nehemiah 5:7

ULT	UST
And my heart reigned over me, and I contended with the nobles and with the prefects. And I said to them, "You are lending interest, a man against his brother!" And I put forth a great assembly against them.	*I thought hard about what to do. Then I brought charges against the leading citizens and the city officials. I called together a large group of people to hear the charges against them. I told these leaders, "You are charging interest on loans to your fellow Jews. You know that is forbidden in the Law of Moses."*

What did Nehemiah do when he heard the outcry of the Jewish men and women against their fellow Jews?

He contended with the nobles and with the prefects and said to them, "You are lending interest, a man against his brother!" And he put forth a great assembly against them.

Nehemiah 5:8

ULT	UST
And I said to them, "We ourselves, according to our ability, have bought back our brothers, the Jews, the ones who were sold to the nations. But even you yourselves are selling your brothers, and they are being bought back by us!" Then they were silent, and they did not find a word.	*I said to them, "Whenever our fellow Jews have had to sell themselves into slavery to people from other nations, to the best of our ability we have been buying them back. But you are actually selling your fellow Jews into slavery to get back the money they owe you. These are some of the very people we have been buying back!" They knew that these charges were true, so there was absolutely nothing they could say in response.*

Although the men and women were buying back from slavery their Jewish brothers who had been sold to the nations, what were the nobles and the prefects doing?

They were selling their brothers and sisters, who were then being bought back by other Jewish men and women.

Nehemiah 5:9-11

Why did Nehemiah command the nobles and the prefects to return the property they taken from the people?

He commanded them to do that because what they were doing was not good.

Nehemiah 5:12-13

How did the nobles and the prefects respond to Nehemiah's command?

They said they would return what they had taken, that they would not take anything more, and that they would do as Nehemiah commanded.

Nehemiah 5:14-15

Why did neither Nehemiah nor his brothers take the food provided for the governor during the 12 years he was Judah's governor?

He did not do so because he feared God, and because the former governors had laid heavy burdens on the people.

Nehemiah 5:17

ULT	UST
Now the Jews and the prefects were 150 men at my table, with the ones coming to us from the nations that were around us.	*As governor, I was responsible for feeding 150 Jewish leaders and city officials. I also entertained Jewish visitors who came from nearby countries.*

Who ate at Nehemiah's table?

Those who ate at Nehemiah's table were the Jews and the prefects, 150 men, and also those who came to Nehemiah from among the nations who were around them.

Nehemiah 5:19

ULT	UST
Remember me, my God, for good, all that I have done for this people.	*My God, think of me, and reward me for all the good that I have done for the people of Judah.*

Why did Nehemiah ask God to call him to mind for good?

Nehemiah asked God to do this because of all that he (Nehemiah) had done for the people.

Nehemiah 6

Nehemiah 6:2

ULT	UST
that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come, and let us appoint a time to meet together among the villages in the valley of Ono." And they were thinking to do evil to me.	*So Sanballat and Geshem sent me a message that said, "We want to arrange to meet with you in one of the villages in the plain of Ono." But I knew that they were saying this because they wanted to harm me.*

When Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem asked Nehemiah to meet with them in the plain of Ono, what was their intention?

Sanballat, Tobiah, and Geshem intended to do evil to Nehemiah.

Nehemiah 6:3

ULT	UST
And I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work, and I am not able to go down. Why should the work stop while I abandon it and go down to you?"	*So I sent messengers to tell them, "The work I am doing here is very important. I am not able to travel while it is going on. There is no reason for me to stop the work and leave it so that I can meet with you."*

How did Nehemiah respond to the requests of their enemies?

Nehemiah sent messengers to them saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?"

Nehemiah 6:5

ULT	UST
Then Sanballat sent his young man to me a fifth time according to this word, and an opened letter was in his hand.	*Then Sanballat sent one of his servants to me bringing the same request for a fifth time. This time the message was written, but it was not sealed. Sanballat left the letter unsealed so that others would find out what it said, because he wanted to pressure me to meet with him.*

How did Nehemiah respond to Sanballat's fifth message?

Nehemiah responded by saying that Sanballat had invented the reports in his own heart.

Nehemiah 6:5-6

What did Sanballat say in his fifth message?

He said that all the nations had reported that Nehemiah and the Jews were planning to rebel, and the king would certainly hear these reports.

Nehemiah 6:8

ULT	UST
And I sent to him, saying, "No such thing has been done according to these words that you are saying, but you are inventing them out of your own heart."	*I sent a message back to him saying, "None of these things that you are saying are true. You are just making them up yourself."*

How did Nehemiah respond to Sanballat's fifth message?

Nehemiah responded by saying Sanballat had invented the reports in his own heart.

Nehemiah 6:8-9

What did Nehemiah pray when he realized that Sanballat and Jews' enemies were trying to make the work stop and the Jews afraid?

Nehemiah prayed that God would strengthen his hands.

Nehemiah 6:10-11

Why did Nehemiah refuse to meet Shemaiah, the son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, in the temple?

Nehemiah refused because he thought a man like himself should neither run away to save his own life nor hide in the temple.

Nehemiah 6:13

ULT	UST
For this purpose he was hired, so that I would be afraid, and I would do thus and sin. And it might become an evil name to them, so that they could reproach me.	*They had paid him the money specifically to say things that would scare me. They were hoping they could make me sin by abandoning my responsibilities and hiding in the temple. If I had done that, they would have ruined my reputation and discredited me.*

What would have happened if Nehemiah had gone into the temple?

He would have sinned and given himself a bad name, and Sanballat and Tobiah might have reproached him.

Nehemiah 6:14

ULT	UST
My God, remember Tobiah, and Sanballat according to these deeds of his, and also Noadiah the prophetess, and the rest of the prophets who are frightening me.	*So I prayed, "My God, treat Tobiah and Sanballat the way they deserve for what they have done. Do the same for the female prophet Noadiah and all the other prophets who are trying to make me afraid."*

What did Nehemiah pray the second time?

He prayed God would remember Tobiah, and Sanballat according to their deeds, as well as the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets who were trying to frighten Nehemiah.

Nehemiah 6:15-16

Why did Nehemiah's enemies become afraid and fall in their own esteem when the wall was finished?

They became afraid because they knew the work was done with the help of the Jews' God.

Nehemiah 7

Nehemiah 7:1-2

When did Nehemiah give his brother Hanani charge over Jerusalem?

Nehemiah gave Hanani charge of Jerusalem after he (Nehemiah) had finished the wall, set up the doors, and appointed the gatekeepers, singers, and Levites.

Nehemiah 7:3

ULT	UST
And I said to them, "Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun becomes hot. And while they are still standing, let them shut the doors, and they must bar them. And set up watches for those who dwell in Jerusalem, a man in his watch, and a man in front of his house."	*I told them, "Do not open the gates of Jerusalem until broad daylight. That way we will be able to see anything our enemies are doing. Have the gatekeepers close the gates and put the bars across the doors while they are still guarding the gates before they go home for the night." I also told them, "Have the men who live in Jerusalem take turns keeping watch in their own neighborhoods."*

When were the gates of Jerusalem supposed to be opened?

The gates were supposed to be opened when the sun became hot.

Nehemiah 7:4

ULT	UST
Now the city was wide on two hands and great, and the people were few in the midst of it. And there were no built houses.	*The city of Jerusalem covered a large area, but at that time not many people lived in the city, and they had not yet built houses for themselves.*

Although the city was wide and large, were there people and houses within it?

There were few people within the city, and no built houses.

Nehemiah 7:5

ULT	UST
And my God gave to my heart, and I gathered together the nobles and the prefects and the people to be enrolled by genealogy. And I found the book of the genealogy for the ones who came up at the first. And I found written in it:	*So as a first step towards filling Jerusalem with people again, God led me to gather together the leading citizens and the city officials and the other people living in the city to register them according to their family histories. I also found a book containing the records of the first group of people who had returned to Jerusalem from the exile. This is what those records said.*

What did God put into Nehemiah's heart to do?

God put into Nehemiah's heart to gather together the nobles, the prefects, and the people to be enrolled by genealogy.

Nehemiah 7:64

ULT	UST
These ones sought their record among the ones who were enrolled by genealogy, but it was not found. And they were desecrated from the priesthood.	*These priests searched the records that contained the names of the Israelite ancestors, but they could not find the names of their families. They did not qualify to be priests because they could not trace their family history, so they were not allowed to have the rights and duties of priests.*

What was done concerning the priests who could not find their genealogical records? What did the Tirshatha restrict them from doing?

The priests who could not find their genealogical records were desecrated from the priesthood. The Tirshatha said that they should not be allowed to eat the holy food from the sacrifices until a priest stood with Urim and Thummim.

Nehemiah 7:65

ULT	UST
And the Tirshatha said to them that they must not eat from the holiest holy food until the priest stood with Urim and Thummim.	*The governor told them that they must not eat any of the share of food taken from the sacrifices and kept for the priests. They would have to wait until the priest in charge of the temple had begun his duties and could ask God what to do about this situation.*

What was done concerning the priests who could not find their genealogical records? What did the Tirshatha restrict them from doing?

The priests who could not find their genealogical records were desecrated from the priesthood. The Tirshatha said they should not be allowed to eat the priest's share of food from the sacrifices.

When might the priests who could not prove their genealogy be included in the priesthood again?

They might be included when there was a priest to stand with Urim and Thummim.

Nehemiah 7:66

ULT	UST
All the assembly, as one, was 42, 360:	*Altogether, 42360 people returned to Judea.*

How many people were counted in the enrollment of the assembly?

The whole assembly was counted to be 42,360 people.

Nehemiah 7:70-72

Who gave gifts for the work?

Some of the heads of ancestors' families gave gifts, as did both the Tirshatha and the rest of the people.

Nehemiah 7:73

ULT	UST
And the priests, and the Levites, and the gatekeepers, and the ones who sang, and some from the people, and the Nethinim, and all Israel dwelt in their cities. And the seventh month came, and the sons of Israel were in their cities.	*So the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple workers, and many ordinary people started to live in the towns and cities of Judea where their ancestors had lived. All these people were Israelites. By the seventh month all of the Israelites had gone to their cities and had started living in them.*

When did the priests, Levites, gatekeepers, singers, temple servants, and people live in their cities?

They lived in their cities by the seventh month.

Nehemiah 8

Nehemiah 8:1-2

Why did the people gather together on the first day of the seventh month, and every day until the end of the feast?

The people gathered together to listen to the book of the law.

Nehemiah 8:2-3

Who gathered together to listen to the book of the law?

Men, women, and anyone who could understand gathered to listen to it.

Nehemiah 8:3

ULT	UST
And he read it aloud before the face of the open area that is before the face of the gate of water, from the light until the middle of the day, in front of the men and the women, and the ones who were understanding. And the ears of all the people listened to the book of the law.	*So he read aloud from the book in the plaza that was near the Water Gate throughout the whole morning. He read it in front of all the people, both men and women and children who were old enough to understand what he read. And all the people listened carefully to the laws that were written on the scroll.*

Why did the people gather together on the first day of the seventh month, and every day until the end of the feast?

The people gathered together to listen to the book of the law of Moses.

Nehemiah 8:5

ULT	UST
And Ezra opened the book before the eyes of all the people, for he was higher than all the people. And as soon as he opened it, all the people stood.	*Ezra stood on the platform above all the people so that everyone could see him. He opened the scroll, and as he did that all the people stood up.*

Who read from the book of the law?

Ezra and the Levites read from the book of the law.

Nehemiah 8:7-8

Who read from the book of the law?

Ezra and the Levites read from the book of the law.

Why did the Levites read carefully and set the interpretation of the book of the law?

They did those things so that the people could understand the reading.

Nehemiah 8:9-10

Why did Nehemiah, Ezra, and the Levites command all of the people to celebrate with great joy and not to mourn, weep, or grieve?

They commanded the people to celebrate and not to mourn, weep, or grieve because the day was holy to Yahweh their God and because the joy of Yahweh was their strength.

Nehemiah 8:13-14

What insight did the leaders of the ancestors' families, the priests, and the Levites gain when they came together to learn from Ezra?

They learned that Yahweh had commanded the people of Israel to live in tents during the festival of the seventh month.

Nehemiah 8:16

ULT	UST
And the people went out and brought and made huts for themselves, a man on his roof, and in their courtyards, and in the courtyards of the house of God, and in the open area of the gate of water, and in the open area of the gate of Ephraim.	*So the people went out of the towns and cut branches and brought them to make shelters for themselves. They built shelters on the flat roofs of their houses, in their courtyards, in the courtyards of the temple, in the plaza near the Water Gate, and in the plaza near the Ephraim Gate.*

Where did the people make their huts to celebrate the festival?

The people made their huts on their own roofs, in their courtyards, in the courts of the house of God, in the open place by the Water Gate, and in the square at the Gate of Ephraim.

Nehemiah 8:17

ULT	UST
And all the assembly, the ones who returned from the captivity, made huts, and they dwelt in the huts. For the sons of Israel had not done thus from the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day. And there was extremely great rejoicing.	*All of the Israelite people who had returned from Babylon built shelters and lived in them for one week. Now the Israelite people had never celebrated that festival like this since Joshua the son of Nun led them into this territory. This was the first time they were doing it. And the people were very happy.*

Where did the people make their huts to celebrate the feast?

The people made their huts on their own roofs, in their courtyards, in the courts of the house of God, in the open place by the Water Gate, and in the square at the Gate of Ephraim.

When was the last time the people of Israel had obeyed the command of Yahweh to celebrate the feast?

The last time the feast had been celebrated was in the days of Joshua the son of Nun.

Nehemiah 8:18

ULT	UST
And he read aloud from the book of the law of God, day by day, from the first day to the last day. And they made a seven-days feast, and on the eighth day an assembly, according to the ordinance.	*Every day during that week Ezra read aloud to the people from the scroll of the law of God. They celebrated the festival for seven days. On the eighth day, they called for all the people to come together so they could hold a ceremony to bring the festival to an end. That was what the scroll instructed.*

Why did the people gather together on the first day of the seventh month, and every day until the end of the feast?

The people gathered together to listen to the book of the law.

Nehemiah 9

Nehemiah 9:1-2

In general, what were the people of Israel doing as they gathered together on the twenty-fourth day of the same month?

The people of Israel were fasting, wearing sackcloth, and putting dust on their heads. The Israelites separated themselves from all the foreigners, and they stood and confessed their own sins and the sins of their ancestors.

Nehemiah 9:5-6

What did the people say about Yahweh?

The people said he alone was Yahweh. The people said that Yahweh had made the heavens, the heavens of the heavens, the earth, the seas, and all that was in them. The people said that Yahweh gave life to everything.

Nehemiah 9:7-8

What else did the people say of Yahweh concerning Abram?

The people said that Yahweh had chosen Abram, changed his name to Abraham, found his heart faithful, and made the covenant with him to give his descendants the land.

Nehemiah 9:9-10

How did the people say that Yahweh kept his promise to them?

The people told how Yahweh brought their forefathers out of Egypt, showed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and his people, and saved their forefathers at the Red Sea.

Nehemiah 9:11

ULT	UST
And you split open the sea before their face, and they passed through the midst of the sea on the dry land. And you cast their pursuers into the depths, like a stone in mighty waters.	*You divided the sea in front of your people Israel, and they walked through the middle of the sea on dry land. But you drowned the soldiers of the Egyptian army under the waters. They sank as a stone sinks in deep water!*

What did the people say that Yahweh did for the Israelites at the Red Sea?

Yahweh parted the sea so they could pass through on dry ground, and then he brought the sea back onto those that were pursuing them.

Nehemiah 9:12-13

What other ways did they say Yahweh took care of the Israelites?

Yahweh led them by a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire during the night. Also, Yahweh gave them his ten commandments at Mount Sinai.

Nehemiah 9:14-15

What else did the people say Yahweh provided to their forefathers?

Yahweh made his holy Sabbath known to them, gave them bread from heaven, water from a rock, and told them to possess the land he had promised them.

Nehemiah 9:16-17

How did the Israelites and their ancestors act toward God?

The Israelites were disrespectful and stubborn. They refused to listen, rebelled, and appointed a leader to return them to their slavery.

Why did God not abandon the Israelites when they were disrespectful, stubborn, rebellious, and disobedient?

God did not abandon the Israelites because he is a God who is full of forgiveness, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in covenant faithfulness.

Nehemiah 9:20

ULT	UST
And you gave your good spirit to give them insight. And you did not withhold your manna from their mouth, and you gave them water for their thirst.	*You gave them your good Spirit to instruct them. You continued to give them manna when they were hungry, and you gave them water when they were thirsty.*

How did the people say God provided for their forefathers for forty years in the wilderness?

Yahweh gave his good Spirit to instruct them. Yahweh gave them food and water; also, their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell.

Nehemiah 9:21

ULT	UST
And you sustained them forty years in the wilderness; they did not lack. Their clothes did not wear out, and their feet did not swell.	*For forty years you took care of them in the desert. During all that time, they had everything they needed. Their clothes did not wear out. Their feet did not swell up, even though they were continually walking.*

How did the people say God provided for their forefathers for forty years in the wilderness?

Yahweh gave his Spirit to instruct them. He provided food and water; their clothes did not wear out, and their feet did not swell.

Nehemiah 9:23-24

What did the people say happened after their forefathers were in the wilderness?

The people said that Yahweh multiplied their families, told them to go in and possess the land he had promised them, and subdued the Canaanites.

Nehemiah 9:25

ULT	UST
And they captured fortified cities and fat ground. And they possessed houses full of all good things, hewn cisterns, vineyards, and olive orchards, and food trees in abundance. And they ate and were satisfied and grew fat and reveled in your great goodness.	*Our ancestors captured cities that had walls around them. They took possession of fertile fields. They took possession of houses that were already full of all kinds of good things, and wells that someone had already dug. They took possession of many vineyards and groves of olive trees and fruit trees. They ate all that they wanted and became fat. They enjoyed all the many good things you did for them.*

How did the Israelites live after taking possession of the land God had promised them?

The Israelites took the land. They ate and were satisfied and grew fat. They reveled in God's great goodness.

Nehemiah 9:26-27

What did the people say Yahweh did to their forefathers and ancestors after they became disobedient and rebelled against him?

Yahweh handed them over to their enemies, who made them suffer.

Nehemiah 9:27

ULT	UST
And you gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they harassed them. And in the time of their distress they cried out to you, and you yourself heard from heaven. And, according to your many mercies, you gave to them saviors, and they saved them from the hand of their adversaries.	*So you allowed their enemies to defeat them. But when their enemies caused them to suffer, they called out to you. You heard them from heaven, and because you are very merciful, you sent them people to help them. Those leaders rescued them from their enemies.*

When the Israelites cried out to God, what did God do for them because of his great mercies?

God rescued them from their enemies many times.

Nehemiah 9:37

ULT	UST
And its great produce belongs to the kings whom you have given to be over us in our sins, and to be ruling over our bodies and over our livestock, according to their will. And we are in great distress.	*The kings whom you have allowed to rule over us are enjoying all the good things that grow here. This is because we have sinned. They rule over our bodies and our cattle. They do whatever they please. We feel great distress.*

Why did the rich yield from the Israelite's land go to the kings God had set over them?

The rich yield of the land went to their kings because of the Israelite's sins.

Why were the Israelites in great distress?

The Israelites were in great distress because their kings ruled over their bodies and their livestock as the kings pleased.

Nehemiah 9:38

ULT	UST
And in all of this, we are cutting a faithful covenant, and writing even on a sealed document our leaders, our Levites, our priests."	*Because of all this, we the Israelite people are making a solemn agreement. We are writing it on a scroll. We will write down the names of our leaders, our Levites, and our priests. Then we will seal the scroll."*

What did the Israelites do because of their great distress?

The Israelites made a firm covenant in writing with Yahweh.

Whose names were written on the sealed covenant?

The names of the Israelites' leader, Levites, and priests were written on the sealed covenant.

Nehemiah 10

Nehemiah 10:28-29

Who pledged themselves to the law of God that was given to Moses?

Those that pledged themselves were the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the Nethinim, and all the others who bound themselves to God's law.

Nehemiah 10:30-31

What promises did they make to God?

They promised not to give their daughters to or let their sons take daughters from the people from whom they had separated. They promised not to buy any goods on the Sabbath, or any holy day. They promised they would let their fields rest every seventh year.

Nehemiah 10:32-33

What commands did they accept?

They would give money, bread, grain, and provide for all the offerings and feasts each year for the service of the house of God.

Nehemiah 10:34

ULT	UST
And we cast lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people: concerning the offering of pieces of wood, to bring them to the house of our God, for the house of our fathers at the appointed times year by year, for burning on the altar of Yahweh our God as written in the law;	*We have cast lots to determine when each clan of the priests, the Levites, and the rest of the people will bring an offering of wood to the temple. Each clan will do this at an appointed time every year. The Levites will use the wood to burn the sacrifices on the altar that belongs to Yahweh our God. He commanded this in the law he gave through Moses.*

Why did the priests, the Levites, and the people cast lots for the wood offering?

This would select which family would bring the wood into the house of God at selected times each year.

Nehemiah 10:35

ULT	UST
and to bring the firstfruits of our soil and the firstfruits of all the fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of Yahweh;	*We will also bring an offering to the temple every year from the first grain that we harvest and from all the first fruit that grows on all our trees.*

What did they promise to bring to the house of Yahweh?

They promised to bring the firstfruits of the harvests as well as the firstborn of their sons and their livestock.

Nehemiah 10:36

ULT	UST
and the firstborns of our sons and our livestock, as written in the law, even the firstborns of our herds and our flocks, to bring them to the house of our God, to the priests, the ones who minister in the house of our God.	*We will also do something else that God commanded. We will bring our firstborn sons to the temple for dedication, and our firstborn calves and lambs and goats as sacrifices, to the priests who minister in the temple.*

What did they promise to bring to the house of Yahweh?

They promised to bring the firstfruits of their harvests and the firstborn of their sons and their livestock.

Nehemiah 10:38

ULT	UST
And a priest who is a son of Aaron will be with the Levites when the Levites receive tithes. And the Levites will bring a tithe of the tithe to the house of our God, to the chambers of the house of the treasury.	*A priest, one of the descendants of Aaron, will be with the Levites and supervise them when they collect that 10 percent. Then the Levites must bring 10 percent of what they have received to the temple. The priests will put it in the storerooms and it will support them.*

Who had to be with the Levites when the Levites received the tithes?

A priest who was a descendant of Aaron had to be with the Levites.

Nehemiah 10:39

ULT	UST
For the sons of Israel and the sons of Levi shall bring to the chambers the offerings of grain, wine, and oil. And there shall be the vessels for the sanctuary, and the priests, the ones who are ministering, and the gatekeepers, and the ones who sing. And we shall not neglect the house of our God.	*That is how it will work. The Israelites and the Levites will bring their offerings of grain, wine, and olive oil to those storerooms. That is where the priests will store the equipment for the temple. And that is where they will keep the food supplies for the priests, the gatekeepers, and the singers who are serving at that time. We promise that we will keep taking care of the temple."*

Where did the people of Israel and descendants of Levi bring the contributions of the harvest?

They brought the contributions to the storerooms where the articles of the sanctuary were kept.

Nehemiah 11

Nehemiah 11:1

ULT	UST
And the leaders of the people dwelt in Jerusalem. And the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine hands were in the cities.	*So the Israelite leaders settled in Jerusalem with their families. The rest of the people cast lots to select one family out of ten to live in Jerusalem. That was the city set apart for God. The remaining nine families lived in the other towns.*

Who lived in the holy city of Jerusalem?

The leaders of the people lived in Jerusalem, and the rest of the people cast lots to see which one person out of ten people would live there.

Nehemiah 11:20

ULT	UST
And the rest of Israel, the priests, the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, a man in his inheritance.	*The rest of the Israelite people, including the priests and the Levites, all lived on their own property in all the other towns in Judea.*

Where were the remainder of Israel, the priests, and the Levites living?

They were living in all the towns of Judah, on their own inherited property.

Nehemiah 12

Nehemiah 12:23

ULT	UST
The sons of Levi, the heads of fathers, were written in the book of the events of days even until the days of Johanan, the son of Eliashib.	*Scribes recorded the names of the clan leaders of the Levites in their record books up until the time when Johanan the descendant of Eliashib was the Supreme Priest.*

In what book were the descendants of Levi and their leaders of families recorded?

They were recorded in the Book of the Events of Days until the days of Johanan.

Nehemiah 12:27

ULT	UST
And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, they sought out the Levites from all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to perform the dedication with rejoicing, and with thanksgivings, and with song, cymbals, lyres, and harps.	*When we dedicated the wall around Jerusalem, we summoned the Levites from all the places where they were living. We brought them to Jerusalem to assist in dedicating the wall by rejoicing and giving thanks and by singing accompanied by cymbals and harps and other stringed instruments.*

Why did the people seek out the Levites at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem?

The people brought the Levites to Jerusalem to perform the dedication ceremony.

Nehemiah 12:30

ULT	UST
And the priests and the Levites purified themselves. And they purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.	*The priests and Levites performed rituals to make themselves acceptable to God. Then they performed similar rituals to purify the other people, the gates, and the wall.*

What did the priests and Levites do for the celebration?

The priests and Levites purified themselves, and then purified the people, the gates, and the wall.

Nehemiah 12:31

ULT	UST
And I caused the officials of Judah to go up on top of the wall. And I caused to stand two great thanksgiving groups, and processions to the right hand on top of the wall toward the gate of dung.	*Then I gathered the leaders of Judah together on top of the wall. I assigned them to lead two large groups that would march around the city on top of the wall, thanking God. As they faced the city, one group walked to the right toward the Rubbish Gate.*

Where did the leaders of Judah go on the day of celebration?

The leaders went up to the top of the wall.

What were the two large choirs that Nehemiah appointed supposed to do?

The two large choirs were supposed to give thanks.

Where did the first choir go?

One choir went to the right on the wall toward the Dung Gate.

Nehemiah 12:42

ULT	UST
and Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malkijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the ones who sang made themselves heard, with Jezrahiah the overseer.	*Others who were blowing trumpets included Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malkijah, Elam, and Ezer. The singers sang with Jezrahiah who was their leader.*

Who directed the singers?

The singers sang with Jezrahiah as overseer.

Nehemiah 12:43

ULT	UST
And on that day they sacrificed great sacrifices, and they rejoiced, for God had made them glad with great rejoicing. Yes, even the women and the children rejoiced, so the rejoicing of Jerusalem was heard from far away.	*The people offered many sacrifices that day. They all rejoiced because God had made them very happy. The women and the children rejoiced along with the men, so the sound of the celebration in Jerusalem was so loud that people far away could hear it.*

Why did they offer great sacrifices that day, and rejoice?

They offered great sacrifices that day, and rejoiced, because God had made them rejoice with great rejoicing.

Nehemiah 12:44

ULT	UST
And on that day men were appointed over the chambers for the storehouses, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and for the Levites. For Judah rejoiced over the priests and over the Levites, the ones who were standing.	*On that day we appointed men to be in charge of the storerooms. That was where the priests kept the money and the food and the grain and the tithes. The people brought these things from the fields near the cities into the storerooms for the priests and the Levites, as Moses had commanded in the law. The people of Judah did all this because they were so happy about the priests and the Levites serving in the temple.*

Who was assigned to work the fields near the towns?

The men who were appointed to be in charge of the storerooms were assigned to work the fields near the towns.

Nehemiah 12:47

ULT	UST
And in the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah, all Israel was giving the portions of the ones who sang and the gatekeepers, as a daily matter in its day. And they were consecrating for the Levites, and the Levites were consecrating for the sons of Aaron.	*During the time when Zerubbabel was the governor, the people all contributed the food that the singers and temple gatekeepers needed each day. They did the same during the time when Nehemiah was the governor. They gave a tenth of their crops to the Levites, and the Levites gave a tenth of that to the priests, who were descendants of Aaron, the first Supreme Priest.*

When did all Israel give the daily portions for the singers and the gatekeepers?

In the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah, all Israel gave the daily portions for the singers and the gatekeepers.

Nehemiah 13

Nehemiah 13:1-2

Why should an Ammonite and a Moabite not come into the assembly of God, forever?

An Ammonite and a Moabite should not come into the assembly of God forever because they had not come to the people of Israel with bread and water, but had hired Balaam to curse Israel.

Nehemiah 13:5

ULT	UST
And he made for him a great chamber, and there previously they were putting offerings: the frankincense; and the vessels; and the tithes of the grain, the wine, and the oil, the commandment for the Levites, and the ones who sang, and the gatekeepers; and the offerings of the priests.	*He allowed Tobiah to have a large room in which the priests used to store supplies. These included the grain offerings and the incense, the equipment for the temple, and the tithes of grain and wine and olive oil. God had commanded the people to bring these to the Levites, the singers, and the gatekeepers. This room had also held the offerings for the priests.*

What did Eliashib prepare for Tobiah?

Eliashib prepared for Tobiah a large storeroom.

Nehemiah 13:6

ULT	UST
And during all this I was not in Jerusalem. For I had gone to the king in year 32 of Artaxerxes, the king of Babylon. And at an end of days I requested leave from the king.	*During that time I was not in Jerusalem, because in the thirty-second year that Artaxerxes was the king of Babylonia, I had gone back to report to the king what I had been doing. After I had been there a while, I asked the king to allow me to return to Jerusalem.*

Where did Nehemiah go in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes?

In the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes, Nehemiah returned from Jerusalem to the king.

Nehemiah 13:8

ULT	UST
And it was extremely evil to me, and I cast out all the things of the house of Tobiah from the storeroom to the outside.	*That grieved me very much. I threw everything that belonged to Tobiah out of that room.*

Why did Nehemiah throw all the household articles of Tobiah out of the storeroom?

Nehemiah threw all the household articles of Tobiah out of the storeroom because Nehemiah thought it was very wrong for Tobiah to be staying there.

Nehemiah 13:10

ULT	UST
And I knew that the portions of the Levites had not been given, and the Levites and the ones who sang, who did the work, had fled, a man to his field.	*I also learned that the singers and the other Levites who were responsible for the temple services had left Jerusalem. They had returned to their own fields because the people had stopped giving them 10 percent of their harvests, since Tobiah had occupied the storeroom.*

Why did the Levites and singers hurry to leave the temple?

Because the people were no longer faithfully supporting God's work by giving portions to the Levites, and therefore the Levites left the temple as did the singers.

Nehemiah 13:13

ULT	UST
And I appointed treasurers over the treasuries: Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah from the Levites; and at their hand was Hanan, the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah. For they were considered faithful, and it was for them to apportion to their brothers.	*I appointed some men to be in charge of the storerooms. They were Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah the Levite. I also appointed Hanan the son of Zaccur and grandson of Mattaniah to assist them. I appointed these men because everyone knew that they were trustworthy and would distribute the offerings fairly to their associates.*

Who was counted as trustworthy?

Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, Pedaiah, and Hanan were counted as trustworthy.

Nehemiah 13:15

ULT	UST
In those days I saw in Judah ones treading winepresses on the sabbath, and ones bringing in grain-heaps, and ones loading onto donkeys, yes, even wine, grapes, and figs, and all kinds of loads, and ones bringing to Jerusalem on the day of the sabbath. And I protested on the day of their selling provisions.	*During that time, I saw some people in Judea who were working on the Sabbath day. Some were pressing grapes to make wine. Others were taking their grain and loading it on donkeys. Others were also loading bags of wine, baskets of grapes, figs, and many other things onto donkeys and bringing them into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. I warned them not to sell food to the people of Judea on Sabbath days.*

When were people in Judah treading winepresses?

People in Judah were treading winepresses on the Sabbath.

Nehemiah 13:16

ULT	UST
And the Tyrians who dwelt in it were bringing in fish and all kinds of merchandise and were selling them on the sabbath to the sons of Judah, even in Jerusalem.	*I also saw some people from the city of Tyre who were living there in Jerusalem bringing fish and other things into Jerusalem to sell to the people of Judah on the Sabbath day.*

What did men from Tyre do on the Sabbath?

Men from Tyre brought in fish and all kinds of goods, and they sold them on the Sabbath to the people of Judah and in the city.

Nehemiah 13:19

ULT	UST
And it happened that, when the gates of Jerusalem grew dark before the face of the sabbath, I spoke, and the doors were shut, and I said that they should not open them until after the sabbath. And I caused some from my young men to stand at the gates; a load could not enter on the day of the sabbath.	*So I commanded the gatekeepers to shut the doors of the gates of the city when it started to get dark on Friday evening. I commanded them not to open the gates until Saturday evening. I also stationed some of my men at the gates so they would make sure that no one brought things to sell into the city in between those times, on the Sabbath day.*

How did Nehemiah prevent people from coming into Jerusalem on the Sabbath?

As soon as it became dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, Nehemiah commanded that the doors be shut and that they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. He stationed some of his servants at the gates so no load could be brought in on the Sabbath day.

Nehemiah 13:22

ULT	UST
And I said to the Levites that they should purify themselves and come keep the gates to consecrate the day of the sabbath. Remember me concerning this also, my God, and have pity on me according to the greatness of your covenant faithfulness.	*I also commanded the Levites to perform a ritual to purify themselves and then take up stations to guard the city gates. I wanted them to ensure that Sabbath days were kept holy by not allowing merchants to enter the city on that holy day. "My God, please bless me for doing this too! And be kind to me, because you faithfully love us so abundantly."*

Who came and guarded the gates to sanctify the Sabbath day?

The Levites came and guarded the gates to sanctify the Sabbath day.

Nehemiah 13:24

ULT	UST
And their sons, half were speaking Ashdodite, and none of them were knowing to speak Hebrew, but according to the tongue of people group by people group.	*So half of their children spoke a foreign language, and they did not know how to speak Hebrew. They spoke whatever language their foreign parent spoke.*

What did half the children speak?

Half the children spoke the language of Ashdod, and they could not speak the language of Judah, but only the language of one of the other peoples.

Nehemiah 13:25

ULT	UST
And I contended with them, and cursed them, and struck some of their men, and pulled out their hair. And I caused them to swear an oath by God: "If you give your daughters to their sons, or if you lift from their daughters for your sons, or for yourselves!	*So I rebuked those men. I asked God to curse them. I struck some of them with my fists. I pulled out their hair. Then I forced them to make a solemn promise, knowing that God was listening. I made them promise that they would never again allow their daughters to marry foreign men. I also made them promise that they and their sons would not marry foreign women.*

How did Nehemiah confront the Jews who married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab?

Nehemiah confronted them, and he cursed them, and he hit some of them and pulled out their hair.

Nehemiah 13:31

ULT	UST
and for the offering of pieces of wood at the appointed times; and for the firstfruits. Remember me, my God, for good.	*I also arranged for the people to bring their offerings of wood at the set times to burn on the altar, and to bring the first part of what they harvested of each crop during the year. "My God, please consider that I have done all these things, and bless me for doing them."*

How did Nehemiah want God to remember him?

Nehemiah wanted God to remember him for good.

Esther

Esther 1

Esther 1:1

ULT	UST
Now it happened in the days of Ahasuerus (he was Ahasuerus, the one who ruled from India even as far as Ethiopia, 127 provinces);	*This is the story of something that happened during the time that a king named Ahasuerus ruled the land of Persia. The empire of this King Ahasuerus had 127 provinces and included all of the territory between India in the east and Ethiopia in the west.*

Over how much territory did Ahasuerus reign?

Ahasuerus ruled from India even as far as Ethiopia, 127 provinces.

Esther 1:3

ULT	UST
in year three of his reign, he made a feast for all his officials and his administrators, the army of Persia and Media, the noblemen, and the officials of the provinces before his face,	*During the third year that Ahasuerus ruled his empire, he hosted a feast for all of his officials and for every important person who worked for him. He also invited the officers who served in the combined army of the kingdoms of Persia and Media, the wealthy landowners, and the officials of the provinces. The king was present in person to host the feast.*

Who was in the king's presence?

The officials of the provinces were "before his face," meaning that they were in the king's presence.

Esther 1:5

ULT	UST
And when those days were fulfilled, the king made a feast for all the people who were found in Susa the citadel, from the greatest even to the least, for seven days, in the courtyard of the garden of the palace of the king.	*At the end of those six months, after that feast was over, the king hosted a second feast. This feast was for all of the people in the royal stronghold in Susa, including both rich and poor. He held this feast in the courtyard of his palace garden. It lasted for a whole week.*

For whom did the king give the feast that lasted seven days?

The king made a feast for all the people who were found in Susa the citadel, from the greatest even to the least.

Esther 1:7

ULT	UST
And the serving was in vessels of gold, with vessels differing from other vessels, and the wine of royalty was abundant according to the hand of the king.	*The attendants served wine in golden cups. The king was so rich that he had a great many of these cups, and no two of them were alike. The king had the attendants serve great amounts of his own royal wine to the guests.*

Why was there much royal wine?

The wine of royalty was abundant according to the hand of the king. And the drinking was according to the law, "There is no compulsion."

Esther 1:8

ULT	UST
And the drinking was according to the law "There is no compulsion," for thus the king had established for every overseer of his house to do according to the desire of man by man.	*Ahasuerus gave his guests a special privilege. He made the attendants who served the wine follow this rule: "No one has to drink if they do not want to." All the guests could drink as little or as much as they wanted.*

What were the king's orders to all the overseers of his palace?

And the drinking was according to the law, "There is no compulsion," for thus the king had established for every overseer of his house, to do according to the desire of man by man.

Esther 1:10

ULT	UST
On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was pleased by the wine, he said to Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha and Abagtha, Zethar and Karkas (the seven eunuchs who served before the face of the king Ahasuerus),	*On the seventh day, when King Ahasuerus was feeling good from drinking wine, he called the seven castrated guardians who served him personally. (Their names were Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Karkas.)*

What did the king tell the seven officials who served before him?

To bring Vashti the queen before the king in a crown of royalty in order to show the people and the officials her beauty.

Esther 1:11

ULT	UST
to bring Vashti the queen to the face of the king in a crown of royalty in order to show the people and the officials her beauty, for she was pleasing of appearance.	*Queen Vashti was a very beautiful woman. Ahasuerus wanted the people and officials who served in the royal court to see how beautiful she was. So the king told his seven personal servants to bring Queen Vashti to him. He told them to have her wear her royal crown.*

What did the king tell the seven officials who served before him?

The king said to bring Vashti the queen to the face of the king in a crown of royalty in order to show the people and the officials her beauty.

Esther 1:12

ULT	UST
But the queen Vashti refused to come at the word of the king that was by the hand of the eunuchs. Then the king became very angry, and his rage burned within him.	*But when the guardians came and told Queen Vashti what the king had commanded, she refused to come. The guardians reported this to the king, and the king became very enraged.*

Why did the king become very angry?

The king became very angry because the queen Vashti refused to come at the word of the king that was by the hand of the eunuchs.

Esther 1:13

ULT	UST
Then the king said to the wise men, who were knowers of the times (for thus was the manner of the king before the face of all those who were knowers of law and judgment,	*It was the habit of the king to consult with certain advisors who knew the law and could make good decisions. So he spoke to those advisors, who knew the right way to do things.*

With whom did the king confer?

The king consulted with the wise men, who were knowers of the times.

Esther 1:16

ULT	UST
And Memukan replied before the face of the king and the officials, "Not toward the king alone has Vashti the queen done wrong, but toward all the officials and toward all the peoples who are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.	*Then Memukan answered the king, speaking loud enough that both he and his officials could hear. He said, "Queen Vashti has done wrong, and not only against the king. She has also done wrong against all the officials and people groups in all the provinces that King Ahasuerus rules!*

According to Memucan, against whom did Vashti do wrong?

Vashti the queen did wrong not only toward the king alone, but toward all the officials and toward all the people who were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.

Esther 1:17

ULT	UST
For the matter of the queen will go out to all the women in order to make their husbands despised in their eyes when they say, 'The king Ahasuerus said to bring Vashti the queen before his face, but she did not come.'	*This is what will happen. Women all over the empire will hear about what the queen did. They will say, 'King Ahasuerus commanded his servants to bring Queen Vashti to him, but she did not come! So if even the queen can disobey the king, why should I have to obey my husband?' Then women will stop respecting their husbands.*

What did Memukan say the women of Persia and Media would do?

Memukan said that what the queen did would become known to all the women in the kingdom of king Ahasuerus and that when the women of the kingdom found out what the queen had done they would despise their own husbands and say, "King Ahasuerus commanded his servants to bring Queen Vashti to him, but she did not come!"

Esther 1:18

ULT	UST
Now this day, the noblewomen of Persia and Media who have heard the matter of the queen will speak to all the officials of the king. And there will be contempt and wrath enough!	*Even today, the leading women of Persia and Media will hear what the queen did. They will start to disobey their husbands, even though they are officials of the king. They will treat them with disrespect, and this will make their husbands angry with them. That will be bad enough by itself, even if the news does not spread any farther.*

What did Memucan say the noble women of Persia and Media would do before the end of that very day?

For the matter of the queen will go out to all the women, in order to make their husbands despised in their eyes when they say, "The king Ahasuerus said to bring Vashti the queen before him, but she did not come." Now this day, the noblewomen of Persia and Media who have heard the matter of the queen will speak to all the officials of the king; and there will be contempt and wrath enough!

Esther 1:19

ULT	UST
If it is good to the king, let a decree of royalty go out from before his face, and let it be written in the laws of Persia and Media (which do not pass away) that Vashti shall never come before the face of the king Ahasuerus. And let the king give her royalty to her female neighbor, the woman who is better than she.	*If it pleases you to do so, O king, you should personally issue a royal decree and have scribes add it to the laws of Persia and Media, which no one can change. This decree should say that Vashti can never come into your presence again. Then you should choose a different woman to be your queen, one who will obey you.*

To whom would the king give Vashti's position as queen?

The king would give his position to her female neighbor, the woman who is better than she.

Esther 1:22

ULT	UST
And he sent letters to all the provinces of the king, to province by province according to its own writing, and to people by people according to its own tongue: that every man should be ruling in his house and speaking according to the tongue of his people.	*The king sent letters to every province in his empire. He wrote to every province using its own alphabet and to each people group in its own language. The letters said that men should be the masters over their wives and children. They also said that a husband should be able to give orders to his wife in his own native language and that she should understand and obey.*

What did the king order?

The king sent letters that every man should be ruling in his house and speaking according to the tongue of his people.

Esther 2

Esther 2:2

ULT	UST
And the young men of the king who served him said, “Let them seek for the king young women who are virgins and pleasing of appearance.	*So some of the young men who attended the king said to him, “Your majesty, you should get a new wife for yourself. You could tell your servants to look for young virgins who are very beautiful.*

What did the king’s young men recommend?

The king’s young men recommended that they seek for the king young women who were virgins and pleasing of appearance.

Esther 2:3

ULT	UST
And let the king appoint administrators in all the provinces of his kingdom. Then let them gather every young woman who is a virgin and pleasing of appearance to Susa the citadel, to the house of women into the hand of Hegai (the eunuch of the king who is overseer of the women). Then give their ointments.	*Also, you could assign officers in each province of your empire to bring every virgin who is very beautiful here to your capital city of Susa. They could stay in the harem for virgins under the custody of Hegai, the castrated royal guardian who takes care of the young women who live there. He could arrange for them to receive beauty treatments.*

Under whose care would the virgins be put?

The virgins would be put into the hand of Hegai, the eunuch of the king who is overseer of the women. This means Hegai was the one who was responsible to take care of the virgins.

Esther 2:6

ULT	UST
who had been exiled from Jerusalem with the exiles who had been exiled along with Jeconiah, the king of Judah, who Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had exiled).	*Many years earlier, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had taken Kish away from Jerusalem and brought him to Babylon along with many other captives. Nebuchadnezzar took them away from Jerusalem at the same time that he took King Jeconiah of Judah away from Jerusalem and brought him to Babylon.*

Who had taken Kish from Jerusalem?

Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, had taken Kish from Jerusalem.

Esther 2:7

ULT	UST
And he was fostering Hadassah (she is Esther), the daughter of his uncle, because there was not for her a father or a mother. Now the young woman was beautiful of form and pleasing of appearance. And at the death of her father and her mother, Mordecai had taken her for him as a daughter.	*Now Mordecai was taking care of his cousin, who was an orphan. Her Hebrew name was Hadassah, and her Persian name was Esther. When her father and mother died, Mordecai had adopted her as his own daughter. Esther was now a young woman, and she was exceptionally attractive.*

What was Esther's other name?

Esther's other name was Hadassah.

How was Esther related to Mordecai?

Esther was the daughter of Mordecai's uncle.

Esther 2:9

ULT	UST
And the young woman was pleasing in his eyes, and she lifted kindness before his face. And he quickly gave her ointments, gave her portions of food, and gave her seven young women chosen from the house of the king. And he transferred her and her young women to the best of the house of women.	*Hegai was very impressed with Esther, and he treated her favorably. He quickly arranged for Esther to receive her beauty treatments and her allotment of food. He also chose seven female servants from the king's palace and assigned them to be her personal attendants. He also moved Esther and her attendants to the best rooms in the harem for virgins.*

With what did Hegai provide Esther?

Hegai quickly gave her ointments, portions of food, and seven young women chosen from the house of the king.

Esther 2:10

ULT	UST
Esther had not declared her people or her ancestry, for Mordecai had laid a charge upon her that she should not tell it.	*Mordecai had warned Esther that she should not tell anyone what people group she was from. So she did not tell anyone that she was a Jew or who her relatives were.*

Why had Esther not told anyone who her people or relatives were?

Esther had not declared her people or her ancestry, for Mordecai had laid a charge upon her that she should not tell it.

Esther 2:13

ULT	UST
Then at this, the young woman would go to the king. Anything that she said would be given to her, to go with her from the house of women to the house of the king.	*This is the way that they would prepare a young woman to go and have sexual relations with the king and become one of his concubines. She could take whatever clothing and jewelry she wanted from the harem for virgins and wear them when she went to the king's palace.*

When a young woman went to the king, what was given to her?

Anything that she said would be given to her.

Esther 2:14

ULT	UST
In the evening she would go, and in the morning she would return to the second house of women, into the hand of Shaashgaz (the eunuch of the king who was overseer of the concubines). She would not go to the king again unless the king had delighted in her and she was called by name.	*The king's servants would bring her to the king's private rooms in the evening. The next morning, they would bring her to the other harem, the one for concubines. There a man named Shaashgaz would take charge of her, because he was the castrated royal guardian who took care of the concubines. The young woman would live there for the rest of her life. She would not go and see the king again unless he asked for her by name because he had enjoyed being with her.*

When would a girl return to the king?

She would not go to the king again unless the king had delighted in her and she was called by name.

Esther 2:15

ULT	UST
Now when the turn of Esther (the daughter of Abihail, the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for him as a daughter) came to go to the king, she did not seek anything except what Hegai (the eunuch of the king who was overseer of the women) said. And Esther was a lifter of favor in the eyes of everyone who saw her.	*Eventually, the evening came when it was the turn for Esther, whom Mordecai had adopted as his daughter, to go to the king. She was the daughter of Abihail, Mordecai's uncle. When Esther went to the king, she only asked for what Hegai, the royal guardian in charge of the harem for virgins, recommended that she should wear. Everyone who saw Esther was very impressed with her.*

For what did Esther ask?

She did not ask for anything except what Hegai, the eunuch of the king who was overseer of the women, said.

Esther 2:16

ULT	UST
And Esther was taken to the king Ahasuerus, to the palace of his royalty, in the tenth month (which is the month of Tebeth), in year seven of his reign.	*The king's servants brought Esther to King Ahasuerus in his royal palace during the tenth month of the year (the month of Tebeth), in the seventh year of his reign as king of Persia.*

When was Esther taken to King Ahasuerus?

So Esther was taken to the king Ahasuerus, to the house of his royalty, in the tenth month (which is the month of Tebeth), in the seventh year of his reign.

Esther 2:17

ULT	UST
And the king loved Esther more than all the women and she lifted favor and kindness before his face more than all the virgins. And he set a crown of royalty on her head, and he made her queen instead of Vashti.	*The king loved Esther more than any of the other women. He treated her more kindly and more favorably than any of the other young women who had become his concubines. So King Ahasuerus put a royal crown on her head, and he made her the queen instead of Vashti.*

Why did the king set the royal crown on Esther's head and make her queen?

And the king loved Esther more than all the women, and she lifted favor and kindness before his face more than all the virgins. So he set a crown of royalty on her head, and he made her queen instead of Vashti.

Esther 2:21

ULT	UST
In those days, when Mordecai was sitting at the gate of the king, Bigthan and Teresh (two eunuchs of the king who were guardians of the doorway) became angry; and they sought to stretch out a hand against the king Ahasuerus.	*During that time, when Mordecai was doing his work at the king's gate, two of the king's guards who protected the doorway to the king's private rooms became angry with the king. They planned to assassinate King Ahasuerus. Their names were Bigthan and Teresh.*

What did Bigthan and Teresh seek to do to King Ahasuerus?

Bigthan and Teresh, two eunuchs of the king who were guardians of the doorway, became angry. And they sought to stretch out a hand to the king Ahasuerus.

Esther 2:23

ULT	UST
And the matter was sought out and was found out, and the two of them were hanged on a pole. And it was written in the book of the events of days before the face of the king.	*So the king's officials investigated Mordecai's report and discovered that it was true. So the king ordered his servants to hang those two men from wooden poles until they died. In the king's presence, the king's scribes recorded an account of this in the royal chronicles.*

What happened to Bigthan and Teresh?

The two of them were hung on a tree.

Esther 3

Esther 3:2

ULT	UST
And all the servants of the king who were at the gate of the king were bowing down and prostrating themselves to Haman, for thus the king had commanded concerning him. But Mordecai would neither bow down nor would he prostrate himself.	*The king wanted to show that he had given Haman an important position. So he commanded all of his other servants who were at the king's gate to bow down all the way to the ground to honor Haman whenever he walked by. But Mordecai refused to bow down to Haman, because as a Jew he would not worship anyone except Yahweh.*

Who were kneeling and prostrating themselves to Haman?

All the servants of the king were at the gate of the king and were bowing down and prostrating themselves to Haman.

Esther 3:4

ULT	UST
And it happened that, when they spoke to him day after day, he did not listen to them. So they told Haman to see if the words of Mordecai would stand, for he had told them that he was a Jew.	*Mordecai told them that he was a Jew, and that Jews only worship Yahweh. The other servants warned Mordecai every day that he would be punished severely if he kept disobeying the king and not honoring his most important official. But Mordecai still refused to bow down. So they told Haman about it to see if he would allow Mordecai to keep refusing to bow down because he was a Jew.*

What did Mordecai refuse to do?

Mordecai would neither bow down nor would he prostrate himself.

Esther 3:6

ULT	UST
And it was despised in his eyes to stretch out a hand against Mordecai alone, for they had told him the people of Mordecai. And Haman sought to annihilate all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, who were in all the kingdom of Ahasuerus.	*The other servants told Haman that Mordecai was not bowing down to him because Mordecai was a Jew. So Haman decided it would not be enough just to kill Mordecai alone. Haman decided that he would try to kill all the Jews in the entire empire of Ahasuerus.*

Who did Haman want to kill?

Haman sought to annihilate all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, who were in all the kingdom of Ahasuerus.

Esther 3:8

ULT	UST
And Haman said to the king Ahasuerus, "He has one people scattered and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom. And their laws are different from every people, and the laws of the king they do not obey. And there is no profit to the king to leave them untouched.	*Then Haman went to King Ahasuerus and said, "Your Majesty, there is a certain group of people who live among the other peoples in your empire. They are in every province. They have their own set of laws, and so they do not obey your laws. It is not good for you to allow them to live in your empire.*

When they threw lots, what month did they chose?

In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of the king Ahasuerus, a Pur (which is "the lot") was cast before the face of Haman from day to day and from month to month: the twelfth, which is the month of Adar.

Esther 3:9

ULT	UST
If it is good to the king, let it be written to destroy them, and I will weigh out 10, 000 talents of silver into the hands of the doers of the work, to bring into the treasuries of the king."	*If you approve of this plan, O king, then write a decree saying that all of the Jews must die. When they are dead, we can take all of their goods, and from that I will give 300 tons of silver to your administrators for them to put into your royal treasuries."*

How much money was Haman willing to put into the king's treasury if the king would give a command to kill the Jews?

Haman said he would pay 10,000 talents of silver into the hands of the doers of the work, to bring into the treasuries of the king.

Esther 3:13

ULT	UST
And letters were sent by the hand of runners to all of the provinces of the king, to annihilate, to slaughter, and to destroy all the Jews from young even to old, children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth of month 12 (which is the month of Adar), and to plunder their spoils.	*Couriers delivered the letters to the officials in every province in the empire. The letters said to completely destroy all the Jews, including the children and women, on a single day. That was to be the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, in that same year. The letters also said that those who killed the Jews could take everything that belonged to them.*

How were documents delivered to all the king's provinces?

And letters were sent by the hand of runners to all of the provinces of the king.

Esther 3:15

ULT	UST
The runners went out, hurrying by decree of the king, and the law was given in Susa the citadel. And the king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city of Susa was in confusion.	*As the king had commanded, couriers rushed with the letters to every province in the empire. A herald also proclaimed what the letter said in the capital city of Susa. The king and Haman relaxed and drank together. But everyone who lived in Susa was very upset about what was going to happen.*

How did Susa respond to the decree?

The city of Susa was in confusion.

Esther 4

Esther 4:2

ULT	UST
And he came only as far as before the face of the gate of the king because no one was to come into the gate of the king while wearing sackcloth.	*But no one who was wearing sackcloth was allowed inside the king's gate. So when Mordecai reached the gate, he had to stay just outside of it.*

How far did Mordecai go? Why?

And he came only as far as before the face of the gate of the king, because no one was to come into the gate of the king while wearing sackcloth.

Esther 4:4

ULT	UST
When the young female attendants of Esther came with her eunuchs and they told her, even the queen was seized with extreme fear. And she sent garments to clothe Mordecai and to take off his sackcloth from upon him, but he did not accept.	*Esther's female attendants came with her guardians and told her that Mordecai was sitting outside the gate wearing sackcloth. When she heard about this, Queen Esther herself became very afraid. She sent Mordecai some good clothes to wear instead of the sackcloth, but he refused to put them on.*

When Esther sent garments to clothe Mordecai, how did he respond?

And she sent garments to clothe Mordecai and to take off his sackcloth from upon him, but he did not accept.

Esther 4:7

ULT	UST
And Mordecai reported to him all that had happened to him, and the exact amount of silver that Haman had said to weigh out into the treasuries of the king against the Jews to destroy them.	*Mordecai told Hathak everything that Haman was planning to do to the Jews. He even told him how much money Haman said the king would get for his treasuries if the king commanded people to kill all of the Jews.*

What did Mordecai report to Hathak?

And Mordecai reported to him all that had happened to him, and the exact amount of silver that Haman had said to weigh out into the treasuries of the king, against the Jews, to destroy them.

Esther 4:8

ULT	UST
Also he gave to him a copy of the writing of the law that had been given in Susa to annihilate them, in order to show Esther and to inform her and to lay a charge upon her to go to the king to implore his favor and to seek from before his face concerning her people.	*Mordecai also gave Hathak a copy of the letter that the heralds had read out loud in Susa and that said that people must kill all of the Jews. He told Hathak to show the letter to Esther so that she would know exactly what it said. He also told him to urge her to go to the king personally and to beg him desperately to save her people from destruction.*

Why did Mordecai give Hathak a copy of the decree that was issued in Susa for the Jews' destruction?

Also he gave to him a copy of the writing of the law that had been given in Susa to annihilate them, in order to show Esther, and to inform her, and to lay a charge upon her to go to the king to implore his favor and to plead from before his face concerning her people.

Esther 4:11

ULT	UST
"All the servants of the king and the people of the provinces of the king are knowing that for any man or woman who goes to the king, to the inner court, who has not been called, his law is one: to cause to die, apart from when the king holds out to him the scepter of gold; then he will live. But as for me, I have not been called to come to the king these 30 days."	*"There is a law about going to the king that applies to everyone in the kingdom, both men and women. If anyone goes into the inner courtyard of the palace, where the king can see them, and the king has not summoned them, that person will die. Only if the king holds out his golden scepter to them, then they will live. Everyone in the whole empire knows this law. So I cannot go and speak to the king as you have requested. The king has not called for me in over a month, and if I go without being summoned, I could be put to death."*

What happened if any man or woman went to the king inside the inner courtyard without being summoned?

The law was that any man or woman would die who went to the king inside the inner court without first being called unless the king held out to him or her the scepter of gold, in which case the person was allowed to live.

Esther 4:14

ULT	UST
For if you indeed remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and the house of your father will perish. And who knows if you have arrived at royalty for such a time as this?"	*If you say nothing at all now, someone from some other place will rescue the Jews, but you and your relatives will not survive. Who knows, perhaps it was for just such a time as this that you became queen."*

What did Mordecai say would happen if Esther remained silent at that time?

For if you, indeed, remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and the house of your father will perish.

Esther 4:16

ULT	UST
"Go, gather all the Jews who are found in Susa. And fast on account of me, neither eating nor drinking for three days, both night and day. Also, I myself and my young female attendants will fast likewise. Then, in such circumstances, I will go to the king, which is not according to the law. And if I perish, I perish."	*"Gather together all the Jews who live here in Susa and tell them to fast for my sake. Tell them to not eat or drink anything for three days and three nights. My female attendants and I will also fast in the same way. At the end of the three days, I will go to talk to the king, even though doing that is against the law. I will do that even if it costs me my life."*

What did Esther tell Mordecai to do?

Go, gather all the Jews who are found in Susa. And fast on account of me, neither eating nor drinking for three days, both night and day. Also, I myself and my young female attendants will fast likewise. Then, in such circumstances, I will go to the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish.

Esther 5

Esther 5:1

ULT	UST
And it happened on the third day that Esther put on royalty and stood in the inner court of the palace of the king, opposite to the house of the king. Now the king was sitting on the throne of his royalty in the palace of royalty opposite to the entrance of the palace.	*After fasting for three days, Esther put on her royal robes, and she went and stood in the inner courtyard of the palace, across from the king's house. He was in the royal palace, sitting on the royal throne and facing the entrance of the room.*

Where was the inner courtyard of the king's palace?

The inner courtyard of the king's palace was opposite to the house of the king.

Esther 5:2

ULT	UST
And it happened that, as soon as the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she lifted favor in his eyes. And the king held out to Esther the scepter of gold that was in his hand, so Esther approached and touched the head of the scepter.	*As soon as the king noticed Queen Esther standing there in the courtyard, he was very pleased to see her. So he held out his golden scepter to her, to show that she could safely approach him. So Esther came up to the throne and touched the top of the scepter.*

When the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, why did he hold out to her the golden scepter?

As soon as the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she lifted favor in his eyes.

Esther 5:4

ULT	UST
And Esther said, "If it is good to the king, let the king come with Haman today to the banquet that I have made for him."	*Esther replied, "If it pleases you, O king, please come with Haman today to the banquet that I have prepared for you."*

What did Esther request from the king?

If it is good to the king, let the king come with Haman today to the banquet that I have made for him.

Esther 5:8

ULT	UST
if I have found favor in the eyes of the king, and if it is good to the king to grant my petition and to perform my request, let the king come with Haman to the banquet that I will make for them, and tomorrow I will do according to the word of the king."	*if you are pleased with me, and if you are pleased, O king, to give me what I want, please come with Haman to another banquet that I will prepare for you tomorrow. I will answer your question then."*

What did Esther request from the king the second time?

If I have found favor in the eyes of the king, and if it is good to the king to grant my petition and to perform my request, let the king come with Haman to the banquet which I will make for them, and tomorrow I will do according to the word of the king.

Esther 5:11

ULT	UST
And Haman recounted to them the glory of his wealth and the multitude of his sons and all about how the king had made him great and how he had lifted him over the officials and administrators of the king.	*and he boasted to them about how rich he was and about how many sons he had. He also boasted about how the king had promoted him many times and given him a position above all of his important officials and other administrators.*

What did Haman recount to his family?

Then Haman recounted to them the glory of his wealth and the multitude of his sons and all about how the king had made him great and how he had lifted him over the officials and administrators of the king.

Esther 5:13

ULT	UST
But all of this is not equal for me to every time that I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the gate of the king."	*Then Haman said, "But I still cannot be happy as long as I keep seeing that Jew, Mordecai, sitting there at the king's gate and refusing to honor me."*

What did Haman feel was more important to him than being invited to the banquets?

But all of this is not equal for me to every time that I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the gate of the king.

Esther 5:14

ULT	UST
And Zeresh his wife, with all of his friends, said to him, "Let them make a pole 50 cubits high. And in the morning speak to the king, and let them hang Mordecai on it. Then go with the king to the banquet joyful." And the word was good before the face of Haman, and he made the pole.	*So Haman's wife Zeresh and his friends who were there suggested, "Have your servants set up a pole 25 meters high. Then tomorrow morning speak to the king and tell him that you want to hang Mordecai on it. Then once you have executed Mordecai, you can go to the banquet with the king in a good mood." Haman thought that this was a good plan, so he told his servants to set up the pole.*

What did Zeresh tell Haman to make? Why?

Let them make a tree fifty cubits high. And in the morning speak to the king, and let them hang Mordecai on it.

Esther 6

Esther 6:1

ULT	UST
That night the sleep of the king fled away. And he said to bring the book of records of the events of days, and they were being called out before the face of the king.	*That night the king was unable to sleep. So he told the young men who attended him to bring in the royal chronicles. One of the young men got the chronicles and began to read them out loud to the king.*

Why did the king command servants to bring the records of the events of his reign?

That night the sleep of the king fled away. And he said to bring the book of records of the events of days.

Esther 6:2

ULT	UST
And it was found written that Mordecai had told about Bigthana and Teresh, two of the eunuchs of the king who were from the guardians of the doorway, that they had sought to stretch out a hand against the king Ahasuerus.	*The chronicles said that Bigthan and Teresh, two of the royal guardians who protected the doorway to the king's private quarters, had planned to assassinate King Ahasuerus. The chronicles also said that Mordecai had discovered their plot and had let the king know about it. By doing that, Mordecai saved the king's life.*

What was found written in the book of records that was read to the king?

It was found written that Mordecai had reported that Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs who guarded the door, had conspired to kill the King.

Esther 6:3

ULT	UST
And the king said, "What honor or greatness was done for Mordecai on account of this?" And the young men of the king who served him said, "Not a thing has been done with him."	*Then the king asked, "In what great way did I honor Mordecai for saving my life?" The young men who attended him replied, "No one did anything for him."*

What had been done to give honor or recognition to Mordecai for telling the king about Bigthana and Teresh?

Nothing had been done to give honor or recognition to Mordecai for telling the king about Bigthana and Teresh.

Esther 6:6

ULT	UST
And Haman came, and the king said to him, "What is one to do for the man in whose honor the king is delighted?" Then Haman said in his heart, "For whom would the king delight to do honor more than me?"	*When Haman came in, the king asked him, "What should I do for the man whom I would really like to honor?" Haman thought to himself, "Certainly I am the person whom the king would like to honor more than anyone else!"*

When the king asked Haman what should be done for the man whom the king takes pleasure in honoring, about whom did Haman think the king was talking?

Then Haman said in his heart, "For whom would the king delight to do honor more than me?"

Esther 6:9

ULT	UST
And give this garment and this horse into the hand of a man from the most noble officials of the king. And let them clothe the man whom the king delights to honor, and cause him to ride on the horse in the open square of the city, and proclaim before his face, 'Thus shall it be done for the man whom the king delights to honor!'"	*Then, on your behalf, have one of your most noble officials present the man with the robe and the horse. Have your servants clothe the man whom you really want to honor with the robe. Have them seat that man on the horse and then lead the horse through the public square of the city. Have them shout out to everyone in front of them, 'The king is doing this because he really wants to honor this man!'"*

Who would dress the man whom the king takes pleasure in honoring, and lead him on the horse through the city streets?

A man from the most noble officials of the king would do these things.

Esther 6:11

ULT	UST
And Haman took the garment and the horse, and he clothed Mordecai and caused him to ride in the open place of the city and called out before his face, "Thus shall it be done for the man whom the king delights to honor!"	*So Haman did what the king commanded. He got the robe and the horse. He put the robe on Mordecai, seated him on the horse, and then led the horse through the public square of the city. As he did, he shouted out to everyone in front of him, "The king is doing this because he really wants to honor this man!"*

Who dressed Mordecai and led him on the horse through the city streets?

So Haman took the garment and the horse, and he clothed Mordecai and paraded him in the open square of the city, and called out before his face, "Thus shall it be done for the man in whose honor the king is delighted!"

Esther 6:13

ULT	UST
And Haman recounted to Zeresh his wife and to all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and Zeresh his wife said to him, "If Mordecai, before whose face you have begun to fall, is from the seed of the Jews, then you will not prevail against him, but you will surely fall before his face."	*Haman gathered all his friends together once again. He told them and his wife Zeresh everything that had happened to him that day. Some of his friends were also his advisors, and they and his wife Zeresh told him, "Mordecai has begun to defeat you. Since he is one of the Jewish people, you will not win against him. Instead, he will certainly defeat you."*

About what did Haman's wise men and his wife warn him?

If Mordecai, before whose face you have begun to fall, is from the seed of the Jews, then you will not prevail against him, but you will surely fall before his face.

Esther 7

Esther 7:3

ULT	UST
And Esther the queen answered and said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, O king, and if it is good to the king, let my life be given to me at my petition and my people at my request.	*Then Queen Esther replied, "If you are pleased with me, O king, I hope you will be willing to do what I ask. Please allow me to live, and please save my people. That is what I am asking for.*

What did Esther ask from King Ahasuerus?

Let my life be given to me at my petition, and my people at my request.

Esther 7:4

ULT	UST
For we have been sold, I and my people, for annihilation, for slaughter, and for destruction. Now if we had been sold as slaves and female servants, I would have kept silent, because the distress would not have been equal to a burden of the king."	*I am appealing to you because someone has turned my people and me over to our enemies, and they are going to destroy us completely. If someone had sold the men and even the women to be slaves, I would not have said anything about that to you, because that would not have been important enough to bother you, the king, with that."*

What did Esther say she would have done if her people had only been sold into slavery?

Now if we had been sold as slaves and female servants, I would have kept silent.

Esther 7:6

ULT	UST
Esther answered, "A man, an adversary, and an enemy—this evil Haman!" Then Haman was terrified from before the face of the king and the queen.	*Esther responded, "The man who is our bitter enemy is this evil man Haman!" This made Haman terrified to be in the presence of the king and the queen.*

Who did Esther describe as an "adversary" and "enemy"?

A man, an adversary, and an enemy is this evil Haman!

Esther 7:7

ULT	UST
And the king rose up in his rage from the banquet of wine to the garden of the palace. But Haman remained in order to seek for his life from Esther the queen, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king.	*The king became so angry that he got up and left the banquet of wine. He went outside into the palace garden to decide what to do. But Haman stayed inside to beg Queen Esther to save his life because he recognized that the king wanted to execute him.*

What did Haman do when the king got up in a rage from the banquet of wine?

Haman remained in order to beg for his life from Esther the queen.

Esther 7:8

ULT	UST
Now when the king returned from the garden of the palace to the house of the banquet of wine, Haman was fallen on the couch on which Esther was. And the king said, "Is it also to subdue the queen with me in the house?" The word was going out from the mouth of the king when they covered the face of Haman.	*As he was pleading for his life, Haman knelt down very close to Esther as she was reclining on a banqueting couch. When the king returned from the palace garden to the room where they had been drinking wine, he saw this. The king exclaimed, "He is even trying to rape the queen in my presence and in my own house!" As soon as the king said this, some of his servants covered Haman's face as a sign that he would be executed.*

After Haman fell on the couch where Esther was, what did the king think Haman was doing?

The king thought Haman was trying to subdue the queen with me. This means that he thought Haman was trying to rape her.

Esther 7:9

ULT	UST
And Harbona, one from the eunuchs before the face of the king, said, "Also, behold, the pole that Haman made for Mordecai, who spoke good for the king, is standing at the house of Haman 50 cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on it."	*Then Harbona, who was one of the guardians who served the king personally, said, "O king! Haman has also set up a pole twenty-five meters high at his house because he wants to hang Mordecai on it. But Mordecai saved your life." The king said, "Hang Haman on it!"*

Where did the king say to hang Haman?

The king said to hang Haman on the tree that Haman made for Mordecai, which was standing at the house of Haman 50 cubits high.

Esther 8

Esther 8:1

ULT	UST
On that day, the king Ahasuerus gave to Esther the queen the house of Haman, the adversary of the Jews. And Mordecai came before the face of the king because Esther told what he was to her.	*That same day, King Ahasuerus gave Queen Esther all the property that had belonged to Haman. He had been the enemy of the Jews. Esther told the king that Mordecai was her cousin and that he had been like a father to her. When he learned that, the king summoned Mordecai to come to him.*

Why did Mordecai begin to serve before the king?

And Mordecai came before the face of the king, because Esther told what he was to her.

Esther 8:2

ULT	UST
And the king removed his signet ring, which he had caused to pass from Haman, and he gave it to Mordecai. And Esther placed Mordecai over the house of Haman.	*When the king sentenced Haman to death, the king took back from Haman the ring that had the king's official seal on it and the king was wearing it again. The king now took the ring off and gave it to Mordecai, to show that Mordecai would have the power to act with the king's authority. Esther also put Mordecai in charge of all the property that had belonged to Haman.*

Why was Mordecai in charge of Haman's estate?

And Esther placed Mordecai over the house of Haman.

Esther 8:4

ULT	UST
And the king held out to Esther the scepter of gold, so Esther rose up and stood before the face of the king.	*The king held out his golden scepter toward Esther, so she got up off the floor and stood facing the king.*

What did the king do so that Esther could arise and stand before him?

And the king held out to Esther the scepter of gold, so Esther rose up and stood before the face of the king.

Esther 8:5

ULT	UST
And she said, "If it is good to the king, and if I have found favor before his face, and the word is proper before the face of the king, and I am good in his eyes, let it be written to bring back the letters, the plot of Haman, the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the provinces of the king.	*Then Esther said, "Your majesty, if you think that it is the right thing to do, and if you are pleased with me, please write a new letter revoking the letters that Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, sent out. His letters said to destroy all the Jews everywhere in your empire.*

What letters had Haman written?

Haman had written letters to destroy the Jews who were in all of the provinces of the king.

Esther 8:8

ULT	UST
So, in the name of the king, you write for the Jews as is good in your eyes, and seal it with the signet ring of the king. For there is none to take back a writing that has been written in the name of the king and has been sealed with the signet ring of the king."	*You also know that no one can revoke a letter that has my name and my official seal on it, such as the letter that Haman wrote. So this is what you should do. Write a new letter to help the Jews, as you think best. I give you permission to put my name on it and to seal the letter with the ring that has my official seal on it."*

Why did Esther need to write another decree for the Jews in the name of the king?

Esther needed to write another decree because there was none to take back a writing that had been written in the name of the king and had been sealed with the signet ring of the king.

Esther 8:9

ULT	UST
And the scribes of the king were called at that time, in the third month, which is the month of Sivan, on the twenty-third of it. And according to all that Mordecai commanded, it was written to the Jews, and to the satraps, and the governors and officials of the provinces that were from India even as far as Ethiopia: 127 provinces, province by province according to its writing, and people by people according to its tongue, and to the Jews according to their writing and according to their tongue.	*So the king sent for his scribes. They came and they wrote a letter saying everything that Mordecai told them to write. They wrote this letter on the twenty-third day of the third month, the month of Sivan, in the twelfth year that Ahasuerus reigned as king of Persia. The letter addressed the Jews in the empire, but they also sent copies of the letter to the royal officials, and to the governors and leaders in each province. The empire of Ahasuerus had 127 provinces, extending all the way from India in the east to Ethiopia in the west. The scribes wrote to people in every province using its own alphabet and to each people group in its own language. They wrote especially to the Jews, in their alphabet and in their own language.*

When were the king's scribes called?

So the scribes of the king were called at that time, in the third month, which is the month of Sivan, on the twenty-third of it.

Esther 8:11

ULT	UST
that the king gave to the Jews who were in every city, city by city: to gather and to stand for their life, to annihilate, and to slaughter, and to destroy any strength of a people or province that would attack them, children and women, and plunder their spoil;	*Each copy of the letter said that the king permits the Jews throughout the empire to join together and to fight to protect themselves. The king's letter also permits them to completely destroy any group of armed men from any people or province who would attack them. The letter also permits them to kill the women and children of those who would attack them, and to take the possessions of the people whom they kill.*

What did the king give the Jews permission to do?

The king gave the Jews in every city the legal right to gather together and defend their lives, to annihilate and to slaughter and to destroy any group of a people or province that would attack them including their women and children and women, and to plunder their spoil.

Esther 8:17

ULT	UST
In every province by province and in every city by city, any place where the word of the king and his law came, there was joy and rejoicing for the Jews, a feast and a good day. And many from the peoples of the land became Jews because dread of the Jews had fallen upon them.	*In every single province and in every single city, wherever the couriers brought the letter announcing the king's decree, the Jews rejoiced greatly and had big celebrations. Many people from other groups in the empire became very afraid of the Jews, so they became Jews themselves.*

Why did many from among the variety of peoples of the land become Jews?

Many from the peoples of the land became Jews because dread of the Jews had fallen upon them.

Esther 9

Esther 9:2

ULT	UST
The Jews assembled themselves in their cities in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus to stretch out a hand against those seeking their evil. But a man did not stand to their face, for sudden fear of them had fallen on all the peoples.	*Throughout the empire, the Jews joined together in their cities to defend themselves against those who wanted to harm them. No one was able to fight back against them because everyone in the empire had become very afraid of them, so no one helped anyone who attacked the Jews.*

Why could no one stand against the Jews?

But a man did not stand to their face, for sudden fear of them had fallen on all the peoples.

Esther 9:5

ULT	UST
And the Jews struck to all their enemies a strike of sword and slaughter and destruction. And they did to those who hated them according to their pleasure.	*On the day when they were allowed to defend themselves, the Jews took their weapons and fought against all of their enemies. The Jews destroyed them completely. They were able to do everything that they wanted to do against their enemies.*

What did the Jews do to their enemies?

And the Jews struck to all their enemies a strike of sword and slaughter and destruction, and they did to those who hated them according to their pleasure.

Esther 9:12

ULT	UST
And the king said to Esther the queen, "In Susa the citadel the Jews have slaughtered and destroyed 500 men, with the ten sons of Haman. In the rest of the provinces of the king, what have they done? Now what is your petition? And it will be given to you. And what is your request? Again, and it will be done."	*So the king said to Queen Esther, "Here in the capital city of Susa the Jews have killed 500 men, including the ten sons of Haman. In the rest of my empire, they must have killed many more than that! So, what else do you want? Tell me, and I will do it for you. I will do whatever you ask, so please tell me what you want."*

Who did the Jews kill?

In Susa the citadel the Jews have slaughtered and destroyed five hundred men, with the ten sons of Haman.

Esther 9:13

ULT	UST
And Esther said, "If it is good to the king, let it be given also tomorrow to the Jews who are in Susa to do according to the law of today, and let the ten sons of Haman hang on the pole."	*Esther replied, "If it seems like a good plan to you, O king, then please allow the Jews who live here in Susa to do again tomorrow what you allowed them to do today. Also, command your servants to hang the bodies of Haman's ten sons on wooden poles."*

What happened to the bodies of Haman's ten sons?

"Let the ten sons of Haman hang on the tree." And the king said for this to be done. And a law was given in Susa, and they hanged the ten sons of Haman.

Esther 9:15

ULT	UST
And the Jews who were in Susa assembled themselves also on day 14 of the month of Adar, and they killed 300 men in Susa. But they did not stretch out their hand to the plunder.	*And so on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar, the Jews who lived in Susa joined together again and killed 300 more men in Susa. But once again they did not take the things that belonged to those men.*

How many men did the Jews kill on the fourteenth day of the month Adar?

So the Jews who were in Susa assembled themselves also on day 14 of the month of Adar, and they killed 300 men in Susa.

Esther 9:17

ULT	UST
On day 13 of the month of Adar, then they rested. On the fourteenth of it, then they made it a day of feasting and rejoicing.	*After defeating their enemies on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar, they rested on the fourteenth day. They devoted the fourteenth day as a day to celebrate joyfully.*

What did the rest of the Jews who were in the provinces of the king do on the fourteenth day of the month Adar?

On the fourteenth day of the month of Adar they made it a day of feasting and rejoicing.

Esther 9:18

ULT	UST
But the Jews who were in Susa assembled themselves on the thirteenth of it and on the fourteenth of it. And they rested on the fifteenth of it, and they made it a day of feasting and rejoicing.	*But the Jews who lived in Susa joined together to fight against their enemies on both the thirteenth and fourteenth days of the month of Adar. They rested on the fifteenth day. They devoted that day to celebrating joyfully.*

Why do the Jews in Susa observe the fifteenth day of the month Adar as a day of gladness and feasting?

But the Jews who were in Susa assembled themselves on the thirteenth of it and on the fourteenth of it. And they rested on the fifteenth of it, and they made it a day of feasting and rejoicing.

Esther 9:19

ULT	UST
Therefore, the Jews, the ones of the open country, the ones who dwell in the cities of the open areas, make day 14 of the month of Adar for rejoicing and for feasting and a good day and for the sending of gifts, a man to his friend.	*That is why the Jews who live in rural villages observe this holiday on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar rather than on the fifteenth day. They do this by celebrating joyfully and by giving gifts to one another.*

What do the Jews of the open country, the ones who dwell in the cities of the open areas, do on day 14 of the month of Adar?

They make day 14 of the month of Adar a day for rejoicing and for feasting and a good day, and for the sending of gifts, a man to his friend.

Esther 9:20-21

How often did Mordecai obligate the Jews to keep the fourteenth and the fifteenth day of Adar?

Mordecai obligated the Jews to keep the fourteenth and fifteenth days of Adar “every year by year,” meaning every single year.

Esther 9:24

ULT	UST
For Haman, the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the adversary of all the Jews, had plotted concerning the Jews to annihilate them. And he had cast a Pur (which is "the lot") to vex them and to destroy them.	*They would celebrate those days to remember how Haman, the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had tried to destroy them. He had thrown a Pur (that is, a lot) to find out what would be the best day to attack the Jews and destroy them completely.*

What does Pur mean?

The name Pur means "the lot."

Esther 9:28

ULT	UST
And these days are remembered and are made in every generation by generation, family by family, province by province, and city by city. And these days of Purim will not pass away from the midst of the Jews, and their remembrance will not come to an end from their seed.	*So that is why every Jewish family in every generation since has celebrated these days as holidays, everywhere they have lived. The Jewish community and its descendants will always faithfully observe this festival of Purim.*

Why would the Jews and their descendants never cease to faithfully observe these days of Purim?

So these days are remembered and are made in every generation by generation, family by family, province by province, and city by city. And these days of Purim will not pass away from the midst of the Jews, and their remembrance will not come to an end from their seed.

Esther 10

Esther 10:1

ULT	UST
And the king Ahasuerus set a tribute on the land and the islands of the sea.	*Then King Ahasuerus imposed a tax on everyone throughout his empire, even on those living on the islands of the sea.*

Where did King Ahasuerus impose a tax?

Then the king Ahasuerus set a tribute on the land and the islands of the sea.

Esther 10:2

ULT	UST
And all the deeds of his power and his might, with the full account of the greatness of Mordecai to which the king had made him great, are they not written in the book of the events of days for the kings of Media and Persia?	*The king's scribes made a record in the royal chronicles of Media and Persia of all the great things that King Ahasuerus accomplished because he was so powerful. They also wrote there in a complete way the great things that Mordecai did because the king had promoted him to a very important position.*

Where were all the achievements of King Ahasuerus' power and might written?

All the deeds of his power and his might, with the full account of the greatness of Mordecai to which the king had made him great, are written in the book of the events of days for the kings of Media and Persia.

Esther 10:3

ULT	UST
For Mordecai the Jew was second to the king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and favored by the multitude of his brothers, seeking good for his people and speaking peace to all its seed.	*Mordecai the Jew was able to do so much because he was the most powerful person in the empire after King Ahasuerus. He was also a leader among his own people. All of his fellow Jews respected him. He worked hard to make sure that the Jews would always prosper.*

What was the rank of Mordecai the Jew?

Mordecai the Jew was second to the King Ahasuerus.

Why was Mordecai great among the Jews and popular with his many Jewish brothers?

For Mordecai the Jew was second to the King Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and favored by the multitude of his brothers, seeking good for his people and speaking peace to all its seed.

Job

Job 1

Job 1:1

ULT	UST
There was a man in the land of Uz. Job was his name, and that man was blameless and righteous, both fearful of God and turning from evil.	*In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. He was a man of complete integrity. He respected God and so he avoided doing evil things.*

How is Job's character described?

He was blameless and righteous and honored God and turned from evil.

Job 1:5

ULT	UST
And it happened that when the days of the feast had gone around, Job sent and consecrated them. He arose early in the morning and offered burnt offerings according to the number of all of them. For Job said, "Perhaps my sons have sinned and blessed God in their hearts." Thus Job did all the days.	*After all of the sons had each held a feast, Job would gather his children together. He would ask Yahweh to cleanse them from any action they might have committed during their feasting that would have made them unacceptable to him. He would get up early in the morning, kill animals, and burn them on the altar as sacrifices, one for each of his children. For Job always said, "Perhaps my children have sinned by saying something evil about God in their thoughts. If they have, I need to ask God to forgive them." Job did this after each time his sons had all hosted feasts.*

After Job's sons held feasts with their brothers and sisters in their houses, what would Job do?

Job would consecrate them to God, offer burnt offerings, and pray for them.

Job 1:8

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to the adversary, "Have you set your heart upon my servant Job? For there is not like him on the earth, a blameless and righteous man, fearful of God and turning from evil."	*Yahweh said to Satan, "Have you noticed Job, who worships me? I mention him because no one else on earth has such complete integrity as he does. He respects me and so he refuses to do anything evil."*

Why did Yahweh say Satan should consider Job?

There was no one like Job on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

Job 1:10

ULT	UST
Have you not put a hedge around him and around his house and around all that is his, from every side? You have blessed the works of his hands, and his cattle have burst forth in the land.	*You have always protected him, his family, and everything he owns. You make him succeed in whatever work he does. As a result, he has built very large herds of livestock.*

How did Satan say Yahweh had protected Job?

He made a hedge around Job, around his house, and around all that he had on every side.

Job 1:11

ULT	UST
However, just stretch out your hand and touch all that is his, if he will not bless you to your face."	*But if you attack what he owns and take it away, he will certainly curse you in front of everyone."*

What did Satan think would cause Job to renounce God?

He said to Job would renounce God if God attacked all Job's possessions.

Job 1:12

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to the adversary, "Behold, all that is his is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." And the adversary went away from the face of Yahweh.	*Yahweh replied to Satan, "All right, I permit you to take away everything that he has. But do not harm him in his own body." Satan agreed and then left Yahweh in order to carry out his attack on Job.*

What did Yahweh give Satan permission to do?

He gave Satan permission to take everything from Job, but not to lay a hand on his person.

Job 1:14-15

What did the messenger tell Job the Sabeans had done to him?

They killed all Job's servants in the field and took away all the oxen and donkeys.

Job 1:16

ULT	UST
That one was still speaking and another came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and only I alone have escaped to tell you."	*While he was still talking to Job, another messenger arrived. He said to Job, "Lightning from the sky struck and killed all the sheep and all the men who were taking care of them! I am the only one who has escaped to come and tell you what happened."*

What did the second messenger tell Job had happened to his sheep?

The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned them up along with the servants.

Job 1:17

ULT	UST
That one was still speaking and another came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three groups and rushed against the camels and took them, and they struck the servants with the edge of the sword, and only I alone have escaped to tell you."	*While he was still talking to Job, a third messenger arrived. He said to Job, "Three groups of robbers from the region of Chaldea came and attacked us. They stole all the camels and killed all the men who were taking care of them. I am the only one who has escaped to come and tell you what happened."*

What did the third messenger tell Job had happened to his camels?

Three groups of robbers came and attacked them. They stole all the camels and killed all the men that were caring for them.

Job 1:18-19

What news did the fourth messenger bring to Job?

Job's sons and daughters were feasting in their brother's home when a great wind came and struck the house, which collapsed on them and killed them.

Job 1:20

ULT	UST
And Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell to the ground and prostrated himself.	*Then Job stood up and tore his robe and shaved his head because he was very sad. Then he lay down on the ground to worship God.*

What did Job do after he got all these messages?

Job tore his robe, shaved his head, lay facedown on the ground, and worshiped God.

Job 1:21

ULT	UST
And he said, "Naked I came from the womb of my mother, and naked I will return there. Yahweh gave, and Yahweh has taken. May the name of Yahweh be blessed."	*He said, "When I was born, I was wearing no clothes. When I die, I will not take any clothes with me. It is Yahweh who gave me everything that I possessed, and it is Yahweh who has taken it all away. I find no fault with Yahweh."*

What did Job say about his condition after these events?

He said he came naked from his mother's womb, and he would return naked.

What did Job say that Yahweh had done to him?

Yahweh gave, and Yahweh has taken away.

Job 1:22

ULT	UST
In all of this, Job did not sin and he did not ascribe impropriety to God.	*So in spite of all the things that had happened to him, Job did not sin by saying that what God had done was wrong.*

How did Job show that he was not a foolish man?

Job did not sin, nor did he foolishly accuse God.

Job 2

Job 2:1

ULT	UST
And it was the day, and the sons of God came to present themselves to Yahweh, and the adversary also came in their midst to present himself to Yahweh.	*On another day, the angels came again and gathered together in front of Yahweh. Satan also came again.*

Who came with the sons of God when they presented themselves before Yahweh?

Satan also came and presented himself.

Job 2:2

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to the adversary, "From where have you come?" And the adversary answered Yahweh and said, "From wandering on the earth and from going back and forth on it."	*Yahweh asked Satan, "Where have you come from this time?" Satan replied, "I have come from the earth, where I was traveling around to see what was happening."*

What did Satan tell Yahweh that he had been doing?

He said he was going to and fro on the earth, and walking back and forth on it.

Job 2:3

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to the adversary, "Have you set your heart on my servant Job? For there is not like him on the earth, a blameless and righteous man, fearful of God and turning from evil. And still he is holding firmly to his integrity, although you incited me against him, to devour him for nothing."	*Yahweh asked Satan, "Have you noticed that Job continues to worship me? I mention him again because no one else on earth has such complete integrity as he does. He respects me, and so he refuses to do anything evil. He still does this even though you persuaded me to permit you to attack him for no reason."*

How did Yahweh say that Job continued to do after Satan's attacks?

Job held fast to his integrity.

Job 2:5

ULT	UST
However, just stretch out your hand and touch upon his bones and upon his flesh, if he will not bless you to your face."	*But if you harm his body, he will certainly curse you in front of everyone!"*

What does Satan want to do to Job now so that Job will curse God?

Satan wants to touch Job's bones and his body to hurt him.

Job 2:7

ULT	UST
And the adversary went away from the face of Yahweh, and he struck Job with bad boils from the sole of his foot to his pate.	*Satan agreed and he left. He went and caused Job to suffer from very painful boils all over his body.*

How did Satan afflict Job's body?

He afflicted Job with severe boils from the sole of his foot to the top of his head.

Job 2:8

ULT	UST
And he took for himself a shard to scrape himself with it, and he was sitting in the midst of the ash pile.	*Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped the boils on his skin. He sat down in a pile of ashes outside the city.*

What did Job do to deal with the pain of his affliction?

He took a potshard and scraped himself as he sat in ashes.

Job 2:9

ULT	UST
And his wife said to him, "Are you still holding firmly to your integrity? Bless God and die."	*His wife said to him, "You should not still be loyal to God! You should curse God and then go ahead and die."*

What did Job's wife want him to do?

Job's wife wanted him to curse God and die.

Job 2:10

ULT	UST
But he said to her, “Like the speaking of the foolish one, you are speaking. Indeed, will we receive the good from God and not receive the bad?” In all of this, Job did not sin with his lips.	*But Job replied, “You are talking the way people talk who do not know God. We should be willing to receive whatever God sends us.” So in spite of all the things that had happened to him, Job did not sin by saying that what God had done was wrong.*

What accusation did Job make to his wife?

He accused her of thinking they should receive good at the hand of God but not evil.

Job 2:11

ULT	UST
And the three friends of Job heard that all this evil had come on him, and they each came from his place, Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, and they gathered together to come to sympathize with him and to comfort him.	*Job had some good and wise friends. One of them was Eliphaz from the town of Teman. Another was Bildad, who was a Shuhite. A third friend was Zophar from the town of Naamah. These men heard about the terrible things that had happened to Job. So they each left their homes and went together to visit Job to comfort him sincerely.*

What did Job’s three friends do when they heard what happened to Job?

They came to mourn with him and comfort him.

Job 2:12-13

How did the three friends of Job show their grief when they saw him?

They raised their voices and wept, tore their robes, threw dust on their heads, and sat on the ground in silence for seven days and nights.

Job 3

Job 3:1-3

What did Job say about the day he was born?

He cursed the day he was born and asked that it would perish.

Job 3:5

ULT	UST
May darkness and a dark shadow claim it; may a cloud dwell over it; may the blacknesses of the day terrify it.	*I wish that that day were only darkness, with clouds blocking out the sunlight and many other things also making it very dark.*

What does Job want to claim the day he was born?

He wants that day to be claimed by darkness and the shadow of death.

Job 3:6

ULT	UST
That night—may gloom take it! May it not rejoice among the days of the year; into the number of the months may it not come.	*I wish that the moon and stars would not shine on the night when my mother conceived me. I wish that the day of my birth was not part of any month. Indeed, I wish that it was not a day in the year at all.*

What does Job want to seize the night he was conceived?

Job wants that night to be seized by gloom.

Job 3:11

ULT	UST
Why did I not die from the womb, come out of the belly and expire?	*I wish that I had died right after my mother gave birth to me! I wish I had stopped breathing after being alive for only a short time!*

What did Job wish had happened when he came out of the womb?

He wishes he had died at birth.

Job 3:13-14

What does Job say he would be doing now if he had died at birth?

He would be sleeping and at rest with kings and counselors of the earth.

Job 3:18-19

From what are prisoners and servants released in death?

The prisoner is released from the voice of the slave driver, and the servant is free from his master.

Job 3:21

ULT	UST
the ones longing for death, but it is not to them, and they dig for it more than for hidden treasure,	*They long to die, but they do not die. They desire to die more than people desire to find buried treasure.*

To whom does Job say that death will not come?

It does not come to the one who longs for death and who searches for it more than those who search for hidden treasure.

Job 3:24

ULT	UST
For my sighing comes before my food, my groaning flows out like waters.	*I am wishing that I were dead because now I cry so much that I cannot eat. I just keep groaning loudly.*

How does Job describe his groaning?

His groaning flows out like water.

Job 3:26

ULT	UST
I have not relaxed, and I have not reposed, and I have not rested, but trouble comes."	*I really have no peace of mind at all. My troubles keep disturbing me."*

What are the things that troubles have replaced in Job's life?

He cannot be at ease or quiet and has no rest.

Job 4

Job 4:3

ULT	UST
Behold, you have instructed many, you have strengthened weak hands.	*You yourself have given good advice to many people. You have encouraged people who were discouraged.*

What good things does Eliphaz say Job has done for others?

Job had instructed many and strengthened weak hands.

Job 4:6

ULT	UST
Is not your fear your confidence, your hope, even the integrity of your ways?	*You should be confident because you honor God. You should be hopeful because you conduct yourself with integrity.*

What does Eliphaz say is Job's confidence and hope in time of trouble?

Job's fear of God is his confidence, and the integrity of his ways is his hope.

Job 4:8-9

Who perishes by the breath of God and his anger?

Those who plow misery and sow trouble perish and cease to exist.

Job 4:10

ULT	UST
The roar of the lion! The voice of the fierce lion! But the teeth of the young lions are broken.	*Wicked people may boast and threaten, but God destroys them.*

What does Eliphaz says is broken?

The teeth of young lions are broken.

Job 4:12-13

How did Eliphaz secretly receive a certain message?

He heard a whisper in his ear and saw visions in the night.

Job 4:14

ULT	UST
fear happened to me, and trembling, and it frightened all my bones.	*I was so scared that I started to shake all over.*

What came upon Eliphaz when he received the message?

Fear and trembling came on him.

Job 4:17

ULT	UST
'Will a man be more righteous than God? If a man will be more pure than his Maker?'	*'No human being can be more righteous than God. No person can be better than his Creator.*

What did the voice ask about mortal men?

It asked if a mortal man can be more righteous than God, more pure than his Maker.

Job 4:19

ULT	UST
How much less dwellers in houses of clay that have their foundation in the dust! They crumble them before a moth!	*So God is even more careful to discipline human beings, knowing how very frail they are.*

How does Eliphaz describe mortal men?

They live in houses of clay with their foundation in the dust, and they are crushed sooner than a moth.

Job 5

Job 5:2

ULT	UST
For indignation kills the foolish, and resentment kills the one being simple.	*People who do not respect God get angry with God instead of considering how they have sinned. Naïve people resent God when they do not get what they think they deserve. Their anger and resentment lead them to disobey God, so that God punishes them severely and even kills them. So respect God and do not be naïve!*

What does Eliphaz say will happen to a foolish and simple man?

Indignation kills the foolish man, and resentment kills the simple one.

Job 5:4

ULT	UST
His children are far from safety, and they are crushed at the gate, and there is none rescuing them,	*Their children are never safe. They always lose to their opponents in court because no one defends them.*

What happens to the children of the foolish person in the city gate?

They are unsafe, they are crushed in the gate and are not rescued.

Job 5:7

ULT	UST
For man is born to trouble, and sons of the flame soar to fly.	*No, people cause trouble for themselves throughout their lives. This is as certain as the fact that sparks shoot up from a fire.*

From where does trouble really come?

All his life, man makes his own trouble.

Job 5:10

ULT	UST
the one giving rain on the face of the earth and sending waters on the face of the fields,	*God is the one who sends rain onto the earth so that it waters our fields.*

What does God give to the earth and the fields?

He gives rain on the earth and sends water on the fields.

Job 5:12

ULT	UST
frustrating the plans of the crafty, and their hands do not accomplish an initiative,	*God keeps devious people from being able to do what they plan.*

What does God do the schemes of crafty people?

He frustrates their schemes so that their hands cannot carry out their plots.

Job 5:15

ULT	UST
But he saves the poor from the sword in their mouths and from the hand of the mighty.	*When powerful people threaten or accuse weak people, God rescues the weak people. He keeps the powerful people from harming them.*

From what does God save the needy and poor person?

He saves the poor person from the threats and accusations of the mighty and saves the needy person from harm by the mighty people.

Job 5:18

ULT	UST
For he injures and binds up, he wounds and his hands heal.	*You should be thankful because God allows people to suffer in order to correct them and then he restores them.*

Why is the man happy whom God corrects and chastens?

He is happy because the wounds, God binds up wounds, and his hands heal.

Job 5:22

ULT	UST
You will laugh at destruction and at famine, and you will not fear the beast of the earth.	*You will not worry about things like that or about not having enough to eat. You will not be afraid that wild animals will hurt you,*

At what will the man whom God corrects laugh?

He will laugh at destruction and famine.

Job 5:24

ULT	UST
You will know that your tent is in peace; you will visit your sheepfold and you will not miss anything.	*You will know that things will go well for you in your home. When you check on your animals, you will see that they are all there.*

What will the man whom God corrects find when he visits his sheepfold?

He will find that nothing will be missing.

Job 5:26

ULT	UST
You will come to the grave in old age, like the lifting of a stack of grain in its time.	*You will live a long life, like grain that grows to become fully ripe before it is harvested.*

How long will the man whom God corrects live?

He will come to his grave at a full age.

Job 6

Job 6:2-3

How does Job describe his anguish and his calamity?

If his anguish and calamity were weighed, they would be heavier than the sand of the seas.

Job 6:4

ULT	UST
For the arrows of the Almighty are in me, whose poison my spirit is drinking; the terrors of God array themselves against me.	*It is as if Almighty God had shot me with arrows. It is as if those arrows had poison on their tips and that poison had gone into my spirit. The things that God has done to me are like soldiers lined up to attack me.*

What has the Almighty done to Job with his arrows?

His arrows are in Job, and Job's spirit drinks up the poison.

Job 6:6

ULT	UST
Will the unsavory be eaten without salt? If there is taste in the white of an egg?	*People use salt to help them eat food that has little taste. People do that with the white of an egg, for example. I have been saying how I feel in order to help me deal with my situation.*

What food does Job say has no taste?

He says the white of an egg does not have any taste.

Job 6:8-9

What one request does Job long for God to grant him?

He wants God to crush him and cut him loose from his life.

Job 6:10

ULT	UST
Yet may it still be my consolation— indeed, let me exult in pain, may he not spare— that I have not concealed the sayings of the Holy One.	*If he did that, I would be comforted: I would know that in spite of the unrelenting pain I had suffered, I would still always have obeyed God's commands.*

What is Job's consolation?

His consolation is that he has not have denied the words of the Holy One.

Job 6:13

ULT	UST
If my help is not in me, and initiative has been taken away from me?	*I am no longer able to help myself. My troubles are keeping me from doing that.*

What has been taken away from Job?

Initiative has been taken away from him.

Job 6:14

ULT	UST
To the despairing, covenant faithfulness from his friend, and the fear of the Almighty he forsakes.	*When a man has many troubles, his friends should be kind to him, even if he stops honoring Almighty God.*

To whom should a friend show faithfulness?

A friend should show faithfulness to the despairing person.

Job 6:15-17

How does Job compare his brothers to a desert streambed?

They have dealt treacherously like a wadi: they disappear in the dry season.

Job 6:18-20

What happened to the caravans when they looked for water in these streams?

They wandered into barren land and then perished. They were disappointed and deceived.

Job 6:21

ULT	UST
For now you are nothing; you see a terror and you fear.	*Similarly, you three have not helped me at all! You have seen that terrible things have happened to me, and you are not helping me, because you are afraid that God might do similar things to you.*

Why were Job's friends nothing to him?

They saw his dreadful situation and were afraid, so they did not help him.

Job 6:24

ULT	UST
Teach me, and I will be silent, and how I have strayed, make me understand.	*Answer me now, and then I will be quiet; tell me what wrong things I have done!*

What does Job say he will do if his friends would teach him?

He will be silent.

Job 6:26

ULT	UST
Do you think to correct my words, and to the wind the words of one despairing?	*I am a man who has nothing to hope for, but you try to correct me, and you think what I say is as useless as the wind!*

What does Job say his friends plan to do with his words?

They plan to correct his words and ignore what he has said.

Job 6:29

ULT	UST
Please turn, let injustice not be; yes, turn, my righteousness is yet in it.	*Please stop saying that I have sinned! Stop criticizing me unfairly! You should realize that I have not done anything wrong.*

Why does Job say his friends should relent in their attacks on him?

Job’s cause is just.

Job 7

Job 7:2-3

To what does Job compare his months of misery and trouble-filled nights?

He compares them to a slave desiring relief from heat, or a hired man looking for his wages.

Job 7:5

ULT	UST
My flesh wears the worm and the clod of dust; my skin breaks and festers.	*My body is covered with maggots and dirt; pus oozes out of my open sores.*

What covers Job's flesh?

Worms and clods of dust, open sores and infection cover his flesh.

Job 7:6

ULT	UST
My days are swifter than a shuttle, and they end without hope.	*I am running out of days faster than a shuttle releases yarn into a loom, and I have no reason to hope that my life will end well.*

What image does Job use to describe the speed of his days?

His days pass more swiftly than a weaver's shuttle.

Job 7:9

ULT	UST
A cloud disappears and goes away; so the one descending to Sheol does not ascend.	*Just as a cloud never appears in the sky again once it fades, so when people die and go to the place where dead people are, they never return to earth.*

To what does Job compare the man who goes down to Sheol?

He is like a cloud that is consumed and vanishes away.

Job 7:11

ULT	UST
Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the distress of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.	*So I will say everything I want to say. I will speak because I am so upset. I will complain because I am so bitter.*

In what way will Job speak and complain?

He will speak in the anguish of his spirit and complain in the bitterness of his soul.

Job 7:14

ULT	UST
then you scare me with dreams and you terrify me through visions,	*But then you make me have terrible nightmares!*

What does God do to Job when Job goes to bed?

God scares him with dreams and terrifies him through visions.

Job 7:16

ULT	UST
I loathe; I will not live forever. Cease from me, for my days are vapor.	*I hate being alive and suffering so much! I do not want to live any longer! Stop afflicting me, because I will only be alive for a short time.*

Why did Job want God to leave him alone?

Job said his days are useless.

Job 7:19

ULT	UST
For how long will you not look away from me? Will you not slacken until I swallow my saliva?	*I wish you would stop watching me and leave me alone for at least a little while!*

What does Job ask God to let him alone long enough to do?

He asks to be left alone long enough to swallow his own saliva.

Job 7:21

ULT	UST
Why will you not pardon my transgression and take away my iniquity? For now I will lie down in the dust, and you will seek me diligently, but I will not exist."	*If I have done wrong things, you could just forgive me. I am going to die soon. When I do, then if you decide you want us to be friends, it will be too late, because I will be dead."*

What does Job think God will not do?

Job thinks God will not pardon his transgression and take away his iniquity.

Job 8

Job 8:2

ULT	UST
“Until when will you say these things, and the words of your mouth be a mighty wind?	*“Job, you should not continue to talk like this. You are saying a lot of things, but they are not sensible.*

To what did Bildad compare the words of Job’s mouth?

He compared them to a mighty wind.

Job 8:4

ULT	UST
If your children sinned against him, then he put them in the hand of their sins.	*Your children sinned against God. This is evident, because God has punished them for the evil things they did.*

How did Bildad say he knew that Job’s children sinned?

He said he knew this because God had punished them for their sins.

Job 8:6

ULT	UST
if you are pure and upright, surely now he will rouse himself for you and restore the habitation of your righteousness.	*If you are genuinely good, then God will certainly do something good for you. He will give you back the abundant prosperity that good people have.*

How does Bildad say that God would bless Job if Job were pure and upright?

God would reward Job by restoring his former home and wealth.

Job 8:9

ULT	UST
For we are of yesterday and we do not know, for our days on earth are a shadow.	*I advise you to consider the wisdom of our ancestors because we have only been alive for a short time and we know very little. This is because our time here on the earth is very short, like a shadow that appears briefly and then goes away.*

To what does Bildad compare our days on earth?

He says they are a shadow.

Job 8:11

ULT	UST
Does papyrus grow without a marsh? Does a reed grow without waters?	*Papyrus certainly does not grow away from marshland. No, reeds certainly cannot grow where there is no water.*

What do papyrus and reeds require in order to grow?

Papyrus requires a marsh, and reeds need water to grow.

Job 8:14

ULT	UST
whose confidence snaps and whose trust is the house of a spider.	*Godless people confidently expect good things to happen to them, but those things do not happen. Godless people trust certain other people to help them, but those others prove unreliable.*

To what does Bildad compare the trust of godless men?

Their trust is as fragile as a spider’s web.

Job 8:17

ULT	UST
Its roots are wrapped around a heap; it looks for a house of rocks.	*Godless people are like plants whose roots once twisted securely around piles of stones and clung tightly to rocks.*

What do the roots do that represent a person that forgets God?

The roots are wrapped around heaps of stone and look for good places among the rocks.

Job 8:20

ULT	UST
Behold, God will not reject the innocent, but he will not hold the hand of evildoers.	*So I tell you, Job, that God will help you if you do what is right. But God will not help you if you do what is wrong.*

How does God treat the innocent man and the evildoers differently?

He will not cast away an innocent man, but will not take the hand of evildoers.

Job 8:21

ULT	UST
He will yet fill your mouth with laughter, your lips with shouting.	*God can still make you happy, yes, very happy.*

With what will God fill the mouth and lips of the innocent man?

He will fill his mouth with laughter and his lips with shouting.

Job 9

Job 9:3

ULT	UST
If he desires to contend with him, he will not answer him one from a thousand.	*If someone wanted to argue with God about that, God would ask him many questions and that person would not be able to answer any of them!*

What would happen is a man tried to argue with God?

The man could not answer God once in a thousand times.

Job 9:5

ULT	UST
the one removing mountains and they do not know, who in his nose overturns them;	*God moves mountains in earthquakes without anyone knowing in advance what he is going to do. God knocks down mountains when he is angry.*

What does God do to the mountains when he is angry?

He removes the mountains without warning and overturns them.

Job 9:8

ULT	UST
stretching out the heavens by himself and treading on the waves of the sea;	*God created the sky all by himself. God defeated the forces of chaos so that he could make an orderly universe.*

What does God trample down?

He tramples down and subdues the waves of the sea.

Job 9:11

ULT	UST
Behold, he goes by me, but I do not see, and he passes, but I do not perceive him.	*If God passed by where I was, I would not be able to see him. Yes, he might be going by, but I would not notice him.*

Does Job see God when he passes by?

God goes by him and Job does not see or perceive him.

Job 9:15

ULT	UST
whom, if I were righteous, I would not answer; I would plead to my judge for mercy.	*Even if I were innocent, I would not be able to argue a case against him. All I could do would be to ask God, as my judge, to be merciful to me.*

Even if Job were righteous, how would he need to address God?

Job could not answer him, but could only plead for mercy.

Job 9:17

ULT	UST
who would break me with a tempest and multiply my wounds for nothing.	*He keeps causing troubles that batter me. He hurts me many times for no good reason.*

Why does Job believe God has multiple his wounds?

Job believed God multiplied his wounds without cause.

Job 9:20

ULT	UST
If I were righteous, my mouth would condemn me; if I were blameless, yet it would convict me.	*Even though I was innocent, he would find grounds in what I said to punish me. Even though I had not done anything wrong, he would still decide, based on what I said, that I was guilty.*

Is it possible for Job to be righteous and perfect?

No, even then, his mouth would condemn him and prove him guilty.

Job 9:22

ULT	UST
It is one; therefore I have said, 'The blameless and the wicked, he is destroying.'	*God punishes everyone the same way. As I have been saying, God destroys everyone whether they have done wrong or not.*

Does Job think God treats righteous and wicked people differently?

He says God destroys both perfect people and wicked people together.

Job 9:25-26

To what three things does Job compare the speed of his days?

They are swifter than a running messenger, they are as fast as reed boats, and as fast as the swooping eagle.

Job 9:27-29

Why did Job say it would be in vain to forget about his complaints?

God would not consider him innocent, but Job would be condemned.

Job 9:33

ULT	UST
There would be no judge between us who would lay his hand upon the two of us,	*There is no one to mediate, no one who has authority over both of us.*

What does Job say that no judge would be able to do?

No judge would lay his hand on both Job and God.

Job 9:34

ULT	UST
who would turn from upon me his rod, and his terror, may it not frighten me.	*There is no one who could keep God from causing me to suffer, who could keep God from doing terrifying things that frighten me.*

What does Job say no other judge could do?

There is no other judge who can take God’s rod from Job, or keep God’s terror from frightening Job.

Job 10

Job 10:2

ULT	UST
I will say to God, ‘Do not condemn me; cause me to know for what you are accusing me.	*I will say to God, ‘If you are going to punish me, you should tell me what I have done wrong!’*

Why does Job want God to show him instead of merely condemning him?

He wants God to show Job why he accuses him.

Job 10:4

ULT	UST
Are eyes of flesh to you? If you see according to the seeing of a man?	*Certainly you know and understand more than what people can see with their eyes! So you should understand my true motives and know that I am innocent.*

What kind of eyes does Job ask God if he has?

Job asks him if he has eyes of flesh and sees like a man sees.

Job 10:6

ULT	UST
that you seek for my iniquity and for my sin you search,	*So you do not need to act as if you would run out of time if you did not discover all of my sins right away!*

For what does Job say that God seeks and searches?

God inquires after Job’s iniquity and searches after his sin.

Job 10:8

ULT	UST
Your hands formed me and made me entirely round about, yet you are destroying me.	*You personally created every single part of me. So it is not right for you to destroy someone whom you created yourself.*

What had God's hands done for Job?

They had framed and fashioned Job, yet they are destroying him.

Job 10:11

ULT	UST
You have clothed me with skin and flesh and you have knit me together with bones and tendons.	*You attached my bones together with tendons, and then you covered them with flesh inside my skin.*

With what did God clothe Job?

He clothed him with skin and flesh.

Job 10:12

ULT	UST
You made life and covenant faithfulness alongside me, and your visitation has guarded my spirit.	*You are the one who made me alive. It seemed that you were faithfully taking care of me. It seemed that you were protecting me.*

What has God granted to Job?

God granted him life and covenant faithfulness.

Job 10:14

ULT	UST
If I sinned, then you would notice me, and you would not acquit me of my iniquity.	*You were watching me to see if I would sin so that you could punish me for sinning.*

What would God do if Job sinned?

God will notice his sin, and not acquit him of his iniquity.

Job 10:16

ULT	UST
And should it arise, you would stalk me like a lion, and you would return, you would distinguish yourself against me.	*If I did act like the good man that I am, you would conclude that you should punish me further and you would hunt for me the way a lion hunts for some animal to kill. When you caught me, you would do even more things to harm me greatly.*

What would God do to Job if Job's head were lifted up?

God would hunt him down like a lion.

Job 10:17

ULT	UST
You would renew your witnesses against me and you would increase your anger against me; changes and an army are with me.	*You would claim that I had committed even more sins. You would become even more angry with me. You would keep punishing me in new ways.*

Who would God bring against Job?

God would bring new witnesses against him.

Job 10:18

ULT	UST
So why did you bring me out from the womb? Would that I had expired and an eye had not seen me!	*God, you should not have allowed my mother to give birth to me! I wish that I had died at birth! Yes, I wish that my parents had never shown me to anyone.*

What does Job wish had happened to him?

He wishes he had died and that no eye had ever seen him.

Job 10:21

ULT	UST
Before I go—and do not return— to the land of darkness and deep darkness,	*Let me have some peace now because soon I will go to the place from which I will never return. In that place where dead people go it is always gloomy. Yes, it is very dark.*

Where is Job going, from which he will not return?

He is going to the land of darkness.

Job 11

Job 11:3

ULT	UST
Will your boastings make people silent? Or will you mock and no one is shaming?	*You have boasted that you are innocent, and I need to talk back in response. You have said disrespectful things about God. I need to tell you that you should be ashamed!*

What did Zophar think Job had done to their teaching?

He thought Job had mocked his friends' teaching.

Job 11:6

ULT	UST
and declare to you the secrets of wisdom? For it is double to understanding. And know that God is forgetting for you some of your iniquity.	*If only God would tell you the secrets that he knows because he is so wise! You need to realize that God knows far more than you do. If you could understand as God does, you would realize that God is punishing you less than you deserve!*

What does Zophar say that God has demanded from Job?

He said God has demanded less from Job than his iniquity deserved.

Job 11:7-9

Does Zophar think that Job could possibly understand God?

Zophar thinks that it is impossible because God is as high as the heavens, deeper than Sheol, longer than the earth, and wider than the sea.

Job 11:10-11

Does Zophar think that it is possible for anyone to stop God?

It is impossible to stop God because he knows false people and punishes iniquity.

Job 11:12

ULT	UST
But an empty man will get a heart and the colt of a wild donkey will be born to a man.	*Some people simply have no understanding. They will become wise when humans start having wild donkeys as babies—that is, never!*

When does Zophar say foolish people will have understanding?

They will have understanding when the colt of a wild donkey will be born to a man, meaning never!

Job 11:16

ULT	UST
for you will forget trouble; as waters pass by, you will remember it.	*You will not be afraid, because you will forget all the bad things that happened to you. They will all be gone, like the water that flows away down a river.*

What does Zophar say would happen to Job's misery if he truly puts away his iniquity?

Job would forget his misery and remember it only like waters that have flowed away.

Job 11:18

ULT	UST
You will be confident, because there is hope, and you will look around, you will lie down in safety.	*You will feel safe because you will be confident that good things will happen to you. You will think about your life and realize that you can go to bed and sleep peacefully.*

Why would Job be secure if he put away his iniquity?

He would be secure because there would be hope.

Job 11:20

ULT	UST
But the eyes of the wicked will fail, and escape will perish from them, and their hope will be an expiration of breath."	*But God will punish wicked people by making them die. They will not be able to escape from God's punishment. They will hope to live, but they will die anyway."*

What does Zophar say will be the hope of wicked people?

He says that their hope will be an expiration of breath, meaning that they can only hope to die.

Job 12

Job 12:3

ULT	UST
A heart is also to me, like you. I am not falling below you. And with whom are not such things as these?	*But I have as much good sense as you do. I am just as wise as you are. People certainly know, in general, the things that you have said.*

How does Job compare himself to his friends?

He says he also has understanding and is not inferior to them.

Job 12:4

ULT	UST
I, the one calling on God and he answered him, have become laughter to his neighbor: just, blameless—laughter!	*Before, when I prayed to God for help, God would help me. But now, because God is not helping me in my suffering, other people laugh at me. I am righteous and I honor God, but they laugh at me!*

What do Job's neighbors think of him now?

They laugh at him.

Job 12:7-8

Who does Job think could teach his friends?

The beasts, the birds, the earth, and the fish of the sea could teach his friends.

Job 12:9

ULT	UST
Which of all these does not know that the hand of Yahweh has done this?—	*All of them certainly know that it is Yahweh himself who has caused me to suffer.*

What do all of the animals know?

They know that the hand of Yahweh has given them life.

Job 12:12

ULT	UST
With the aged is wisdom, and in length of days is understanding.	*Older people have usually become wise. Because they have lived a long time, they have learned many things.*

What does Job say about aged men and understanding?

Wisdom and understanding come as people grow old.

Job 12:15

ULT	UST
Behold, he withholds the waters and they dry up, and he sends them out and they overthrow the land.	*Yes, God is so powerful that if he prevents rain from falling, then the water on the earth dries up. If God causes a lot of rain to fall, then water floods onto the land.*

What does God do with the waters?

He with holds them and they dry up, and he sends them out and they overwhelm the land.

Job 12:18

ULT	UST
He removes the bond of kings and he wraps a cloth around their loins,	*God can take away the ruling authority that kings have and make those kings become slaves instead.*

What does God take from kings?

He takes off the chain of authority from them.

Job 12:20

ULT	UST
the one removing the lip that is to the ones being trusted, and the discernment of the elders he takes away;	*God can cause trusted counselors not to know what to say, and he can cause wise elders no longer to have good sense.*

What does Job say about what God does to the trustworthy and the elders?

He can remove the speech of the trustworthy and take away the understanding of elders.

Job 12:23

ULT	UST
the one magnifying nations, and he destroys them; the one enlarging nations, and he exiles them;	*God causes some nations to become very great, but later he destroys them. God enables some nations to enlarge their territory greatly, but later he allows others to conquer them and take their people away as prisoners.*

What does Job say about God does to nations?

He makes them strong or destroys them, and enlarges them or leads them along as prisoners.

Job 12:24

ULT	UST
the one removing a heart from the leaders of the people of the earth, and he causes them to wander in a wasteland with no path.	*He causes some human rulers to become foolish. As a result, they try one thing after another without success, as if they were lost in a desert without roads.*

What happens to the leaders of the people of the earth when God takes away their understanding?

He causes them to wander in a wilderness where there is no path.

Job 13

Job 13:2

ULT	UST
As you know, I also know. I am not falling below you.	*I know everything that you know. I do not know less than you do.*

How does Job say his knowledge compares to that of his friends?

Job says that he knows the same as they know, and he is not inferior to them.

Job 13:3

ULT	UST
But I will speak with the Almighty, and to plead with God I desire.	*But I would like to speak with Almighty God, not with you. I would like to convince him that I am innocent.*

Who would Job like to talk to instead of his friends and why?

He would rather speak to the Almighty because Job wants to reason with God.

Job 13:5

ULT	UST
Who will give that being silent, you will be silent? And it will be to you for wisdom.	*I wish that you would just stop talking. Then you would really seem to be wise!*

What does Job say about wanting his friends to be silent?

He says that the silence of his friends would be wisdom.

Job 13:6

ULT	UST
Please hear my reasoning and heed the pleadings of my lips.	*Please pay attention to what I am telling you!*

What does Job want his friends to hear?

He wants them to listen to his reasoning and the pleading of his lips.

Job 13:10

ULT	UST
Reproving, he would reprove you if in secret you were lifting faces.	*God would certainly rebuke you when he discovered that you were pretending to be fair but were actually being unfair.*

Would God approve if Job's friends were showing favoritism?

No, he would strongly reprove them if they showed favoritism.

Job 13:12

ULT	UST
Your maxims are proverbs of ashes; your defenses are defenses of clay.	*You are quoting traditional sayings, but they have no value in my situation. Your arguments in support of your position are very easy for someone to refute.*

What does Job think about his friends' sayings and defenses?

He says their sayings are proverbs made of ashes, and their defenses are made of clay.

Job 13:13

ULT	UST
Be silent from me and let me speak, and let come upon me what will.	*So stop talking to me. Allow me to speak. I do not care what God does to me as a result of what I say.*

What does Job ask his friends to do so that he may speak?

Job asks them to hold their peace and let him speak.

Job 13:16

ULT	UST
Even this will be for salvation to me: that the godless will not enter to his face.	*I believe that arguing a case against God will actually help convince God that I am innocent. After all, no wicked person would dare to approach God personally."*

Why does Job think that he would be acquitted?

He does not come before God like a godless man.

Job 13:18

ULT	UST
Behold now, I have prepared my defense; I know that I am righteous.	*Please pay careful attention because I will be defending myself by telling you things I have thought carefully about. I have examined myself, and I am convinced that I am innocent.*

What has Job set in order?

He has set his defense in order.

Job 13:21

ULT	UST
Withdraw your hand from upon me, and with your fear do not terrify me.	*The first thing I ask is that you stop punishing me. The second thing I ask is that you stop scaring me.*

What does Job want God to withdraw from him?

Job wants God to withdraw his oppressive hand from Job and stop terrifying him.

Job 13:24

ULT	UST
Why do you hide your face and consider me an enemy to you?	*I do not understand why you are avoiding me. I do not understand why you are treating me like your enemy.*

Who does God treat Job like?

He treats Job like his enemy.

Job 13:28

ULT	UST
And he decays like a rotten thing, like a garment—a moth has eaten it.	*But you do not need to watch me so closely. I am a mere human being with a body that is as fragile as rotten wood that is falling apart, as fragile a piece of cloth that the larvae of moths are eating.*

What useless things does Job say he is like?

He is like a rotten thing that wastes away, like a garment that moths have eaten.

Job 14

Job 14:2

ULT	UST
Like a flower, he comes forth and withers, and like a shadow, he flees and does not stand.	*People live brief lives, like flowers that appear quickly but then wither and fall to the ground. Yes, people's lives are temporary, like shadows that appear only for a short time.*

How does Job say man is like a flower?

Man sprouts from the ground like a flower, and then withers.

Job 14:5

ULT	UST
Since his days are determined, the number of his months is with you; you have set his limit and he will not pass it,	*You have decided how many days each human life will last. Yes, you have decided how many months each person will live. No one can live any longer than the time you have decided. Because this is true,*

Who decides the lifespan of man?

God has determined his days and the number of his months.

Job 14:7

ULT	UST
For there is hope for a tree if it is cut down, that it will sprout again and its stalk will not cease.	*Now even after people cut a tree down, it is possible for it to start growing again and make new branches.*

What does Job say about a tree that has been cut down?

There can be hope for a tree that has been cut down, for it can sprout again.

Job 14:12

ULT	UST
and a man lies down and does not arise. Until the heavens are no more, they will not awake and they will not be roused from their sleep.	*so people die and do not become alive again. Until the heavens do not exist any longer, people who die will not come back to life. No, no one will be able to make them alive again.*

Does Job say a man can live again?

He says that people do not rise up again, and will not be roused out of their sleep.

Job 14:13

ULT	UST
Who will give that you will conceal me in Sheol, that you will hide me until the turning of your nose, that you will set a limit for me and remember me?	*I wish that you, God, would put me safely in the place where dead people go and forget about me. That way I would not suffer any more until you were no longer angry with me. I wish that you would decide how much time I need to spend there and then come and rescue me from that place.*

Where does Job wish would God would hide him?

Job wants God to hide him away in Sheol, away from troubles.

Job 14:17

ULT	UST
My transgression would be sealed in a bag, and you would plaster over my iniquity.	*You would forgive the things I had done wrong. Yes, it would be as if I had not done them at all.*

How would God treat Job's transgression and iniquity if God's wrath were finished?

God would seal up Job's transgression in a bag, and cover up Job's iniquity.

Job 14:19

ULT	UST
waters wear down stones, its flooding washes away the dust of the earth, and you destroy the hope of man.	*just as water wears away stones and floods wash away soil, so you make all people die, even though they hope to keep living.*

What amazing thing can water do over time?

Water can wear down stones.

Job 14:21

ULT	UST
His sons achieve honor and he does not know, or they become insignificant and he does not perceive them.	*When we die, we do not know whether our children will grow up and do things that will cause other people to honor them. If they do shameful things instead, we do not know that either.*

What kinds of things does a dead man not know about his sons (his children)?

If they achieve honor or become insignificant, he does not know it.

Job 15

Job 15:2

ULT	UST
“Will the wise answer with knowledge of wind and fill his belly with the east wind,	*“If you were truly wise, you would not have said such useless things. You have said a lot, but it has all been insignificant.*

With what should a wise man not fill himself?

He should not fill himself with the east wind.

Job 15:4

ULT	UST
Indeed, you destroy fear, and you diminish devotion to the face of God,	*You are actually encouraging others not to respect God. Yes, you are discouraging people from honoring him.*

How does Eliphaz think that Job’s statements dishonored God?

He thinks Job destroys fear and diminishes devotion to God.

Job 15:9

ULT	UST
What do you know, and we do not know? What do you understand, and it is not with us?	*We know everything that you know. We understand everything that you understand.*

Does Eliphaz think that Job knows something that the other friends do not know?

He does not think that Job knows what they do not know, or that he understands they do not understand.

Job 15:10

ULT	UST
Both the gray-haired and the aged are with us, greater than your father in days.	*My friends and I are saying the same things that old, wise people say, people who were born before your father was.*

Which people does Eliphaz say agree with Job's friends?

The gray-headed and very aged men who are older than Job's father are with Eliphaz and his friends.

Job 15:13

ULT	UST
that you turn your spirit against God and bring out words from your mouth?	*You have become angry with God, and so you are saying harsh things against him.*

What does Eliphaz think Job has done?

He thinks Job has turned his spirit against God.

Job 15:15

ULT	UST
Behold, he does not trust in his holy ones, and the heavens are not clean in his eyes;	*God does not even trust his own angels to do the right thing every time. He does not consider the heavens to be completely pure.*

How does God view his holy ones and the heavens?

He puts no trust even in his holy ones, and the heavens are not clean in his sight.

Job 15:17-18

From whom did Eliphaz get the things he will announce to Job?

The things he has seen are things that wise men passed down from their fathers, and things that ancestors did not hide.

Job 15:21

ULT	UST
The sound of terrors is in his ears; in prosperity the destroyer comes upon him.	*Wicked people constantly experience terrible things. They may become wealthy, but they will lose that wealth.*

When will the destroyer come upon the wicked man?

The destroyer will come upon him while he is in his prosperity.

Job 15:22

ULT	UST
He does not believe to return from darkness, and he is selected for the sword.	*Wicked people lose hope that their troubles will ever end. They are always afraid that they are going to die violently.*

What waits for the wicked man?

The sword waits for the wicked man.

Job 15:26

ULT	UST
He rushes against him with the neck, with the thickness of the bosses of his shields,	*Wicked people stubbornly oppose God as if they had a strong shield to protect themselves against God.*

With what does the wicked man run against God?

He runs at God with a stiff neck and a thick shield.

Job 15:28

ULT	UST
And he lives in ruined cities, in houses that no one dwells in, which are ready to be heaps.	*Wicked people have to live in cities that others have deserted. They live in homes that others have abandoned. Those homes are about to collapse into a pile of ruins.*

What will happen to the cities and houses of the wicked man?

They are ready to become heaps.

Job 15:30

ULT	UST
He will not depart from darkness; a flame will dry up his shoots, and he will depart at the breath of his mouth.	*Wicked people will always be in trouble. They will be like trees whose branches burn up. When God gives the command, they will die.*

What will cause the wicked to go away?

He will go away at the breath of God's mouth.

Job 15:31

ULT	UST
Let him not trust in emptiness, deceiving himself; for emptiness will be his recompense.	*Wicked people are often foolish and want to get things that are actually worthless. In the end, all they have are those worthless things.*

What reward will the wicked man have for trusting in worthless things?

Emptiness will be his reward.

Job 15:34

ULT	UST
For the company of the godless is barren, and fire devours the tents of bribery.	*Surely wicked people will not have any descendants. Those who took money from bribes will not have any money left in the end.*

What will happen to the company of godless people?

It will be barren, and fire will consume their tents of bribery.

Job 16

Job 16:2-3

What did Job say about the comfort offered by his friends?

Job said they were making him more miserable with their endless, useless words.

Job 16:6

ULT	UST
If I speak, my pain is not relieved, but if I refrain, what goes from me?	*But as it is, if I talk, I continue to suffer just as much, and if I do not talk, that does not reduce my suffering either.*

How does Job's speaking affect his grief?

If he speaks, his grief is not lessened, and if he keeps from speaking, he is not helped.

Job 16:10

ULT	UST
They have gaped at me with their mouth; in reproach they have struck my cheek; they have gathered themselves together against me.	*People look at me with their mouths wide open in order to humiliate me. They hit me in the face because they think I have done wrong. They crowd around me to threaten me.*

How are other people treating Job as God attacks him?

They gape at Job with open mouth, hit him reproachfully on the cheek, and gathered together against him.

Job 16:11

ULT	UST
God delivers me to sinners, and into the hands of the wicked he throws me.	*God has allowed people who do not honor him to mistreat me. He has allowed wicked people to do whatever they want to me.*

To whom has God given Job?

God handed him over to the ungodly and threw him into the hands of wicked people.

Job 16:13

ULT	UST
his archers have surrounded me. He pierces my kidneys and he does not spare; he pours my bile on the ground.	*and people were surrounding me and shooting arrows at me. It is as if those arrows cut open my kidneys and caused the gall from my liver to spill onto the ground. God is not having any mercy on me at all!*

How has God injured Job?

He has pierced Job's kidneys and poured out his bile on the ground.

Job 16:15

ULT	UST
I have sewn sackcloth on my skin, and I have thrust my horn into the dust.	*I am grieving so deeply that it is as if I have sewn rough mourning cloth right onto my skin! I feel weak and humiliated.*

What has Job done to his skin to show his grief?

He has sewn sackcloth on his skin.

Job 16:19

ULT	UST
Even now, behold, my witness is in the heavens, and my advocate is in the heights.	*But even now, I know that there is someone in heaven who will testify for me. He will confirm that what I have done is right.*

Who is Job's witness and able to vouch for Job?

Job's witness is in heaven, and the one who is for him is on high.

Job 16:20

ULT	UST
My intercessors are my friends; my eye weeps to God.	*This person in heaven is my friend, and he will plead with God for me. At the same time, I will also plead with God so earnestly that I will weep.*

Who does Job turn to as his friends scoff at him?

Job pours out his tears to God.

Job 17

Job 17:2

ULT	UST
If there are not mockers with me? And on their provocations my eye lingers.	*The people who are around me are continually making fun of me. I have to watch them taunt me.*

What must Job always see?

He must always see the provocation of the mockers who are with him.

Job 17:3

ULT	UST
Please set down, be surety for me with you. Who is he who will strike himself to my hand?	*God, even though you would be trying my case, please also guarantee to yourself that I will appear in court and behave as a defendant should. There is certainly no one else who will do that for me.*

What pledge does Job want God to make to Job?

He wants God to pledge himself to be a guarantee for Job.

Job 17:5

ULT	UST
He who denounces friends for a reward, even the eyes of his sons will fail.	*I know that you will treat me justly because you make sure that people act justly. For example, you punish people who give false testimony against their neighbors in exchange for a bribe. You make their whole families suffer if they do that.*

Whose evil deed will cause the eyes of his children to fail?

The one who denounces his friends for a reward will cause the eyes of his children to fail.

Job 17:7

ULT	UST
and my eye is dim from sorrow, and my members are like a shadow, all of them.	*Because I am very sad, it has become hard for me to see. My whole body has become so thin that it is as if I am not even here.*

What has happened to Job's eye and his body because of sorrow?

His eye is dim and all his body parts are as thin a shadow.

Job 17:10

ULT	UST
But all of them, may you return, and come now, but I will not find a wise person among you.	*But as for you friends of mine, we could continue talking, but I do not think that I will conclude that even one of you is wise.*

Does Job think that he can find a wise man among his friends?

Job knows that he will not find a wise man among them.

Job 17:11

ULT	UST
My days have passed, my plans are broken, the desires of my heart.	*My time to live has almost ended. I have not been able to do the things that I planned to do. I can no longer hope that the things I most desired will happen.*

Does Job have plans for the future?

Job's plans are over, as are the wishes of his heart.

Job 17:14

ULT	UST
if I call to the pit, 'You are my father,' to the worm, 'My mother' or 'My sister,'	*Suppose I considered the grave to be my family home, and suppose I considered the worms that live in graves to be my family.*

What has become Job's father, mother, and sister?

The pit has become his father, and the worm is his mother and sister.

Job 18

Job 18:3

ULT	UST
Why are we regarded as beasts, as if we are stupid in your eyes?	*You seem to think that we are as stupid as cattle.*

How did Bildad think Job viewed his friends?

Bildad thought Job regarded them as beasts and thought they were stupid.

Job 18:5

ULT	UST
Indeed, the light of the wicked goes out; the flame of his fire will not shine.	*But actually, what has happened to you is not momentous. Wicked people are bound to lose their prosperity. They will not continue to enjoy happiness.*

What will happen to the light of the wicked person?

His light goes out; the flame of his fire will not shine.

Job 18:8

ULT	UST
For he will be cast into a net by his feet, and he will wander into a pitfall.	*Yes, it is as if they walk into a net that they do not realize is there or fall into a pit that someone has concealed as a trap.*

What will throw the wicked man into a net?

He will be thrown into a net by his own feet, and he will walk into a pitfall.

Job 18:9-10

What will catch the wicked man?

He will be caught by a trap, a snare, and a noose.

Job 18:12

ULT	UST
His strength becomes hungry, and disaster is prepared at his side.	*They will become weak, as if they did not have enough food to eat. They will always be at risk of disaster.*

What will happen to the strength of the wicked man?

His strength will turn into hunger.

Job 18:14

ULT	UST
He is pulled from his tent, his safety, and one marches him to the king of terrors.	*They have a secure life, but it ends suddenly. They die without being able to do anything to save their lives.*

Where will the wicked man no longer live?

He will no longer live in his tent but will be unable to save himself.

Job 18:16

ULT	UST
Below, his roots dry up, and above, his branch withers.	*They will be lifeless, like trees whose roots have dried up and whose branches have all withered.*

What image does Bildad use to describe what will happen to the wicked man?

He describes the wicked man as a tree whose roots will dry up beneath the ground, and whose branch will wither above.

Job 18:19

ULT	UST
No son is to him, and no grandson among his people, and no survivor in his dwellings.	*They will have no children or grandchildren living in their people group after they die. They will have no descendants living where they previously lived.*

Will the wicked man have any descendants?

He will have no son or son’s son among his people, nor any remaining kinfolk where he had stayed.

Job 18:20

ULT	UST
The ones after will wonder at his day, and the ones before will seize horror.	*Anyone who hears about what happened to them will be shocked.*

How do the people respond to what happens to the wicked man?

People will be shocked and horrified at what happens to the wicked man.

Job 19

Job 19:2

ULT	UST
“Until when will you afflict my soul and crush me with words?	*“The three of you must stop hurting me and discouraging me by saying that I am wicked!*

What does Job ask his friends to stop doing to him?

Job asks his friends to stop hurting him and discouraging him.

Job 19:3

ULT	UST
These ten times you have reproached me; you are not ashamed, you mistreat me.	*You have insulted me repeatedly. You should be ashamed for speaking so harshly to me!*

How many times have Job’s friends reproached him?

They have reproached him ten times.

Job 19:4

ULT	UST
And even if truly I have erred, my error remains with me.	*Even if it were true that I had done wrong, that would be my concern, not yours!*

Whose concern should it be if Job had erred?

Job says the error should be his own concern.

Job 19:6

ULT	UST
then know that God has wronged me, and his net has closed around me.	*you should realize that it is God who has caused me to suffer. It is as if he had a net and caught me in it, like an animal he wanted to trap.*

How does Job say God has treated him?

Job says God has done wrong to Job and caught him in God’s net.

Job 19:7

ULT	UST
Behold, I cry, 'Violence!' but I am not answered; I call for help, but there is no justice.	*Listen to me: I protest that God is punishing me unfairly, but no one agrees with me. I cry for help, but no one, not even God, treats me fairly.*

What happens when Job calls out for help because he has been wronged?

He is not answered and there is no justice.

Job 19:11

ULT	UST
And he has kindled his nose against me, and he regards me as an enemy to him.	*He attacks me because he is very angry with me. He treats me as if I were his enemy.*

According to Job, how has God regarded Job?

Job says God has regarded him as one of his enemies.

Job 19:13-14

What has happened to all of Job's family and friends?

God has put his brothers far from him, his acquaintances are alienated, his kinsfolk fail him, and his close friends have forgotten him.

Job 19:16

ULT	UST
I call to my servant, but he does not answer; with my mouth I entreat him.	*When I order my servants to come, they do not obey. I have to beg my servants to help me.*

How does Job's servant respond to Job when he calls him?

His servant does not respond when Job gives an order.

Job 19:19

ULT	UST
All of the friends of my counsel abhor me, and those I love have been turned against me.	*All of my intimate friends now detest me. The people I love are hostile to me.*

How have Job's former friends treated him?

His former friends have turned against him.

Job 19:20

ULT	UST
My bone clings to my skin and to my flesh, and I have escaped with the skin of my teeth.	*I have become so thin that my bones are visible beneath my skin; I am barely alive.*

How does Job survive?

He survives only with the skin of his teeth.

Job 19:23-24

What does Job want to happen to his words?

He wants them to be written down and inscribed in a book, or engraved with pen and lead in the rock forever.

Job 19:25

ULT	UST
But I know that my redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the dust,	*But I know that there is someone who will defend me and that some day he will appear here on the earth and declare me innocent.*

What does Job say he knows?

He knows that his Redeemer lives, and that at last his Redeemer will stand on the earth.

Job 19:26

ULT	UST
and that after my skin, they strike this off, yet from my flesh I will behold God,	*Even after I die and people bury me and my body decays, still, in my body I will see God.*

What does Job say will happen when his body is destroyed?

Job in his flesh will see God.

Job 19:29

ULT	UST
be afraid for yourselves of the face of the sword, for from wrath is the punishment of the sword, so that you will know that there is judgment.”	*then you should fear that God will punish you, because God becomes angry with unfair people like you and he punishes them. When that happens, you will know that God punishes people fairly.”*

What does wrath bring?

Wrath brings the punishment of the sword.

Job 20

Job 20:1-3

Why did Zophar answer Job quickly?

He answered Job quickly he was troubled by what Job said. He hears Job's rebuke and says it puts him to shame.

Job 20:5

ULT	UST
that the triumph of the wicked is from near, and the joy of the godless is for a moment?	*Wicked people are only briefly successful; people who refuse to honor God are happy only for a short time.*

How long does the joy of a godless man last?

The joy of the godless only lasts for a moment.

Job 20:7

ULT	UST
he will perish forever like his dung. The ones having seen him will say, 'Where is he?'	*but they will disappear forever like refuse that people throw away. People who knew them will wonder where they have gone.*

How will the wicked man perish?

He will perish permanently, like garbage disappears.

Job 20:8

ULT	UST
He will fly away like a dream, and they will not find him, and he will be chased away like a vision of the night.	*They will disappear the way a dream ends abruptly when a person wakes up. They will no longer exist. Yes, they will vanish just like the dreams that people have at night.*

How will the wicked man go away?

He will fly away like a dream, and be chased away like a vision of the night.

Job 20:10

ULT	UST
His children will recompense the poor, and his hands will return his wealth.	*They will have to return the valuable things that they stole from poor people. If they die before they can do that, their children will have to do it.*

What will the wicked man's children do?

His children will apologize to poor people.

Job 20:14

ULT	UST
his food changes in his bowels; it becomes the bitterness of asps inside him.	*But they will regret doing those wrong things. They will feel like people who eat what they should not eat and get a badly upset stomach that feels as if it is full of poison.*

What happens to wickedness inside the wicked man?

It will cause the food in his intestines to turn bitter, and will becomes like the poison of asps inside him.

Job 20:15

ULT	UST
He swallows wealth, but he will vomit it; God will expel it from his belly.	*Wicked people try to get as much money as they can but they do not keep it, just as people who eat too much throw up the food that they ate. God makes sure that they lose their wealth.*

What will happen to the riches that the wicked man swallows down?

He will vomit them up again.

Job 20:17

ULT	UST
He will not enjoy the streams, the rivers of torrents of honey and butter.	*A wicked person will not experience the abundant blessings that flow like a stream from God.*

What will the wicked man not live to enjoy?

He will not live to enjoy the blessings that flow from God.

Job 20:19

ULT	UST
For he has oppressed, he has forsaken the poor; he has seized a house and he did not build it.	*because they oppressed poor people and refused to help them, and they took other people's houses by cheating them.*

Why will the wicked man not rejoice?

He has oppressed and neglected the poor people, and has violently taken away houses that he did not build.

Job 20:21

ULT	UST
There is no remnant for his eating; therefore his prosperity does not endure.	*When they finish eating their food, there is never anything left over, because they greedily eat it all. That is why they do not remain wealthy.*

Why will the prosperity of the wicked man not be permanent?

It will not be permanent because there is nothing left that he did not devour.

Job 20:23

ULT	UST
He will be about to fill his belly, he will send the burning of his nose against him, and he will rain it upon him in his eating.	*Even as wicked people are enjoying luxuries, God will show that he is very angry with them. He will punish them with great suffering, even as they are indulging themselves.*

What will God do to the wicked man who is about to fill his belly?

God will rain down the fierceness of his wrath on him while he is eating.

Job 20:24

ULT	UST
He flees from a weapon of iron, a bow of bronze pierces him.	*Even as they are trying to escape from smaller punishments, they will experience greater punishments.*

What will happen when the wicked man flees from the iron weapon?

A bow of bronze will shoot him.

Job 20:27

ULT	UST
The heavens will reveal his iniquity, and the earth will raise itself up against him.	*The sins that those wicked people have committed will become apparent. If the sky could speak, it would tell all the wrong things it saw them do. If the earth could speak, it would also be a witness against them.*

What will the heavens and the earth do against the wicked man?

The heavens will reveal his iniquity and the earth will be a witness against him.

Job 20:28

ULT	UST
The wealth of his house will depart, flowing away on the day of his nose.	*On the day when God punishes people, he will take away all the possessions of wicked people. It will be as if a flood had washed them away.*

What will happen to the wicked man on the day of God's wrath?

The wealth of his house will vanish and his goods will flow away.

Job 21

Job 21:3

ULT	UST
Tolerate me and I will speak, and after I have spoken, you may mock.	*Be patient with me, and allow me to speak. Then, after I have finished speaking, you can continue to make fun of me if you wish, although I hope you will not.*

What does Job think his friends will do after he has spoken?

He thinks they will continue to mock him.

Job 21:5

ULT	UST
Look at me and wonder, and lay the hand upon the mouth.	*If you consider my situation, it will shock you. That should make you put your hands over your mouths and say no more!*

How will people respond when they look at Job?

They will be astonished and lay their hands upon their mouths.

Job 21:6

ULT	UST
For when I remember, then I am terrified, and trembling seizes my flesh.	*When I think about what has happened to me, I am frightened and my entire body shakes.*

What happens to Job when he thinks about his sufferings?

He is terrified; his flesh trembles.

Job 21:7

ULT	UST
Why do the wicked live, grow old, and become mighty in power?	*I do not understand why wicked people live long lives and become very powerful.*

What does Job ask about wicked people?

Job asks, “Why do they continue to live, become old, and grow mighty in power?”

Job 21:10

ULT	UST
His bull breeds and it does not fail; his cow calves and it does not miscarry.	*Their bulls mate with their cows successfully. Their cows give birth to calves. They do not miscarry.*

What happens to the bull and the cow of the wicked?

The bull does not fail to breed and the cow does not lose her calf prematurely.

Job 21:14

ULT	UST
They say to God, 'Turn away from us, for we do not desire knowledge of your ways.	*While they are alive, they say to God, 'Leave us alone; we do not care about how you want us to live our lives!'*

What do the wicked say to God?

They tell God to depart from them, for they do not wish any knowledge of his ways.

Job 21:16

ULT	UST
Behold, their prosperity is not in their hand! May the counsel of the wicked be far from me!	*Wicked people wrongly think that they have become prosperous because of what they have done. I want to think completely differently from the way they think.*

How does Job respond to the advice of wicked people?

He wants nothing to do with their advice.

Job 21:19

ULT	UST
‘God lays up his guilt for his sons.’ Let him repay to him, and he will know!	*You say, ‘When people have committed sins, God remembers and punishes their children for those sins.’ I say that God should punish the people who sin, not their children. That way sinners will know that God is punishing them for their own sins.*

Who does Job want to pay for the guilt of the wicked person?

Job wants the wicked person to pay for his guilt, and not his children, so that he would know his guilt.

Job 21:22

ULT	UST
Will one teach knowledge to God, since he judges the ones being high?	*Since God judges everyone, even those who are in heaven, no one can teach him anything.*

Can anyone teach God knowledge?

No, for he judges even those who are high.

Job 21:26

ULT	UST
They lie down alike in the dust, and the worm covers over them.	*Both kinds of people die, and other people bury them. Their bodies all decompose. Everyone dies, so it is clear that dying is not always the punishment for being wicked.*

What happens to both the man who dies in full strength and the one who dies in bitterness of soul?

They both lie down alike in the dust and the worms cover them both.

Job 21:27

ULT	UST
Behold, I know your thoughts and the notions you wrest against me.	*Listen, I know what you three are thinking about me. You are wrongly applying to me things that are true about wicked people.*

What does Job know about his friends' thoughts and ways?

He knows their thoughts and the ways in which they wrong him.

Job 21:30

ULT	UST
that the wicked is spared in the day of calamity; in the day of wrath they are brought forth?	*Travelers will report that wicked people do not suffer when there are great disasters. They will report that wicked people escape from God's punishment.*

What have traveling people seen happen to the wicked man?

They have seen that the wicked man is kept from the day of calamity, and that he is led away from the day of wrath.

Job 21:32

ULT	UST
Indeed, he will be brought forth to the grave, and one will watch over the burial mound.	*When wicked people die, others carry their bodies to their graves in a solemn procession. Then people guard their graves to protect them.*

What will men do for the tomb of the wicked man?

Men will keep watch over his tomb.

Job 21:34

ULT	UST
So how do you comfort me in vain? And falsehood is left in your answers!”	*Since all of this is true about wicked people, what you have been telling me does not make sense, and it has not comforted me. You have been trying to answer me by telling me things that are not true!”*

With what does Job say Zophar was trying to comfort him?

Job says Zophar was trying to comfort him with things that are not true.

Job 22

Job 22:3

ULT	UST
Is it pleasure to the Almighty that you are righteous? Or if it is gain that you perfect your ways?	*It does not give Shaddai any extra pleasure if you live in the way you are supposed to live anyway. It does not make him better off if you improve the way you are living.*

What does Eliphaz ask Job if his righteousness can do for the Almighty?

He asks if it brings any pleasure to the Almighty if Job is righteous.

Job 22:4

ULT	UST
For your fear does he rebuke you, enter into judgment with you?	*God would not be punishing you in this way if you truly honored him. God would not judge you to be guilty for doing that.*

How does Eliphaz mock Job's reverence for God?

He mockingly says that God would not punish Job if Job had truly been righteous.

Job 22:6

ULT	UST
For you have bound your brother with a pledge without cause, and you have stripped off the clothing of the naked.	*You must have unfairly forced poor people to give you things to guarantee that they would pay money back to you. You must have taken the cloaks that they needed to keep them warm.*

What does Eliphaz accuse Job of doing to the naked?

He says that Job has stripped the naked of their clothing.

Job 22:9

ULT	UST
You have sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.	*When widows came to you for help, you must have sent them away without giving them anything. You must have oppressed orphans.*

What does Eliphaz accuse Job of doing to widows?

He claims Job has sent widows away empty.

Job 22:11

ULT	UST
Or darkness—you cannot see! And an abundance of waters covers you.	*And so you do not know what to do, as if it had become very dark and you could not see anything. You cannot solve your problems; it is as if you were drowning in a flood of water.*

What does Eliphaz say the darkness has done to Job?

He says Job is in darkness so that he does not know what to do.

Job 22:14

ULT	UST
Clouds are a covering to him and he does not see; indeed, he walks around on the dome of the heavens.'	*You should not say, 'Since he walks on the dome that covers the sky, where there are thick clouds around him, and he can not see what we do.'*

What does Eliphaz claim Job says about God not seeing people?

Job says, "Thick clouds are a covering to God, so that he does not see people."

Job 22:16

ULT	UST
who were carried off and it was not time; their foundations were washed away by a torrent;	*God makes evil people die suddenly while they are still young. They go away completely, as if a flood had swept them away.*

What happens to the foundations of wicked men?

The wicked men's foundations have washed away, as if by a flooding river.

Job 22:19

ULT	UST
The righteous see and rejoice, and the innocent scorn them.	*When good people see that God punishes evil people, they are glad. People who have not done wrong say that those evil people are getting what they deserve.*

How do the righteous act when they see the fate of the wicked?

The righteous see their fate and are glad.

Job 22:21

ULT	UST
Reconcile now with him and be at peace; by these, good will come to you.	*So, Job, I urge you to ask God to forgive you. Restore your relationship with him. If you do that, good things will happen to you.*

What will happen if Job is at peace with God?

If Job is at peace with God, good will come to him.

Job 22:23

ULT	UST
If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up, if you distance unrighteousness from your tent.	*If you come humbly to Shaddai, he will restore you. God will certainly do that if you stop doing the evil things that you have been doing.*

What does Eliphaz say will happen if Job returns to the Almighty?

If Job returns to the Almighty, he will be built up.

Job 22:26

ULT	UST
For then you will delight yourself in the Almighty, and you will lift your face to God.	*If you do that, then your relationship with Shaddai will make you very happy. You will be able to approach God confidently.*

What will happen when Job takes pleasure in the Almighty?

When Job takes pleasure in the Almighty, he will lift up his face to God.

Job 22:29

ULT	UST
When they cast down and you say, ‘Lifting up!’ then he will save the lowered of eyes.	*People may cause great difficulties for you. But when you pray and humbly ask God to help you, he will save you.*

What does God do for the humble?

God saves those who are humble.

Job 23

Job 23:2

ULT	UST
“Even today my complaint is bitter; my hand is heavy upon my groaning.	*“I must still complain about many distressing things. There is much more that I could have protested about.*

Is Job finished protesting?

No. Job said that there is much more he could protest about.

Job 23:4

ULT	UST
I would set forth my case to his face, and I would fill my mouth with arguments.	*I would present much evidence to God that I am innocent. I would offer many arguments to prove that.*

What would Job do before God if he could find him?

He would lay his case in order before God and fill his mouth with arguments.

Job 23:6

ULT	UST
Would he argue against me in the greatness of power? No, he would only set upon me.	*He would not use his great power to defeat me. He would listen to me fairly.*

Does Job think God would argue against him in the greatness of God’s power if he could stand before him?

No, he thinks God would listen to him fairly.

Job 23:9

ULT	UST
in his working in the north, I do not behold him; he turns to the south, but I do not see him.	*He makes natural things happen beautifully in the north, but no one there sees him doing those things. He must also go to the south, but no one sees him there either.*

What does Job say God is doing in the south?

Job says in the south, God hides himself so that no one can see what he does there.

Job 23:10

ULT	UST
Nevertheless, he knows the way that is with me; he has tested me, I have come out like gold.	*Still, he knows how I have conducted my life. When he has finished testing me, he will see that I am as pure as gold whose impurities fire has burned out.*

What result does Job expect from God's testing him?

When God has tested Job, he will come out like gold.

Job 23:12

ULT	UST
I have not departed from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my portion.	*I have always obeyed the commandments that he has given. I would rather go without food than disobey what God has told us to do.*

What has Job done with the words of God's mouth?

Job has treasured up in his heart the words of God's mouth.

Job 23:14

ULT	UST
For he will carry out my decree, and many like these are with him.	*So it seems that God will keep on punishing me until I die. If my present troubles do not kill me, I am sure that God will cause many more troubles for me!*

What will God carry out for Job?

God will carry out his decrees for Job.

Job 23:15

ULT	UST
Therefore, I am terrified from his face; I consider, and I am afraid of him.	*So the thought of coming into his presence greatly frightens me. When I think about what he can do, that makes me very afraid of him.*

How does Job feel when he thinks about God?

When Job thinks about him, he is afraid of him.

Job 23:17

ULT	UST
For I was not cut off from the face of the darkness, and from my face gloom covers.	*I have lived to experience terrible things, and that is why I am so frightened. I can only imagine that the future will be just as bad as the present.*

What covers Job's face?

The thick darkness covers Job's face.

Job 24

Job 24:1

ULT	UST
Why are times not set by the Almighty? And why do the ones knowing him not see his days?	*Shaddai should set times when he judges evil people. The people who obey God never seem to see him judge evil people.*

What times does Job think are not set by the Almighty?

Job asks why times for judging the wicked are not set by the Almighty.

Job 24:3

ULT	UST
The donkey of the fatherless they lead away; they take in pledge the ox of the widow.	*Some evil people take away donkeys that belong to children who have no fathers to protect them. They make loans to widows, and then they take oxen that belong to them to guarantee that the widows will pay back the money. But without the oxen, the widows cannot grow crops, so they cannot repay the loans, and the evil people keep the oxen.*

What do the wicked do to the donkey of the fatherless?

They drive away the donkey of the fatherless.

Job 24:5

ULT	UST
Behold, like wild donkeys in the wilderness they go out in their work, searching for food; the Arabah is to him bread for their children.	*In fact, poor people have to search in the desert plain for food to feed their children, as if they were wild donkeys.*

What do the poor hope the Arabah will provide?

They hope the Arabah will provide them food for their children.

Job 24:7

ULT	UST
They lie naked all night without a garment, and there is no covering in the cold.	*During the night they do not have thick garments to cover their bodies, so they are not able to stay warm.*

What do the poor lack in the cold?

They have no covering in the cold.

Job 24:8

ULT	UST
They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and from being without shelter, they hug the rock.	*Poor people have no homes, so when rain showers come from the mountains, they get very wet. They have to huddle under rock ledges to shelter themselves from the rain.*

What do the poor embrace for lack of shelter?

They embrace a rock for lack of shelter.

Job 24:10

ULT	UST
They go about naked, without clothing, and, hungry, they carry a sheaf.	*Poor people do not have adequate clothing. They also do not have adequate food, even though they carry around bundles of grain because they work to bring in other people's harvests.*

What do the poor do for others even though they go hungry?

Even though they go hungry, they carry others' sheaves of grain.

Job 24:11

ULT	UST
Within their walls they press oil; they tread their winepresses, but they thirst.	*Evil people hire poor people to make oil from olives that grow on olive trees on their property. The evil people also hire poor people to tread on grapes that grow on their vines to make juice for wine. But they do not allow the poor people to drink any of the wine when they are thirsty.*

What do the poor do for others even though they suffer thirst?

They tread the wicked men’s winepresses, but they suffer thirst.

Job 24:14

ULT	UST
At light the murderer arises; he kills the poor and the needy, and he is like a thief in the night.	*Murderers go out in the dim light of morning so they can kill vulnerable people without being caught. They are like thieves who steal things in the dark of night in order to avoid being caught.*

What is the murderer like in the night?

In the night, the murderer is like a thief.

Job 24:16

ULT	UST
One digs into houses in the darkness; by day they shut themselves up; they do not know the light.	*During the night, robbers find ways to get into other people’s houses and steal things. But during the day, they stay in their own homes. They do not like being out where it is light.*

Why do the wicked shut themselves up in daytime?

The wicked do not care for the light.

Job 24:17

ULT	UST
For together, morning for them is deep darkness, for one regards the terrors of thick darkness.	*These evil people all stay at home during the day because morning is as scary for them as the dark of night is for other people. They stay up at night because they like being awake at night when things happen that terrify others.*

With what terrors are the wicked comfortable?

They are comfortable with the terrors of the thick darkness.

Job 24:19

ULT	UST
Drought and heat strip away the waters of snow; Sheol, those who have sinned.	*Just as water from melting snow dries up when it is hot and there is no rain, those evil people will go to the place where dead people go.*

Who does Sheol consume?

Sheol consumes those who have sinned.

Job 24:21

ULT	UST
the one devouring the barren, who has not borne, and he does not do good to the widow.	*Those evil people mistreat women who do not have children to care for them. Those evil people never help widows.*

Who does the wicked one devour?

The wicked one devours the barren women who have not born children.

Job 24:22

ULT	UST
But he drags away the mighty by his power; he arises and he does not believe in life.	*But God, by his power, gets rid of people who hurt others because they are stronger than those others. When it is clear that God is going to punish those evil people, they know that they are going to die.*

Who does God drag away?

God drags away the mighty by his power.

Job 24:24

ULT	UST
They are exalted a little, then there is not to them; indeed, they are brought low; like all, they are gathered and, like the tops of ears of grain, they are cut off.	*Those evil people may prosper for a little while, but suddenly they will be gone. God will show that they were not greater than others. God will make them die like all other people. Then they will be like stalks of grain that farmers have cut off.*

What will happen to the mighty in a little while?

In only a little while, the mighty will be gone.

Job 25

Job 25:2

ULT	UST
“Dominion and fear are with him, the one making peace in his heights.	*“God is very powerful. Everyone should honor him greatly. God causes everything to be orderly high up in heaven.*

Where does God make order?

God makes order in his high places of heaven.

Job 25:4

ULT	UST
So how will a man be righteous with God? Or how will one born of a woman be pure?	*Since God is so great, no person can be righteous compared with him. No human being is innocent by his standards.*

Of whom does Bildad ask can they be clean and acceptable to God?

He asks if one who is born of a woman can be clean and acceptable to God.

Job 25:6

ULT	UST
Indeed that a man, a worm, or a son of man, a grub!”	*So God would certainly not consider mortal humans to be pure!”*

To what does Bildad compare a son of man?

He says that a son of man is a grub.

Job 26

Job 26:4

ULT	UST
With whom did you declare words? And the breath of whom came out from you?	*I suppose you think that God helped you tell me important things. But God was not really speaking through you.*

Whose words does Job say Bildad is speaking?

Job says Bildad is not speaking God's words, but his own.

Job 26:6

ULT	UST
Sheol is naked before him, and there is no covering to Abaddon,	*God knows all about those who are in the place where dead people go. Nothing prevents God from seeing what is there.*

What has no covering before God?

Sheol itself has no covering against God.

Job 26:8

ULT	UST
the one binding the waters in his clouds, but the cloud is not torn under them;	*God uses clouds as containers for rainwater, and he prevents that water from bursting the clouds.*

Where does God bind up the waters?

He binds up the waters in his thick clouds.

Job 26:9

ULT	UST
the one covering the face of the full moon, spreading his cloud upon it.	*God can make clouds so thick that even the bright moon cannot shine through them.*

What does God spread on the face of the moon?

He encloses the face of the moon and spreads his cloud on it.

Job 26:12

ULT	UST
He calmed the sea with his power, and by his understanding he shattered Rahab.	*God used his power to restrain the oceans; by his skill he destroyed Rahab, the huge sea monster.*

What did God calm with his power?

He calmed the sea with his power.

Job 26:13

ULT	UST
By his breath the skies become clearness; his hand pierced the fleeing serpent.	*God can make the sky clear by blowing away the clouds. God brings order everywhere in creation by overcoming the forces of chaos.*

By what did God clear the heavens of storms?

By his breath, he cleared the heavens of storms.

Job 26:14

ULT	UST
Behold, these are the edges of his ways, and how small a word we hear of him! And the thunder of his power, who will understand?"	*But I have described only a little bit of what God does. It is as if we can only hear someone whisper about him. When we hear mighty thunder, we realize that God is far too great for us to understand."*

How much of God's ways are people able to see?

People can see only the edges of God's ways.

Job 27

Job 27:2

ULT	UST
“As God lives, who has taken away my justice, the Almighty, who has made my life bitter,	*“I will promise you something as surely as God exists, even though he has treated me unfairly. I will promise you something as surely as Shaddai exists, even though he has made my life so unpleasant.*

What does Job say God has taken away from him?

God has taken away his justice.

Job 27:4

ULT	UST
if my lips speak wickedness, or my tongue, if it utters deceit!	*I promise that I will not say the wrong thing! I promise that I will not say anything to deceive anyone!*

What does Job vow his lips will not speak?

Job vows that surely his lips will not speak wickedness or deceit.

Job 27:6

ULT	UST
I grasp my righteousness and I will not let it go; my heart will not reproach me from my days.	*I will insist that I am innocent. I will never say anything different. That way, for as long as I live, I will not feel badly about saying something that was not true.*

How long will Job’s thoughts not reproach him?

His thoughts will not reproach him so long as he lives.

Job 27:8

ULT	UST
For what is the hope of the godless when he cuts him off, when God takes away his life?	*I want to be the opposite of an evil person because when God decides it is time for that person to die, he can only expect that God will then punish him for the wrong things that he has done.*

What does Job say God does when he cuts off a godless man's life?

When God cuts off his life, God will punish him for the wrong things that he has done.

Job 27:11

ULT	UST
I will teach you about the hand of God; what is with the Almighty I will not conceal.	*I need to teach you three something about how God actually deals with the people of this world.*

What does Job say he will not conceal of the Almighty?

Job said that he would not conceal the hand of the Almighty.

Job 27:14

ULT	UST
If his children multiply, it is for the sword, and his offspring will not have enough bread.	*Even if they have many children, those children will die in wars, or they will die because they do not have enough food to eat.*

Of what will the wicked man's offspring not have enough?

His offspring will never have enough food.

Job 27:15

ULT	UST
His survivor will be buried in death, and his widows will not lament.	*Any children who are still alive after their evil parents die will perish from diseases. Not even the wife of an evil man will mourn for him if he dies.*

What will the wicked man's widow not do for him?

His widow will make no lament for him.

Job 27:17

ULT	UST
he piles up, but the righteous clothes himself and the innocent receives silver.	*But even if evil people become rich, they will die, and then righteous people will get their clothes. Honest people will get their money and share it with one another.*

What will happen to the silver of the wicked man?

The innocent will divide up his silver among themselves.

Job 27:19

ULT	UST
He lies down rich, but he does not continue; he opens his eyes and there is not to him.	*God makes evil people lose their money. It is as if they are rich when they go to bed one night, but the next morning they wake up to find that their money is all gone.*

What does the wicked man see when he opens his eyes after he lies down rich?

He opens his eyes, and everything is gone.

Job 27:21

ULT	UST
The east wind takes him away, and he leaves; indeed, it blasts him from his place.	*It is as if a windstorm from the desert picks them up and carries them away from their homes. No one ever sees them again.*

What does the east wind do as it carries the wicked man away?

The east wind carries him away, and it sweeps him out of his place.

Job 27:22

ULT	UST
And it hurls itself upon him and does not pity; fleeing, he flees from its hand.	*It is as if a wind like that blows steadily against them while they are running away, trying to escape from its force.*

What does the wicked man try to do when the east wind does not stop?

He tries to flee out of its power.

Job 28

Job 28:2

ULT	UST
Iron is taken from the dust, and one smelts copper from stone.	*People get iron from ore that they dig out of the ground. They get copper by heating and melting ore that contains it.*

From where is copper smelted?

Copper is smelted out of stone.

Job 28:3

ULT	UST
Setting an end to darkness, he is searching out, to every extremity, a stone of gloom and deep darkness.	*People use lamps so that they can see while they work far down under the ground. They search for ore in many places where it is very dark.*

What does man search out to the farthest limit?

Man searches out, to the farthest limit, the stones of gloom and thick darkness.

Job 28:4

ULT	UST
He opens a shaft away from habitation, the ones forgotten by the foot. Away from man, they dangle and swing.	*People dig shafts deep into the ground in places that are far from where other people live, As they work underground, the people who walk above them are not aware of them. People have to climb down ropes in order to descend into the deep shafts they have dug.*

Where does man break open a shaft?

He breaks open a shaft away from where people live.

Job 28:6

ULT	UST
Its stones are the place of sapphire, and dusts of gold are to it.	*The stones that people dig from under the ground contain sapphires. The dirt they dig up contains bits of gold.*

What is contained in the dust of the earth?

The earth’s dust contains gold.

Job 28:8

ULT	UST
The sons of pride have not walked it, and the lion has not passed over it.	*Strong beasts can go wherever they want, but they have never gone to those places. Not even lions have gone there.*

What has not walked through the path of man’s shaft?

The proud animals have not walked such a path, nor has the fierce lion passed there.

Job 28:10

ULT	UST
He cuts out channels among the rocks, and his eye sees every valuable thing.	*Miners cut tunnels through rocks in order to find many precious things.*

What does man see in the channels he cuts among the rocks?

His eye sees every valuable thing there.

Job 28:13

ULT	UST
Man does not know its disposition, and it is not found in the land of the living.	*Humans do not know how to obtain wisdom. Wisdom is not available on earth, where people live.*

Where are wisdom and understanding not found?

Both of these are not found in the land of the living.

Job 28:17

ULT	UST
Neither gold nor crystal compares with it, nor is its exchange a vessel of fine gold.	*Wisdom is worth much more than gold or beautiful quartz. It is more expensive than an article made of pure gold.*

What cannot equal the worth of wisdom and understanding?

Gold and crystal cannot equal both of these in worth.

Job 28:18

ULT	UST
Coral and jasper are not mentioned; indeed, the price of wisdom is more than rubies.	*Wisdom is worth more than coral or jasper. The price of wisdom is higher than the price of rubies.*

The price of wisdom is more than what jewel?

The price of wisdom is more than rubies.

Job 28:21

ULT	UST
It is hidden from the eyes of each living thing; even from the birds of the heavens it is concealed.	*Living creatures are not able to see it. Not even the birds can see it while they are up in the sky.*

From whose eyes is wisdom hidden?

Wisdom is hidden from the eyes of all living things.

Job 28:23

ULT	UST
God understands its way, and he knows its place.	*God is the only one who knows how people can become wise.*

Who knows wisdom's place?

God understands the way to wisdom and he knows its place.

Job 28:25

ULT	UST
When he made the weight for the wind and apportioned the waters by measure,	*He decided how strongly the winds should blow and how much rain should be in the clouds.*

What did God parcel out by measure?

He parceled out the waters by measure.

Job 28:26

ULT	UST
when he made a decree for the rain and a path for the flash of the thunders,	*God decided where rain should fall and what path lightning should take from the clouds down to the ground.*

For what did God make a decree?

He made a decree for the rain.

Job 28:28

ULT	UST
And he said to man, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord—that is wisdom, and to turn from evil is understanding.'"	*Then God told human beings, 'Listen! You will become wise to the extent that you respect me. If you want to understand what you should do, you must first decide that you will not do anything wicked.'"*

What did God tell people is wisdom?

To people, God said, "See, the fear of the Lord—that is wisdom."

Job 29

Job 29:2

ULT	UST
“Who will give me to be as in the months of the past, as in the days when God was keeping me,	*“I wish that I could be as I was previously during the time when God was taking care of me.*

Does Job recall a time when God cared for him?

Job remembers that in the past months God had cared for him.

Job 29:4

ULT	UST
as that I was in the days of my prime, when the friendship of God was upon my tent,	*At that time I was young and strong. Because God was my friend, he protected where I lived.*

What was on Job’s tent in the ripeness of his days?

Job remembers the ripeness of his days, when the friendship of God was on his tent.

Job 29:6

ULT	UST
when my steps were bathed in butter and the rock poured out streams of oil for me!	*My herds provided me with plenty of milk. My olive trees provided me with plenty of oil.*

What had the rock poured out for Job in the past?

When the almighty was with Job, the rock poured out for him streams of oil.

Job 29:8

ULT	UST
young men saw me and hid themselves, and old men rose, they stood.	*When young men saw me, they stepped aside respectfully. When older men saw me, they stood up respectfully.*

How did the young men show respect for Job in the city square?

They saw Job and kept their distance from him in respect.

Job 29:9

ULT	UST
The princes refrained from words, and they put a hand on their mouth.	*The leaders of the people used to stop talking when I arrived. They made sure they did not say anything, because they knew it would not be as good as what I was going to say.*

What did the princes do in the past when Job came?

They used to refrain from talking when he came.

Job 29:10

ULT	UST
The voice of the nobles—they were hushed, and their tongue stuck to their palate.	*Even the most important leaders became quiet. It was as if they were not even able to speak.*

What happened to the tongue of the noblemen when Job came?

Their tongue clung to the roof of their mouths.

Job 29:11

ULT	UST
For the ear heard, and they blessed me, and the eye saw, and they attested me	*When people heard what I had to say, they said good things about me. They recognized that I had given wise counsel, and they approved of me*

What would the noblemen do after their eyes saw Job?

They would then give witness to Job and approve of him.

Job 29:13

ULT	UST
The blessing of the one perishing came upon me, and I gladdened the heart of the widow.	*People who had been suffering and were about to die praised me for rescuing them. I made widows very happy by helping them.*

What did Job cause the widow's heart to do?

He caused her heart to be glad.

Job 29:16

ULT	UST
I was a father to the needy, and the case that I did not know, I examined it.	*I protected poor people the way a father protects his children. In the courts, I defended even people who were strangers to me.*

What had Job done even for the person he did not know?

He would examine the case even of one whom he did not know.

Job 29:17

ULT	UST
And I broke the jaws of the unrighteous, and I made the prey drop from his teeth.	*I made wicked people stop oppressing others. It was as if I were breaking the jaws of a wild animal to make it drop its victim from its teeth.*

Who would Job pluck from the teeth of the unrighteous?

He plucked the victim out from between the teeth of the unrighteous.

Job 29:20

ULT	UST
My glory is fresh in me, and my bow sprouts in my hand.'	*People continually honor me, and I stay strong like a new bow.'*

What does Job say is always new in his hand?

The bow of his strength is always new in his hand.

Job 29:23

ULT	UST
And they waited for me as for rain, and they opened their mouth as for the latter rain.	*They were as eager to hear me speak as farmers are for it to rain. They listened to me with great appreciation, just as the ground seems to welcome the rain that falls in the spring.*

What did men wait to drink in like rain from Job?

They opened their mouth wide to drink in his words as they would for the latter rain.

Job 29:25

ULT	UST
I chose their way and I sat as a chief, and I dwelt like a king in an army, as when one comforts mourners.	*As their leader, I decided what things would be good for them to do. They respected me, just as soldiers respect the king who commands their army. I was kind and sympathetic, like someone who comforts people who are mourning.*

To what does Job compare himself at a funeral?

He say that he is like one who comforts mourners at a funeral.

Job 30

Job 30:1

ULT	UST
But now the fewer in days than me laugh at me, whose fathers I disdained to put with the dogs of my flock.	*But now, men who are younger than I am make fun of me. They are men whose fathers I would not even have hired to help my dogs guard my sheep!*

Who has nothing but mockery for Job?

Those who are younger than Job have nothing but mockery for him.

Job 30:3

ULT	UST
They are gaunt from poverty and from hunger, ones gnawing the dry land yesterday in waste and desolation,	*No one hires them, so they are poor and go hungry and have become thin. They have to eat roots that they find in places where no crops have grown for a long time.*

What made the young men's fathers thin?

They were thin from poverty and hunger.

Job 30:5

ULT	UST
They are driven out from the midst; they shout after them as after a thief,	*When they come near villages, people shout at them, as they would at a thief, to make them leave their area.*

From where were the young men's fathers driven out?

Their fathers were driven out from among people.

Job 30:8

ULT	UST
Sons of a fool, indeed, sons of one without a name! They are scourged from the land.	*They are people without good sense, and they have never achieved anything significant. People force them to leave their towns.*

Of whom does Job say the young men's fathers are descendants?

Job says that they were descendants of fools, indeed, of worthless men.

Job 30:9

ULT	UST
But now I have become their song, and I am a word for them.	*But these despicable young men sing songs to make fun of me! If they think God is punishing someone for being a sinner, they call that person 'another Job.'*

What had Job become for the sons of the worthless men?

Job had become their subject for a song of mockery.

Job 30:11

ULT	UST
For he has loosed my cord and humbled me, so they cast away restraint from my face.	*I am not able to defend myself against these young men, because God has taken away my strength. He has humiliated me. So they can do whatever they want to me.*

What do the people now cast away in front of Job?

These people cast away self-restraint in front of him.

Job 30:13

ULT	UST
They destroy my path, they advance my calamity; there is no help for them.	*I am not able to escape from them, even as they keep doing worse things to me. No one else would do the things they do to me.*

Why are the men able to advance his calamity for Job?

They advance his calamity because there is no one to hold them back.

Job 30:15

ULT	UST
Terrors are turned against me; each one pursues my dignity like the wind, and my deliverance passes away like a cloud.	*I am afraid of many things. I have no dignity left, and I do not expect that I will ever get out of this situation.*

What does Job say is driven away by the wind?

His dignity is driven away as if by the wind.

Job 30:16

ULT	UST
And now my life pours itself out within me; days of affliction seize me.	*I feel as if I am about to die, but in the meantime, I am suffering greatly.*

What has laid hold of Job as his life is pouring out within him?

Many days of suffering have laid hold on him.

Job 30:18

ULT	UST
By great force my clothing is changed; it binds me like the collar of my tunic.	*I have such a serious disease that my skin no longer looks the same. It seems as if I will always be sick.*

What does Job say has changed his clothing?

Skin disease has changed his skin, referred to as clothing.

Job 30:21

ULT	UST
You have changed to be cruel to me; with the strength of your hand you attack me.	*You used to be kind to me, but you are not kind to me anymore. You are using your mighty power to make me suffer.*

How does Job say God has changed?

God has changed and become cruel to him; with the power of his hand God persecutes him.

Job 30:23

ULT	UST
For I know you are bringing me to death and to the house of appointment to all the living.	*Certainly I know that you are going to make me die. That is what happens to everyone who ever lives.*

What does Job know is destined for all living things?

He knows that God will bring him to death, to the house destined for all living things.

Job 30:26

ULT	UST
For I hoped for good, but bad came, and let me wait for light, but darkness comes.	*I am asking for help because although I expected good things to happen to me, evil things happened instead. It was as if I was waiting for dawn but another night started instead of a new day.*

What came when Job waited for light?

When he waited for light, darkness came instead.

Job 30:28

ULT	UST
I go about being dark not by the sun; I stand up in the assembly and cry out.	*I look as if I have to work outside all day to make a living. I humble myself by pleading openly for people to help me.*

Where did Job stand to call for help?

He stood up in the assembly and cried for help.

Job 30:31

ULT	UST
So my harp is to mourning and my flute to the sound of ones weeping.	*Previously, if you came to my house, you would hear musical instruments playing happy songs. If you came now, you would only hear people crying and singing sad songs.*

For what kind of music does Job say his harp is tuned?

Job says that his harp is tuned for songs of mourning.

Job 31

Job 31:1

ULT	UST
I have cut a covenant with my eyes; how then would I gaze upon a virgin?	*I have made a solemn promise to myself that I will not look at a woman in a lustful way. So I would not look at a woman who was not my wife and want to have sexual relations with her.*

What desire does Job say is subdued by a covenant with his eyes?

Job has made a covenant with his eyes to not look with desire on a virgin.

Job 31:3

ULT	UST
Is not calamity for the unrighteous and disaster for doers of wickedness?	*I would not have done wrong in that way, because I know that unrighteous people experience calamities. People who do what is wrong experience disasters when God punishes them.*

For whom did Job use to think calamity was reserved?

Job used to think that calamity was for the unrighteous.

Job 31:6

ULT	UST
let him weigh me in balances of righteousness, and God will know my integrity—	*I only ask God to judge me fairly. If he does that, he will find that I am innocent.*

What does Job ask to be done so that God would know his integrity?

He asks to be weighed in an even balance, so that God would know his integrity.

Job 31:8

ULT	UST
let me sow and may another eat, or may my crops be uprooted!	*If I have been lustful or deceptive, I hope that when I plant seeds, someone else will harvest the crops and eat them. Or may someone uproot the crops that are growing in my fields!*

What does Job ask to happen to the harvest if he has turned out of the right way?

He says to let the harvest be uprooted out of his field.

Job 31:10

ULT	UST
may my wife grind for another, and may others bow down upon her.	*If I have done that, I hope that my own wife will be attracted to another man and that she will have sexual relations with him.*

What does Job say should be the judgement if he was attracted to another woman?

Job says to let his wife grind grain for another man.

Job 31:12

ULT	UST
For it is a fire, it consumes unto Abaddon, and it would uproot all of my harvest.	*I would have to pay a fine that would cost me everything I owned. It would be as if a fire had burned everything I had right to the ground. It would be as if someone pulled out all the crops that were growing in my fields.*

What kind of fire does Job say this crime is like?

Job says that it is like a fire that consumes everything.

Job 31:15

ULT	UST
Did not the one making me in the belly make him? And did not one fashion us in the womb?	*I am no different from my servants, so I have no right to mistreat them. The same God created each one of us.*

What did God do for both the servants and for Job?

God made and molded them all in the womb.

Job 31:18

ULT	UST
for from my youth he has grown up with me as a father, and from the belly of my mother I have guided her.	

How does Job say he has treated the orphan from his youth?

He says the orphan grew up with him as with a father.

Job 31:20

ULT	UST
if his loins have not blessed me and he has not warmed himself from the wool of my sheep,	*I gave them warm clothes that my servants had woven from the wool of my sheep. The poor people thanked me for helping them.*

What should be offered to warm the needy with no clothing?

They should have been warmed with the wool of his sheep.

Job 31:22

ULT	UST
may my upper arm fall from the shoulder blade; yes, may my arm be broken from its socket!	*If I have neglected poor people or oppressed orphans, may the arm that I did not use to help them but used instead to threaten them fall right out of its socket!*

What part of his body does Job say should come off if he has failed to have compassion?

Job says to let his upper arm fall from the shoulder blade.

Job 31:24

ULT	UST
If I have made gold my hope and I have said to fine gold, 'My confidence';	*I solemnly declare that I have not depended on wealth as a source of security and power.*

What could people say to fine gold?

They could say to fine gold, "You are my confidence."

Job 31:28

ULT	UST
this also would be iniquity of judges, for I would have denied God above.	*If I had worshiped the sun or the moon and people found out that I had, the judges would certainly decide to punish me for that too, because I would have been worshiping a false god instead of the true God.*

Who would Job be denying if he worshiped the sun or moon?

If he worshiped them, he would have denied the God who is above.

Job 31:30

ULT	UST
For I have not caused my palate to sin by asking for his life with a curse.	

How has Job not suffered his mouth to sin?

Job has not suffered his mouth to sin by asking for the life of those who hate him with a curse.

Job 31:32

ULT	UST
The sojourner has not stayed overnight in the outdoors; I have opened my doors to the traveler.	

What had Job always done for the traveler?

He had always opened his doors to the traveler.

Job 31:33

ULT	UST
If, like man, I have concealed my sins by hiding my guilt in my chest,	*I know that people generally try to hide their sins. But I solemnly declare that I have not done that.*

How does Job say mankind has hidden his sins?

Job says mankind hides sins by hiding his guilt in his chest.

Job 31:35

ULT	UST
Who will give to me one hearing me? Behold, my mark! May the Almighty answer me! And the scroll that the man of my case has written?	*I wish that I had someone who would judge my case against God! I hereby declare that all that I have just said is true. Now I wish that Shaddai would state his case. I would like to see his written statement of charges against me.*

What does Job want to have that his opponent has written?

Job desired to have the indictment that his opponent had written.

Job 31:37

ULT	UST
I would declare to him an account of my steps; I would approach him like a noble.	*I would explain to God in detail how I was innocent of each charge. I would approach him as a ruler would: without being afraid.*

How would Job go up to his opponent if he had their indictment?

He would go up to him as a confident prince.

Job 31:40

ULT	UST
may a thorn grow instead of wheat and a weed instead of barley!" The words of Job have ended.	*If I have cheated the people who farm my land, then I wish that thorns would grow in my fields instead of wheat. I wish that bad weeds would grow there instead of barley!" After this, Job said nothing further to defend himself to his three friends.*

If Job has caused landowners to lose their lives, what does he call to grow instead of crops?

Job said to let thorns grow instead of wheat and weeds instead of barley.

Job 32

Job 32:1

ULT	UST
And the three of these men ceased from answering Job, because he was righteous in his eyes.	*Then Job's three friends stopped replying to him, because Job was confident that he was innocent.*

What did Job's three friends do when they could not convince Job that he had done anything wrong?

They stopped answering Job.

Job 32:2

ULT	UST
Then the nose burned of Elihu son of Barakel the Buzite, from the clan of Ram. His nose burned against Job upon him declaring himself righteous rather than God.	*Then a man named Elihu, who had been listening as Job spoke with his friends, became very angry with Job. Elihu was the son of Barakel. He was a Buzite and he belonged to the clan of Ram. He became angry because Job continued to claim that he was innocent and that God had been wrong to punish him.*

What emotion was kindled in Elihu when Job continued to justify himself rather than God?

Elihu's anger was kindled against Job.

Job 32:3-5

Why was Elihu angry with Job's three friends?

Elihu was angry with Job's friends because they had not been able to answer Job but they had still declared that he was wrong.

Job 32:6-7

Why was Elihu timid and afraid to tell Job and his friends what he was thinking?

Elihu was young and the others were all very old and should be able to teach wisdom.

Job 32:8

ULT	UST
Nevertheless, a spirit, it is in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.	*However, even as I was saying that, I felt the Spirit of God stirring within me. Yes, I felt Shaddai inspiring me so that I could understand.*

Who does Elihu say gives understanding to man?

The breath of the Almighty gives man understanding.

Job 32:9-10

Why does Elihu say the others should listen to him and allow him to declare what he knows?

It is not only the great who are wise, and it not the aged alone who understand justice.

Job 32:11-12

What were Job's friends not able to do even though Elihu waited for them to speak, and paid attention carefully?

Job's friends were not able to prove Job wrong or respond to his words.

Job 32:13

ULT	UST
lest you say, 'We have found wisdom!' Let God refute him, not man.	*So do not tell yourselves, 'We have discovered what is wise!' It is God who must show Job that he is wrong. Someone relying on human thinking will not be able to do that.*

Who does Elihu say must refute Job when the three friends, who thought they were wise, were not able to do that?

It is God who must refute Job.

Job 32:15-16

What does Elihu decide to do because the three friends were dumbfounded and could not answer Job?

Elihu decided that because the friends had not a word more to say, he will not wait any longer.

Job 32:18

ULT	UST
For I am full of words; the spirit in my belly compels me.	*I must speak, because I have plenty to say, and something inside me is forcing me to say it.*

What is it that compels Elihu to share his knowledge with Job?

The spirit compels Elihu to share his knowledge.

Job 32:19

ULT	UST
Behold, my belly is like wine that has no vent; like new wineskins, it is bursting open.	*I feel as if I am a container of wine that is stretching more and more and that will soon burst because of the fermentation.*

What does Elihu say he is feeling like within his breast?

He says his breast feels like wine in new wineskins that are ready to burst.

Job 32:21-22

What does Elihu say his Maker would do to him if he were to speak and give honorific titles to any man?

Elihu says that his Maker would soon take him away.

Job 33

Job 33:1-3

Why does Elihu beg Job to listen to the words he will speak?

Elihu begs Job to listen because he will speak from the uprightness of his heart.

Job 33:4

ULT	UST
The Spirit of God made me; yes, the breath of the Almighty enlivened me.	*You can trust me as someone whom God's Spirit created. You can trust me as someone whom Shaddai made alive.*

Who has made Elihu and what has given him life?

The Spirit of God made Elihu and the Almighty gave him life.

Job 33:5

ULT	UST
If you can, answer me; array to my face; station yourself.	*Once I have spoken, respond to me if you can. Think carefully about how you will reply to me.*

What does Elihu ask Job to do if Job could answer Elihu?

He asks Job to set his words in order and stand up before Elihu.

Job 33:6-7

What reason does Elihu give that Job should not be afraid of him or feel pressure from Elihu?

Elihu tells Job that they are the same in God's sight and were both formed out of the clay.

Job 33:8-9

What had Elihu heard Job saying?

Elihu heard Job saying that he was clean, without transgression, innocent and there was no sin in him.

Job 33:10

ULT	UST
Behold, he finds occasions against me; he considers me an enemy to him.	*Nevertheless, God looks for excuses to punish me. He treats me as if I were his enemy.*

Who does Job blame for finding opportunities to attack him, and for regarding him as an enemy?

Job blames God for doing these things.

Job 33:12

ULT	UST
Behold, in this you are not right. I will answer you, for God is greater than man.	*However, what you have said is incorrect. I will explain why. You do not realize what God is actually doing, since it is beyond human understanding.*

How does Elihu say God compares to man?

Elihu says God is greater than man.

Job 33:13

ULT	UST
Why do you contend against him, that he does not answer any of one's words?	*You should not be protesting that God does not respond to what anyone says.*

Why does Elihu say it is useless to struggle against God?

God does not have to account for any of his doings.

Job 33:14-15

How does Elihu say that God speaks to man?

God speaks in a dream and in a vision during the night while men are sleeping.

Job 33:16-17

Why does God open the ears of men and frighten them with threats?

God does this in order to pull man back from sinful purposes and keep pride from him.

Job 33:19-20

What does Elihu say is the reason that man has pain on his bed, agony in his bones, and no desire for food or delicacies?

Elihu says that this is because man is being punished.

Job 33:21-22

What does Elihu say happens to a man who is being punished by God?

A man's flesh is consumed, his bones stick out and his soul draws close to the pit.

Job 33:24

ULT	UST
and he is gracious to him and says, 'Redeem him from going down to the pit, I have found a ransom,'	*If the person changes the way that he has been living, then God will forgive him. God will tell the angels who cause people to die, 'Do not cause this person to die! I can see that I should allow him to live, because now he will do what is right.'*

What could an angel mediator say to God to save a person from going down to the pit?

The angel could say to God, "I have found a ransom for him."

Job 33:25

ULT	UST
his flesh becomes fresher than in childhood; it returns to the days of his youth.	*When that happens, the person will become healthy again and his skin will appear as fresh as the skin of a child. He will be as strong again as he was when he was young.*

What will happen to the flesh of the person who is saved from going down to the pit?

His flesh will become fresher than a child's.

Job 33:28

ULT	UST
He has redeemed my soul from going over into the pit, and my life will see light.'	*He has saved me from going to the place where dead people are. And so I will continue to enjoy being alive!'*

What will happen to the life of a person who admits his sin and is rescued from the pit by God?

That person's life will continue to see light.

Job 33:29-30

Why does Elihu say that God rescues a person from the pit?

God does this so that a person may be enlightened with the light of life.

Job 33:33

ULT	UST
If not, you listen to me; be silent, and I will teach you wisdom."	*However, if you have nothing more that you want to say, then just listen to me. I will explain to you how you can understand your situation in a wise way."*

What does Elihu want to teach Job if Job will pay attention and listen to him and remain silent?

Elihu wants to teach Job wisdom.

Job 34

Job 34:1-3

Who does Elihu want to listen to his words and hear him?

Elihu wants the wise men and those who have knowledge to listen to him.

Job 34:4

ULT	UST
Let us choose justice for ourselves; let us know among ourselves what is good.	*I would like all of us to decide together who is right, Job or his friends. I would like us to find out together what is a good way to understand his situation.*

What does Elihu want others to choose and discover for themselves?

Elihu wants them to choose what is just and discover what is good.

Job 34:5

ULT	UST
For Job has said, 'I am righteous, but God has taken away my justice.	*We need to consider this carefully together because Job has said, 'I am innocent, but God has not judged me fairly.'*

What does Job say that God has taken away from him even though he is righteous?

Job says that God has taken away his justice.

Job 34:8

ULT	UST
and he travels in company with doers of iniquity and walks with men of wickedness!	*His friends are people who do what is wrong. He spends time with wicked people.*

In whose company does Elihu say Job goes around?

He says Job goes around in the company of those who do evil.

Job 34:10-12

What does Elihu tell the men of understanding that God does not do?

God does not do wickedness, commit sin, or pervert justice.

Job 34:13-15

What does Elihu say would happen if God ever gathered back to himself his spirit and his breath?

All flesh would perish and mankind would return to dust.

Job 34:17

ULT	UST
Will one hating justice indeed govern? Or if you will condemn the Righteous One, the Mighty One,	*God could certainly not hate what is right and still rule the world. So you really cannot say that God, who is righteous and powerful, has done something wrong.*

Who does Elihu's question imply that Job is condemning?

He implies Job is condemning God, who is righteous and mighty.

Job 34:19

ULT	UST
who does not lift the faces of princes and does not acknowledge the rich to the face of the poor, for all of them are the work of his hands.	*God does not treat rulers better than he treats other people. God does not treat rich people more respectfully than he treats poor people. After all, God created all people.*

Who does Elihu say are the works of God's hands?

All people, rich and poor, are the work of God's hands.

Job 34:21

ULT	UST
For his eyes are upon the ways of a man, and he sees all of his steps.	*God punishes oppressive people because he sees everything that people do. God is aware of each individual action that a person does.*

What does Elihu say that God sees?

Elihu says that God sees a person's ways and all his steps.

Job 34:25

ULT	UST
Because he regards their deeds, he overthrows them in the night, and they are crushed.	*Because he already knows what they have done, he removes them quickly and gets rid of them.*

What does God do in the night to mighty men whose ways and deeds he knows?

God overthrows them in the night and they are destroyed.

Job 34:26

ULT	UST
He strikes them for their wickednesses in the place of the ones seeing,	*God kills them because of the wicked things that they have done. Many people see him do it.*

What will God do to those who do wicked deeds like criminals and make the cry of the poor come to him?

God will kill them in the open sight of others.

Job 34:29

ULT	UST
If he is silent, then who will condemn him? If he hides his face, then who will perceive him? Yet he is over a nation and over a man alike,	*Yet even if God decides not to punish wicked people right away, no one can criticize him. If God does not reveal what he is doing, no one can understand it. God controls every nation and every person.*

Over whom does God rule?

God rules over the nation and the individual alike.

Job 34:31-32

What is Elihu suggesting that Job should admit to God?

Elihu suggests that Job should admit that he is guilty and has committed sin, but will do it no longer.

Job 34:34-35

What will men of understanding say about Job?

They will say that Job speaks without knowledge and understanding.

Job 34:37

ULT	UST
For he adds transgression to his sin; he claps among us, and he multiplies his words against God."	*God should put Job on trial because in addition to sinning, he is saying that God does not treat people fairly. Knowing that we were watching, he clapped his hands to insult God. He has made long speeches to say that God has punished him unjustly."*

What does Elihu say Job is adding to his sin because of his talking like wicked men?

He says that Job is adding transgression to his sin.

Job 35

Job 35:1-2

How does Elihu imply Job compares himself to God?

Elihu implies that Job thinks he is innocent, and that he is more righteous than God.

Job 35:5

ULT	UST
Observe the heavens and see, and look, the clouds soar above you.	*Job, look up at the sky. See how high the clouds are above you! God is far higher than that!*

What does Elihu tell Job and his friends to look up and see?

Elihu tells them to look up and see the sky.

Job 35:8

ULT	UST
Your wickedness is to a man like you, and your righteousness is to a son of man.	*The only ones who suffer if you are wicked are other people. The only ones you might help by being good are other humans.*

What effect could Job's wickedness or his righteousness have on another man?

Job's wickedness could hurt a man and his righteousness could benefit another human.

Job 35:9

ULT	UST
From the multitude of oppressions they make a cry; they shout from the arm of the mighty.	*People call for others to help them because of the many things that wicked people do that make them suffer. They call for help because of the things that powerful people do to oppress them.*

Why do people cry out for help from the arms of mighty men?

They cry out for help because of the many acts of oppression done to them by others who are more powerful than they are.

Job 35:10-11

What things does Elihu say that God can do for people even though no one acknowledges it?

God teaches us and makes us wise.

Job 35:12

ULT	UST
There they cry out, but he does not answer from the face of the pride of evil ones.	*Even when people do pray to God for help, God does not answer them, because they arrogantly continue to do what is wrong.*

Why does Elihu say that God does not give an answer when people cry out to him?

Elihu says that God does not give an answer when people cry out but proudly continue in sin.

Job 35:13

ULT	UST
Surely God does not hear vanity, and the Almighty does not regard it.	*God, the Almighty One, does not respond at all when people pray but do not really mean what they are saying.*

What will God certainly not hear?

He will certainly not hear prayers that lack sincerity.

Job 35:16

ULT	UST
So Job opens his mouth in vain; without knowledge, he multiplies words."	*My friends, you see that Job has said things that are completely useless. He says many things without knowing what he is talking about."*

What does Elihu accuse Job of doing when Job opens his mouth?

He says Job opens his mouth to speak foolishness and to pile up words without knowledge.

Job 36

Job 36:3

ULT	UST
I will carry my knowledge to from afar, and I will attribute righteousness to my Maker.	*I will tell you what I have learned from many sources. I will show that God, who made me, always does what is right.*

To whom does Elihu acknowledge that righteousness belongs?

Elihu acknowledges that righteousness belongs to his Maker.

Job 36:6

ULT	UST
He does not keep the wicked alive, but he gives the lowly justice.	*He does not allow wicked people to remain alive, but he helps people whom others have been oppressing.*

What does God do for those who those who suffer?

He does what is right for those who suffer.

Job 36:7

ULT	UST
He does not withdraw his eyes from the righteous, but he sets them on a throne with kings forever, and they rise high.	*He always protects people who are righteous. He makes them prosper as if they were kings, and he causes others to honor them continually.*

What does God do for the righteous?

He sets them on thrones like kings forever, and they are lifted up.

Job 36:9

ULT	UST
then he declares to them their deeds and their transgressions, for they magnified themselves,	*When they do, God shows them what they have done wrong. He shows them that they committed these sins because they were proud.*

What does God reveal to those who are bound in chains and trapped in cords of suffering?

He reveals to them what they have done, their transgressions, and how they behaved arrogantly.

Job 36:11

ULT	UST
If they hear and serve him, they will complete their days in good and their years in pleasantness.	*If they obey him and once again live as he wishes, they will prosper and be happy for as long as they live.*

What will happen to those who listen to God and worship him?

They will spend their days in prosperity and their years in contentment.

Job 36:12

ULT	UST
But if they do not hear, they will cross over by a weapon, and they will expire as without knowledge.	*But if they do not obey him, they will die violently because they did not seek to understand how God wanted them to live.*

What will happen to the people who do not listen to God?

They will perish by the sword and die because they have no knowledge.

Job 36:13-14

What happens to godless people who keep their anger and do not cry out to God for help?

They die in their youth and their lives end in disgrace.

Job 36:15-16

How does Elihu say God uses affliction and oppression?

God uses suffering to keep people from perishing because of their sins.

Job 36:16

ULT	UST
And indeed, he has drawn you from the mouth of distress to a broad place with no constriction under it, and the setting of your table he has filled with fatness.	*Job, I believe that God wants to bring you out of your troubles and allow you to live without distress. He wants you to be happy and prosperous.*

What does Elihu say that God would like to do for Job?

God would like to draw Job out of his distress and into a place of happiness and prosperity.

Job 36:17

ULT	UST
But you are full of the judgment of the wicked; judgment and justice take hold.	*However, you are still saying bad things about God the way a wicked person would. That is why God is punishing you so severely.*

What has filled Job?

He is full of the judgment on the wicked.

Job 36:18

ULT	UST
For wrath, lest it entice you into clapping, and the greatness of a ransom will not deliver you.	*You are angry with God, but do not let that lead you to say disrespectful things about God. If you did that, God would not accept even a very large bribe to pardon you.*

What things could lead Job to deception and turn him aside from justice?

Anger with God could lead Job to deception, and a great bribe would not buy his pardon.

Job 36:19

ULT	UST
Will he esteem your riches? Not gold or all of the strengths of wealth!	*God would not want your money and so pardon you. He would not take gold or a great deal of money as a bribe.*

What things will not be able to help Job out of his distress?

Job's wealth and the force of his strength will not help him out of his distress.

Job 36:21

ULT	UST
Watch yourself, do not turn to sin, for you have chosen upon that rather than affliction.	*Be careful not to commit sin. It seems that you would rather defy God than learn what he wants to teach you through suffering.*

Why does Elihu tell Job to be careful?

He says Job would rather defy God than learn what God wants to teach him through suffering.

Job 36:23

ULT	UST
Who has appointed his way to him? Or who has said, 'You have committed unrighteousness?'	*No one has ever told him what he should do. No one has ever had to tell him that what he was doing was wrong.*

What can no one say about God?

No one can say that God has committed unrighteousness.

Job 36:26

ULT	UST
Behold, God is great, but we do not know him; the number of his years, indeed, there is no searching.	*How great God is! We are not able to understand how great he is, and we are not able to determine how old he is.*

What is it about God that we cannot calculate?

We cannot calculate the number of his years.

Job 36:27-28

How does God cause rain to fall?

He draws up the drops of water and puts it in clouds which pour rain down and drop it in abundance on mankind.

Job 36:30-31

Why does Elihu say that God spreads lightning and covers the sea with darkness?

He spreads lightning around himself and covers the sea with darkness in order to judge people and give food in abundance.

Job 36:32-33

What tells people and cattle of the coming storm?

The thunder tells people and cattle of the coming storm.

Job 37

Job 37:1-2

What makes Elihu's heart tremble?

The noise of God's voice and the sound of his roar causes Elihu's heart to tremble.

Job 37:6

ULT	UST
For he says to the snow, 'Be on the earth,' and to the shower of rain, to the shower of rains, 'Strength!'	*For example, God can cause snow to cover the ground, and when he tells a rain shower to rain even harder, it becomes a downpour.*

What does God tell the snow and the rain to do?

He tells the snow to fall to the earth, and the rain to become a great shower of rain.

Job 37:7

ULT	UST
He seals the hand of every man for the knowing of all of men of his making.	*When God makes it rain so hard, everyone has to stop working outside. This shows all people, whom he has made, what great things he is able to do.*

Why does God stop the hand of every man from working?

God stops them so that all people may see his deeds.

Job 37:8-9

For what reason do the beasts go into hiding and stay in their dens?

They hide and stay in their dens because of the storms that come.

Job 37:10

ULT	UST
From the breath of God ice is made, and the breadth of the waters is in narrowness.	*In the winter, cold winds turn water into ice. The water in lakes freezes solid.*

What is given by the breath of God?

By the breath of God ice is given.

Job 37:13

ULT	UST
If to the rod, if to his earth, if to kindness, he causes it to find it.	*God may send storms to punish people. God may send storms to water the land that he made. God may send storms to help people by providing rain to make their crops grow. God makes all of these things happen.*

For what reasons does God give guidance to the clouds and cause them to do whatever he commands?

He makes this happen sometimes for correction, sometimes to water his land, and sometimes to provide rain for crops to feed people.

Job 37:14

ULT	UST
Do hear this, Job; stand and consider the marvelous things of God.	*Job, listen to what I am saying. Just think about the wonderful things that God does.*

About what does Elihu want Job to stop and think?

He wants Job to stop and think about God’s marvelous deeds.

Job 37:15

ULT	UST
Do you know of the placing of God upon them, and his cloud causes lightning to flash?	*Are you able to explain how God arranges the clouds in the sky and makes lightning flash down from them?*

What happens when God forces his will on the clouds?

God makes lightning bolts flash in the clouds.

Job 37:18

ULT	UST
will you hammer out the sky with him, strong as a cast mirror?	*Are you able to explain how God made the sky so that it would stay firmly in place above the earth?*

What image does Elihu use to describe the sky?

He says the sky is as strong as a mirror of cast metal.

Job 37:19

ULT	UST
Teach us what we shall say to him; we can not array, from the face of darkness.	*I doubt that you could tell us what to say to God. People do not know enough to be able to defend themselves if they spoke with God.*

Why does Elihu say that he and others cannot lay out their arguments before God?

They cannot lay out their arguments before God because of the darkness of their minds.

Job 37:21

ULT	UST
And now, they do not look at the bright light that is in the skies when the wind has passed through and cleansed them.	*You know that people can not look directly at the sun when it shines brightly in the sky after the wind has blown the clouds away.*

What is it that people cannot look at when the sky is clear?

People cannot look at the sun when it is bright in the sky.

Job 37:23

ULT	UST
The Almighty, we do not find him! He is great in power, and he does not oppress justice and an abundance of righteousness.	*Shaddai has very great power, and we do not know how to get near to him. He always acts righteously, and he never mistreats anyone.*

What does Elihu say that the Almighty does not do to people?

The Almighty does not mistreat people, acting unjustly.

Job 37:24

ULT	UST
Therefore, fear him, men. He does not regard any of the wise of heart.”	*That is why everyone should have great respect for him. Any people who think that they are wise do not impress him.”*

To whom does Elihu say that the Almighty does not pay attention?

The Almighty does not pay attention to those who are wise in their own minds.

Job 38

Job 38:1

ULT	UST
And Yahweh answered Job from the storm and said,	*Then Yahweh spoke to Job from inside the storm that had been approaching. He said to him,*

Out of what did Yahweh speak to Job?

Yahweh spoke to Job out of a fierce storm.

Job 38:2

ULT	UST
“Who is this, darkening counsel by words without knowledge?	*“You have been speaking ignorantly, and as a result, you have been making it harder for people to understand my actions.*

By what means did someone darken counsel?

By speaking without knowledge, Job made it harder for people to understand God’s actions.

Job 38:3

ULT	UST
Now gird up your loins like a man, and I will question you and you will inform me.	*I am going to ask you some questions, so get ready to answer them directly.*

What does Yahweh tell Job he must do when Yahweh questions him?

Job must gird up his loins like a man and answer Yahweh’s questions.

Job 38:6-7

ULT	UST
	What keeps the earth from collapsing? Who made sure that everything on the earth would be in the right position? The earth was so beautiful when I made it that it was as if the first stars all sang a song to celebrate it. All of the angels gave a great cheer when they saw the earth.

What sang together and who shouted for joy when Yahweh laid the cornerstone of the earth?

The morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy when the cornerstone of the earth was laid.

Job 38:8

ULT	UST
And who enclosed the sea with doors in its issuing from the womb, when it came out,	*When I made the land, the sea could have flowed over it. Who prevented the sea from flooding the earth?*

To what does Yahweh compare the sea bursting out after it was shut up with doors?

God compares the sea bursting out of doors to coming out of the womb.

Job 38:10-11

What did Yahweh put in place to mark out the boundary of the sea so that it could come only so far and no farther?

Yahweh put in place bars and doors to mark a boundary for the sea.

Job 38:14

ULT	UST
It is changed like clay under a seal, and they stand out like a garment.	*In the light of day, people can see the hills and valleys on earth clearly. The earth seems to take shape the way clay takes shape when people press a seal onto it or the way folds form in clothing.*

How is the earth changed in appearance like clay changes under a seal?

The light of dawn changes the earth so that all things on it stand out clearly, like the folds of a piece of clothing seen in the light.

Job 38:19-21

What does Yahweh say to mock Job about his lack of knowledge about the way to the resting place of light and darkness?

Yahweh mocks Job by saying that undoubtedly Job should know about this because he was born then and the number of his days is so large.

Job 38:22-23

For what reason does Yahweh say he has kept storehouses for the snow and the hail?

Yahweh has kept these storehouses for times of trouble and for a day of battle and war.

Job 38:25-27

Why does Yahweh cause it to rain on the wilderness in which there is no person?

He causes it to rain in order to meet the needs of the barren and lonely regions and to make the tender grass sprout up.

Job 38:31

ULT	UST
Will you tie the bands of the Pleiades, or loose the cords of Orion?	*Can you make stars cluster together, as they do in the cluster you call the Pleiades? Can you make stars move apart so that they no longer make constellations such as the one you call Orion?*

What does Yahweh ask Job if he can do to Pleiades and Orion?

He asks Job if he can tie the bands on the Pleiades or undo the cords of Orion.

Job 38:37-38

What happens to the dust and clods of earth when Yahweh pours out water on them?

The dust runs into a hard mass and the clods of earth clump tightly together.

Job 38:40

ULT	UST
when they crouch in their dens, when they lie in wait in a shelter for an ambush?	

Where do the young lion cubs wait for their food?

They crouch in their dens and shelter in hiding to lie in wait.

Job 38:41

ULT	UST
Who provides to the raven its food when its children cry out to God, when they stagger without food?	*Suppose some baby ravens in a nest were chirping loudly because they were hungry. Suppose they had not eaten in so long that they had become weak. Could you provide a dead animal whose meat the raven could bring home to its baby birds?*

Why do the young ones of the ravens stagger about?

They stagger about for lack of food.

Job 39

Job 39:4

ULT	UST
Their sons become strong, they grow up in the field; they go out, and they do not return to them.	*The young animals grow up in the open fields. Once they are strong enough to leave their mothers, they do not return to them again.*

What happens to the young deer after they grow up in the open fields?

They go out and do not come back again.

Job 39:5-6

What has Yahweh made the house of the wild donkey?

Yahweh has made the Arabah the house of the wild donkey.

Job 39:8

ULT	UST
It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it seeks after every green thing.	*They wander over the hills to find food. They look for any plant that they can eat.*

Where does the wild donkey find food?

He roams over the mountains where he looks for every green plant to eat.

Job 39:10

ULT	UST
Will you bind a wild ox in a furrow with its rope? If it will harrow the valleys after you?	*You could not make a wild ox pull a plow so that it would dig furrows in your fields.*

What does Yahweh ask Job to make the wild ox do with a rope?

He asks Job if, with a rope, he can make the wild ox plow the furrows or harrow the valleys for him.

Job 39:13

ULT	UST
The wing of ostriches flaps vigorously. If it is a kind feather and plumage?	*Now think about ostriches. They run very fast, flapping their wings as they go. But they do not take good care of their offspring.*

What does the ostrich flap proudly?

The ostrich flaps its wings proudly as it runs fast.

Job 39:14

ULT	UST
For it leaves its eggs on the earth, and it warms them in the dust,	*Female ostriches are bad mothers, because lay their eggs and leave them on the ground. The eggs do stay warm in the sand.*

What does the ostrich do with her eggs?

She leaves her eggs on the earth, and lets them keep warm in the dust.

Job 39:16

ULT	UST
It treats its sons harshly, as if not to it; vain is its labor, without fear,	*Ostriches do not care well for their chicks. They act as if the chicks do not belong to them. They do not seem to be concerned that their chicks might die and they would have laid their eggs for nothing.*

Why does the ostrich not fear that her labor might have been in vain?

Yahweh has deprived her of wisdom and not given her any understanding.

Job 39:18

ULT	UST
As for the time it lifts itself on high, it laughs at the horse and at its rider.	*However, ostriches are still awesome birds. When they run, they can easily run faster than horses!*

What does Yahweh say the ostrich does when she runs?

She laughs in scorn at the horse and its rider.

Job 39:19

ULT	UST
Have you given strength to the horse? Have you clothed its neck with a mane?	*But I made horses to be very strong. I put beautiful flowing manes on their necks.*

What clothes the neck of the horse?

A flowing mane clothes its neck.

Job 39:22

ULT	UST
It laughs at fear and it is not frightened, and it does not turn back from the face of the sword.	*Horses seem to disregard danger as they go bravely into battle. They do not run away when enemy soldiers attack them.*

How does the horse react to the sword?

He does not turn back from the sword.

Job 39:24

ULT	UST
With shaking and rage it swallows the ground, and it does not stand still when there is the sound of the horn.	*Horses rush into battle as soon as an officer blows a horn to signal that the army should advance. The horses run very quickly, and they speedily reach the enemy lines.*

What can the horse not do at the sound of the trumpet?

It cannot stand in one place.

Job 39:27-28

Where does the eagle make his nest and his home?

He makes his nest in high places, and his home on the peaks of the crags.

Job 40

Job 40:4

ULT	UST
“Behold, I am slight; how shall I answer you? I put my hand over my mouth.	*“Now I realize how insignificant I am. I am not able to answer your questions. I will not say anything in response to them.*

How did Job do to show that he was too insignificant to answer Yahweh?

Job put his hand over his mouth.

Job 40:6

ULT	UST
And Yahweh answered Job from the storm and said,	*Then Yahweh again spoke to Job from inside the storm. He said,*

From what did Yahweh answer Job?

Yahweh answered Job from out of a fierce storm.

Job 40:7

ULT	UST
“Now gird up your loins like a man! I will question you, and you will inform me.	*“I am going to ask you some more questions, so get ready to answer them directly.*

What did Yahweh tell Job to do to prepare to answer Yahweh?

He told Job to gird up his loins like a man.

Job 40:8

ULT	UST
Would you actually annul my judgment? Would you condemn me so that you may be right?	*Do you still want to govern the universe instead of me? Do you still want to insist that I am doing things wrong and that you would do them right?*

Why did Yahweh say that Job was condemning Yahweh?

He said Job condemned Yahweh so that Job could claim he was right.

Job 40:10

ULT	UST
Then adorn yourself in majesty and greatness, and clothe yourself in glory and splendor.	*If you want to govern the universe, you must show that you are dignified and noble. You must show that your character is glorious and beautiful.*

With what does Yahweh challenge Job to clothe himself?

He challenges Job to cloth himself with glory, splendor, greatness and majesty.

Job 40:12

ULT	UST
Look at every proud one and subdue him, and trample the wicked under them.	*Yes, you must not allow arrogant people to remain in important positions. Destroy wicked people quickly!*

What does Yahweh tell Job to do to the wicked people?

Yahweh tells Job to trample them down where they stand.

Job 40:15

ULT	UST
Now behold Behemoth, which I made with you; it eats grass like an ox.	*But to show you how insignificant you really are, I want you to think about a great animal that I created, Behemoth. I made you, and I also made it. Even though this great beast has the size and strength to hunt and kill other animals, it eats plants as oxen do.*

What does the Behemoth eat?

He eats grass like an ox.

Job 40:17

ULT	UST
It bends its tail like a cedar; the sinews of its thighs are intertwined.	*Behemoth can make its tail as stiff as the branch of a cedar tree and hold it up in the air. It has very strong legs.*

What is the tail of the Behemoth like?

His tail is like a cedar.

Job 40:19

ULT	UST
It is the first of the ways of God. Its Maker has brought near its sword.	*Behemoth is one of the strongest animals that I made. I gave it sharp tusks so that it could cut down plants and eat them.*

What is one of the strongest animals God made?

God says the Behemoth is the first of the ways of God, meaning first in strength.

Job 40:21

ULT	UST
It lies beneath lotus trees, in the covering of the reed and the marsh.	*Behemoth lies under the trees that grow near the river where it lives. It sometimes shelters in the tall reeds that grow in the swamps of the river.*

Where does the Behemoth lie?

He lies under the lotus plants in the shelter of the reeds.

Job 40:23

ULT	UST
Behold, a river will overflow, it does not tremble; it is confident, if the Jordan should surge to its mouth.	*Even when the river in which it lives become strong and turbulent, this does not disturb Behemoth. It does not mind even if the level of the water in the river rises very high.*

What does the Behemoth think when the river floods and the Jordan surges?

He does not tremble and he is confident.

Job 41

Job 41:1

ULT	UST
Will you draw out Leviathan with a hook? Or will you tie its tongue with a rope?	*And now I want you to think about another great animal that I created, Leviathan. You cannot catch Leviathan with a fishhook, and you cannot tie rope around its jaws to hold them closed!*

With what does Yahweh ask Job if he can draw out Leviathan?

Yahweh asks Job if he can draw out Leviathan with a fishhook.

Job 41:6

ULT	UST
Will partners bargain over it? Will they divide it among merchants?	*People who work together to catch fish could never catch Leviathan and then decide what share of it belonged to each of them. They would never get the chance to cut Leviathan into pieces and then sell its meat!*

What does God ask Job might happen if the fishermen were to catch Leviathan?

He asks Job if the fishermen would bargain for Leviathan or divide him up to trade among the merchants.

Job 41:8

ULT	UST
Put your hand on it; remember the battle; do not continue!	*If you try to fight with Leviathan, it will give you a battle that you will never forget! You will never try to do that again!*

What will happen if a person puts his hand on Leviathan?

It someone puts his hand on the Leviathan just once, he will remember the battle and do it no more.

Job 41:10

ULT	UST
One is not fierce, that he will awaken it. Then who is he who will stand to my face?	*No one is so foolhardy that he would wake up Leviathan if it were sleeping. It would angrily attack him. Since that is true, it is even more foolhardy to challenge me, as you have done.*

Since no one is fierce enough to dare stir Leviathan up, can anyone stand before Yahweh?

No one dares to stir Leviathan up, so there is no one who can stand before Yahweh.

Job 41:14

ULT	UST
The doors of its face, who has opened? Around its teeth is terror!	*Those jaws have terrible teeth in them! No one can pry them open when they are closed, and no one can release them when they bite onto something.*

How else does Yahweh describe Leviathan's mouth?

He says it is the doors of his face, ringed with teeth, which are a terror.

Job 41:16

ULT	UST
One with one, they are close, and air does not come between them.	*Those scales are so close together that it seems as if not even air can get between them.*

How close are the scales on the back of Leviathan?

One is so near to another that no air can come between them.

Job 41:18

ULT	UST
Light flashes from its snortings, and its eyes are like the eyelids of the dawn.	*When Leviathan makes a loud sound, fire comes out of its mouth as well as noise. It has bright, scary eyes that seem to glow with fire.*

How does Yahweh say Leviathan's eyes are like?

His eyes are like eyelids of the dawn, bright and glowing.

Job 41:19

ULT	UST
Flames come from its mouth; sparks of fire leap out!	*When it breathes, it shoots out flames and fiery sparks.*

What comes out of Leviathan's mouth?

Out of Leviathan's mouth go flames and fiery sparks.

Job 41:20

ULT	UST
From its nostrils goes smoke like a blown pot and a reed.	*Smoke pours out of its nostrils the way steam pours out of a pot of boiling water over a hot fire.*

What is the smoke from Leviathan's nostrils like?

It is like a boiling pot on a fire that has been fanned to be very hot.

Job 41:24

ULT	UST
Its heart is hard like stone; yes, it is hard like a lower millstone.	*It does not feel any compassion, any more than a stone would feel compassion or the lower millstone on which people grind grain would feel compassion.*

What is Leviathan's heart like?

His heart is as hard as a lower millstone.

Job 41:25

ULT	UST
At its rising, the mighty fear; from its thrashings, they withdraw.	*When Leviathan rises up out of the ocean, the bravest people become terrified. When sailors see it churning up the water, they sail away as fast as they can.*

What do the mighty do when Leviathan raises himself up?

They become afraid and draw back.

Job 41:26

ULT	UST
The sword reaching it does not stand; the spear, the dart, the javelin.	*People cannot injure it with swords. They cannot injure it with spears, arrows, or other weapons that have sharp points, either.*

What happens when a sword, spear, arrow or any pointed weapon strikes Leviathan?

They do nothing to him.

Job 41:27

ULT	UST
It regards iron as straw, bronze as rotten wood.	*An iron weapon could not hurt it any more than straw could. A bronze weapon could not hurt it any more than a weapon made of rotten wood.*

What does Leviathan think of iron and bronze?

He thinks of iron as if it were straw and bronze as if it were rotten wood.

Job 41:30

ULT	UST
Beneath it are points of a shard; it spreads like a threshing sledge upon the mud.	*Scales as sharp as broken pieces of pottery cover its belly. When it drags itself through the mud, these scales tear up the ground.*

What kind of trail does Leviathan leave?

He leaves a spreading trail in the mud as if he were a threshing sledge.

Job 41:31

ULT	UST
It makes the deep boil like a pot; it makes the sea like an ointment pot.	*As it swims through the deep water of the ocean, it churns it into foam, as if it were boiling water or ointment that someone was stirring.*

What does he make the deep to do?

He makes the deep to foam up like a boiling pot of water.

Job 41:33

ULT	UST
Upon the dust there is not its equal, the one made without fear.	*There is nothing in the world like Leviathan. I created it in such a way that it would not be afraid of anything.*

Why does Leviathan have no equal on earth?

He s has been made to live without fear.

Job 42

Job 42:3

ULT	UST
‘Who is this, concealing counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have declared, but I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, and I did not know.	*You told me that I had been speaking ignorantly, and that as a result, I was making it harder for people to understand your actions. I will admit that I was speaking about things that I did not understand. Those things were very amazing, and I did not really know what I was talking about.*

What did Job acknowledge that he had spoken?

He had spoken things that he did not understand, things too difficult for him to understand, which he did not know about.

Job 42:6

ULT	UST
Therefore I despise, and I repent in dust and ashes.”	*Therefore I am ashamed of myself for what I said. I am sitting in dust and ashes to show that I am sorry for what I said.”*

How did Job respond to Yahweh after seeing him with his eye?

Job despised himself and repented in dust and ashes.

Job 42:7

ULT	UST
And it happened, after Yahweh had spoken these words to Job, that Yahweh said to Eliphaz the Temanite, “My nose burns against you and against the two of your friends, for you have not spoken about me what is right as my servant Job has.	*When Yahweh had finished speaking with Job, he spoke to Eliphaz, Job’s friend from the town of Teman. He said, “I am very angry with you and your two friends. I am angry because you did not say true things about me the way Job did. He serves me faithfully.*

What did Yahweh say that Eliphaz and his two friends had done wrong?

They had not said right things about Yahweh, as Job had done.

Job 42:8

ULT	UST
So now take for yourselves seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and offer a burnt offering for yourselves. And Job my servant will pray for you; I will surely lift his face, lest I deal with you according to your folly. For you have not said what is right about me like my servant Job."	*So now you must bring seven young bulls and seven rams to Job, that man who serves me faithfully. While he is with you, kill these animals and burn them as a sacrifice for yourselves. Then Job will pray for you, and I will do what he asks me to do for you. I will not punish you for speaking foolishly about me. You deserve for me to punish you because you did not say the right things about me as Job did. He serves me faithfully."*

What did Yahweh tell Eliphaz to give as an offering?

He told Eliphaz to take seven bulls and seven rams to offer for themselves as a burnt offering.

Whose prayer did Yahweh say he would accept?

Yahweh said he would accept Job's prayer.

Job 42:10

ULT	UST
And Yahweh turned the captivity of Job when he prayed for his friends, and Yahweh added to all that was to Job to double.	*After Job had prayed for his three friends, Yahweh healed him and made him wealthy again. Yahweh gave him twice as much wealth as he had before.*

What happened after Job prayed for his friends?

Yahweh restored his fortunes and gave him twice what he had possessed before.

Job 42:11

ULT	UST
And all of his brothers and all of his sisters and all of the ones knowing him before came to him, and they ate bread with him in his house. And they consoled him and comforted him for all of the troubles that Yahweh had brought upon him, and they each gave one kesitah to him and each gave one earring of gold.	*Then Job's family and friends came to his house and had a feast with him. All of his brothers and sisters came, and all of his former acquaintances also came. They cheered him up now that all of the troubles were over that Yahweh had allowed to happen to him. Each of them gave Job a valuable piece of silver and a gold earring.*

What did every person give to Job when they came to comfort him?

They each gave him a piece of silver and an earring of gold.

Job 42:12

ULT	UST
And Yahweh blessed the finish of Job more than his start. And it was to him 14, 000 sheep and 6, 000 camels and 1, 000 yoke of oxen and 1, 000 female donkeys.	*Yahweh blessed Job more in the second part of his life than he had blessed him in the first part of his life. Job acquired 14, 000 sheep, 6, 000 camels, 1, 000 pairs of oxen, and 1, 000 female donkeys.*

How did Yahweh bless Job at the end of his life?

Yahweh blessed Job more than the first part of Job's life.

Job 42:13

ULT	UST
And it was to him seven sons and three daughters.	*Job also had seven more sons and three more daughters.*

How many more sons and daughters did Yahweh give to Job?

He had seven sons and three daughters.

Job 42:15

ULT	UST
And one was not found among women as beautiful as the daughters of Job in all of the land. And their father gave an inheritance to them in the midst of their brothers.	*Job's three daughters were the most beautiful women in the whole land of Uz. As their father, Job declared that his daughters would each receive an inheritance from him, just as their brothers would.*

What was unique about Job's daughters?

There were no woman in the land as beautiful as Job's daughters, and he gave them an inheritance with their brothers.

Psalms

Psalms 1

Psalms 1:1

ULT	UST
The happinesses of the man who walks not in the advice of the wicked, and stands not in the pathway of sinners, and sits not in the seat of scoffers,	*The person who will have a truly good life is the person who does not do what evil people tell him to do, who does not imitate sinful people's behavior, and who does not become like people who enjoy mocking.*

What does the happy man not do?

He does not do what the wicked advise him to do.

Where does the happy man not stand?

He does not stand in the pathway of sinners.

Where does the happy man not sit?

He does not sit in the seat of scoffers.

Psalms 1:2

ULT	UST
but in the instruction of Yahweh is his delight, and in his instruction he meditates day and night.	*Instead, he delights in what Yahweh teaches, he thoughtfully reads it aloud every day and every night.*

In what does the man delight?

He delights in the instruction of Yahweh.

When does the man meditate on the instruction of Yahweh?

He meditates on it day and night.

Psalms 1:3

ULT	UST
And he is like a tree set to grow by streams of water, which gives its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither, and he makes successful all that he does.	*Like having plenty of water causes a well-cultivated tree to produce fruit at the right time, and keeps it from dying, so his faithfulness to Yahweh causes everything this person does to prosper.*

What is the man like?

He is like a tree set to grow by streams of water.

What will happen to everything the man does?

Whatever he does will prosper.

Psalms 1:4

ULT	UST
Not so the wicked! But they are like the chaff that wind chases away.	*That is not what wicked people are like! Instead, they are like chaff that the wind blows away.*

What are wicked people like?

They are like the chaff that the wind chases away.

Psalms 1:5

ULT	UST
Thus the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.	*Just so, wicked people will not be able to endure when Yahweh judges the world. Neither will sinful people be present when Yahweh gathers all the righteous people together.*

What will happen to wicked people in the judgment?

They will not stand in the judgment.

Psalms 1:6

ULT	UST
For Yahweh knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.	*All of this is because Yahweh cares for righteous people, but wicked people keep sinning until Yahweh destroys them forever.*

Who knows the way of the righteous?

Yahweh knows the way of the righteous.

What will happen to the way of the wicked?

The way of the wicked will perish.

Psalms 2

Psalms 2:2

ULT	UST
The kings of the earth take their stand, and the rulers conspire together against Yahweh and against his anointed.	*Earthly kings prepare to revolt, the rulers plot together to fight against Yahweh and against his chosen king.*

Who are the rulers conspiring against?

They are conspiring against Yahweh and against his anointed.

Psalms 2:3

ULT	UST
“Let us tear apart their bonds and cast their cords away from us.”	*They shout, “We should break free from the shackles that they control us with. We should throw aside the ropes that they rule over us with!”*

What do the rulers want to tear apart and throw off?

They want to tear apart the restraints Yahweh and his chosen king put on them and cast off their rule.

Psalms 2:4

ULT	UST
He who is sitting in the heavens laughs; the Lord mocks them.	*But the heavenly ruler sneers at them; the Lord ridicules those rulers.*

Who sits in the heavens and mocks the nations who rebel?

The Lord mocks them.

Psalms 2:6

ULT	UST
“I, I have poured out my king on Zion, the mountain of my holiness.”	*Yahweh says, “It is I who has made my king rule in Zion, which is my sacred hill.”*

Who has the Lord anointed?

The Lord has anointed his king on Zion, his holy mountain.

Psalms 2:7

ULT	UST
I will describe a decree of Yahweh. He said to me, “You are my son! Today I have begotten you.	*Yahweh’s king says, “I will proclaim what Yahweh has decreed. Yahweh said to me, ‘You are my son; today I have become your father.*

What decree does Yahweh give to the psalmist?

Yahweh says, “You are my son! Today I have begotten you.”

Psalms 2:8

ULT	UST
Ask from me, and I will give nations as your inheritance and the extremities of the earth as your possession.	*Request this from me: ask to inherit the nations, ask to own the whole earth even the farthest parts. I will give them to you.*

What will Yahweh do with the nations and most distant regions of the earth?

Yahweh will give them as an inheritance and possession.

Psalms 2:9

ULT	UST
You will break them with an iron rod; like a jar of a potter, you will smash them to pieces.”	*You will strike them with an iron rod and they will shatter into small pieces as if they were a clay pot.’”*

What will happen to the nations?

They will be broken and smashed.

Psalms 2:11

ULT	UST
Serve Yahweh with fear and rejoice with trembling.	*Worship Yahweh respectfully. Be joyful and afraid while you are worshiping him!*

How should the kings and rulers respond to Yahweh's decree?

They should serve Yahweh in fear and rejoice with trembling.

Psalms 2:12

ULT	UST
Kiss the son, lest he be angry and you perish in the way, for his anger burns for just a moment. The happinesses of all the seekers of refuge in him.	*Swear to be truly loyal to his son otherwise, he may become angry and suddenly kill you because he can become angry quickly. But all those who ask him to protect them will have a life that is truly good.*

Why should the kings give allegiance to Yahweh's son?

They should give him allegiance so that he will not be angry and they will not perish.

What happens to all those who take refuge in the son?

They will have a life that is truly good.

Psalms 3

Psalms 3:1

ULT	UST
Yahweh, how many my oppressors have become! The risers against me are many.	*Yahweh, I have so many enemies! Many people are deciding to oppose me.*

What does David say about how many enemies he has?

David says that his so many enemies who have decided to oppose him.

Psalms 3:3

ULT	UST
But you, Yahweh, are a shield round about me, my glory, and the lifter up of my head.	*But Yahweh, you are like a shield that protects me. You greatly honor me, and you encourage me.*

What does David say Yahweh is to him?

David says Yahweh is a shield that protects him and he is the one who encourages.

Psalms 3:4

ULT	UST
With my voice I call to Yahweh, and he answered me from the hill of his holiness. Selah	*Whenever I cry loudly to Yahweh for help, he comes from Zion, his sacred hill, to help me. Selah*

What does Yahweh do when David calls out to him?

He answers David from his holy hill.

Psalms 3:6

ULT	UST
I will not fear the multitudes of people who stand against me round about.	*There may be thousands of enemy soldiers who surround me, but I am not afraid.*

Who does David say he will not fear because of Yahweh's protection?

David will not be afraid of the many people who stand against him.

Psalms 3:7

ULT	UST
Rise up, Yahweh! Save me, my God! For you hit all my enemies on the cheek; the teeth of the wicked you break.	*Yahweh, get up! My God, rescue me! You can insultingly slap my enemies on their cheeks, and destroy those wicked people's power like breaking animals' teeth,*

What does David say Yahweh does to his enemies?

Yahweh destroys David's enemies power like he is breaking animals' teeth.

Psalms 3:8

ULT	UST
Salvation is of Yahweh. Your blessing is on your people. Selah	*Yahweh rescues! Bless your people! Selah*

From whom does salvation come?

Salvation comes from Yahweh.

Psalms 4

Psalms 4:1

ULT	UST
Answer me when I call, God of my righteousness; in distress you relieve me. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.	*Righteous God, respond to me when I pray to you. You who have always rescued me when I was distressed, act mercifully toward me and pay attention to what I pray.*

Who does David ask to answer when he calls?

David prays for the God of his righteousness to answer when he calls.

Psalms 4:2

ULT	UST
Son of man, until when will my glory become shame? Until when will you love futility, until when will you seek falsehood? Selah	*How long will you mortal people dishonor me instead of honoring me? How long will you love what is useless, and chase lies? Selah*

What does David say the people are doing to his glory?

They are dishonoring him instead of honoring him.

Psalms 4:3

ULT	UST
But know that Yahweh has set apart the faithful for himself. Yahweh hears when I call to him.	*You all should know that Yahweh treats people who are faithful to him as special to him. Yahweh will pay attention when I pray to him.*

Who does Yahweh set apart for himself?

Yahweh sets apart the faithful for himself.

Psalms 4:4

ULT	UST
Tremble and do not sin! Meditate in your heart on your bed and be silent. Selah	*You should be afraid of Yahweh, and because of that stop sinning! While you lie on your bed, examine what you are thinking and stop accusing me. Selah*

What does David tell people to do while lying on their beds?

David tells them to meditate in their hearts and be silent.

Psalms 4:5

ULT	UST
Sacrifice sacrifices of righteousness and trust in Yahweh.	*Instead, offer to Yahweh the proper sacrifices and continually trust him.*

What kind of sacrifices does David say to offer?

He says to offer sacrifices of righteousness.

In whom does David say to trust?

He says to trust in Yahweh.

Psalms 4:6

ULT	UST
Many say, "Who will show us good?" Lift up the light of your face on us, Yahweh!	*Many people are wishing for something good to happen. Yahweh, please do good things for us!*

What do many people say?

Many people ask who will show them anything good.

Psalms 4:7

ULT	UST
You have put joy in my heart more than the time when their grain and their new wine abound.	*You have made me very joyful, even more than these complainers are when they have plenty of food and drink.*

What has Yahweh put in David's heart?

Yahweh has put more joy in his heart than others have in their hearts when their grain and new wine abound.

Psalms 4:8

ULT	UST
In peace I will both lie down and sleep, for you alone, Yahweh, cause me to dwell securely.	*I can lie down at night and sleep without worrying because I know that it is only you, Yahweh, who keeps me safe.*

Who makes David safe and secure when he lies down in peaceful sleep?

Yahweh alone makes David safe and secure.

Psalms 5

Psalms 5:1

ULT	UST
To my words give ear, Yahweh! Understand my murmuring!	*Yahweh, listen to what I say! Comprehend my distressed sigh.*

Who does David ask listen to what he says and understand his murmuring?

David asks Yahweh to listen to what he says and understand his distressed sigh.

Psalms 5:2

ULT	UST
Listen attentively to the sound of my cry for help, my king and my God, for to you I pray!	*Since you are my king and my God, hear and respond when I plead aloud for rescuing, because I am praying to you only.*

What names does David use for the one who listens to the sound of his cry?

David calls him his king and his God.

Psalms 5:3

ULT	UST
Yahweh, in the morning you hear my voice. In the morning I prepare for you and watch.	*Yahweh, you will hear me pleading each morning. Every morning I will request that you save me, and I will wait for you to do it.*

What does David say he will do each morning?

David says he will prepare for Yahweh and watch.

Psalms 5:4

ULT	UST
For you are not a god pleased with wickedness; evil ones will not sojourn with you.	*You are a God who certainly does not approve of wicked people; evil-doers never stay as your guests.*

What does God certainly not do?

He certainly does not approve of evil, and evil people will not be his guests.

Psalms 5:5

ULT	UST
The arrogant will not stand in front of your eyes; you hate all doers of iniquity.	*Boasters are not allowed to come worship you. You hate everyone who does evil things.*

Who will not stand in God's presence?

The arrogant will not stand in God's presence.

Whom does God hate?

God hates all who do evil things.

Psalms 5:6

ULT	UST
You will destroy speakers of falsehood; the man of blood and deceit Yahweh abhors.	*You kill liars. Yahweh despises murderers and people who deceive others.*

What will God do to liars?

God will destroy liars.

Who does Yahweh despise?

Yahweh despises violent and deceitful men.

Psalms 5:7

ULT	UST
But I, in the greatness of your covenant faithfulness, I will come into your house; I will bow down toward your temple of holiness in fear.	*As for me, I will come worship you where you live, because you faithfully love us so abundantly. I will reverently kneel to worship you at your sacred temple.*

Why will David come into Yahweh's house?

David will come into Yahweh's house because of Yahweh's great covenant faithfulness.

How will David bow down toward Yahweh's holy temple?

David will bow down in reverence.

Psalms 5:8

ULT	UST
Yahweh, guide me in your righteousness because of my watchers; straighten before my face your path.	*Yahweh, my enemies are watching me to try to catch me doing something wrong. Please show me how to do what is right, just as you always do what is right. Make it easy for me to live obediently to you.*

Why does David ask Yahweh to guide him in righteousness?

David asks Yahweh to guide him in righteousness because of those who are watching him.

Psalms 5:9

ULT	UST
For there is no firmness in his mouth; their inward being is destruction. An open tomb is their throat; their tongue they make smooth.	*Please do this because my enemies are untrustworthy; one of their strongest desires is to destroy people. They speak things that are vile like the smell of an open grave. They flatter people to trap and destroy them.*

How does David describe his enemies?

David describes his enemies as untrustworthy, desiring to destroy people, speaking things that are vile like the smell of an open grave, and flattering people to trap and destroy them.

Psalms 5:10

ULT	UST
Make them guilty, God; may they fall due to their schemes! Because of their many transgressions, drive them out, for they rebel against you!	*O God, declare that they are guilty and punish them. Cause to happen to them the harmful events that they plan to cause to happen to others. Get rid of them because they have sinned often, and rebelled against you.*

What does David ask God to do to his enemies because of their many transgressions and their rebellion against God?

David asks God to declare his enemies guilty and to drive them out.

Psalms 5:11

ULT	UST
But may all refuge seekers in you rejoice; may they shout joyfully to eternity, and may you cover over them, and may lovers of your name exult in you.	*But enable all the people who ask you to protect them to be glad; enable them to sing gladly always. Please protect them. Enable everyone who loves it when you are famous to praise you.*

Why should those who take refuge in God shout for joy?

They should shout for joy because God defends them.

Psalms 5:12

ULT	UST
For you, Yahweh, you bless the righteous, you surround him with favor as a shield.	*I ask this because Yahweh, you always bless those who act righteously; you protect them as if your good acts are like a shield around them.*

What will Yahweh do for the righteous?

Yahweh will bless the righteous and surround them with his favor as with a shield.

Psalms 6

Psalms 6:1

ULT	UST
Yahweh, rebuke me not in your nose, and in your rage discipline me not.	*Yahweh, do not correct me angrily, do not punish me wrathfully.*

What is David asking Yahweh not to do?

He asks Yahweh not to rebuke him in his anger or discipline him in his wrath.

Psalms 6:2

ULT	UST
Be gracious to me, Yahweh, for I am frail! Heal me, Yahweh, for my bones are shaking!	*Yahweh, act kindly toward me because I have become weak. Yahweh, heal me because my body shakes fearfully.*

What is David asking Yahweh to do because David is frail?

David asks Yahweh to have mercy on him and to heal him.

Psalms 6:4

ULT	UST
Turn back, Yahweh! Rescue my soul! Save me for the sake of your covenant faithfulness!	*Yahweh, relent from your anger and deliver me! Help me because you always do what you promise!*

Why does David say that Yahweh should rescue and save him?

Because of Yahweh’s covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 6:5

ULT	UST
For in death, there is no remembrance of you. In Sheol, who will thank you?	*Do this because I and no one else who is dead can honor you. I and no one else can praise you if we are in the place where the dead are.*

What will not be remembered in death?

In death there is no remembrance of Yahweh.

Psalms 6:6

ULT	UST
I am weary with my groaning. During every night, I cause my bed to swim, With my tears, my couch I melt.	*I am exhausted because of my pain. I cry all night long, so that my tears soak and seem as if they will wash away my bed and my cushions.*

What does David do to his bed because he is weary and groaning?

All night he soaks it with his tears.

Psalms 6:7

ULT	UST
My eye has wasted away from grief, it advances because of all my adversaries.	*I am very sad and I cry so much that I cannot see well. My vision has become weak from crying because of all my enemies.*

What happens to David's eyes because of his grief and because of all his adversaries?

His vision becomes weak, so that he cannot see well.

Psalms 6:8-9

Why should those who practice iniquity get away from David?

Because Yahweh has heard the sound of his weeping and his appeal for mercy and accepts his prayer.

Psalms 6:10

ULT	UST
Let all my enemies be shamed and greatly disturbed. Let them turn back. Let them be shamed in an instant.	*When that happens, all my enemies will be ashamed and very troubled. They will relent from attacking me because they will suddenly be ashamed.*

What does David ask God to make happen to his enemies?

He asks that all his enemies will be ashamed and greatly troubled and they will turn back.

Psalms 7

Psalms 7:1

ULT	UST
Yahweh my God, in you I have taken refuge; save me from all my pursuers, and rescue me!	*Yahweh my God, I have come to you so that you can protect me. Save me from everyone who is chasing me in order to harm me. Rescue me!*

In whom does David take refuge?

David takes refuge in Yahweh his God.

What is David asking Yahweh to do?

David is asking Yahweh to save him from those who chase him, and to rescue him.

Psalms 7:3-5

What does David say should happen to him if he has done wrong?

David says that if he has done wrong, his enemy should be allowed to chase and capture him and leave him lying dead.

Psalms 7:6

ULT	UST
Arise, Yahweh! In your nose, be lifted with the rage of my adversaries! And wake up for me! You have ordered judgment.	*Get up Yahweh! Because you are angry, show that you are greater than what my furious enemies can do! Be alert so you can rescue me by doing what you have said is just!*

What is David asking Yahweh to do in Yahweh's anger?

David is asking Yahweh show that he is greater than what David's furious enemies can do.

What does David say Yahweh has already ordered?

David says that Yahweh has already ordered judgment.

Psalms 7:7

ULT	UST
And an assembly of peoples surround you, and over it return on high!	*The people of all nations gather around you; return to ruling over them all!*

What does David want Yahweh to do concerning the peoples?

David wants Yahweh to take his rightful place ruling over all the peoples.

Psalms 7:8

ULT	UST
Yahweh, adjudicate the peoples! Judge me, Yahweh, according to my righteousness and according to my integrity, Most High!	*Yahweh, judge the people of all nations! Decide favorably for me, Yahweh, because I am righteous and honorable before you the highest judge.*

Who does David want Yahweh to judge?

David wants Yahweh to judge all the peoples, including himself.

Psalms 7:9

ULT	UST
May the evil of the wicked end, and would you establish the righteous. The righteous God examines hearts and kidneys.	*God, you are righteous and look closely at what people think and want. Please stop evil people from doing wicked things, and make all of us who are righteous secure!*

What does David say the righteous God does?

David says God examines thoughts and desires.

Psalms 7:10

ULT	UST
My shield is with God, the savior of the upright of heart.	*God, you protect me as a shield protects soldiers; you rescue all those who are righteous in their inner being.*

Where does David's protection come from?

David's protection comes from God.

Who does God save?

God saves the upright in heart.

Psalms 7:11

ULT	UST
God is a righteous judge, and a God who is indignant on every day.	*God judges everyone correctly. God condemns the wicked constantly.*

How does David describe God?

David describes God as a righteous judge who is indignant each day.

Psalms 7:12

ULT	UST
If he does not repent, his sword he will sharpen, his bow he has bent and prepared.	*Whenever the wicked do not repent, it is as though God sharpens his sword and puts a string on his bow to get ready to kill them.*

What will God do if a person does not repent?

God will sharpen his sword and will prepare his bow for battle.

Psalms 7:14

ULT	UST
Behold he is pregnant with wickedness, and he conceives trouble, and he births lies.	*Look at the wicked person who is filled with evil intentions, as though pregnant with them, who plans to trouble people like conceiving a child, and who lies as naturally as giving birth.*

How does David describe the wicked person who does not repent?

David describes the wicked person as filled with evil intentions, as though pregnant with them, and as one who lies as naturally as giving birth.

Psalms 7:15

ULT	UST
He digs a pit and hollows it out and falls into the hole he has made.	*If he digs a deep pit to trap others, he will fall into his own trap.*

What happens to the wicked man who digs a pit?

He falls into the hole he has made.

Psalms 7:16

ULT	UST
His trouble returns on his head, and his violence comes down on the top of his head.	*He experiences the bad things that he wants to cause to others, he hurts himself by the violent things that he wants to do to others.*

What happens to the trouble and violence of the wicked man?

He experiences the bad and violent things that he wants to do to others.

Psalms 7:17

ULT	UST
I will thank Yahweh according to his righteousness, and sing praise to the name of Yahweh, the Most High.	*I thank Yahweh because he always acts justly, I sing to praise Yahweh, who is the highest judge, and to make him famous.*

For what will David give thanks to Yahweh?

David will give thanks to Yahweh for his righteousness.

To whom will David sing praise?

David will sing praise to the name of Yahweh, the Most High.

Psalms 8

Psalms 8:1

ULT	UST
Yahweh, our Lord, how magnificent is your name in all the earth, you whose splendor is bestowed on the heavens.	*Our Lord Yahweh, people all over the world know how impressive you are! You have made the sky show everyone how grand you are every time anyone looks at it!*

Whose name is magnificent in all the earth?

The name of Yahweh our Lord is magnificent.

Psalms 8:2

ULT	UST
Out of the mouth of children and nursing ones you have established strength because of your adversaries, to cause the enemy and avenger to end.	*When anyone who is weak cries for help like nursing little children cry for help, you listen and protect them from your enemies, the ones that want to hurt your people. In order to protect them, you destroy enemies who want to harm them in return for what you have justly done to them.*

What did Yahweh establish out of the mouth of children and nursing ones?

Yahweh established strength.

Why did Yahweh establish strength from the mouths of children and nursing ones?

He established it in order to cause the enemy and avenger to end.

Psalms 8:3

ULT	UST
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,	*I look up at the sky at night and see the things that you have made— the moon and the stars that you have set in place.*

What does the psalmist see when he looks at the sky that causes him to wonder why God pays attention to people?

He sees the heavens, the moon, and the stars that God set in place.

Psalms 8:5

ULT	UST
Yet you have made him to lack little from the heavenly beings, and with glory and majesty you have crowned him.	*In fact though, you made humans to be just slightly lower than heavenly beings. You made humans to be glorious and majestic like you.*

How does the human race compare to the heavenly beings?

Yahweh made humans only a little lower than the heavenly beings.

With what did Yahweh crown humans?

He crowned them with glory and majesty.

Psalms 8:6

ULT	UST
You made him rule over the works of your hands, everything you have put under his feet:	*You put humans in charge of everything that you made, you made them rule over all things—*

What did Yahweh make mankind to do?

Yahweh made mankind to rule over the works of Yahweh's hands.

Psalms 8:7-8

What are some things that Yahweh put under mankind's feet?

He put all sheep and oxen, and even the animals of the field, the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea, and everything that passes on the paths of the seas under mankind's feet.

Psalms 8:9

ULT	UST
Yahweh, our Lord, how magnificent is your name in all the earth!	*Our Lord Yahweh, people all over the world know how impressive you are!*

Whose name is magnificent in all the earth?

The name of Yahweh our Lord is magnificent.

Psalms 9

Psalms 9:1

ULT	UST
I will thank Yahweh with all my heart, I will recount all your wonders.	*Yahweh, I will praise you with all of my inner being. I will tell others about all the wonderful things that you have done.*

How will David give thanks to Yahweh and of what will he tell?

He will give thanks to Yahweh with his whole heart and tell about all his marvelous deeds.

Psalms 9:3

ULT	UST
When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish from your face.	*When my foes flee from your righteous anger, they trip and fall. You kill them just by being near them.*

When David's enemies turn back, what happens to them?

The enemies stumble and perish before Yahweh.

Psalms 9:4

ULT	UST
For you have done my justice and my claim; you have sat on your throne, a judge of righteousness!	*You are angry because you have found my legal case to be righteous and my enemies' to be wicked. You sit on a throne like a king judging everything rightly.*

What has the righteous judge done for David?

The righteous judge sits on his throne and has defended David's just cause.

Psalms 9:5

ULT	UST
You rebuked nations; you destroyed the wicked; you blotted out their name forever and ever.	*You reprimanded the people from other nations, and killed the wicked people; you eradicate them so thoroughly no one will ever remember their names.*

What does Yahweh do to the nations and the wicked?

He rebukes the nations, destroys the wicked, and blots out their name forever and ever.

Psalms 9:6

ULT	UST
The enemy are finished—desolation forever, and you pulled up cities. As for them, their remembrance perished,	*Nothing remains of our enemies except the ruins of their cities which you permanently destroyed. No one even remembers those enemies anymore.*

What happens to the enemy?

The enemy are finished in desolation forever, and all remembrance of them perishes.

Psalms 9:7

ULT	UST
but Yahweh will sit forever. He has established his throne for justice,	*But Yahweh rules forever. He is prepared to judge from his throne.*

Who sits forever and has established his throne for justice?

Yahweh sits forever and has established his throne for justice.

Psalms 9:8

ULT	UST
as for him, he will judge the world with righteousness, and he will adjudicate for the peoples with fairness.	*He will judge all the people in the world justly; he will be fair when he judges the people of every nation.*

How does Yahweh judge the world and what does he do for the nations?

Yahweh judges the world fairly and makes just decisions for the nations.

Psalms 9:9

ULT	UST
And may Yahweh be a secure height for the oppressed, a secure height for times with distress.	*Let Yahweh be like a fortress for those whom oppressors oppress; like a strong fort for them when they have trouble.*

What will Yahweh be for the oppressed?

Yahweh will be a stronghold for the oppressed in times of trouble.

Psalms 9:10

ULT	UST
And may the knowers of your name trust in you, because you have not abandoned the seekers of you, Yahweh.	*Those who know your reputation should trust you; because you, Yahweh, never abandon those who come to you for help.*

What does the psalmist say about those who know Yahweh's name?

Those who know Yahweh's name trust in him, because Yahweh has not abandoned those who seek him.

Psalms 9:11

ULT	UST
Sing praises to Yahweh, the sitter in Zion! Declare his deeds among the peoples	*Yahweh rules on Mount Zion; praise him by singing to him! Tell people from every nation the marvelous things that he has done.*

What does David say the people are to do for Yahweh, who sits in Zion?

They are to sing praises to Yahweh and tell the nations what Yahweh has done.

Psalms 9:12

ULT	UST
for the seeker of vengeance for bloodshed remembered them; he does not forget the cry of the poor.	*Do this because Yahweh always remembers to repay any person who murders another person. When someone's enemy has oppressed him, and when that person calls to Yahweh to help him, Yahweh does not forget to avenge him.*

What does Yahweh not forget?

He does not forget the cry of the poor.

Psalms 9:13

ULT	UST
Have mercy on me, Yahweh! See my affliction from my haters, O lifter of me from the gates of death,	*Yahweh, act mercifully toward me! You who rescue me when I am almost dead, look at the ways that my enemies have oppressed me.*

What is David asking Yahweh to do for him?

He is asking Yahweh to have mercy on him.

By whom is David oppressed?

David is oppressed by those who hate him.

Psalms 9:14

ULT	UST
in order that I might recount all your praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion. I will rejoice in your salvation!	*I want to live in order to tell all your people at the entrance to Jerusalem all the reasons to praise you and to rejoice because you rescued me.*

Where will David rejoice in salvation?

David will rejoice in salvation in the gates of the daughter of Zion.

Psalms 9:15

ULT	UST
The nations have sunk down into the pit they made; their foot is caught in the net that they hid.	*When you rescue me it is like wicked people of many nations had dug a pit for me to fall into, but have fallen into that same pit, or like they hid a net to catch me, but their feet have been caught in that same net.*

What has happened to the nations?

The nations have sunk down into the pit that they made and their feet are caught in the net that they hid.

Psalms 9:16

ULT	UST
Yahweh has revealed himself, he has done justice; the wicked is ensnared by the work of his hands. Higgaion Selah	*So you allow the traps that wicked people make to trap them. Because of that, people can discover that you, Yahweh, are just. Higgaion Selah*

Who has revealed himself and done justice?

Yahweh has revealed himself and done justice.

Psalms 9:17

ULT	UST
The wicked will turn back to Sheol; all nations are forgetful of God.	*Wicked people will flee from you back to the place where dead people stay. There are people there from every nation, people who have forgotten to worship the true God.*

Where are the wicked sent?

They are sent to Sheol, along with all the nations that forget God.

Psalms 9:18

ULT	UST
But the needy will not be forgotten eternally, nor will the hope of the afflicted perish forever.	*This all happens because there is a certain time when God will remember to take care of poor people. It is good for oppressed people to expect him to rescue them because he will do it one day.*

What will not happen to the needy and the afflicted?

The needy will not be forgotten forever, nor will the hope of the afflicted perish forever.

Psalms 9:19

ULT	UST
Arise, Yahweh! Let not humanity prevail! On your face let nations be judged.	*Yahweh, do something! Do not let evil people win! Bring them to your court and judge them!*

What does David want Yahweh to prevent humanity from doing?

David wants Yahweh to arise and not let humanity prevail.

Psalms 9:20

ULT	UST
Put terror to them, Yahweh! May nations know they are human. Selah	*Yahweh, teach them that they must be afraid of you and honor you. Cause the rulers of nations to know that they are mortal. Selah*

What is David asking Yahweh to do to the nations?

He is asking Yahweh to terrify them and make them know that they are mere men.

Psalms 10

Psalms 10:1

ULT	UST
Why, Yahweh, do you stand far-off? Why do you hide in times of trouble?	*Yahweh, please do not stay far away from us. Please let us find you when enemies threaten us.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh at the beginning of the psalm?

The psalmist asks why Yahweh stands far off and hides in times of trouble.

Psalms 10:2

ULT	UST
In arrogance, the wicked hotly pursue the afflicted; may they be caught by the schemes that they have planned.	*Wicked people proudly chase people until they can oppress them. Yahweh, please make the bad things they plan to do to others happen to them instead.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to do to the wicked?

The psalmist asks that the wicked be caught in the schemes they have planned to use against the afflicted.

Psalms 10:3

ULT	UST
Indeed, the wicked boasts about the desires of his soul and he blesses the robber; he despises Yahweh.	*A wicked person even brags about what he strongly wants to do. He praises people who unjustly take things from other people. He curses Yahweh.*

What does the wicked man do regarding Yahweh?

The wicked man despises Yahweh and praises those who steal from others.

Psalms 10:4

ULT	UST
According to the haughtiness of his nose the wicked seeks not; All his thoughts are, "There is no God."	*The wicked person is so proud that he does not care about God. He plans to do evil things as if there was no God.*

Why does the wicked man not seek God?

The wicked man does not seek God because he is so proud.

Psalms 10:6

ULT	UST
He says in his heart, "I will not be shaken; to generation and generation it is I who will not be in distress."	*He thinks, "Nothing bad can happen to me! As long as I live, nothing will trouble me."*

What does the wicked man say in his heart?

The wicked man says in his heart that he will never be shaken and will never face distress.

Psalms 10:7

ULT	UST
His mouth is full of curses and lies and oppression; under his tongue are mischief and evil.	*He constantly curses, lies, and threatens others. He is always talking about harming others and doing wrong.*

What is the wicked man always talking about?

He constantly curses, lies, threatens others, and is always talking about harming others and doing wrong.

Psalms 10:8

ULT	UST
He sits in ambush near the villages; in the secret places he murders the innocent; his eyes stealthily watch for a helpless person.	*He hides outside villages to surprise attack people. From his secret spot he kills people who have done nothing wrong. From there he sneakily watches for some unlucky person.*

What does the wicked man do to innocent people?

He hides in ambush near the villages, murders the innocent in secret, and watches for helpless people.

Psalms 10:9

ULT	UST
He ambushes in a secret place like a lion in cover; he ambushes to seize the afflicted. He seizes the afflicted by pulling in his net.	*He hides in a secret spot like a lion, crouching in the bushes, waiting for people to catch and oppress. He catches people and drags them away in a net to oppress them.*

What animal is the wicked man like?

He is like a lion that hides in a secret place and waits to seize the afflicted.

Psalms 10:11

ULT	UST
He says in his heart, "God has forgotten; he has hidden his face; to perpetuity he sees not."	*He convinces himself, "God is not recording what I do. He is not paying attention; he will never notice."*

What does the wicked man say in his heart about God?

The wicked man says that God has forgotten, that God has hidden his face, and that God will never see.

What does the wicked man think about his evil deeds?

He thinks that God will not notice his evil deeds.

Psalms 10:12

ULT	UST
Arise, Yahweh! God, lift up your hand! Do not forget the afflicted ones.	*Do something, Yahweh! Prove that you are powerful, God! Pay attention to oppressed people!*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to do?

The psalmist asks Yahweh to take action to prove that he is powerful by paying attention to oppressed people.

Psalms 10:13

ULT	UST
Why does the wicked despise God? He says in his heart, "You will not seek."	*Do not let wicked people curse you, God! Do not let him believe that you do not care about his evil deeds!*

What does the wicked man say in his heart?

The wicked man says in his heart that God will not seek him out.

Psalms 10:14

ULT	UST
You have seen! Indeed, you notice mischief and vexation to take it in your hand. The helpless person entrusts himself to you; as for the orphan you, even you, are his helper.	*Surely you see everything! You pay attention to how wicked people hurt and frustrate other people so that you can punish those wicked people. Unlucky people trust that you will protect them. You help orphans.*

What does the psalmist say Yahweh does for helpless people?

Yahweh sees the mischief done to them, and helpless people and orphans trust him as their helper.

Psalms 10:15

ULT	UST
Break the arm of the wicked and the evil. May it seek his wickedness, but not find it.	*Cause people who are always doing very evil things to become powerless! When someone tries to oppress other people may he discover he cannot do it.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to do to the wicked?

The psalmist asks Yahweh to make the wicked powerless and their wickedness come to nothing.

Psalms 10:16

ULT	UST
Yahweh is king forever and ever; the nations have perished from his land.	*Yahweh reigns eternally! Foreign people no longer occupy his land.*

What does the psalmist say about Yahweh's reign?

Yahweh is king forever and ever, and the nations have perished from his land.

Psalms 10:17-18

How does Yahweh respond to the afflicted?

Yahweh hears the desires of the afflicted, strengthens their heart, attends to them, and acts justly for the orphan and oppressed.

Psalms 10:18

ULT	UST
to judge the orphan and oppressed; that mankind who is from the earth will never again terrify.	*so you can act justly for the orphans and oppressed people. You will stop any mere human from ever terrifying them again.*

How does Yahweh respond to the needs of the oppressed?

He strengthens their heart, listens to their prayer, and defends them.

Psalms 11

Psalms 11:1

ULT	UST
To the chief musician; of David. In Yahweh I take refuge. How can you say to my soul, "Flutter like a bird to your mountain.	*This is a note for the worship leader: This is a psalm of David. I trust that Yahweh will protect me. So do not say to me, "You need to escape to the mountains like birds do,*

In whom does David take refuge?

David takes refuge in Yahweh.

What do some people tell David he should do?

They tell him to flee to the mountains like a bird.

Psalms 11:2

ULT	UST
For behold, the wicked, they bend a bow; they have set their arrow on the string to shoot in the darkness at the upright of heart.	*because wicked people have hidden in the darkness. They have pulled back their bowstrings and aimed their arrows to shoot them at godly people like you.*

How do the wicked prepare to attack the upright in heart?

They prepare their bows and make ready their arrows while hiding in darkness.

Psalms 11:4

ULT	UST
Yahweh is in his holy temple; Yahweh is in the heavens, his throne. His eyes see, his eyelids test the sons of man.	*But Yahweh is in his holy sanctuary, he reigns from heaven, and he watches and examines everything that people do.*

What is Yahweh doing in his holy temple?

His eyes watch and examine all people.

Psalms 11:5

ULT	UST
Yahweh tests the righteous and the wicked, and the one loving violence his soul hates.	*Yahweh examines what righteous people do and what wicked people do, and he hates those who love to do violent things.*

Who does Yahweh test?

He tests both the righteous and the wicked.

Who does Yahweh hate?

He hates those who love to do violence.

Psalms 11:6

ULT	UST
May he rain snares upon the wicked; fire and brimstone and a scorching wind the portion of their cup!	*May he send down from the sky traps upon the wicked, and may Yahweh punish them with fire and burning sulfur and scorching hot winds.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to do to the wicked?

He asks Yahweh to rain snares, fire, and brimstone upon them, with a scorching wind as their portion.

Psalms 11:7

ULT	UST
For Yahweh is righteous, he loves righteousness; the upright will see his face.	*Yahweh is completely righteous, and he loves when people do what is righteous. People who do what is right will be able to come into his presence.*

What does Yahweh think of righteousness?

He loves righteousness.

What will happen to the upright?

The upright will see Yahweh’s face.

Psalms 12

Psalms 12:1

ULT	UST
Help, Yahweh, for the faithful have come to an end; for the faithful have vanished from among the sons of man.	*Yahweh, help us! It seems like people who honor you are no more.*

Why does David ask Yahweh for help?

David asks Yahweh for help because the faithful have come to an end and have vanished from among the sons of man.

Psalms 12:2

ULT	UST
Man, they speak falsehood with his neighbor; they speak with lip of smoothness, with a heart and a heart.	*Everyone tells lies to other people; they deceive others by saying good things about them that they know are not true and by speaking insincerely.*

How does everyone speak to his neighbor?

Everyone speaks lies to his neighbor and speaks insincerely, with flattering lips.

Psalms 12:3

ULT	UST
May Yahweh cut off all lips of smoothness, the tongue speaking great things,	*Yahweh, we wish that you would cut off their tongues so that they cannot continue to boast.*

What does David want Yahweh to do to the flattering lips?

David wants Yahweh to cut off all flattering lips so that they cannot continue to boast.

Psalms 12:4

ULT	UST
which say, “With our tongue we will make strong. Our lips are with us, who is master over us?”	*They say, “By speaking untruthfully we will get what we want; we control what we say, no one can tell us what we should do!”*

What do some people boast about?

Some boast that with their tongue they will be powerful, they control what they say, and that no one is master over them.

Psalms 12:5

ULT	UST
“Because of oppression of the poor, because of the groaning of the needy, Now I will arise,” says Yahweh. “I will place in the safety he pants for it.”	*But Yahweh replies, “I have seen the oppressive things that they have done to helpless people; I have heard those people groaning, so I will take action and rescue the people who are wanting someone to help them.”*

What will Yahweh do for the poor and the needy?

Yahweh will arise and provide safety for which they long.

Psalms 12:6

ULT	UST
The words of Yahweh are pure words, silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven.	*Yahweh, what you say is morally pure and you always do what you have said you will do. Your words are as precious and pure as silver that has been heated seven times in a furnace to get rid of all the impure material.*

What are the words of Yahweh like?

Yahweh’s words are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace and purified seven times.

Psalms 12:7

ULT	UST
You Yahweh, you will keep them. You will protect him from this generation for eternity.	*Yahweh, we know that you will continually protect us who honor you from those wicked people.*

What does David say Yahweh will do for his people?

David says Yahweh will keep and protect them from this wicked generation forever.

Psalms 12:8

ULT	UST
The wicked walk about on every side when vileness is high among the sons of man.	*When people praise wicked actions, wicked people strut around proudly.*

What causes the wicked to walk proudly?

The wicked walk proudly when people praise wicked actions.

Psalms 13

Psalms 13:1

ULT	UST
How long, Yahweh? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?	*Yahweh, how long will you continue to not answer me? How long will you hide yourself from me?*

What does David repeatedly ask Yahweh at the beginning of this psalm?

David repeatedly asks Yahweh how long he will forget him and hide his face from him.

Psalms 13:2

ULT	UST
How long must I take counsel in my soul, sorrow in my heart by day? How long will the one being hostile to me be high over me?	*How long must I think about my problems within myself? Must I be miserable every day? How long will my enemy defeat me?*

What is David experiencing while waiting for Yahweh to answer?

David must carry sorrow in his heart every day, and his enemy has the upper hand over him.

Psalms 13:3

ULT	UST
Consider and answer me, Yahweh my God; give light to my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,	*Yahweh, my God, pay attention to me and respond to me. Restore my strength by giving me what I have hoped for, or I will die*

How does David ask Yahweh to respond to his prayer?

He asks Yahweh to consider him, answer him, and restore his strength.

What does David fear will happen if Yahweh does not answer?

David fears he will die.

Psalms 13:4

ULT	UST
Lest the one being hostile to me say, "I have prevailed over him," and my adversaries rejoice when I am shaken.	*and then my enemy would say, "I have defeated him," and those who are against me would celebrate when they had defeated me.*

What does David not want his enemy to say about him?

He does not want his enemy to say that he has prevailed over David.

What will happen if David is defeated?

His enemies will rejoice when he is brought down.

Psalms 13:5

ULT	UST
But I have trusted in your covenant faithfulness; let my heart rejoice in your salvation.	*But I trust that you will faithfully love me; may I rejoice when you rescue me.*

In what has David trusted?

David has trusted in Yahweh's covenant faithfulness.

What does David ask that his heart might do?

He asks that his heart might rejoice in Yahweh's salvation.

Psalms 13:6

ULT	UST
I will sing to Yahweh, because he has dealt bountifully with me.	*Yahweh will do good things for me, so I will sing to him.*

Why will David sing to Yahweh?

David will sing because Yahweh has treated him very generously.

Psalms 14

Psalms 14:1

ULT	UST
For the chief musician; of David The fool says in his heart, “No God.” They are corrupt, they do a deed abominably. There is none doing good.	*This is a note for the worship leader: This is a psalm of David. Only foolish people say to themselves, “There is no God!” People who say those things do corrupt deeds; they do detestable deeds; hardly anyone does what is right.*

What does a fool say in his heart?

A fool says, “There is no God.”

Psalms 14:2

ULT	UST
Yahweh looks down from the heavens on the sons of man to see whether there is one understanding, one seeking God.	*Yahweh looks down from heaven and sees humans; he looks to see if there are any wise people, with the result that they are wise enough that they desire to know him.*

Why does Yahweh looks down on the sons of mankind?

He looks down to see if there are any who understand, who seek after him.

Psalms 14:3

ULT	UST
The whole has turned aside. Together they have corrupted themselves. There is none doing good, not even one.	*But they all do evil and corrupt things; no one does what is right.*

Who has done evil and corrupted themselves?

Everyone has done evil and corrupt things and no one does what is right.

Psalms 14:4

ULT	UST
Do they not know, all of the doers of iniquity, the ones eating my people as they eat bread? They do not call upon Yahweh.	*All the people who make a practice of doing wicked things do not take seriously the fact that Yahweh is going to punish them! They act violently toward Yahweh's people and want to consume them like they consume bread. These evil people never pray to Yahweh.*

Who does not call on Yahweh?

Those who make a practice of doing wicked things and acting violently toward Yahweh's people, do not call on Yahweh.

Psalms 14:5

ULT	UST
There they feared a fear, for God is with the generation of the righteous.	*But in the future, at the place God will judge wicked people, they will become very terrified because God will help those who act righteously.*

Why do those who do not call on Yahweh tremble with dread?

They tremble with dread because God is with the righteous assembly.

Psalms 14:6

ULT	UST
You shame the counsel of the afflicted, but Yahweh is his refuge.	*You evil people try to humiliate poor people, but Yahweh will protect them.*

Who is the refuge of the poor person?

Yahweh is his refuge.

Psalms 14:7

ULT	UST
Who will give the salvation of Israel from Zion? When Yahweh restores the prosperity of his people, Jacob will be glad, Israel will rejoice.	*I wish that Yahweh would come from where he dwells in Jerusalem and rescue us Israelite people! When Yahweh blesses us, his people again, then all of us Israelite people will rejoice.*

What does David want to come from Zion?

David wants the salvation of Israel to come from Zion.

When will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad?

When Yahweh restores the prosperity of his people.

Psalms 15

Psalms 15:1-2

What kind of person may stay in Yahweh's tabernacle and live on his holy hill?

The person who walks blamelessly, does what is right, and speaks truth from his heart may stay in Yahweh's tabernacle and live on his holy hill.

Psalms 15:3

ULT	UST
He does not slander with his tongue, he does not do evil to his neighbor, and an insult he does not raise up against one close to him.	*They do not slander others. They do not do to others things that are wrong, and they do not say bad things about their friends.*

What does this blameless person not do with his tongue?

He does not insult or say bad things with his tongue.

Psalms 15:4

ULT	UST
In whose eyes one being rejected is despised, but those who fear Yahweh he honors. He swears to his own hurt, and does not change.	*They despise the people God abhors, but they respect those who revere Yahweh. They do what they have promised to do, even if it causes them trouble to do that.*

Who does this blameless person despise?

He despises the person God rejects.

Who does this blameless person honor?

He honors those who fear Yahweh.

When this person swears to his own disadvantage, what does he not do?

He does not take back his promises, even if it causes them trouble to do that.

Psalms 15:5

ULT	UST
He does not put out his money at interest, and a bribe against the innocent he does not take. The one doing these things will not be shaken for eternity.	*They lend money to others without charging interest, and they never accept bribes in order to lie about people who have not done anything wrong. Those who do those things will always live in safety.*

When this blameless person lends money, what does he not do?

He does not charge interest.

What does this blameless person not take bribes to do?

He does not take bribes to testify against the innocent.

What will never happen to the blameless person who does these things?

He will never be shaken.

Psalms 16

Psalms 16:1

ULT	UST
A miktam of David. Protect me, God, for I take refuge in you.	*A song of David. God, protect me, because I go to you to keep me safe!*

What does David ask God to do for him?

David wants God to protect him because he takes refuge in God.

Psalms 16:2

ULT	UST
You said to Yahweh, "You are my Lord; my good is not beyond you."	*I said to Yahweh, "You are my Lord; all the good things that I have come from you."*

What does David recognize about his relationship to Yahweh?

David recognizes that Yahweh is his Lord, and that everything good David has comes from Yahweh.

Psalms 16:3

ULT	UST
As for the holy ones who are on the earth, they are the majestic ones; all my delight is in them.	*People who try to live holy lives, they are wonderful; I greatly delight in them.*

Who are the holy ones on the earth?

They are majestic people, and David delights greatly in them.

Psalms 16:4

ULT	UST
Their sorrows will be multiplied, they who hasten after another god. I will not pour out their drink offerings from blood, and I will not take up their names on my lips.	*Those who choose to worship other gods will have many things that cause them to be sad. I will not join them when they make sacrifices to their gods, and I will not join them in speaking the names of their gods.*

What will happen to those who hasten after another god?

Their sorrows will be multiplied.

In what ways will David not worship other gods?

He will not pour out drink offerings of blood, and he will not speak their names with his lips.

Psalms 16:5

ULT	UST
Yahweh, the portion of my inheritance and my cup. You are holding my lot.	*Yahweh, you have granted to me that I would belong to you, and you supply all of my needs. You control what happens to me.*

What does David say Yahweh is to him?

David says Yahweh is the portion of his inheritance and his cup, and Yahweh controls what happens to him.

Psalms 16:6

ULT	UST
The measuring cords have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, the inheritance is beautiful for me.	*Yahweh has greatly blessed me; I am delighted with all the things that he has given me.*

What does David recognize that Yahweh has done for him?

David recognizes that Yahweh has greatly blessed him.

Psalms 16:7-8

Why does David bless Yahweh?

David blesses Yahweh because Yahweh counsels him.

Psalms 16:9

ULT	UST
Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices. Also, my flesh will dwell in security.	*Therefore I am very glad, and I can rest securely,*

How does David's heart respond to Yahweh?

David's heart is glad, and he rejoices. He will rest securely.

Psalms 16:10

ULT	UST
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol. You will not hand over your faithful one to see the pit.	*because you, Yahweh, will save me from going to the place where dead people go, yes, you will save me, a godly person, from dying.*

What does David say Yahweh will not allow to happen to his faithful one?

Yahweh will not abandon his faithful one to Sheol where dead people go and will save him from dying.

Psalms 16:11

ULT	UST
You make known to me the path of life; abundance of joys are before your face; in your right hand are delights forever!	*You reveal to me how to live in a way that will make me joyful now and will result in receiving eternal life in the future. You make me joyful when I am with you. You give pleasures forever.*

What benefits does David get from Yahweh?

Yahweh reveals to David the path of life, gives him joy in Yahweh's presence, and provides delights at his right hand forever.

Psalms 17

Psalms 17:1

ULT	UST
A prayer of David Listen, Yahweh to righteousness. Pay attention to my cry! Give ear to my prayer from lips without deceit.	*A prayer of David Yahweh, listen to me while I plead with you to act justly toward me. Hear me while I call out to you to help me. Pay attention to what I say while I pray because I am speaking honestly.*

What does David ask God to do for him?

David asks Yahweh to listen to his plea for justice, pay attention to his call for help, and give ear to his prayer.

Psalms 17:2

ULT	UST
Let my vindication come from your face; let your eyes see rightly!	*May you declare that I am innocent; may you decide what is right.*

What does David pray will come from Yahweh's presence?

David prays that his vindication will come from Yahweh's presence.

Psalms 17:3

ULT	UST
You have examined my heart, you have visited me in the night, you have tested me and have detected nothing. I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress.	*You know what I think, even during the night. You have examined me and not found anything that grieves you. I have determined that I will not sin by what I say.*

What does David say Yahweh found when he tested David at night?

Yahweh examined David's heart, visited him in the night, and detected nothing wrong; David has determined that he will not sin by what he says.

Psalms 17:4

ULT	UST
With regard to the actions of man, by the word of your lips I have kept myself away from the paths of the violent.	*Regarding the actions of people, according to what you have commanded, I have carefully avoided living a violent life.*

How has David kept himself from the paths of the violent?

By the word of Yahweh's lips, David has kept himself from the paths of the violent.

Psalms 17:6

ULT	UST
I have called upon you, for you will answer me, God; Incline your ear to me; listen to my speech.	*O God, I am praying to you because I know that you will answer me; please listen to what I am saying.*

Why does David call on God?

David calls on God because God answers him.

Psalms 17:7

ULT	UST
Set apart your covenant faithfulness, you, the one saving by your right hand the ones seeking refuge in you from those rising up!	*Wonderfully show how you faithfully love me; you who rescue with your great power the people who trust you to protect them from their enemies.*

What does David ask God to show him?

He asks God to show his covenant faithfulness to him in a wonderful way.

Who does God save by his right hand?

He saves those who take refuge in him from their enemies.

Psalms 17:8-9

How does David ask God to protect him from the wicked?

David asks God to protect him as carefully as people protect their own eyes and to protect him from the wicked like mother birds protect their babies under their wings.

Psalms 17:10

ULT	UST
Their fat they have closed up; with their mouths they speak with pride.	*They never pity anyone, and they are always speaking boastfully.*

How does David describe his enemies?

He says his enemies have no mercy on anyone, and their mouths speak with pride.

Psalms 17:11

ULT	UST
They have surrounded me now in our steps. Their eyes they have set, crouching down to the earth.	*They have searched for me and found me. They surround me, watching for an opportunity to attack and kill me.*

What have David's enemies done to him?

They have surrounded him and set their eyes on him, crouching low to attack him.

Psalms 17:13

ULT	UST
Arise, Yahweh, confront his face, make him bow down! Rescue my soul from the wicked with your sword!	*Yahweh, come and oppose my enemies and make them fall to the ground when you defeat them! Take violent action and deliver me from wicked men!*

What does David ask Yahweh to do to his enemies?

He asks Yahweh to arise, confront his enemies and make them bow down, and to rescue him from the wicked with his sword.

Psalms 17:14

ULT	UST
From men with your hand Yahweh, from men from the world, their portion in life, and with your treasure you fill their belly. They are satisfied with sons, and they leave their abundance to their children.	*Yahweh, by your power rescue me from those people who are interested only in things here in this world. You provide them with many good things. They have many children and when they die, they leave their wealth to their descendants.*

From whom is David asking Yahweh to rescue him by his hand?

He is asking Yahweh to rescue him from men of this world whose prosperity is in this life alone.

What does Yahweh provide for the men of this world?

Yahweh fills their bellies with riches; they are satisfied with sons, and they leave their abundance to their children.

Psalms 17:15

ULT	UST
I, in righteousness, will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with your manifestation.	*Yahweh, because I act in the right way, I will see you. When I wake up I will see you, and then I will be happy.*

What does David expect to happen when he sees Yahweh's face in righteousness?

He will be satisfied with a sight of Yahweh.

Psalms 18

Psalms 18:1

ULT	UST
And he said, “I love you, Yahweh, my strength.	*This is what he sang: “Yahweh, I love you, the one who enables me to be strong.*

What does David express toward Yahweh?

David says that he loves Yahweh.

Psalms 18:3

ULT	UST
To the one being praised I call, to Yahweh, and I am saved from my enemies.	*You deserve for people to praise you, Yahweh. When I cry to you for help, you rescue me from my enemies.*

What happens when David calls on Yahweh?

David is saved from his enemies.

Psalms 18:6

ULT	UST
In my distress, I called to Yahweh, and to my God I cried out for help. He heard my voice from his temple, and my cry to his face went in his ears.	*But when I was very distressed, I cried out to you, Yahweh my God. From your temple in heaven you could hear me calling to you, and you listened to my prayer.*

Where was Yahweh when he heard David’s voice?

Yahweh heard David’s voice from his temple.

Psalms 18:7

ULT	UST
Then the earth shook and trembled, and the foundations of the mountains quaked and shook themselves because it burned to him.	*It made you so angry that someone was trying to kill me, and you responded so powerfully that it was as if there was a great earthquake and as if you shook the foundations of the mountains.*

Why were the foundations of the mountains shaken?

They were shaken because God was angry.

Psalms 18:9-10

How did Yahweh come down from the heavens?

With a dark cloud under his feet, he rode on a cherub and flew swiftly on the wings of the wind.

Psalms 18:14

ULT	UST
And he sent out his arrows and he scattered them and lightnings in abundance and he panicked them.	*It was as if you sent many flashes of lightning that made my enemies so afraid that they ran away in different directions, as if you had shot arrows at them.*

How did Yahweh scatter his enemies?

He shot his lightning like arrows and made his enemies so afraid that they ran away in different directions.

Psalms 18:15

ULT	UST
And the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were uncovered, from your rebuke, Yahweh, from the blast of the breath of your nose.	*The bottom of the ocean became visible, and the water uncovered the foundations of the earth when Yahweh rebuked his enemies with the breath that came in his anger!*

What exposed the foundations of the world?

Yahweh’s rebuke and the blast of the breath of his nostrils exposed the foundations of the world.

Psalms 18:16

ULT	UST
He stretched out from the height, he took hold of me. He drew me out of many waters.	*It was as if you reached down from heaven and grabbed me so that you could pull me up out of the deep water of the ocean.*

Out of what did Yahweh pull David?

It was as if he pulled David out of the deep water of the ocean.

Psalms 18:19

ULT	UST
And he brought me out to an open space; he delivered me because he delighted in me.	*You brought me to a place where I was safe. You love me, and so you rescued me.*

Why did Yahweh save David?

Yahweh saved David because Yahweh delighted in him.

Psalms 18:27

ULT	UST
For you save a lowly people, but the eyes of the ones being high, you bring them down.	*You rescue people whom others are afflicting, but you humiliate those who are proud.*

What does Yahweh do to afflicted people?

He saves afflicted people.

What does Yahweh do to those who are proud?

Yahweh humiliates them.

Psalms 18:30

ULT	UST
This God, his way is perfect. The word of Yahweh is refined. He is a shield to all of the ones taking refuge in him.	*My God, everything that you do is perfect. Everything that you say is right. You protect everyone who depends on you, as if you are a shield that defends them.*

How does David describe God's way?

He says God's way is perfect.

Psalms 18:37

ULT	UST
I pursue my enemies, and I destroy them, and I do not return until I have ended them.	*I chased my enemies and defeated them. I did not stop fighting them until I had killed them all.*

What did David do to his enemies?

David pursued his enemies and destroyed them.

Psalms 18:41

ULT	UST
They called out for help, but there was none saving; to Yahweh, but he did not answer them.	*They called out for someone to rescue them, but no one did. They cried out for help to you, Yahweh, but you did not help them.*

What happened when David's enemies called to Yahweh?

Yahweh did not answer them.

Psalms 18:43

ULT	UST
You rescue me from the disputes of people. You made me as the head of nations. People I did not know serve me.	*You rescued me from the Israelites who tried to rebel against me. You appointed me as the ruler of many nations. Foreign people are now my subjects.*

Over what has Yahweh made David the head?

Yahweh made David the head over nations.

Psalms 18:48

ULT	UST
the one delivering me from my enemies. Also, from the ones arising against me you lift me up, from a man of violence, you deliver me.	*You kept my enemies from capturing me. People rebelled against me, but it as if their armies had been floodwaters and you lifted me out of them to safety. You rescued me from men who tried to harm me.*

From whom does Yahweh deliver David?

Yahweh delivers David from his enemies.

Psalms 18:50

ULT	UST
the one magnifying the salvation of his king and doing covenant faithfulness to his anointed, to David, and to his seed until forever."	*You chose me to be king, and you have done great things to save me from my enemies. You faithfully show kindness to me, David, whom you anointed as king, as well as to my descendants forever."*

To whom does Yahweh show his covenant faithfulness?

He shows his covenant faithfulness to his anointed one, to David and to his descendants forever.

Psalms 19

Psalms 19:1

ULT	UST
The heavens are declaring the glory of God, and the sky is proclaiming the work of his hands.	*When people look at everything that God has placed in the skies, they can see that he is very great. Yes, the way God made the sky shows people that he is powerful.*

What do the heavens declare and the sky proclaim?

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the work of his hands.

Psalms 19:2

ULT	UST
Day to day makes flow forth a word, and night to night declares knowledge.	*Day after day it is as though the sun proclaims the glory of God, and night after night it is as though the moon and stars say that God made them.*

What do the days and nights continually declare?

Day after day, words flow forth, and night after night knowledge is declared.

Psalms 19:4

ULT	UST
Their line has gone out through all of the earth, and their words to the end of the world. He has set in them a tent for the sun,	*But what they declare about God goes throughout all the world, and even people who live in the most distant places on earth can know it. The sun is in the skies where God placed it;*

What goes out through all the earth and to the end of the world?

Their words go out through all the earth to the end of the world.

Psalms 19:5

ULT	UST
and that is like a bridegroom coming out from his chamber, it rejoices like a strong man to run its path.	*it rises each morning like a bridegroom who is happy as he comes out of his bedroom after his wedding. It is like a strong athlete who is very eager to start running in a race.*

What is the sun like?

The sun is like a bridegroom and like a strong man.

Psalms 19:7

ULT	UST
The law of Yahweh is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of Yahweh is sure, making wise the simple.	*The instructions that Yahweh has given us are perfect; they keep us from living in a way that would cause God to condemn us. We can be sure that the things that Yahweh has told us are trustworthy, and by learning them people who have not been previously taught will become wise.*

What does the law of Yahweh do?

The law of Yahweh restores the soul.

What does the testimony of Yahweh do?

The testimony of Yahweh makes the simple wise.

Psalms 19:8

ULT	UST
The precepts of Yahweh are right, making the heart rejoice; the commandment of Yahweh is pure, enlightening the eyes.	*Yahweh's laws are fair; when we obey them, we become joyful. The commands of Yahweh are morally perfect, and by learning them we start to understand how God wants us to behave.*

What do the precepts of Yahweh do?

The precepts of Yahweh make the heart rejoice.

What does the commandment of Yahweh do?

The commandment of Yahweh shows them how he wants them to behave.

Psalms 19:10

ULT	UST
They are to be desired more than gold, and more than much fine gold, and they are more sweet than honey and nectar of honeycombs.	*Yahweh's commandments are more valuable than gold, even great amounts of the purest gold. Learning the things Yahweh teaches us through them is more pleasurable than eating honey, than honey dripping from honeycombs.*

How do the judgments of Yahweh compare to gold?

They are of greater value than gold, even much more than much fine gold.

Psalms 19:11

ULT	UST
Also, by them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.	*Furthermore, by your commandments I am warned about what things I should not do. You greatly reward those who obey them.*

What do the judgments of Yahweh do for the servant?

By them the servant is warned, and there is great reward in keeping them.

Psalms 19:12

ULT	UST
Who can discern his errors? Acquit me from hidden faults.	*There is no one who can know all his sins; so Yahweh, forgive me for these things which I do that I do not realize are wrong.*

From what does David ask Yahweh to acquit him?

He asks Yahweh to acquit him from his hidden faults.

Psalms 19:14

ULT	UST
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to your face, Yahweh, my strength and the one redeeming me.	*I pray that both what I say, and what I think about, be pleasing to you, Yahweh, you who enable me to be strong and who redeem me.*

What does David want to be acceptable to Yahweh?

David wants the words of his mouth and the meditation of his heart to be acceptable to Yahweh.

Psalms 20

Psalms 20:1

ULT	UST
May Yahweh answer you in the day of trouble; may the name of the God of Jacob set you on high.	*I desire that Yahweh will answer you when you call out to him when you are in a crisis! I desire that Yahweh, the God whom our ancestor Jacob worshiped, will protect you from your enemies.*

What does the psalmist pray that Yahweh will do for the king in his time of trouble?

The psalmist prays that Yahweh will answer the king in his time of trouble and protect him.

Psalms 20:2

ULT	UST
May he send you help from the sanctuary and support you from Zion.	*I desire that he may come from his sacred temple and help you, and aid you from where he lives on Mount Zion.*

From where does David want Yahweh to send help and support?

He asks that Yahweh send help from the sanctuary and support from Zion.

Psalms 20:3

ULT	UST
May he remember all of your grain offerings and regard as fat your burnt offering. Selah	*I desire that he may accept all your grain offerings and accept all your other offerings that you give him to be burned on the altar. Selah*

What does David want Yahweh to remember and accept?

David asks that Yahweh remember all the grain offerings and accept the burnt offering.

Psalms 20:4

ULT	UST
May he grant you according to your heart, and may he fulfill all of your plans.	*I want him to give you what you desire, and I want him to allow you to be able to accomplish everything that you have planned to do.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to grant the king?

The psalmist asks that Yahweh grant the king what his heart desires and fulfill all his plans.

Psalms 20:5

ULT	UST
We will shout for joy over your salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May Yahweh fulfill all of your petitions.	*When you defeat your enemies, we will shout joyfully. We will lift up a banner proclaiming that it is Yahweh our God who helps us. I desire Yahweh to do everything that you have requested him to do.*

In what does David say they will rejoice?

David says they will rejoice in the salvation that Yahweh gives.

Psalms 20:6

ULT	UST
Now I know that Yahweh saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty deeds of salvation of his right hand.	*I know now that Yahweh rescues the one whom he has chosen to be king. From his holy place in heaven he will answer him, and he will save him by his great power.*

Who does David say that Yahweh will rescue?

David knows that Yahweh will rescue his anointed.

Psalms 20:7

ULT	UST
These in chariots and these in horses, but we will remember the name of Yahweh our God.	*Some kings trust that because they have chariots they will be able to defeat their enemies, and some trust that their horses will enable them to defeat their enemies, but we will trust in the power of Yahweh our God.*

In what do other people trust?

Some trust in chariots and others in horses to defeat their enemies.

What do David and his people do instead of trusting in chariots or horses?

They remember to trust in the power of Yahweh their God.

Psalms 20:8

ULT	UST
They bow down and fall, but we rise and stand upright!	*Some will stumble and fall down, but we will be strong and not be moved.*

What does the psalmist say happens to enemies compared to his own people?

The enemies bow down and fall, but the psalmist and his people rise and stand firm.

Psalms 20:9

ULT	UST
Save, Yahweh; may the king answer us on the day we call.	*Yahweh, enable your king to defeat our enemies! We desire that the king answer us when we cry out for help.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to do at the end of the psalm?

The psalmist asks Yahweh to save, and prays that the king will answer them when they call.

Psalms 21

Psalms 21:1

ULT	UST
Yahweh, in your strength the king rejoices, and in your salvation how greatly he exults!	*Yahweh, your king is glad because you have enabled him to be strong and because you have rescued him from his enemies; indeed, how exceedingly he rejoices.*

In what does the king rejoice?

He rejoices in Yahweh's strength and in the salvation Yahweh provides.

Psalms 21:2

ULT	UST
You have given to him the desire of his heart, and the request of his lips you have not withheld. Selah	*You have given your king the things he desired, and you have not refused to do what he requested you to do. Selah*

What has Yahweh done for the king?

Yahweh has given the king his heart's desire and has not held back the request of his lips.

Psalms 21:3

ULT	UST
For you meet him with blessings of good; you place on his head a crown of refined gold.	*In answer to his prayer, you bless him with many good things. You place a gold crown on his head.*

What has Yahweh brought to the king and placed on his head?

He has brought the king rich blessings and placed a crown of refined gold on his head.

Psalms 21:4

ULT	UST
He asked life from you; you gave it to him, length of days, forever and ever.	*He asked you to let him live for a long time, and you have enabled him to live for a long time.*

What did Yahweh give the king after the king asked for it?

Yahweh gave the king life and long days forever and ever.

Psalms 21:5

ULT	UST
His glory is great through your salvation; splendor and majesty you place on him.	*People honor him greatly because you have helped him defeat his enemies. You have made him famous.*

Why is the king's glory great?

His glory is great because of Yahweh's salvation.

What has Yahweh bestowed upon the king?

Yahweh has bestowed splendor and majesty.

Psalms 21:7

ULT	UST
For the king is trusting in Yahweh, and through the covenant faithfulness of the Most High, he will not be shaken.	*The king trusts in you, Yahweh, and because you, who are much greater than all other spirit beings, faithfully love him, you will protect him.*

Why will the king not be shaken?

He will not be shaken because he trusts in Yahweh through the Most High's covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 21:8

ULT	UST
Your hand will find all of your enemies; your right hand will find the ones hating you.	*You, the king, will defeat all your enemies; yes, you will surely defeat all those who hate you.*

What will Yahweh's hand find?

Yahweh's hand will find all his enemies, those who hate him.

Psalms 21:9

ULT	UST
You will make them as an oven of fire at the time of your face. In his nose Yahweh will swallow them and will consume them with fire.	*When you, the king, appear, you will so completely destroy them that it will be as if you threw them into a fiery furnace. Because Yahweh is angry with them, he will decimate them so completely that it will be as if he swallowed them whole or burned them up.*

What will Yahweh do to his enemies?

He will burn them up, and they will be consumed in his wrath.

Psalms 21:10

ULT	UST
You will destroy their fruit from the earth and their seed from among the sons of man.	*You, the king, will remove their children from this earth; their descendants will all disappear.*

What will Yahweh do to the offspring of his enemies?

He will destroy their offspring and their descendants.

Psalms 21:11-12

Why will the plot of Yahweh's enemies not succeed?

It will not succeed because Yahweh will turn them back and draw his bow against them.

Psalms 21:13

ULT	UST
Be exalted, Yahweh, in your strength; we will sing and we will praise your power.	*Yahweh, show everyone how very strong you are! When you do that, we will sing and praise you because you are very powerful.*

How will the people exalt Yahweh?

They will sing and praise his power.

Psalms 22

Psalms 22:1

ULT	UST
My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you far from the salvation of me, far from the words of my groaning?	*My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why do you not come and help me? Why do you not respond to me when I am suffering so severely that I am groaning?*

What is David asking God?

David is asking why God has abandoned him, why he is so far from David.

Psalms 22:2

ULT	UST
My God, I call by day, but you do not answer, and in the night, and there is no silence for me.	*My God, every day I call to you during the daytime and during the night, but you do not answer me, so I am not able to sleep.*

What does David do in the daytime and at night?

David cries out in the daytime, and at night David is not silent.

Psalms 22:3

ULT	UST
Yet you are holy, sitting in the praises of Israel.	*But you are holy. You sit on your throne as king, and receive praise in your sacred tent from your people Israel.*

How does David refer to God?

David refers to God as holy, sitting as king with the praises of Israel.

Psalms 22:4-5

What did David's ancestors do and how did God respond?

They trusted in God, he rescued them, and they were not disappointed.

Psalms 22:6

ULT	UST
But I am a worm and not a man, a reproach of mankind and despised by the people.	*But you have not rescued me! People despise me and consider that I am not a man; they think that I am a worm! Everyone scorns me and despises me.*

How does David describe himself?

David says he is a worm and not a man, a disgrace to humanity and despised by the people.

Psalms 22:8

ULT	UST
“Roll to Yahweh; let him deliver him. Let him rescue him, since he delights in him.”	*My enemies say, “He trusts in Yahweh, so Yahweh should save him! He says that Yahweh is very pleased with him; if that is so, Yahweh should rescue him!”*

What do the people that taunt and mock David say to him?

They say that he trusts in Yahweh and that Yahweh should rescue him since Yahweh delights in him.

Psalms 22:9-10

How long has David trusted God?

David trusted Yahweh when he was on his mother’s breasts and since he was in his mother’s womb.

Psalms 22:11

ULT	UST
You do not be far away from me, for trouble is near, for there is no one helping me.	*Come near to me and help me, because my enemies are near me and there is no one who is helping me.*

What is David asking God to do for him?

He is asking God to not be far away from him because trouble is near and there is no one to help.

Psalms 22:12-13

What is surrounding David like a roaring lion?

His enemies, like many strong bulls of Bashan, surround him, and they are opening their mouths wide against him like a roaring lion.

Psalms 22:14-15

How does David describe himself?

He says he is being poured out like water, all his bones are dislocated, his heart is like wax, his strength has dried up, his tongue sticks to the roof of his mouth.

Psalms 22:16

ULT	UST
For dogs have surrounded me; a company of ones doing evil have encircled me, like the lion, my hands and my feet.	*My enemies surround me like a pack of wild dogs. A group of evil men has encircled me, ready to attack me. They have pierced my hands and my feet.*

What has surrounded David and encircled him?

Dogs have surrounded him and a company of evildoers encircled him, having pierced his hands and feet.

Psalms 22:18

ULT	UST
They divide my garments among them, and they cast lots for my clothing.	*They looked at the clothes that I was wearing and gambled to determine which piece each of them would get.*

What was done to the garments and the clothes?

The garments were divided and lots were cast for the clothes.

Psalms 22:19

ULT	UST
But you, Yahweh, do not be far away. My strength, hurry to help me.	*Yahweh, do not be like my enemies; rather be concerned for me. You who are the one who strengthens me, come quickly and help me.*

What does David request of Yahweh?

He requests that Yahweh not be far away and hurry to help him.

Psalms 22:20-21

From what does David want to be rescued and saved?

He wants his life delivered from the sword, rescued from the hand of the dog, and saved from the mouth of the lion and the horns of wild oxen.

Psalms 22:22

ULT	UST
I will declare your name to my brothers; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.	*Because you have saved me, I will proclaim to my fellow Israelites how great you are. I will praise you among the group of your people gathered together to worship you.*

What will David declare to his brothers, and where will he praise Yahweh?

He will declare Yahweh's name to his brothers and praise him in the midst of the assembly.

Psalms 22:23

ULT	UST
You who fear Yahweh, praise him! All of the seed of Jacob, honor him, and be terrified from him, all of the seed of Israel!	*You people who have an awesome respect for Yahweh, praise him! All you who are descended from Jacob, honor Yahweh! All you Israelite people, revere him!*

Who should praise, honor, and stand in awe of Yahweh?

All who fear Yahweh, all descendants of Jacob, and all descendants of Israel should praise, honor, and stand in awe of him.

Psalms 22:24

ULT	UST
For he has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but when he cried to him, he heard.	*Yahweh does not despise or ignore those who are suffering. He pays attention to them, and he responds when they call out to him for help.*

When did Yahweh hear the afflicted one?

He heard the afflicted one when he cried to him.

Psalms 22:25

ULT	UST
From with you my praise in the great assembly; I will fulfill my vows before those who fear him.	*Yahweh, in the great gathering of your people, I will praise you for what you have done. In the presence of those who revere Yahweh, I will offer the sacrifice that I promised to make to you because you delivered me.*

Where will David praise and fulfill his vows?

He will praise Yahweh in the great assembly and fulfill his vows before those who fear Yahweh.

Psalms 22:26

ULT	UST
The poor will eat and be satisfied. The ones seeking Yahweh will praise. May your heart live forever.	*The poor people whom I have invited to the meal will eat as much as they want. All who come to worship Yahweh will praise him. I pray that God will enable you all to live a long and happy life!*

Who will eat, be satisfied, and praise Yahweh?

The poor will eat and be satisfied, and those who seek Yahweh will praise him.

Psalms 22:27

ULT	UST
All of the ends of the earth will remember and turn to Yahweh, and all of the families of the nations will bow down to your face.	*People in all nations, even in the remote areas, will think about Yahweh and turn to him. People from all the clans in the world will bow down before you,*

What will all the peoples of the earth and what will the families of the nations do?

The peoples of the earth will remember and turn to Yahweh and all the families of the nations will bow down before him.

Psalms 22:28

ULT	UST
For to Yahweh the kingdom, and he is ruling over the nations.	*because Yahweh is the king! He rules the people of all nations.*

Over what does Yahweh rule?

Yahweh rules over the nations.

Psalms 22:29

ULT	UST
All of the fat of the earth will eat and will bow down; to his face will kneel all of the ones going down to the dust, even his self he kept not alive.	*All the rich people on the earth will celebrate and bow before him. All those who are close to dying will kneel in worship before him, yes, those who are not able to keep themselves alive.*

Who will bow before Yahweh?

Both the wealthy of the earth and those who are dying and cannot preserve their own lives will bow before him.

Psalms 22:30-31

What will future generations do?

They will come and declare to a people not yet born what Yahweh has done.

Psalms 23

Psalms 23:1

ULT	UST
A psalm of David Yahweh is my shepherd; I will lack nothing.	*A psalm of David Yahweh cares for me like a shepherd cares for his sheep, so I know that I will have everything that I need.*

Who is David's shepherd?

David's shepherd is Yahweh.

Psalms 23:2

ULT	UST
He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me to waters of rest.	*Yahweh nourishes and encourages my inner person and enables me to rest in peace, like a shepherd who leads his sheep to places where there is plenty of green grass for them to eat and leads them to streams where the water is flowing slowly.*

Where does Yahweh make David lie down?

Yahweh makes David lie down in green pastures.

Where does Yahweh lead David?

Yahweh leads David beside tranquil water.

Psalms 23:3

ULT	UST
He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for the sake of his name.	*Yahweh renews my strength. He gives me good guidance for how I should live, in order that I, and others, will honor him.*

What does Yahweh restore?

Yahweh restores David's soul.

Where does Yahweh guide David?

Yahweh guides David along right paths.

Psalms 23:4

ULT	UST
Even though I walk through the valley of deep darkness, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.	*Even when I am in dangerous and scary circumstances in which evil men might kill or hurt me, I will fear nothing, because you are with me. I feel comforted and reassured because you protect and care for me like a shepherd protects his sheep by using his club and his walking stick to protect them from being attacked by wild animals.*

When David walks through the valley of deep darkness, who is with him?

Yahweh is with David.

Psalms 23:5

ULT	UST
You arrange a table before my face in front of my enemies; you have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows.	*You richly provide food for me and protect me from my enemies. You joyfully welcome me and honor me as people joyfully receive the guests they have invited by pouring olive oil over their heads. You have given me very many blessings!*

What does Yahweh prepare before David?

Yahweh prepares a table in the presence of David's enemies.

What does Yahweh anoint?

Yahweh anoints David's head with oil.

Psalms 23:6

ULT	UST
Surely goodness and covenant faithfulness will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of Yahweh for length of days!	*I am certain that Yahweh will be good to me and will continue to love me faithfully as long as I live. I will worship Yahweh in his sanctuary throughout my life.*

What will pursue David all the days of his life?

Goodness and covenant faithfulness will pursue David.

Where will David live all the days of his life?

David will live in the house of Yahweh for a very long time.

Psalms 24

Psalms 24:1-2

What does the psalmist say belongs to Yahweh?

The earth and its fullness belong to Yahweh, along with the world and everyone who lives in it, because he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Psalms 24:3-4

Who will ascend the mountain of Yahweh and stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their soul to what is false and have not sworn deceitfully, will ascend Yahweh's mountain and stand in his holy place.

Psalms 24:5-6

What will those who seek Yahweh receive?

Those who seek Yahweh and seek his face will receive a blessing and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

Psalms 24:7

ULT	UST
Lift up your heads, you gates, and be lifted up, you ancient doors, so that the King of Glory may come in.	*Open up the gates of the sacred tent, in order that our glorious king may enter!*

Why are the gates to be lifted up?

So that the King of glory may come in.

Psalms 24:8-10

Who is the King of glory?

Yahweh is the King of glory. He is strong and mighty in battle, and he commands armies.

Psalms 25

Psalms 25:2

ULT	UST
My God, in you I trust; do not let me have shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.	*I trust in you, my God. Do not allow my enemies to defeat me, with the result that they would rejoice and I would be ashamed.*

For what does David ask God?

David asks God to not let him be shamed, and to not let his enemies rejoice over him.

Psalms 25:4-5

What does David ask Yahweh to teach him?

David asks Yahweh to make known to him Yahweh's ways and paths, and to lead him in Yahweh's truth.

Psalms 25:6-7

What does David ask Yahweh to remember?

David asks Yahweh to remember his compassion and covenant faithfulness, but not to remember the sins of David's youth or his transgressions.

Psalms 25:8-9

What does Yahweh do because he is good and upright?

He teaches the sinful in the way, leads the humble in justice, and teaches the humble his way.

Psalms 25:10

ULT	UST
All the paths of Yahweh are covenant love and faithfulness for the ones keeping his covenant and his testimonies.	*Yahweh always faithfully loves and does what he has promised to those who obey his covenant and who do what he requires.*

What are all the paths of Yahweh?

They are covenant love and faithfulness for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Psalms 25:11

ULT	UST
For the sake of your name, Yahweh, forgive my iniquity, for it is great.	*Yahweh, forgive me for all my sins, which are many, in order that I and others may honor you.*

Why does David ask Yahweh to forgive his iniquity?

David asks Yahweh to forgive his iniquity for the sake of Yahweh's name.

Psalms 25:12-13

What will Yahweh do for the man who fears Yahweh?

Yahweh will teach him in the way he is to choose, his life will remain in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land.

Psalms 25:14

ULT	UST
The secret of Yahweh is for the ones fearing him and his covenant, to cause them to know it.	*Yahweh is a friend of those who revere him, and he teaches them the covenant that he made with them.*

What does Yahweh share with those who fear him?

Yahweh shares his secret with those who fear him and makes his covenant known to them.

Psalms 25:15

ULT	UST
My eyes are continually toward Yahweh, for he will make my feet go out of the net.	*I always ask Yahweh to help me, because he will rescue me when my enemies attempt to hurt me.*

Why does David continually keep his eyes on Yahweh?

Because Yahweh will rescue David when his enemies attempt to hurt him.

Psalms 25:16

ULT	UST
Turn toward me and be gracious to me, for I am alone and afflicted.	*Yahweh, pay attention to me and be merciful to me, because I have no one to help me and I am suffering.*

When David is alone and afflicted, what does he request of Yahweh?

David asks Yahweh to turn toward him and be gracious to him.

Psalms 25:17-19

When the troubles of David's heart are enlarged, what does he ask of Yahweh?

David asks Yahweh to bring him out of his distresses, to see his affliction and his trouble and forgive all of his sins, and to see his enemies who are many and who hate him with violent hatred.

Psalms 25:20

ULT	UST
Guard my life and deliver me; do not let me have shame, for I take refuge in you!	*Protect me and rescue me from them; do not allow them to defeat me with the result that I would be ashamed, because I go to you to keep me safe.*

Why does David ask Yahweh to not let him be shamed?

Because David takes refuge in Yahweh.

Psalms 25:22

ULT	UST
God, redeem Israel from all of his troubles!	*God, rescue us Israelite people from all of our troubles!*

From what does David ask God to redeem Israel?

He asks God to redeem Israel from all of his troubles.

Psalms 26

Psalms 26:1

ULT	UST
Of David Vindicate me, Yahweh, for I have walked in my integrity, and in Yahweh I have trusted without wavering.	*A psalm of David Yahweh, show that I am innocent. I have done what is right, and I have trusted in Yahweh without doubting him.*

How does David say that he has walked?

David says he has walked with integrity and has trusted in Yahweh without wavering.

Psalms 26:2

ULT	UST
Examine me, Yahweh, and test me; try my kidneys and my heart.	*Yahweh, examine what I have done and test me; thoroughly evaluate what I think in my inner being.*

What does David ask Yahweh to examine and test?

He asks Yahweh to test the purity of his inner parts and heart.

Psalms 26:3

ULT	UST
For your covenant faithfulness is before my eyes, and I walk about in your truth.	*I never forget that you faithfully love me. I conduct my life according to what you say is right.*

What is before David's eyes?

Yahweh's covenant faithfulness is before David's eyes.

Psalms 26:4

ULT	UST
I do not sit with men of falsehood, and I will not go with the ones concealing themselves.	*I do not spend my time with liars, and I stay away from hypocrites.*

With whom does David not associate or mingle?

David does not associate with deceitful people or mingle with dishonest people.

Psalms 26:5

ULT	UST
I hate the assembly of the ones doing evil, and I will not sit with the wicked.	*I do not like to be with evil people, and I avoid wicked people.*

What does David hate?

David hates gathering with evil people.

With whom does David say he will not sit?

David says he will not sit with the wicked.

Psalms 26:6-7

What does David do as he goes around Yahweh's altar?

He sings songs of thanksgiving and recounts all of Yahweh's wonderful acts.

Psalms 26:8

ULT	UST
Yahweh, I love the habitation of your house, and the place of the dwelling place of your glory.	*Yahweh, I love to be in the sanctuary where you dwell, in the place where your glory appears.*

How does David feel about the place where Yahweh lives?

He loves the place where Yahweh lives and his glory appears.

Psalms 26:9

ULT	UST
Do not gather my soul with the sinful, nor my life with men of blood,	*Do not get rid of me like you get rid of sinners. Do not cause me to die like you cause those who murder people to die,*

What does David ask Yahweh not to do?

David asks Yahweh not to gather his soul with the sinful or his life with men of blood.

Psalms 26:11

ULT	UST
But I will walk in my integrity; redeem me and be gracious to me.	*But as for me, I always try to do what is right. So rescue me and act kindly toward me.*

How does David say that he will walk?

David says that he will walk in integrity.

Psalms 26:12

ULT	UST
My foot stands on level ground; among the assemblies will I bless Yahweh!	*Because I have conducted myself righteously I am secure, and when all Yahweh's people gather together, I praise him among them.*

Where does David's foot stand and where will he bless Yahweh?

His foot stands on level ground and he will bless Yahweh among the assemblies.

Psalms 27

Psalms 27:1

ULT	UST
Of David Yahweh is my light and my salvation; whom will I fear? Yahweh is the refuge of my life; whom will I dread?	*A psalm of David Yahweh encourages me and nourishes my inner being. He is the one who saves me, so I will not fear anyone. Yahweh is the one to whom I go for refuge, so I will not dread anyone.*

Why should David not fear anyone?

David should not fear anyone since Yahweh is his light, his salvation, and the refuge of his life.

Psalms 27:2

ULT	UST
When the ones doing evil advance against me to devour my flesh, my enemies and the ones being hostile to me, they stumbled and fell.	*When those who do evil things come near me to attack and destroy me, Yahweh enables me to defeat them so that they fall down.*

What happened when evildoers advanced against David?

His enemies and those who were hostile to him stumbled and fell.

Psalms 27:3

ULT	UST
Though an army encamps against me, my heart will not fear; though war arises against me, in this I will be confident.	*Even if an army sets up their tents in order to attack me, I will not be afraid. Even if they attack me, I will trust in God.*

In what situations will David not fear but rather remain confident?

His heart will not fear even though an army encamps against him and war rises up against him.

Psalms 27:4

ULT	UST
One thing I have asked from Yahweh, that I will seek: that I may dwell in the house of Yahweh all the days of my life, to look upon the beauty of Yahweh and to inquire in his temple.	*There is one thing that I have requested from Yahweh, and that one thing I will repeatedly ask Yahweh for. This is the one thing I ask of Yahweh: that I may worship in Yahweh's sanctuary every day during my life, in order to experience how wonderful Yahweh is. When I am in his sanctuary then I will ask him for guidance.*

What has David asked of Yahweh?

David has asked that he may dwell in the house of Yahweh all the days of his life, to look upon the beauty of Yahweh, and to inquire in his temple.

Psalms 27:5

ULT	UST
For in the day of trouble he will hide me in his hut; he will hide me in the hiding-place of his tent. He will lift me high upon a rock.	*When I have troubles he will protect me in his tabernacle; yes, he will keep me safe in his sacred tent. He will keep me safe as if he were setting me high upon a rock where my enemies cannot reach me.*

What will Yahweh do for David in the day of trouble?

Yahweh will protect him in his tabernacle and keep him safe as if he were setting him high upon a rock where David's enemies cannot reach him.

Psalms 27:6

ULT	UST
And now my head will be lifted up above the ones being hostile to me who are all around me, and I will sacrifice in his tent sacrifices of a shout of joy. I will sing and make music to Yahweh!	*Then I will triumph over my enemies who surround me. I will shout joyfully as I offer sacrifices in his sacred tent, and I will praise Yahweh as I sing.*

How will David offer worship to Yahweh?

David will offer sacrifices of joy, sing, and make music to Yahweh.

Psalms 27:7

ULT	UST
Hear, Yahweh, my voice when I cry out, and be gracious to me, and answer me.	*Yahweh, listen to me while I call to you in prayer. Act kindly toward me and answer my prayer.*

What does David ask Yahweh to do?

David asks Yahweh to hear his voice, to be gracious to him, and to answer him.

Psalms 27:8

ULT	UST
“Seek my face.” My heart said to you, “Your face, Yahweh, I will seek.”	*I sensed that I heard you say, “Seek me and my help,” so, Yahweh, I will respond by seeking you and your help.*

What does David’s heart say to Yahweh?

David’s heart says that he will seek Yahweh’s face.

Psalms 27:9

ULT	UST
Do not hide your face from me; do not turn your servant away in anger. You have been my help. Do not abandon me nor leave me, God of my salvation.	*I am your servant; do not be angry with me, or turn away from me. You have always helped me. You are the one who has saved me, so do not abandon me now.*

What does David ask Yahweh not to do?

David asks Yahweh not to hide his face from him, not to turn his servant away in anger, nor to abandon or leave him.

Psalms 27:10

ULT	UST
For my father and my mother have left me, but Yahweh will care for me.	*My father and mother have left me, but Yahweh will take care of me.*

What does David say Yahweh will do even though his father and mother have left him?

David says that Yahweh will care for him even though his father and mother have left him.

Psalms 27:11

ULT	UST
Teach me your way, Yahweh, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.	*Yahweh, teach me to do what you want me to do, and guide me so that I remain safe because I have enemies who want to hurt me.*

What does David ask Yahweh to do because of his enemies?

David asks Yahweh to teach him Yahweh's way and guide him so that he remains safe from his enemies.

Psalms 27:12

ULT	UST
Do not give me up to the desire of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and a witness of violence.	*Do not allow my enemies to do to me what they want, because they say false things about me and want violent things to happen to me.*

Why does David ask Yahweh not to give him up to his adversaries?

David asks this because false witnesses and violent accusers have risen against him.

Psalms 27:13

ULT	UST
Unless I had believed that I would look on the goodness of Yahweh in the land of the living.	*I would have died if I had not trusted you to be good to me as long as I live.*

What did David believe that helped him?

David believed that he would see the goodness of Yahweh and trust him as long as he lived.

Psalms 27:14

ULT	UST
Wait on Yahweh. Be strong, and let your heart be courageous, and wait on Yahweh.	*Trust in Yahweh. Have a strong and courageous attitude, and wait expectantly for Yahweh to help you.*

What does David encourage the people to do?

David encourages the people to wait on Yahweh, to be strong, and to let their heart be courageous.

Psalms 28

Psalms 28:1

ULT	UST
Of David To you, Yahweh, I cry; my rock, do not be deaf to me, lest you be deaf to me, and I be equal with those going down to the pit.	*A psalm of David Yahweh, I call out to you. You are like a huge rock on top of which I am safe. Do not refuse to answer me because if you refuse to answer me, I will soon be with those who are in their graves.*

To whom does David cry out?

David cries out to Yahweh, his rock.

What will happen to David if Yahweh does not respond to him?

David will join those who go down to the grave.

Psalms 28:2

ULT	UST
Hear the voice of my pleas when I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your inner sanctuary of holiness.	*Pay attention to me and respond when I call out for you to help me when I pray, lifting up my hands as I face your very holy place in your sacred tent.*

Who does David want to hear the sound of his pleading?

David wants Yahweh to hear the sound of his pleading.

Psalms 28:3

ULT	UST
Do not drag me away with the wicked and with the workers of iniquity, the ones speaking of peace with their neighbors while evil is in their hearts.	*Do not get rid of me when you get rid of wicked people, those who do wicked deeds. Those people speak peacefully toward others, while in their inner beings, they hate them and devise evil plans.*

What does David ask Yahweh not to do?

David asks Yahweh not to drag him away with the wicked.

Psalms 28:4

ULT	UST
Give to them according to their work and according to the evil of their deeds; give to them according to the work of their hands; return to them their recompense.	*Punish those people in the way that they deserve for what they have done; punish them for their evil deeds.*

What does David ask Yahweh to give the wicked?

David asks Yahweh to give them what their deeds deserve and to repay them for their evil deeds.

Psalms 28:5

ULT	UST
Because they do not give heed to the works of Yahweh or the action of his hands, he will tear them down and not build them up.	*Yahweh will get rid of them permanently and not let them appear again. Yahweh will do this because these evil people do not pay attention to the righteous things he has taught his people and do not take notice that he always judges evil deeds.*

What do the wicked not give heed to?

The wicked do not give heed to the works of Yahweh or the action of his hands.

Psalms 28:6

ULT	UST
Blessed be Yahweh, because he has heard the voice of my pleas.	*Praise Yahweh because he responded to me when I called out for him to help me.*

What has Yahweh heard?

Yahweh has heard the sound of David’s pleading.

Psalms 28:7

ULT	UST
Yahweh is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; therefore my heart exults, and with my song I will praise him.	*Yahweh strengthens me and he protects me like a shield; I trust in him, and he helps me. As a result I am glad in my inner being, and I will praise him with my songs of praise.*

Who is David's strength and shield?

Yahweh is David's strength and shield.

In whom does David's heart trust?

David's heart trusts in Yahweh and greatly rejoices.

Psalms 28:8

ULT	UST
Yahweh is strength for his people, and he is a refuge of help for his anointed.	*Yahweh strengthens and protects his people. Yahweh saves the one he appointed to be king.*

Who is the strength of his people?

Yahweh is the strength of his people.

Who is the saving refuge of his anointed one?

Yahweh is the saving refuge of his anointed one.

Psalms 28:9

ULT	UST
Save your people and bless your inheritance, and shepherd them and carry them unto the eternity.	*Yahweh, rescue your people and bless those who belong to you. Take care of them like a shepherd takes care of his sheep; take care of them forever.*

Who does David want Yahweh to save and bless?

David wants Yahweh to save his people and bless his inheritance.

Psalms 29

Psalms 29:1

ULT	UST
A psalm of David Ascribe to Yahweh, sons of God, ascribe to Yahweh glory and strength.	*A psalm of David You heavenly beings, praise Yahweh! Declare that he is very glorious and powerful.*

Who does David say should ascribe glory and strength to Yahweh?

David says the sons of God should ascribe glory and strength to Yahweh.

Psalms 29:3

ULT	UST
The voice of Yahweh over the waters, the God of glory thunders, Yahweh over many waters.	*People hear Yahweh's voice above the sea; the glorious God thunders. Yahweh's voice thunders over the large sea.*

To what does David compare the voice of Yahweh?

David compares the voice of Yahweh to thunder over the waters.

Psalms 29:5

ULT	UST
The voice of Yahweh is breaking cedars, and Yahweh breaks the cedars of Lebanon.	*The sound of Yahweh's voice breaks cedar trees, the cedars that grow in Lebanon.*

What does Yahweh break?

Yahweh breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

Psalms 29:8

ULT	UST
The voice of Yahweh shakes the wilderness; Yahweh shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.	*The sound of Yahweh's voice causes the wilderness to shake; he shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

What does Yahweh shake?

Yahweh shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Psalms 29:9

ULT	UST
The voice of Yahweh causes the deer to give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple everyone is saying, "Glory!"	*The sound of Yahweh's voice makes the deer give birth and strips the leaves from the trees, while the people in Yahweh's sacred tent say, "Praise Yahweh!"*

What do the people in Yahweh's temple declare?

Everyone in his temple declares Yahweh's glory.

Psalms 29:10

ULT	UST
Yahweh sits over the flood; Yahweh sits as king forever.	*Yahweh rules as king over the waters that are above the sky; Yahweh rules as king forever.*

How long does Yahweh sit as king?

Yahweh sits as king forever.

Psalms 29:11

ULT	UST
Yahweh will give strength to his people; Yahweh will bless his people with peace.	*Yahweh will strengthen his people, and he will bless them by giving them good things and causing them to be happy and peaceful.*

What two things will Yahweh give his people?

Yahweh will give strength to his people and will bless his people with peace.

Psalms 30

Psalms 30:1

ULT	UST
I will extol you, Yahweh, for you have drawn me up and have not let the ones being hostile to me rejoice over me.	*Yahweh, I praise you because you rescued me. You did not allow me to die with the result that my enemies could gloat.*

Why does David extol Yahweh?

He extols Yahweh because Yahweh has drawn him up and has not allowed David's enemies to rejoice over him.

Psalms 30:2

ULT	UST
Yahweh my God, I cried out to you for help, and you healed me.	*Yahweh my God, I called out for you to help me when I was sick, you healed me.*

What did Yahweh do when David cried for help?

Yahweh healed David.

Psalms 30:3

ULT	UST
Yahweh, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you have kept me alive from the ones going down to the pit.	*Yahweh, when I was dying you restored me. I was nearly dead, but you caused me to get well.*

In what way did Yahweh restore David?

Yahweh caused David to get well and restored him when he was about to die.

Psalms 30:4

ULT	UST
Sing praise to Yahweh, you his faithful ones, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.	*All you who are faithful to Yahweh, sing praise to him. Think about what Yahweh, the holy one, has done, and thank him.*

What are the faithful told to do in remembrance of Yahweh's holiness?

The faithful are told to sing praise to Yahweh and to give him thanks.

Psalms 30:5

ULT	UST
For his anger is for a moment, but his favor is for a lifetime. In the evening weeping may come to lodge but rejoicing comes in the morning.	*When he becomes angry, he is angry for only a very short time, but he is good to us all of our lives. We may cry during the night, but the next morning we will be joyful.*

How long does Yahweh's anger and favor last?

Yahweh's anger is only for a moment, but his favor is for a lifetime.

What happens after weeping comes for a night?

Joy comes in the morning.

Psalms 30:6

ULT	UST
And I, in my ease, said, "I will never be shaken."	*As for me, when my life was going well, I said to myself, "Nothing will ever trouble me."*

What did David say when his life was going well?

David said that he would never be shaken.

Psalms 30:7

ULT	UST
Yahweh, by your favor you have made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face, and I was dismayed.	*Yahweh, because you were good to me, at first you caused me to be secure as a mountain. But then you let me become ill when you stopped protecting me from illness, and I became greatly disturbed.*

What happened to David when Yahweh hid his face?

When Yahweh hid his face, David was dismayed.

Psalms 30:8

ULT	UST
To you, Yahweh, I cried out, and to the Lord I pled for favor.	*Then I called out to you, Yahweh, and I pleaded for you, the Lord, to help me.*

What did David seek from the Lord?

David sought favor from the Lord.

Psalms 30:10

ULT	UST
Hear, Yahweh, and be gracious to me. Yahweh, be my helper.”	*Yahweh, listen to me, and act mercifully to me. Yahweh, help me.”*

What things is David asking Yahweh to do for him?

David is asking Yahweh to hear him, to be gracious to him, and to be his helper.

Psalms 30:11

ULT	UST
You have turned for me my mourning to dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and have clothed me with gladness	*But now you have changed my circumstances and healed me, and as a result I have stopped grieving and now dance joyfully. You have caused me to change from the clothes that showed that I was very sad and to put on clothes that show that I am very joyful.*

What has Yahweh done for David?

Yahweh has turned David's mourning into dancing, causing him to change from being sad to being joyful.

Psalms 30:12

ULT	UST
in order that my glory may sing praise to you and not be silent. Yahweh my God, I will give thanks to you forever.	*You did that so that I would not be silent but would sing out to praise you. Yahweh, you are my God, and I will thank you forever.*

What does David say his glory will do?

David's glory will sing praise to Yahweh and not be silent. He will give thanks to Yahweh his God forever.

Psalms 31

Psalms 31:1

ULT	UST
In you, Yahweh, I take refuge; do not ever let me have shame; in your righteousness deliver me.	*Yahweh, I come to you to protect me. Never allow them to defeat me, with the result that I would be ashamed. Since you always do what is right and just, please rescue me.*

In whom does David take refuge?

David takes refuge in Yahweh.

Psalms 31:1-2

What does David ask Yahweh to become for him?

He asks Yahweh to be his rocky summit of refuge and a stronghold to save him.

Psalms 31:3

ULT	UST
Indeed, you are my rock and my stronghold; therefore for the sake of your name you lead me and guide me.	*Yes, you are like a huge rock and like a fortress where I can go to be safe. For the sake of your reputation you guide me so that no harm comes to me.*

Why does Yahweh lead and guide David?

Yahweh leads and guides David for the sake of his own name.

Psalms 31:4

ULT	UST
You will pull me out of the net which they have secretly laid for me, for you are my refuge.	*You are the one who protects me, so you will rescue me from the evil plans my enemies have secretly made to hurt me.*

What does David believe that Yahweh will protect him from?

Yahweh will rescue him from the evil plans his enemies have made to hurt him.

Psalms 31:5

ULT	UST
Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, Yahweh, God of faithfulness.	*I put myself into your care. You have rescued me. Yahweh, you are faithful.*

Into what does David commit his spirit?

David puts himself into the care of Yahweh.

Psalms 31:6

ULT	UST
I hate the ones keeping idols of worthlessness, but I trust in Yahweh.	*I hate those who worship useless idols, but I trust in Yahweh.*

Who does David hate?

He hates those who keep idols of worthlessness.

Psalms 31:7

ULT	UST
I will be glad and rejoice in your covenant faithfulness, for you have seen my affliction; you have known the troubles of my soul,	*I will be very glad because you faithfully love me. You have noticed that I have suffered, and have known the troubling things I have experienced.*

Why will David be glad and rejoice in Yahweh's covenant faithfulness?

David will be glad and rejoice because Yahweh has seen his affliction and known the troubles of his soul.

Psalms 31:8

ULT	UST
and you have not delivered me into the hand of the ones being hostile to me; you have set my feet in an open space.	*You have not allowed my enemies to capture me; instead, you brought me to a place where I was safe.*

Where has Yahweh set David's feet?

Yahweh has set David's feet in an open space.

Psalms 31:9

ULT	UST
Be gracious to me, Yahweh, for I am in distress; my eye has wasted away from grief, my soul and my body.	*Yahweh, act kindly toward me because I am distressed. Because I cry so much that my eyes are tired, and I am completely exhausted.*

Why does David ask Yahweh to be gracious to him?

David is in distress and his eye has wasted away from grief.

Psalms 31:10

ULT	UST
For my life has come to an end with sorrow, and my years with groaning; my strength fails from my iniquity, and my bones waste away.	*I have become very weak because I am so miserable; my life is getting shorter. I have become weak because of the sinful things that I have done. I am totally exhausted.*

Why does David's strength fail and his bones waste away?

His strength fails and his bones waste away because of his iniquity.

Psalms 31:11

ULT	UST
Among all of the ones being hostile to me I have become a reproach, and especially to my neighbors, and dread to the ones knowing me; the ones seeing me outside flee from me.	*All of my enemies make fun of me, and my neighbors, especially, despise me. My friends are afraid of me because they think that you, God, are punishing me. When they see me on the streets, they run away.*

How do people respond to David?

His enemies treat him with contempt, his neighbors are especially horrified by him, and those who see him outside flee from him.

Psalms 31:12

ULT	UST
I have been forgotten like a dead man out of mind; I am like a broken vessel.	*People have forgotten me like they forget people who are dead. I am as useless as a broken pot.*

To what does David compare himself?

David says he is as forgotten as a dead man whom no one thinks about, and that he is like a broken vessel.

Psalms 31:13

ULT	UST
For I hear the whispering of many— terror on every side!— while they conspire together against me; they plan to take my life.	*There are terrifying things all around me. I hear people whispering things about me. My enemies are making plans to kill me.*

Why is David so troubled?

He hears the whispering of many and there is terror on every side, as his enemies conspire together to take his life.

Psalms 31:15

ULT	UST
My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of the ones being hostile to me and from the ones pursuing me.	*You control the events and circumstances of my life. Save me from my enemies, from those who pursue me.*

From whom does David ask God to rescue him?

He asks God to rescue him from his enemies and from those who pursue him.

Psalms 31:16

ULT	UST
Make your face shine upon your servant; save me in your covenant faithfulness.	*Act kindly toward me and rescue me because you always faithfully love me.*

What does David ask God to do for his servant?

David asks God to make his face shine upon his servant and to save him in Yahweh's covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 31:17

ULT	UST
Yahweh, do not let me have shame, for I have called upon you; let the wicked have shame; let them be silent in Sheol.	*Yahweh, I call out to you, so do not allow others to shame me. I desire that you cause wicked people to be ashamed. I desire that they soon die and go down to the place where the dead people are.*

What does David ask God not to let happen to him?

David asks Yahweh not to let him have shame.

Psalms 31:18

ULT	UST
Let lying lips be silenced, the ones speaking insolent things against the righteous, in pride and contempt.	*I desire that you will cause people who tell lies to be unable to speak. Do that to people who arrogantly say disrespectful things about righteous people.*

Why should lying lips be silenced?

They speak arrogant and contemptuous things against the righteous.

Psalms 31:19

ULT	UST
How great is your goodness which you have stored up for the ones fearing you, which you have done for the ones taking refuge in you, before the sons of man!	*Many indeed are the good things which you have prepared for the people who revere you! You do good things for those who go to you for protection. Everyone sees you protect them.*

For whom is God's goodness stored up?

Yahweh's goodness is stored up for those who fear him.

Psalms 31:20

ULT	UST
You hide them in the hiding-place of your presence from the plots of man; you hide them in a shelter from the strife of tongues.	*You protect people who trust in you by being near to them and saving them from people who devise evil schemes to harm them. You keep them safe from their enemies who accuse them.*

From what does Yahweh protect those who revere him?

He protects them from the evil plots of the enemies who accuse them.

Psalms 31:21

ULT	UST
Blessed be Yahweh, for he has shown marvelously his covenant faithfulness to me in a besieged city.	*Praise Yahweh! When my enemies surrounded the city in which I was living, he showed me in a wonderful way that he faithfully loves me.*

Why is Yahweh to be blessed?

Yahweh showed David his marvelous covenant faithfulness when David was in a besieged city.

Psalms 31:22

ULT	UST
For I said in my alarm, "I am cut off from your eyes." But indeed you heard the voice of my pleas when I cried out to you.	*I was alarmed and cried out, "I have been separated from Yahweh!" But in fact you heard me and answered my cry for help.*

What did Yahweh do for David even though David said that he was cut off from God's eyes?

Yahweh heard his plea for help when David cried out to him.

Psalms 31:23

ULT	UST
Love Yahweh, all you faithful ones! Yahweh preserves the faithful, but he pays back fully the proud person.	*You people who belong to Yahweh, love him! Those who are loyal to him, he protects, but those who are proud, he punishes them severely like they deserve to be punished.*

What does Yahweh do for his faithful followers?

Yahweh preserves the faithful but pays back the proud in full.

Psalms 31:24

ULT	UST
Be firm and let your heart be courageous, all the ones waiting for Yahweh.	*You who confidently expect Yahweh to do great things for you, be strong and be courageous!*

What advice does David give to those who wait for Yahweh?

He tells them to be firm and courageous.

Psalms 32

Psalms 32:1

ULT	UST
A maskil of David The happinesses of the one whose transgression is lifted up, the one covered from sin!	*A song of David Those whom God has forgiven for rebelling against him, and those whose sin God has atoned for, these are the ones who will have a truly good life!*

Who does the psalmist describe as truly happy?

The psalmist describes as truly happy those whose transgression is lifted up and whose sin is covered.

Psalms 32:3-4

What happened to David when he did not confess his sins?

His bones wasted away and he groaned all day long. Yahweh's hand was heavy on him day and night, and his vitality was sapped by the summer heat.

Psalms 32:5

ULT	UST
My sin I acknowledged to you, and my guilt I did not cover. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to Yahweh," and you lifted up the guilt of my sin. Selah	*Then I confessed my sinful actions to you; I stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, "I will tell Yahweh the wrong things that I have done." When I confessed them, you forgave me, so now I am no longer guilty for the sinful things I did. Selah*

What did God do when David acknowledged his sin and no longer hid his iniquity?

God forgave the guilt of David's sin.

Psalms 32:6

ULT	UST
For this reason let everyone who is faithful pray to you at a time of finding; surely in a flood of great waters, they will not reach to him.	*Therefore all the people who are godly should pray to you when they realize they have sinned. If they do that, then it is certain that difficulties will not overwhelm them like a great flood.*

What should godly people do when they realize they have sinned?

They should pray to Yahweh when they realize that they have sinned.

What assurance does the psalmist give to the godly who pray to Yahweh?

A flood of great waters will not reach them.

Psalms 32:7

ULT	UST
You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from distress; you will surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah	*You are like a place where I can hide from my enemies; you protect me from troubles and surround me with people who are joyfully praising you for saving me from my enemies. Selah*

With what does Yahweh surround the psalmist?

Yahweh surrounds him with shouts of deliverance.

Psalms 32:8

ULT	UST
I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you are to go. I will counsel you with my eye upon you.	*I will teach you about how you should conduct your life. I will teach you personally.*

What does Yahweh promise to do for those who come to him?

Yahweh promises to instruct and teach them about the way they should go, and to counsel them personally.

Psalms 32:9

ULT	UST
Do not be like a horse or like a mule which are without understanding; ornament of him to curb with bit and bridle, or else they will not come near to you.	*Do not be like horses and mules that do not have understanding; they need pieces of metal put in their mouth and ropes fastened to their head so they will go in the direction you want them to go.*

What does the psalmist warn against being like?

The psalmist warns against being like a horse or mule without understanding, which must be controlled with a bit and bridle.

Psalms 32:10

ULT	UST
Many are the pains of the wicked, but the one trusting in Yahweh, covenant faithfulness surrounds him.	*Wicked people will have many difficult things in their lives that will make them sad, but those who trust in Yahweh will experience him faithfully loving them all the time.*

What will happen to the one who trusts in Yahweh?

Yahweh's covenant faithfulness will surround him.

Psalms 32:11

ULT	UST
Be glad in Yahweh and rejoice, righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright of heart.	*So, all you righteous people, rejoice about what Yahweh has done for you! All you whose inner beings are pure, be glad and shout joyfully!*

What does the psalmist call on the righteous and upright in heart to do?

The psalmist calls them to be glad in Yahweh, rejoice, and shout for joy.

Psalms 33

Psalms 33:1

ULT	UST
Shout for joy in Yahweh, righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright.	*You people who do what is right, shout joyfully because of Yahweh, because praising him is what upright people should do.*

In whom does the psalmist say the righteous should rejoice?

The righteous should rejoice in Yahweh.

Psalms 33:2

ULT	UST
Give thanks to Yahweh with the harp; with a lyre of ten strings, make music to him.	*Praise Yahweh by playing songs on the harp. Praise him as you make music for him with instruments that have many strings.*

With what instruments does the psalmist say to play to give thanks to Yahweh?

The psalmist says to give thanks to Yahweh with the harp and with the lyre of ten strings.

Psalms 33:4

ULT	UST
For the word of Yahweh is upright, and all of his work is in faithfulness.	*Do this because everything that Yahweh says is true, and we can trust that everything that he does is right.*

How does the psalmist describe Yahweh's word and work?

Yahweh's word is upright and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Psalms 33:5

ULT	UST
Loving righteousness and justice, the covenant faithfulness of Yahweh fills the earth.	*He loves everything that people do that is right and just. Yahweh faithfully loves people all over the earth.*

What does Yahweh love?

Yahweh loves righteousness and justice.

Psalms 33:6

ULT	UST
By the word of Yahweh, the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth, all of their host.	*Yahweh created everything in the sky by commanding it. He created all of the stars by speaking.*

What was made by the word of Yahweh?

The heavens and the stars were created by Yahweh commanding it.

Psalms 33:7

ULT	UST
Gathering the waters of the sea like a heap; putting the deeps into storehouses,	*He gathered all the water of the sea into one huge mass as though scooping it into a container.*

What does the psalmist say Yahweh does to the waters of the sea?

He gathers the waters of the sea together like a heap.

Psalms 33:8

ULT	UST
let all of the earth fear Yahweh; let all of the dwellers of the world be in dread of him.	*Everyone on the earth should deeply revere Yahweh.*

What does the psalmist say all the inhabitants of the world should do?

All the inhabitants of the world should deeply revere Yahweh.

Psalms 33:11

ULT	UST
The counsel of Yahweh stands forever, the plans of his heart, to generation and generation.	*However, what Yahweh decides to do will last forever. What he plans to do will never change.*

How long will the counsel of Yahweh stand?

The counsel of Yahweh stands forever, the plans of his heart to every generation.

Psalms 33:14

ULT	UST
From the place of his dwelling he gazes at all of the dwellers of the earth,	*From the place where he lives he watches everyone who lives on the earth.*

On whom does Yahweh look down from where he lives?

Yahweh looks down on all the people, on all who live on the earth.

Psalms 33:18

ULT	UST
Behold, the eye of Yahweh is toward the fearers of him, toward those hoping for his covenant faithfulness,	*Note this: Yahweh watches over those who deeply revere him; He watches over those who confidently expect him to faithfully love them,*

Whom does Yahweh watch over?

Yahweh watches over those who deeply revere him and confidently expect him to faithfully love them.

Psalms 33:21

ULT	UST
For in him our heart rejoices; for in the name of his holiness we trust.	*Indeed, he makes us very joyful; we trust him because he is holy.*

Why does the psalmist say the heart rejoices in Yahweh?

The heart rejoices in Yahweh because the people trust in his holy name.

Psalms 34

Psalms 34:1

ULT	UST
I shall bless Yahweh at all times; continually his praise is in my mouth.	*I will always thank Yahweh; I will constantly praise him out loud.*

How often will David praise Yahweh?

David will praise Yahweh at all times.

Psalms 34:2

ULT	UST
In Yahweh my soul will boast; the humble will hear and rejoice.	*I will boast about what Yahweh has done for me. All of the humble people who hear me will rejoice.*

Who does David want to hear when he boasts in Yahweh?

David wants the humble to hear it and rejoice.

Psalms 34:3

ULT	UST
Magnify Yahweh with me, and let us exalt his name together.	*Join with me in telling others that Yahweh is great, and let us together proclaim how glorious he is!*

What is David asking people to do with him?

David is asking them to magnify Yahweh and exalt his name together.

Psalms 34:4

ULT	UST
I sought Yahweh, and he answered me, and from all of my fears he delivered me.	*I prayed to Yahweh, and he answered me; he rescued me from everything that I was afraid of.*

What happened when David sought Yahweh?

Yahweh answered David and delivered him from all his fears.

Psalms 34:5

ULT	UST
They look to him and are radiant; let their faces not have shame.	*Those who ask him to help them will be joyful; may Yahweh always provide for them.*

What happens to those who look to Yahweh?

They are radiant and their faces are not ashamed.

Psalms 34:6

ULT	UST
This afflicted one called, and Yahweh heard, and from all of his troubles he saved him.	*I was suffering, but I called out to Yahweh, and he heard me. He saved me from all of the things that were troubling me.*

What did Yahweh do when this afflicted man called out to him?

Yahweh heard him and saved him from all his troubles.

Psalms 34:7

ULT	UST
The angel of Yahweh is encamping around the fearers of him, and he rescues them.	*An angel representing Yahweh guards people who deeply revere Yahweh, and the angel rescues them from bad things.*

What does the angel of Yahweh do when he encamps around those who fear him?

The angel of Yahweh rescues them.

Psalms 34:8

ULT	UST
Taste and see that Yahweh is good; the happinesses of the man—he takes refuge in him!	*Experience for yourselves how good Yahweh is! Everyone who trusts in Yahweh will be truly happy!*

Who is the man who is happy?

The man who takes refuge in Yahweh is happy.

Psalms 34:9

ULT	UST
Fear Yahweh, his holy ones, for there is no lack for the fearers of him.	*All you people who belong to Yahweh, deeply revere him, because those who deeply revere him will always have everything that they need.*

What does the psalmist say is true for those who fear Yahweh?

There is no lack for those who fear Yahweh.

Psalms 34:10

ULT	UST
Young lions are poor and hungry, but the seekers of Yahweh will not lack any good thing.	*Even young lions sometimes go hungry and have nothing to eat, but people who trust in Yahweh for help will always have the good things that they need.*

What does David say about those who seek Yahweh?

Those who seek Yahweh will not lack anything good.

Psalms 34:11

ULT	UST
Come, sons, listen to me; the fear of Yahweh I will teach you.	*You who are my students, come and listen to me, and I will teach you how to deeply revere Yahweh.*

What does David invite the sons to do?

David invites them to come and listen to him so that he can teach them the fear of Yahweh.

Psalms 34:13-14

What does the psalmist say a man who desires life should do?

He should guard his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit, turn away from evil, do good, seek peace, and pursue it.

Psalms 34:15

ULT	UST
The eyes of Yahweh are toward the righteous, and his ears are toward their cry.	*Yahweh pays attention to people who do what is right, and he listens when they call to him to help them.*

How does Yahweh pay attention to the righteous?

Yahweh pays attention and listens when the righteous call to him for help.

Psalms 34:16

ULT	UST
The face of Yahweh is against the doers of evil, to cut off their remembrance from the earth.	*But Yahweh opposes people who do what is evil. He does not allow their descendants to remain on the earth.*

What will Yahweh do to the doers of evil?

Yahweh will cut off their remembrance from the earth.

Psalms 34:17

ULT	UST
They cry out, and Yahweh hears, and from all of their troubles he delivers them.	*People who do what is right cry out to Yahweh, and he hears them; he rescues them from all the things that trouble them.*

What does Yahweh do when the righteous cry out?

He hears and delivers them from all their troubles.

Psalms 34:18

ULT	UST
Yahweh is near to the broken of heart, and the crushed of spirit he saves.	*Yahweh is always ready to help people who are very sad, and he saves people who are deeply discouraged.*

To whom is Yahweh near?

He is near the brokenhearted.

Who does Yahweh save?

Yahweh saves those with a crushed spirit.

Psalms 34:19-20

What happens to the righteous who have many troubles?

Yahweh delivers him from all of them and guards all his bones.

Psalms 34:21

ULT	UST
Evil will put to death the wicked, and the haters of the righteous will be guilty.	*Wicked people will cause themselves to die because of the evil things that they do, and Yahweh will punish those who hate righteous people.*

What will happen to the wicked?

Evil will kill the wicked.

What will happen to those who hate the righteous?

Those who hate the righteous will be found guilty.

Psalms 34:22

ULT	UST
Yahweh is redeeming the soul of his servants, and everyone taking refuge in him will not be guilty.	*Yahweh saves those who serve him, and he will forgive all who trust in him.*

What does Yahweh do for his servants?

He redeems the soul of his servants, and those who take refuge in him will not be guilty.

Psalms 35

Psalms 35:1

ULT	UST
Of David Yahweh, oppose my opponents; fight those fighting me.	*A psalm of David. Yahweh, be the enemy of my enemies! Defend me against those who attack me!*

What does David ask Yahweh to do for him?

David asks Yahweh to work against those who work against him, and fight against those who fight against him.

Psalms 35:2-3

What does David ask Yahweh to do?

He asks Yahweh to protect him and come to save him.

Psalms 35:4

ULT	UST
May those who seek my life have shame and be dishonored. May those who plan my harm be turned back and confounded.	*Please defeat and dishonor those who want to kill me, and make those who plan to harm me become confused and turn back.*

What does David want to happen to those who plan to harm him?

David wants them to be turned back and confounded.

Psalms 35:5

ULT	UST
May they be as chaff before the wind, and the angel of Yahweh driving them away.	*May an angel from Yahweh chase them away so that they disappear like chaff in the wind.*

Who does David want to drive away his enemies?

He wants the angel of Yahweh to drive them away.

Psalms 35:7

ULT	UST
For without cause they hid for me a pit, their net; without cause they dug for my life.	*Please do these things to them, because I have not done anything wrong to them, yet they try to kill me. It is as though they hide nets and dig pits for me to walk into!*

What did David's enemies do without cause?

They tried to kill David as though they had set their net and dug a pit for him to fall into.

Psalms 35:8

ULT	UST
Let destruction overtake him; he does not know. Let the net that he hid catch him. In destruction, let him fall into it.	*So let disaster suddenly surprise each of them! Let it be as though the nets that they hid catch them instead, and as though they fall into their own pits and die!*

What does David want to happen to his enemies?

David wants destruction to overtake them by surprise, for them to be caught in their own nets, and for them to fall to their destruction.

Psalms 35:9

ULT	UST
But my soul will be joyful in Yahweh; it will rejoice in his salvation.	*Then I will rejoice because of what Yahweh has done for me, and I will be glad because he has saved me.*

In what will David rejoice?

He will rejoice in Yahweh's salvation.

Psalms 35:11-12

Why is David sorrowful?

He is sorrowful because unrighteous witnesses rise up to accuse him falsely, and repay him evil for good.

Psalms 35:13-14

How did David respond to his enemies' troubles?

David wore sackcloth, fasted for them, went about in grief and bent down in mourning for them.

Psalms 35:15-16

How did his enemies respond to David's suffering?

They rejoiced and celebrated and then gathered to attack, slander, and mock him in anger.

Psalms 35:17-18

When will David thank Yahweh in front of his people?

He will thank Yahweh when he is rescued from his enemies' destructive attacks.

Psalms 35:20

ULT	UST
For they do not speak peace, and against the quiet ones of the earth they devise words of deceits.	*Do not let them succeed, because they do not speak peacefully to anyone; instead, they make up lies about quiet, peaceable people in the land.*

What do David's enemies do instead of speaking peace?

They devise deceitful words against those who live in peace.

Psalms 35:22-23

What does David want Yahweh to do since he has seen David's troubles?

He wants Yahweh to not be silent, to not be far away, and to arouse and awake to his defense.

Psalms 35:24

ULT	UST
Judge me according to your righteousness, Yahweh my God, and do not let them rejoice over me.	*Yahweh my God, because you are righteous, declare that I am innocent, and do not let my enemies celebrate that they have defeated me.*

Why does David say Yahweh should defend him?

He says Yahweh should defend him because of Yahweh's righteousness.

Psalms 36

Psalms 36:2

ULT	UST
For it is slippery to him in his eyes to find his iniquity to hate it.	*Indeed, they are so proud that they refuse to recognize how wrongly they act so that they might hate doing those things.*

How does the wicked man respond to his own sin?

They are so proud that they refuse to recognize how wrongly they act.

Psalms 36:3

ULT	UST
The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit; he has ceased to act wisely, to do good.	*Everything that they say is wicked and deceptive; they have stopped acting wisely and stopped doing what is right.*

What are the wicked man's words like?

His words are sinful and deceitful.

What does the wicked man not want to be?

He does not want to be wise and to do good.

Psalms 36:4

ULT	UST
He devises iniquity on his bed; he stations himself on the not-good road; he does not reject evil.	*They plan sinful activities while lying on their beds; they commit themselves to a bad way of living; they do not refuse to do evil things.*

What does the wicked man do while he lies in bed?

He plans ways to sin while he lies in bed.

Psalms 36:5

ULT	UST
Yahweh, your covenant faithfulness is in the heavens; your trustworthiness, to the clouds.	*Yahweh, the amount that you faithfully love us is so much that it is as though it fills the heavens. If we could measure how trustworthy you are, the amount would extend into the clouds.*

What reaches to the heavens and to the clouds?

Yahweh's covenant faithfulness reaches to the heavens, and his trustworthiness reaches to the clouds.

Psalms 36:6

ULT	UST
Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are the great deep. You save man and beast, Yahweh.	*Your way of doing what is right is as permanent as the highest mountains; your way of acting justly is as vast and mysterious as the deepest oceans. Yahweh, you take care of all living creatures, both people and animals.*

What is Yahweh's righteousness like?

His righteousness is as permanent as the mountains of God, and his judgments are vast and mysterious as the deepest oceans.

What does Yahweh take care of?

Yahweh takes care of all living creatures, both people and animals.

Psalms 36:7

ULT	UST
How precious is your covenant faithfulness, God! And the sons of man take refuge in the shadow of your wings.	*God, how precious it is that you faithfully love us! You protect people just as a bird shelters its young under its wings.*

To what does the psalmist compare how God protects people?

God protects people just as a bird shelters its young under its wings.

Psalms 36:9

ULT	UST
For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.	*Indeed, you are the one who causes everything to live; you are the one who makes it possible for us to understand what is true.*

Who is the fountain of life by whose light we see?

Yahweh is the one who causes everything to live and makes it possible to understand what is true.

Psalms 36:10

ULT	UST
Extend your covenant faithfulness to the knowers of you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart.	*Please continue to faithfully love those who know you, and continue to do right for those who sincerely want to do what is right.*

To whom does David ask God to extend his covenant faithfulness?

David asks God to extend God's covenant faithfulness fully to those who know God.

Psalms 36:11

ULT	UST
Let not the foot of pride come to me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me.	*Do not let arrogant people overcome me, and do not let wicked people force me to flee.*

What does David ask God not to let happen?

David asks God not to let the foot of the arrogant man come near him, and the hand of the wicked to drive him away.

Psalms 36:12

ULT	UST
There the doers of iniquity have fallen; they are thrust down and are not able to rise.	*See how the people who do evil have fallen! God has thrown them down, and they can never get up again.*

What has happened to the evildoers?

They have fallen and are knocked down and are not able to get up.

Psalms 37

Psalms 37:1-2

Why does David say to not be upset because of evildoers?

He says to not be worried about evildoers because they will soon dry up as the grass and plants wither and die.

Psalms 37:4

ULT	UST
And delight yourself in Yahweh, and he will give to you the desires of your heart.	*Also, enjoy Yahweh more than anything else; then he will give you what you desire most.*

Why does David say to delight in Yahweh?

He says to delight in Yahweh and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 37:5-6

Why does David say to trust in Yahweh?

He says to trust in Yahweh and he will act on your behalf, display your justice like the daylight and your innocence like the day at noon.

Psalms 37:7

ULT	UST
Be silent to Yahweh and tremble for him. Do not be angry because of the one making his way prosper, because of a man doing schemes.	*Be calm before Yahweh and wait patiently for him to act. Do not become upset when you see evil people succeed as they do the wicked things that they have planned.*

What does David say people should do before Yahweh?

David says to be still before Yahweh and wait patiently for him, and to not be angry if someone succeeds with their evil plans.

Psalms 37:8-10

Why does David say to not be angry and frustrated or to worry about evildoers?

They will be cut off and disappear, but those who wait for Yahweh will inherit the land.

Psalms 37:11

ULT	UST
But the meek will inherit the land and will delight themselves over an abundance of peace.	*Humble people, however, will possess the land and will enjoy living there very peacefully and well.*

What will happen to the meek?

They will inherit the land and delight in peacefulness.

Psalms 37:14-15

What will happen to the wicked who have tried to kill those who are upright?

The swords of the wicked will pierce their own hearts and their bows will be broken.

Psalms 37:16-17

Why is the little that the righteous have better than the abundance of many wicked people?

The little that the righteous have is better because the arms of the wicked people will be broken, but Yahweh will support the righteous people.

Psalms 37:18-19

How will Yahweh provide for the blameless?

The blameless will not be ashamed when times are bad, they will have enough to eat, and their heritage will be forever.

Psalms 37:20

ULT	UST
For the wicked will perish, and the enemies of Yahweh will be like the precious of pastures; they vanish, in smoke they vanish.	*But wicked people will die. Those who hate Yahweh will be like wildflowers that look beautiful in the meadows; but then they will disappear as quickly as a puff of smoke.*

What will happen to Yahweh's enemies?

His enemies will be like the glory of the pastures which will be consumed and disappear in the smoke.

Psalms 37:23-24

What is the benefit of having Yahweh establish a man's steps?

Even if something bad happens to him, he will not fail completely for Yahweh is taking care of him.

Psalms 37:25

ULT	UST
I was a youth, and I am old, and I have not seen the righteous abandoned or his seed seeking bread.	*I have been young, and now I am old, but in all those years I have never seen Yahweh stop caring for any person who does what is right, nor have I seen such a person's children needing to beg for food.*

What has David not seen happen to the righteous person?

He has not seen the righteous person abandoned or his children begging for bread.

Psalms 37:26

ULT	UST
All the day he is showing grace and lending, and his seed are for a blessing.	*People who do what is right are generous and lend freely to others every day, and their children bless others.*

How does the righteous person act?

He is gracious, generous, and he lends freely.

Psalms 37:27

ULT	UST
Turn away from evil and do good, and dwell forever.	*Avoid doing evil and do what is right. If you do that, you and your descendants will live in the land forever.*

What should people do to live in the land forever?

They should turn away from evil and do what is right.

Psalms 37:29

ULT	UST
The righteous will inherit the land and will dwell forever upon it.	*People who do what is right will possess the land that Yahweh gives them and will live there forever.*

What will the righteous inherit?

They will inherit the land and live there forever.

Psalms 37:30

ULT	UST
The mouth of the righteous murmurs wisdom, and his tongue speaks justice.	*People who do what is right speak wisely, and they say what is just.*

What does the mouth of the righteous person speak?

The mouth of the righteous person speaks wisdom and increases justice.

Psalms 37:32-33

What will happen to the righteous person whom the wicked person seeks to kill?

Yahweh will not abandon him into the evil person’s hand nor condemn him when he is judged.

Psalms 37:34

ULT	UST
Wait for Yahweh and keep his way, and he will raise you up to inherit the land. When the wicked are cut off, you will see it.	*Patiently rely on Yahweh to help you and obey what he commands. If you do that, he will honor you by giving you the land. When God destroys the wicked people, you will see it happen.*

What will happen to those who wait for Yahweh?

Yahweh will raise them up to possess the land.

Psalms 37:35-36

What will happen to the wicked and violent person?

He had been powerful but then he passed away and was nowhere to be found.

Psalms 37:39-40

What does Yahweh do for the righteous?

Yahweh protects them in time of trouble, and helps and rescues them.

Psalms 38

Psalms 38:1

ULT	UST
Yahweh, do not rebuke me in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.	*Yahweh, please do not correct me angrily; no, please do not punish me wrathfully.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh not to do?

He asks Yahweh not to rebuke him in his anger and not to punish him in his wrath.

Psalms 38:1-2

What does the psalmist say Yahweh's discipline feels like to him?

He says he feels as though Yahweh had shot arrows into him and his hand had struck him.

Psalms 38:3

ULT	UST
There is no soundness in my flesh from the face of your indignation; there is no peace in my bones from the face of my sin.	*Because you are so angry with me, my whole body suffers. My body is restless because I have sinned.*

Why does the psalmist say his whole body is sick?

His whole body is sick because of Yahweh's anger, and there is no peace in his bones because of his sin.

Psalms 38:4

ULT	UST
For my iniquities have passed over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.	*Indeed, all my sins are like flood waters that rise above my head; they are like a heavy load that is too much for me to bear.*

How does the psalmist describe his iniquities?

He says his iniquities overwhelm him and are a burden too heavy for him to bear.

Psalms 38:5

ULT	UST
My wounds stink, they fester from the face of my foolishness.	*Because I have acted foolishly, I have sores that keep getting worse and stink.*

What has happened to the psalmist's wounds?

His wounds are infected and smell because of his foolish sins.

Psalms 38:6

ULT	UST
I am twisted; I am bowed down exceedingly; all the day I go about mourning.	*My body is twisted and bent over very low. I go around sad and grieving constantly.*

How does the psalmist describe his daily condition?

He is stooped over and humiliated every day, and he goes about mourning all day long.

Psalms 38:7

ULT	UST
For my loins are full of burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh.	*This is because there is a fever inside me, and my whole body is sick.*

What fills the psalmist within?

He is filled with burning from within, and there is no health in his flesh.

Psalms 38:8

ULT	UST
I am numb and crushed exceedingly; I roar from the groaning of my heart.	*I am exhausted and feel completely broken. I moan loudly because I feel so distressed.*

How does the psalmist describe the extent of his suffering?

He is numb and utterly crushed, and he groans because of the anguish of his heart.

Psalms 38:9

ULT	UST
Lord, all of my desire is before you, and my sighing is not hidden from you.	*Lord, you know everything that I long for, and you hear every time that I sigh.*

What does the psalmist say the Lord knows about him?

The Lord understands his heart's deepest yearnings, and his groanings are not hidden from the Lord.

Psalms 38:10

ULT	UST
My heart pounds; my strength has left me, and the light of my eyes—even they are not with me.	*My heart beats rapidly and I am very weak. Even my eyesight is failing me.*

What three things does the psalmist say are happening to him physically?

His heart is pounding, his strength is fading, and his eyesight is dimming.

Psalms 38:11

ULT	UST
My loved ones and my friends stand from before my plague, and my relatives stand from afar.	*My friends and the people I love keep away from me because of my disease; even my own family stays far away from me.*

How do the psalmist's friends and neighbors respond to his condition?

His friends and loved ones shun him because of his condition, and his relatives stand far away.

Psalms 38:12

ULT	UST
And the seekers of my life lay snares, and the pursuers of my harm speak destructions and mutter treacheries all the day.	*Those who want to kill me set traps for me, and those who want to harm me talk about how to destroy me and they constantly plot how they will deceive me.*

What do those who seek the psalmist's life do to him?

They lay snares for him and speak destructive and deceitful words against him all day long.

Psalms 38:13-14

How does the psalmist respond to those who seek to harm him?

He acts like a deaf man who hears nothing and a mute man who says nothing in reply.

Psalms 38:15

ULT	UST
Because for you, Yahweh, I have waited; you, you will answer, Lord my God.	*This is because I wait for you, Yahweh, to help me. You will be the one who will respond, Lord my God.*

In whom does the psalmist place his hope?

He waits for Yahweh and trusts that the Lord his God will answer him.

Psalms 38:16

ULT	UST
For I said, "Lest they rejoice over me; at the slipping of my foot, they magnify themselves against me."	*I know this because I prayed, "Do not let my enemies celebrate over me. Do not let them gloat over me if something bad happens to me."*

What does the psalmist fear will happen if his foot slips?

He fears his enemies will rejoice and gloat over him.

Psalms 38:17

ULT	UST
For I am set up for a stumbling, and my pain is before me continually.	*Indeed, I feel that something bad will soon happen, and I am constantly in pain.*

What two things does the psalmist say about his current situation?

He says he is about to stumble and that he is in constant pain.

Psalms 38:18

ULT	UST
For I declare my iniquity; I am anxious because of my sin.	*Certainly, I confess all the wrong things that I have done; I feel terrible about my sin.*

What does the psalmist confess to Yahweh?

He confesses his guilt and says he is troubled about his sin.

Psalms 38:19-20

How do the psalmist's enemies treat him?

His enemies are numerous, hate him without cause, repay him evil for good, and accuse him even though he has pursued what is good.

Psalms 38:20

ULT	UST
And the repayers of evil in exchange for good accuse me in exchange for my pursuing of good.	*When I do good things for people, some of them do evil things to me in return. Those people accuse me of doing evil things, even though I am trying to do what is right.*

How do his enemies repay the good he has done?

They repay David evil for good and they hurl accusations at him.

Psalms 38:21

ULT	UST
Do not forsake me, Yahweh; my God, do not be far from me.	*Yahweh, please do not leave me! My God, please stay near me!*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh not to do?

He asks Yahweh not to abandon him and not to stay far away from him.

Psalms 38:21-22

What names does David use when he asks Yahweh for help?

He calls him, “Yahweh”, “God”, “Lord”, and “my salvation.”

Psalms 38:22

ULT	UST
Hurry to my help, Lord, my salvation.	*Come quickly to help me, Lord, you who save me!*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to do?

He asks Yahweh to come quickly to help him.

Psalms 39

Psalms 39:1

ULT	UST
I said, "Let me guard my ways from sinning with my tongue. Let me guard a muzzle for my mouth while the wicked is before me."	*I thought to myself, "I must be very careful about how I act so that I do not sin by what I say. I must keep myself from speaking while wicked people are near me."*

What did David decide to do?

David decided to watch what he said so that he would not sin with his tongue. He would keep silent while in the presence of an evil man.

Psalms 39:2-3

What happened when David kept silent and kept back his words from saying anything good?

David's pain grew worse, and his heart became hot and burned like a fire when he thought about what was happening.

Psalms 39:4

ULT	UST
"Make me know my end, Yahweh, and the measure of my days, what it is. May I know how transient I am.	*"Yahweh, let me know when I will die. Tell me how many days I have left to live. Help me to understand how short my life really is.*

What does David want to know about his life?

David wants to know when his life will end, how long his days are, and how transient he is.

Psalms 39:5

ULT	UST
Behold, you have given my days as handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely every man stands as all vapor. Selah	*Indeed, you have made my days very few; the time that I have to live is practically nothing to you. Truly, every person appears and disappears as quickly as vapor. Selah*

What does David say his life is like before Yahweh?

David's lifetime is like nothing before Yahweh.

Psalms 39:6

ULT	UST
Surely a man walks about as an image; surely they make an uproar for vapor. He heaps up and does not know who will be gathering them.	*Truly, each person does not do anything more substantial than a shadow would do. Truly, people become agitated about things that do not matter. They pile up wealth, but they do not know who will get it after they die.*

What does David say everyone hurries to do?

David says everyone hurries to accumulate riches, even though they do not know who will receive them after they die.

Psalms 39:7

ULT	UST
And now, what do I wait for, Lord? My hope, it is for you.	*So now, Lord, I realize that it is useless for me to expect any person to make my life purposeful. You are the only one who can do anything worthwhile for me.*

Who is David's only hope?

The Lord is David's only hope.

Psalms 39:8

ULT	UST
Deliver me from all my transgressions; do not make me the reproach of a fool.	*Please save me from all the ways that I sin against you. Do not let me be someone whom foolish people ridicule.*

What does David ask the Lord to rescue him from?

David asks the Lord to rescue him from his sins.

Of what does David not want to be the object?

David does not want to be the object of the ridicule of foolish people.

Psalms 39:9

ULT	UST
I am mute; I do not open my mouth, for you, you have done it.	*I kept silent and did not say anything, because I knew that you were the one who caused me to suffer.*

How does David respond to what the Lord did?

David is silent and does not open his mouth.

Psalms 39:10

ULT	UST
Remove your plague from upon me; from the blow of your hand, I, I am finished.	*But now, please stop punishing me! As for me, because you have afflicted me, I am about to die.*

What does David ask the Lord to stop?

David asks the Lord to stop punishing him as he feels he is about to die.

Psalms 39:11

ULT	UST
With rebukes on account of iniquity you discipline a man, and you dissolve like a moth his desired thing. Surely all mankind is vapor. Selah	*When you correct a person for the wrong things that he has done, you destroy what he treasures, just as moths destroy clothing. Truly, every person lives only a very short time. Selah*

What happens when the Lord disciplines people for sin?

When the Lord disciplines people for sin, he destroys what they treasure, and only gives them a short time to live.

Psalms 39:12

ULT	UST
Hear my prayer, Yahweh, and give ear to my cry for help. Do not be deaf to my weeping, for I am a sojourner with you, a foreigner like all my fathers.	*Yahweh, please hear me as I pray to you and listen to me when I cry out for help. Do not ignore my tears, because I am only living before you on the earth for a short time, a temporary resident, just like all of my ancestors.*

Why does David ask Yahweh to hear his prayer?

David asks because he is living before Yahweh on earth only for a short time, a refugee like all his ancestors were.

Psalms 39:13

ULT	UST
Look away from me that I may be cheerful before I go and I am no more."	*Please leave me alone in order that I may be happy for awhile before I die."*

What does David ask Yahweh to do before David dies?

David asks Yahweh to leave him alone so that David may be happy again before he dies.

Psalms 40

Psalms 40:1

ULT	UST
Waiting, I waited for Yahweh, and he inclined to me and heard my cry.	*I patiently waited for Yahweh to help me, and he was attentive to me and listened when I called out to him.*

What did Yahweh do after David waited patiently for him?

Yahweh listened to David and heard his cry.

Psalms 40:2

ULT	UST
And he brought me up from the pit of tumult, from the mud of the mire, and he set my feet on a rock; he established my steps.	*When bad things were happening to me, it was as though I was in a dangerous pit that was full of mud and slime but he rescued me from those terrible things as though he had lifted me out of the pit and set me onto a solid rock where I could stand securely.*

What did Yahweh do for David?

Yahweh rescued David from the terrible things that had been happening to him as if he'd been in a pit of mud but was lifted out onto a safe and solid rock.

Psalms 40:3

ULT	UST
And he put a new song in my mouth, praise to our God. Many will see and will fear and will trust in Yahweh.	*He gave me reason to sing a new song, praising him, our God. Many people will see what he did for me and will revere him and will trust in Yahweh.*

What will many do because God has put a new song in David's mouth?

Many will see it and honor him and will trust in Yahweh.

Psalms 40:4

ULT	UST
The happinesses of the man who has made Yahweh his trust, and has not turned to the proud and the goers aside to falsehood!	*What a good life the person has who trusts confidently in Yahweh and does not imitate proud people who are loyal to what is false.*

Who is blessed?

The man is blessed who makes Yahweh his trust and does not honor the proud or those who turn away from Yahweh to lies.

Psalms 40:5

ULT	UST
Many things you have done, you, Yahweh my God, your wonderful deeds and your thoughts toward us; there is none to line up against you. Should I declare and speak them, they are more than to recount.	*Yahweh my God, you are the one who has done many wonderful things and made great plans for us! No one compares to you. If I tried to tell others about all of those wonderful things, there would be too many for me to mention.*

How does David describe God's deeds and thoughts?

God's wonderful deeds are many and his thoughts about us cannot be numbered.

Psalms 40:7-8

What is written about David in the scroll of God's law?

It is written that he delights to do God's will and that he deeply treasures God's laws.

Psalms 40:9

ULT	UST
I have proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; behold, I will not restrain my lips. Yahweh, you, you know.	*Whenever your people gather together in the large congregation, I tell them about the righteous things that you do. Indeed, Yahweh, certainly you know that I do not stop talking about this.*

What has David proclaimed in the great assembly?

He has proclaimed good news of God's righteousness in the great assembly.

Psalms 40:10

ULT	UST
I have not concealed your righteousness in the midst of my heart; I have declared your faithfulness and your salvation. I have not hidden your covenant faithfulness and your trustworthiness from the great assembly.	*I have not kept to myself the good news that you are righteous; I have told the large gathering of your people that you are faithful and that you save us. I have not hidden from them that you faithfully love us and are always trustworthy.*

What has David not concealed?

He has not concealed God's righteousness in his heart nor God's covenant faithfulness nor trustworthiness from the great assembly.

Psalms 40:11

ULT	UST
You, Yahweh, will not withhold your compassion from me; your covenant faithfulness and your trustworthiness will continually preserve me.	*Yahweh, you will not stop being merciful to me. Because you faithfully love me and are always trustworthy, I know that you will continually protect me.*

What does David pray that Yahweh will do for him?

David prays that Yahweh not keep back his acts of mercy from David, but rather, let Yahweh's covenant faithfulness and his trustworthiness always preserve David.

Psalms 40:12

ULT	UST
For evils have surrounded me until there is no number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I am not able to see. They are more numerous than the hairs of my head, and my heart has abandoned me.	*I assure myself of this because so many bad things are happening to me that it seems that I cannot even count them. the wrong things that I have done are now affecting me badly, and I cannot see a way to fix them. It seems that they are more numerous than the hairs on my head, and I am very discouraged.*

What does David say is happening to him?

Troubles that cannot be numbered surround him, and his iniquities have caught up with him so that he can no longer see clearly. They are more than the hairs on his head, and his heart has failed him.

Psalms 40:13

ULT	UST
Be pleased, Yahweh, to rescue me; Yahweh, hurry to my help.	*Yahweh, please rescue me! Yahweh, please come quickly to help me!*

What does David pray that Yahweh will be pleased to do?

He prays that Yahweh will be pleased to rescue him.

Psalms 40:14

ULT	UST
Let them have shame and have disgrace together, the seekers of my life to sweep it away. Let them be turned back and be confounded, those pleased with my harm.	*May God completely disgrace all of the people who want to kill me. May God frustrate the people who want me to suffer and may he humiliate them.*

What does David pray will happen to those who pursue his life?

He prays that they have shame and be completely disappointed, and that they be turned back and brought to dishonor.

Psalms 40:16

ULT	UST
Let all the seekers of you rejoice and be glad in you; let the lovers of your salvation say continually, "May Yahweh be great!"	*May all those who come to worship you be very joyful because of you. May those who love that you save them say continually, "Yahweh is great!"*

What does David pray for those who seek Yahweh and love his salvation?

He prays that they rejoice and be glad in Yahweh, and that they say continually, "May Yahweh be great."

Psalms 40:17

ULT	UST
And I am poor and needy; the Lord thinks of me. You are my help and my deliverer; my God, do not delay.	*As for me, I am very poor, but the Lord cares about me. You are the one who rescues me; my God, please do not wait any longer!*

How does David describe the Lord?

The Lord thinks about him, is his help, and comes to David's rescue.

Psalms 41

Psalms 41:1

ULT	UST
The happinesses of the one considering the lowly! In the day of evil, Yahweh will rescue him.	*What a good life those people have who help powerless people! When bad things happen to them, Yahweh will rescue them.*

Who does David say is the one who is blessed?

The one who is helps powerless people has a good life.

Psalms 41:1-2

What will Yahweh do for the person who considers the lowly?

Yahweh will rescue him, preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be happy on the earth.

Psalms 41:2

ULT	UST
Yahweh will guard him and will keep him alive, and he will be called happy in the land; so do not give him into the soul of his enemies.	*Yahweh will protect them and people will see that things turn our well for them as they live in the land. Yahweh, please do not let their enemies do what they want with them.*

What will Yahweh not do to the blessed person?

Yahweh will not turn him over to the will of his enemies.

Psalms 41:3

ULT	UST
Yahweh will support him on the bed of suffering; you transformed each bed of his in his sickness.	*Yahweh will strengthen them when they are sick; Yahweh, you completely restore them whenever they become ill.*

What will Yahweh do for the blessed person on the bed of suffering?

Yahweh will support him on the bed of suffering and make his bed of sickness into a bed of healing.

Psalms 41:4

ULT	UST
I, I said, "Yahweh, be gracious to me! Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you."	*As for me, I said, "Yahweh, please be merciful to me and heal me. I am sick because I have sinned against you."*

Why did David ask Yahweh to have mercy on him?

He asked Yahweh to be gracious to him because he had sinned against Yahweh.

Psalms 41:5

ULT	UST
My enemies say evil concerning me, "When will he die and his name perish?"	*My enemies say hateful things about me; they say, "We want him to die so that everyone will forget him!"*

What evil do his enemies speak against David?

They ask when he will die and his name will perish.

Psalms 41:6

ULT	UST
And if he comes to see me, he speaks worthlessness; his heart gathers iniquity to itself. He goes out to the outside; he speaks.	*Whenever one of them comes to visit me, he says things that mean nothing. He secretly collects harmful information, then he goes outside and tells it to everyone.*

What does David's enemy say to him?

His enemy says worthless things.

Psalms 41:7

ULT	UST
Together against me all my haters whisper; against me they plan evil to me.	*Everyone who hates me whispers about me to one another; they plot how to harm me.*

What do those who hate David whisper and hope for?

Those who hate David whisper together against him and plan for his hurt.

Psalms 41:9

ULT	UST
Even the man of my peace, whom I trusted in him, the eater of my bread, has made great the heel against me.	*Even my closest friend, the one I trusted, who shared meals with me, has greatly betrayed me.*

What has David's own close friend in whom he trusted done?

His own close friend has betrayed him.

Psalms 41:10

ULT	UST
But you, Yahweh, be gracious to me and raise me up, so that I may repay them.	*However, Yahweh, please be merciful to me and make me well, so that I can do to them what they did to me.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to do for him?

The psalmist asks Yahweh to have mercy on him and raise him up so that he can pay back his enemies.

Psalms 41:11

ULT	UST
By this I know that you delight in me, that my enemy does not shout over me.	*When you do this, I will know that you are pleased with me, when my enemies will not be able to defeat me and so cannot rejoice about it.*

How does David know that Yahweh delights in him?

David knows this because his enemy does not triumph over him.

Psalms 41:12

ULT	UST
And I, in my integrity you upheld me, and you set me to your face forever.	*As for me, you have helped me because I live honestly, and you will allow me to be with you forever.*

How does Yahweh help David?

Yahweh upholds him in his integrity and will keep David before his face forever.

Psalms 41:13

ULT	UST
Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, from the everlasting and unto the everlasting. Amen and amen.	*We should all praise Yahweh, the God whom the people of Israel worship! People should praise him at all times, now and forever! Yes, let it be so!*

When may Yahweh be praised?

Yahweh may be praised from always, from everlasting to everlasting.

Psalms 42

Psalms 42:1

ULT	UST
As a deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, God.	*When a wild deer is very thirsty, it takes short, quick breaths because it wants so badly to find a brook from which it can drink water. That is how much I want you, God. It is as if I am taking short, quick breaths.*

How does the psalmist describe his longing for God?

He says his soul longs for God just as a deer pants for streams of water.

Psalms 42:2

ULT	UST
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When will I come and appear to the face of God?	*You are the only true God, and I desire very greatly to be in your temple again and worship in your presence. I desire that so much that it is as if I am very thirsty.*

What does the psalmist say his soul does?

His soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Psalms 42:3

ULT	UST
My weeping is bread to me day and night, in their saying to me all of the day, "Where is your God?"	*I have been crying continually. I have been crying so much that I have not been able to eat. This is because my enemies keep telling me, "Your God will certainly not help you!"*

What has the psalmist's crying become for him?

His weeping has taken the place of his food day and night.

Psalms 42:4

ULT	UST
Let me remember these, and let me pour out my soul within me, that I went over with the crowd. I led them in procession to the house of God with a voice of rejoicing and praise, a multitude celebrating a festival.	*It is appropriate for me to weep to express my great sorrow. But to encourage myself, I should also remember how I used to go with large groups of people to celebrate festivals at God's temple. Because I was one of the worship musicians, I would lead the people as they walked to the temple. On the way there, we all shouted joyfully and praised God.*

What does the psalmist call to mind?

He calls to mind how he went with the crowd and led them in procession to the house of God with a voice of rejoicing and praise.

Psalms 42:5

ULT	UST
Why have you bowed yourself down, my soul, and are clamoring within me? Wait for God, for I will again thank him, the salvation of his face.	*So I certainly should not be so sad and upset! I can confidently expect God to rescue me! When he does, I will have the opportunity to praise him as my savior and*

What does the psalmist tell his soul to do?

He tells his soul to wait for God, for he will again thank God, the one who brings him salvation.

Psalms 42:7

ULT	UST
Deep is calling to deep at the sound of your waterfalls. All of your breakers and your waves pass over me.	*The waterfalls you created make such a loud sound that it is as if one deep stream were shouting to another deep stream within the river. I feel such anguish that it is as if one wave after another were crashing over me.*

What do the psalmists say passes over them?

He says all of God's breakers and waves pass over him.

Psalms 42:8

ULT	UST
By day, Yahweh commands his covenant faithfulness, and at night, his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.	*Yahweh continually loves me faithfully as he promised. In response, as he inspires me, I continually sing prayers to him. He is the God who keeps me alive.*

What does Yahweh command in the daytime?

Yahweh commands his covenant faithfulness in the daytime.

What happens at night for the psalmist?

At night, God's song is with the psalmist, a prayer to the God of his life.

Psalms 42:9

ULT	UST
Let me say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I walk about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"	*God is like a huge rock on top of which I am safe. So I will pray to him, "Please pay attention to me! I am living sorrowfully because my enemies are afflicting me!"*

What does the psalmist say to God, his rock?

He asks why God has forgotten him, and why David walks about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy.

Psalms 42:10

ULT	UST
With crushing in my bones, the ones afflicting me reproach me in their saying to me all of the day, "Where is your God?"	*Those enemies are continually insulting me. They keep telling me, "Your God will certainly not help you!" When they insult me like that, it is as painful as if they were breaking my bones.*

What do the psalmist's enemies say to him, and how does it affect him?

They mock him all day by asking where his God is, and it feels like crushing pain in his bones.

Psalms 42:11

ULT	UST
Why have you bowed yourself down, my soul, and why are you clamoring within me? Wait for God, for I will again thank him, the salvation of my face and my God.	*But I certainly should not be so sad and upset! I can confidently expect God to rescue me! When he does, I will have the opportunity to praise him as my savior and my God.*

What does the psalmist tell his soul at the end of the psalm?

He tells his soul to wait for God, for he will again praise God, who saves him.

Psalms 43

Psalms 43:1

ULT	UST
Vindicate me, God, and plead my plea against a nation not faithful. Rescue me from a deceitful and unjust man.	*Please protect me, God, from the people who are being so cruel to me. Please consider that I do not deserve that. Rescue me from people who would deceive me and treat me unfairly.*

What does the psalmist ask God to do for him?

He asks God to vindicate him and plead his case against a nation that is not faithful.

Psalms 43:2

ULT	UST
For you are the God of my refuge. Why have you rejected me? Why do I walk about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?	*I ask you to do this because you are the God who protects me, and yet I feel as if you have abandoned me! I am living sorrowfully because my enemies are afflicting me.*

Why does the psalmist appeal to God to vindicate him?

He appeals to God because God is the God of his refuge.

Psalms 43:3

ULT	UST
Send out your light and your faithfulness, them, let them lead me. Let them bring me to the mountain of your holiness and to your dwellings.	*Treat me favorably, as if you were smiling at me. Help me, as you have promised to do for those who are loyal to you. Guide me so that I can return to your temple on Mount Zion.*

What does the psalmist ask God's light and faithfulness to do?

He asks them to lead him and bring him to the mountain of God's holiness and to God's dwellings.

Psalms 43:4

ULT	UST
Let me come to the altar of God, to the God of the joy of my gladness. I will thank you with the lyre, God, my God.	*When I do come to Zion, I will go to your altar to worship you. O God, you make me very joyful! At your altar, I will sing praise to you, the God whom I worship, as I play the harp.*

Where does the psalmist want to come when God brings him there?

He wants to come to the altar of God.

What will the psalmist do with the lyre?

He will thank God with the lyre.

Psalms 43:5

ULT	UST
Why have you bowed yourself down, my soul, and why are you clamoring within me? Wait for God, for I will again thank him, the salvation of my face and my God.	*So I certainly should not be so sad and upset! I can confidently expect God to rescue me! When he does, I will have the opportunity to praise him as my savior and my God.*

What does the psalmist tell his soul to do instead of being cast down?

He tells his soul to wait for God, for he will again thank God who is his salvation and his God.

Psalms 44

Psalms 44:1

ULT	UST
God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have recounted to us, the work you worked in their days, in the days of antiquity.	*God, we listened carefully when our ancestors told us about the great things you did long ago when the Israelites first came into the land of Canaan.*

What have the psalmists heard with their ears?

They have heard what work God did in their days, in the days of old.

Psalms 44:2

ULT	UST
You, you drove out the nations by your hand, but you planted them. You caused harm to the peoples, but you sent them.	*They told us about how powerfully you forced the other nations to leave and established our ancestors securely in their land. It was as if they had been plants that you put firmly in the ground. You destroyed the people groups that had lived there and enabled our ancestors to settle there.*

What did God do with his hand?

God drove out the nations with his hand and planted the people of Israel.

Psalms 44:3

ULT	UST
For they did not possess the land with their sword, and their arm did not save them, but your right hand and your arm and the light of your face, for you favored them.	*Our ancestors did not conquer this land with their own weapons or by their own power. Instead, you helped them and defeated their enemies by your own great power. You did that because you loved them.*

How did the Israelites obtain the land?

They did not obtain the land by their own sword or by their own arm, but by God’s right hand because he favored them.

Psalms 44:5

ULT	UST
By you we gore our enemies; by your name we trample the ones arising against us.	*You enable us to defeat our enemies. Because you help us, we destroy armies that fight against us.*

What do the Israelites do through God?

Through God they defeat their enemies, and through God's name they trample those who rise up against them.

Psalms 44:6

ULT	UST
For I do not trust in my bow, and my sword does not save me,	*We do not expect to win victories because of the weapons we have.*

In what does the psalmist not trust?

He does not trust in his bow, and his sword does not save him.

Psalms 44:7

ULT	UST
but you save us from our enemies, and you shame the ones hating us.	*Instead, you rescue us from our enemies. You disgrace our opponents by defeating them.*

From what does God save them?

God saves them from their enemies and shames those who hate them.

Psalms 44:9

ULT	UST
But you have rejected and humiliated us, and you do not go out with our armies.	*But now it appears that you no longer want to help us. This has embarrassed us. When our armies march out to fight a battle, you no longer enable them to win victories.*

What has God done?

God has rejected and humiliated them and no longer goes out with their armies.

Psalms 44:10

ULT	UST
You make us turn back from the enemy, and the ones hating us plunder for themselves.	*You make us retreat from our enemies. We must leave behind weapons and possessions, and they take as many of those as they want.*

What does God make the Israelites do?

God makes them turn back from the adversary.

What do those who hate the Israelites do?

Those who hate them take spoil for themselves.

Psalms 44:11

ULT	UST
You have made us like sheep of food, and you have scattered us among the nations.	*You have allowed our enemies to slaughter us as if we were sheep. Foreign armies have captured many of our people and taken them back to their countries as slaves.*

What has God made the Israelites like?

God has made them like sheep destined for slaughter and has scattered them as slaves among the nations.

Psalms 44:13

ULT	UST
You have made us a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn and a derision to those around us.	*Because you no longer help us, the people groups around us insult us. They express contempt for us and laugh at us.*

What has God made the Israelites to their neighbors?

God has made them a reproach to their neighbors, a scorn and a derision to those around them.

Psalms 44:15-16

Why is the psalmist's dishonor before him all the day long?

His dishonor is before him, and the shame of his face has covered him because of the voice of him who rebukes and insults, because of the enemy and the avenger.

Psalms 44:17

ULT	UST
All of this has come to us, but we have not forgotten you and we have not dealt falsely with your covenant.	*These things have happened to us even though we have not stopped worshiping you and we have not disobeyed the solemn agreement that you made with our ancestors.*

What have the Israelites not done?

They have not forgotten God nor dealt falsely with God's covenant.

Psalms 44:18

ULT	UST
Our heart has not turned itself back, nor have our steps turned aside from your way.	*We still love you as our God, and we have continued to do what you have commanded us to do.*

What have the Israelites' heart and steps not done?

Their heart has not turned back, nor have their steps turned aside from God's way.

Psalms 44:19

ULT	UST
But you have crushed us into a place of jackals, and you have covered over us with a dark shadow.	*But you have allowed our enemies to ruin our land and leave it desolate. You have left us feeling as though we are going to die.*

What has God done to them?

God has allowed their enemies to ruin their land as if darkness has covered it.

Psalms 44:20-21

What would God discover?

God would discover whether they had forgotten the name of their God or spread out their hands to a foreign god.

Psalms 44:22

ULT	UST
But because of you we are killed all of the day, we are considered like sheep of slaughter.	*Because you are not helping us, our enemies are continuing to kill our people. They believe they can kill us as easily as if we were sheep, which people slaughter easily.*

What are the Israelites considered to be because of God?

They are considered to be like sheep for slaughter.

Psalms 44:25

ULT	UST
For our soul has sunk down into the dust, our belly clings to the earth.	*We ask you to do this because we are helpless, as if we had fallen down and were lying on the ground and could not get up.*

What has happened to the Israelites?

They are helpless as if they had fallen down and could not get up.

Psalms 44:26

ULT	UST
Arise as a helper to us and redeem us because of your covenant faithfulness.	*You have promised to love us faithfully because we belong to you. So please do something to rescue us from our enemies!*

What does the psalmist pray that God would do?

He prays that God might rise up for their help and redeem them for the sake of God's covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 45

Psalms 45:1

ULT	UST
My heart boils over with a good matter. I am reciting my works to the king. My tongue is the stylus of a quick scribe.	*There is something wonderful that I feel so strongly about that I must sing about it. I will sing a song that I have composed in honor of the king. As I sing, I will express my ideas in an orderly and complete way, just like a scribe who records quickly and accurately what he hears people say.*

What is the psalmist reciting to the king?

He is reciting his works to the king.

Psalms 45:2

ULT	UST
You are fairer than the sons of man. Grace is poured onto your lips. Therefore God has blessed you forever.	*O King, you are the most handsome man in the world! You speak very graciously! So we know that God has always blessed you.*

How does the psalmist describe the king?

The king is fairer than the sons of man, grace is poured onto his lips, and God has blessed him forever.

Psalms 45:4

ULT	UST
And in your majesty prosper, ride out for the sake of truth and humility and righteousness. May your right hand teach you fearful things.	*Go and win victories to establish yourself as a king who is honest, who does not proudly oppress his people, and who does what is right. As you do that, may you find that your skill as a warrior terrifies anyone who would resist you.*

Why should the king ride out?

The king should ride out for the sake of truth, humility, and righteousness.

Psalms 45:5

ULT	UST
Your arrows are sharp; the peoples fall under you; in the heart of the enemies of the king.	*Your sharp arrows pierce into the hearts of your enemies. You defeat the people groups that fight against you.*

How are the king's arrows described?

His arrows are sharp as if piercing the hearts of the king's enemies.

Psalms 45:6

ULT	UST
Your throne, God, is forever and ever. A scepter of justice is the scepter of your kingdom.	*Your Majesty, you will be the king for a very long time. You decide people's cases fairly as you rule your kingdom.*

How is God's throne and a scepter of justice described?

His throne is forever and ever, and a scepter of justice is the scepter of God's kingdom.

Psalms 45:7

ULT	UST
You love righteousness, and you hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of joy more than your companions.	*You love it when people do what is right, and you hate it when people do what is wrong. That is why God, whom you worship, has made you so happy. You are happier than all the people around you.*

What has the king loved and hated?

He loves righteousness and hates wickedness.

Psalms 45:8

ULT	UST
Myrrh and aloes, cassia, are all of your garments. From palaces of ivory, stringed instruments make you rejoice.	*Your royal robes smell beautifully of the spices myrrh, aloes, and cassia. From within your palace, which has ivory decorations, you hear people playing stringed instruments. That music makes you happy.*

Of what do all of the king's garments smell?

All of his garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia.

Psalms 45:9

ULT	UST
Daughters of kings are among your precious ones. The queen is stationed at your right hand in gold of Ophir.	*The honored women of your court include foreign princesses. Your bride, the queen, is standing at your right side. Threads of gold fine gold from Ophir decorate her robe.*

Where are the daughters of kings and the queen?

Daughters of kings are among the king's precious ones, and the queen stands at his right hand adorned in gold of Ophir.

Psalms 45:12

ULT	UST
The daughter of Tyre with a gift; the rich of the people will entreat your face.	*Representatives of foreign kingdoms such as the wealthy kingdom of Tyre will bring gifts to you. The wealthy people of this kingdom will ask you to treat them favorably.*

What will the rich do?

The rich among the people will beg for a favor.

Psalms 45:14

ULT	UST
She will be led to the king in embroidery. The virgins after her, her companions, will be brought to you.	*As she came in procession to where you are, O king, people could see that her robe also had beautiful designs of colored thread. Other young women, her bridesmaids, followed her in that procession.*

Where will the royal daughter be led?

She will be led to the king in embroidered dress.

Psalms 45:15

ULT	UST
They will be led by joy and rejoicing; they will enter into the palace of the king.	*As they came in procession into your palace, this made everyone very happy.*

How and where will the virgins be led?

They will be led by joy and rejoicing; they will enter into the palace of the king.

Psalms 45:16

ULT	UST
In place of your fathers will be your sons; you will make him princes in all of the earth.	*You will be famous not because of your ancestors but because of your descendants. They will have influence and authority all over the world.*

Who will take the place of the king's fathers?

His sons will take the place of his fathers, and he will make them princes throughout all the earth.

Psalms 45:17

ULT	UST
Let me make people remember your name in every generation to generation; therefore the peoples will thank you forever and ever.	*By this song, I want to make the people of future generations remember what a great king you are. Then people will always say good things about you.*

What does the psalmist want the peoples of all generations to do regarding the king?

The psalmist wants to make the king's name remembered in every generation, so the peoples will thank him forever and ever.

Psalms 46

Psalms 46:1

ULT	UST
God is to us a refuge and strength, being found greatly a help in trouble.	*God keeps us safe, as if he were a secure place where we could go if we were in danger. God strengthens us. He is always present to help us when we have troubles.*

How does the psalmist describe God?

God is a refuge and strength to them, and he greatly helps them in trouble.

Psalms 46:2

ULT	UST
Therefore we will not fear in the changing of the earth and the shaking of the mountains into the heart of the seas,	*So we would not be afraid even if there were an earthquake that caused huge chunks of mountains to fall deep into the sea.*

What do the psalmists say they will not do, even if the earth changes and the mountains shake into the sea?

They will not fear.

Psalms 46:4

ULT	UST
A stream, its channels make the city of God rejoice, the holy place of the dwellings of the Most High.	*A stream flows down from the mountains into Jerusalem. Its cool waters refresh the people who live there. Jerusalem is the location of God's holy temple. He is greater than all other spirit beings.*

What makes the city of God rejoice?

The channels of a stream make the city of God rejoice.

Psalms 46:5

ULT	UST
God is in the midst of her, she will not be shaken. God will help her at the turning of the morning.	*God is present in Jerusalem in a special way, so no one destroys it. God rescues the people of that city, and it is as if a dark night ends and a bright new day begins.*

What will the city of God not do?

The city of God will not be shaken.

Psalms 46:6

ULT	UST
Nations may roar; kingdoms may shake. He utters with his voice; the earth melts.	*Sometimes foreign armies invade kingdoms and conquer them. But that does not happen to us, because God powerfully defends us and defeats our enemies.*

What happens to the earth when God utters his voice after the nations roar and kingdoms shake?

The earth melts.

Psalms 46:7

ULT	UST
Yahweh of Armies is with us; the God of Jacob is a stronghold to us. Selah	*Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, helps us. The God whom we Israelites worship keeps us safe. Selah*

What does the psalmist say about Yahweh of armies and the God of Jacob?

Yahweh of armies is with them, and the God of Jacob is a stronghold to them.

Psalms 46:9

ULT	UST
making wars cease to the end of the earth. He shatters the bow and cuts the spear in pieces; he burns the wagons with fire.	*He stops wars all over the world. It is as if he breaks bows and arrows, destroys spears, and burns up war wagons.*

What does Yahweh do to wars?

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth. He shatters the bow and cuts the spear in pieces, and he burns the wagons with fire.

Psalms 46:10

ULT	UST
“Be still and know that I am God. I will be high among the nations, I will be high on the earth.”	*God says, “Calm down and remember that I am God. The people of nations throughout the earth will honor me.”*

What does God tell the people to do?

Be still and know that he is God.

What will happen to God among the nations?

He will be exalted among the nations and on the earth.

Psalms 46:11

ULT	UST
Yahweh of Armies is with us; the God of Jacob is a stronghold to us. Selah	*Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, helps us. The God whom we Israelites worship keeps us safe. Selah*

What is the God of Jacob to them?

The God of Jacob is a stronghold to them.

Psalms 47

Psalms 47:1-2

Why does the psalmist tell everyone to clap their hands and shout to God with a voice of rejoicing?

They should do this because Yahweh Most High is to be feared, and he is the great King over all the earth.

Psalms 47:3

ULT	UST
He subdues peoples under us and nations under our feet.	*He enables us to conquer people groups that oppose us.*

What does Yahweh do to peoples and nations?

He subdues peoples under the Israelites and the nations under their feet.

Psalms 47:5

ULT	UST
God has gone up with a shout, Yahweh with the sound of a shofar.	*People have acclaimed Yahweh their God as their king by shouting and blowing ram's horns.*

How has God gone up?

God has gone up with a shout and the sound of a shofar.

Psalms 47:6-7

Why should everyone sing praises to God?

They should sing praises because God is the King of all the earth.

Psalms 47:8

ULT	UST
God reigns over the nations; God sits on the throne of his holiness.	*God rules over all people groups. He rules them completely fairly, not the way many human kings do.*

Where does God reign?

God reigns over the nations.

Where does God sit?

God sits on his holy throne.

Psalms 47:9

ULT	UST
The nobles of the peoples will gather themselves as the people of the God of Abraham, for to God are the shields of the earth. He is greatly exalted!	*The rulers of the people groups will assemble to join those who worship the same God whom Abraham worshiped. They will do that because the leaders of the world must obey God. He is the supreme ruler of the world.*

Where will the nobles of the peoples gather?

They will gather to the people of the God of Abraham.

Why will the nobles gather to the people of the God of Abraham?

They will gather because God is greatly exalted.

Psalms 48

Psalms 48:1

ULT	UST
Yahweh is great, and he is being praised greatly in the city of our God, on the mountain of his holiness.	*Yahweh is great, and he deserves to have people praise him greatly in Jerusalem, the city that belongs to him. That city is high up on the mountain that he chose as the place where people would worship him.*

How does the psalmist describe Yahweh?

Yahweh is great and is greatly praised.

Psalms 48:2

ULT	UST
Beautiful of elevation, the joy of all of the earth, is Mount Zion in the recesses of the north, the city of the great king.	*The height of Mount Zion is magnificent. People from all over the world are happy when they see it. The city of Jerusalem, where Yahweh rules as the great king, is on the northern ridge of that mountain.*

How is Mount Zion described?

Mount Zion is high and beautiful, and it is a joy to all the earth.

Psalms 48:3

ULT	UST
God is in her citadels. He is known as a stronghold.	*God is present as a defender in the city's fortifications. He has shown that he protects the people of the city.*

How is God known in the city?

God is known as a stronghold.

Psalms 48:4-6

What happened when the kings assembled themselves together and saw the city?

They marveled, became terrified, and hurried away; trembling seized them there.

Psalms 48:8

ULT	UST
As we have heard, so we have seen in the city of Yahweh of Armies, in the city of our God. God will establish it to forever. Selah	*Jerusalem belongs to Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, who is our God. We had heard from our ancestors that God would always keep the city secure. Now we who live in the city have seen for ourselves that this is true. Selah*

What will God do for the city of Yahweh of armies?

God will establish it forever.

Psalms 48:9

ULT	UST
We have compared your covenant faithfulness, God, in the midst of your temple.	*We went into your temple, God, and recognized that you faithfully kept your covenant when you protected us. We acknowledged that you had been just as faithful to us as you were to our ancestors.*

What have the worshippers compared in the midst of God's temple?

They have compared God's covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 48:10

ULT	UST
As is your name, God, so is your praise to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is full of righteousness.	*People throughout the world praise you as you deserve. You use your power to make sure that people treat each other right.*

How does the psalmist describe God's right hand?

His right hand is full of righteousness.

Psalms 48:11

ULT	UST
Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of your judgments.	*The people who live in Jerusalem and in other parts of the kingdom of Judah should celebrate the way you judge people fairly.*

Why should Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad?

They should rejoice and be glad because of God's judgments.

Psalms 48:13

ULT	UST
put your heart to her rampart, consider her citadels, so that you may recount to a later generation.	*You should observe the strength of the walls and the fortifications so that you can tell your descendants about them.*

Why should the Israelites walk around Zion, count her towers, and consider her citadels?

They should do these things so that they may tell it to a later generation.

Psalms 48:14

ULT	UST
For this God is our God forever and ever. He, he will guide us until death.	*The people of Judah and Jerusalem should praise Yahweh because he is our God and he will always be our God. He will lead us for as long as we live.*

What will God be for his people?

He will be their guide until death.

Psalms 49

Psalms 49:1-2

Who does the psalmist call to hear him?

He calls all the people of the world to hear him, both common people and the wealthy alike.

Psalms 49:3

ULT	UST
My mouth will speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart, understanding.	*I have thought carefully about what I am going to say, so it will be wise, and it will help you understand things better.*

With what will the psalmist speak?

He will think carefully and speak with wisdom to help them understand things better.

What will be the meditation of the psalmist's heart?

The psalmist will speak of the things he has thought carefully about so they will have better understanding.

Psalms 49:6-7

What can those who trust in their wealth not do?

Those who trust in their wealth cannot pay God to keep a person from dying.

Psalms 49:8

ULT	UST
For the redemption of their life is costly, and it ceases forever,	*No matter how much money a person has, it is never enough to keep someone else from dying*

How is the redemption of a person's life costly?

No matter how much money a person has, they can never keep someone else from dying.

Psalms 49:9

ULT	UST
that one should live on forever, that one should not see the pit.	*so that the person will live forever and never leave this world.*

Who can live forever?

No one can live forever or avoid seeing the Pit.

Psalms 49:10

ULT	UST
For one will see. The wise die, likewise the fool and the brute perish, and they leave their wealth to others.	*Whether people are wise or foolish and brutish, they all die. Then other people inherit their money.*

What happens to the wise, the fool, and the brute alike?

The wise die, and the fool and the brute alike perish, and they leave their wealth to others.

Psalms 49:12

ULT	UST
But a human does not abide in honor. He is likened to the beasts, they are destroyed.	*Even if someone is great, he does not stay that way. He still dies, just as animals do.*

What does the psalmist say about a human regarding honor?

A human does not abide in honor but is likened to the beasts, which are destroyed.

Psalms 49:14

ULT	UST
Like sheep, they appoint them to Sheol; death will shepherd them. And the upright will rule over them in the morning, and Sheol will consume their form from the dwelling to it.	*God has determined that they will die, as easily as sheep die, and go to the place where dead people are. They will remain there, as if death were a shepherd keeping them in a pen. One day God will make righteous people rule over wicked people. Wicked people will no longer live in comfortable homes. Instead, their bodies will decay in their graves.*

Who will be their shepherd?

It is as if death were a shepherd keeping them in the place where dead people are.

What will the upright do someday?

One day God will make the upright rule over wicked people.

Psalms 49:15

ULT	UST
But God will redeem my soul from the hand of Sheol, for he will take me. Selah	*But God will take me to himself. In that way, he will rescue me from the place where dead people are. Selah*

What will God do for the psalmist?

God will rescue him from Sheol but will take him to himself.

Psalms 49:16

ULT	UST
Do not fear when a man becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases.	*Do not let it trouble you when a person becomes rich and has many valuable possessions.*

When does the psalmist say not to fear?

People should not be troubled when a man becomes rich and has many valuable possessions.

Psalms 49:18

ULT	UST
Although in his life he blesses his soul (and they do praise you when you do well for yourself),	*While a rich person is alive, he says to himself that he is successful. (People tend to praise anyone who is successful.)*

According to the psalmist, when do people praise others?

People praise anyone who does well for themselves.

Psalms 49:19

ULT	UST
he will come to the generation of his fathers; forever they will not see light.	*Nevertheless, he will die and go to where his dead ancestors are. All of them will remain in that dark place forever.*

Where will the rich man go?

He will go to where his dead ancestors are.

What will the rich man and his fathers not see?

They will never see the light again.

Psalms 50

Psalms 50:1

ULT	UST
A Psalm of Asaph The God of gods, Yahweh, has spoken, and he has summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.	*A Levite from the clan of Asaph wrote this song. Yahweh is the only true God. He has decreed that people from all over the world should come to him.*

What does the psalm say that Yahweh does in the opening verse?

Yahweh speaks and summons the earth from where the sun rises to where it sets.

Psalms 50:4

ULT	UST
He calls to the heavens above and to the earth so that he may judge his people.	*He calls upon the sky and the land to serve as witnesses of his covenant with the Israelites. This demonstrates that he will judge them fairly according to that covenant.*

Why does God call to the heavens above and to the earth?

He calls to the heavens above and to the earth so that he may judge his people.

Psalms 50:8

ULT	UST
I do not accuse you regarding your sacrifices, for your burnt offerings are always before me.	*You continually burn animals completely on the temple altar as sacrifices to me, so I have no complaint that you have failed to offer sacrifices to me.*

Of what does God say he will not accuse his people?

God says he will not accuse them regarding their sacrifices.

Psalms 50:10

ULT	UST
For every beast of the forest is to me, the cattle on a thousand hills.	*I do not need them, because all of the animals that live in the forests belong to me. All of the cattle everywhere on earth also belong to me.*

Why does God say that he will take no bull or goat from his people?

God says that every beast of the forest is his, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

Psalms 50:14

ULT	UST
Sacrifice a thank offering to God, and pay your vows to the Most High.	*I want you to offer sacrifices to me, your God, because you have promised to do that to thank me for helping you. I am the God who is greater than all other spirit beings.*

What does God command his people to offer and to pay?

God commands them to offer a thank offering and to pay their vows to the Most High.

Psalms 50:17

ULT	UST
For you, you hate instruction, and you cast my words behind you.	*You should not do that, because you hate it when I correct you, and when I tell you to do something, you refuse to obey me.*

What does God say the wicked hate and cast away?

God says that the wicked hate instruction and cast away his words.

Psalms 50:21

ULT	UST
You have done these things, but I have been silent. You thought the being of I AM was like you. I will accuse you, and let me array to your eyes.	*You do all those things, and I have not said anything to you about them, so you think that I do not care about them any more than you do. But now I am going to show you all the wicked things you have done, and I am going to judge and punish you for doing them.*

What does God say that the wicked think about him when God keeps silent?

They thought that he was someone just like them.

Psalms 50:22

ULT	UST
Consider this now, forgetters of God, lest I tear and none be delivering!	*Many of you have been ignoring me. Pay attention to what I am saying now! If you do not, I will destroy you. No one will be able to rescue you.*

Who will rescue the wicked when God tears them in pieces?

There will be no one to come deliver them.

Psalms 50:23

ULT	UST
The one sacrificing a thank offering glorifies me, and the one placing a way, I will make him look upon the salvation of God."	*When people publicly offer sacrifices to thank me for helping them, that honors me greatly. If people live as I want people to live, I will rescue them when they are in trouble."*

To whom will God show his salvation?

God will show his salvation to whoever offers a thank offering and orders their path rightly.

Psalms 51

Psalms 51:1

ULT	UST
Be merciful to me, God, according to your covenant faithfulness. According to the multitude of your compassions, wipe away my transgressions.	*Oh God, since you promised to faithfully love me, please act mercifully toward me. You gently love people in many ways, so please forgive me for disobeying you so badly.*

Why does David say that God should have mercy on him?

He says God should have mercy on him according to his covenant faithfulness.

Psalms 51:4

ULT	UST
Against you, you only, I have sinned and done evil in your eyes, so you are right in your speaking, you are blameless in your judging.	*What grieves me most is how I have sinned against you. I have done things that you consider to be very wrong. So when you declare that I am guilty, you are right. When you judge me, you are completely fair.*

Against whom does David say he has sinned?

He says he has sinned against God, and only against God.

Psalms 51:5

ULT	UST
Behold, I was born in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.	*Indeed, I have been a sinner from birth. In fact, I have been a sinner since my mother conceived me.*

When does David say that his sin began?

David says his sin began as soon as his mother conceived him.

Psalms 51:7

ULT	UST
May you purify me with hyssop, that I may be clean. May you wash me, that I may be whiter than snow.	*Make me acceptable to you again, as if you were using hyssop to sprinkle water on me to purify me. Remove my sin as if it were dirt that you were washing off me. Then I will be completely pure, like snow that has just fallen.*

What does David ask God to do so that he may be purified?

He asks God to purify him with hyssop so he will be clean, and to remove his sins so he will be completely pure.

Psalms 51:10

ULT	UST
Create for me a clean heart, God, and renew an established spirit within me.	*O God, please make me want to do only things that please you. Help me to be loyal to you consistently.*

What does David ask God to create and renew in him?

He asks God to create in him a clean heart, and to renew a loyal spirit within him.

Psalms 51:11

ULT	UST
May you not cast me away from your face, and may you not take the Spirit of your holiness from me.	*Please allow me to come into your presence. Please do not make your Holy Spirit leave me.*

What does David ask God not to do to him?

He asks God to not cast him away from his presence, and to not take the Spirit of his holiness from him.

Psalms 51:12

ULT	UST
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and support me with a willing spirit.	*Please save me from the guilt and punishment of my sin. That will make me very happy again. Please make me eager to obey you so that I do not sin again.*

What does David ask God to restore to him?

He asks God to restore to him the joy of his salvation and to support him with a willing spirit.

Psalms 51:14

ULT	UST
Deliver me from blood, God, the God of my salvation, may my tongue sing about your righteousness.	*God, I admit that I deserve to die because I murdered someone, but please rescue me from that punishment. You can save me from the guilt and punishment of my sin because you are God. When you do that, I will sing joyfully about how good you are.*

What does David ask God to deliver him from?

He asks God to deliver him from the guilt of bloodshed.

Psalms 51:16

ULT	UST
For you do not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you do not accept a burnt offering.	*If you had wanted me to offer a sacrifice because of the sin I committed, I would certainly have done that. But you do not accept burnt offerings from people who bring them to try to make things right with you after committing murder.*

What does David say God does not want from him?

David says God does not delight in sacrifice, and would not accept a burnt offering from him.

Psalms 51:17

ULT	UST
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit. A broken and crushed heart, God, you will not despise.	*What you really want is for people to pray to you in genuine humility and ask for forgiveness. When a person is very sorrowful for his sin, you, God, do not reject him.*

What are the sacrifices God wants?

The sacrifices of God are genuine humility and sorrow for sins.

Psalms 52

Psalms 52:1

ULT	UST
Why do you boast about harm, O warrior? The covenant faithfulness of God all of the day.	*Doeg, you are boasting as if you were a great warrior because you killed so many people, but you are wrong to boast, because they were helpless. God always protects me because he is kind to me.*

What does the psalmist say protects him all of the day?

The covenant faithfulness of God protects him all day.

Psalms 52:3

ULT	UST
You love evil more than good, lying more than speaking righteousness. Selah	*You like to do what is wrong more than you like to do what is right. You like to tell lies more than you like to tell the truth. Selah*

What does Doeg love more than good?

He loves evil more than good.

Psalms 52:4

ULT	UST
You love all words of destruction, tongue of betrayal!	*You like to say anything that will cause harm to people. What you say causes innocent people to suffer.*

What words does Doeg love?

He loves all words of destruction.

Psalms 52:5

ULT	UST
God will also tear you down forever. He will take you away and tear you from the tent and uproot you from the land of the living. Selah	*But God will destroy you permanently, just as you have destroyed others. You may feel safe in your home, but God will take you from there and remove you from this world in which people are alive. Selah*

What will God do to Doeg?

God will destroy him forever.

Psalms 52:7

ULT	UST
“Behold, the man did not make God his refuge, but he trusted in the abundance of his wealth; he was strong in his calamity.”	*They will say, “Look what happened to this man who did not trust God to protect him. He thought that because he had a lot of money, he could avoid trouble. He believed that harming other people would make him powerful.”*

In what did the man trust instead of God?

He trusted in the abundance of his wealth.

Psalms 52:8

ULT	UST
But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I will trust in the covenant faithfulness of God forever and ever.	*But I am safe, just like the olive trees that the priests plant and care for in the courtyard of the place where we worship God. I know that God will always be kind to me.*

In what will David place his own trust?

He will trust in the covenant faithfulness of God forever and ever.

Psalms 53

Psalms 53:1

ULT	UST
The fool says in his heart, “No God.” They are corrupt, and they do iniquity abominably. There is none doing good.	*People who do not want to obey God tell themselves that God does not exist. People like that are bad. They do terrible things. Every one of them acts wickedly.*

What does the fool say in his heart?

He says that there is no God.

Psalms 53:2-3

When God looks down from heaven at the people on earth, what does he find?

He finds that they have all turned away and corrupted themselves. There is no one who does good, not even one.

Psalms 53:4

ULT	UST
Do they not know, the doers of iniquity, the ones eating my people as they eat bread? They do not call upon God.	*They take away people’s possessions until they have nothing left. They do that as easily as they would eat a loaf of bread. The people who do such bad things ought to realize that God is going to punish them. But they do not worship God.*

What do the doers of iniquity do to God’s people?

They take from God’s people as easily as they eat bread, and they do not call upon God.

Psalms 53:5

ULT	UST
There they feared a fear when no fear was, because God scattered the bones of the one encamping against you. You have shamed them, for God despises them.	*An army came and attacked the Israelites. Its soldiers did not have to be afraid that the Israelites would defeat them. But God made them lose in battle so badly that the survivors were not even able to bury the dead soldiers. This made them very afraid. God regarded this army as insignificant compared with his great power. He helped the Israelites, and so they were able to humiliate those soldiers by defeating them.*

What does the psalmist say happened to those who attacked Israel?

God defeated them and put them to shame, because he despises them.

Psalms 53:6

ULT	UST
Who will give the salvation of Israel from Zion? When God restores the prosperity of his people, Jacob will be glad, Israel will rejoice.	*I wish that God, whose sanctuary is on Mount Zion, would rescue the Israelite people! When God makes his people prosperous again, the Israelites, those descendants of Jacob, will be very happy.*

From where did David hope that salvation for Israel would come?

He hoped that the salvation of Israel would come from the God of Israel.

Psalms 54

Psalms 54:1

ULT	UST
Save me, God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.	*God, please use your power to save me from my enemies! If you do that, people will realize that I have not done anything wrong.*

How did David ask God to save him?

He asked God to save him by the might of God's name.

What does David want God to do?

He wants God to save him and to vindicate him so people will realize that he has not done anything wrong.

Psalms 54:2

ULT	UST
Hear my prayer, God; listen to the words of my mouth.	*God, please listen to what I say as I pray to you.*

What does David ask God to hear?

He asks God to hear his prayer and listen to his words.

Psalms 54:3

ULT	UST
For foreigners have arisen against me, and violent ones seek my life. They do not set God before them. Selah	*I am praying for your help because even my fellow Judeans are treacherously acting against me. These are violent men, and they want to kill me. They do not respect you. Selah*

Who has risen up against David and sought his life?

Foreigners have risen up against him, and violent ones have sought his life.

Psalms 54:4

ULT	UST
Behold, God is a helper to me; the Lord is with the sustainers of my life.	*But God is helping me. The Lord is helping the people who are protecting me so that I stay alive.*

What does David say God is to him?

David says God is a helper to him and to those who sustain his life.

Psalms 54:5

ULT	UST
He will return harm to my enemies. In your faithfulness, destroy them!	*My enemies want to do harmful things to me, but God will cause those things to happen to them instead. Because you faithfully do what you promise, destroy them so that they do not kill me!*

What will God return to David's enemies?

God will return harm to his enemies.

Psalms 54:6

ULT	UST
With a freewill offering, I will sacrifice to you. I will praise your name, Yahweh, for it is good.	*I promise that when you rescue me, I will publicly offer a sacrifice to honor you. I will praise you, Yahweh, for how good you are.*

Why will David praise Yahweh's name?

He will praise Yahweh's name because it is good.

Psalms 54:7

ULT	UST
For he delivers me from every trouble, and my eye looks at my enemies.	*I will be able to do this because he rescues me from all my troubles and, as a result, I see that he has defeated my enemies.*

What does David say his eye will see after God delivers him from his troubles?

He will see the defeat of his enemies.

Psalms 55

Psalms 55:4

ULT	UST
My heart writhes in the midst of me, and the terrors of death have fallen onto me.	*My heart is pounding inside me because I am so upset. I strongly feel many fears because I know that my enemies are trying to kill me.*

What kind of terrors have fallen on David?

The terrors of death have fallen on him.

Psalms 55:6

ULT	UST
I have said, "Who will give the wing of a dove to me? Let me fly away and let me dwell.	*I have been thinking, "How good it would be if I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and find a place to rest.*

Why does David wish that he had wings like a dove?

If he had wings like a dove, he could fly away and find a place to rest and be safe from his enemies.

Psalms 55:9

ULT	UST
Swallow them, Lord, divide their tongue! For I have seen violence and strife in the city.	*Lord, please destroy my enemies! Make them disagree about what to do so that they cannot make successful plans against me. I ask this because I know that they are fighting with people in the city and hurting them.*

What does David ask the Lord to do to his enemies?

He asks the Lord to destroy them and to make them disagree about what to do.

Psalms 55:10-11

What is found in the middle of the city?

Iniquity and trouble are in the middle of the city, and calamity, oppression, and deceit are also found there.

Psalms 55:12-13

Who reproached David and powerfully opposed him?

David's companion and acquaintance reproached and opposed him.

Psalms 55:15

ULT	UST
May desolations be upon them; may they go down to Sheol alive, for evils are in their dwelling, in the midst of them.	*My enemies are so wicked in their inner beings that it is as if wickedness lives in their homes and influences what they do. So I hope that bad things happen to them that destroy them! I wish that the earth would open up under them so that they would go down alive to the place where dead people are.*

What does David ask God to bring upon his enemies?

He asks for desolations to come upon them and for them to go down to Sheol alive.

Psalms 55:17

ULT	UST
Evening and morning and noon, let me complain and moan, and he will hear my voice.	*I will continually pray to him, whether I can express my concerns in words or whether I am only able to moan as a plea to him. He will answer my prayer by helping me.*

What does David do continually?

He complains and moans to God.

Psalms 55:19

ULT	UST
God will hear and answer them, even the one sitting from antiquity, Selah to whom there are no changes, so they do not fear God.	*My enemies have no difficulties in life, so they do not respect God. Selah But God, who has ruled forever, will answer my prayer and punish them as they deserve.*

Why will God hear and answer David's prayer?

He will hear and answer because David's enemies do not fear God.

Psalms 55:20

ULT	UST
He stretches out his hands against his friends; he defiles his covenant.	*The man I knew well is attacking me even though I was his friend. He should have remained loyal to me, but he has not.*

What does David's friend do to his covenant?

He defiles his covenant by attacking his friends.

Psalms 55:23

ULT	UST
But you, God, will make them go down to the pit of the grave. Men of blood and treachery will not halve their days. But I, I will trust in you.	*God, you will cause people who deceive and kill others to die before they have lived half as long as most people do. But as for me, I will trust you to protect me.*

To where will God bring down the wicked?

God will bring them down to the pit of the grave.

Psalms 56

Psalms 56:1

ULT	UST
Be gracious to me, God, for man tramples me! All of the day, fighting, he oppresses me.	*O God, men are attacking me, so please help me! They keep fighting me and making me suffer.*

Why does David ask God to be gracious to him?

He asks God to be gracious to him because men are fighting with him and oppressing him.

Psalms 56:2

ULT	UST
My enemies trample me all of the day, for many are fighting against me arrogantly.	*Many proud enemies are fighting against me, so there is continually someone attacking me.*

What do David's enemies do to him all day?

David's enemies attack him and fight against him arrogantly.

Psalms 56:3

ULT	UST
The day I fear, I, I will trust in you.	*But whenever I am afraid, I trust you to help me.*

What does David say he will do when he is afraid?

When David is afraid, he will trust in God.

Psalms 56:4

ULT	UST
In God—I praise his word—in God I trust. I will not fear. What will flesh do to me?	*I praise you, God, because you have promised to take care of me. I trust you to do that, so I am not afraid. I know that mere humans will not be able to harm me!*

What is the result of David's trust in God?

David trusts in God, so he will not fear.

Psalms 56:5

ULT	UST
All of the day they vex my matters; all of their thoughts are against me for harm.	*My enemies are continually trying to interfere in my activities. They keep planning ways to harm me.*

What do David's enemies do all day?

David's enemies continually interfere and plan ways to harm him.

What are David's enemies' thoughts toward David?

All their thoughts are against David for harm.

Psalms 56:7

ULT	UST
Upon iniquity shall there be an escape for them? In nose, make the peoples go down, God.	*They should not be able to avoid punishment for the wicked things they are doing. O God, in your anger, please defeat all of our foreign enemies!*

How does David ask God to deal with David's enemies?

David asks God to bring them down in defeat.

Psalms 56:8

ULT	UST
You, you record my wandering. Put my tears in your bag. Are they not in your record?	*You have watched me carefully as I have wandered to this place. Please stay close to me as I have sad experiences here. I know that you have watched me closely as I have had these experiences.*

What does David ask God to do with his tears?

David asks God to keep a record of his tears.

Psalms 56:9

ULT	UST
Then my enemies will turn back on the day I call. This I know, for God is for me.	*When I cry to God for help, my enemies will stop attacking me. I know that will happen because God favors me.*

When will David's enemies turn back?

David's enemies will turn back on the day that he calls to God.

Psalms 56:12

ULT	UST
Your vows are on me, God. I will pay a thank-offering to you.	*God, I have vowed that I will thank you publicly when you help me, so I will offer a sacrifice to thank you.*

What does David vow to give to God?

David vows to pay a thank-offering to God.

Psalms 56:13

ULT	UST
For you deliver my life from death. Are not my feet from stumbling, that I may walk about to the face of God in the light of the living?	*I will be able to do that because you will have rescued me. No one will have killed me. Because you protect me, I will be able to live in your presence here in this world where people are alive.*

Where does David walk before God?

David walks before God in this world of the living.

Psalms 57

Psalms 57:1

ULT	UST
Be gracious to me, God, be gracious to me, for in you my soul takes refuge, and in the shadow of your wings I take refuge until the calamities have passed by.	*O God, please help me! I ask you to do that because I depend on you to protect me. I pray that you will protect me just as a mother bird protects her chicks under her wings. I ask you to do that until the troubles I am having are over.*

Why does David ask God to be gracious to him?

He asks God to be gracious to him because he depends on God for protection.

For how long does David take refuge in God?

David takes refuge in God until the calamities have passed by.

Psalms 57:2

ULT	UST
I call to God Most High, to God, the one accomplishing for me.	*I am crying for help to God, who is greater than all other spirit beings. God will complete what he has begun to do for me.*

What does David say God does for him?

David says that God is the one who accomplishes things for him.

Psalms 57:3

ULT	UST
May he send from the heavens and save me. May he reproach the one trampling me. Selah May God send his covenant faithfulness and his truth.	*May he act from where he is in heaven to rescue me. Someone is trying to harm me; may God prevent him from doing that. Selah God is kind and loyal to the people who trust him, so may he help me.*

What does David say God will send out to him?

David says that God will send out to him God's covenant faithfulness and his truth.

Psalms 57:4

ULT	UST
My soul is in the midst of lions; I must lie down among blazing ones, sons of man. Their teeth are a spear and arrows, and their tongue is a sharp sword.	*Men who are as dangerous as lions are all around me. I have no safe place to sleep far away from those men who are trying to kill me. They say things about me that make other people want to harm me.*

Among whom does David say he must lie down?

He must lie down among men who are as dangerous as lions and trying to kill him.

Psalms 57:5

ULT	UST
Be high above the heavens, God, may your glory be above all of the earth.	*May you have the most glory, God, of anyone in heaven or on earth!*

Where does David ask God to let his glory be?

David asks God to let his glory be above all the heavens and all the earth.

Psalms 57:6

ULT	UST
They prepare a net for my steps; my soul bows down. They dig a pit to my face; they fall into the midst of it. Selah	*My enemies are trying to capture me, as if they had set out a net to trap me. This has distressed me greatly. Yes, they are trying to capture me, as if they had dug a deep pit along the path where I walk, hoping that I would fall into it. But I believe that God will use what they are doing against them, as if they had fallen into that pit themselves. Selah*

What does David say happens to those who dig a pit in front of him?

They themselves fall into the midst of it.

Psalms 57:8

ULT	UST
Awake, my glory! Awake, lyre and harp! Let me awaken the dawn.	*I will do that enthusiastically. I will begin the day by praising you as I play my harp and lyre.*

What musical instruments does David call to wake up?

David calls the lyre and harp to wake up.

Psalms 57:9

ULT	UST
I will thank you, Lord, among the peoples; I will make music to you among the nations.	*I will sing songs to praise you, Lord, so that people of other nations can find out about you.*

Where will David give thanks to the Lord?

David will give thanks to the Lord among the peoples.

Where will David sing praise to the Lord?

David will sing songs of praise to the Lord among the nations.

Psalms 57:11

ULT	UST
Be high above the heavens, God, may your glory be above all of the earth.	*May you have the most glory, God, of anyone in heaven or on earth!*

Where does David ask for God's glory to be exalted?

David asks for God's glory to be exalted over all the heavens and all the earth.

Psalms 58

Psalms 58:2

ULT	UST
No, in the heart you do wickedness. Your hands weigh out violence on the earth.	*In fact, you keep thinking about doing things that are wrong. The decisions that you make encourage people to commit violent crimes.*

What does the psalmist say the sons of man do on the earth?

The sons of man commit violent crimes on the earth.

Psalms 58:3

ULT	UST
The wicked turn aside from the womb; they stray from the belly, speaking falsehood.	*Wicked people do wrong things and tell lies from the time when they are born.*

When does David say the wicked go astray?

They go astray from the time when they are born.

Psalms 58:7

ULT	UST
May they be melted like waters that run off to them. When he treads his arrows, may they be as if they are cut off.	*Make them disappear like water that flows away. When they try to harm people as if they were shooting arrows at them, keep them from hurting those people, as if those arrows had no heads!*

What does David ask God to do when the wicked try to harm people?

David asks God to keep them from hurting people, as if they were shooting arrows that had no heads.

Psalms 58:10

ULT	UST
The righteous will rejoice when he sees vengeance. He will wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.	*Righteous people will celebrate when they see God punish wicked people. It will be as if wicked people were an army that God destroyed and righteous people were walking triumphantly through the battlefield afterwards.*

When will the righteous rejoice?

The righteous will rejoice when he sees God punish the wicked people.

Psalms 59

Psalms 59:1

ULT	UST
Deliver me from my enemies, my God! Set me on high, away from the ones rising up against me.	*My God, please rescue me from my enemies! Protect me from those who want to attack me!*

How does David ask God to deliver him from his enemies?

He asks God to set him on high, away from those who rise up against him.

Psalms 59:3

ULT	UST
For behold, they lie in wait for my life; the mighty gather against me. Not for my transgression and not for my sin, Yahweh,	*Look! They are hiding and waiting for a chance to kill me! Fierce men have gathered to harm me. Yahweh, they are doing that even though I have not done anything that is wrong!*

Who gather themselves together against David?

The mighty gather themselves together against David.

Psalms 59:5

ULT	UST
So you, Yahweh, God of armies, the God of Israel, wake up to punish all of the nations! Do not be gracious to any treacherous workers of iniquity. Selah	*Yahweh, you are the God who commands the heavenly armies. You are the God whom we Israelites worship. So I ask you to take action and punish all the people who do not honor you. Do not act mercifully toward those wicked people who have acted treacherously toward me. Selah*

Who does David ask Yahweh to not be merciful to?

He asks Yahweh to not be gracious to wicked people who are treacherous workers of iniquity.

Psalms 59:10

ULT	UST
The God of my covenant faithfulness will meet me. God will make me look upon my enemies.	*You, God, are faithfully loving to me, and you will come to help me. You will defeat my enemies so that I can look triumphantly at them.*

What does David say the God of his covenant faithfulness will do?

David says that the God of his covenant faithfulness will meet him and will defeat his enemies.

Psalms 59:13

ULT	UST
Consume them in wrath; consume them that they may not be, that they may know that God is ruling in Jacob to the ends of the earth. Selah	*Become angry with them and destroy them so that they do not exist anymore. That way people will know that you, God, rule over the Israelite people and the entire world. Selah*

How does David ask God to consume his enemies?

He asks God to consume them in wrath, and to consume them so that they will be no more.

Psalms 59:16

ULT	UST
But I, I will sing about your strength, and I will sing aloud in the morning about your covenant faithfulness! For you are a stronghold to me and a refuge in the day of trouble to me.	*But as for me, I will sing each morning about how powerful you are. I will sing joyfully about how faithfully loving you are to me. I will sing about how you protect me when I am in danger.*

What does David say when he sings about God's strength?

He says God is his stronghold and a refuge in the day of trouble.

Psalms 60

Psalms 60:1

ULT	UST
God, you have rejected us; you have broken through us. You have become angry; restore us!	*God, you have stopped helping us Israelites! Because you have become angry with us, our enemies have been able to break through our ranks. Please enable us to fight victoriously again!*

What has God done to the Israelites?

He has rejected them, become angry with them, and stopped helping them.

Psalms 60:2

ULT	UST
You have made the earth tremble; you have broken it. Heal its breaches, for it shakes.	*It is as if you have caused a great earthquake that has split open the ground. Our army is struggling, but please make it strong again.*

What has God done to the earth?

He has made the earth tremble and has broken it apart.

Psalms 60:3

ULT	UST
You have made your people see the difficult. You have made us drink the wine of staggering.	*You have caused us Israelites to experience great difficulties. It is as if you have made us drink strong wine that is making us fall down as if we were drunk.*

What has God made his people see?

He has made them see great difficulties.

Psalms 60:4

ULT	UST
You have given a banner to the ones fearing you, to be displayed from the face of the bow. Selah	*But you have raised a battle flag for those who honor you. They can rally around it when their enemies attack them. Selah*

To whom has God given a banner?

He has given a banner to those who fear him.

Psalms 60:6

ULT	UST
God has spoken in his holiness, "I will rejoice; I divide Shechem and measure out the Valley of Succoth.	*God is holy and does not lie, and he has said, "I delight in the territory that I have measured and divided up for you Israelites to live in. That territory includes land on the east side of the Jordan River, where the Valley of Succoth is, and land on the west side of the Jordan River, where Shechem is.*

What does God say he will do with Shechem and the Valley of Succoth?

He says he will rejoice as he divides Shechem and measures out the Valley of Succoth for the Israelites to live in.

Psalms 60:8

ULT	UST
Moab is the tub of my washing. Over Edom I throw my sandal. Over me, Philistia, shout triumphantly."	*The Moabites are my servants, like slaves who wash my feet. I own the land of Edom; it is as if I have thrown my sandal onto it to show that it belongs to me. And you Philistines might shout your battle cry against me, but I will defeat you."*

What does God say he will do to Edom?

He says he will throw his sandal over Edom to show that it belongs to him.

Psalms 60:10

ULT	UST
You, God, have you not rejected us? And you do not go out with our armies, God.	*It seems that you, God, have stopped helping us Israelites. It seems that you do not enable our armies to defeat our enemies when they march out to fight them.*

What does God not do for their armies?

He does not go out with their armies to enable them to defeat their enemies.

Psalms 60:11-12

What does the psalmist ask God to do for them?

The psalmist asks God to give them help against their enemy.

Psalms 61

Psalms 61:1

ULT	UST
Hear my cry, God; listen to my prayer.	*O God, I am calling to you for help. Please do what I ask.*

What does David ask God to do for him?

David asks God to hear his cry and to listen to his prayer.

Psalms 61:3

ULT	UST
For you are a refuge to me, a strong tower from the face of the enemy.	*You protect me. You are like a strong tower into which I can go so that my enemies cannot harm me.*

What has God been like for David?

God has been like a strong tower, a refuge and place of protection from the enemy for David.

Psalms 61:4

ULT	UST
Let me sojourn in your tent forever! I will take refuge in the shelter of your wings. Selah	*I wish I could always be a guest in your home! Keep me as safe as a baby bird is under its mother's wings. Selah*

Where does David wish to live and take refuge?

David wishes to live with and to take refuge in God's presence forever.

Psalms 61:5

ULT	UST
For you, God, have listened to my vows. You have given me the inheritance of the fearers of your name.	*God, you know that I have solemnly promised to offer sacrifices to acknowledge you, so please help me. You have given me the blessings that belong to people who honor you.*

What did God do for David when he heard his vows?

God gave him the blessings of those who honor God's name.

Psalms 61:6

ULT	UST
Days upon days of the king, may you add to his years, as generation and generation.	*Please allow me, the king of Israel, to live and rule for many years. Please allow my descendants to rule also.*

What does the psalmist ask God to do for the king?

The psalmist asks God to add more years to the king's life and to allow his descendants to rule after him.

Psalms 61:8

ULT	UST
Thus let me make music to your name forever, that I may pay my vows day, day.	*If you do that, I will always sing songs to praise you, and each day I will offer the sacrifices that I promised to give you.*

Why will David sing praise to God's name forever?

David will sing praise to God's name forever because he has vowed to do this each day as long as God lets him live.

Psalms 62

Psalms 62:1

ULT	UST
Truly toward God my soul is in silence. From him is my salvation.	*God is the one who saves me from my enemies, and I am waiting quietly for him to do that.*

Why does David say his soul is in silence before God?

David says his soul is in silence before God because he knows that his salvation comes from God.

Psalms 62:2

ULT	UST
He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold. I will not be greatly shaken.	*He is the only one who can save me. He protects me as if he were a rock I could climb onto in order to be safe. No one would harm me at all.*

What does David say God is to him?

David says God alone is his salvation and his protection, like a rock he could climb onto in order to be safe.

Psalms 62:4

ULT	UST
They consult only to cast him down from his elevation. They delight in a lie; with his mouth, they bless, but in their inside, they curse. Selah	*My enemies are plotting together to do one thing. They want to remove me from my important position. They enjoy telling lies. They say things to bless people, but in their inner beings, they are cursing those people. Selah*

How do David's enemies treat him?

They plot together to bring him down from his high position, they delight in lies, and they bless with their mouths, but in their hearts they curse him.

Psalms 62:8

ULT	UST
Trust in him in every time, people. Pour out your heart to his face. God is a refuge for us. Selah	*You Israelite people should always trust in God. Pray earnestly to him in his presence. He is the one who keeps us safe. Selah*

What does David tell the people to do?

He tells the people to trust in God always and to pour out their hearts before God.

Psalms 62:9

ULT	UST
Surely sons of a human are vapor, sons of a man are a lie. To go up on the scales, they together would be lighter than vapor.	*Certainly, ordinary people lack the power to help, and important people are not as powerful as they seem. If you put them all on a scale, it would be as if they weighed less than air.*

How does David describe ordinary people and important people?

Ordinary people lack power, and important people are not as powerful as they seem to be.

Psalms 62:10

ULT	UST
Do not trust in oppression, and do not hope vainly in robbery. Wealth, if it increases, do not set the heart.	*It is foolish to expect to get rich by cheating other people or by stealing from them. If you become wealthy, do not rely on your money.*

What does David warn people not to trust in?

David warns people not to trust in oppression or robbery, and if wealth increases, not to set their hearts on it.

Psalms 62:11

ULT	UST
Once God has spoken, twice I have heard this, that power is to God.	*God has said very reliably that he is the one who truly has power.*

What has David heard when God has spoken?

David has heard God say that he is the one who truly is powerful.

Psalms 62:12

ULT	UST
Also to you, Lord, is covenant faithfulness, for you, you repay to a man according to his doing.	*God is also the one who always keeps his promises. He punishes people who do wrong things but rewards people who do good things.*

To whom does covenant faithfulness belong?

Covenant faithfulness belongs to the Lord, who repays each person according to what he has done.

Psalms 63

Psalms 63:1

ULT	UST
God, you are my God. I seek you earnestly. My soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you in a land of dryness and weary, without water.	*God, you are the God whom I worship. I greatly desire to be with you. It is as if my body aches for you, just as a person in a dry, hot wilderness greatly desires water.*

How does David seek God?

He seeks God earnestly, his soul thirsts for him, and his body aches for him.

Psalms 63:2

ULT	UST
Thus in the sanctuary I have gazed at you to see your power and your glory.	*I have worshiped you in your sanctuary and recognized how powerful and glorious you are.*

What does David see when he gazes at God in the sanctuary?

He sees God’s power and glory.

Psalms 63:3-4

What will David do because of God’s covenant faithfulness?

David will praise God as long as he lives, he will bless God, and he will lift up his hands and pray to God.

Psalms 63:5

ULT	UST
As with fat and fatness my soul will be full, and with lips of joyful shouts my mouth will praise you.	*You satisfy me as if I had just eaten a delicious banquet of rich foods. I will praise you very joyfully.*

What does David compare his satisfaction in God to?

He compares his satisfaction in God to eating rich food, and he praises God joyfully.

Psalms 63:6

ULT	UST
When I remember you on my bed, I meditate on you in the night watches.	*Sometimes I think about you when I am lying in bed. When that happens, I reflect during the night on how wonderful you are.*

When does David meditate on God?

He thinks about God when on his bed and meditates on God in the night watches.

Psalms 63:7

ULT	UST
For you have been a help to me, and in the shadow of your wings I shout joyfully.	*I realize that you are wonderful because you have always helped me. I sing to you joyfully because I am aware that you protect me just as a mother bird protects her chicks under her wings.*

Why does David shout joyfully?

He shouts joyfully because he is aware that God protects him just as a mother bird protects her chicks under her wings.

Psalms 63:8

ULT	UST
My soul clings after you; your right hand upholds me.	*I remain completely loyal to you, and you protect me by your power.*

Who upholds David?

The right hand of God upholds and protects David.

Psalms 63:9-10

What will happen to those who seek to destroy David's life?

They will go into the lowest parts of the earth, they will die by the sword, and wild dogs will eat their corpses.

Psalms 63:11

ULT	UST
But the king will rejoice in God; all of the swearers by him will exult, for the mouth of speakers of falsehood will be shut.	*But I, the king of Israel, will rejoice in what God has done for me. All those who swear oaths in the name of God will praise him because he will have stopped people from saying things that are not true.*

What will happen to those who swear by God?

Those who swear by God will exult in him and praise him.

What will happen to those who speak falsehood?

Those who speak falsehood will have their mouths shut.

Psalms 64

Psalms 64:1

ULT	UST
Hear my voice, God, in my complaint. Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.	*God, please listen to me as I tell you about what worries me. I am afraid of my enemies; please save me from them.*

What is David asking God to do?

He wants God to hear his voice and to preserve his life from fear of his enemies.

Psalms 64:2

ULT	UST
Hide me from the council of evildoers, from the throng of the workers of iniquity,	*Protect me from what wicked men are planning to do to me. Protect me from that group of men who do evil things.*

From what does David ask God to hide him?

He asks God to hide him from the secret plans of evildoers and from those who do evil things.

Psalms 64:3

ULT	UST
who have sharpened their tongue like a sword. They tread their arrow, a bitter word,	*The hostile things they say are like sharp swords; their cruel words are like arrows.*

What do David's enemies do with their tongues?

They speak hostile things and cruel words which are like sharp swords.

Psalms 64:4

ULT	UST
to shoot the innocent from secret places; suddenly they shoot, and they do not fear.	*They are not afraid of anyone. They falsely accuse people who have done nothing wrong. They are like a person who suddenly jumps up from a hiding place and shoots an arrow at someone.*

At whom do David's enemies speak their cruel words?

They falsely accuse someone who is innocent like a person who shoots an arrow from a hiding place.

Psalms 64:5

ULT	UST
They strengthen for themselves an evil matter; they recount hiding snares. They say, "Who will see them?"	*They encourage each other to do the evil things they are planning. They boast about how they have deceived people. They say, "No one will realize what we are doing!"*

What do David's enemies say when they encourage each other to plan evil and to deceive people?

They say, "Who will see us?"

Psalms 64:7

ULT	UST
But God will shoot an arrow; suddenly their wounds will happen.	*But God will suddenly judge and punish them, as if he were shooting an arrow at them and wounding them.*

How will God respond to David's enemies?

God will judge and punish them, as if he were shooting an arrow and wounding them.

Psalms 64:8

ULT	UST
And they will make it stumble over them, their tongue. Everyone seeing them will flee.	*The deceitful things they say will get them into trouble. Everyone who sees what happens to them will stay away from them.*

Because of God's actions, what will happen to the enemy?

The enemy will get into trouble because of their own tongue, and everyone who sees them will flee.

Psalms 64:9

ULT	UST
And all of mankind will fear, and they will declare the work of God, for they will consider his deed.	*People will think about how God has punished them, and they will tell others about it. As a result, people will not dare to be wicked.*

How will all people respond when God judges David's enemies?

All people will fear, tell others about God's works, and consider what God has done.

Psalms 64:10

ULT	UST
The righteous will rejoice in Yahweh and take refuge in him, and all of the upright of heart will celebrate.	*People who do what is right will be very happy that Yahweh has punished those wicked people. They will trust Yahweh to protect them. Yes, those who really want to do good things will be glad.*

What will the righteous and all the upright in heart do?

The righteous people will rejoice in Yahweh and will trust in him for protection, and all the upright in heart will celebrate.

Psalms 65

Psalms 65:1

ULT	UST
Praise is in silence toward you, God, in Zion, and to you a vow will be paid.	*God, when you come to your sanctuary on Mount Zion, you will find that we have been waiting quietly to praise you and to do what we promised we would do to honor you.*

To whom does the psalmist say a vow will be paid?

The psalmist says a vow will be paid to God in Zion.

Psalms 65:3

ULT	UST
Matters of iniquities prevail against me; our transgressions, you, you cover them.	*When we feel very badly because we have done wrong things, you forgive our sins and make it as if we had not committed them.*

What does the psalmist say God will do about their transgressions?

The psalmist says God will forgive their transgressions.

Psalms 65:4

ULT	UST
The happinesses of the one you choose and bring near, that he may dwell in your courts! May we be full of the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple.	*When you invite people to come and worship you in your sanctuary, that makes them very happy! When we come to your sanctuary, we realize how good and holy you are, and that satisfies us completely.*

What does the psalmist say about the person God chooses and brings near to dwell in his courts?

That person is happy and will be satisfied with the goodness of God's house and the holiness of his temple.

Psalms 65:5

ULT	UST
Doing fearsome things, you answer us in righteousness, God of our salvation, the confidence of all of the ends of the earth and the distant seas,	*When we pray to you, you do good and powerful things to help us. You are the God who saves us. Even people who live in very remote places on the earth, on the other side of the oceans, trust in you.*

How does the psalmist say God answers those who call to him?

God answers by doing fearsome things in righteousness.

Psalms 65:7

ULT	UST
the one stilling the roar of the seas, the roar of their waves, and the tumult of the peoples.	*When there is a storm at sea, you can calm it and stop its waves from crashing on the shore. In the same way, you can keep nations from causing trouble.*

What does God quiet?

He quiets the roar of the seas and their waves, as well as the nations.

Psalms 65:8

ULT	UST
And the dwellers of the ends fear at your signs; you make the goings forth of the morning and the evening shout joyfully.	*People who live in very remote places on the earth deeply respect you because of the miracles that you perform. People who live all over the world celebrate what you do.*

How do people who live at the ends of the earth respond to God's signs?

They fear and respect God and celebrate when they see his signs and actions.

Psalms 65:9

ULT	UST
You visit the earth and saturate it; you greatly enrich it. The channel of God is full of water; you prepare their grain, for thus you prepare it.	*You send rain to make the soil fertile so that it will produce good crops. It is as if you bring water to the fields in a stream. That is how you prepare the earth to produce abundant crops.*

How does the psalmist say God helps the earth?

God waters it, enriches it, and prepares the earth to provide grain for its people.

Psalms 65:11

ULT	UST
You crown the year with your goodness, and your tracks drip fatness.	*When harvest time comes, the fields are glorious with crops, as if you had put a golden crown on them. You provide food for people in great abundance.*

What does the psalmist say God crowns the year with?

God crowns the year with fields that are glorious with crops, as if he had put a golden crown on them and provides food in abundance.

Psalms 65:13

ULT	UST
The meadows put on a flock, and the valleys cover themselves with grain. They shout joyfully; indeed, they sing.	*Flocks of sheep and goats cover the meadows like a garment, and there is so much grain in the valleys that the ground is not visible. It is as if the meadows and valleys are singing and shouting joyfully.*

With what are the meadows and valleys covered?

The meadows are covered with flocks of sheep and goats, and the valleys are covered with grain.

Psalms 66

Psalms 66:1

ULT	UST
For the chief musician; a song; a psalm. Shout to God, all of the earth!	*This is a note for the worship leader: This is a song, a psalm. Everyone on earth should shout joyfully to praise God!*

What does the psalmist tell all the earth to do?

He tells everyone to shout to God and to joyfully praise him.

Psalms 66:3

ULT	UST
Say to God, "How fearsome are your deeds! Because of the greatness of your power, your enemies cringe before you.	*Everyone should tell God, "You do such amazing things! You are so powerful that your enemies come and bow down fearfully in front of you.*

What causes God's enemies to cringe before him?

The greatness of God's power causes his enemies to cringe before him.

Psalms 66:6

ULT	UST
He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There let us rejoice in him!	*He made a dry path through the Sea of Reeds so that our ancestors could walk right through it. They also walked across the Jordan River when he stopped it from flowing. After they crossed, they celebrated what God had done, and we should still celebrate that today.*

What miraculous deed did God do for his people?

He turned the sea into dry land so that the people passed through the river on foot.

Psalms 66:9

ULT	UST
the one putting our soul among the living, and he does not allow our foot to slip.	*He has kept us alive, and he has not allowed anyone to destroy us.*

What does God do for his people?

He keeps them alive and does not allow anyone to destroy them.

Psalms 66:10

ULT	UST
For you tested us, God; you refined us like the refining of silver.	*God, you have allowed us to experience great difficulties in order to make us pure, just as people put silver in a hot fire so they can purify it.*

How has God tested his people?

He has tested them by allowing them to experience difficulties in order to refine them as silver is refined.

Psalms 66:12

ULT	UST
You made man ride over our head; we went through fire and through waters, but you brought us out to abundance.	*It is as if you allowed our enemies to trample on us. We experienced troubles that were like walking through fires and floods. But now you have brought us to a place where we are safe and have plenty of food.*

Where did God bring his people out?

He brought them out to a place of abundance.

Psalms 66:13

ULT	UST
I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay my vows to you,	*God, I have come to your temple bringing offerings for the priests to burn completely on the altar. I am doing what I promised to do for you.*

With what will the psalmist come into God's house?

He will come into God's house with burnt offerings as he promised.

Psalms 66:15

ULT	UST
I will offer up burnt offerings of fatlings to you with the smoke of rams; I will offer cattle with male goats. Selah	*So I have brought fat sheep to burn on the altar, and I have also brought bulls and goats. When they are burning, you will enjoy the smell of the smoke. Selah*

What will the psalmist offer to God?

He will offer burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams, and also cattle with male goats.

Psalms 66:16

ULT	UST
Come, listen, and let me recount, all fearers of God, what he has done for my soul.	*All you people who deeply respect God, come and listen as I tell you what he has done for me.*

What will the psalmist declare to all who fear God?

He will declare what God has done for him.

Psalms 66:18

ULT	UST
If I had regarded iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have heard.	*If I had secretly intended to commit sins, the Lord would not have done what I asked.*

What would have happened if the psalmist had regarded iniquity in his heart?

The Lord would not have heard and answered his prayer.

Psalms 66:20

ULT	UST
Blessed be God, who has not turned away my prayer or his covenant faithfulness from me.	*I praise God because he did what I asked him to do. He has continued to be kind to me, as he promised.*

What two things has God not turned away from the psalmist?

God has not turned away the psalmist’s prayer or his covenant faithfulness from the psalmist.

Psalms 67

Psalms 67:1-2

Why should God be gracious to his people and bless them?

He should be gracious and bless them so that his way may be known on the earth and his salvation among all the nations.

Psalms 67:3

ULT	UST
May the peoples thank you, God; may the peoples thank you, all of them.	*May all the people in the world praise you, God!*

Who should thank God?

All the peoples should thank God.

Psalms 67:4

ULT	UST
May the nations rejoice and shout joyfully, for you judge the peoples with uprightness, and the nations on the earth, you guide them. Selah	*You judge those nations fairly and show them what they should do. So may they praise you loudly and joyfully! Selah*

Why should the nations rejoice and shout joyfully?

They should rejoice and shout joyfully because God judges the peoples with uprightness and guides the nations on the earth.

Psalms 67:6

ULT	UST
The earth has given its produce; may God, our God, bless us.	*Good crops have grown on our land. May the God whom we Israelites worship continue to give us good harvests.*

What does the psalmist say the earth has given?

The earth has given its produce.

Psalms 67:7

ULT	UST
May God bless us, and may all of the ends of the earth fear him.	*May God bless us, and may that cause people throughout the world to respect him greatly.*

What should happen because God has blessed his people?

All the people of the earth should fear and respect him.

Psalms 68

Psalms 68:1

ULT	UST
Let God arise, let his enemies scatter, and let the ones hating him flee from his face.	*God, take action and chase away your enemies! Make those who hate you run away from you.*

What does David want to happen to God's enemies and to those who hate God?

He wants God's enemies to be scattered and those who hate God to flee from his face.

Psalms 68:3

ULT	UST
But let the righteous rejoice, let them exult to the face of God, and let them be glad with rejoicing.	*But make good people happy. May they rejoice when they are in your presence; may they be very joyful.*

What should the righteous do?

The righteous should be glad, rejoice, exult, and be happy before God.

Psalms 68:6

ULT	UST
God is making the lonely dwell in a house; he is bringing out prisoners into prosperity. But the ones rebelling dwell in dryness.	*He provides families for those who have no one to live with. He frees prisoners and enables them to be successful. But those who rebel against him will not be successful. It will be as if they live in a place where it is very hard to grow crops.*

What does God do for the lonely and the prisoners?

God provides families and homes for lonely people, and he brings prisoners out into prosperity.

Psalms 68:7-8

What did the earth and heavens do when God went out before his people?

The earth trembled and the heavens poured rain in God's presence.

Psalms 68:9-10

What did God provide for his people?

God sent plentiful rain when his inheritance was weary and, in his goodness, he provided homes and food for the poor.

Psalms 68:11

ULT	UST
The Lord utters the word; the women proclaiming good news are a great army.	

Who proclaims the good news?

A great crowd of women proclaim the good news.

Psalms 68:12-13

What do the women who stay at home do when the enemy kings flee?

They divide the plunder, which includes treasures like a dove with silver wings and gold-colored feathers.

Psalms 68:16

ULT	UST
Why do you look enviously, mountains, peaks, at the mountain God desired for his dwelling? Indeed, Yahweh will inhabit it forever.	*Because it is such a great mountain, if it could think, it might think that God should have chosen it as the place for his sanctuary. But Yahweh chose Mount Zion instead, and he will always be present there.*

At what does the psalmist say that the mountains might look at in envy?

He says that the mountains might look in envy at the mountain that God desires for his dwelling place, where Yahweh will live forever.

Psalms 68:17

ULT	UST
The chariotry of God is two myriads, thousands of repetition. The Lord is among them; Sinai is in the holy place.	*God is so powerful that it is as if he has thousands and thousands of chariots. In fact, it is as if he has ten thousands and ten thousands of them! The same God who appeared to the Israelites on Mount Sinai is now present in his sanctuary on Mount Zion.*

To what does the psalmist compare the power of God?

The psalmist says that God is so powerful that it is as if he has thousands and thousands of chariots.

Psalms 68:19

ULT	UST
Blessed be the Lord! Day, day he bears for us, the God of our salvation. Selah	*Praise the Lord, who helps us every day as if he were carrying a heavy load for us. He is the God who saves us. Selah*

What does the Lord do for his people daily?

The Lord daily helps his people as if he were carrying a heavy load for them.

Psalms 68:22

ULT	UST
The Lord said, "I will bring back from Bashan, I will bring back from the depths of the sea,	*The Lord said, "Even if my enemies try to climb a high mountain to be safe, or even if they try to hide at the bottom of the ocean, I will bring them back*

From where does the Lord say he will bring back his enemies?

The Lord says he will bring them back from a high mountain or from the depths of the sea.

Psalms 68:24-25

In what order does the procession of God go into the sanctuary?

The singers go first, the maidens playing timbrels are in the middle, and the musicians playing stringed instruments follow behind.

Psalms 68:26

ULT	UST
Bless God in the assemblies, Yahweh, from the fountain of Israel.	*Praise God, you who have gathered together! Praise Yahweh, you descendants of Israel!*

Who should bless and praise God in the assembly?

The descendants of Israel should bless and praise God.

Psalms 68:27

ULT	UST
There is Benjamin, the littlest, ruling them; the princes of Judah, their throngs; the princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.	*People from the tribe of Benjamin, the smallest tribe, are marching first. Leaders and many other people from the tribe of Judah come next. There are even leaders from the far northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali in the parade.*

What tribe is leading this parade?

Benjamin, the smallest tribe, is leading this parade.

Psalms 68:28

ULT	UST
Your God has commanded your strength. Be strong, God! You have done this for us.	*Our God has made our Israelite tribes strong. God, continue to help us with your power as you helped us in the past.*

What does the psalmist say God has done for his people?

The psalmist says that God has commanded strength for his people, and he calls on God to show his strength, because God has done great things for them.

Psalms 68:30

ULT	UST
Rebuke the beast of the reed, the assembly of the mighty with the calves of the peoples, humbling himself with pieces of silver. He scatters the peoples who delight in battles.	*Show the king of Egypt that even though he has a powerful army, he cannot defeat you. Many kings who are strong like bulls may gather together. They may form armies from their subject nations, which are like bulls' calves, but they will not be able to defeat you either. Instead, they will come submissively and pay you tribute in silver. Some nations are eager to fight wars; make their armies run away!*

What does the psalmist ask God to rebuke?

The psalmist asks God to rebuke the king of Egypt and the armies of mighty nations with their subject peoples.

Psalms 68:31

ULT	UST
Nobles will come from Egypt; Cush will make its hands run to God.	*Then envoys will come from Egypt bringing gifts to you. The ruler of Cush will hasten to send tribute to God.*

Who will come from Egypt?

Nobles will come from Egypt.

Psalms 68:32

ULT	UST
Kingdoms of the earth, sing to God! Make music to the Lord, Selah	*People of nations throughout the world, sing praise to God! He is the Lord Selah*

Who should sing praises to God?

The kingdoms of the earth should sing praises to God.

Psalms 68:34

ULT	UST
Ascribe strength to God; his majesty is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.	*Proclaim how powerful God is! He is the king who reigns over Israel as he rules powerfully from the sky.*

To whom does the psalmist say strength should be ascribed?

The psalmist says to ascribe strength to God.

Psalms 68:35

ULT	UST
God, you are fearsome from your sanctuary! The God of Israel, he is giving strength and forces to the people. Blessed be God!	*God, you are in your sanctuary, and you are very powerful. This is the God whom we Israelite people worship. He makes us very strong. Praise God!*

What does God give to his people?

God gives strength and power to his people.

Psalms 69

Psalms 69:1

ULT	UST
Save me, God, for waters have come up to my life.	*Please rescue me, God! I am in great danger, as if I were just about to drown in a flood.*

From what does David ask God to save him?

He asks God to save him from great danger.

Psalms 69:3

ULT	UST
I am weary in my calling out; my throat is parched. My eyes fail as I am waiting for my God.	*I am tired and my throat is dry because I have been calling to you for help for so long. I have been looking for so long for you to come and help me that I have worn out my eyes.*

What is happening to David as he waits for his God?

He is weary from calling out, his throat is parched, and his eyes fail.

Psalms 69:4

ULT	UST
The ones hating me gratuitously are more than the hairs of my head. The ones destroying me are mighty, my enemies of falsehood. What I did not steal, yet I must restore.	*There are people who hate me for no reason. There are so many of these people, it is as if there are more of them than there are hairs on my head! The enemies who want to harm me are powerful, and they are telling lies about me. They are demanding that I pay back things that I did not steal!*

How many are David's enemies who hate him?

There are so many it is as if they are more than the hairs on his head.

Psalms 69:5

ULT	UST
God, you, you know my foolishness, and my sins are not hidden from you.	*O God, you know that I have foolishly disobeyed your laws; you are aware of the sins that I have committed.*

What does God know about David?

God knows about David's foolishness and about the sins he has committed.

Psalms 69:6

ULT	UST
May the ones waiting for you not have shame because of me, Lord Yahweh of Armies. May the ones seeking you not be humiliated because of me, God of Israel.	*But Yahweh my Lord, commander of the heavenly armies, may the wrong things I have done not disappoint the people who trust you. You are the God whom we Israelite people should worship. Please do not let me embarrass those who do worship you.*

What does David not want to happen to those who wait for and seek God?

David asks that they not have shame or be humiliated because of him.

Psalms 69:9

ULT	UST
For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of the ones reproaching you have fallen on me.	*I care so much about your temple that people are causing trouble for me. People are speaking disrespectfully of you, and it is as if they are also insulting me.*

What has consumed David?

Zeal for God's house has consumed him.

Psalms 69:10

ULT	UST
Though I wept in my soul with fasting, yet it became reproaches to me;	*I wept and fasted very sincerely, but they mocked me for doing that.*

What did David do that others used to reproach him?

He wept and fasted, but it became a source of reproaches against him.

Psalms 69:11-12

In what way was David an object of insults?

His enemies made a proverb of him, using him as an example of a foolish person and singing insulting songs about him.

Psalms 69:13

ULT	UST
But I, my prayer is to you, Yahweh. At a time of favor, God, in the greatness of your covenant faithfulness, answer me in the truth of your salvation.	*But I will continue praying to you, Yahweh. You are always very kind to me, as you have promised. So at the time that you choose, please answer my prayer by rescuing me, since you love me faithfully.*

How does David want Yahweh to answer his prayer?

He asks Yahweh to answer him at a time Yahweh's choosing, rescuing him because of Yahweh's own faithful love.

Psalms 69:16

ULT	UST
Answer me, Yahweh, for your covenant faithfulness is good; according to the greatness of your compassion, turn to me.	*Yahweh, it is so good that you faithfully love me, so please do what I ask. Because you are very merciful, please help me.*

Why should Yahweh turn to David?

Yahweh should turn to David because Yahweh's covenant faithfulness is good and his compassion is great.

Psalms 69:18

ULT	UST
Draw near to my soul, redeem it; because of my enemies, ransom me.	*Come and save me; please rescue me from my enemies.*

What does David ask Yahweh to do because of David's enemies?

He asks Yahweh to draw near to him, to save him, and to rescue him from his enemies.

Psalms 69:21

ULT	UST
But they put gall in my food, and they made me drink vinegar for my thirst.	*Instead, they put poison in my food, and when I was thirsty, they gave me sour wine to drink.*

What did David's enemies give him to eat and drink?

They put poison in his food and gave him vinegar to drink for his thirst.

Psalms 69:22

ULT	UST
Let their table become a snare to their faces and a trap for their welfare.	*May their own food be like a trap that they walk into! May it harm their health.*

What does David want the table of his enemies to become?

He wants his enemies' table to become a snare and a trap for them.

Psalms 69:25

ULT	UST
Let their encampment be deserted; let there not be a dweller in their tents.	*Make them abandon their towns so that no one lives in them anymore.*

What does David want to happen to his enemies' encampment?

He wants their encampment to be deserted, with no one living in their tents.

Psalms 69:27

ULT	UST
Add iniquity to their iniquity, and let them not come into your righteousness.	*Punish them for every wrong thing they have done. Do not forgive them!*

What does David ask Yahweh to add to his enemies?

He asks Yahweh to punish them for all their sins and to not let them enter into Yahweh's righteousness.

Psalms 69:30-31

What will please God more than an ox or a bull?

Praising the name of God with a song and magnifying him with thanksgiving will please Yahweh more than an ox or a bull.

Psalms 69:33

ULT	UST
For Yahweh is hearing the needy, and he does not despise his prisoners.	*When needy people pray to Yahweh, he does what they ask. He greatly respects people who suffer for him.*

How does Yahweh respond to the needy and his prisoners?

Yahweh hears and answers the needy and does not despise his prisoners.

Psalms 69:34

ULT	UST
Let the heavens and the earth praise him, the seas and everything moving in them.	*May the entire creation praise God: the birds in the sky, the animals on the land, and the creatures in the sea.*

What does the psalmist say should praise God?

The psalmist says that the entire creation: the heavens, the earth, the seas, and everything moving in them should praise God.

Psalms 69:35-36

What will God do for Zion and the cities of Judah?

God will save Zion and strengthen the cities of Judah so that his people may dwell there and possess it, and the descendants of his servants will inherit it.

Psalms 70

Psalms 70:1

ULT	UST
Hurry, God, to deliver me, Yahweh, to my help!	*Yahweh my God, please act quickly to rescue me!*

What is David asking Yahweh to do?

David is asking Yahweh to act quickly to rescue him.

Psalms 70:2-3

What does David want God to do to those who seek after his life?

David wants God to put them to shame and humiliate them, to disgrace them and make them abandon their plans.

Psalms 70:4

ULT	UST
Let all of the seekers of you rejoice and be glad in you, and let the lovers of your salvation say continually, "God is great!"	*Rescue me so that everyone who is loyal to you will greatly celebrate. Then the people who depend on you to rescue them will keep saying, "God certainly is great!"*

What does David want all those who seek Yahweh to do?

He wants them to rejoice and be glad in Yahweh and to keep saying, "God is great!"

Psalms 70:5

ULT	UST
But I am poor and needy; God, hurry to me! You are my help and my deliverer; Yahweh, do not delay!	*But right now I am in very difficult circumstances, so please act quickly to help me, God! Yahweh, you are the one who helps me and saves me, so please help me right away!*

What does David need from God because he is in difficult circumstances?

David needs God to hurry to help and to save him.

Psalms 71

Psalms 71:1

ULT	UST
In you, Yahweh, I take refuge; let me not ever have shame.	*You, Yahweh, are the one who keeps me safe. May it always be clear that I was right to trust you.*

Where does the psalmist say he takes refuge?

The psalmist says he takes refuge in Yahweh.

Psalms 71:2

ULT	UST
In your righteousness, deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.	*Because you always do what is right, take action to help me. Consider my situation and save me!*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to do for him?

He asks Yahweh to deliver and rescue him, to consider his situation and save him.

Psalms 71:3

ULT	UST
Be to me a rock of abode for coming continually; you command to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold.	*You declare that I will be safe, since you are the one who keeps me safe and protects me, so please be like a huge rock on top of which I can always go to be safe.*

What does the psalmist want Yahweh to be to him?

The psalmist wants Yahweh to be his savior and his protector.

Psalms 71:4

ULT	UST
My God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked, from the palm of the one doing wrong and the one being cruel;	*My God, please rescue me from what wicked people want to do to me. Rescue me from the power of violent, evil men.*

From whose hand does the psalmist want to be rescued?

He wants to be rescued from the hand of the wicked, and from the one who does wrong and the one who is cruel.

Psalms 71:5

ULT	UST
for you are my hope, Lord Yahweh, my confidence from my youth.	*Yahweh my Lord, you are the one whom I confidently expect to help me. I have trusted in you ever since I was young.*

How long has the psalmist trusted in Yahweh?

He has trusted in Yahweh since he was young.

Psalms 71:6

ULT	UST
I have supported myself on you from the womb; you were taking me from the belly of my mother. My praise is about you continually.	*I have depended on you for my entire life; you even made sure that I was born safely, so I will always praise you.*

What does the psalmist say that he will do continually?

He says that he will always praise Yahweh.

Psalms 71:7

ULT	UST
I have become like a wonder to many, but you are my refuge of strength.	*It shocks many people to see me now, but you are my mighty protector.*

What does the psalmist say about Yahweh?

He says that Yahweh is his refuge and mighty protector.

Psalms 71:8

ULT	UST
Let my mouth be filled with your praise, all of the day with your splendor.	*I praise you lavishly throughout the day for how glorious you are.*

What does the psalmist ask to do all day?

He asks to be able to praise Yahweh all day.

Psalms 71:9

ULT	UST
May you not cast me away in the time of old age; may you not forsake me when my strength fails.	*Please keep helping me now that I have become an old man. Please help me even though I am not strong anymore.*

What does the psalmist ask God not to do when the psalmist is old and his strength fails?

He asks Yahweh not to cast him away or forsake him.

Psalms 71:10-11

What do the enemies of the psalmist say as they are plotting against him?

They say that God is not helping him, that they should pursue and seize him because God will not save him.

Psalms 71:12

ULT	UST
God, may you not be far from me; my God, hasten to my help.	*My God, do not neglect me; hurry to help me!*

What does the psalmist ask God to do quickly?

The psalmist asks God not to be far from him and to hurry to help him.

Psalms 71:13

ULT	UST
Let them shame and finish, the adversaries of my life; let them cover with reproach and disgrace, the ones seeking my harm.	*Embarrass the people who want to kill me by making their plans fail. Yes, completely shame and disgrace those who want to harm me!*

What does the psalmist want to happen to those who are hostile to his life?

He wants them to be put to shame and disgraced, and he wants their plans to fail.

Psalms 71:14

ULT	UST
But I, I will hope continually, and I will add to all of your praise.	*But as for me, I will always trust you, and I will praise you even more now than I have in the past.*

What does the psalmist say he will continue to do?

The psalmist says he will hope and trust continually and will continue to praise Yahweh.

Psalms 71:15

ULT	UST
My mouth will recount your righteousness, all of the day, your salvation, for I do not know the numbers.	*I will tell people how you have saved me because you are good. I will do that continually because there will always be more for me to say about this.*

What will the psalmist proclaim with his mouth about Yahweh?

He will tell of Yahweh's righteousness and salvation all day.

Psalms 71:16

ULT	UST
I will come in the forces of Lord Yahweh; I will remember your righteousness, yours alone.	*Yahweh my Lord, you are the one who gives me great strength. I will recall to others how you do what is right in a way that no one else does.*

In whose strength does the psalmist say he will come?

The psalmist says he will come in the strength of Lord Yahweh.

Psalms 71:17-18

Why should Yahweh not forsake the psalmist?

Yahweh should not forsake him because the psalmist is declaring Yahweh's wonderful doings to the next generation and his power to everyone who is to come.

Psalms 71:19

ULT	UST
For your righteousness, God, is to height, you who do great things; God, who is like you?	*God, you do so many great things because you are good, it is as if they have piled up to the sky. There is no one else like you, God!*

What does the psalmist say about God's righteousness?

The psalmist says that God's righteousness reaches to the heights and that no one is like God.

Psalms 71:20

ULT	UST
You who have made me see many and evil troubles, may you return, may you revive me, and may you return, may you bring me up from the depths of the earth.	*You have allowed me to experience many very difficult things, and it has seemed as if I was about to go to the place where dead people are, but now please give me a good life again.*

What does the psalmist ask God to do after he has experienced many troubles?

The psalmist asks God to revive him and to give him a good life again.

Psalms 71:21-22

For what does the psalmist give thanks with his harp?

He gives thanks to God for God's faithfulness.

Psalms 71:23-24

What does the psalmist do all day long?

He meditates on God's righteousness all day long.

Psalms 72

Psalms 72:1

ULT	UST
Of Solomon. God, give your judgments to the king and your righteousness to the son of the king.	*A psalm of Solomon. O God, please enable the man who is now succeeding his father as king to judge cases rightly, as you would do.*

What does Solomon ask God to give to the son of the king who is now the king?

Solomon asks God to give the king God's own judgments and righteousness.

Psalms 72:5

ULT	UST
May they fear you with the sun and to the face of the moon, generation of generations.	*May each successive generation of the people respect you. May they do that for as long as the sun and the moon are in the sky!*

How long does Solomon want the people to fear God?

He wants them to fear God for as long as the sun and the moon endure, throughout all generations.

Psalms 72:6

ULT	UST
May he come down like rain on mown grass, like showers, a drenching of the earth.	*May this king make the nation prosperous, just as heavy rains soak the soil and enable more hay to grow after a first cutting.*

What does Solomon compare the king to?

He compares the king to rain falling on mown grass and to showers drenching the earth.

Psalms 72:8

ULT	UST
May he rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.	*May he rule over all of the surrounding territory, right up to the shores of the seas. May his realm extend from the Euphrates River to the limits of the lands that people know.*

How far does Solomon ask that the king rule?

He asks that the king rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Psalms 72:11

ULT	UST
And may all kings bow down to him; may all nations serve him.	*In fact, may all the kings in the world acknowledge him as their ruler, and may every nation obey him.*

What does Solomon want all kings and nations to do?

He wants all kings to bow down to the king and all nations to serve him.

Psalms 72:13

ULT	UST
May he have pity on the weak and the needy, and may he save the lives of the needy.	*May he feel compassion for people who are weak and needy and save their lives.*

How does the king treat the weak and the needy?

He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves their lives.

Psalms 72:16

ULT	UST
May there be an abundance of grain in the land; on the head of the mountains may its fruit sway like Lebanon, and may they flourish from the city like the grass of the earth.	*May the fields produce such abundant crops that grain grows all the way up to the tops of the hills and sways in the wind like the branches of the trees in Lebanon. May the cities in Israel be as full of people as the fields are full of grass.*

What does Solomon ask for the land and the people of the cities?

He asks for an abundance of grain in the land and for the people of the cities to flourish like the grass of the earth.

Psalms 72:17

ULT	UST
May his name be forever; may his name continue to the face of the sun. And may they be blessed by him; may all of the nations acclaim him.	*May people always remember what a good king this was, for as long as the sun is in the sky! May he do good things for many people, and may the people of other nations say that he has a good life.*

How long does Solomon ask that the king's name endure?

He asks that the king's name endure forever, and continue as long as the sun.

Psalms 72:18

ULT	UST
Blessed be Yahweh God, the God of Israel, the one doing wonders, he alone.	*Praise Yahweh, the God whom we Israelites worship; he does amazing things that no one else can do.*

What does Yahweh alone do?

He alone does wonderful things.

Psalms 73

Psalms 73:1

ULT	UST
A psalm of Asaph Surely God is good to Israel, to those with a pure heart.	*Asaph wrote this psalm. God truly is good to us Israelite people, to those who want to do what pleases God.*

To whom is God good?

God is good to Israel, to those with a pure heart.

Psalms 73:2-3

Why did Asaph's feet nearly slip?

He nearly slipped because he was envious of the arrogant when he saw the prosperity of the wicked.

Psalms 73:4-5

How did Asaph describe the wicked?

He said they have no suffering until they die, they are fat and well fed, they are free from the troubles that other people face, and they are not afflicted like other men.

Psalms 73:6

ULT	UST
Therefore pride is a necklace for them; a garment of violence covers them.	*So they are proud and violent. Their being prideful is like a necklace that they show off to others, and they openly display their violent actions like people openly display the clothes they wear.*

What are the characteristics that Asaph ascribes to the wicked?

Asaph says that they are filled with pride and openly display their violent actions.

Psalms 73:7

ULT	UST
Their eyes bulge out from fatness; the imaginations of their heart overflow.	*Their eyes protrude because their faces are fat, and they are always thinking about more evil things to do.*

What does the psalmist say about the eyes and heart of the wicked?

Their eyes bulge out from fatness, and they are always thinking of more evil things to do.

Psalms 73:8-9

What do the wicked say and do?

They mock others and speak of doing evil and oppressive things to them; they speak with pride. They talk as if they are God and boast across the earth.

Psalms 73:11

ULT	UST
And they say, "How does God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?"	*Wicked people say to themselves, "God certainly does not care what we do; the Most High certainly will not judge us for what we do!"*

What do the wicked say about God?

They say that God does not know or care about what they do, and that the Most High has no knowledge and will not judge their actions.

Psalms 73:13-14

Why does Asaph feel he guarded his heart in vain?

He has suffered and been punished every day, even though he kept his heart clean and has not committed sinful acts.

Psalms 73:15

ULT	UST
If I had said, "I will recount such things," behold, I would have betrayed the generation of your children.	*If I had said these things out loud in front of others, surely I would have been sinning against your people.*

What will happen if Asaph says these things?

He will betray the generation of God's children.

Psalms 73:16-17

Where did Asaph go to gain understanding of these things?

Asaph went into the temple of God.

Psalms 73:19

ULT	UST
How they are brought to desolation as in a moment! They come to an end, they perish by terrors.	*God will suddenly destroy these wicked people; they will die in terrible ways.*

What happens to the wicked?

They are destroyed in a moment; they come to an end in terrible ways.

Psalms 73:22

ULT	UST
I was stupid and I was not knowing; I was an animal with you.	*I was stupid and ignorant; I behaved like an animal toward you.*

What did Asaph say he was like before God?

He was stupid and ignorant, like an animal before God.

Psalms 73:24

ULT	UST
You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me to glory.	*You lead me by instructing me, and when I die, you will take me into your glorious presence.*

What will God do for Asaph after guiding him with his counsel?

Afterward, God will take Asaph to glory.

Psalms 73:25

ULT	UST
Whom have I in heaven but you? And besides you there is nothing on the earth I desire.	*You are the only one I have in heaven! There is nothing on this earth that I desire more than you.*

What does Asaph say he desires?

He desires only God, both in heaven and on earth.

Psalms 73:27

ULT	UST
For behold, those who are far from you will perish; you destroy every one being unfaithful to you.	*People who abandon you will perish; you will ruin every person who is not loyal to you.*

Who will perish?

Those who are far from God will perish, and God will destroy all those who are unfaithful to him.

Psalms 73:28

ULT	UST
But for me, the closeness of God for me is good. I have made the Lord, Yahweh, my refuge in order to recount all your works.	*But for me, the only thing I need is to be close to God. I trust in the Lord Yahweh to keep me safe so that I may tell others everything you have done for me.*

What does Asaph say is good for him?

Being close to God is good for him. He has made Yahweh his refuge so that he can tell about all of God's works.

Psalms 74

Psalms 74:2

ULT	UST
Remember your congregation that you acquired in antiquity, which you redeemed, the tribe of your inheritance, this Mount Zion on which you have dwelt.	*Think about your people whom you chose long ago. You rescued us from slavery so that we would belong to you. Think about Mount Zion, where you have been present in your temple.*

What does Asaph ask God to remember that he did for his people in ancient times?

Asaph asks God to remember his people that he chose long ago and redeemed from slavery to be his own.

Psalms 74:4-6

What damage did the enemy do in the sanctuary?

They set up their battle flags, swung axes like woodsmen in a forest, and broke down all the carvings with hatchet and hammers.

Psalms 74:7

ULT	UST
They sent your holy place into fire; they profaned the dwelling of your name to the ground.	*Then they burned down your temple completely. They treated the temple where you were present as if it were not a sacred place.*

What else did they do to the sanctuary?

They set it on fire, burned it down, and profaned the temple.

Psalms 74:8

ULT	UST
They said in their heart, “Let us oppress them altogether.” They burned all of the meeting places of God in the land.	*They said to themselves, “We will completely subdue the Israelites.” They burned down every place in the land where people gathered to worship God.*

What did the enemy do to the meeting places?

They burned all of the meeting places of God in the land.

Psalms 74:9

ULT	UST
We do not see our signs; there is no longer a prophet and not one with us knowing until when.	*You no longer give us any signs, and there are no prophets anymore. None of us knows how long this will last.*

What did God's people not see anymore?

They did not see any more signs, and there was no longer a prophet among them.

Psalms 74:12-13

Why has God been Asaph's king since ancient times?

Asaph recognizes God's work of salvation in the earth and his power to create order out of chaos.

Psalms 74:14

ULT	UST
You, you crushed the heads of Leviathan; you gave him as food to a people, to the desert-dwellers.	*It was as if you smashed the heads of a chaos monster that lived in the sea and left his body in the desert for scavengers to eat.*

To what did Asaph compare the power of God?

Asaph compared the power of God to one who could crush the heads of monsters and leave their bodies as food to the desert-dwellers.

Psalms 74:16-17

What did God set in place?

God established the light and the sun, set all the boundaries of the earth, and formed the seasons of summer and winter.

Psalms 74:18

ULT	UST
Remember this: the enemy has reproached Yahweh, and a foolish people has despised your name.	*Yahweh, remember that your enemies have insulted you and that foolish people have mocked your reputation.*

What does the enemy do that Asaph wants Yahweh to remember?

Asaph wants Yahweh to remember that Yahweh's enemies have insulted and mocked him, and that foolish people have despised his name.

Psalms 74:20

ULT	UST
Regard the covenant, for pastures of violence fill the dark places of the land.	*People are committing violent acts in places where they think others will not see them. So we need you to help us. Please do that because of the covenant that you made with us.*

Why does Asaph ask God to regard his covenant?

He asks because violence fills the dark places of the land.

Psalms 74:22

ULT	UST
Arise, God! Plead your case! Remember your reproach from the fool all of the day.	*Take action to defend yourself, God! Do not allow foolish people to keep insulting you!*

What does Asaph want God to arise and defend?

Asaph wants God to arise and plead his own cause against the insults of foolish people.

Psalms 75

Psalms 75:1

ULT	UST
We give thanks to you, God; we give thanks, and your name is near; they recount your wonders.	*We thank you, God! We thank you because you are close to us. We tell people about the wonderful things that you have done.*

For what do the people give thanks?

They give thanks because God is near to them, and they tell others about his wonderful deeds.

Psalms 75:2-3

What will God do at the appointed time?

He will judge everyone fairly and when the earth shakes, he will hold it steady.

Psalms 75:4-5

What does Asaph tell the boastful and wicked not to do?

He tells them not to boast or brag about their power, and not to speak arrogantly.

Psalms 75:7

ULT	UST
For God is the judge; this one he brings low, and this one he lifts up.	*God is the one who judges people; he shames and punishes some people, and he honors other people.*

What does Asaph say about God?

God is the judge and he brings some down and raises others up.

Psalms 75:8

ULT	UST
For a cup is in the hand of Yahweh, and the wine foams, a full mixture, and he pours out from this; surely its dregs they will drain; all the wicked of the earth will drink.	*It is as if Yahweh holds a cup full of punishment in his hand. It is full of punishment that is like foaming wine mixed with spices. He pours it out to punish the wicked, and all the wicked people on earth must drink it. He punishes them fully like they were drinking the cup to the last drop.*

To what does Asaph compare Yahweh's judgment of the wicked?

Asaph compares Yahweh's judgment of the wicked to a cup of foaming wine that all the wicked people on earth must drink down to the last drop.

Psalms 75:9

ULT	UST
But I, I will declare to eternity; I will sing praise to the God of Jacob.	*But as for me, I will never stop saying what the God whom Jacob worshiped has done; I will never stop singing to praise him.*

How will Asaph praise the God of Jacob?

He will continually tell what God has done and sing praises to him and will never stop.

Psalms 75:10

ULT	UST
"And all the horns of the wicked I will cut off; the horns of the righteous will be lifted up."	*God promises this: "I will destroy the power of wicked people, but I will increase the power of righteous people."*

What does God say he will do to the power of the wicked and the righteous?

He will destroy the power of the wicked and increase the power of the righteous.

Psalms 76

Psalms 76:2

ULT	UST
And his abode is in Salem, and his dwelling place is in Zion.	*His home is in Jerusalem. He lives on Mount Zion.*

Where does the psalmist say God has his dwelling place?

His dwelling place is on Mount Zion in Jerusalem.

Psalms 76:4

ULT	UST
You are shining, majestic, from the mountains of prey.	*You are glorious and excellent. You are more majestic than the mountains where you destroyed your enemies.*

How does the psalmist describe God?

God is glorious and majestic.

Psalms 76:6

ULT	UST
At your rebuke, O God of Jacob, both rider and horse fell deeply asleep.	*When you, the God whom Jacob worshiped, shouted at them, their war horses and their riders fell down dead.*

What happened when the God of Jacob rebuked his enemies?

At his rebuke, both horse and rider fell down dead.

Psalms 76:8

ULT	UST
From heaven you caused judgment to be heard; the earth feared and was quiet	*You gave your decision from heaven. The whole world was scared and silent.*

What happened when God's judgment came from heaven?

When his judgment came, the earth was afraid and silent.

Psalms 76:10

ULT	UST
For the wrath of man will thank you; the remainder of wrath you will gird on.	*Even human anger will bring you praise. You will use the rest of their anger as a weapon.*

What does the psalmist say the anger of people will do?

Even the anger of people will bring God praise.

Psalms 76:11

ULT	UST
Vow and pay to Yahweh your God; let all who are around him bring a gift to the Fear.	*Make promises to Yahweh your God and keep them. Let everyone around him bring gifts to the Awesome One.*

What does the psalmist say people should do regarding vows to Yahweh their God?

They should make vows to Yahweh their God and keep them.

Psalms 76:12

ULT	UST
He cuts off the spirit of princes; he is to be feared by the kings of the earth.	*He humbles the leaders, and terrifies all the kings.*

What does the psalmist say God does to princes and kings?

God humbles the spirit of princes, and kings of the earth fear him.

Psalms 77

Psalms 77:2-3

What did Asaph do in the day of his trouble?

He sought the Lord, praying all night, and he thought about God and meditated on him.

Psalms 77:5

ULT	UST
I thought about days from antiquity, years of long ago.	*I thought about days that had passed; I remembered what had happened in previous years.*

What did Asaph think about when he could not sleep at night?

He thought about previous years, about times long ago.

Psalms 77:6

ULT	UST
I will remember my song in the night; with my heart I will meditate, and my spirit searches.	*During the night, I remembered the songs that I used to sing; I thoughtfully considered, and I pondered these things:*

What did Asaph recall to mind during the night?

He called to mind the songs he once sang.

Psalms 77:10

ULT	UST
And I said, "This is my wounding: the changing of the right hand of the Most High."	*I said, "What causes me to be sad the most is that it seems that God, who is greater than any other spirit being, is no longer using his power for us."*

What is causing Asaph's sadness?

He says his sadness is caused because it seems like the Most High God is no longer using his power for their protection.

Psalms 77:11

ULT	UST
I will remember the deeds of Yah; for I will remember your wonder from antiquity.	*But then, Yahweh, I recall your great deeds; I remember the wonderful things that you did in the past.*

Which deeds of Yahweh does Asaph think about?

He thinks about Yahweh's wonderful deeds of the past.

Psalms 77:13-15

How is God different from all other gods?

There is no other god like God; he does wonders, reveals his strength, and performs miracles.

Psalms 77:16-17

How did Asaph compare the power of nature to the power of God?

Asaph describes nature as being afraid of God and trembling; the clouds poured water, the skies thundered, and the depths of the waters shook.

Psalms 77:18-20

How did God lead his people?

God led his people as a shepherd leads his flock of sheep; his path went through the sea, and his way through deep waters.

Psalms 78

Psalms 78:2

ULT	UST
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will pour out riddles from antiquity.	*I am going to give you some sayings that wise people have said. They will be sayings about things that happened long ago, things that were difficult to understand.*

How does Asaph say he will teach his people?

Asaph says he will open his mouth in a parable and speak about things from long ago that are difficult to understand.

Psalms 78:4

ULT	UST
We will not keep them from their descendants. We will tell the next generation about the praises of Yahweh, his strength, and his wonders that he has done.	*We will tell these things to our children, but we will also tell our grandchildren to praise Yahweh for his power and the glorious things that he has done.*

What does the psalmist say he will tell the next generation?

He says he will tell them to praise Yahweh for his strength and the wonders that he has done.

Psalms 78:6

ULT	UST
So that the later generation might know, the children yet to be born, and they will rise up and tell to their children.	*He commanded this so that their children would also know them and so that they would teach them to their own children.*

Why did Yahweh command the people to teach his law to their children?

Yahweh commanded this so that the later generation and children not yet born would know his law and in turn tell it to their own children.

Psalms 78:7-8

Why was it important for the fathers to teach Yahweh's commandments to their children?

It was important for the fathers to teach Yahweh's commandments to their children so that they would trust in God, remember what he had done, and keep his commandments, and would not be like their stubborn and rebellious ancestors.

Psalms 78:10

ULT	UST
They did not keep the covenant of God, and they refused to walk in his law.	*They did not do what they had agreed with God that they would do; they refused to obey his laws.*

How did their fathers act wrongly against God?

They did not keep their covenant with God and refused to obey his laws.

Psalms 78:14

ULT	UST
And by day he led them with the cloud and all the night with the light of fire.	*He led them by a bright cloud during the day and by a fiery light during the night.*

How did God lead their fathers through the wilderness?

He led them in the daytime with a cloud and all through the night with the light of fire.

Psalms 78:18

ULT	UST
And they tested God in their hearts by asking for food for their appetite.	*By demanding that God give them the food that they desired, they tried to find out if he would always do what they requested him to do.*

How did Israel test God?

They tested God in their hearts by demanding food to satisfy their appetites.

Psalms 78:19

ULT	UST
And they spoke against God. They said, "Can God arrange a table in the wilderness?	*They insulted God by saying, "God surely cannot supply food for us here in this desert.*

What did Israel say when they spoke against God?

They insulted God by questioning whether God was able to provide food for them in the wilderness.

Psalms 78:22

ULT	UST
because they did not believe in God and did not trust in his salvation.	*He did that because they did not trust in him, and they did not believe that he would rescue them.*

Why was Yahweh angry with Israel?

Yahweh was angry because they did not believe in him and did not trust in his salvation.

Psalms 78:23-24

How did God provide food for Israel even though they did not believe in him?

God commanded the sky to open and rain down manna, a grain from heaven, for them to eat.

Psalms 78:31

ULT	UST
and the nose of God went up in them and he killed some of their stoutest people, and he caused the young men of Israel to bow down.	*when God angrily killed some of their strongest men. He even sent young Israelite men to their graves.*

What did God do to Israel in his anger?

He killed some of their strongest men and sent the young men of Israel to their graves.

Psalms 78:34

ULT	UST
When he killed them, then they would seek him, and they would return and look earnestly for God.	*Whenever God caused some of the Israelites to die, the others would repent; they would be sorry and seriously ask God to save them.*

How did the people of Israel respond whenever God caused some of them to die?

They would seek God and return and look earnestly for him.

Psalms 78:37

ULT	UST
And their hearts were not steadfast with him, and they were not faithful in his covenant.	*They were not loyal to him; they did not keep the promises between God and them.*

What was the condition of Israel's heart before God?

Their hearts were not steadfast with him, and they were not faithful to his covenant.

Psalms 78:38-39

How did God show mercy to the people of Israel?

He forgave their iniquity, did not destroy them, and held back his anger many times. He remembered that they were only human and that their lives were brief.

Psalms 78:44

ULT	UST
And he turned their rivers to blood and their streams they could not drink.	*He turned the rivers of Egypt to blood, so that the people could not drink their streams.*

What did God do to the rivers of Egypt?

He turned the rivers to blood so that the people could not drink from their streams.

Psalms 78:51

ULT	UST
And he struck every firstborn in Egypt, the beginning of strength in the tents of Ham.	*In that plague he caused all the firstborn sons of the people of Egypt to die.*

What did God do to the firstborn of the Egyptians?

He struck every firstborn in Egypt, the firstborn of every family, so that he died.

Psalms 78:52

ULT	UST
And he made his people journey like sheep, and he led them like a flock in the wilderness.	*Then he led his people out of Egypt like a shepherd leads his sheep, and he guided them like a flock in the desert.*

How did God lead his people out of Egypt?

He led them like a shepherd leads his sheep and guided them through the wilderness like a flock.

Psalms 78:55

ULT	UST
And he drove out nations from before them and caused them to fall in a portion of inheritance, and he caused the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.	*He drove out the people groups as the Israelites advanced; he distributed the land for each tribe to possess as their own, and he settled the tribes of Israel in the homes of those peoples.*

What did God do to the nations?

He drove out the nations before the Israelites and gave the land to the tribes of Israel as their inheritance.

Psalms 78:57

ULT	UST
And they turned back and acted treacherously like their fathers; they turned themselves like a bow of deceit.	*They turned away and were unfaithful, just as their ancestors had been; they were as unreliable as a bow that does not shoot straight.*

How did the people of Israel act like their ancestors?

They turned back and were unfaithful to God, just as their ancestors had done.

Psalms 78:58

ULT	UST
And they provoked him to anger with their high places, and with their carved images they moved him to jealousy.	*They made God angry by worshiping at shrines on the hilltops, and they made him jealous by worshiping carved idols.*

With what did Israel make God angry?

They made him angry with their worship at the high places and provoked him to jealousy with their carved images.

Psalms 78:62-63

To what did God deliver his people?

He delivered them over to the sword, and fire destroyed their young men.

Psalms 78:68

ULT	UST
But he chose the tribe of Judah, Mount Zion, which he loved.	*Instead he chose the tribe of Judah whose capital is on Mount Zion, which he loves.*

Which tribe did God choose from Israel?

God chose the tribe of Judah and Mount Zion, which he loved.

Psalms 78:70

ULT	UST
And he chose David his servant and took him from the folds of the flock.	*He chose David, who served him, and took him away from tending the sheep.*

Who did God choose to be the shepherd of Israel?

God chose David, his servant, and brought him from tending the sheep to shepherd the people of Israel.

Psalms 79

Psalms 79:1

ULT	UST
A psalm. Of Asaph. God, nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled the temple of your holiness; they have made Jerusalem into heaps.	*A Levite from the clan of Asaph wrote this song. God, foreign nations have invaded the land that belongs to you. They have made your holy temple unfit for worship, and they have made Jerusalem a pile of ruins.*

What happened when the foreign nations came into Israel?

They defiled the temple and turned Jerusalem into a heap of ruins.

Psalms 79:4

ULT	UST
We have become a reproach to our neighbors, scorn and derision to the ones around us.	*The people of the nations around us insult us and laugh at us.*

What has Israel become to their neighbors?

They have become a reproach to their neighbors, a scorn and derision to those around them.

Psalms 79:6

ULT	UST
Pour out your wrath on the nations that have not known you and on the kingdoms that have not called on your name.	*The people of other nations do not honor you as God. You should be angry with them and punish them,*

On whom does Asaph ask God to pour out his wrath?

He asks God to pour out his wrath on the nations that do not know God and on the kingdoms that do not call upon God’s name.

Psalms 79:8

ULT	UST
Do not remember former iniquities against us; hasten, let your compassions meet us, for we have become very weak.	*Please forgive the wicked things we did in the past. Quickly be merciful to us, because we are desperate.*

What does Asaph ask God to do?

He asks God not to remember their former sins against them and to be merciful to them.

Psalms 79:10

ULT	UST
Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Let the vengeance of the poured-out blood of your servants be known among the nations to our eyes.	*Do not let the other nations say, "Their God was not able to help them!" We want to see you punish those nations for killing the people who serve you.*

What does Asaph not want the nations to say?

He does not want the nations to say, "Where is their God?"

Psalms 79:13

ULT	UST
And we, your people and the flock of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; to generation and generation we will recount your praise.	*Then we will always thank you. You care for us, your people, the way a shepherd cares for his sheep. Each generation of Israelites will tell their children how wonderful you are.*

What does Asaph say that Israel is to God?

He says they are God's people and the flock of God's pasture.

Psalms 80

Psalms 80:1

ULT	UST
Shepherd of Israel, give ear, the one leading Joseph like a flock. Sitter on the cherubs, shine forth.	*God, you are like a shepherd to the people of Israel, so please listen to me. You lead the descendants of Joseph the way a shepherd leads his flock. You were present with us in your temple above the statues of the cherubs; reveal your glory to us again!*

What is the psalmist asking the Shepherd of Israel to do?

The psalmist is asking him to pay attention and to reveal his glory to them.

Psalms 80:2

ULT	UST
To the face of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, awaken your might and come to us for salvation.	*Just as you moved powerfully through the wilderness right ahead of the tribes of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, come powerfully once again and save us.*

What is the psalmist asking the Shepherd of Israel to do in the sight of the tribes of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh?

He is asking the Shepherd of Israel to stir up his power and come and save them.

Psalms 80:3

ULT	UST
God, restore us, and make your face shine and let us be saved.	*God, make us strong again. Regard us favorably and save us.*

What is the psalmist asking God to do?

He is asking God to restore their strength, regard them favorably, and save them.

Psalms 80:4

ULT	UST
Yahweh, God of armies, until when will you smolder against the prayer of your people?	*Yahweh, you are the God who commands the heavenly armies. You have been angry with us, and so you have not been doing what we ask when we pray to you. But please now answer our prayers.*

What was Yahweh's response when his people prayed?

He was angry at his people so when they prayed, he did not answer.

Psalms 80:5

ULT	UST
You have made them eat bread of tears, and you have made them drink tears in triple measure.	*You have caused us to experience constant sorrow. It feels as if you are punishing us three times as much as we deserve.*

What has Yahweh caused them to experience?

He has caused them to experience punishment through constant sorrow just as if he gave them tears for their food and drink.

Psalms 80:6

ULT	UST
You have made us strife to our neighbors, and our enemies mock among themselves.	*The nations around us have become hostile to us, and our enemies make fun of us.*

What are Israel's neighbors and enemies doing to them?

The nations are hostile to them, and their enemies mock and make fun of them.

Psalms 80:8

ULT	UST
You pulled up a vine from Egypt; you drove out nations and planted it.	*You brought your people out of Egypt as if you were transplanting a vine from there. You forced other nations to leave this land and you allowed your people to settle in it, as if you were planting that vine here.*

What did God do with the people that he brought out of Egypt?

He drove out nations before them and allowed his people to settle in it like a vine that was transplanted from one place to another.

Psalms 80:9

ULT	UST
You cleared to the face of it, and it rooted its roots and filled the land.	*You removed the foreign nations, just as a farmer clears the ground for a new plant. This enabled your people to become a strong nation that occupied the entire country.*

What did God do to prepare for his people to move into the land?

God removed the foreign nations just as a farmer clears land for a new plant.

Psalms 80:10

ULT	UST
The mountains were covered with its shadow, and its branches were cedars of God.	*It was as if that vine became so large that its shadow darkened the mountains and its branches were like great cedar trees.*

What does the psalmist say about the people of God?

He says they became so numerous it was like a vine that covered the mountains, and whose branches were like the great cedars.

Psalms 80:11

ULT	UST
It sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.	*They controlled the territory from the Great Sea in the west to the Euphrates River in the east.*

How far did the people's influence extend?

They controlled territory as far as the sea in the west and the Euphrates River in the east.

Psalms 80:12

ULT	UST
Why have you broken down its walls, so that all the ones passing on the way pluck it?	*But now you have allowed enemies to invade and conquer us, as if you had torn down a fence that protected that vine, so that everyone who walked past it could take whatever fruit they wanted from it.*

What has God allowed to happen?

The land has been conquered and its protective walls broken down so that those who pass by can take whatever they want.

Psalms 80:13

ULT	UST
The boar from the forest ravages it, and the creature of the field grazes on it.	*Those enemies have destroyed the country, as if a wild boar had chewed up that vine and wild animals ate what remained.*

What will the enemies do to the country?

They will destroy it until it is as if wild boars had chewed up a vine and other wild animals ate what was left.

Psalms 80:14

ULT	UST
God of armies, return, please. Look down from heaven and see, and visit this vine,	*God, commander of the heavenly armies, please help us again! Look down from heaven and see what is happening to us! Come and care for your people, who are like a vine that you planted*

What does the psalmist ask the God of armies to do for his people?

He asks the God of armies to turn around and look down from heaven and see and respond to his people who are like a vine that he had planted.

Psalms 80:15

ULT	UST
even the stock that your right hand planted, and on the son you strengthened for yourself.	*and worked hard to make sure that it would grow well. Your people are also like your own son whom you helped grow up to be strong.*

Who planted the people and made them grown strong in the land?

The right hand of the God of armies planted the people and caused them to become strong.

Psalms 80:16

ULT	UST
It is burned with fire, it is cut down; from the rebuke of your face they perish.	*But now, because you do not regard them favorably, their enemies are destroying them as if someone had cut down that vine and burned it.*

What is happening to the people?

Their enemies are destroying them as if someone had cut down and burned a vine.

Psalms 80:17

ULT	UST
Let your hand be on the man of your right hand, on the son of man you strengthened for yourself.	*Even though we are human, we are like your own son whom you helped grow up to be strong, so please help us with your power. Restore us to a position of honor.*

What does the psalmist want God to do for his own people?

The psalmist wants God to help them and to restore their power.

Psalms 80:18

ULT	UST
And we will not turn back from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.	*Then we will not worship other gods again. Give us new life, and we will worship only you.*

What will the people do if God revives them?

They will worship him and not turn back to worship other gods.

Psalms 80:19

ULT	UST
Yahweh, God of armies, restore us. Make your face shine, and let us be saved.	*Yahweh, the God who commands the heavenly armies, make us strong again! Regard us favorably and save us.*

What will happen if Yahweh, the God of armies, restores the people?

If Yahweh restores them, they will be saved.

Psalms 81

Psalms 81:1

ULT	UST
Shout joyfully to God, our strength; shout out to the God of Jacob.	*Sing joyfully to God, who makes us strong! Shout with joy to the God whom we Israelites worship!*

What does the psalmist tell the people to do to God?

He tells them to shout joyfully to God, their strength, and to shout out to the God of Jacob.

Psalms 81:2

ULT	UST
Raise a song and put forth the tambourine, the pleasant harp with the lyre.	*Start playing music! Beat tambourines and play lyres and pleasant-sounding harps.*

What instruments do the psalmist tell the people to use as they raise a song?

The psalmist tells the people to play tambourines, harps, and lyres.

Psalms 81:3

ULT	UST
Blow a shofar at the new moon, at the full moon for the day of our festival.	*Blow a ram's horn for the new-moon festival each month and on the day of the full moon when the Festival of Shelters begins.*

When should the people blow the shofar?

They should blow it at the new moon and at the full moon for the day of their festival.

Psalms 81:4

ULT	UST
For it is a statute for Israel, a judgment of the God of Jacob.	*Do this because the God whom we Israelite people worship has commanded us to do it.*

Who gave these commands for Israel?

The God of Jacob gave these commands for Israel.

Psalms 81:5

ULT	UST
He set it as a testimony in Joseph when he went out over the land of Egypt, where I heard a lip I did not know.	*God told our ancestors to observe these festivals when he delivered them from slavery to the Egyptians, a people whose language they did not understand.*

What did God tell their ancestors to observe?

He told their ancestors to observe these things when he delivered them from slavery in the land of Egypt.

Psalms 81:6

ULT	UST
“I removed his shoulder from the burden; his palms passed from the basket.	*Yahweh says, “They had to hold on to heavy baskets full of bricks as they carried them on their shoulders, but I freed them from doing that.*

What did God remove from the shoulder of the people?

He removed the burden from their shoulder, and their hands no longer had to carry heavy baskets full of bricks.

Psalms 81:7

ULT	UST
In distress you called, and I delivered you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder. I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah	*When they were suffering, they cried to me for help, and I rescued them. At Mount Sinai, I spoke to them from dark clouds and gave them laws. Then I saw whether they trusted me when they complained at Meribah that they had no water. Selah*

What happened when the people called out in their distress?

God delivered them and answered them from the secret place of thunder, and he tested them at the waters of Meribah.

Psalms 81:9

ULT	UST
There shall not be a strange god among you, and you shall not bow down to a god of foreignness.	*You must not make any idols that represent any of the gods that other nations worship. You must never bow down to worship any of those gods.*

What did God say about strange gods?

God said there must be no strange god among Israel, and they must not bow down to any god that other nations worship.

Psalms 81:10

ULT	UST
I am Yahweh your God, the one having brought you up from the land of Egypt. Open wide your mouth, and I will fill it.	*I am Yahweh your God. I am the one who rescued you from slavery in Egypt. If you depend on me, I will provide everything that you need.*

What does Yahweh say he did for Israel?

He brought them up from slavery in the land of Egypt.

What promise did God make to the Israelites?

He promised them that if they depended on him, that he would provide everything they needed.

Psalms 81:11

ULT	UST
But my people did not listen to my voice, and Israel did not submit to me.	*However, my people would not listen to what I said; the Israelites refused to obey me.*

What did Yahweh's people, Israel, not do?

They did not listen to Yahweh's voice, and Israel did not submit to him.

Psalms 81:12

ULT	UST
So I sent them away in the stubbornness of their heart; they walked in their counsels.	*So I let them do whatever they stubbornly wanted to do; they did whatever they had decided to do.*

What did Yahweh do when his people refused to listen to him?

He sent them away in the stubbornness of their heart, and they walked in their own counsels.

Psalms 81:13

ULT	UST
If only my people were listening to me, if Israel would walk in my ways!	*I wish that my people would obey me! Yes, I wish that the Israelites would live the way I want them to!*

What does Yahweh long for his people to do?

Yahweh wants his people to listen to him and walk in his ways.

Psalms 81:14

ULT	UST
As a little thing I would subdue their enemies, and I would turn my hand against their adversaries.	*Then I would use my power against those who are opposing them, and I would easily defeat their enemies.*

What would Yahweh do if his people would listen to him and walk in his ways?

He would easily subdue their enemies and turn his hand against their adversaries.

Psalms 81:15

ULT	UST
The haters of Yahweh would cringe before him, and their time would be forever.	*Then those who had rebelled against Yahweh would bow down fearfully in front of him to submit to his authority. But the Israelites would always prosper.*

According to Yahweh, what would happen to those who hate him?

They would cringe before him, but the Israelites would always prosper.

Psalms 81:16

ULT	UST
And he would feed him with the fat of the wheat, and I would satisfy you with honey from the rock.”	*I would make their fields produce abundant crops, and they would even find all the honey they wanted in wild bee hives in rocky places.”*

What does Yahweh say he would do for Israel?

Yahweh would feed them with the fat of the wheat and satisfy them with honey from the rock.

Psalms 82

Psalms 82:1

ULT	UST
A psalm. Of Asaph. God is standing in the congregation of God; in the midst of gods he judges:	*A Levite from the clan of Asaph wrote this song. God has taken his place in the assembly that he governs; he pronounces judgment on the rulers there.*

From where does God render judgment?

God takes his place in the assembly that he governs and pronounces his judgments there.

Psalms 82:2

ULT	UST
“Until when will you judge with injustice and lift up the faces of the wicked? Selah	*He says, “You must stop making unjust decisions and favoring wicked people! Selah*

What does God say to the rulers in the assembly?

God asks them how long they will judge unjustly and show favoritism to the wicked.

Psalms 82:3

ULT	UST
Judge the poor and the orphan; vindicate the poor and the destitute.	*Defend poor people and orphans, and decide cases fairly for people who have no one else to help them.*

What does God tell the rulers to do for the poor and the orphan?

God tells them to judge the poor and the orphan fairly and to vindicate the poor and the destitute.

Psalms 82:4

ULT	UST
Rescue the poor and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.	*Save defenseless people from what wicked people want to do to them!*

What does God tell the rulers to do for the poor and needy?

God tells them to rescue the poor and needy and deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Psalms 82:5

ULT	UST
They do not know and they do not understand; they walk about in darkness. All of the foundations of the earth are shaken.	*You are foolish and ignorant! You do not recognize the right things to do. People are no longer living by the basic principles that make a society fair.*

What does God say about the rulers who do not know or understand?

God says they walk about in darkness, foolishness, and ignorance, and no longer live by the basic principles that make a society fair.

Psalms 82:6-7

What does God say will happen to the gods he calls sons of the Most High?

God says they will die like ordinary men and fall like one of the princes.

Psalms 82:8

ULT	UST
Arise, God, judge the earth, for you, you will inherit among all of the nations.	*God, you rule all the nations, so take action and judge the people who live on the earth!*

Why does the psalmist ask God to arise and judge the earth?

He asks God to judge the earth because God is the ruler of the nations.

Psalms 83

Psalms 83:2

ULT	UST
For behold, your enemies roar, and the ones hating you lift up the head.	*I ask this because the enemies who hate you are defiantly approaching us with a large army.*

What are God's enemies doing?

They are defiantly approaching with a large army.

Psalms 83:3

ULT	UST
They are cunning with counsel against your people, and they conspire against your treasured ones.	*They have plotted deviously together to fight against us Israelites whom you cherish.*

Who do the enemies of God plot against?

They plot and conspire against God's people whom he cherishes.

Psalms 83:4

ULT	UST
They have said, "Come, and let us destroy them from being a nation, that the name of Israel may not be remembered anymore."	*They have said to each other, "Come on, let us destroy them so completely that no one will ever remember that Israel existed!"*

What do God's enemies say they will do to Israel?

They say they will destroy Israel so that it will no longer exist as a nation.

What would happen to Israel if God's enemies destroyed them?

No one will even remember that Israel existed.

Psalms 83:5

ULT	UST
For they have conspired against you, heart together; they have cut a covenant:	*They have all agreed to do this, and they have made an alliance against you.*

Against whom have God's enemies conspired?

They conspired together against God and made an alliance against him.

Psalms 83:9-10

What does Asaph ask God to do to his enemies, as he did to Midian, Sisera, and Jabin?

He asks God to treat them as he treated those enemies, destroying them and leaving their dead bodies rotted on the ground.

Psalms 83:11-12

What did the nobles and princes of the enemies say?

They said they would take for themselves the land where God's people dwell.

Psalms 83:13-14

What things does Asaph want God to make his enemies like?

He wants God to make them like tumbleweed that rolls away, like chaff that flies away in the wind, like fire that burns a forest, and like flames that burn up the hillsides.

Psalms 83:15

ULT	UST
thus pursue them with your tempest, and terrify them with your whirlwind.	*make them run away afraid as if a great storm were driving them off.*

How does Asaph want God to pursue and terrify his enemies?

He wants God to pursue them until they run away as from a great storm that is driving them off.

Psalms 83:16

ULT	UST
Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek your name, Yahweh.	*Completely disgrace them so that they will acknowledge who you are, Yahweh.*

Why does Asaph ask Yahweh to disgrace his enemies?

He asks God to disgrace his enemies so that they will acknowledge who Yahweh is.

Psalms 83:17

ULT	UST
May they have shame and be terrified, eternities of eternity, and may they have disgrace and may they perish.	*Embarrass them and make them always afraid. Humiliate them until they die.*

What does Asaph desire to happen to God's enemies?

He desires that they have shame and be terrified forever, and that they have disgrace and perish.

Psalms 83:18

ULT	UST
And may they know that you, your name is Yahweh, you alone are the Most High over all of the earth.	*Then they will know that you alone, Yahweh, are the Most High God who rules over everyone in the world.*

What will God's enemies know about Yahweh?

They will know that Yahweh alone is the Most High God who rules over everyone on the earth.

Psalms 84

Psalms 84:1

ULT	UST
How amiable are your dwellings, Yahweh of Armies!	*Yahweh, commander of the heavenly armies, what a wonderful place your temple is!*

What does the psalmist say about the temple of Yahweh?

He says the temple of Yahweh is a wonderful place.

Psalms 84:2

ULT	UST
My soul longs and even faints for the courts of Yahweh; my heart and my flesh cry out to the living God.	*I long greatly, deep inside, to be in the courtyards of Yahweh's temple. With my whole being I call out to the only true God.*

For what does the psalmist long?

He longs to be in the courtyards of Yahweh's temple.

To whom does the psalmist's whole being cry out?

His whole being cries out to the only true God.

Psalms 84:3

ULT	UST
Even the sparrow has found a house, and the swallow, a nest for herself, where she may lay her young— your altars, Yahweh of Armies, my king and my God.	*Even little birds have built their nests near your temple, and that is where they are taking care of their babies. Yahweh, commander of the heavenly armies, you are my king and my God.*

Where has the sparrow built her house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young?

They have built their house and nest near the temple of Yahweh, commander of heavenly armies.

Psalms 84:4

ULT	UST
The happinesses of the dwellers of your house! They praise you continually. Selah	*What a good life people have who live by your temple! They worship you continually there. Selah*

What does the psalmist say about those who live by Yahweh's temple?

They will live a good life and worship Yahweh in his temple continually.

Psalms 84:5

ULT	UST
The happinesses of the man, strength to him is in you! Highways are in their heart.	*What a good life people have whom you make strong so that they can travel to your temple as they greatly desire!*

What does the psalmist say about the man whose strength is in Yahweh?

The people whom Yahweh has made strong enough to travel to the temple will have a good life.

Psalms 84:6

ULT	UST
Passing through in the Valley of Baca, they make it a spring; the early rain also covers it with blessings.	*As they pass through the arid Valley of Baca, they dig wells to look for water, and God sends autumn rains that fill those wells with life-giving water.*

What do those who pass through the Valley of Baca do to it?

They dig wells for water, and God sends the early rain to fill those wells with life-giving water.

Psalms 84:7

ULT	UST
They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.	*They become stronger as they go, and each of them arrives at the temple in Zion where God is present.*

What happens to those who arrive at the temple of God?

They become stronger as they go.

Psalms 84:8

ULT	UST
Yahweh, God of armies, hear my prayer; listen, God of Jacob. Selah	*Yahweh, you are the God who commands the heavenly armies. Please answer my prayer. You are the God whom we Israelite people worship. Please do what I ask. Selah*

Who does the psalmist want to hear his prayer?

He wants Yahweh, God of Armies, to hear his prayer.

Who does the psalmist want to listen to what he is saying?

He wants the God whom Jacob's descendants worship to listen to what he is saying and do what he is asking.

Psalms 84:9

ULT	UST
See our shield, God, and regard the face of your anointed.	*God, please treat favorably the king you have appointed to protect us.*

How does the psalmist ask God to treat the anointed king?

He asks God to treat favorably the king he has appointed to protect his people.

Psalms 84:10

ULT	UST
For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I choose to stand at the threshold in the house of my God rather than dwell in the tents of wickedness.	*It is better be in your temple courtyards for a single day than to be anywhere else for a thousand days. I would rather stand at the entrance to the courtyard of my God's temple than stay in any of the comfortable homes where wicked people live.*

A day in Yahweh's courts is better than what?

A day in Yahweh's temple courts is better than a thousand spent anywhere else.

What does the psalmist say he would rather do than dwell in the tents of wickedness?

He would rather stand at the entrance to the courtyard of God's temple than stay in any of the comfortable homes where wicked people live.

Psalms 84:11

ULT	UST
For Yahweh God is a sun and a shield; Yahweh gives favor and glory. He does not withhold good from the ones walking in blamelessness.	*Yahweh our God makes us prosper, just as the sun makes crops grow, and he protects us, just as a shield protects a warrior. He is kind to us and honors us. Yahweh gives people who live rightly every good thing that they need.*

What does Yahweh do for his people?

Yahweh makes them prosper, protects them, is kind to them, honors them, and gives them every good thing that they need.

Psalms 84:12

ULT	UST
Yahweh of Armies, the happinesses of the man trusting in you!	*Yahweh, commander of the heavenly armies, what a good life people have who trust you!*

What does the psalmist say about the man who trusts in Yahweh of Armies?

The man who trusts in Yahweh of Armies is happy.

Psalms 85

Psalms 85:1

ULT	UST
You favored your land, Yahweh; you restored the captivity of Jacob.	*Yahweh, you have brought back the Israelites who were exiles so that this land can be prosperous again.*

What has Yahweh done for his land and for the Israelites, the descendants of Jacob?

Yahweh has made his land prosperous again by bringing back the Israelites who were exiles.

Psalms 85:2

ULT	UST
You bore the iniquity of your people; you covered all of their sin. Selah	*You forgave all the sins that your people committed. Selah*

What has Yahweh done about the sins of his people?

He has forgiven his people all their sins.

Psalms 85:3

ULT	UST
You gathered up all of your wrath; you turned back from the burning of your nose.	*You completely ceased being angry with us and stopped punishing us severely.*

What has Yahweh done with his wrath and burning anger?

Yahweh stopped punishing his people and ceased being angry with them.

Psalms 85:4

ULT	UST
Restore us, God of our salvation, and break up your vexation with us.	*God, you are the one who saves us. Please stop being upset with us, and make us strong again.*

What does the psalmist ask of God?

He asks God to save his people, to stop being upset with them, and make them strong again.

Psalms 85:6

ULT	UST
You, will you not return? May you revive us, that your people may rejoice in you.	*Please help us so that we will thrive again. Then we, your people, will be happy because of you.*

What will God's people do if God revives them again?

God's people will rejoice in him.

Psalms 85:7

ULT	UST
Make us see your covenant faithfulness, Yahweh, and give your salvation to us.	*Yahweh, please treat us kindly as you promised and rescue us from our troubles.*

What is the psalmist asking God do for his people?

He is asking Yahweh to treat them kindly as he promised and save them from their troubles.

Psalms 85:8

ULT	UST
Let me hear what God Yahweh will speak, for he will speak peace to his people and to his faithful ones, but let them not return to folly.	*I am going to listen to what Yahweh, my God, says to me. I believe he will say that he will make his people thrive if they are loyal to him. However, they must not do foolish things anymore.*

What does the psalmist say Yahweh will say to his people?

Yahweh will say that he will make his people thrive if they are loyal to him and do not do foolish things anymore.

Psalms 85:9

ULT	UST
Surely his salvation is near to his reverent ones, for glory to dwell in our land.	*He is surely ready to help people who deeply respect him. Then he will be gloriously present with us in our land.*

What will happen when Yahweh's salvation comes for those who deeply revere him?

Yahweh will be gloriously present with them in their land.

Psalms 85:10

ULT	UST
Covenant faithfulness and truth will meet together; righteousness and peace will kiss.	*He will be faithfully kind and true to us. He will do what is right and make us peaceful.*

What will the people who revere Yahweh experience?

God's faithful kindness and truth as well as his righteousness and peace.

Psalms 85:11

ULT	UST
Truth will sprout from the earth, and righteousness will look down from the heavens.	*People on earth will be faithful to God, and God will act justly toward us from heaven.*

What will happen on the earth and from heaven when people revere God?

People on earth will be faithful to God, and he will act justly toward them from heaven.

Psalms 85:12

ULT	UST
Also, Yahweh will give the good, and our land will give its produce.	*Yes, Yahweh will give us good things, and our land will produce abundant harvests.*

What will happen when Yahweh gives what is good?

The land will give its produce.

Psalms 85:13

ULT	UST
Righteousness walks before him, and it puts his steps in the way.	*As he considers what to do, he will recognize what the right thing is to do, and he will do that.*

What will Yahweh do as he considers what to do?

Righteousness walks before Yahweh so he will recognize what the right thing is to do and he will do that.

Psalms 86

Psalms 86:1

ULT	UST
A prayer. Of David. Incline your ear, Yahweh; answer me, for I am poor and needy.	*A prayer of David. Yahweh, I am poor and helpless, so please do what I ask.*

Why does David ask Yahweh to listen to and answer him?

He asks Yahweh to answer him because David is poor and needy.

Psalms 86:2

ULT	UST
Guard my soul, for I am faithful. You, my God, save your servant, the one trusting in you.	*I am loyal to you, so please protect me. I worship you as my God and I trust you, so please save me.*

What does David ask Yahweh to do for him when he is faithful and trusts in him?

David asks Yahweh to protect him and save him.

Psalms 86:3

ULT	UST
Favor me, Lord, for to you I call all of the day.	*I have been crying out to you continually, Lord, so please be kind to me.*

What does David ask when he cries out to the Lord?

David asks the Lord to be kind to him.

Psalms 86:4

ULT	UST
Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, Lord, I lift up my soul.	*I am asking you to help me, Lord, as someone who worships you, so please make me happy by doing that.*

When David worships the Lord, what is he asking from the Lord?

David asks the Lord to make him glad.

Psalms 86:5

ULT	UST
For you, Lord, are good and forgiving and plentiful of covenant faithfulness to all of the ones calling on you.	*Do this, Lord, because you are good and you forgive people's sins. You very faithfully love everyone who prays to you.*

What happens to all those who cry out to the Lord who is good?

The Lord faithfully loves everyone who prays to him and is ready to forgive their sins.

Psalms 86:6

ULT	UST
Listen to my prayer, Yahweh, and attend to the voice of my pleas.	*Yahweh, I am pleading with you in prayer to help me; please do what I ask.*

Who does David ask to listen to his prayer and hear his pleas?

David asks Yahweh to listen and do what he asks.

Psalms 86:7

ULT	UST
In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.	*Whenever I am in trouble, I call out to you, because I know that you will help me.*

What will Yahweh do when David calls on him when he is in trouble?

Yahweh will answer and help David.

Psalms 86:8

ULT	UST
There is none like you among the gods, Lord, and there is nothing like your works.	*Lord, among all the gods that the nations worship, there is none like you; none of them has done the great things that you have done.*

Who compares to the Lord among the gods?

There is no one who compares to the Lord and none of the other gods have done the great things he has done.

Psalms 86:9

ULT	UST
All of the nations that you have made will come and bow down to your face, Lord, and they will glorify your name.	*Lord, the nations that you have made will all come and bow down before you, and they will praise you.*

What will all the nations that he has made do before the Lord?

All the nations will come and bow before the Lord and praise him.

Psalms 86:10

ULT	UST
For you are great and are doing wonderful things; you are God, you alone.	*They will do this because you are great and you do amazing things; you are the only true God.*

Who alone is truly God?

Yahweh is the only true God and he does great and wonderful things.

Psalms 86:11

ULT	UST
Teach me your way, Yahweh. that I may walk in your truth. Unite my heart to fear your name.	*Yahweh, please teach me how you want me to live so that I will act properly, as you wish. Give me a sincere desire to honor you.*

What does David ask Yahweh to teach him?

David asks Yahweh to teach him how he wants him to live.

What will happen when Yahweh teaches David?

David will act as Yahweh wishes him to because he sincerely desires to honor Yahweh.

Psalms 86:12

ULT	UST
I will thank you, Lord my God, with all of my heart, and I will glorify your name forever.	*Lord my God, I will thank you wholeheartedly, and I will praise you forever.*

What does David tell God he will do?

David will thank God wholeheartedly and praise him forever.

Psalms 86:13

ULT	UST
For your covenant faithfulness is great toward me, and you have delivered my soul from lowest Sheol.	*I will do that because you have been so faithfully kind to me; you have kept me from going way down into the place where dead people are.*

What does David say God has done in order to keep his covenant with him?

God has kept David from dying and going down to Sheol.

Psalms 86:14

ULT	UST
God, the arrogant arise against me, and the congregation of the violent seek my life, and they do not set you before them.	*God, proud people are attacking me. Yes, a group of cruel people is trying to kill me; those people do not respect you.*

What does David say the arrogant and violent people are doing to him?

They are attacking David and by trying to kill him, showing that they have no respect for God.

Psalms 86:15

ULT	UST
But you, Lord, are a merciful and gracious God, long of nostrils and plentiful of covenant faithfulness and truth.	*But you, Lord, are a God who is merciful and kind. You do not quickly become angry, and you are so faithfully kind and true to us.*

How does David describe the Lord?

David describes the Lord as a merciful and gracious God who does not quickly become angry and is abundantly and faithfully kind and true to his people.

Psalms 86:16

ULT	UST
Turn to me and favor me; give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your female servant.	*Consider my situation and be kind to me; make me, your servant, strong. Help me as if I had been born in your household.*

What does David ask the Lord to do for him?

David asks the Lord to consider his situation and be kind to him, making him strong.

Psalms 86:17

ULT	UST
Work for me a sign for good, that the ones hating me may see and have shame, for you, Yahweh, you help me and comfort me.	*Do something to show that you are helping me so that my enemies will see it, and it will embarrass them. I believe that you, Yahweh, will help me and comfort me.*

What will happen when Yahweh shows David a sign of his favor?

Those who hate David will see Yahweh helping and comforting him and be put to shame.

Psalms 87

Psalms 87:1

ULT	UST
Of the sons of Korah. A psalm. A song. His foundation is on the mountains of holiness.	*One of the Korahites wrote this song. Yahweh established his city on mountains that he made holy.*

Where did Yahweh establish his city?

He established it on the mountains that he made holy.

Psalms 87:2

ULT	UST
Yahweh is loving the gates of Zion more than all of the dwellings of Jacob.	*He loves the city of Zion more than any other place where Israelites live.*

How much does Yahweh love the city of Zion?

He loves them more than all other places where Israelites live.

Psalms 87:3

ULT	UST
Glorious things are spoken of you, city of God. Selah	*People say wonderful things about this city that belongs to God. Selah*

What things are said of the city of God?

People say wonderful and glorious things about this city that belongs to God.

Psalms 87:4

ULT	UST
I will mention Rahab and Babylon to the ones knowing me; behold, Philistia and Tyre with Cush— "This one was born there."	*Yahweh says, "When I talk about people who know me, this will include Egyptians and Babylonians. Indeed, I will also say about Philistines and Tyrians and Cushites, 'This person is a native of Zion.'"*

In what other places does Yahweh mention there are people who know him?

He says he will mention people from Egypt, Babylon, Philistia, Tyre, and Cush among those who know him.

Psalms 87:5

ULT	UST
And of Zion it will be said, "Man and man was born in her, and he, he will establish her, the Most High."	*People will say about Zion, "Every one of those people is a native of that city," and God Most High will personally keep Zion strong.*

What will the Most High do for Zion?

God Most High himself will establish Zion and keep her strong.

Psalms 87:6

ULT	UST
Yahweh will recount in the writing of the peoples, "This one was born there." Selah	*When Yahweh registers each of those people, he will record, "This person is a native of Zion." Selah*

What will Yahweh record as he registers the peoples?

He will record that each of those people was born in Zion.

Psalms 87:7

ULT	UST
And the singers, like the pipers, "All of my springs are in you."	*Singers and musicians will celebrate and say, "Zion, everything that makes me flourish comes from you!"*

What do the singers and musicians say?

They will celebrate and say that everything that makes them flourish comes from Zion.

Psalms 88

Psalms 88:1

ULT	UST
Yahweh, God of my salvation, by day, in the night, I cry out before you.	*Yahweh, you are the God who saves me. I continually ask you to help me.*

When does the psalmist cry out to Yahweh, the God of his salvation?

The psalmist cries out continually to ask Yahweh to help him.

Psalms 88:2

ULT	UST
Let my prayer come to your face; incline your ear to my cry.	*Please pay attention to what I am saying as I pray to you.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to do for him?

He asks Yahweh to pay attention to his prayer as he cries out to him.

Psalms 88:3

ULT	UST
For my soul is full of troubles, and my life has come near to Sheol.	*I ask this because I have experienced so many bad things that I cannot endure any more; I am about to die and go to the place where dead people are.*

What is the psalmist experiencing?

He is experiencing so many bad things that he feels he is about to die.

Psalms 88:4

ULT	UST
I am reckoned with the ones going down into the pit; I have become like a man without strength,	*People expect me to die soon because I have so little strength left.*

What does the psalmist say others expect to happen to him?

People expect him to die soon because he has so little strength left.

Psalms 88:5

ULT	UST
free among the ones having died, like the slain lying in the grave, whom you do not remember them anymore, and they, they are cut off from your hand.	*It is as if I belong among dead people who are lying in their graves. It seems that you are no longer aware of such people and you stop taking care of them.*

What does the psalmist say about the dead who lie in the grave?

He says that it seems as if Yahweh is no longer aware of people who have died and has stopped taking care of them.

Psalms 88:6

ULT	UST
You have set me in the pit of the depths, in dark places, in deep places.	*It is as though you have thrown me down to the bottom of a deep, dark pit.*

How does the psalmist describe where he feels as if Yahweh has placed him?

He says it is as though Yahweh has thrown him to the bottom of a deep, dark pit.

Psalms 88:7

ULT	UST
Your wrath rests heavily on me, and you overwhelm me with all of your waves. Selah	*I feel as if you are angry with me, and that is like an oppressive burden to me. It is as if I am drowning in your anger. Selah*

What feels like an oppressive burden to the psalmist?

He feels that Yahweh is so angry with him that it feels as if he is drowning in Yahweh's anger.

Psalms 88:8

ULT	UST
You have distanced my acquaintances from me; you have made me abominations to them. I am shut in, and I do not go out.	*Because my illness is so unpleasant and you have not healed me, my friends stay away from me, and I am not able to leave my home to visit anyone.*

Why do the psalmist's acquaintances avoid him?

Yahweh has made his illness so unpleasant that his friends stay away from him and he is not able to visit any of them.

Psalms 88:9

ULT	UST
My eye mourns from affliction. I call out to you, Yahweh, in all of the day; I spread out my palms to you.	*My eyes are swollen because I cry so much. Yahweh, throughout the day I call out to you for help as I spread out my hands toward you in prayer.*

What does the psalmist say about his eyes?

His eyes are swollen from crying out in prayer to Yahweh about his affliction.

Psalms 88:10

ULT	UST
Will you do a wonder for the ones having died? Or will the Raphaites arise? Will they thank you? Selah	*If I were to die, it would be too late for you to do a miracle to help me. Dead people do not come back to life and praise you! Selah*

What questions does the psalmist ask Yahweh about the dead?

He asks Yahweh if he will do a miracle to help him before he dies and is no longer able to praise Yahweh.

Psalms 88:11-12

What does the psalmist remind Yahweh about dead people?

He reminds Yahweh that if he dies, he will no longer be able to talk about how kind and faithful Yahweh is or all the amazing things he does or how good he is.

Psalms 88:13

ULT	UST
But I, I cry out to you, Yahweh, and in the morning my prayer precedes you.	*But I am still alive, Yahweh, and I am calling out to you to help me. It is as if my prayer is already there waiting for you when you get up in the morning.*

When does the psalmist's prayer come before Yahweh?

His prayer comes before Yahweh in the morning as if it were already there waiting for Yahweh when he gets up.

Psalms 88:14

ULT	UST
Why, Yahweh, do you reject my soul? Why do you hide your face from me?	*Yahweh, please do not reject me! Please do not ignore me!*

What does the psalmist feel like Yahweh has done to him?

The psalmist feels like Yahweh has rejected him and is ignoring him.

Psalms 88:15

ULT	UST
I have been weak and expiring since youth; I have borne your terrors; I must despair.	*Since I was young, I have been so ill that I have nearly died. I have been sick for so long with this terrible illness that you permit that I have no more hope.*

How long has the psalmist been sick and on the verge of death?

Since he was young, the psalmist has been so ill that he has nearly died.

Psalms 88:16

ULT	UST
Your indignations pass over me; your terrors destroy me.	*I feel as if you are very angry with me. This terrible illness that you permit has destroyed the good life I could have had.*

What does the psalmist say Yahweh's anger has done to him?

Because of Yahweh's anger, the terrible illness that he has permitted has destroyed the good life the psalmist could have had.

Psalms 88:17

ULT	UST
They surround me like water all of the day; they close in upon me together.	*The bad things that are happening to me are like floodwaters that continually surround me and are about to drown me.*

What have the bad things Yahweh has allowed in the psalmist's life done to him?

They are like floodwaters that continually surround the psalmist and are about to drown him.

Psalms 89

Psalms 89:1

ULT	UST
I will sing the covenant faithfulness of Yahweh forever; to generation and generation I will make known your faithfulness with my mouth.	*Yahweh, I will always sing about how faithfully you love your people. I will tell my children and grandchildren that you always do what you promise.*

Of what will the psalmist sing forever?

He will sing about how faithfully Yahweh has loved his people as he promised.

What will the psalmist make known to future generations?

He will tell future generations that Yahweh always does what he promises.

Psalms 89:2

ULT	UST
For I said, "Covenant faithfulness will be built up forever; the heavens, you establish your faithfulness in them."	*I know that you will always love us faithfully. Just as the sky is permanent, so you will always be faithful to us.*

How has Yahweh's faithfulness been established?

The fact that Yahweh is faithful to his people is as permanent as the heavens.

Psalms 89:3

ULT	UST
"I have cut a covenant with my chosen; I have sworn to David my servant:	*Yahweh has said, "I made a covenant with the man I chose to be the king of Israel. That was David, who loyally obeyed me. I made a solemn promise to him.*

With whom has a covenant been made?

Yahweh has made a covenant and a solemn promise with David, the man he chose to be king of Israel.

Psalms 89:4

ULT	UST
‘Until forever I will establish your seed, and I will build up your throne to generation and generation.’” Selah	*I said, ‘I will make sure that your descendants always rule as kings; yes, I will make sure that your dynasty never ends.’” Selah*

How long will David’s descendants rule as kings?

Yahweh promised that David’s descendants would always rule as kings.

Psalms 89:5

ULT	UST
And the heavens praise your wonder, Yahweh; your faithfulness also, in the assembly of the holy ones.	*Yahweh, the angels in heaven praise you for the wonderful things you do, When those holy beings gather, they celebrate how you always do what you promise.*

What will the angels in heaven be praising Yahweh about?

The angels in heaven will praise Yahweh for the wonderful things he does and celebrate how he always does what he promises.

Psalms 89:7

ULT	UST
God is greatly dreaded in the council of the holy ones and feared above all of the ones around him.	*When the holy beings gather together, they all respect God greatly. Everyone around his throne honors him.*

How do the council of holy ones treat God?

When the holy beings gather together, they all treat God with respect and honor.

Psalms 89:8

ULT	UST
Yahweh, God of Armies, who is like you, mighty Yah? And your faithfulness is your surroundings.	*Yahweh, you are the God who commands the heavenly armies. No one is as mighty as you are! You are always faithful in every way.*

What does the psalmist say about Yahweh’s faithfulness?

Yahweh is always faithful in every way.

Psalms 89:9

ULT	UST
You are ruling over the surging of the sea; when its waves rise, you, you still them.	*You control the sea so that it does not become too violent; when its waves become too large, you make them smaller.*

What does the psalmist say about Yahweh's rule of the sea?

He says that Yahweh calms the waves of the sea so it will not become too violent.

Psalms 89:10

ULT	UST
You, you shattered Rahab like a slain one; with the arm of your strength you scattered your enemies.	*It was you who put the world in order as you created it, as if you had completely destroyed the sea monster Rahab; You used your great power to defeat your enemies.*

What did Yahweh use to scatter and defeat his enemies?

He used his great power.

Psalms 89:11

ULT	UST
To you are the heavens, also to you, the earth; the world and its fullness, you, you founded them.	*Because you created the world and everything in it, the sky belongs to you, and the earth also belongs to you.*

What belongs to Yahweh who made the world and all it contains?

The heavens and the earth belong to Yahweh who created the world and everything in it.

Psalms 89:12

ULT	UST
The north and the south, you, you created them; Tabor and Hermon shout joyfully in your name.	*You created the full extent of the world around us. You made everything to the north and to the south. You made everything to the west, where Mount Tabor is, and you made everything to the east, where Mount Hermon is. People throughout the world joyfully praise you because of who you are.*

What did Yahweh create?

Yahweh created the full extent of the world in every direction.

Psalms 89:13

ULT	UST
To you is an arm with might; your hand is strong; your right hand is high.	*You are very powerful; yes, you are very strong, and you use your power to do great things.*

What does the psalmist say about Yahweh using the images of his arm and hand?

Yahweh is very powerful and uses his power to do great things.

Psalms 89:14

ULT	UST
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; covenant faithfulness and truth precede your face.	*As you rule, you always do what is right and just, and you are always faithful and true in everything you do.*

How does Yahweh rule?

Yahweh always does what is right and just and is faithful and true in everything he does.

Psalms 89:15-16

What happens to the people who worship Yahweh?

They are have truly good lives in which they enjoy Yahweh's favor, and they rejoice in who Yahweh is and how he always does what is right.

Psalms 89:17

ULT	UST
for you are the splendor of their strength, and by your favor you raise up our horn.	*You make your people strong and glorious, and because you were pleased with us, you gave us a good king.*

What did Yahweh give the people because of his favor?

Because Yahweh was pleased with his people, made them strong and glorious and gave them a good king.

Psalms 89:18

ULT	UST
For our shield is to Yahweh, and our king, to the Holy One of Israel.	*The one who protects us belongs to you, Yahweh; yes, our king belongs to you, the holy God whom we Israelites worship.*

What does the psalmist say belongs to Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel?

The people's king is the one who protects them and he belongs to Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel.

Psalms 89:19

ULT	UST
Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful ones and said, "I have placed help on a warrior; I have raised up a chosen one from the people.	*Long ago you spoke in a vision to the Israelites who were loyal to you. You said, "I have given strength to a mighty warrior; I have chosen a young man from among the people to be the king.*

What did Yahweh say in a vision to his faithful ones?

He said that he had given strength to a mighty warrior from among the people and had chosen him to be their king.

Psalms 89:20-23

What did Yahweh say he will do for his chosen king David?

He said he had anointed him, will support him, strengthen him, and defeat his enemies.

Psalms 89:24

ULT	UST
And my faithfulness and my covenant faithfulness will be with him, and in my name his horn will be high.	*I will always be faithful to him and treat him kindly, and I will make him a great ruler by my own authority.*

How does Yahweh promise he will treat David?

Yahweh will always be faithful to David and treat him kindly, and by Yahweh's authority, make him a great ruler.

Psalms 89:26

ULT	UST
He, he will call to me, 'You are my Father, my God and the rock of my salvation.'	*He will call out to me, 'You are my Father; you are my God, the one who protects me and saves me!'*

What will David call out to Yahweh?

He will call out to Yahweh as his Father, his God, and the one who protects and saves him.

Psalms 89:27

ULT	UST
And I, I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.	*For my part, I will treat him as if he were my firstborn son, and I will make him the greatest of all the kings on the earth.*

How will Yahweh treat David?

He will treat him as if he were his firstborn son and make him the greatest of all kings on the earth.

Psalms 89:28

ULT	UST
I will keep my covenant faithfulness for him forever, and my covenant will be confirmed to him.	*I will always love him faithfully, and I will always honor my covenant with him.*

What will Yahweh do for David?

Yahweh will always love David faithfully always honor his covenant with him.

Psalms 89:29

ULT	UST
And I will set up his seed forever and his throne like the days of the heavens.	*I will make sure that his descendants always rule as kings, so that his dynasty lasts as long as the sky exists.*

How long will David's descendants rule and his throne last?

His descendants will always rule as kings and his dynasty will last as long as the skies exist.

Psalms 89:30-32

What will Yahweh do to David's descendants if they disobey Yahweh's rules?

Yahweh will punish them to correct them because of the wrong things they have done.

Psalms 89:33-34

What promises does Yahweh make to David even if the people disobey his rules?

Yahweh promises not to stop faithfully loving David and doing what he promised for his descendants. He will not break his covenant or take back what he said.

Psalms 89:35-37

By what does Yahweh swear once and for all that he will keep these promises to David?

Yahweh swears by his own holy character that he guarantees his promise to David.

Psalms 89:38

ULT	UST
But you, you have rejected and spurned; you have passed yourself over from your anointed one.	*Yet now it appears that you have completely rejected David's descendant who was our king. It appears that you have abandoned him.*

What does the psalmist now say about how the anointed one is being treated by Yahweh?

The psalmist says that it appears that Yahweh has rejected the anointed king and has abandoned him.

Psalms 89:41

ULT	UST
All of the passers of the way plunder him; he has become a reproach to his neighbors.	*Now people can come along and steal the things that remain in the city. People in the surrounding countries are ridiculing us Israelites.*

What does the psalmist say is happening to the people of Israel as represented by their king?

Their city is being plundered by people who to steal from the city and the people of Israel are being ridiculed by the people around them.

Psalms 89:42

ULT	UST
You have raised up the right hand of his adversaries; you have made all of his enemies rejoice.	*You have allowed our enemies to become strong, and they are celebrating how they have defeated us.*

What does the psalmist say Yahweh has done regarding the enemies of Israel?

Yahweh has allowed their enemies to become strong and celebrate how they have defeated the people of Israel.

Psalms 89:43

ULT	UST
You have also turned back the edge of his sword, and you have not made him stand in battle.	*Our armies have had to retreat from battles because you have not helped us when we fight.*

What happened when the Israelites went into battle?

Their armies have had to retreat from battles because Yahweh had not helped them.

Psalms 89:44

ULT	UST
You have made his splendor cease, and you have cast his throne to the ground.	*Our kingdom is no longer glorious, and we no longer have a king.*

What has happened to the kingdom of Israel?

The kingdom is no longer glorious and they no longer have a king.

Psalms 89:45

ULT	UST
You have shortened the days of his youth; you have covered him over with shame. Selah	*We are no longer strong, as young men are. This has disgraced us completely. Selah*

What has happened to Israel?

They are no longer a strong nation as they had been and are completely disgraced.

Psalms 89:46

ULT	UST
Until when, Yahweh? Will you hide yourself forever? Will your wrath burn like fire?	*Yahweh, please help us, and do not delay! Do not keep neglecting us! Do not keep being so angry with us!*

What does the psalmist say about Yahweh and his anger?

He asks Yahweh to come to help them and not be angry with them any more.

Psalms 89:47

ULT	UST
Remember me, what life is, for what emptiness you created all of the sons of man.	*Please remember how short human lives are! Please remember that you created us human beings as mere mortals!*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to remember?

He asks Yahweh to remember how short life is and that he created all people as mere mortals.

Psalms 89:49

ULT	UST
Where are your former covenant faithfulnesses, Lord, which you swore to David in your faithfulness?	*Lord, you promised David that you would faithfully love us Israelites, and you did. You always keep your promises, so please help us!*

What does the psalmist remind the Lord about his promises?

The psalmist reminds the Lord that he promised David that he would faithfully love his people.

Psalms 89:50-51

What else does the psalmist ask the Lord to remember?

He asks the Lord to remember the insulting things people are saying about his people and how Yahweh's enemies have been mocking the actions of his anointed king.

Psalms 89:52

ULT	UST
Blessed be Yahweh forever! Amen and amen.	*May people always bless Yahweh! Amen! Yes, amen!*

How long does the psalmist say Yahweh will be blessed?

Yahweh will be blessed forever.

Psalms 90

Psalms 90:1

ULT	UST
Lord, you have been a habitation to us in generation and generation.	*Lord, you have been like a home for us throughout our generations.*

How long has the Lord been like a home for his people?

The Lord has been like a home for them throughout all generations.

Psalms 90:3

ULT	UST
You cause man to return to dust, and you say, "Return, sons of man."	*When people die, you cause their corpses to become soil again; you change their corpses to become dirt like that from which the first man was created.*

To what does the Lord cause people to return when they die?

He causes people to return to dust.

Psalms 90:4

ULT	UST
For a thousand years in your eyes are like the day before when it has passed, and a watch in the night.	*When you consider time, a thousand years are as short as one day that passes; you consider that they are as short as a few hours in the night.*

What are a thousand years like in the sight of the Lord?

They are like one short day that passes, or like a few short hours in the night.

Psalms 90:5-6

To what are the lifetimes of people compared?

They are like the grass that sprouts up in the morning and then withers and dries up in the evening.

Psalms 90:7-8

Why does Moses say mankind is terrified by the Lord's wrath?

They are terrified because the Lord has seen their sins and is angry. It is as if even their secret sins are spread out where the Lord can see them.

Psalms 90:10

ULT	UST
The days of our years, in them are 70 years, or, if by strength, 80 years but their expanse is trouble and sorrow, for it passes quickly, and we fly away.	*People live for only seventy years; if they are strong, some of them live for eighty years. But throughout our time we have much pain and troubles; our lives soon end, and we die.*

What do people experience throughout their lives?

People experience much pain and trouble throughout the time they have to live.

Psalms 90:12

ULT	UST
So teach us to number our days that we might bring in a heart of wisdom.	*So teach us to realize that we live for only a short time in order that we may think wisely about how we use our time.*

What does Moses ask the Lord to teach mankind?

He asks the Lord to teach mankind to realize the short time they will live, so that they may live wisely.

Psalms 90:14

ULT	UST
Satisfy us in the morning with your covenant faithfulness and we will rejoice and be glad in all of our days.	*Each morning, show us that it is enough for us if you love us faithfully as you have promised that you would do. Show us this so that we may shout joyfully and be happy all during the years that we live.*

With what does Moses want Yahweh to show mankind each morning?

He wants Yahweh to show mankind that it is enough for them if Yahweh loves them faithfully as he has promised that he would do, so that they may rejoice and be glad all their lives.

Psalms 90:16

ULT	UST
May your work be seen by your servants, and your majesty by their sons.	*Enable us who serve you to see the great things that you do, and enable our descendants to see your glorious power also.*

What does Moses want Yahweh to let his servants see?

He wants Yahweh to enable his servants to see the great things that he does, and their descendants to see his glorious power.

Psalms 90:17

ULT	UST
May the favor of the Lord our God be upon us. And the work of our hands, establish for us; indeed, the work of our hands, establish it.	*Lord, our God, give us your blessings and enable us to be successful; yes, cause us to be successful in everything that we do!*

What does Moses ask the Lord to do for his people?

He asks the Lord to bless his people and to cause them to be successful in everything they do.

Psalms 91

Psalms 91:2

ULT	UST
I will say to Yahweh, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, I trust in him."	*I will declare to Yahweh, "You protect me; you are like a stronghold in which I am safe. You are my God, the one in whom I trust."*

What does the psalmist say of Yahweh?

The psalmist says that Yahweh is his refuge and his fortress, his God, in whom he trusts.

Psalms 91:3-4

What will Yahweh do for the one who trusts in him?

Yahweh will rescue him from hidden traps and from deadly diseases, and will protect him like a bird who covers her young under her wings.

Psalms 91:5-6

Of what does the one who trusts in Yahweh need not be afraid?

The one who trusts in Yahweh need not be afraid of things that happen during the night that could terrorize you or of arrows that your enemies will shoot at you during the day, of the plague that infects people in the night or of other evil forces that kill people in the light of day.

Psalms 91:9

ULT	UST
Because you have made Yahweh, my refuge, the Most High, your dwelling,	*This is because you trust Yahweh, God Most High, who protects me, to also protect you.*

What is Yahweh for the psalmist?

Yahweh is the refuge for the psalmist.

Psalms 91:10-11

Why will evil not happen to the one who trusts in Yahweh?

Evil will not happen to the one who trusts in Yahweh because Yahweh will command his angels to protect him in all his ways.

Psalms 91:12

ULT	UST
They will lift you up in their hands, lest you hit your foot against a stone.	*They will even hold you up with their hands so that you will not hurt your foot on a big stone.*

How will the angels protect the one who trusts in Yahweh?

The angels will lift him up in their hands so he will not hurt his foot on a stone.

Psalms 91:14-16

What does Yahweh do for the one who is devoted to him?

Yahweh will deliver and protect him, answer him when he calls, be with him in trouble, rescue and honor him, satisfy him with a long life, and show him Yahweh's salvation.

Psalms 92

Psalms 92:1

ULT	UST
It is good to give thanks to Yahweh and to sing praises to your name, Most High,	*Yahweh, it is good for people to thank you and to sing as they praise you, the Most High God.*

What does the psalmist consider to be a good thing?

It is a good thing to give thanks and sing praises to the name of Yahweh.

Psalms 92:2

ULT	UST
to proclaim your covenant faithfulness in the morning and your truthfulness in the nights,	*It is good to proclaim every morning that you faithfully love us and to declare each night that everything that you say is true,*

When does the psalmist say to proclaim Yahweh's covenant faithfulness and truthfulness?

He says to proclaim Yahweh's covenant faithfulness every morning and his truthfulness every night.

Psalms 92:4

ULT	UST
For you, Yahweh, have made me glad through your deeds. I will sing for joy because of the deeds of your hands.	*I do this, Yahweh, because what you have done makes me happy; I sing joyfully because of the things that you do.*

How has the psalmist responded to the great things Yahweh has done?

Yahweh's great deeds have made him glad so that he will sing for joy.

Psalms 92:5-6

What kind of person does not know or understand the things Yahweh has done?

A foolish or stupid person does not know the things Yahweh has done.

Psalms 92:7

ULT	UST
When the wicked sprout like grass, and all evildoers thrive, they will be destroyed for eternity.	*They do not understand that when the number of wicked people increases as blades of grass increase, and when it seems that all those who do what is evil prosper, Yahweh will destroy them forever.*

What happens to the wicked who seem to thrive?

Yahweh will destroy all those who do evil.

Psalms 92:9

ULT	UST
For behold your enemies, Yahweh! For behold your enemies—they will perish! All those who do evil will be scattered.	*Just look at your enemies, Yahweh! Your enemies will certainly die. You will destroy everyone who does wicked things.*

What does the psalmist say will happen to Yahweh's enemies?

Yahweh's enemies will perish, and all those who do evil will be scattered.

Psalms 92:10

ULT	UST
But you have lifted up my horn like a wild ox; I am saturated with fresh oil.	*But you have caused me to be as strong as a wild ox; you have caused me to be very joyful.*

What does the psalmist say Yahweh has done for him?

Yahweh has caused him to be strong and joyful.

Psalms 92:13

ULT	UST
They are planted in the house of Yahweh; they flourish in the courts of our God.	*They belong to Yahweh as securely as if they were trees with roots deep in his temple grounds. They are as prosperous and healthy as if they were trees growing in our God's courtyard.*

Where are the righteous planted?

They are planted as securely as if they were trees with roots deep in Yahweh's temple grounds.

Psalms 92:14-15

What shows that Yahweh is just?

The righteous remain strong and full of energy like trees that continue to bear fruit even when they are old.

Psalms 92:15

ULT	UST
to proclaim that Yahweh is just, my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.	*That shows that Yahweh is just; he is like a huge rock behind which I am safe, and he never does anything that is unjust.*

Why is Yahweh the rock of the psalmist?

Yahweh is like a huge rock behind which the psalmist is safe and he never does anything that is unjust.

Psalms 93

Psalms 93:1

ULT	UST
Yahweh reigns; he wears majesty; Yahweh wears, he girds himself with, strength. Indeed, the world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.	*Yahweh, you are the King! It is as though you are wearing royal robes that are majestic and powerful. You are the one who put the world firmly in place, and no one can move it out of its place.*

Who put the world in its place so that it cannot be moved?

Yahweh the King is the one who put the world firmly in place, and no one can move it.

Psalms 93:2

ULT	UST
Your throne is established from before; you are from everlasting.	*You have been king since long ago; you have always existed.*

What does the psalmist say about Yahweh's throne?

Yahweh has been king since long ago, and has always existed.

Psalms 93:3

ULT	UST
The seas rise, Yahweh; the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas lift up their pounding waves.	*Yahweh, the oceans rise up; their waves loudly pound against the shore; it is as though they roar with a powerful voice.*

How have the oceans lifted up their voice?

The oceans rise and their waves pound against the shore with a roar that is like a powerful voice.

Psalms 93:4

ULT	UST
More than the sounds of many waters, than the mighty breakers of the sea, Yahweh on high is mighty.	*But you are more powerful than the roar of those oceans; you are more powerful than the huge ocean waves! You are Yahweh, the one who is great and powerful!*

What does the psalmist say about Yahweh in relation to the mighty waters?

Yahweh is more powerful than the mighty breakers of the sea.

Psalms 93:5

ULT	UST
Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness adorns your house, Yahweh, for length of days.	*Yahweh, your laws are completely reliable; your temple is a beautifully holy place. That will be true forever.*

How does the psalmist describe Yahweh's decrees and holiness?

The psalmist says that Yahweh's decrees are completely reliable and his temple is a holy place.

Psalms 94

Psalms 94:1

ULT	UST
God of vengeance, Yahweh, God of vengeance, shine forth!	*Yahweh, you are a God who punishes your enemies. So reveal to them who you are!*

What does the psalmist call Yahweh in this psalm?

The psalmist calls Yahweh the God of vengeance.

Psalms 94:2

ULT	UST
Rise up, judge of the earth, return recompense upon the proud.	*You are the one who judges all people on the earth; so take action and give the arrogant people what they deserve.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh, the judge of the earth, to do to proud people?

The psalmist asks Yahweh to give the proud people what they deserve.

Psalms 94:3

ULT	UST
Until when will the wicked, Yahweh, until when will the wicked rejoice?	*Yahweh, wicked people just continue to be glad, and that is not right!*

What are the wicked people doing that the psalmist says is not right?

The wicked people just continue to be glad and rejoice.

Psalms 94:4

ULT	UST
They pour out, they speak, arrogance; all doers of evil praise themselves.	*They abundantly speak arrogant things; all people who do evil things say that they are great people.*

What do all the wicked people say?

All those who do evil things praise themselves arrogantly.

Psalms 94:5

ULT	UST
They crush your people, Yahweh; they afflict your inheritance.	*Yahweh, it is as though those wicked people were crushing us, your people; they distress the people who belong to you alone.*

What do the wicked do to Yahweh's people?

It is as though those wicked people were crushing Yahweh's people.

Psalms 94:6

ULT	UST
They kill the widow and the sojourner, and they murder the fatherless.	*They murder widows, people from other countries, and also young people who have no fathers.*

Who do the wicked murder?

The wicked murder widows, foreigners, and orphans.

Psalms 94:7

ULT	UST
They say, "Yah does not see, the God of Jacob does not perceive."	*Those wicked people think to themselves, "Yahweh does not see any of this; the God whom the Israelites worship does not notice the evil things that we do."*

What do the wicked say about Yahweh?

The wicked say that Yahweh does not see the evil things they are doing.

Psalms 94:9

ULT	UST
The one planting the ear, does he not hear? Or the one forming the eye, does he not observe?	*Since Yahweh is the one who made ears, of course he can hear what you say! Not only that, he created eyes; so of course he can see the evil things that you do!*

What argument does the psalmist use to show that Yahweh can hear and see?

The psalmist says that the one who made ears can of course hear and the one who created eyes can of course see the evil things they are doing.

Psalms 94:11

ULT	UST
Yahweh knows the thoughts of mankind, that they are vapor.	*Yahweh knows everything that people are thinking; he knows that what they think is evil and useless.*

What does Yahweh know the people's thoughts?

Yahweh knows everything that people are thinking and that it is evil and useless.

Psalms 94:12

ULT	UST
The joys of the man whom you instruct, Yah, and from your law you teach him,	*Yahweh, how fortunate are those who allow you to discipline them, how fortunate are those whom you teach from your laws!*

What does the psalmist say about those whom Yahweh instructs?

The psalmist says those whom Yahweh teaches from his law are truly fortunate.

Psalms 94:12-13

What does Yahweh give the man he instructs during days of evil?

Yahweh relieves him from bad things when they happen and punishes the wicked who do them.

Psalms 94:14

ULT	UST
For Yahweh will not forsake his people and he will not abandon his inheritance.	*This will happen because Yahweh will not reject his people; he will not desert those who belong to him.*

What does the psalmist say Yahweh will not do to his people?

Yahweh will not forsake his people or desert those who belong to him.

Psalms 94:15

ULT	UST
For judgment will return to the right; and all the upright in heart are after it.	*Yes, someday judges will again decide matters fairly for people, and all honest people will be pleased about that.*

What does the psalmist say about the return of judgment?

The psalmist says that someday judges will again decide matters fairly for people, and all honest people will be pleased about that.

Psalms 94:16

ULT	UST
Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for me against the workers of wickedness?	*But when evil people oppressed me, I could find no one to defend me against the wicked things that evil people did to me.*

Who does the psalmist say will stand up for him against evildoers?

The psalmist says that no one will defend him against the wicked things people did to him.

Psalms 94:17

ULT	UST
Unless Yahweh had been a help to me, shortly my soul would have dwelt in silence.	*If Yahweh had not helped me at that time, I would have gone quickly to the place where dead people say nothing.*

What does the psalmist say would have happened without Yahweh's help?

Without Yahweh's help, the psalmist would have quickly died.

Psalms 94:18

ULT	UST
When I said, "My foot is slipping," Your covenant faithfulness, Yahweh, supported me.	*Just when I thought, "I am about to die," then, Yahweh, you saved me by being faithful and loving to me.*

What did Yahweh do when the psalmist thought he was about to die?

Yahweh saved him by being faithful and loving to him.

Psalms 94:19

ULT	UST
When my cares within me are many, your consolations gladden my soul.	*Whenever I am very worried, you comfort me and cause me to be happy.*

What does Yahweh do when the psalmist has many worries?

Yahweh comforts him and causes him to be happy when he is worried.

Psalms 94:20-21

What does the psalmist say about rulers who establish laws that create injustice?

Such rulers cannot be Yahweh's friends as they conspire how to destroy righteous people, and condemn innocent people.

Psalms 94:22

ULT	UST
But Yahweh has been to me a high tower, and my God, the rock of my refuge.	*But Yahweh has become like a fortress for me; my God is like a huge rock that protects me.*

What does the psalmist say Yahweh has been to him?

Yahweh has been like a fortress of protection to the psalmist.

Psalms 94:23

ULT	UST
He will return on them their iniquity and he will destroy them in their wickedness. Yahweh our God will destroy them.	*He will do to those wicked leaders the terrible things that they have done to others; he will get rid of them because they do wicked things. Yes, Yahweh our God will get rid of them.*

What will Yahweh do to the wicked in the end?

Yahweh will do to those wicked leaders the terrible things that they have done to others and destroy them in their wickedness.

Psalms 95

Psalms 95:1-2

How does the psalmist encourage everyone to come into Yahweh's presence?

The psalmist encourages everyone to enter Yahweh's presence singing joyfully with thanksgiving.

Psalms 95:3

ULT	UST
For Yahweh is a great God and a great king above all gods,	*Because Yahweh is a great God. He is a great king who rules over all other spirit beings.*

How does Yahweh compare to other gods?

Yahweh is a great God who rules as king over all other gods.

Psalms 95:4-5

How is Yahweh above all other gods?

Yahweh controls the whole earth and because he made it all, it all belongs to him.

Psalms 95:6-7

Why should everyone worship Yahweh?

Everyone should worship Yahweh, their maker, because he is their God and they are the people whom he protects, like sheep that a shepherd takes care of.

Psalms 95:9

ULT	UST
where your fathers tested me, tried me, though they had seen my deeds.	*There your ancestors tested whether I would continue to be patient with them. They wanted to see if they could do evil things and not have me punish them. They did this even though they had seen me perform many miracles.*

How did the ancestors of Israel respond to Yahweh?

They tested whether Yahweh would continue to be patient with them, even though they had seen him perform miracles.

Psalms 95:10

ULT	UST
For 40 years I was angry with the generation and said, ‘They are a people wandering of heart and they, they have not known my ways.’	*For 40 years I was angry with those people. I said about them, ‘Those people are unreliable. They completely refuse to obey my commands.’*

How did Yahweh describe the people who disobeyed him?

Yahweh said that those people are unreliable and completely refuse to obey his commands.

Psalms 95:11

ULT	UST
Therefore I vowed in my nose, ‘if they enter into my rest.’”	*So because I was very angry, I solemnly said about them, ‘They will never enter the land of Canaan where I would have allowed them to rest!’”*

What did Yahweh vow in his anger?

Yahweh vowed in his anger that the people who disobeyed him would never enter into the land where Yahweh would have given them rest.

Psalms 96

Psalms 96:1

ULT	UST
Sing to Yahweh a new song; sing to Yahweh, all the earth.	*Sing to Yahweh a new song! All you people throughout the earth, sing to Yahweh!*

What does the psalmist call on all the people on earth to do?

The psalmist calls on all the earth to sing a new song to Yahweh.

Psalms 96:2

ULT	UST
Sing to Yahweh, bless his name; announce his salvation from day to day.	*Sing to Yahweh and praise him! Every day proclaim to others that he has saved us.*

What does the psalmist encourage everyone to announce?

The psalmist encourages everyone to announce that Yahweh has saved them.

Psalms 96:3-4

Why should everyone tell of Yahweh's glory and his marvelous things he has done?

Everyone should tell of how glorious Yahweh is and all he has done because Yahweh is great, and deserves to be praised and be revered more than all other gods.

Psalms 96:5

ULT	UST
For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but Yahweh made the heavens.	*This is true because all of the gods that the other peoples worship are only idols, but it is Yahweh who made the heavens!*

What contrast does the psalmist draw between the gods of other peoples and Yahweh?

The gods of other peoples are only idols, but it is Yahweh who made the heavens.

Psalms 96:6

ULT	UST
Splendor and majesty are to his face. Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.	*Yahweh is magnificent and majestic. His holy house shows how strong and beautiful he is.*

What qualities does the psalmist say Yahweh has?

Yahweh is magnificent, majestic, strong, and beautiful.

Psalms 96:8

ULT	UST
Give to Yahweh the glory of his name. Bring an offering and come into his courts.	*Praise Yahweh as he deserves for us to praise him; bring an offering and come to his temple.*

What should everyone do to give to Yahweh the glory he deserves?

Everyone should praise Yahweh, bring an offering, and come to his temple.

Psalms 96:10

ULT	UST
Say among the nations, "Yahweh reigns." Indeed, the world is established; it cannot be shaken. He judges the peoples with evenness.	*Say to all the people groups, "Yahweh is the king!" He put the world in its place, and nothing will ever be able to move it. He judges all the peoples fairly.*

What does the psalmist encourage everyone to say to all people groups?

The psalmist encourages everyone to tell all people that Yahweh reigns.

How does Yahweh judge the peoples?

Yahweh judges the peoples fairly.

Psalms 96:11-13

Why should the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice?

The heavens should be glad and the earth rejoice because Yahweh is coming.

Psalms 96:13

ULT	UST
to the face of Yahweh, for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his faithfulness.	*in front of Yahweh. They should do this because he is coming to judge everyone on the earth, and this is certain. He will judge all the people fairly according to what he knows is true.*

What will Yahweh do when he comes?

When Yahweh comes, he will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with his faithfulness.

Psalms 97

Psalms 97:1

ULT	UST
Yahweh reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad.	*Yahweh is the king! I want everyone on the earth to be glad and I want all the people who live on the land in and around the oceans to also rejoice about that!*

What does the psalmist declare about Yahweh?

The psalmist declares that Yahweh reigns and calls for everyone on earth to rejoice and be glad.

Psalms 97:2

ULT	UST
Clouds and darkness surround him. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.	*There are very dark clouds all around him; he always rules righteously and justly.*

What is the foundation of Yahweh's throne?

The foundation of Yahweh's throne is righteousness and justice.

Psalms 97:3

ULT	UST
Fire goes to his face and burns his adversaries all around.	*He sends fire out in front of him, and that fire burns all of his enemies.*

What is the result of the fire that goes before Yahweh?

The fire that goes before Yahweh burns all of his enemies.

Psalms 97:4

ULT	UST
His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.	*All around the world he sends his bright lightning; people on the earth see it, and it causes them to be afraid and to tremble.*

What happens in Yahweh's presence?

Yahweh's lightning lights up the world, people on the earth see it, and it causes them to be afraid.

Psalms 97:6

ULT	UST
The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.	*Everything that people can see in the heavens makes it clear that he is righteous, and all the people groups see how glorious he is.*

What declares Yahweh's righteousness and glory?

Everything that people can see in the heavens makes it clear that he is righteous and all the people groups see how glorious he is.

Psalms 97:7

ULT	UST
Let all those serving a carved image have shame, those boasting in worthless idols— bow down to him, all you gods!	*Everyone who worships carved images should be ashamed; all those who are proud of their useless false gods should be ashamed. All those gods should bow down to worship Yahweh!*

Who will be shamed by Yahweh?

All those who worship carved images and are proud of their useless idols should be shamed by Yahweh.

Psalms 97:8

ULT	UST
Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of your judgments, Yahweh.	*The people of Jerusalem heard Yahweh's just decrees and they were happy about them; people in the other cities in Judah also heard and rejoiced because you judge people justly, Yahweh.*

Why did Zion hear and the daughters of Judah rejoice?

All the people of Jerusalem and all of Judah rejoiced because Yahweh judges people justly.

Psalms 97:9

ULT	UST
For you, Yahweh, are most high above all the earth. You are exalted far above all gods.	*Of course, Yahweh, you are the supreme king who rules over all the earth; You are far more powerful than any other spirit beings.*

What does the psalmist say about Yahweh?

The psalmist says that Yahweh is the supreme king who rules over all the earth and more powerful than all other spirit beings.

Psalms 97:10

ULT	UST
Lovers of Yahweh, hate evil! The protector of the lives of his faithful, from the hand of the wicked he snatches them.	*All you who love Yahweh, you must hate every evil thing that people do! Yahweh protects those who are faithful to him; he rescues them when wicked people try to harm them.*

What does Yahweh do for his faithful?

Yahweh protects the lives of his faithful ones and rescues them from the wicked.

Psalms 97:11

ULT	UST
Light is sown for the righteous and for the upright of heart, gladness.	*He makes good things happen for righteous people and he causes those who are honest to rejoice.*

What does the psalmist say Yahweh provides for righteous people?

The psalmist says that good things happen for the righteous and they can rejoice.

Psalms 97:12

ULT	UST
Be glad in Yahweh, you righteous; and give thanks to the remembrance of his holiness!	*You righteous people, let Yahweh make you glad, and thank him, the one we all know to be holy!*

What does the psalmist encourage the righteous to do?

The psalmist encourages the righteous to be glad in Yahweh and thank him, the one we all know to be holy.

Psalms 98

Psalms 98:1

ULT	UST
A psalm. Sing to Yahweh a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and the arm of his holiness have brought him salvation.	*A psalm. Sing to Yahweh a new song because he has done wonderful things! By being powerfully holy he has saved his people.*

Why is Yahweh able to save his people?

Yahweh has saved his people by being powerfully holy.

Psalms 98:2

ULT	UST
Yahweh has made known his salvation; to the eyes of the nations he has revealed his righteousness.	*Yahweh has shown openly that he saves his people; he has revealed to people all over the world that he always does what is right.*

What has Yahweh openly shown to all the nations?

He has openly shown that he is righteous and that he saves his people.

Psalms 98:3

ULT	UST
He remembers his covenant loyalty and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.	*He is always loyal to his covenant to be faithful to the Israelite people. Even the people who live in the most remote places of the earth will see that our God saves his people.*

Who will see the salvation of our God?

All the people of the earth will see that God saves his people.

Psalms 98:4

ULT	UST
Shout to Yahweh, all the earth; burst into song, sing for joy, and make music!	*All you people everywhere should shout joyfully to Yahweh; praise him while you sing joyfully and make music!*

What should be the response of everyone to Yahweh?

Everyone should shout for joy and make music, singing joyful praises to Yahweh.

Psalms 98:5-6

What musical instruments does the psalmist say to use when praising Yahweh?

The psalmist says to use harps, trumpets, and the shofar when praising Yahweh.

Psalms 98:7-8

How does the psalmist encourage Yahweh's creation to respond to his coming?

The psalmist says the sea, the rivers, the mountains, and everyone on the earth should praise Yahweh together.

Psalms 98:9

ULT	UST
to the face of Yahweh who is coming to judge the earth; he will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with fairness.	*before Yahweh because he will come to judge everyone on the earth! He will judge all the people in the world justly and fairly.*

How will Yahweh judge the world?

Yahweh will judge the people of the world justly and fairly.

Psalms 99

Psalms 99:1

ULT	UST
Yahweh reigns—let the peoples tremble—sitting above the cherubs; let the earth quake!	*Yahweh is the supreme king, so all people should tremble in front of him! He sits on his throne in the temple above the statues of the cherubs, so the earth should quake!*

How should the people respond to Yahweh's reign?

The people should tremble in response to Yahweh's reign.

Psalms 99:2

ULT	UST
Yahweh in Zion is great, and he is high above all the peoples.	*Yahweh is a mighty king in Jerusalem; he is also the supreme ruler of all peoples.*

How is Yahweh high above all the peoples?

Yahweh is the supreme ruler of all the peoples.

Psalms 99:3

ULT	UST
Let them praise your great and fearsome name; holy is he.	*They should praise you, Yahweh, because you are great and awesome! They should say, "He is holy!"*

Why should everyone praise Yahweh?

Everyone should praise Yahweh because he is holy.

Psalms 99:4

ULT	UST
And the strength of the king: he loves justice. You, you have established fairness; you, you have done justice and righteousness in Jacob.	*Yahweh is a mighty king because he loves what is just. You, Yahweh, have established what is fair. You have acted justly and righteously for the people of Israel.*

How does the psalmist describe the king?

The psalmist says the king is mighty because he is righteous and always acts justly toward the people of Israel.

Psalms 99:5

ULT	UST
Exalt Yahweh our God and worship at the stool for his feet. Holy is he.	*Praise Yahweh, the God whom we worship! Bow down to him at the temple, which is his footstool. He is holy!*

How and why does the psalmist say that people should respond to Yahweh?

The psalmist says that people should praise Yahweh and bow down to worship him because he is holy.

Psalms 99:6

ULT	UST
Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Samuel was among those calling his name. They called to Yahweh, and he, he answered them.	*Moses and Aaron were two of his priests; Samuel also was someone who prayed to him. Those three cried out to Yahweh to help them, and he helped them.*

Who were the men mentioned whom Yahweh answered when they cried out and prayed to him?

Some of those men who cried out to Yahweh and he helped them were Moses, Aaron, and Samuel.

Psalms 99:7

ULT	UST
In the pillar of cloud he spoke to them. They kept his testimonies and the statutes he gave to them.	*He spoke to Moses and Aaron from the cloud that was like a huge pillar. They obeyed all the laws and commandments that he gave to them.*

How did Yahweh respond to the men who prayed to him for help?

Yahweh spoke to Moses and Aaron from the pillar of cloud and they obeyed all he told them.

Psalms 99:8

ULT	UST
Yahweh our God, you, you answered them. A forgiving God you were to them, but avenging concerning their deeds.	*Yahweh, our God, you helped Moses, Aaron, and Samuel when they cried out to you to help them; you are the God who forgave them for the sins that they had committed, even though you punished them for the things that they did that were wrong.*

What did Yahweh do for the men who prayed to him?

Yahweh helped them and forgave them even though he also punished them for the things they did wrong.

Psalms 99:9

ULT	UST
Exalt Yahweh our God, and worship at the hill of his holiness, for Yahweh our God is holy.	*Praise Yahweh, our God, and worship him at the temple on his holy hill; it is right to do that because Yahweh, our God, is holy!*

What does the psalmist encourage everyone to do?

The psalmist says to praise Yahweh and worship him at his temple because Yahweh is holy.

Psalms 100

Psalms 100:1

ULT	UST
A psalm of thanksgiving. Shout to Yahweh, all the earth.	*A psalm of thanksgiving. Everyone in the world should shout joyfully to Yahweh!*

Who does the psalmist invite to shout joyfully to Yahweh?

He invites all the earth to shout joyfully to Yahweh.

Psalms 100:2

ULT	UST
Serve Yahweh with gladness; come to his face with rejoicing.	*We should worship Yahweh gladly! We should come before him singing joyfully.*

How should people come into Yahweh's presence?

They should come before his presence with joyful singing.

Psalms 100:3

ULT	UST
Know that Yahweh, he is God; he, he made us, and not we, his people and the sheep of his pasture.	*We should acknowledge that Yahweh is God. It is he who made us; we did not make ourselves. We are the people who belong to him; we are like sheep that he cares for as a shepherd does.*

What image does the psalmist use to show how people belong to Yahweh?

He says Yahweh made us and we are like sheep that he cares for as a shepherd does.

Psalms 100:4

ULT	UST
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.	*Enter the gates of his temple thanking him; enter the courtyard of his temple singing songs to praise him! Thank him and praise him*

How should people enter into Yahweh's gates and courts?

They should enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.

Psalms 100:5

ULT	UST
For Yahweh is good; his covenant faithfulness is to eternity and his truthfulness until generation and generation.	*because Yahweh always does good things for us. He will faithfully love us forever, and he will always fulfill everything that he has promised.*

What does the psalmist say will last forever?

He says that Yahweh's covenant faithfulness and truthfulness will last to eternity.

Psalms 101

Psalms 101:1

ULT	UST
A psalm of David I shall sing of covenant faithfulness and justice; to you, Yahweh, I shall sing praises.	*David wrote this psalm. Yahweh, I will praise you with singing! I will sing that you are just and that you faithfully love us.*

Of what two qualities of Yahweh will David sing praises?

He will sing of covenant faithfulness and justice.

Psalms 101:3

ULT	UST
I will not put a worthless thing before my eyes; I hate to do transgressions; it will not cling to me.	*I will not tempt myself to do any bad thing. I hate any kind of sinful action; I will not allow myself to think about doing those things.*

What will David not put before his eyes?

He will not tempt himself to do any bad thing.

Psalms 101:5

ULT	UST
The one slandering his neighbor in secret, him I will destroy. The one lofty of eyes and the one wide of heart, him I cannot.	*I will get rid of anyone who secretly slanders someone else. I will not tolerate anyone who is proud or arrogant.*

Who will David destroy?

He will destroy whoever secretly slanders someone else.

Psalms 101:6

ULT	UST
My eyes are on the faithful ones of the land to sit with me; The one walking in the way of integrity, he may serve me.	*I look for people in this land who are loyal to God to help me rule this nation. Only people who behave honestly may work for me.*

What kind of people does David want to help him rule?

The faithful of the land and those who walk in the way of integrity may serve him.

Psalms 101:7

ULT	UST
A doer of deceit will not remain within my house; a speaker of lies will not be established before my eyes.	*I will not allow anyone who deceives others to work in my palace, and I will not allow anyone who tells lies to continue working for me.*

Who will David not allow to work for him?

He will not allow a deceitful person to work for him.

Psalms 101:8

ULT	UST
In the mornings I will destroy all the wicked of the land, to cut off all workers of evil from the city of Yahweh.	*I will start every day by working to get rid of all of the wicked people in this land. I will expel everyone who does what is evil from this city that belongs to Yahweh.*

How often does David say that he will destroy all the wicked of the land?

Every day he will work to keep those who are wicked from the city of Yahweh.

Psalms 102

Psalms 102:2

ULT	UST
Do not hide your face from me on the day it distresses me. Incline your ear to me. On the day I call out, hurry, answer me.	*When distressing things happen to me, please do not ignore me! Listen to me, and answer me quickly as soon as I call out to you!*

When distressing things happen, what does the psalmist ask Yahweh not to do?

When the psalmist calls out to Yahweh, he asks Yahweh to hear him and not to ignore him.

Psalms 102:4

ULT	UST
My heart is struck like grass and withered, for I have forgotten to eat my bread.	*I feel as though I am withering away like grass that the sun has scorched. You see, I do not even remember to eat any food.*

To what does the psalmist compare the way he feels?

The psalmist says he feels like grass that has withered.

Psalms 102:5

ULT	UST
From the voice of my groaning, my bone clings to my flesh.	*I groan aloud so much that my bones protrude under my skin.*

What has happened due to the psalmist's distress?

The psalmist is so miserable that he groans and his bones protrude under his skin.

Psalms 102:8

ULT	UST
My enemies taunt me all the day; those mocking me swear by me.	*During the whole of each day my enemies insult me. Those who make fun of me use my name when they curse people, saying, "May you be like him."*

How do those who mock the psalmist use his name?

Those who mock the psalmist use his name when they curse people.

Psalms 102:10

ULT	UST
from the face of your fury and rage, for you have lifted me up and thrown me.	

How does the psalmist say Yahweh has treated him in anger?

The psalmist says it feels as if Yahweh has lifted him up and thrown him down.

Psalms 102:12

ULT	UST
But you, Yahweh, sit forever, and your remembrance is to generation and generation.	*But Yahweh, you will rule forever on your royal throne; people of all times will talk about you.*

How long will Yahweh be remembered?

The psalmist says that people of all times will talk about Yahweh.

Psalms 102:14

ULT	UST
For your servants cherish her stones and favor her dust.	*It is true that we who serve you love everything about Jerusalem.*

What do the servants of Yahweh cherish?

Yahweh's servants cherish even the stones and dust of Jerusalem.

Psalms 102:15

ULT	UST
The nations will fear the name of Yahweh, and all the kings of the earth, your glory.	*Yahweh, someday the people of all nations will revere you, and all the kings on the earth will recognize how very glorious you are.*

Why will the kings of the earth show respect for Yahweh?

All the kings of the earth will recognize Yahweh's glory.

Psalms 102:17

ULT	UST
He turns to the prayer of the destitute and he does not despise their prayer.	*Yahweh listens to the prayers of his people who are homeless. He does not ignore them when they pray for him to help them.*

What does Yahweh do when the destitute pray?

Yahweh listens to the prayers of the destitute and does not ignore them.

Psalms 102:18

ULT	UST
This will be written for a future generation, and a people being created will praise Yah;	*I will write these things down so that people in future years will know what he has done, in order that people who are not born yet will praise Yahweh.*

How does the psalmist show how far into the future Yahweh's praise will continue?

He writes that people who are not even born yet will praise Yahweh.

Psalms 102:19

ULT	UST
that he looked down from the height of his holiness; Yahweh from heaven regarded the earth,	*They will describe how Yahweh looked down from his holy place in heaven and saw what was happening on the earth.*

What did Yahweh see from heaven?

From heaven Yahweh saw what was happening on the earth.

Psalms 102:22

ULT	UST
when peoples and kingdoms gather together to serve Yahweh.	*This will happen when many peoples, including those from other kingdoms, gather to worship Yahweh together.*

For what purpose are the peoples and kingdoms gathered together?

The peoples and kingdoms gather together to serve Yahweh.

Psalms 102:24

ULT	UST
I said, "My God, do not take me away in the middle of my days; your years are a generation of generations.	*I say to you, "My God, do not let me die when I am only half-way through my lifetime! In contrast, you live forever!*

What does the psalmist plead with God not to do?

The psalmist pleads with God not let him die too soon.

Psalms 102:25

ULT	UST
Formerly you set the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.	*You created the world long ago, and you are the one who made the heavens.*

What does the psalmist say Yahweh did in long ago?

The psalmist says that long ago Yahweh made the earth and the heavens.

Psalms 102:27

ULT	UST
But you are he, and your years will not end.	*But you are Yahweh; you will always be.*

How long will Yahweh endure?

Yahweh will have no end.

Psalms 102:28

ULT	UST
The sons of your servants will abide, and their seed will be established to your face.”	*The children of those who worship you will live safely in Jerusalem, and you will protect their descendants as they live in your presence.”*

Where does the psalmist say the descendants of Yahweh’s servants will live?

The descendants of Yahweh’s servants will live in his presence.

Psalms 103

Psalms 103:2

ULT	UST
Bless Yahweh, my soul! And do not forget all of his benefits.	*I tell myself, "Praise Yahweh, and think about all of the kind things that he has done for me."*

What does David not want to forget?

He does not want to forget all of the kind things Yahweh has done for him.

Psalms 103:4

ULT	UST
The one redeeming your life from the pit; the one crowning you with covenant faithfulness and mercy.	*He rescues me from things that would kill me; he blesses me by faithfully loving me and acting mercifully to me.*

With what does David say Yahweh will bless him?

He blesses him with covenant faithfulness and acts of mercy.

Psalms 103:6

ULT	UST
Yahweh, doing righteousness and justice for all those being oppressed.	*It is Yahweh who does all this! He does what is right and judges justly for all those whom people have been treating unfairly.*

What does Yahweh do for all who are oppressed?

Yahweh does acts of righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

Psalms 103:7

ULT	UST
He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the children of Israel.	*Long ago he revealed to Moses the way that he works; he showed to our ancestors, the people of Israel, the mighty things that he can do.*

What did Yahweh make known to the children of Israel?

He made known his deeds to the children of Israel.

Psalms 103:9

ULT	UST
He will not contend to the end, and he will not maintain forever.	*He will not always rebuke us, and he will not remain angry forever.*

What does David say that Yahweh will not always do?

David says Yahweh will not always rebuke, and will not remain angry forever.

Psalms 103:10

ULT	UST
He does not deal with us according to our sins, and he does not treat us according to our iniquities.	*He does not punish us for our sins nearly as much as we deserve.*

What does David say about how Yahweh deals with people's sins?

Yahweh does not punish them for their sins as much as they deserve.

Psalms 103:13

ULT	UST
As a father has compassion on his children, Yahweh has compassion on those fearing him.	*Just as parents always love their children, Yahweh always loves those who revere him.*

In what special way does Yahweh have compassion on those who fear him?

Yahweh has compassion on those who fear him in the same way as a father has compassion on his children.

Psalms 103:17

ULT	UST
But the covenant faithfulness of Yahweh is from everlasting to everlasting on those fearing him, and his righteousness is to the children of children,	*But Yahweh will continue to faithfully love all those who revere him, forever. He will do what is right for generations of their children,*

How long does the covenant faithfulness of Yahweh last?

The covenant faithfulness of Yahweh is forever for those fearing him.

Psalms 103:19

ULT	UST
Yahweh has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.	*Yahweh rules as king in heaven. From there, he rules over everything.*

Where has Yahweh established his throne?

Yahweh has established his throne in the heavens.

Psalms 103:20

ULT	UST
Bless Yahweh, his angels, warriors of strength, doers of his word, listening to the voice of his word!	*Praise Yahweh, you angels who belong to Yahweh, You powerful warriors who do what he tells you to do, you who obey what he commands!*

Who are the ones who are called to bless Yahweh and obey his commands?

His angels, who are warriors of great strength, are called to bless Yahweh and obey his commands.

Psalms 103:21

ULT	UST
Bless Yahweh, all his hosts, ministering to him, doing his pleasure!	*Praise Yahweh, all you armies of his angels, you who serve him and do what he desires!*

Who are those that David says do Yahweh's pleasure?

All of Yahweh's army of angels serve him and do what he desires.

Psalms 104

Psalms 104:1

ULT	UST
Bless Yahweh, my soul! Yahweh my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty,	*I tell myself, "Bless Yahweh!" Yahweh, my God, you are magnificent! You are more majestic than a king appearing in his beautiful robes!*

How does the psalmist describe how great Yahweh is?

He says that Yahweh is clothed with splendor and majesty.

Psalms 104:2

ULT	UST
wrapping light as the garment; spreading out the heavens as the tent curtain;	*You use light itself as your robe; you spread out all of heaven as your tent.*

In what way does Yahweh spread out the heavens?

He spreads out the heavens as if it were his tent.

Psalms 104:5

ULT	UST
He set the earth upon its foundations; it will not be moved forever and ever.	*You created the world to be secure, so that nothing can ever move it from its place.*

What does the psalmist say will never happen to the earth?

The earth that Yahweh created will never be moved.

Psalms 104:6-7

What does the psalmist say made the waters recede?

Yahweh's rebuke made the waters recede.

Psalms 104:9

ULT	UST
You set a boundary they cannot pass; they will not return to cover the earth.	*Then you set a boundary for the water that it cannot cross over. That boundary ensures that the water will never again cover the whole earth.*

Why will the waters not cover the earth again?

Yahweh set a boundary for them that they cannot cross.

Psalms 104:14

ULT	UST
The one making grass grow for the cattle and plants for the work of man to bring forth bread from the earth.	*You make grass to grow for the cattle to eat, and you make plants to grow for people to cultivate, so that they can make bread from those plants that grew in the soil.*

How does Yahweh provide for both animals and people?

He makes grass for the cattle to eat and plants for people from which they can make food to eat.

Psalms 104:19

ULT	UST
He made the moon for appointed times; the sun knows its setting.	*Yahweh, you made the moon to indicate the times for our festivals, and you made the sun to always go down at the right time.*

What did Yahweh make the moon and the sun to mark?

He made the moon to indicate times for festivals and the sun to set each day.

Psalms 104:20-22

What happens to the young lions?

The young lions prowl at night for food and when the sun rises, they retreat and lie down in their dens.

Psalms 104:25

ULT	UST
There is the sea, great and broad of hands; creeping things are there, and there is no number, living things, small with great.	*We see the ocean, which is vastly wide between its shores! It is full of many kinds of wriggling creatures, so many that no one can count them. There are creatures ranging from small to big.*

With what is the sea full?

The sea is full of many living creatures, both great and small.

Psalms 104:27

ULT	UST
All of them look to you to give their food at its time.	*All of these creatures depend on you to give them the food that they need at the right time.*

To whom do all living creatures look to give them their food?

They all look to Yahweh to give them their food at the right time.

Psalms 104:29

ULT	UST
You hide your face; they are terrified; you take away their breath; they expire and return to their dust.	*But when you refuse to give food to them, they panic. When you cause them to stop breathing, they die; their bodies decay and become part of the soil.*

What happens to the creatures if Yahweh hides his face or takes away their breath?

When he hides his face, they have no food to eat and when he takes away their breath, they die.

Psalms 104:31

ULT	UST
May the glory of Yahweh be forever; may Yahweh rejoice in his creation!	*I want all of Yahweh's creatures to glorify him forever! I want Yahweh to rejoice about everything that he has created!*

What does the psalmist want Yahweh to do because of his creation?

The psalmist wants Yahweh to rejoice about everything that he has created.

Psalms 104:33

ULT	UST
I shall sing to Yahweh in my life; I shall sing praise to my God during my existence.	*I will sing to Yahweh as long as I live. I will praise my God until the day that I die.*

What does the psalmist promise to sing?

He promises to sing praise to his God as long as he lives.

Psalms 104:35

ULT	UST
May sinners cease from the earth, and the wicked be no more. Bless Yahweh, my soul! Hallelu Yah!	*However, I want sinners to disappear from the earth, and for there to be no more wicked people! I tell myself, "Bless Yahweh!" Praise Yahweh!*

What does the psalmist hope will happen to sinners and the wicked on the earth?

He wants sinners to disappear from the earth and the wicked to be no more.

Psalms 105

Psalms 105:1

ULT	UST
Give thanks to Yahweh, call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!	*Give thanks to Yahweh; worship him and pray to him. Tell everyone in the world what he has done!*

What does the psalmist say about what Yahweh has done?

The psalmist says that people should tell everyone about what Yahweh has done.

Psalms 105:3

ULT	UST
Boast in the name of his holiness; let the heart of the seekers of Yahweh rejoice.	*Be proud of Yahweh, who is the holy one. You people who worship Yahweh, rejoice!*

Who does the psalmist tell to rejoice?

The psalmist tells those who seek Yahweh to rejoice.

Psalms 105:4

ULT	UST
Seek Yahweh and his strength; search for his face continually.	*Ask Yahweh to help you and to make you strong; always try to be with him!*

How often should people seek the presence of Yahweh?

The psalmist calls people to seek his presence continually.

Psalms 105:8

ULT	UST
He remembers his covenant forever, the word he commanded for a thousand generations,	*He never forgets the covenant that he made; that is, he will maintain what he promised for countless generations.*

For how long does the psalmist say Yahweh remembers his covenant?

The psalmist says Yahweh remembers his covenant forever.

Psalms 105:9

ULT	UST
that he cut with Abraham and his oath to Isaac.	*That is the covenant that he made with Abraham, and that he repeated with an oath to Isaac.*

What covenant does the psalmist say Yahweh calls to mind?

Yahweh calls to mind the covenant that he made with Abraham and his oath to Isaac.

Psalms 105:11

ULT	UST
saying, "I will give to you the land of Canaan as the portion of your inheritance,"	*What Yahweh said to them was, "I will give to you the region of Canaan; that will be what you and your descendants inherit from me."*

What has Yahweh given as an inheritance to Israel?

Yahweh promised Israel that the land of Canaan will be what they and their descendants inherit from him.

Psalms 105:12

ULT	UST
when they were few in number, very few, and strangers in it.	*Yahweh said that to the people of Israel when there were only a few of them. They were just a tiny group of people who were living in that land like strangers.*

When did Yahweh make the covenant with Israel?

The psalmist says that Yahweh made this covenant with Israel when they were only few in number and strangers in that land.

Psalms 105:14-15

Whom did Yahweh tell kings not to touch?

Yahweh told them not to harm his chosen people or his prophets.

Psalms 105:17

ULT	UST
He sent a man ahead of them; Joseph was sold as a servant.	*So the people of Israel went to Egypt, but before they went, Yahweh had already sent someone there. He sent Joseph, whom his brothers had sold to be a slave.*

How did Yahweh send Joseph ahead of Israel?

He sent Joseph ahead of them by having him sold by his brothers as a slave.

Psalms 105:19

ULT	UST
until the time of his word coming to pass. The speaking of Yahweh refined him.	*Joseph was in prison until the time when the events that he had predicted happened. Yahweh spoke to him during this time and taught Joseph to trust him more.*

What did Yahweh do for Joseph while he was in prison?

While he was in prison, Yahweh taught Joseph to trust him more.

Psalms 105:21

ULT	UST
He appointed him lord of his house and ruler over all of his possessions	*Then the king chose Joseph as the one to decide about everything in the king's household, that is, to be in charge of everything that the king possessed.*

What role did the king give Joseph?

The king appointed Joseph as lord of his house and ruler over all of his possessions.

Psalms 105:23

ULT	UST
Then Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.	*Later, Joseph's father Jacob, also called Israel, arrived in Egypt. He lived like a foreigner in that land that belonged to the descendants of Ham.*

Where did Jacob live when he came to Egypt?

Jacob lived for a time in the land of Ham.

Psalms 105:25

ULT	UST
He turned their hearts to hate his people, to plot against his servants.	*So Yahweh caused the rulers of Egypt to hate Yahweh's people, and they devised ways to oppress his people.*

Whom did Yahweh cause to hate his people?

Yahweh caused the rulers of Egypt to hate the people of Israel.

Psalms 105:27

ULT	UST
They performed among them the matters of his signs, and his wonders in the land of Ham.	*Those two performed Yahweh's amazing miracles among the people of Egypt in that land where the descendants of Ham lived.*

Where did Moses and Aaron perform Yahweh's signs?

Moses and Aaron performed Yahweh's signs among the Egyptians who lived in the land of Ham.

Psalms 105:29

ULT	UST
He turned their water into blood and killed their fish.	*Yahweh caused all of the water in Egypt to become blood, which caused all of their fish to die.*

What did Yahweh do to the Egyptians' water and fish?

Yahweh turned the Egyptians' water into blood and killed their fish.

Psalms 105:32

ULT	UST
He made their rain hail, fire of flames on their land.	*Yahweh sent them hail instead of rain, and he started fires that burned throughout their land.*

What did Yahweh send along with the hail in Egypt?

Along with the hail, Yahweh sent fire that burned throughout their land.

Psalms 105:36

ULT	UST
Then he struck every firstborn in their land, the first of all their strength.	*Then Yahweh killed every firstborn son, the one who first demonstrated that the man was virile, in every house of the people of Egypt.*

Who did Yahweh kill in Egypt?

Yahweh killed every firstborn son of the Egyptians.

Psalms 105:38

ULT	UST
Egypt was glad when they departed, for the dread of them had fallen upon them.	*The people of Egypt were glad when the Israelite people left because the people of Egypt had become very afraid of the Israelites.*

Why were the people of Egypt glad when the Israelites went away?

The Egyptians were glad when the Israelites went away because they had become very afraid of the Israelites.

Psalms 105:40

ULT	UST
He asked, and he brought quail and satisfied them with bread from heaven.	*Then the Israelites asked for meat to eat, and Yahweh sent flocks of quail to them, and he gave them plenty of manna bread from the sky each morning.*

With what kind of food did Yahweh provide for the Israelites?

Yahweh satisfied them with quail to eat and bread from heaven.

Psalms 105:42

ULT	UST
For he remembered the word of his holiness with Abraham his servant.	*Yahweh did those things because he continually thought about the sacred promise that he had given to his servant, Abraham.*

Which holy promise did Yahweh remember?

Yahweh remembered his holy promise that he made to Abraham his servant.

Psalms 105:44

ULT	UST
Then he gave to them the lands of the nations, and they took possession of the toil of the peoples	*Then Yahweh gave to the people of Israel the land that had belonged to the people groups that lived there in Canaan. So the Israelites took over the fields that those peoples had planted.*

What did Yahweh give his people?

He gave his people the land and planted fields of the people that lived there.

Psalms 106

Psalms 106:1

ULT	UST
Hallelu Yah! Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for his covenant faithfulness is to forever.	*Praise Yahweh! Thank Yahweh because he is good and because he faithfully loves us forever!*

Why does the psalmist say people should give thanks?

The psalmist says to give thanks because Yahweh's covenant faithfulness lasts forever.

Psalms 106:3

ULT	UST
The happinesses of the guardians of justice, the doers of righteousness at all times!	*How happy are those who act fairly, always doing what is right!*

What will make a person happy?

The person who acts fairly and does what is right will be happy.

Psalms 106:5

ULT	UST
to look on the good of your chosen, to rejoice in the gladness of your nation, to boast with your inheritance.	*Allow me to see the people whom you have chosen become prosperous again. Allow me to be happy with the people of your nation when they become happy again. Allow me to praise you along with all those others who belong to you.*

What will cause the psalmist to rejoice?

He will rejoice when he sees Yahweh's chosen people prosperous and happy again.

Psalms 106:7

ULT	UST
Our fathers did not consider your marvelous deeds in Egypt; they did not remember the abundance of your covenant faithfulness, and they rebelled at the sea, the Sea of Reeds.	*Our ancestors did not appreciate the wonderful things that you did when they were in Egypt. They forgot about the many times that you showed that you faithfully loved them. Instead, when they were at the Sea of Reeds, they rebelled against you.*

How did the ancestors of the psalmist respond to Yahweh's marvelous deeds?

His ancestors did not appreciate Yahweh's marvelous deeds and they forgot them and rebelled.

Psalms 106:8

ULT	UST
But he saved them on account of his name, to make known his power.	*Even so, he rescued them because of who he is, so that he could show that he is very powerful.*

Why did Yahweh save the psalmist's ancestors?

He saved them because of who he is, so that he might show his power.

Psalms 106:11

ULT	UST
Then the waters covered their adversaries; one of them was not left.	*Then their enemies drowned under the water of the Sea of Reeds; not one of them remained alive.*

What happened to the adversaries of Israel?

The waters covered their adversaries; not one of them remained alive.

Psalms 106:14

ULT	UST
And they craved a craving in the wilderness, and they tested God in the wasteland.	*They intensely wanted certain foods in the wilderness. They did evil things there that challenged God to punish them.*

What did the people do when they had intense cravings in the wilderness?

They tested God by doing evil things.

Psalms 106:17

ULT	UST
The earth opened and swallowed Dathan and covered over the congregation of Abiram.	*the ground opened up and Dathan fell into it and it also buried Abiram and his people.*

What happened to Dathan and the people of Abiram?

The ground opened up and buried Dathan and the people of Abiram.

Psalms 106:20

ULT	UST
Thus they traded their Glory for the likeness of a bull eating grass.	*So instead of worshiping their glorious God, they worshiped a statue of a bull that eats grass!*

What did the people worship at Horeb?

They made a statue of a bull at Horeb and worshiped it instead of their God.

Psalms 106:23

ULT	UST
So he said to annihilate them— had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach to his face, to turn away his heat from destroying.	*Because of that, God said that he would get rid of the Israelites; but Moses, whom God had chosen to serve him, confronted God to persuade him not to destroy them.*

Why did God not annihilate the Israelites?

Moses persuaded God not to destroy them.

Psalms 106:26

ULT	UST
Then he raised his hand to them to make them fall in the desert,	*So Yahweh solemnly swore to them that he would cause them to die there in the wilderness,*

What did Yahweh swear he would do?

Yahweh swore to them that he would cause them to die in the desert.

Psalms 106:29

ULT	UST
And they angered with their actions, and a plague broke out among them.	*When the people did these things, that made Yahweh angry, so again he caused many of them to get a terrible disease.*

What happened to the people of Israel when their actions made Yahweh angry?

A plague broke out among them.

Psalms 106:30

ULT	UST
Then Phinehas stood and intervened, and the plague was restrained.	*But Phinehas stood up and punished the ones who had sinned, and as a result the plague ended.*

What happened when Phinehas rose to intervene for the people?

When Phinehas intervened, the plague ended.

Psalms 106:32-33

Why did Moses suffer?

Because the people made Moses angry, he spoke foolishly.

Psalms 106:34

ULT	UST
They did not destroy the peoples, which Yahweh had said to them,	*Our ancestors did not destroy the other people groups as Yahweh had told them to do.*

What did the people not do that Yahweh had told them to do?

The people of Israel did not destroy the other people groups as Yahweh had told them to.

Psalms 106:35-37

What happened to the people when they mingled with the nations and worshiped their idols?

They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons that the idols represented.

Psalms 106:41

ULT	UST
And he gave them into the hand of the nations, and the haters of them ruled over them.	*As a result, he allowed other people groups to conquer our ancestors, so that those who hated our ancestors were their rulers.*

What happened to Israel when they disobeyed Yahweh?

Yahweh allowed the other people groups to conquer Israel and rule over them.

Psalms 106:45

ULT	UST
And he remembered his covenant with them and relented because of the abundance of his covenant faithfulness.	*He thought about the covenant that he had made with them, and because he was completely committed to faithfully loving them, he decided that he would stop punishing them.*

Why did Yahweh relent and decide to stop punishing Israel?

He relented because of the covenant he had made with them to faithfully love them.

Psalms 106:47

ULT	UST
Save us, Yahweh, our God! Gather us from the nations to give thanks to the name of your holiness, to glory in your praises.	*Yahweh our God, rescue us and bring us back to Israel from among those other people groups so that we may thank you who are holy and joyfully praise you!*

What reason does the psalmist state for Yahweh to bring Israel back from among the nations?

The psalmist declares that if Yahweh would bring Israel back, they would give thanks to his holy name and joyfully praise him.

Psalms 107

Psalms 107:1

ULT	UST
Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for his covenant faithfulness is to forever.	*Thank Yahweh because he is good and because he faithfully loves us forever!*

How long does Yahweh's covenant faithfulness last?

He faithfully loves his people forever.

Psalms 107:2-3

From where has Yahweh rescued his redeemed?

He rescued them from their enemies by bring them back from many foreign lands.

Psalms 107:6

ULT	UST
Then they called out to Yahweh in the distressing to them; he rescued them from their distresses.	*Then because they were distressed, they called out to Yahweh, and he rescued them from what was distressing them.*

What did Yahweh do for his redeemed when they called out to him in their distress?

He rescued them from what was distressing them.

Psalms 107:8

ULT	UST
May they thank Yahweh for his covenant faithfulness and his amazing deeds for the sons of man!	*They should praise Yahweh for how he has loved them faithfully and for the wonderful things that he does for all people!*

For what should people praise Yahweh?

They should praise him for his covenant faithfulness and for the amazing things he has done for all people.

Psalms 107:12

ULT	UST
he humbled their hearts through hardship; they stumbled and there was no helper.	*God made them experience difficult things so that they would no longer be proud. When bad things happened to them, there was no one who would help them.*

How did Yahweh humble the people?

He let them experience difficult things so that they would no longer be proud.

Psalms 107:15-16

ULT	UST
	Yahweh broke down the bronze gates and he cut through the iron bars of their prison. Therefore they should praise Yahweh for how he has loved them faithfully and for the wonderful things that he does for all people!

What reason does the psalmist give the people for thanking Yahweh?

They should thank him because he has set them free as if from prison.

Psalms 107:17

ULT	UST
Foolish from their rebellious way and afflicted from their sins,	*Some of them foolishly rebelled against God, and they suffered because of their sins.*

Why were the people afflicted?

They were afflicted because of their sins.

Psalms 107:22

ULT	UST
May they sacrifice sacrifices of thanksgiving and recount his deeds with a shout!	*They should give offerings to him to show that they are thankful, and they should tell about the miracles that he has performed by singing joyfully!*

What kind of sacrifices should people offer to Yahweh?

They should offer sacrifices of thanksgiving.

Psalms 107:23-24

What did the people see who traveled and did business on the sea in ships?

They saw the amazing creatures that Yahweh had made in the deep sea.

Psalms 107:27

ULT	UST
They swayed and staggered as intoxicated and all their wisdom became confounded.	*They stumbled about and staggered as drunken men do, and everything that they tried to do was useless.*

What happened to the sailors as the storm raged?

They staggered like drunken men and everything that they tried to do was useless.

Psalms 107:28-29

What happened when the men called out to Yahweh in their distress?

He rescued them from what was distressing them and calmed the storm.

Psalms 107:32

ULT	UST
May they exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him at the seat of the elders.	*They should praise him among the Israelite people when they have gathered together, and they should praise him in front of the leaders of the community.*

Where should people exalt and praise Yahweh?

They should praise him wherever all the people gather together with their leaders.

Psalms 107:34

ULT	UST
fruitful ground into salt land, from the wickedness of the dwellers in it.	*Yahweh causes land that normally produces a lot of crops to become salty wastelands. He does that because the people who live there are very wicked.*

What did Yahweh do to a fruitful land because of the wickedness of the people?

He turned a fruitful land into a salty wasteland because of the wickedness of its people.

Psalms 107:37

ULT	UST
Then they sow fields and plant vineyards, and they produce the fruit of the harvest.	*Then they sow some of the fields with seeds and in other fields they plant grapevines and it all produces a large amount of crops.*

What did the people sow and plant?

They sowed fields and planted vineyards which produced a harvest.

Psalms 107:40

ULT	UST
He pours contempt on the leaders and causes them to wander in an empty place of no road.	*Then Yahweh shows that he despises the leaders who oppress them, and makes those leaders wander in a wilderness where there are no roads.*

What happened to the leaders who oppressed Yahweh's people?

He caused them to wander as if they were in a wilderness where there are no roads.

Psalms 107:42

ULT	UST
The upright see and rejoice, and all wickedness shuts its mouth.	*People who live rightly see Yahweh do these things, and they rejoice; wicked people know about these things, too, but they have nothing to say in reply.*

What happens when the people who live rightly see what Yahweh has done for them and rejoice?

The wicked people have nothing to say in reply.

Psalms 107:43

ULT	UST
Who is wise? Then may he keep these things and may they ponder the covenant faithfulness of Yahweh.	*Those who are wise should think carefully about these things; they should thoughtfully consider all the things that Yahweh has done to show that he faithfully loves them.*

Who does the psalmist call upon to ponder the ways Yahweh has shown that he loves them?

The psalmist calls upon whoever is wise to ponder the ways Yahweh has shown that he faithfully loves them as he promised.

Psalms 108

Psalms 108:1

ULT	UST
My heart is made steadfast, God; I will sing and I will make music, indeed, with my glory!	*God, I am completely committed to worshiping you. I will sing and I will play music to praise you. I will do this with my whole being!*

With what does David say he will sing praises?

David says he will sing and make music with his whole being.

Psalms 108:4

ULT	UST
For your covenant faithfulness is great from above the heavens, and your trustworthiness, above the clouds.	*I will do that because the way that you faithfully love us is so great that it is like the distance between the heavens and the earth, and the way that you faithfully keep your promises is so great that it is like the distance between the earth and the clouds.*

How does David describe how great is Yahweh's covenant faithfulness?

David says that Yahweh's covenant faithfulness is so great that it is like the distance between the heavens and the earth.

Psalms 108:5

ULT	UST
Be exalted, God, above the heavens, and your glory, over all the earth.	*God, show all creatures that you are greater than anything in the heavens! Show how wonderful you are to people all over the earth!*

Where does David ask for God's glory to be exalted?

David asks that God's glory be exalted all over the earth.

Psalms 108:8

ULT	UST
To me is Gilead; to me is Manasseh, and Ephraim is the protection of my head, Judah, my scepter.	*The region of Gilead is mine; the area of the tribe of Manasseh is mine; the tribe of Ephraim is like my war helmet; and the tribe of Judah is like my royal scepter.*

What has God spoken about Ephraim and Judah?

God spoke of the tribe of Ephraim as his protection in battle and Judah is where his kings come from.

Psalms 108:9

ULT	UST
Moab is a tub for my washing; over Edom I throw my sandal; over Philistia I shout triumphantly."	*The people of Moab serve me as those who wash my feet; the people of Edom also belong to me as menial servants; I have defeated the people of Philistia."*

What does God say he will do over Philistia?

God says he will shout triumphantly because he has defeated the people of Philistia.

Psalms 108:12

ULT	UST
Give to us help against the enemy, and futility is the deliverance of man.	*Please help us when we fight against our enemies because the help that humans can give to us is worthless.*

Whose help does David say is futile?

David asks for God's help because man's help is futile.

Psalms 108:13

ULT	UST
With God we will accomplish valor; and he, he will trample our adversaries.	*But with you helping us, we will win; you are the one who will enable us to defeat our enemies.*

How does David describe his triumph with God’s help?

David says that with God’s help they will win, and God will enable them to defeat their enemies.

Psalms 109

Psalms 109:2

ULT	UST
For a wicked mouth and a mouth of deceit open against me; they speak a tongue of untruth with me,	*because evil and dishonest people slander me and tell lies about me.*

Who does David say speaks lies against him?

David says that wicked and deceitful people speak lies about him.

Psalms 109:4

ULT	UST
In return for my love they accuse me, but I—prayer.	*I show them that I love them but instead of being kind to me, they say that I have done evil things. So I pray to God about it.*

What do the wicked give in return for David's love?

David says that in return for his love, they accuse him of doing evil things.

Psalms 109:7

ULT	UST
When he is judged, may he come out guilty; and may his prayer be as sin.	*Let that judge declare that my enemy is guilty, and may you judge that even his prayer to you is a sin.*

What does David hope will happen when his enemy is judged?

David hopes that when his enemy is judged, he may be found guilty.

Psalms 109:10

ULT	UST
And wandering, may his children wander and beg and seek from their desolations.	*Cause his children to wander far from their ruined homes, begging and looking for food.*

What is David's request for the children of his enemy?

David asks that his enemy's children would have to wander about and beg for food.

Psalms 109:11

ULT	UST
May a creditor snare all that is to him; may strangers plunder his work.	*Let the people to whom he owed money seize all of his property; let strangers take away everything that he worked to acquire.*

What does David hope will happen to his enemy's earnings?

David hopes that strangers will take what his enemy earns.

Psalms 109:12

ULT	UST
May there not be to him one extending covenant faithfulness; and may there not be one pitying his orphans.	*Make sure that no one is faithfully loving to him; make sure that no one pities his fatherless children.*

What does David hope regarding his enemy and his enemy's children?

David hopes that no one will show covenant faithfulness to his enemy and that no one will pity his enemy's fatherless children.

Psalms 109:15

ULT	UST
May they be before Yahweh continually and may he cut off their remembrance from the earth,	*Please think about their sins always, but cause everyone on earth to completely forget who they were.*

What is David's request from Yahweh concerning his enemy?

David asks that Yahweh will cause everyone on earth to completely forget who they were.

Psalms 109:16

ULT	UST
because he never remembered to do covenant faithfulness, but pursued the humble man and the needy and the dejected in heart to death.	*I pray these things because that man, my enemy, was never faithful toward anyone as your covenant says we must be; instead, he persecuted poor, needy, and grieving people until they were dead.*

Why does David ask Yahweh to make sure no one remembers his enemy?

David asks this because his enemy persecuted poor, needy, and brokenhearted people until they died.

Psalms 109:17

ULT	UST
And he loved cursing, and it came to him, and he did not delight in blessing, and it was far from him.	*He enjoyed cursing other people, so now people are cursing him. He did not want to bless other people, so there will be no one who blesses him.*

What does David say about his enemy's attitude toward cursing and blessing?

David says that because his enemy loved to curse others, now people are cursing him, and because his enemy did not bless others, there will be no one who blesses him.

Psalms 109:21

ULT	UST
But you, Yahweh, my Lord, do with me on account of your name. Because your covenant faithfulness is good, rescue me!	*But you, Yahweh, my God, please be kind to me because of who you are! Rescue me from my enemies because you faithfully love me as you promised.*

What does David ask Yahweh to do for him, and why?

David asks Yahweh to be kind to him for the sake of Yahweh's name and to rescue him because of the promise Yahweh made to faithfully love him.

Psalms 109:23

ULT	UST
Like a shadow when it lengthens I am made to go; I am shaken off like a locust.	*I think that my time to remain alive will end as quickly as an evening shadow disappears. I will be gone as quickly as a man shakes off a locust.*

To what does David compare his time left to remain alive?

David says that his life is fading away as quickly as a shadow that lengthens at evening or as a man shakes off a locust.

Psalms 109:25

ULT	UST
And I, I am a disgrace to them; they see me; they shake their head.	*The people who accuse me despise me; when they see me, they insult me by shaking their heads at me.*

What do David's accusers do when they see him?

David says that when they see him, his accusers shake their heads to show that they despise him.

Psalms 109:26

ULT	UST
Help me, Yahweh my God; save me according to your covenant faithfulness,	*Yahweh, the God whom I worship, please help me! Rescue me because you faithfully love me!*

Why does David think Yahweh will save him?

David asks Yahweh to save him because Yahweh has faithfully loved him according to his covenant.

Psalms 109:26-27

What does David say will be the result of Yahweh saving him?

When Yahweh saves him, his enemies will know that it was Yahweh who has done it.

Psalms 109:28

ULT	UST
They, they will curse, but you, you will bless; they arise, but then become ashamed, and your servant will rejoice.	*As for them, they will curse me, but you, in contrast, will bless me. When they persecute me, the result will be that you make them ashamed, but you cause me, your servant, to be glad!*

What does David say will happen when his accusers curse him?

David says that when his accusers curse him, Yahweh will bless him and cause him to rejoice.

Psalms 109:31

ULT	UST
For he stands at the right hand of the needy, to save him from the judges of his soul.	*I will do that because he defends poor people like me in order to save us from those who would condemn us to die.*

What does David say will happen when Yahweh defends the needy person?

Yahweh will save the needy person from those who condemn him.

Psalms 110

Psalms 110:1

ULT	UST
Of David, a psalm. The declaration of Yahweh to my lord the king: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."	*David wrote this psalm. Yahweh said to my lord, "Sit here, close to me, in the place of highest honor until I completely defeat your enemies and make them like a stool for your feet!"*

Where does Yahweh ask David's lord to sit, and for how long?

Yahweh asks him to sit at his right hand until he defeats his enemies.

Psalms 110:2

ULT	UST
Yahweh will stretch out the scepter of your strength from Zion; rule in the midst of your enemies!	*Yahweh will extend your powerful kingdom from Zion to other lands; you are to rule over all your enemies.*

What does Yahweh extend from Zion?

Yahweh extends the kingdom from Zion for the king to rule over his enemies.

Psalms 110:3

ULT	UST
Your people, freewill offerings on the day of your strength, in the beauty of holiness; from the womb of the dawn, the dew of your youth is to you.	*When you lead your army into battle, your people will offer themselves freely to join your army. The way that they are completely devoted to you will be beautiful. You will be as strong as you were as a young man every day, as surely as the dew comes that waters the earth every morning.*

What do the people do on the day the king goes to battle?

They willingly offer themselves to serve him and show their devotion in holiness.

Psalms 110:4

ULT	UST
Yahweh has sworn, and will not revoke it: "You are a priest forever, after the manner of Melchizedek."	*Yahweh has made a solemn promise and he will never change his mind about it; he said to the king, "You are an eternal priest in the way that Melchizedek was a priest."*

What did Yahweh promise that he will never change his mind about?

Yahweh promised that the king would be a priest forever, in the same way that Melchizedek was a priest.

Psalms 110:5

ULT	UST
The Lord is at your right hand. He crushes kings on the day of his nose.	*The Lord fights for you; when he becomes angry, he defeats many kings.*

What does the Lord do to other kings when he becomes angry?

The Lord crushes and defeats kings when he is angry.

Psalms 110:6

ULT	UST
He will judge the nations; he fills with bodies, he crushes the head, upon abundant land.	*He will punish the people of many nations; he will cause many enemy soldiers to fall dead, with crushed heads, all over a broad land.*

What does the Lord do to the nations?

He punishes the people from other nations, causing many enemy soldiers to fall dead.

Psalms 110:7

ULT	UST
He will drink from the stream along the path, Therefore, he will lift up the head.	*But the king will drink from the stream alongside the road; because of all this, he will be victorious.*

What does the king do after he drinks from the stream along the road?

He will be victorious.

Psalms 111

Psalms 111:1

ULT	UST
Hallelu Yah! I will thank Yahweh with the whole heart in the assembly of the upright and congregation.	*Praise Yahweh! I will thank Yahweh with my entire inner being every time that those who do what is right meet together.*

When does the psalmist say he will give thanks to Yahweh?

He will give thanks to Yahweh whenever the upright gather to meet.

Psalms 111:3

ULT	UST
His work is splendor and majesty, and his righteousness stands forever.	*The things that he does show how wonderful and glorious he is, and that he is eternally righteous.*

How long will Yahweh's righteousness stand?

His righteousness will last forever.

Psalms 111:5

ULT	UST
He gives food to those fearing him. He remembers his covenant forever.	*He provides food for those who profoundly respect him; he never forgets the covenant that he made with our ancestors.*

What does Yahweh always remember?

He always remembers his covenant.

Psalms 111:6

ULT	UST
He showed the power of his works to his people, to give to them the inheritance of the nations.	*By enabling his people to capture the lands that had belonged to other people groups, he showed to us, his people, that he is very powerful.*

How did Yahweh show his people how powerful he is?

He showed his people how powerful he is by enabling them to capture the lands of the nations around them.

Psalms 111:8

ULT	UST
They are established forever, for eternity, done in faithfulness, and upright.	*We must obey his instructions forever; he created them in order to do what is best for us, and they are completely right.*

How does the psalmist describe Yahweh's instructions?

Yahweh's instructions are meant to be kept forever since he created them in order to do what is best for us, and they are completely right.

Psalms 111:9

ULT	UST
He has sent redemption to his people; he ordained his covenant forever; holy and awesome is his name.	*He rescued us, his people, from being slaves in Egypt, and he made a covenant with us that will last forever. He is holy and awesome!*

How has Yahweh redeemed his people?

Yahweh rescued his people from being slaves in Egypt.

Psalms 111:10

ULT	UST
The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom; good understanding to all those doing them. His praise stands forever!	*Having a profound respect for Yahweh is the way to become wise. All those who obey his instructions will come to understand why it is good to do them. We should praise him forever!*

What is the beginning of wisdom?

Having a profound respect for Yahweh is the way to become wise.

What do those obeying Yahweh's instructions have?

Those who obey Yahweh's instructions have good understanding.

Psalms 112

Psalms 112:1

ULT	UST
Hallelu Yah! The happinesses of the man fearing Yahweh, greatly delighting in his commandments!	*Praise Yahweh! How fortunate are those who have a profound respect for Yahweh; How fortunate are those who happily obey his commands!*

What kind of person does the psalmist say will be happy?

The person who respects Yahweh and happily obeys his commandments will be happy.

Psalms 112:2

ULT	UST
His seed will be powerful on the earth; a generation of upright ones will be blessed.	*Their descendants will prosper in their land; Yahweh will bless all who do what is right.*

What happens to the descendants of the man who obeys Yahweh and who greatly delights in his commandments?

His descendants will prosper in their land and will be blessed.

Psalms 112:3

ULT	UST
Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness stands forever.	*Their families will be wealthy, and their righteous deeds will endure forever.*

What happens to the household of the man who obeys Yahweh?

His family will be wealthy.

Psalms 112:4

ULT	UST
Light shines in the darkness for the upright ones; gracious and compassionate and just.	*For those who honor God, it is as if a light were shining on them in the darkness, on those who are kind, merciful, and righteous.*

For whom does the psalmist say light shines in the darkness?

Light shines in the darkness for those who are upright, gracious, compassionate, and just.

Psalms 112:5

ULT	UST
a gracious and lending man is good; he conducts his affairs with justice.	*It is good to be kind to others and to generously lend money to them. A person like that does everything honestly.*

What does the psalmist say about the person who is gracious and lends to others?

Such a person is good and conducts his affairs with honesty.

Psalms 112:7

ULT	UST
He does not fear bad news; his heart is sure, trusting in Yahweh.	*Righteous people are not afraid when they receive bad news; they confidently trust in Yahweh.*

What does the righteous man do rather than fear bad news?

He does not fear, but he is confident, trusting in Yahweh.

Psalms 112:9

ULT	UST
He scatters, he gives to the poor; his righteousness stands forever; his horn is high with honor.	*They give things generously to poor people; their kind deeds will endure forever; people will greatly honor them.*

What happens to the righteous person who generously gives to the poor?

People will greatly honor the righteous person who gives to the poor.

Psalms 112:10

ULT	UST
The wicked will see and be angry; he will grind his teeth and he will melt away; the desire of the wicked will perish.	*Wicked people will see those things and become angry; they will gnash their teeth angrily, then people will stop hearing from them and they will die. The wicked things that they want to do will never happen.*

What happens to the wicked person who sees the righteous person being honored?

The wicked person will become angry sees the righteous person being honored.

Psalms 113

Psalms 113:1

ULT	UST
Hallelu Yah! Praise him, servants of Yahweh; praise the name of Yahweh!	*Praise Yahweh! You people who serve Yahweh, praise him! Praise Yahweh for who he is!*

Who does the psalmist call to praise Yahweh?

He calls the servants of Yahweh to praise him.

Psalms 113:2

ULT	UST
Blessed be the name of Yahweh, from now and to forever.	*Everyone should praise Yahweh for who he is, both now and forevermore!*

For how long should the name of Yahweh be praised?

His name should be praised both now and forevermore.

Psalms 113:3

ULT	UST
From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the name of Yahweh be praised.	*From the people who live in the far east to the people who live in the far west, everyone should praise Yahweh for who he is!*

Who should praise Yahweh for who he is?

He should be praised by everyone everywhere.

Psalms 113:5

ULT	UST
Who is like Yahweh our God, the one making high to sit,	*There is no one who is like Yahweh, the God whom we worship, who sits on his throne in the highest heaven*

According to the psalmist, who is like Yahweh our God?

There is no one who is like Yahweh.

Psalms 113:7-8

How does Yahweh cause the poor and the needy person to be treated?

Yahweh causes people to honor him by making him a leader of his people.

Psalms 113:9

ULT	UST
He causes the barren woman of the house to dwell, the joyful mother of children! Hallelu Yah!	*He also enables women who have had no children to live in their houses as happy mothers with children. Praise Yahweh!*

What does Yahweh do for barren women?

He enables barren women to become joyful mothers of children.

Psalms 114

Psalms 114:1

ULT	UST
When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people speaking a foreign language,	*When the Israelite people left Egypt, yes, when the descendants of Jacob left those people who spoke a foreign language,*

What country did the people of Israel leave where people spoke a foreign language?

The people of Israel left Egypt.

Psalms 114:3

ULT	UST
The sea looked and fled; the Jordan turned backward.	*When they came to the Sea of Reeds, it was as though the water saw them and ran away! When they came to the Jordan River, the water in the river stopped flowing so that the Israelites could cross it.*

What happened to the sea and the Jordan River when the Israelites came to them?

At both places, the water stopped flowing so the Israelites could cross.

Psalms 114:4

ULT	UST
The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like sons of the flock.	*When Mount Sinai shook, it was as though the mountains skipped like rams and the hills jumped like lambs.*

What did the mountains and the hills do?

The mountains shook as if they were skipping like rams, and the hills jumped like lambs.

Psalms 114:7

ULT	UST
Tremble, earth, from to the face of the Lord, from to the face of the God of Jacob,	*I would reply, "The earth trembles because the Lord is there! Everyone should tremble because of the presence of the God whom Jacob worshiped!"*

Why does the psalmist say the earth should tremble?

The earth should tremble because of the presence of God.

Psalms 114:8

ULT	UST
the one turning the rock into a pool of water, flint into a spring of water!	*He is the one who caused pools of water to flow from a rock for the Israelite people to drink; indeed, he caused a spring to flow from a solid rock!*

What does the psalmist say God did with the rock?

God caused springs to flow from the rock.

Psalms 115

Psalms 115:1

ULT	UST
Not to us, Yahweh, not to us, but to your name give honor, upon your covenant faithfulness, upon your trustworthiness.	*Yahweh, we ask not so people will honor us, no, not that at all; rather, we want people to honor you alone because of seeing how you faithfully love us and by seeing you do what you have promised to do.*

Who does the psalmist say should be given honor?

The psalmist says that only Yahweh deserves honor.

Psalms 115:4

ULT	UST
Their idols are silver and gold, the work of the hands of man.	*But the idols of those people groups are only silver and gold statues; humans made them.*

What does the psalmist say about the nations' idols?

He says their idols are only handmade items made of silver and gold.

Psalms 115:5-6

What are the idols not able to do?

They are not able to speak, see, hear, or smell.

Psalms 115:11

ULT	UST
Fearers of Yahweh, trust in Yahweh; he is their help and their shield.	*All you who deeply respect Yahweh, trust in Yahweh! He is the one who helps you and protects you like a shield.*

Why should those who respect Yahweh trust in him?

They should trust in Yahweh because he is the one who helps and protects them.

Psalms 115:13

ULT	UST
He will bless those fearing Yahweh, the small with the great.	*Yahweh will bless all those who deeply respect him— those who are less important as well as the important people, that is, each one!*

Whom does the psalmist say Yahweh will bless?

Yahweh will bless all those who respect him, whether they are considered important or not.

Psalms 115:16

ULT	UST
The heavens of heavens are to Yahweh; but the earth he has given to the sons of man.	*The highest heavens belong to Yahweh, but he gave everything that is on the earth to humankind.*

To whom do the heavens and earth belong?

The heavens belong to Yahweh, but the earth he has given to mankind.

Psalms 115:17-18

Who does the psalmist say should praise Yahweh?

Since the dead are no longer able to praise Yahweh, those who are alive will praise him as long as they live.

Psalms 116

Psalms 116:1

ULT	UST
I love him because Yahweh hears my voice, my pleas,	*I love Yahweh because he hears me when I cry out for him to help me.*

For what reason does the psalmist say he loves Yahweh?

He loves Yahweh because Yahweh hears him when he cries out to him for help.

Psalms 116:3

ULT	UST
The cords of death surrounded me, and the constrictions of Sheol found me; I found anguish and sorrow.	*Everything around me caused me to think that I was about to die; it seemed to me that I was already dying. I was distressed and very sad.*

Why did the psalmist say he felt like he was tied up with cords of death?

He was so distressed and full of sorrow that he felt as if he were about to die.

Psalms 116:6

ULT	UST
Yahweh guards the naive; I was low, and he saved me.	*Yahweh protects those who are helpless; when I was experiencing bad things, he saved me.*

Who does Yahweh guard?

Yahweh guards and protects those who are helpless.

Psalms 116:8

ULT	UST
For you rescued my soul from death, my eye from weeping, my foot from stumbling.	*Indeed, Yahweh has saved me from dying, he has delivered me from being sorrowful, and he has kept me from making bad mistakes.*

In what ways did Yahweh rescue the psalmist?

Yahweh saved the psalmist from dying, from being sorrowful, and from making bad mistakes.

Psalms 116:8-9

What does the psalmist say he will do because Yahweh rescued him?

Because Yahweh rescued him, he will live as Yahweh directs him as long he is alive.

Psalms 116:10

ULT	UST
I trusted, though I spoke, "I, I am very wretched."	*I continued to trust in Yahweh, even when I said, "As for me, I am greatly suffering."*

What did the psalmist do even when he was suffering?

He continued to trust in Yahweh even when he was suffering.

Psalms 116:12

ULT	UST
How can I return to Yahweh all of his bestowments to me?	*I can never repay Yahweh for all the good things that he has done for me.*

What did the psalmist say he could never repay Yahweh for?

The psalmist felt he could never repay Yahweh for all the good things he had done for him.

Psalms 116:14

ULT	UST
I will fulfill my vows to Yahweh right in front of all of his people.	*Also, as the people who belong to Yahweh watch, I will give to him the offerings that I solemnly promised to give to him.*

Where does the psalmist say he will fulfill his vows to Yahweh?

He will fulfill his vows in the presence of all his people.

Psalms 116:15

ULT	UST
Precious in the eyes of Yahweh is the death of his faithful.	*Yahweh is very grieved when one of his people dies.*

What is precious in the eyes of Yahweh?

It is precious to Yahweh when any of his faithful people die.

Psalms 116:16-17

What does the psalmist say he will offer to Yahweh for taking away his bonds?

He says he will pray to Yahweh and offer to him a sacrifice to thank him.

Psalms 116:18-19

ULT	UST
	As the people who belong to Yahweh watch, in the courtyard outside his temple, in the middle of Jerusalem, I will give to him the offerings that I solemnly promised to give to him. Praise Yahweh!

Where will the psalmist present his offerings to Yahweh?

He will present them in the courtyard outside his temple in Jerusalem in the presence of all the people.

Psalms 117

Psalms 117:1

ULT	UST
Praise Yahweh, all nations; extol him, all peoples!	*You people of all nations, praise Yahweh! All you people groups, greatly praise him!*

Who does this psalmist call upon to praise Yahweh?

He calls upon all the people of every nation to praise Yahweh.

Psalms 117:2

ULT	UST
For his covenant faithfulness is strong toward us, and the trustworthiness of Yahweh is to forever. Hallelu Yah!	*Do this, because he is fully committed to love us faithfully, just as he promised to do, and we can trust that Yahweh will be faithful forever. Praise Yahweh!*

What reasons does the psalmist give for the people to praise Yahweh?

Because Yahweh is fully committed to love them faithfully, just as he promised to do, and he can be trusted to be faithful forever.

Psalms 118

Psalms 118:1

ULT	UST
Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for his covenant faithfulness is to forever!	*Thank Yahweh because he is good and because he faithfully loves us forever!*

What are the two reasons the psalmist gives for thanking Yahweh?

People should thank Yahweh because he is good and because his faithful love will last forever.

Psalms 118:5

ULT	UST
From the constriction I called out to Yah; Yah answered me with wideness.	*When I was distressed, I called out to Yahweh, and Yahweh answered me and set me free.*

How did Yahweh respond when the psalmist called out to him?

Yahweh answered him and set him free.

Psalms 118:8

ULT	UST
Better to take shelter in Yahweh than to trust in man.	*It is better to rely on Yahweh than to depend on people.*

What does the psalmist say it is better to do than to trust in other people?

It is better to rely on Yahweh than to trust in people.

Psalms 118:12

ULT	UST
They surrounded me like bees; they were extinguished like a fire of thorns; in the name of Yahweh, indeed I fended them off.	*They swarmed around me like angry bees, but they diminished as quickly as a fire that is burning only thorns; Yahweh powerfully enabled me to make them retreat.*

What does the psalmist compare his enemies to when they surrounded him?

He compares them to angry bees that swarmed around him.

Psalms 118:15

ULT	UST
The voice of a shout and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; the right hand of Yahweh does valor!	*Listen to the joyful songs of how Yahweh saves people! They come from the tents of the people who honor God! They sing, "Yahweh has powerfully defeated our enemies;*

What does the psalmist say is heard from the people who honor God?

Those who honor God shout out joyful songs of celebration because Yahweh has powerfully defeated their enemies.

Psalms 118:18

ULT	UST
To chastise, Yah has chastised me; but to death he has not given me.	*Yahweh has punished me severely, but he has not allowed me to die.*

What has Yahweh not done even though the psalmist feels that Yahweh has punished him severely?

Yahweh has not allowed him to die.

Psalms 118:19

ULT	UST
Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will thank Yah.	*You gatekeepers, open for me the gates through which those who obey Yahweh may enter, so that I may enter through them and thank Yahweh.*

What does the psalmist say he will do when the gates are opened through which those who obey Yahweh may enter?

He will enter through the gates and give thanks to Yahweh.

Psalms 118:22

ULT	UST
The stone that the builders rejected has become the head of the corner.	*People considered me worthless, like a stone that builders rejected, but then Yahweh showed that he highly values me, as if that stone then became the most important stone in the building.*

What has happened to the stone that the builders rejected?

The stone that the builders rejected has become the most important stone in the building.

Psalms 118:24

ULT	UST
This is the day Yahweh made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.	*Yahweh made possible everything that we are celebrating today; we should be extremely happy about all of it!*

What does the psalmist say they should do on the day that Yahweh has made?

They should rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:27

ULT	UST
Yahweh is God, and he has given light to us; bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.	*Yahweh is God, and he has made us victorious. Bring an animal sacrifice for him and tie it to the horns of the altar."*

What does the psalmist say the people should do with the sacrifice?

They should tie the sacrifice to the horns of the altar.

Psalms 118:28

ULT	UST
You are my God, and I will thank you; my God, I will exalt you.	*Yahweh, you are the God whom I worship, and I will praise you! You are the only God whom I worship, and I will tell everyone that you are great!*

What does the psalmist say he will do for Yahweh, his God?

He will give thanks to Yahweh and tell everyone how great he is.

Psalms 119

Psalms 119:2

ULT	UST
The happinesses of the keepers of his testimonies! They seek him with a whole heart.	*How fortunate are those who do what he tells them to do! Those are the people who sincerely want to know him.*

How does the psalmist describe people who do what Yahweh tells them to do?

Those are the people who sincerely want to know him.

Psalms 119:5-6

What does the psalmist say would keep him from being ashamed?

If he could obey everything that Yahweh commands, he would not have shame when he looks at all Yahweh's commandments.

Psalms 119:7

ULT	UST
I will thank you with uprightness of heart when I learn the judgments of your righteousness.	*As I learn all of your just regulations, I thank you sincerely.*

When does the psalmist give thanks to Yahweh?

He gives thanks when he learns all of Yahweh's just regulations.

Psalms 119:9

ULT	UST
How can a young man keep his path pure? By keeping according to your word.	*I know how a young person can live in the right way; it is by obeying your commands.*

How can a young person be sure to live in the right way?

A young person can be sure to live in the right way by obeying Yahweh's word.

Psalms 119:11

ULT	UST
I have hidden your word in my heart so that I might not sin against you.	*I have memorized your commands in order to not sin against you.*

What does the psalmist do in order to not sin again Yahweh?

He memorized Yahweh's commands so that he might not sin against him.

Psalms 119:14

ULT	UST
I rejoice in the way of your testimonies as upon all riches.	*I delight in obeying your instructions; I enjoy that more than being very rich.*

In what does the psalmist rejoice more than in all riches?

He rejoices in obeying Yahweh's instructions more than in all riches.

Psalms 119:15

ULT	UST
I will meditate on your precepts and I will study your paths.	*I will carefully think about everything that you have commanded me, yes, I will pay attention to the way of living that you have taught me.*

What will the psalmist do with Yahweh's precepts?

He will meditate on Yahweh's precepts and study the way of living that Yahweh has taught him.

Psalms 119:18

ULT	UST
Uncover my eyes so that I may gaze on the marvelous things from your teaching.	*Help me to understand how wonderful your instructions are.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to do so that he can see the marvelous things in Yahweh's teaching?

He asks Yahweh to help him to understand Yahweh's instructions.

Psalms 119:20

ULT	UST
My soul languishes with longing for your judgments at all times.	*I am weak from constantly desiring to know your instructions.*

How does the psalmist feel as he longs for Yahweh's instructions?

He feels weak with longing for Yahweh's instructions.

Psalms 119:21

ULT	UST
You rebuke the proud, the cursed, those wandering from your commandments.	*You rebuke people who are proud; you curse people who disobey your commands.*

Who does the psalmist Yahweh rebukes when he disobeys Yahweh's commandments?

The proud are rebuked when they disobey Yahweh's commandments.

Psalms 119:23

ULT	UST
Though rulers sit and discuss against me, your servant meditates on your statutes.	*Rulers gather together and plan ways to harm me, but I, your servant, will meditate on what you have commanded me.*

What does the psalmist do even though rulers sit and plan ways to harm him?

He meditates on what Yahweh has commanded him.

Psalms 119:25

ULT	UST
My soul clings to the dust! Revive me according to your word.	*Sometimes I feel like I will soon die; allow me to live as you have told me that you would do.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to do according to Yahweh's word?

He asks Yahweh to allow him to live as he has promised.

Psalms 119:27

ULT	UST
Make me understand the way of your precepts, so that I can meditate on your wonders.	*Help me to understand how you want me to behave, and then I can think about how amazing your instructions are.*

Why does the psalmist ask Yahweh to help him understand the way of Yahweh's precepts?

He wants to understand the way of Yahweh's precepts so he can meditate on how amazing Yahweh's instructions are.

Psalms 119:29

ULT	UST
Turn from me the path of deceit, and favor me with your teaching.	*Prevent me from telling lies, and be kind to me by teaching me your instructions.*

From what does the psalmist ask Yahweh to prevent him?

He asks Yahweh to prevent him from telling lies.

Psalms 119:36

ULT	UST
Incline my heart toward your testimonies and not toward unrighteous gain.	*Cause me to want to do what you say rather than to want to get things that belong to other people.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to cause him to do?

He asks Yahweh to cause him to want to do what Yahweh says rather than to want to get things that belong to other people.

Psalms 119:37

ULT	UST
Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things; in your ways, revive me.	*Do not allow me to desire things that are not good for me; make me able to live as you want me to live.*

From what does the psalmist ask Yahweh to not allow him to do?

He asks Yahweh to not allow him to desire things that are not good for him.

Psalms 119:43

ULT	UST
So do not utterly snatch the word of truth from my mouth, for I wait for your judgments.	*Please do allow me to truthfully tell them how you saved me; you see, I am patiently waiting for you to act justly.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to allow him to do?

He asks Yahweh to allow him to truthfully tell others how Yahweh saved him.

Psalms 119:45

ULT	UST
And I will walk about in the broad, for I seek your precepts.	*I will live freely and safely because I always try to obey your regulations.*

Why does the psalmist say that he will walk about freely?

He will walk about freely and safely because he always tries to obey Yahweh's regulations.

Psalms 119:47

ULT	UST
And I delight in your commandments, which I love.	*I am very happy to obey the things that you command me to do; I love to do them.*

What does the psalmist say he delights in and loves?

He delights in and loves Yahweh's commandments.

Psalms 119:49

ULT	UST
Remember the word to your servant by which you have given me hope.	*Please do what you said you would do for me, the one who serves you, because what you have said has caused me to confidently expect good things from you.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to remember?

He asks Yahweh to remember to do what he said he would do for him, by which Yahweh gave him hope.

Psalms 119:51

ULT	UST
The proud utterly scoff at me; from your teaching I do not turn aside.	*Proud people are always making fun of me, but I do not stop obeying your instructions.*

Even though the proud have scoffed at him, what has the psalmist not done?

The psalmist has not stopped obeying Yahweh's teaching.

Psalms 119:54

ULT	UST
Your statutes are music to me in the house of my sojourning.	*During this short time that I am living here on the earth, the regulations that you have given to us are like music to me.*

What does psalmist say Yahweh's statutes are like to him?

Yahweh's statutes are like music to the psalmist.

Psalms 119:58

ULT	UST
I entreat your face with a whole heart; be merciful to me according to your word.	*I earnestly plead with you to be good to me; act kindly to me as you promised that you would do.*

How did the psalmist entreat Yahweh to be merciful to him?

He earnestly pleaded with Yahweh to be merciful to him as he promised that he would do.

Psalms 119:61

ULT	UST
The cords of the wicked ensnare me; I do not forget your teaching.	*Wicked people try to make me do bad things, but I continue to obey your instructions.*

What has the psalmist not forgotten when the wicked try to ensnared him into doing wrong?

He has not forgotten Yahweh's teaching.

Psalms 119:63

ULT	UST
I am a companion to all who fear you and to observers of your precepts.	*I am a friend of all those who deeply revere you, yes, to all those who obey what you tell us to do.*

What kind of people is the psalmist a friend to?

He is a friend of all who revere Yahweh and obey what he tells them to do.

Psalms 119:66

ULT	UST
Teach me good discernment and understanding, for I trust in your commandments.	*Teach me to understand what is happening around me and to think carefully before I decide what to do, because I believe that the best way to live is to obey what you tell us to do.*

Why does the psalmist ask Yahweh to teach him good discernment and understanding?

He asks because he trusts in Yahweh's commandments.

Psalms 119:69

ULT	UST
The arrogant smear lies on me; I, with a whole heart, I keep your precepts.	*Proud people tell many lies about me, but as for me, I enthusiastically obey what you have told us to do.*

What did the psalmist do when the arrogant lied about him?

He obeyed what Yahweh had told him to do.

Psalms 119:71

ULT	UST
It is good for me that I have suffered so that I would learn your statutes.	*It was good for me that you afflicted me because the result was that I learned how good your regulations are.*

Why does the psalmist say that it is good that he has suffered?

It was good for him to suffer so that he would learn Yahweh's statutes.

Psalms 119:72

ULT	UST
The teaching of your mouth is good for me, more than thousands of gold and silver. YODH	*The instructions that you give to us are beneficial to me. They are more beneficial than thousands of pieces of gold and silver. YODH*

The psalmist says the teaching of Yahweh is more beneficial for him than what?

The teaching of Yahweh's mouth is more beneficial for him than many riches.

Psalms 119:74

ULT	UST
May the fearful of you see me and rejoice because I hope in your word.	*I want everyone who deeply reveres you to see what you have done for me. Then they will be glad, because they will see how good it is that I have trusted you to do what you said.*

Why does the psalmist say that those who revere Yahweh will rejoice when they see what Yahweh has done for him?

Then they will be glad, because they will see how good it is that the psalmist has trusted Yahweh to do what he said.

Psalms 119:75

ULT	UST
Yahweh, I know that your judgments are just, and in faithfulness you humble me.	*Yahweh, I know that when you judge people, you are always right. I know that you have made me suffer only because you faithfully love me.*

Why does the psalmist say that Yahweh has made him suffer?

Yahweh has made the psalmist suffer only because he faithfully loves him.

Psalms 119:76

ULT	UST
Please may your covenant faithfulness be to comfort me, according to your word to your servant.	*Please comfort me by showing that you faithfully love me as you said to me, your servant, that you would do.*

What does the psalmist say Yahweh's faithful love will do for him?

The psalmist says that Yahweh's faithful love would comfort him.

Psalms 119:80

ULT	UST
May my heart be blameless in your statutes, so that I may not have shame. KAPH	*Enable me to want to perfectly obey your regulations in order that I may not be ashamed because of not doing that. KAPH*

What does the psalmist say will keep him from being ashamed?

The psalmist says that he will not be ashamed if he obeys Yahweh's regulations.

Psalms 119:82

ULT	UST
My eyes faint for your promise; saying, "When will you comfort me?"	*My eyes are tired from watching for you to do what you promised that you would do, and I ask, "When will you help me?"*

What is the psalmist tired of waiting for?

He is tired of waiting for Yahweh to help him as he promised to do.

Psalms 119:86

ULT	UST
All of your commandments are truth. They pursue me in deceit; help me!	*Everything that you tell us to do is truly good for us; but people are persecuting me by telling lies about me, so please help me!*

What does the psalmist say about Yahweh's commandments?

He says all of Yahweh's commandments are true.

Psalms 119:88

ULT	UST
According to your covenant faithfulness, keep me alive, so that I may observe the testimony of your mouth. LAMEDH	*Because you faithfully love me, allow me to continue to live so that I may continue to obey what you have instructed us to do. LAMEDH*

Why does the psalmist ask Yahweh to keep him alive?

He asks Yahweh to keep him alive so that he may continue to obey what Yahweh has instructed.

Psalms 119:90

ULT	UST
Your faithfulness is to generation and generation; you have established the earth, and it stands.	*You will continue to act faithfully for people of every generation; you have put the earth in its place, and it remains firmly there.*

How long does Yahweh's faithfulness last?

Yahweh's faithfulness lasts through every generation.

Psalms 119:93

ULT	UST
I will not forget your precepts forever, for through them you have preserved me alive.	*I will always remember what you have declared that we should do. I obeyed those things, and as a result, you have enabled me to continue to live.*

Why will the psalmist be preserved alive?

He will be able to live because he obeyed what Yahweh had declared for him to do.

Psalms 119:96

ULT	UST
I have seen an end for all perfection; your commandment is very broad. MEM	*I have learned that there is a limit to even the best that people can achieve, but what you decree is limitless. MEM*

What does the psalmist say about Yahweh's commandment compared to all that people can achieve?

He says there is a limit to what people can achieve, but Yahweh's commandments are limitless.

Psalms 119:99

ULT	UST
I have more insight than all my teachers, for your testimonies are a meditation to me.	*I understand more than any of my teachers do because I continually think about everything that you tell us.*

Why does the psalmist say he has more insight than all his teachers?

He has more insight than all his teachers because he continually thinks about what Yahweh tells him.

Psalms 119:103

ULT	UST
How your word is sweet to my palate, more than honey to my mouth!	*When I read your words, it is like eating something sweet; yes, it is even better than eating honey!*

The psalmist says Yahweh's word is sweeter than what?

Reading Yahweh's word is like eating something sweeter than honey.

Psalms 119:104

ULT	UST
From your precepts I gain understanding; therefore, I hate every path of falsehood. NUN	*Because I have learned what you have declared that we should do, I am able to understand many things; therefore, I hate all evil activities. NUN*

What does the psalmist hate because he understands what Yahweh has declared he should do?

The psalmist hates all evil activities because he understands what Yahweh has declared he should do.

Psalms 119:106

ULT	UST
I have sworn and I will confirm it, to keep the judgments of your righteousness.	*I have solemnly promised, and I am solemnly promising it again, that I will always obey your regulations; they are always right.*

What has the psalmist sworn and promised that he will do?

He has solemnly promised that he will always obey Yahweh’s regulations.

Psalms 119:111

ULT	UST
I have inherited your testimonies forever, for they are the joy of my heart.	*You have given me your instructions and they are mine forever; Indeed, they are what make me joyful.*

What does the psalmist say will make him joyful?

Knowing that Yahweh has given him instructions and that they are his forever.

Psalms 119:114

ULT	UST
My hiding place and my shield are you; for your word I wait.	*You are like a place where I can hide from my enemies, and you are like a shield behind which I am protected from them; I will wait, knowing that you will answer my prayer.*

Since Yahweh is his hiding place and his shield, what is the psalmist waiting for?

The psalmist is waiting for Yahweh to answer his prayer.

Psalms 119:118

ULT	UST
You reject all those straying from your statutes, for their deceit is falsehood.	*You despise everyone who disregards what you have decreed that we should do; indeed, they deceive others by lying.*

Why does Yahweh reject all those who disregard his statutes?

He rejects all those who disobey his statutes, for they deceive others by lying.

Psalms 119:120

ULT	UST
My flesh shudders from dread of you, and I fear your judgments. AYIN	*I tremble because I am afraid of you; I am afraid because you punish those who do not obey the rules that you have given to us. AYIN*

Why does the psalmist tremble?

His trembles because he fears Yahweh’s punishment for those who do not obey his rules.

Psalms 119:123

ULT	UST
My eyes have failed for your salvation and for the word of your righteousness.	*My eyes are tired from watching for you to save me, yes, from watching for you to do what is right, as you promised to do.*

What is the psalmist tired of waiting for?

He is tired of watching and waiting for Yahweh’s salvation which he has promised.

Psalms 119:125

ULT	UST
I am your servant; give me understanding, so that I can know your testimonies.	*I am one who serves you; please enable me to understand what you want me to know in order that I may learn what you have instructed us to do.*

Why does the psalmist ask Yahweh for understanding?

He asks for understanding so that he can learn what Yahweh has instructed him to do.

Psalms 119:128

ULT	UST
Therefore, all the precepts of everything I carefully observe; every path of falsehood I hate. PE	*So I am careful to obey everything that you have declared that we should do, and I hate all of the evil things that people do. PE*

What does the psalmist hate?

He hates all of the evil things that people do.

Psalms 119:130

ULT	UST
The doorway of your words gives light, giving understanding to the simple.	*When someone explains what you have said to us, it is as though he is opening a door to a bright light that allows people to see what they did not see before; what he says causes even people who have not studied your instructions to be wise.*

To what does the psalmist compare understanding Yahweh's words?

When someone explains Yahweh's words, it is as though he is opening a door to a bright light that allows people to see what they did not see before.

Psalms 119:132

ULT	UST
Turn to me and be gracious to me, according to the judgment for the ones loving your name.	*Pay attention to me and act kindly to me as is right for you to do for all those who love you.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to do?

He asks Yahweh to turn to him and be gracious to him.

Psalms 119:134

ULT	UST
Redeem me from the oppression of man, that I may keep your precepts.	*Rescue me from the people who oppress me so that I may obey what you have declared that we should do.*

Why does the psalmist ask Yahweh to rescue him from the people who oppress him?

He asks Yahweh to rescue him so that he may obey Yahweh's instructions.

Psalms 119:136

ULT	UST
Streams of water go down from my eyes, because they do not keep your law. TSADE	*I cry very much because many people do not obey your instructions. TSADHE*

Why is the psalmist sad?

He is crying because people do not keep Yahweh's law.

Psalms 119:137

ULT	UST
Righteous are you, Yahweh, and upright are your judgments.	*Yahweh, you are righteous and the rules that you have given to us are just.*

What does the psalmist say about Yahweh and his rules?

Yahweh is righteous and his rules are just.

Psalms 119:140

ULT	UST
Your word is refined exceedingly, and your servant loves it.	*All of the things that you have said are perfectly dependable, and I, your servant, love them.*

What does the psalmist say he, Yahweh's servant, loves?

He loves all the perfectly dependable things that Yahweh has said.

Psalms 119:141

ULT	UST
Small am I and despised; your precepts I have not forgotten.	*I am not important, and people despise me, but I do not forget what you have declared that we should do.*

What does the psalmist not do despite the fact that he is small and despised?

He does not forget Yahweh's precepts.

Psalms 119:143

ULT	UST
Narrow and distress have found me; your commandments are my delight.	*I am constantly stressed and anxious, but what you have commanded us causes me to rejoice.*

How does the psalmist feel about Yahweh's commandments, even when he is stressed and anxious?

Yahweh's commandments are still his delight.

Psalms 119:146

ULT	UST
I call out to you; save me, so that I may keep your testimonies.	*I call out to you, "Save me, in order that I may obey the things that you have instructed us to do."*

What will the psalmist do if Yahweh saves him when he calls out?

He will keep Yahweh's instructions.

Psalms 119:152

ULT	UST
Long ago, I knew from your testimonies that you have founded them forever. RESH	*Long ago, I learned from what you have said that you established your commandments to last forever. RESH*

What did the psalmist learn long ago from Yahweh's commandments?

He learned that Yahweh established his commandments to last forever.

Psalms 119:153

ULT	UST
See my affliction and rescue me, for I have not forgotten your law.	*Please acknowledge that I am suffering, and save me from it, because I continually obey your instructions.*

Why does the psalmist ask Yahweh to see his affliction and rescue him?

He asks Yahweh to rescue him because he has not forgotten Yahweh's law.

Psalms 119:155

ULT	UST
Salvation is far from the wicked, for they have not sought your statutes.	*Wicked people do not obey what you have decreed that we should do, so you will certainly not save them.*

What happens to the wicked because they do not obey what Yahweh has said?

Yahweh will not save them, for they have not obeyed him.

Psalms 119:158

ULT	UST
I have seen the treacherous, and I was disgusted, because they have not kept your word.	*When I look at those who are not faithful to you, I feel disgust because they do not obey what you have instructed us to do.*

Why does the psalmist view the treacherous with disgust?

He views the treacherous with disgust because they have not obeyed Yahweh's instructions.

Psalms 119:160

ULT	UST
The head of your word is truth, and every judgment of your righteousness is forever. SHIN	*Everything that you have said is true; every statement that you have made is right and will endure forever. SIN and SHIN*

How long does every c of Yahweh's righteousness last?

Every judgement Yahweh has made is right and will last forever.

Psalms 119:161

ULT	UST
Princes pursue me without cause, and my heart trembles from your words.	*Rulers persecute me for no reason, but I deeply respect your words.*

How does the psalmist respond when rulers pursue him without cause?

He still deeply respects Yahweh's words.

Psalms 119:164

ULT	UST
Seven times in the day I praise you, because of the judgments of your righteousness.	*I praise you throughout the day because everything that you tell us to do is completely right.*

How often does the psalmist praise Yahweh?

He praises Yahweh throughout the day.

Psalms 119:168

ULT	UST
I keep your precepts and your testimonies, for all my ways are before you. TAV	*I obey what you have instructed us to do, because you know everything that I do. TAW*

Why does the psalmist obey Yahweh's instructions?

He obeys Yahweh's instructions because Yahweh knows everything that he does.

Psalms 119:170

ULT	UST
May my plea come to your face; according to your word, deliver me.	*Please pay attention to me while I pray to you to help me, and rescue me as you said that you would do.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to do when he prays for his help?

He asks Yahweh to rescue him as he said he would do.

Psalms 119:172

ULT	UST
May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commandments are righteousness.	*I intend to continue singing about your instructions because everything that you command us to do is right.*

Why does the psalmist want to sing about Yahweh's word?

He wants to sing about Yahweh's word because all of his commandments are right.

Psalms 119:176

ULT	UST
I have strayed like a perishing sheep; seek your servant, for I have not forgotten your commandments.	*I am as vulnerable as a sheep that has left its flock; please search for me, your servant, because I have not forgotten what you have commanded us.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to do when the psalmist has strayed like a sheep who has left its flock?

He asks Yahweh to search for him, because he has not forgotten Yahweh's commandments.

Psalms 120

Psalms 120:1

ULT	UST
A song of ascents. To Yahweh, in the distress to me, I called, and he answered me.	*A psalm for people going up to the temple to worship. When I was distressed, I called out to Yahweh, and he answered me.*

What did Yahweh do when the psalmist called out in distress?

The psalmist says that Yahweh answered him.

Psalms 120:2

ULT	UST
Yahweh, deliver my soul from a lip of falsehood, from a tongue of deceit.	*I prayed, "Yahweh, rescue me from people who tell lies, who say things to deceive me!"*

Who does the psalmist ask Yahweh to rescue him from?

The psalmist asks Yahweh to rescue him from those who tell lies and try to deceive.

Psalms 120:3-4

What does the psalmist say Yahweh will do to people who lie and deceive?

Yahweh will punish them as with a warrior's sharp arrows and with burning coals.

Psalms 120:6-7

What does the psalmist say about peace?

The psalmist says that he has lived for too long with those who hate peace and he is for peace.

Psalms 121

Psalms 121:1

ULT	UST
A song of ascents. I lift up my eyes to the mountains. From where does my help come?	*A psalm for people going up to the temple to worship. I look toward the hills and I ask myself, "Where will anyone to help me come from?"*

What does the psalmist look up toward?

The psalmist looks up to the mountains.

Psalms 121:2

ULT	UST
My help is from with Yahweh, maker of heaven and earth.	*I answer myself, "Yahweh is the one who helps me." He is the one who made everything that exists.*

From whom does the psalmist say his help comes?

The psalmist says his help comes from Yahweh.

Psalms 121:3

ULT	UST
May he not give your foot to the slipping; may your keeper not slumber.	*You say, "May Yahweh not let you stumble. May Yahweh, who protects you, not become drowsy!"*

How will Yahweh help the people of Israel?

Yahweh will not allow them to slip and will protect them.

Psalms 121:4

ULT	UST
Behold, he will not slumber, and he will not sleep, the keeper of Israel.	*I reply, "Listen to me, the one who protects the people of Israel will never become drowsy; he never sleeps!"*

What does the psalmist say the protector of Israel never does?

The one who protects the people of Israel never sleeps.

Psalms 121:5

ULT	UST
Yahweh is your keeper; Yahweh is your shade upon your right hand.	*Yahweh watches over you. He stays between you and what might harm you, like a shade from the sun.*

Who is watching over Israel?

Yahweh is watching over Israel and protects them like a shade from the sun.

Psalms 121:6

ULT	UST
By day the sun will not strike you, and the moon by night.	*The sun will not harm you during the day, and the moon will not harm you at night.*

What will not harm Israel?

The sun will not harm them by day nor the moon by night.

Psalms 121:7-8

Who will protect Israel and keep them safe?

Yahweh will protect them in all they do.

Psalms 122

Psalms 122:1

ULT	UST
A song of ascents; of David. I rejoiced in the ones saying to me, “Let us go to the house of Yahweh.”	*A psalm for people going up to the temple to worship. This is a psalm of David. I was very happy when people said to me, “We should go to Yahweh’s temple in Jerusalem!”*

What made David rejoice?

He rejoiced when people invited him to go to the temple of Yahweh in Jerusalem.

Psalms 122:2

ULT	UST
Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.	*Now we are standing inside the gates of Jerusalem.*

Where are the people standing?

They are standing inside the gates of Jerusalem.

Psalms 122:3

ULT	UST
Jerusalem, the one built like a city that is joined to itself together.	*This is Jerusalem, the city that people have built in a way that everything fits closely together.*

How was Jerusalem built?

Jerusalem was built in a way that everything fits closely together.

Psalms 122:4

ULT	UST
Where the tribes go up, the tribes of Yah, a testimony to Israel, to give thanks to the name of Yahweh.	*The tribes of Israel who belong to Yahweh go there, as Yahweh told them to do, in order to thank him.*

Why do the tribes of Israel go up to Jerusalem?

The tribes go up to Jerusalem to give thanks to Yahweh as he told them to do.

Psalms 122:5

ULT	UST
For there sit thrones for judgment, thrones for the house of David.	*Indeed, the kings who belong to King David's family sit on their thrones there and judge the people.*

What purpose do the thrones in Jerusalem serve?

The kings who are descendants of King David sit on their thrones there and judge the people.

Psalms 122:6

ULT	UST
Ask for the peace of Jerusalem; may the ones loving you prosper.	*Pray that people will live peacefully in Jerusalem! May those who love Jerusalem be successful.*

What are the people to pray concerning Jerusalem?

They are to pray that those who love Jerusalem will have peace and will prosper.

Psalms 122:7

ULT	UST
Let there be peace within your rampart, prosperity in your citadels.	*May everyone inside the city walls live well and prosper.*

What does David ask for concerning Jerusalem?

He asks that those living within the city walls will have peace and prosperity.

Psalms 122:8

ULT	UST
For the sake of my brothers and my companions, let me speak, please, peace in you.	*Because I love my fellow Israelites and my friends, I want to say, "May the people in Jerusalem live well."*

For whose sake does David pray for peace in Jerusalem?

He prays for peace for the sake of his fellow Israelites.

Psalms 122:9

ULT	UST
For the sake of the house of Yahweh our God, let me seek good for you.	*Because Yahweh our God has his temple there, I intend to always do what is best for Jerusalem.*

Why does David seek good for Jerusalem?

He intends to always do what is best for Jerusalem because Yahweh has his temple there.

Psalms 123

Psalms 123:1

ULT	UST
A song of ascents. To you I lift up my eyes, the one dwelling in the heavens.	*A psalm for people going up to the temple to worship. Yahweh, I look up toward you who live in heaven.*

To whom does the psalmist look up toward?

The psalmist looks up toward Yahweh, the one who lives in heaven.

Psalms 123:2

ULT	UST
Behold, as the eyes of servants are to the hand of their masters, as the eyes of a maidservant are to the hand of her mistress, thus our eyes are to Yahweh our God, until he is gracious to us.	*You see, just as servants watch their master closely, waiting for him to provide for them, and just as a female servant watches her mistress, in the same way, we look to Yahweh our God, waiting for him to be merciful to us.*

To what does the psalmist compare the way the people look to Yahweh their God?

They look to Yahweh like servants watch and wait for their master to provide for them.

Psalms 123:3

ULT	UST
Be gracious to us, Yahweh, be gracious to us, for we are greatly satiated with contempt.	*Yahweh, please be very merciful to us, because people have despised us so much that we cannot endure any more.*

Why do the people ask Yahweh to have mercy on them?

Because people have despised them so much that they cannot endure any more.

Psalms 124

Psalms 124:2-3

What would have happened if Yahweh had not been on the side of Israel when their enemies attacked them?

If Yahweh had not been helping the people of Israel, the enemies who attacked them would have destroyed them.

Psalms 124:4-5

To what does David compare what their enemies would have done to Israel?

Their enemies' attack would have overwhelmed them like raging waters that would have drowned them.

Psalms 124:6

ULT	UST
Blessed be Yahweh, who did not make us prey for their teeth.	*We praise Yahweh because he did not let our enemies destroy us as wild animals devour their prey.*

What did the people do after Yahweh did not let their enemies destroy them?

The people praised Yahweh.

Psalms 124:7

ULT	UST
Our soul is like a bird that escaped from the snare of the trappers; the snare was broken, and we, we escaped.	*We escaped from them like a bird that gets free from a hunter's trap. It was as though the trap broke, and, as for us, we went free!*

What is the escape of the Israelites like?

Their escape is like a bird that escaped from the snare of the trappers.

Psalms 124:8

ULT	UST
Our help is in the name of Yahweh, the maker of heaven and earth.	*Yahweh is the one who helps us; he is the one who made everything that exists.*

From where does David say the Israelites' help comes?

Their help comes from Yahweh who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 125

Psalms 125:1

ULT	UST
A song of ascents. Those trusting in Yahweh are like Mount Zion; it will not be shaken; forever it abides.	*A psalm for people going up to the temple to worship. People who trust in Yahweh are as secure as Mount Zion, which will stand firm forever.*

What are those who trust in Yahweh like?

They are as secure as Mount Zion, unshakable and standing firm forever.

Psalms 125:2

ULT	UST
Jerusalem—mountains are around her, and Yahweh is around his people, from now and to forever.	*Just as the hills surrounding Jerusalem protect the city, so Yahweh protects his people, and he will protect them forever.*

To what does the psalmist compare the way that Yahweh protects his people?

The psalmist compares the way Yahweh protects his people to the way the mountains surrounding Jerusalem protect the city.

Psalms 125:3

ULT	UST
For the rod of wickedness will not rest on the lot of the righteous, so that the righteous will not stretch out their hands in unrighteousness.	*Indeed, wicked people will not rule over the land that God gave to righteous people, so that righteous people will not start doing what is wrong.*

Who must not rule over the land that God gave to righteous people?

Wicked people must not rule or the righteous people will start doing what is wrong.

Psalms 125:4

ULT	UST
Do good, Yahweh, to the good, and to the upright in their hearts.	*Yahweh, please do good things for people who do good things for others, yes, for those who obey you sincerely.*

To whom does the psalmist request that Yahweh do good?

He requests that Yahweh do good to people who do good things for others and thus obey him sincerely.

Psalms 125:5

ULT	UST
And those twisting their crooked ways, Yahweh will make them go with the workers of iniquity. Peace be upon Israel.	*But as for those people who choose to do evil things, Yahweh will send them away along with everyone else who does evil things. May Yahweh bless the people of Israel!*

What will happen to those who choose to do evil things?

Yahweh will send them away along with everyone else who does evil things.

What does the psalmist want Yahweh to give Israel?

The psalmist wants Yahweh to bless the people of Israel with peace.

Psalms 126

Psalms 126:1

ULT	UST
A song of ascents. When Yahweh returned the captivity of Zion, we were like ones dreaming.	*A psalm for people going up to the temple to worship. When Yahweh brought us back to Zion after our enemies had captured us and taken us away, we felt as if we were dreaming.*

What did it seem like when Yahweh brought the people back to Zion after the captivity?

It seemed like they were dreaming.

Psalms 126:2

ULT	UST
Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with a shout of joy. Then they said among the nations, "Yahweh has made great to do with these."	*We laughed and shouted joyfully. Then people from other people groups said about us, "Yahweh has done great things for them!"*

What was the peoples' response when Yahweh returned them to Zion after the captivity?

They laughed and shouted joyfully.

Psalms 126:4

ULT	UST
Return, Yahweh, our captivity, like the streams in the Negeb.	*Yahweh, restore us as before our enemies captured us, as you restore the streams in the Negeb that flow again after being dry.*

To what does the psalmist compare the way Yahweh restored them to their land after the captivity?

The psalmist compares Yahweh restoring them after their enemies captured them to the way he makes the water flow again in the streams in the Negeb desert after being dry.

Psalms 126:5

ULT	UST
The ones sowing in tears will reap in a shout of joy.	*Those who sow seeds while crying will shout joyfully when they gather the harvest.*

What will happen to those who sow while crying?

They will shout joyfully when they gather the harvest.

Psalms 126:6

ULT	UST
Going, he may go and weeping, carrying the bag of seed. Coming, he will come in a shout of joy, carrying his sheaves.	*They may indeed walk through the field crying, as they spread the seed from their bags. But they will surely come back shouting joyfully, carrying their bundles of grain.*

What will happen to the person who goes out weeping and carrying seed for sowing?

He will return with shouts of joy, bringing his bundles of grain with him.

Psalms 127

Psalms 127:1

ULT	UST
A song of ascents; of Solomon. If Yahweh does not build a house, in vain its builders have labored on it. If Yahweh does not watch a city, in vain the watchman has stayed awake.	*This is a psalm for people going up to the temple to worship. It is of Solomon. If people are building a house, but Yahweh does not approve of it, those who build it are doing nothing useful. If Yahweh does not protect a city, it is useless for the guards to stay awake watching it.*

What happens if Yahweh does not approve of building a house and does not watch over a city?

If Yahweh does not approve of building a house, those who build it labor uselessly, and if Yahweh does not watch over a city, it is useless for the watchman to stay awake to guard it.

Psalms 127:2

ULT	UST
It is vain for you, the ones rising early to get up, the ones being late to sit down, the ones eating the bread of toils; certainly he gives to his beloved one sleep.	*It is useless for you to get up very early and stay up very late, working hard to get food, because Yahweh wants to give sleep to those whom he loves.*

What does Yahweh give to those whom he loves?

Yahweh gives sleep to those whom he loves.

Psalms 127:3

ULT	UST
Behold, the inheritance of Yahweh is sons; a reward is the fruit of the womb.	*Children are a gift that Yahweh gives; Offspring are a benefit from him.*

What are an inheritance and a reward from Yahweh?

Children are an inheritance and a gift from Yahweh.

Psalms 127:4

ULT	UST
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, thus are the sons of the youth.	*When a man has sons while he is still young, those sons become as useful as arrows are in the hand of a warrior.*

To what are sons one has when he is young compared to?

Those sons will be as useful for him as arrows in the hand of a warrior.

Psalms 127:5

ULT	UST
The happinesses of the man who has filled his quiver of them! They will not have shame when they speak with adversaries in the gate.	*A man who has many sons has such a good life! When he argues with an opponent at the place where people settle disputes, the opponent will not defeat him.*

Why will the man who has many children not be defeated?

When he argues with an opponent at the place where people settle disputes, the opponent will not defeat him.

Psalms 128

Psalms 128:1

ULT	UST
A song of ascents. The happinesses of everyone fearing Yahweh, the one walking in his ways.	*This is a psalm for those going up to the temple to worship. How good life is for all who deeply revere Yahweh and who do what he tells them to do!*

What does the psalmist say about the person who reveres Yahweh and does what he tells them to do?

That person will have a good life.

Psalms 128:2

ULT	UST
The labor of your palms, when you eat it, is your happiness, and good for you.	*You will enjoy eating the food that you have worked hard for, and it will make you healthy.*

What does the psalmist say will happen to the person who works hard?

That person will enjoy eating the food that he has worked hard for, and it will make him healthy.

Psalms 128:3

ULT	UST
Your wife is like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your house. Your sons are like shoots of olive trees, all around your table.	*Your wife will bear many children in the innermost rooms of your house, like a grapevine that produces many grapes. Your children will grow strong like young olive trees as they fill the room around your table.*

What does the psalmist say about the wife of the person who reveres Yahweh and works hard?

She will have many children who will grow strong and fill the room around their table.

Psalms 128:4

ULT	UST
Behold, for thus the man fearing Yahweh will be blessed.	*Yes, that is how Yahweh will bless every person who deeply reveres him.*

What will happen to the person who reveres Yahweh?

Every person who reveres Yahweh will be blessed.

Psalms 128:5-6

What does the psalmist pray that Yahweh will do for the person who reveres him?

The psalmist prays that Yahweh will bless him so that he may see the people of Jerusalem prosper, and live long enough to see his grandchildren.

Psalms 129

Psalms 129:1-2

How long has Israel been oppressed but not defeated?

Israel has been oppressed but not defeated since it became a nation.

Psalms 129:3

ULT	UST
Upon my back the plowers plowed; they made long their furrows.	*They oppressed me severely as though they were plowing across my back, making long wounds like furrows in a field.*

To what does the psalmist compare the way Israel was oppressed?

Their oppression was as severe as if the enemies were plowing across their back, making long wounds like furrows in a field.

Psalms 129:4

ULT	UST
Yahweh is righteous; he has cut the cords of the wicked.	*Yahweh does what is right; he no longer allows wicked people to control me.*

What has Yahweh done for Israel?

Yahweh no longer allows wicked people to control Israel.

Psalms 129:5

ULT	UST
Let them have shame and withdraw backward, all the haters of Zion.	*May everyone who hates the people of Zion be ashamed and go away.*

What does the psalmist want to happen to those who hate Zion?

He wants for those who hate the people of Zion to all be ashamed and go away.

Psalms 129:8

ULT	UST
and those passing by do not say, “The blessing of Yahweh be upon you; we bless you in the name of Yahweh.”	*They will never hear someone walking by the reapers say, “May Yahweh bless you!” They will not hear the reapers reply, “We bless you as representatives of Yahweh.”*

What does the psalmist not want people to say about those who hate Zion?

He does not want them to call down the blessing of Yahweh on those people or to bless them in the name of Yahweh.

Psalms 130

Psalms 130:1-2

What does the psalmist cry out to Yahweh?

The psalmist calls out to Yahweh to listen as he calls out to Yahweh for mercy.

Psalms 130:4

ULT	UST
However, there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be feared.	*But you forgive us, with the result that we deeply revere you.*

Why does the psalmist say Yahweh should be revered?

Yahweh should be revered because there is forgiveness with him.

Psalms 130:5

ULT	UST
I wait for Yahweh; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;	*Yahweh has said that he would help me; I trust what he said, and so I wait eagerly for him to do that.*

For whom does the psalmist wait and hope?

He waits for Yahweh and hopes because Yahweh has said that he would help him.

Psalms 130:7-8

Why does the psalmist tell Israel to hope in Yahweh?

The people of Israel can trust Yahweh to help them because he faithfully loves them, wants to save them, and does not punish them for all the sins they have committed.

Psalms 131

Psalms 131:1

ULT	UST
A song of ascents; of David. Yahweh, my heart is not high and my eyes are not raised up, and I do not walk in great and marvelous things beyond me.	*This is a psalm for people going up to the temple to worship. It is a psalm of David. Yahweh, I am not a proud, haughty person. I do not concern myself with things that are too great or too amazing for me.*

What does David say he is not?

David says he is not a proud or haughty person.

Psalms 131:2

ULT	UST
Rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child upon his mother; like a weaned child upon me is my soul.	*Instead, I have calmed myself, like a weaned child who rests calmly on the breast of his mother. Yes, my inner being is peaceful like that contented child.*

To what does David compare his soul?

His inner being is peaceful and quieted like a contented child.

Psalms 131:3

ULT	UST
Israel, hope in Yahweh from now and until forever!	*Israelites, confidently expect Yahweh to do good things for you, now and forever!*

When does David tell Israel to hope in Yahweh?

He tells them to hope in Yahweh now and forever.

Psalms 132

Psalms 132:1-2

What did the psalmist ask Yahweh to remember?

He asked Yahweh to remember David's suffering and how David made a solemn promise to the Yahweh, the Mighty One who Jacob worshiped.

Psalms 132:3-5

David vowed that he would not enter his house or sleep until he did what?

He said he would not rest until he built a home for Yahweh.

Psalms 132:7

ULT	UST
"Let us go to his dwellings; let us bow down at the footstool of his feet."	*We said, "Let us go to the place where Yahweh lives; let us worship before the sacred chest where he rests his feet."*

Where will the people go and what will they do when they get there?

They will go to the place where Yahweh lives and worship.

Psalms 132:9

ULT	UST
Let your priests wear righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.	*May your priests always do what is right, and may the people who are faithful to you shout joyfully.*

What does the psalmist want the priests and the people to do?

The psalmist wants the priests to always do what is right and the people who are faithful to Yahweh to shout joyfully.

Psalms 132:10

ULT	UST
For the sake of David your servant, do not turn back the face of your anointed.	*Because of what you promised to David, who served you, do not reject the king whom you chose.*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh not to do, for the sake of David?

The psalmist asks Yahweh not to reject David, the king whom he has chosen.

Psalms 132:11

ULT	UST
Yahweh swore to David, in truth, he will not turn back from it: "From the fruit of your body I will set one on the throne for you.	*Yahweh swore a promise to David, and he will certainly not take it back: "I will place one of your own descendants to rule as king on your throne.*

What is the oath Yahweh swore to David?

Yahweh promised that one of David's own descendants would sit on his throne as king.

Psalms 132:13-14

What does Yahweh declare about Zion?

Yahweh chose Zion as his dwelling place and declares that he will stay there forever.

Psalms 132:15

ULT	UST
Blessing I will bless her provisions; her needy I will satisfy with bread.	*I will certainly give the people of Zion everything that they need; I will give enough food to satisfy even the poor people who live there.*

What will Yahweh do for the people of Zion?

Yahweh will provide everything that the people of Zion need, so that even the poor who live there will have enough food to satisfy them.

Psalms 132:18

ULT	UST
His enemies I will clothe with shame, but upon him his crown will flourish.”	*I will cause his enemies to be very ashamed, but his kingdom will prosper.”*

What does Yahweh promise the king?

Yahweh will cause the enemies of the chosen king to be defeated and ashamed, but his kingdom will flourish.

Psalms 133

Psalms 133:1

ULT	UST
A song of ascents; of David Behold, how good and how pleasant is the dwelling of brothers, yes, together!	*This is a psalm for people going up to the temple to worship. It is of David. Think about how wonderful and delightful it is when God's people live together in a unified way!*

What does David say about God's people?

He says it is good and pleasant when God's people live together in a unified way.

Psalms 133:2-3

To what does David compare when God's people live happily together?

It is as delightful as seeing the priest be anointed with oil or feeling the dew coming down on the mountains of Zion.

Psalms 133:3

ULT	UST
like the dew of Hermon that is coming down on the mountains of Zion, for there Yahweh commanded the blessing, life to forever.	*It is as delightful as feeling the dew from Mount Hermon coming down on the mountains of Zion. That is where Yahweh blessed his people, giving them a way to live forever.*

Where did Yahweh bless his people with the promise of life forevermore?

He commanded the blessing of life forevermore on the mountains of Zion.

Psalms 134

Psalms 134:1-2

What should all those who serve Yahweh do?

They should bless Yahweh and praise him by lifting up their hands in prayer toward the holy place.

Psalms 134:3

ULT	UST
May Yahweh bless you from Zion, the maker of heaven and earth.	*I pray that Yahweh will bless you from his temple on Mount Zion, for he is the one who made everything that exists.*

Where will Yahweh, who made everything that exists, bless those who serve him?

He will bless them from his temple on Mount Zion.

Psalms 135

Psalms 135:1-2

Who should praise Yahweh?

Those who serve Yahweh in his temple and courtyards should praise Yahweh.

Psalms 135:3

ULT	UST
Hallelu Yah, for Yahweh is good; make music to his name, for it is pleasant.	*Praise Yahweh, because he is good; sing praises to him, because doing that is delightful.*

Why should those who serve Yahweh praise and sing to him?

They should praise Yahweh because he is good, and they should sing praises to him because doing that is pleasant.

Psalms 135:4

ULT	UST
For Yah chose Jacob for himself; Israel for his special possession.	*Praise him because Yahweh chose us, the descendants of Jacob, the people of Israel, to belong only to him.*

What did Yahweh do for the people of Israel?

Yahweh chose the descendants of Jacob, the people of Israel, to belong only to him as his special possession.

Psalms 135:5-6

What does the psalmist know about Yahweh?

He knows that Yahweh is great, he is more powerful than all other gods, and he does whatever he wants to do anywhere on earth or in heaven.

Psalms 135:7

ULT	UST
bringing up clouds from the end of the earth, he makes lightning bolts for the rain— bringing out wind from his storehouses,	*He causes clouds to form in distant places on the earth; he makes lightning flash along with the rain, and he sends out wind from the places where he stores it.*

What acts does Yahweh do that show his greatness?

Yahweh brings the clouds, makes lightning bolts accompany the rain, and brings the wind from wherever he stores it.

Psalms 135:8-9

What did Yahweh do to the Egyptians?

He killed the firstborn man and animals of Egypt and he did amazing miracles against Pharaoh and all his servants.

Psalms 135:12

ULT	UST
And he gave their land as an inheritance, an inheritance for Israel, his people.	*Then he gave the land that those kings had ruled over to his own people, that is, to us, the people of Israel, to be our own land.*

What did Yahweh do with the land of the nations that other kings ruled over?

He gave their land as an inheritance to Israel his people.

Psalms 135:13-14

What does the psalmist say about Yahweh's name, and what does Yahweh do for his people?

People will remember Yahweh's name forever, because he defends his people and shows compassion to those who serve him.

Psalms 135:15-17

What does the psalmist say about the nations' idols?

They are handmade statues of silver and gold that have mouths, eyes, and ears but they do not speak, see, hear, nor breathe.

Psalms 135:18

ULT	UST
Their makers are like them— everyone who is trusting in them.	*The people who make those idols will become as helpless as they are, and so will everyone who trusts in them.*

What does the psalmist say about people who make or trust in idols?

Those who make idols and those who trust in them will become as helpless as the lifeless idols are.

Psalms 135:19-20

Who should bless Yahweh?

The descendants of Israel, Aaron, Levi, and those that revere and honor Yahweh should bless Yahweh.

Psalms 136

Psalms 136:1

ULT	UST
Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, for his covenant faithfulness is to forever.	*Thank Yahweh because he is good to us, because he faithfully loves us forever!*

Why should the people give thanks to Yahweh?

They should give thanks to him for he is good, because he faithfully loves them forever.

Psalms 136:4

ULT	UST
To the doer of great wonders, him alone, for his covenant faithfulness is to forever.	*Thank him, the only one who does wonderful miracles, because he faithfully loves us forever!*

What does Yahweh do that no one else does?

Yahweh alone does wonderful miracles.

Psalms 136:10

ULT	UST
To the striker of Egypt in their firstborn, for his covenant faithfulness is to forever.	*Thank him, who killed the firstborn sons of the Egyptians; because he faithfully loves us forever!*

What did Yahweh do to the firstborn of Egypt?

He killed all the firstborn of the Egyptians.

Psalms 136:13-14

What did Yahweh do for Israel when he divided the Sea of Reeds?

He enabled the Israelites to pass through the middle of the Sea of Reeds on dry land.

Psalms 136:16

ULT	UST
To the one leading his people in the wilderness, for his covenant faithfulness is to forever.	*Thank him, the one who led his people safely through the desert, because he faithfully loves us forever!*

How was Yahweh faithful to his people?

He led his people safely through the wilderness.

Psalms 136:21

ULT	UST
And he gave their land as an inheritance, for his covenant faithfulness is to forever,	*He gave their land to the people of Israel to possess; because he faithfully loves us forever!*

What did Yahweh do with the land of the great kings?

He gave their land as an inheritance to the people of Israel because he loves them forever.

Psalms 136:26

ULT	UST
Give thanks to the God of the heavens, for his covenant faithfulness is to forever!	*Thank God, who rules from heaven; because he faithfully loves us forever!*

Why does the psalmist say to give thanks to the God who rules from heaven?

People should give thanks to God because he faithfully loves them forever.

Psalms 137

Psalms 137:1

ULT	UST
By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, also we wept, when we remembered Zion.	*After soldiers had taken us to Babylon, we sat down by the rivers there, and we cried when we thought about the temple on Mount Zion in Jerusalem.*

Where were the captives when they sat down and wept?

They were by the rivers of Babylon when they cried at the memory of the temple in Jerusalem.

Psalms 137:3

ULT	UST
For there our captors requested of us words of a song, and our tormentors, joy: "Sing for us from a song of Zion."	*We did that because those who had captured us and taken us there demanded that we sing for them. They tormented us and told us to sing a joyful song. They said, "Sing for us one of the songs about Zion!"*

What did the captors demand that the captives sing?

Their captors demanded that they sing joyful songs about Zion.

Psalms 137:5-6

What does the psalmist say should happen to him if he forgets about Jerusalem?

He says he should lose his ability to play the harp and be unable to sing.

Psalms 137:7

ULT	UST
Remember, Yahweh, for the sons of Edom, the day of Jerusalem, the ones saying, "Lay bare, lay bare, to the foundation in her!"	*Yahweh, please punish the Edomites for what they did when the enemy destroyed Jerusalem. They shouted, "Completely tear it down to its foundations!"*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh to remember about the Edomites?

He asks Yahweh to remember and punish the Edomites for what they did when Jerusalem fell. They shouted for it to be completely torn down to its foundations.

Psalms 137:8

ULT	UST
Daughter Babylon, the devastated one, the happinesses of the one who makes complete to you your repayment that you paid to us!	*Concerning the people of Babylon, who devastate other nations, How good it will be for the person who completely pays them back with what they did to us!*

Who does the psalmist say will be happy?

He says the one who repays Babylon for what they did to Israel will be happy.

Psalms 138

Psalms 138:1

ULT	UST
Of David I will thank you with my whole heart; before the gods I will make music to you.	*This is a psalm of David. Yahweh, I sincerely thank you. In the presence of idols of other gods, I sing to praise you.*

How does the psalmist say he will thank Yahweh?

He will thank Yahweh sincerely and praise him in the presence of the idols of other gods.

Psalms 138:2

ULT	UST
I will bow down toward the temple of your holiness, and I will praise your name for your covenant faithfulness and for your trustworthiness, for you have exalted above all of your name your word.	*I bow down toward your sacred temple to worship you and I thank you because you faithfully love us and because we can trust you to do all that you have promised. You have given cause for people everywhere to honor you and what you have said more than anything else.*

What has Yahweh exalted above everything?

He has exalted his word and his name above everything.

Psalms 138:3

ULT	UST
On the day that I called and you answered me, you emboldened my soul with power.	*When I called out to you, you helped me; you enabled me to be brave and strong.*

What did Yahweh do for the psalmist when he called?

Yahweh helped him and enabled him to be brave and strong.

Psalms 138:4

ULT	UST
May all the kings of the earth thank you, Yahweh, because they heard the words from your mouth.	*Yahweh, someday all the kings of this earth should praise you because they will have heard what you have said.*

What does the psalmist hope the kings of the earth will do?

He hopes they will thank Yahweh because they will have heard what he has said.

Psalms 138:5

ULT	UST
May they sing of the ways of Yahweh, for great is the glory of Yahweh.	*They should sing about what you have done because you are very glorious.*

What does the psalmist say the kings should sing about?

He says they should sing about what Yahweh has done, for he is glorious.

Psalms 138:6

ULT	UST
Though Yahweh is high, yet he sees the lowly, and the proud he knows from far off.	*Yahweh, although you live in heaven, you take care of humble people. Proud people, however, you identify from far away.*

For whom does Yahweh care?

He takes care of humble people.

Psalms 138:7

ULT	UST
Though I walk in the middle of trouble, you will keep me alive; you will stretch out your hand against the nose of my enemies, and your right hand will save me.	*Even when dangerous things happen all around me, you keep me safe. You rescue me from my enemies who are angry with me.*

What does the psalmist say Yahweh will do when he walks through trouble?

Yahweh will keep him safe and will rescue him from his enemies.

Psalms 138:8

ULT	UST
Yahweh will accomplish for my benefit; your covenant faithfulness, Yahweh, is forever. Do not forsake the works of your hands.	*Yahweh, I know that you will continue to do what is good for me; Yahweh, you faithfully love us forever. Please do not abandon us, the people that you have made!*

What does the psalmist ask Yahweh not to do?

He asks that Yahweh not abandon the people that he has made because he faithfully loves them forever.

Psalms 139

Psalms 139:1

ULT	UST
For the chief musician; of David; a psalm. Yahweh, you have searched me and you know me.	*This is a note for the worship leader: This is a psalm of David. Yahweh, you have thoroughly examined me, and you know me completely.*

What does David say Yahweh has done?

Yahweh has thoroughly examined him and knows him completely.

Psalms 139:2

ULT	UST
You, you know my sitting down and my rising up; you understand my thought from far away.	*You are the one who knows everything that I do, including when I sit and when I stand. Even from far away, you know what I am thinking.*

What does Yahweh understand from far away?

Yahweh knows everything that David does and understands what he is thinking.

Psalms 139:6

ULT	UST
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I am not capable of it.	*I am in awe that you know everything about me. I am not able to comprehend that.*

How does David describe Yahweh's complete knowledge of him?

That knowledge that Yahweh knows everything about him is so wonderful that David is not even able to comprehend it.

Psalms 139:7

ULT	UST
Where shall I go from your spirit? And where shall I flee from your face?	*There is nowhere I could go to get away from your Spirit! There is nowhere I could run to escape from your presence!*

What does the psalmist say about escaping from Yahweh's Spirit?

There is nowhere he can go to get away from Yahweh's Spirit or flee from Yahweh's presence.

Psalms 139:8

ULT	UST
If I ascend to the heavens, you are there, and I spread out in Sheol, behold, you!	*If I went up to heaven, you would be there. Even if I lay down in the place where dead people go, you would be there!*

Where can David not go to escape from Yahweh's presence, because Yahweh is there?

David says that even if he could go up to the heavens or down to Sheol where the dead go, Yahweh would be there.

Psalms 139:12

ULT	UST
Even darkness does not make it dark to you, and the night shines like the day; like darkness, like light.	*even darkness is not dark to you, and the night shines as bright as the daytime. For you, darkness and light are the same.*

According to the psalmist, how does Yahweh see darkness compared to light?

Yahweh can see whether in the darkness and the light.

Psalms 139:13

ULT	UST
For you, you created my kidneys; you knit me together in the womb of my mother.	*Indeed, you are the one who created my deepest inner parts; you formed me inside my mother's womb.*

Where did Yahweh form David?

Yahweh formed him inside his mother's womb.

Psalms 139:16

ULT	UST
your eyes saw my unformed substance. And in your book all of them were written: the days were formed, and yet not one of them was.	*you saw me before I had any form. You wrote in your book each day that you had planned for me to live, before any of those days had even started.*

When did Yahweh record each day of David's life?

Yahweh recorded all the days of David's life in Yahweh's book even before the first one happened.

Psalms 139:17

ULT	UST
And to me, how precious are your thoughts, God! How numerous are their heads!	*God, the things that you think are very valuable to me! There are so many of them!*

How does David describe God's thoughts?

God's thoughts are precious to David and very numerous.

Psalms 139:19

ULT	UST
If only you would kill the wicked, God! And men of bloodshed, depart from me,	*God, I wish that you would kill all wicked people! I wish that all violent men would go away from me!*

What does David want God to do to the wicked and violent men?

David wants God to kill all wicked people and get the violent men away from him.

Psalms 139:23

ULT	UST
Search me, God, and know my heart; examine me and know my cares.	*God, I invite you to search me and to know what I am thinking; please examine me and know what I worry about.*

What does the psalmist ask God to search and know?

He asks God to search him and know what he is thinking, and to examine him and know what worries him.

Psalms 139:24

ULT	UST
And see if a way of hurtfulness is in me, and lead me in the way of eternity.	*See if there is any harmful way in me, and teach me to live in the way that lasts forever.*

In what way does David want God to lead him?

David asks God to teach him to live in the way that lasts forever.

Psalms 140

Psalms 140:1

ULT	UST
Rescue me, Yahweh, from an evil man; from a man of violence preserve me,	*Yahweh, please save me from evil people; protect me from people who want to attack me.*

From whom does David need Yahweh to rescue him?

David needs Yahweh to rescue him from evil people and protect him from violent people.

Psalms 140:3

ULT	UST
They have sharpened their tongue like a serpent; venom of a viper is under their lips. Selah	*They say things to people that hurt them; what comes from their mouths is as deadly as the venom of a viper. Selah*

What does David say about the wicked?

David says they say things to people that hurt them and are as deadly as the venom of a viper.

Psalms 140:4

ULT	UST
Guard me, Yahweh, from the hands of the wicked; from the man of violence preserve me, who have planned to push down my steps.	*Yahweh, protect me from wicked people who want to harm me; keep me safe from violent people who have planned to destroy me.*

What do the violent men plan to do to David?

They have planned to destroy him.

Psalms 140:5

ULT	UST
The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords; they have spread out a net to the hand of the path; traps they have set for me. Selah	*Proud people are trying to destroy me. It is as though they have hidden a snare for me; It is as though they have spread out a net along my path; It is as though they have set traps to catch me. Selah*

What have proud people tried to do to David?

They are trying to destroy him as though they had hidden traps to catch him.

Psalms 140:6

ULT	UST
I have said to Yahweh, "You are my God." Give ear, Yahweh, to the voice of my supplications.	*I say to you, "Yahweh, you are my God." Yahweh, please listen to me as I plead with you to help me!*

To what does David ask Yahweh to listen?

David asks Yahweh to listen to him as he pleads for his help.

Psalms 140:7

ULT	UST
Yahweh, Lord, the strength of my salvation, you have covered my head in the day of weaponry.	*Yahweh, my Lord, you are the one who powerfully saves me; you have protected me during battles as though you had covered my head with a helmet.*

What did Yahweh do for David during battles?

Yahweh powerfully saved David and protected him during battles.

Psalms 140:9

ULT	UST
The head of the ones surrounding me— let the mischief of their lips cover them.	*As for the leaders of those who surround me, let the harmful things that they have said to others happen to them.*

What does David want to happen to the leaders who surround him?

David wants the harmful things that they have said to others to happen to them.

Psalms 140:11

ULT	UST
Let not a man of tongue be established in the land; a man of violence—let evil hunt him with blows.	*Yahweh, please do not allow people who slander others to prosper in this land; Cause evil things to continually happen to violent people and destroy them.*

What does David want to happen to those who slander others?

David wants anyone who slanders others to have evil things happen to them.

Psalms 140:12

ULT	UST
I know that Yahweh will do the cause of the poor, the justice of the needy.	*Yahweh, I know that you do what is just and right for poor people.*

What does David know Yahweh will do for the poor and the needy?

David knows that Yahweh will do what is just and right for poor people.

Psalms 140:13

ULT	UST
Surely the righteous will praise your name; the upright will dwell before your face.	*People who do what is right will surely thank you, and they will live with you.*

What will the righteous people surely do?

The righteous people will surely give thanks to Yahweh.

What will happen to the upright people?

They will live in Yahweh’s presence.

Psalms 141

Psalms 141:1

ULT	UST
A psalm of David Yahweh, I cry out to you, "Hurry to me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out to you."	*This is a psalm of David. Yahweh, I call out to you; please help me quickly! Please listen to me when I am calling out to you.*

What is David crying out to Yahweh?

He is crying out for Yahweh to come to help him and to listen to him when he calls.

Psalms 141:2

ULT	UST
May my prayer be established like incense to your face, a raising of my palms like the evening sacrifice.	*Please accept my prayer as though it were an offering of incense to you. Please accept me while I lift up my hands to pray to you, just as you accept the sacrifices that people offer to you each evening.*

What does David want his prayer and lifted hands to be like for Yahweh?

David wants Yahweh to accept his prayer as though it were an offering of incense to Yahweh and his hands lifted in prayer as an evening sacrifice.

Psalms 141:3

ULT	UST
Yahweh, place a guard over my mouth; guard the door of my lips.	*Yahweh, do not allow me to say things that are bad or wrong. Do not allow me to say those things as a sentry does not allow the wrong people to go through a doorway.*

What does David ask Yahweh to guard?

He asks Yahweh guard him against saying things that are bad or wrong.

Psalms 141:4

ULT	UST
Do not turn my heart toward an evil thing to wantonly act in activities in wickedness with men, doers of evil. And may I not dine on their delicacies.	*Prevent me from wanting to do anything that is wrong and from joining with wicked men when they want to do evil deeds. Do not even allow me to share in eating their delightful food!*

What does David want Yahweh to prevent him from doing?

He asks Yahweh to prevent him from wanting to do evil things, joining wicked men in their deeds, and eating their delicacies.

Psalms 141:5

ULT	UST
Let the righteous hit me—covenant faithfulness, and he is correcting me! Oil for the head may my head not refuse. For my prayer is continually against their wickedness.	*It is all right if righteous people strike me because they are acting faithfully and kindly toward me to correct me. If they do that, it will be as if they have honored me by anointing my head with olive oil, and may I never refuse to accept it. but I am always praying that you will punish the wicked because of the wicked deeds that they do.*

What does David say it means if a righteous man corrects him?

He says if it is a righteous person who strikes him, he is acting faithfully and kindly toward David to correct him.

What does David say it will be like if a righteous man corrects him?

He says it will be as if they have honored him by anointing his head with oil, which he will not refuse.

What does David always pray against wickedness?

He always prays that Yahweh will punish the wicked because of the wicked deeds that they do.

Psalms 141:6

ULT	UST
Their judges are thrown down beside a cliff; and they hear my words, that they are pleasant.	*When their rulers are thrown down from the top of rocky cliffs, the wicked will hear what I am saying, and will know that what I am saying is right and good.*

What will happen to the wicked people's judges?

Their judges will be thrown down from a cliff, and the wicked will hear that David's words are right and good.

Psalms 141:7

ULT	UST
"Just as splitting and breaking up in the ground, our bones are scattered at the mouth of Sheol."	*They will say, "Just as one scatters clods of earth when he breaks up the ground, soon our bodies will lie scattered on the way to the place where dead people are."*

What do the wicked say will happen to their bones?

They say their bones will be scattered on the way to the place where dead people are, just as the earth is scattered when the ground is broken up.

Psalms 141:8

ULT	UST
Yet my eyes are on you, Yahweh, Lord; in you I take refuge; do not uncover my soul.	*But Lord Yahweh, I continue to rely on you. I ask you to protect me; please do not stop protecting my life!*

Who is David relying on?

David is relying on Yahweh to protect his life.

Psalms 141:9

ULT	UST
Keep me from the hands of the snare they have laid for me, and the traps of the workers of evil.	*People who do evil things are trying to trick me and destroy me. It is as though they have laid out snares and set traps for me. Please keep me safe from what they are trying to do to me.*

From what does David want Yahweh to protect him?

David wants Yahweh to protect him from the snares of people who do evil things by trying to trap and trick him.

Psalms 141:10

ULT	UST
Let the wicked fall into his nets together, I, while I cross over.	*I desire that wicked people fall together into the traps that they have set to catch me, while, for my part, I escape from them.*

What does David want to happen to the wicked?

David wants the wicked to fall into their own traps that they set to catch him while he escapes.

Psalms 142

Psalms 142:2

ULT	UST
I pour out my lament to his face; my distress to his face I declare.	*I am complaining to you about all of my problems; I am telling you all of my troubles.*

What does David pour out to Yahweh?

David pours out his complaints about his problems and declares his distress to Yahweh.

Psalms 142:3

ULT	UST
When my spirit faints within me, then you, you know my path. Along this path I walk they have hidden a trap for me.	*When I am very discouraged, you are the one who knows what I must do. As I go about my activities, it is as though my enemies have hidden traps along my path for me to fall into.*

What does Yahweh know when David is discouraged?

Yahweh knows what David must do when he is discouraged.

Psalms 142:5

ULT	UST
I cried out to you, Yahweh; I said, "You are my shelter, my portion in the land of the living."	*So Yahweh, I called out to you to help me; I said, "You are the one who protects me; you are all that I need while I am alive."*

What does David say Yahweh is to him?

David says Yahweh is like a shelter to him since he protects him.

Psalms 142:6

ULT	UST
Listen to my cry, for I am very low; rescue me from my pursuers, for they are stronger than I.	*Please listen to me while I call out to you to help me because I am very distressed. Save me from those who are making me suffer, because they are stronger than I am.*

Why does David need Yahweh to rescue him from his pursuers?

David asks Yahweh to rescue him from his pursuers because they are stronger than he is.

Psalms 142:7

ULT	UST
Bring out my soul from prison to praise your name. The righteous will gather around me because you will fulfill for me.	*Please free me from those who are distressing me so that I may thank you. When you do that, the other righteous people will gather with me to praise you together because you will have fulfilled my request.*

Why will the righteous gather around David?

The righteous will gather around David to join him in praising Yahweh because Yahweh will have fulfilled David's request.

Psalms 143

Psalms 143:1

ULT	UST
A psalm of David Hear my prayer, Yahweh; listen to my pleas! On account of your faithfulness answer me in your righteousness!	*This is a psalm of David. Yahweh, please listen to me as I pray to you, pleading for you to help me! Because you are righteous and because you faithfully do what you have promised, please do what I am asking you to do for me!*

What does David ask Yahweh to do in response to his prayer?

David asks Yahweh to hear his prayer and answer him according to Yahweh's faithfulness and righteousness.

Psalms 143:2

ULT	UST
And do not enter into judgment with your servant, for everyone living is not righteous to your face.	*Please do not judge me, your servant, because you know that there is no one alive who is completely innocent.*

What reason does David give for not wanting Yahweh to judge him?

David asks Yahweh not to judge him because he knows that no one alive is completely innocent before Yahweh.

Psalms 143:3

ULT	UST
For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me to live in dark places like the dead of ages.	*Please help me because my enemies have pursued me; they have completely defeated me. It is as though they have already put me in a grave like people who are dead for eternity.*

What has the enemy done to David?

The enemy has pursued him and defeated him.

Psalms 143:5

ULT	UST
I remember days from before; I meditate on all your works; I reflect on the works of your hands.	*I remember what has happened previously; I think about all the things that you have done; I consider the great deeds that you have performed.*

What does David think about when he remembers previous days?

David thinks about all the great things that Yahweh has done.

Psalms 143:6

ULT	UST
I spread out my hands to you; my soul, as a thirsty land, to you. Selah	*I lift up my hands to you as I pray; I need you, just as much as a very dry land needs water. Selah*

How does David describe his longing for Yahweh?

David says he needs Yahweh just as much as a very dry land needs water.

Psalms 143:7

ULT	UST
Hurry! Answer me, Yahweh; my spirit is expiring! Do not hide your face from me, or I will become equal with those going down to the pit.	*Yahweh, I am absolutely despairing, so please answer me right now! Do not keep away from me because if you do that, I will soon be among those who descend to where the dead people are.*

What would cause David to join those who have died?

David would feel as if he would die soon if Yahweh does not answer him.

Psalms 143:8

ULT	UST
Let me hear your covenant faithfulness in the morning, for I trust in you. Make known to me this way I should walk, for I lift up my soul to you.	*Every morning cause me to remember that you faithfully love me because I trust in you. show me the things that I should do because I depend on you for my life.*

What does David want to hear in the morning because he trusts Yahweh?

Because David trusts Yahweh, he wants to remember that Yahweh faithfully loves him.

What does David want Yahweh to show him because he depends on Yahweh for his life?

Because David depends on Yahweh for his life, he wants Yahweh to show him the things he should do.

Psalms 143:9

ULT	UST
Rescue me from my enemies, Yahweh; I hide in you.	*Yahweh, please save me from my enemies; I rely on you to protect me.*

Where does David say he hides when asking Yahweh to rescue him from his enemies?

David says he hides in Yahweh and relies on his protection.

Psalms 143:10

ULT	UST
Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your good Spirit lead me in a level land.	*You are the God to whom I belong, so teach me to do what pleases you. I want your good Spirit to show me the best way to live.*

Who does David want Yahweh's good Spirit to show him?

David wants Yahweh to teach him to do what pleases him and Yahweh's good Spirit to show him the best way to live.

Psalms 143:11

ULT	UST
Yahweh, for the sake of your name, may you preserve my life; in your righteousness may you bring my soul out of distress.	*Yahweh, please keep me alive because of who you are; because you are righteous, please rescue me from the people who are oppressing me!*

Why does David ask Yahweh to preserve his life?

David asks Yahweh to preserve his life and rescue him from his enemies because of how righteous Yahweh is.

Psalms 143:12

ULT	UST
And in your covenant faithfulness may you destroy my enemies and exterminate all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.	*I am one who serves you; so because you faithfully love me as you promised to do, please kill all of my enemies who want to kill me.*

What does David ask Yahweh to do to his enemies?

David asks Yahweh to destroy his enemies who want to kill him.

Psalms 144

Psalms 144:1

ULT	UST
Of David. Blessed be Yahweh, my rock, the one teaching my hands for war, my fingers for battle,	*This is a psalm of David. I praise Yahweh, who protects me! He equips me to fight well in wars.*

How does David say Yahweh will protect him?

Yahweh equips David to fight well in wars.

Psalms 144:2

ULT	UST
my covenant faithfulness and my fortress, my stronghold and the one rescuing me, my shield, and in whom I take refuge, the one subduing my people under me.	*He is always faithful and kind to me. He keeps me safe and helps me escape from danger, as if he were my shield or a place where I could go to be safe. He enables me to rule other peoples.*

What does David say Yahweh does for him?

David says Yahweh keeps him safe and helps him escape from danger and enables him to rule people under him.

Psalms 144:3

ULT	UST
Yahweh, what is man, that you know him, the son of man, that you consider him?	*Yahweh, people are so insignificant; it is amazing that you pay any attention to them!*

What does David think about Yahweh's attention to people?

David finds it amazing that Yahweh pays any attention to people, since they are so insignificant.

Psalms 144:4

ULT	UST
Man compares to vapor; his days are like a passing shadow.	*People live for only a very short time, just as a mist or a shadow quickly disappears.*

To what does David compare people's lives?

David says people live only a short time just as a mist or a shadow quickly disappears.

Psalms 144:5

ULT	UST
Yahweh, bow your heavens and come down; touch the mountains, that they may smoke.	*Yahweh, please come down from the sky and split open the mountains so that smoke pours from them.*

What would the mountains do if Yahweh touched them?

Yahweh would cause the mountains to smoke if he touched them.

Psalms 144:6

ULT	UST
Light lightning and scatter them; send your arrows and rout them.	*Please send lightning bolts like arrows against my enemies to make them run away.*

What does David ask Yahweh to send against his enemies?

David asks Yahweh to send lightning bolts to send his enemies running.

Psalms 144:7

ULT	UST
Send your hands from above; break me free and deliver me from many waters, from the hand of sons of a foreigner,	*Reach down from heaven and rescue me from my enemies who are surrounding me like a dangerous flood. Save me from the power of these foreign people.*

How does Yahweh rescue David from the power of foreigners?

Yahweh reaches down from heaven and rescues David from the power of these foreign enemies.

Psalms 144:9

ULT	UST
God, I will sing a new song to you; with a lyre of ten strings I will make music to you,	*God, I will sing a new song to you and play my ten-stringed harp to praise you,*

On what instrument will David sing a new song to God?

David will sing a new song to God and praise him with a lyre which is a harp with ten strings.

Psalms 144:10

ULT	UST
the one giving salvation to kings, the one breaking free David his servant from the evil sword.	*because you are the one who saves kings and who rescues me, your servant David, from danger in battle.*

What does David say God does for kings and for him?

David says God saves kings and rescues him from danger in battle.

Psalms 144:11

ULT	UST
Break me free and deliver me from the hand of the sons of a foreigner, who, their mouth speaks worthlessness, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood,	*Save me from the power of these foreign people. They say things that are not true and raise their right hands to swear oaths that are false.*

What do the mouths of the foreigners speak?

Their speak things that are not true and swear false oaths.

Psalms 144:12

ULT	UST
that our sons may be like plants having been enlarged in their youth, our daughters, like corner pillars carved in the pattern of a palace.	*Then our sons will be like strong plants that grow tall when they are young, and our daughters will be as beautiful and stately as pillars that craftsmen carve to decorate a palace.*

What does David want the sons of the Israelites to be like?

He wants them to be strong like plants that grow to full size in their youth.

What does David want the daughters of the Israelites to be like?

He wants them to be as beautiful and stately as pillars that craftsmen carve to decorate a palace.

Psalms 144:13

ULT	UST
May our granaries be full, furnishing from kind to kind; may our flocks be thousanding, may they be myriading in our fields.	*May our barns overflow with many kinds of crops. May our sheep give birth to great numbers of lambs, yes, very great numbers as they graze in our pastures.*

What does David ask God to provide?

David asks that the barns be full of many kinds of crops and that the flocks multiply greatly in the fields.

Psalms 144:14

ULT	UST
May our oxen be burdened; no breach and no going out and no cry in our squares.	*May our oxen be strong to pull plows. May no one break through our walls, may no one go into exile, and may no one cry out in distress in our city squares.*

What does David ask God to spare the nation from?

David asks that there would be no enemies who could break through their walls, no one going into exile, and no crying out in distress in the city squares.

Psalms 144:15

ULT	UST
The happinesses of the people for whom it is thus to it! The happinesses of the people for whom Yahweh is its God!	*What a good life people have when these things happen for them! What a good life people have who worship Yahweh as their God!*

Who does David say are the people who are happy?

He says those who worship Yahweh as their God will be happy and have a good life.

Psalms 145

Psalms 145:1

ULT	UST
A psalm of David. I will exalt you, my God, the King, and I will bless your name forever and ever.	*This is a psalm of David. My God and king, I will proclaim that you are very great; I will praise you now and always.*

Whom does David say he will exalt and bless?

David says he will exalt his God and King and praise him forever and ever.

Psalms 145:2

ULT	UST
I will bless you every day, and I will praise your name forever and ever.	*I will bless you every day; I will praise you forever.*

How often does David bless God?

Every day David will bless God.

Psalms 145:4

ULT	UST
Generation to generation will proclaim your works, and they will declare your mighty acts.	*People of every generation will tell the next generation about what you have done; they will tell about your mighty deeds.*

What will one generation proclaim to the next?

One generation will proclaim all God has done to the next generation.

Psalms 145:5

ULT	UST
On the splendor of the glory of your majesty and on the deeds of your making wonderful, let me meditate.	*I will think about how very glorious and majestic you are, and I will think about your wonderful deeds.*

On what will David meditate?

He will think about how very glorious and majestic Yahweh is and on his wonderful deeds.

Psalms 145:7

ULT	UST
They will pour forth the remembrance of the abundance of your goodness, and they will sing joyfully about your righteousness.	*People will celebrate how very good you are, and they will sing joyfully about how righteous you are.*

What do people declare and sing about?

They will celebrate and declare Yahweh's goodness and sing joyfully about his righteousness.

Psalms 145:10

ULT	UST
All your works will thank you, Yahweh, and your faithful will bless you.	*Yahweh, all the creatures that you have made will praise you, and the people who are faithful to you will bless you.*

What will thank and bless Yahweh?

All the creatures that Yahweh has made will give thanks to him and his faithful ones will bless him.

Psalms 145:11

ULT	UST
They will tell the glory of your kingdom, and they will speak of your power,	*They will tell others about how gloriously you rule as king and about how powerful you are,*

What will Yahweh's faithful ones tell others about?

They will tell others about how gloriously Yahweh rules as king and about how powerful he is.

Psalms 145:13

ULT	UST
Your kingdom is a kingdom of all of eternities, and your dominion is in every generation and generation.	*You will never stop ruling as king; you will rule throughout every generation.*

How long will Yahweh's kingdom last?

Yahweh will never stop ruling as king.

Psalms 145:14

ULT	UST
Yahweh is supporting all of the ones falling and raising up all of the ones being bowed down.	*Yahweh sustains people who are in difficult circumstances, and he helps those who are struggling.*

Who does Yahweh support and help?

Yahweh supports and helps people who are struggling with difficult circumstances.

Psalms 145:15

ULT	UST
The eyes of all wait for you, and you, you are giving their food to them in its time,	*All creatures look to you expectantly, and you give them food when they need it.*

Who looks expectantly to Yahweh for provision?

All the creatures Yahweh made look to him expectantly, waiting for the food he will give them when they need it.

Psalms 145:16

ULT	UST
opening your hand and satisfying every living thing with respect to desire.	*You give generously and satisfy the desire of every living thing.*

How does Yahweh satisfy the desire of every living thing?

Yahweh gives generously and satisfies the desire of every living thing.

Psalms 145:18

ULT	UST
Yahweh is near to all of the ones calling on him, to all who call on him in truth.	*Yahweh is ready to help everyone who asks him for help when they do that sincerely.*

Who is Yahweh ready to help?

Yahweh is ready to help everyone who asks him for help when they do that sincerely.

Psalms 145:20

ULT	UST
Yahweh is keeping all of the ones loving him, but he destroys all of the wicked.	*Yahweh protects all those who love him, but he destroys wicked people.*

What does Yahweh do for those who love him?

Yahweh protects all those who love him.

What will Yahweh do to all the wicked?

He will destroy all the wicked.

Psalms 146

Psalms 146:2

ULT	UST
Let me praise Yahweh in my life; let me make music to my God while I yet am.	*I will praise Yahweh for as long as I am alive; Yes, I will sing to praise my God for the rest of my life.*

How long will the psalmist praise Yahweh?

He will praise Yahweh as long as he lives.

Psalms 146:3

ULT	UST
Do not trust in nobles, in the son of man, in whom there is no salvation.	*Since no human being can save you, do not rely on your leaders.*

What should one not put their trust in?

People should not put their trust in any human being to save them.

Psalms 146:4

ULT	UST
His breath goes out, he returns to his ground; on that day, his thoughts perish.	*When they die, their bodies decay and become soil again. When that happens, they can no longer carry out their plans.*

What happens when a person’s breath stops?

When a person’s breath stops, he returns to the ground; on that day his plans end.

Psalms 146:5

ULT	UST
The happinesses of the one who has the God of Jacob for his help; his hope is in Yahweh his God,	*Some people confidently expect Yahweh their God to help them. He is the God whom Jacob worshiped. He does help them, and they have a very good life.*

Who does the psalmist say will have happiness?

Those people who confidently expect Yahweh their God to help them will have a very good life.

Psalms 146:6

ULT	UST
the one having made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, the one keeping faithfulness forever,	*He is the one who created the sky and the land. He also created the oceans and all the creatures that are in them. He always does what he has promised to do.*

What has Yahweh made?

Yahweh made the sky, the land, the sea, and all that is in them.

Psalms 146:7

ULT	UST
doing justice for the oppressed, giving bread to the hungry. Yahweh is releasing the bound ones.	*He defends people whom others oppress, and he provides food for people who are hungry. Yahweh frees people who are in prison.*

What does Yahweh do for the oppressed and the hungry?

Yahweh defends people whom others oppress and gives food to the hungry.

Psalms 146:8

ULT	UST
Yahweh is opening the blind; Yahweh is raising up the one bowed down; Yahweh is loving the righteous.	*Yahweh enables people who are blind to see again; Yahweh helps people who are struggling; Yahweh loves people who do what is right.*

What does Yahweh do for the blind and those who are struggling?

Yahweh enables people who are blind to see again and helps people who are struggling.

Psalms 146:9

ULT	UST
Yahweh is guarding the sojourners; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked, he overturns.	*Yahweh protects foreigners; he preserves the property of orphans and widows, but he makes the plans of wicked people fail.*

Who does Yahweh protect?

Yahweh protects foreigners as well as orphans and widows.

Psalms 146:10

ULT	UST
Yahweh reigns forever; your God, Zion, to generation and generation. Hallelu Yah!	*Yahweh will be the king forever; yes, the God of the people of Jerusalem will always reign. Praise Yahweh!*

How long will Yahweh reign?

Yahweh will reign forever, for all generations.

Psalms 147

Psalms 147:1

ULT	UST
Hallelu Yah! For it is good to make music to our God, for praise is pleasant and suitable.	*Praise Yahweh! Singing praises to our God is a good thing to do. He deserves it, and it makes us happy.*

Why should people praise Yahweh?

People should sing praises to Yahweh because he deserves it and it is good thing to do.

Psalms 147:2

ULT	UST
Yahweh builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the scattered of Israel,	*Yahweh is rebuilding Jerusalem and bringing back the Israelites whom our enemies had scattered.*

How does Yahweh help his people?

Yahweh is rebuilding Jerusalem and bringing back the people of Israel who had been scattered.

Psalms 147:3

ULT	UST
healing the broken of heart and binding up their wounds;	*He comforts people who are very sad and heals their pain.*

What does Yahweh do for the brokenhearted?

He comforts them and heals their pain.

Psalms 147:4

ULT	UST
counting the number of the stars, he calls names to all of them.	*He knows how many stars there are, and he has given each one its name.*

What does Yahweh do with the stars?

Yahweh counts the stars and gives each one a name.

Psalms 147:5

ULT	UST
Great is our Lord, and abundant of power, his understanding is without number.	*Our Lord is great and very powerful; no one can measure how much he understands.*

How great is the Lord's understanding?

His understanding cannot be measured.

Psalms 147:6

ULT	UST
Yahweh is lifting up the poor, bringing down the wicked to the ground.	*Yahweh helps humble people, but he makes wicked people fail in what they want to do.*

What does Yahweh do to the wicked?

Yahweh makes wicked people fail in what they want to do.

Psalms 147:9

ULT	UST
He gives its food to the beast, to the sons of the raven when they call.	*He provides food for wild animals. He even feeds young ravens when they cry out for food.*

How does Yahweh care for the animals and ravens?

Yahweh provides food for the animals and feeds the young ravens when they cry out.

Psalms 147:11

ULT	UST
Yahweh takes pleasure in the ones fearing him, the ones hoping for his covenant faithfulness.	*Instead, Yahweh values people who deeply respect him. He values people who confidently expect him to be faithful to his covenant promises.*

In whom does Yahweh take pleasure?

Yahweh takes pleasure in those who deeply respect him and in those who confidently expect him to be faithful to his covenant promises.

Psalms 147:14

ULT	UST
The one putting peace at your borders, he satisfies you with the fat of wheat.	*He keeps your borders safe, and gives you plenty of wheat to eat.*

How does Yahweh bless the people of Jerusalem?

Yahweh gives them peace by keeping their borders safe and satisfies them with plenty of wheat to eat.

Psalms 147:15

ULT	UST
The one sending his command to the earth, his word runs to swiftness.	*He gives commands about what will happen on the earth, and these things happen right away.*

What makes thing happen on the earth?

Things happen on the earth as soon as Yahweh commands them to.

Psalms 147:17

ULT	UST
The one sending his hail like crumbs, who can stand to the face of his cold?	*He hurls down hail like small stones. When he makes it cold, no one can stand outside.*

How does Yahweh send down hail?

Yahweh casts his hail down like small stones.

Psalms 147:19

ULT	UST
He declared his word to Jacob, his statutes and his judgments to Israel.	*He told the descendants of Jacob how he wanted them to live. Yes, he gave decrees and laws to the Israelites.*

To whom does Yahweh declare how he wants them to live?

Yahweh declares this word to the descendants of Jacob.

Psalms 147:20

ULT	UST
He has not done this for any other nation, and his judgments, they do not know them. Hallelu Yah!	*He has not done this for any other nation; they do not know his laws. Praise Yahweh!*

What does the psalmist say about other nations?

The other nations do not know his laws.

Psalms 148

Psalms 148:1-2

Who is to praise Yahweh?

Everyone in the heavens, all his angels, and all his heavenly armies are to praise Yahweh.

Psalms 148:3-4

Who is to praise Yahweh?

The sun, moon, shining stars, highest heavens, and the waters above the heavens are to praise Yahweh.

Psalms 148:5

ULT	UST
Let them praise the name of Yahweh, for he, he commanded, and they were created.	*Let all of these praise Yahweh, because he created them by his own command.*

Why should Yahweh be praised?

Yahweh should be praised because he commanded and everything was created.

Psalms 148:7-8

Who should praise Yahweh from the earth?

The sea creatures and everything deep in the ocean, fire and hail, snow and clouds, and the strong winds should praise Yahweh.

Psalms 148:9-10

Who also should praise Yahweh?

The mountains, hills, fruit and other trees, wild animals and livestock, crawling creatures, and birds should all praise Yahweh.

Psalms 148:11-12

Who else should praise Yahweh?

Kings of the earth and all peoples, rulers and all judges, young men and women, old people, and children should all praise Yahweh.

Psalms 148:13

ULT	UST
Let them praise the name of Yahweh, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is over the earth and the heavens.	*you should all praise Yahweh, because he alone is truly great. He is more glorious than everything on earth and in heaven.*

Why should Yahweh be praised?

Yahweh should be praised because he alone is truly great and more glorious than everything on earth and in heaven.

Psalms 148:14

ULT	UST
And he has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all of his faithful, for the sons of Israel, a people near to him. Hallelu Yah!	*He has made his people strong, and other nations respect them. His people are the Israelite people, who are close to him. Praise Yahweh!*

Who are Yahweh's faithful ones?

The people of Israel who are close to him are respected as Yahweh's faithful people.

Psalms 149

Psalms 149:1

ULT	UST
Hallelu Yah! Sing to Yahweh a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.	*Praise Yahweh! Sing a new song to Yahweh! Let his faithful people praise him when they gather together.*

How should the faithful praise Yahweh?

They should sing a new song to Yahweh and praise him when the faithful people gather together.

Psalms 149:2

ULT	UST
Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the sons of Zion be glad in their king.	*You Israelite people, God made you. Be happy because of what he has done for you. You people of Jerusalem, rejoice because God is your king.*

In whom should Israel rejoice?

The people of Israel should rejoice because of what God has done for them, and because he is their king.

Psalms 149:3

ULT	UST
Let them praise his name in the dance; let them make music to him with the tambourine and the harp.	*Praise Yahweh by dancing. Play tambourines and harps to honor him.*

How should the faithful praise Yahweh?

They should praise his name by dancing and making music to him with tambourines and harps.

Psalms 149:4

ULT	UST
For Yahweh is taking pleasure in his people; he beautifies the humble with salvation.	*Do that because Yahweh loves his people; he honors poor people by rescuing them.*

In whom does Yahweh take pleasure?

Yahweh takes pleasure in his people.

What does Yahweh do for the humble?

He honors humble people by rescuing them.

Psalms 149:5

ULT	UST
Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing joyfully on their beds.	*God's faithful people should celebrate because he has honored them. Even on their beds at night, they should praise him with joyful songs.*

How should the faithful exult?

God's faithful people should celebrate with joyful songs because he has honored them.

Psalms 149:6

ULT	UST
Let the exaltations of God be in their throat, and a sword of mouths in their hand,	*They should also shout loudly to praise God when they go into battle holding swords that have two sharp edges.*

What should the faithful shout about?

They should shout loud praises to God.

Psalms 149:6-7

What is the purpose of the sword in the hands of the faithful?

The sword in their hand is to punish the people of other nations for the sins they have committed against God.

Psalms 149:8-9

What will the faithful do to the kings and nobles of the nations?

They will bind their kings with chains and their nobles with shackles of iron in order to carry out the judgment that God has decreed against them..

Psalms 149:9

ULT	UST
to execute on them the judgment written. It is honor to all of his faithful. Hallelu Yah!	*In that way, they will carry out the judgment that God has decreed against them. God will give his faithful people the honor of doing that for him. Praise Yahweh!*

What is the honor of all of God's faithful?

It is an honor for all of his faithful to carry out the judgment that God has decreed against their leaders.

Psalms 150

Psalms 150:1

ULT	UST
Hallelu Yah! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in the expanse of his strength.	*Praise Yahweh! Praise God in his temple here on earth, and praise him in the heavens that he created by his power!*

Where should everyone praise God?

Everyone should praise God in his temple here on earth, and praise him in the heavens that he created by his power.

Psalms 150:2

ULT	UST
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to the abundance of his greatness.	*Praise him for the mighty things he has done! Praise him because he is so very great!*

For what should everyone praise God?

Everyone should praise God for the mighty things he has done and for his greatness.

Psalms 150:3-5

With what instruments should everyone praise God?

Everyone should praise God with shofars, lyres, harps, tambourines, stringed instruments, flutes, and cymbals.

Psalms 150:6

ULT	UST
Let all of the breath praise Yah! Hallelu Yah!	*Let everything that breathes praise Yahweh! Praise Yahweh!*

Who should praise Yahweh?

Everything that breathes should praise Yahweh.

Proverbs

Proverbs 1

Proverbs 1:1

ULT	UST
The proverbs of Solomon, the son of David, the king of Israel:	*These are the wise sayings said by Solomon. He was David's son and Israel's king.*

Who was the author of these proverbs?

Solomon, the king of Israel, was the author of these proverbs.

Proverbs 1:3

ULT	UST
to receive instruction of insight, righteousness and justice and integrity;	*These wise sayings are for instructing someone about what is insightful, righteous, just, and honest.*

How do these proverbs teach people to live?

These proverbs teach people about what is insightful, righteous, just, and honest.

Proverbs 1:5

ULT	UST
(may a wise one hear and increase learning, and an understanding one acquire guidance),	*(Let wise people listen to these wise sayings and learn more. Indeed, let these sayings guide understanding people so that they know what to do.)*

What can the wise and understanding receive by listening to these proverbs?

Wise people can increase their learning, and understanding people can acquire guidance by listening to these proverbs.

Proverbs 1:7

ULT	UST
The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.	*In order to become knowledgeable, a person must begin by deeply respecting Yahweh. But foolish people detest what is wise or instructive.*

What is the beginning of knowledge?

The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge.

Proverbs 1:8

ULT	UST
Hear, my son, the instruction of your father and do not forsake the law of your mother,	*My child, listen carefully to what I, your father, am teaching you. Indeed, obey the rules that your mother has commanded.*

To whose instruction should a son listen?

A son should listen to instruction from his father and mother.

Proverbs 1:10

ULT	UST
My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.	*My child, if sinful people tempt you to sin with them, refuse to do so.*

What should a son do if sinners try to entice him to sin?

A son should refuse to follow those who try to entice him to sin.

Proverbs 1:11-13

With what do those who are sinning plan to fill their houses?

Those who are sinning plan to fill their houses with what they steal from others.

Proverbs 1:15-16

What do those who are sinning hurry to do?

Those who are sinning hurry to do wicked things.

Proverbs 1:19

ULT	UST
So are the paths of all who unjustly gain unjust gain; it takes the life of its owner.	*That is what happens to anyone who gains wealth in an unjust manner. What they gained unjustly will kill them.*

What does unjust gain do to those who gain unjustly?

Unjust gain will kill those who gain unjustly.

Proverbs 1:20-21

Who calls out in the streets, open areas, and city gates?

Wisdom calls out in open areas where busy streets intersect and at the entrance of the city gates.

Proverbs 1:24-25

What did those who lacked wisdom do when Wisdom called out to them?

Those who lacked wisdom ignored what Wisdom said and refused to listen when Wisdom called out to them.

Proverbs 1:26

ULT	UST
I too shall laugh at your calamity, I shall mock when your dread comes,	*Therefore, as for me, I will laugh at you when disastrous things happen to you. Indeed, I will ridicule you when you are terrified.*

What will Wisdom do when calamity comes on those who lack wisdom?

Wisdom will laugh when calamity comes on those who lack wisdom.

Proverbs 1:28

ULT	UST
Then they will call out to me, but I will not answer. They will diligently seek me, but they will not find me,	*At that time, those foolish people will cry out to me to help them, but I will not reply to them. Indeed, they will desperately look for me, but they will not be able to find me.*

What will Wisdom do when those who lack wisdom call upon her?

Wisdom will not answer when those who lack wisdom call upon her.

Proverbs 1:31

ULT	UST
And they will eat from the fruit of their way, and from their plans they will be satisfied.	*Those foolish people will suffer rightly for what they have done. Indeed, they will suffer fully for what they have planned.*

With what will those who lack wisdom be filled?

Those who lack wisdom will suffer rightly for their plans and for what they have done.

Proverbs 1:33

ULT	UST
But the one who listens to me will dwell securely and will be at ease from the dread of evil.”	*By contrast, people who listen attentively to what I say will live safely. They will not fear that something evil might happen to them.”*

How will those live who listen to Wisdom?

Those who listen to Wisdom will live safely and not dread evil.

Proverbs 2

Proverbs 2:1

ULT	UST
My son, if you receive my sayings, and my commandments you store up with you,	*My child, accept what I say. Consider what I command you to be precious.*

What does the father want his son to store up as precious?

The father wants his son to consider his commandments to be precious.

Proverbs 2:3-4

How should the son seek and search for insight and understanding?

The son should seek insight and understanding as silver, and search for it as a hidden treasure.

Proverbs 2:4-5

If the son seeks and searches for understanding as silver, what will he find?

The son will find the knowledge of God.

Proverbs 2:6-7

What is Yahweh for those who walk in integrity?

Yahweh is a shield for those who walking with integrity.

Proverbs 2:9-10

When wisdom comes into the son’s heart, what will he understand?

The son will understand righteousness, justice, and integrity.

Proverbs 2:11-12

From what will discretion and understanding rescue the son?

Discretion and understanding will rescue the son from the way of evil and from people who speak perversely.

Proverbs 2:13

ULT	UST
the ones who forsake the paths of straightness to walk in the ways of darkness,	*Those people refuse to behave righteously in order to behave wickedly.*

What do those who walk in the ways of darkness forsake?

Those who walk in the ways of darkness forsake the paths of straightness, they refuse to behave righteously.

Proverbs 2:16-17

What does the strange woman forsake and forget?

The strange woman forsakes the companion of her youth and forgets the covenant of her God.

Proverbs 2:18

ULT	UST
For her house sinks down to death and her tracks, to the spirits of dead ones.	*Being discreet and insightful will rescue you because going to such a woman's house will cause you to die. Indeed, going with her is the same as going to the place where the spirits of dead people are.*

To where do the immoral woman's tracks lead?

The immoral woman's tracks lead down to death.

Proverbs 2:20

ULT	UST
So you shall walk in the way of the good ones and the paths of the righteous ones you shall keep.	*Therefore, behave like a good person. Indeed, conduct yourself like a righteous person.*

In whose way should the son walk?

The son should walk, or behave like a righteous person.

Proverbs 2:21

ULT	UST
For the upright will dwell in the land, and the blameless will remain in it,	*This is important because only people who live uprightly will live in our land, Indeed, it is the people who do not act wickedly who will stay in this land for a long time.*

What will happen to those who live uprightly?

People who live uprightly will stay in this land for a long time.

Proverbs 2:22

ULT	UST
but wicked ones will be cut off from the land, and treacherous ones will be torn away from it.	*By contrast, Yahweh will remove people who act wickedly from our land. Be sure of this: Yahweh will completely remove people who act treacherously from this land!*

What will happen to those who are wicked?

Those who are wicked will be removed from the land.

Proverbs 3

Proverbs 3:1-2

What will the father’s commands and teachings add to his son?

The father’s commands and teachings will add years of life and peace to his son.

Proverbs 3:3

ULT	UST
Do not let covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness leave you; tie them on your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart,	*Always be faithful and trustworthy. Let everyone see how faithful and trustworthy you are, as if they were a necklace you are wearing. Remember to be faithful and trustworthy at all times.*

Where must covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness be written?

Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness must be written on the tablet of one’s heart.

Proverbs 3:5

ULT	UST
Trust in Yahweh with all your heart and on your understanding do not lean.	*Trust Yahweh completely, and do not rely on what you understand.*

On what must the son not lean?

The son must not lean on (rely on) his own understanding.

Proverbs 3:7

ULT	UST
Do not be wise in your eyes; fear Yahweh and turn away from evil.	*Do not think that you know what is best. Instead, revere Yahweh and refuse to do what is evil.*

How must the son not see himself?

The son must not see himself as wise.

Proverbs 3:9

ULT	UST
Honor Yahweh from your wealth and from the first of all your produce,	*Revere Yahweh by giving to him some of your riches, and by giving to him some of the first crops from everything that you harvest.*

What must the son do with his wealth?

The son must honor Yahweh with his wealth.

Proverbs 3:12

ULT	UST
For whom Yahweh loves, he disciplines, and like a father, a son in whom he delights.	*Do not respond in that way because Yahweh only reproves the people whom he loves, just as a father reproves the children whom he cherishes.*

Whom does Yahweh discipline?

Yahweh disciplines those whom he loves.

Proverbs 3:13-14

What benefits people more than having silver or gold?

Being wise benefits people more than silver could benefit them. Indeed, being wise is worth more to people than having gold.

Proverbs 3:17

ULT	UST
Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.	*Being wise will allow you to live pleasantly. Indeed, in every way being wise will allow you to live peacefully.*

What are all the paths of wisdom?

All the paths of wisdom are peace.

Proverbs 3:19

ULT	UST
Yahweh by wisdom founded the earth; he established the heavens by understanding.	*Yahweh made the world through being wise. Through being skillful, he made the sky and everything in it.*

What did Yahweh do by being wise?

Yahweh made the world through being wise.

Proverbs 3:21-22

What will be life to the son's soul?

Prudence and discretion will be life to the son's soul.

Proverbs 3:24

ULT	UST
If you lie down, you will not be in dread. You will lie down, and your sleep will be pleasant.	*When you lie down to sleep, you will not fear anything. You will lie down to sleep and sleep peacefully.*

If the son walks in wisdom, what will happen when he lies down?

When he lies down, he will not fear anything, and he will sleep peacefully.

Proverbs 3:25

ULT	UST
Do not be afraid of sudden dread and of the devastation of the wicked when it comes.	*Do not worry about something terrible suddenly happening to you, or about what will happen when God destroys wicked people.*

Of what should the son not be afraid?

The son should not be afraid of sudden dread or devastation.

Proverbs 3:27

ULT	UST
Do not withhold good from its owners, when it is in the power of your hand to act.	*Do not refrain from giving what is good to people who deserve it when you are able to do so.*

What should the son do for those who deserve it?

The son should not withhold what is good from people who deserve it.

Proverbs 3:29

ULT	UST
Do not plot evil against your neighbor, and he is dwelling securely with you.	*Do not plan to harm people that you interact with, because they live near you and they trust you.*

What should the son not do to his neighbor?

The son should not make a plan to harm his neighbor.

Proverbs 3:32

ULT	UST
For an abomination to Yahweh is he who goes astray, but with the upright ones is his secret counsel.	*Do not do so because Yahweh detests such people who act wickedly, but he converses like a friend with people who act uprightly.*

Who does Yahweh detest?

Yahweh detests people who act wickedly.

Proverbs 3:34

ULT	UST
Though to the mockers he himself mocks, yet to the humble ones he gives favor.	*When people ridicule others, it is Yahweh who ridicules them, but he kindly helps those who are humble.*

What does Yahweh do to the mockers?

Yahweh himself mocks the mockers.

Proverbs 3:35

ULT	UST
Wise ones will inherit honor, but stupid ones lift up dishonor.	*People will honor wise people, but people will shame foolish people.*

What do the wise inherit?

The wise inherit honor.

Proverbs 4

Proverbs 4:1-2

What should the sons not forget?

The sons should not forget their father’s instruction.

Proverbs 4:4

ULT	UST
then he taught me and said to me, “Let your heart grasp my words; keep my commandments and live!	*During that time, my father taught me. He told me, “Remember what I have told you! Do what I have commanded you, so that you will keep on living!*

How did the father tell the son he would live?

The father told the son he would live by keeping the father’s commands.

Proverbs 4:6

ULT	UST
Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; love her, and she will guard you.	*Keep doing what is wise, because doing so will keep you safe. Love doing what is wise, because being wise will protect you from harm.*

What will Wisdom do for the son if the son does not forsake her, but loves her?

Wisdom will watch over him and keep him safe.

Proverbs 4:8-9

What will Wisdom do for the son if the son cherishes and embraces her?

Wisdom will honor him, as if putting a crown of splendor on his head.

Proverbs 4:11

ULT	UST
In the way of wisdom I taught you; I caused you to tread in the tracks of uprightness.	*I instructed you in how to act wisely. I directed you in how to live in the right way.*

In what way did the father teach the son?

The father taught the son in the way of wisdom and directed him in how to live in the right way.

Proverbs 4:13

ULT	UST
Grasp on to instruction, do not let go; guard it, for it is your life.	*Consistently remember the things I have instructed you; keep remembering them! Always be mindful of them, because they will keep you alive.*

On to what must the son grasp, for it is his life?

The son must consistently remember the things his father has instructed him, for it is his life.

Proverbs 4:14-15

What path must the son avoid?

The son must avoid the path of the wicked ones.

Proverbs 4:16

ULT	UST
For they do not sleep if they do not do evil and their sleep is robbed if they do not cause stumbling.	*Do not act wickedly because it is as if evil people cannot even sleep unless they have done something evil on that day; it is as if they cannot rest unless they hurt someone.*

What do the wicked do before they can sleep?

The wicked feel that they must do evil before they can sleep.

Proverbs 4:18

ULT	UST
But the path of the righteous ones is like the light of brightness, going and shining until the day is established.	*As for righteous people, they will live wisely and safely as people do who walk in the sunshine; they will live more and more wisely and safely, just as the sun shines brighter and brighter until the brightest time of day.*

What is the path of the righteous like?

The path of the righteous is like the light of the sun that grows brighter until the brightest time of day.

Proverbs 4:19

ULT	UST
The way of the wicked is like the darkness; they do not know on what they stumble.	*But the way that wicked people live is dangerous, like people who walk in total darkness. Like people walking in darkness do not know what they trip over, wicked people do not know what hurts them.*

What is the way of the wicked like?

The way of the wicked is like the darkness.

Proverbs 4:23

ULT	UST
Guard your heart more than all that is protected, for from it are the sources of life.	*More than anything else, be extremely careful about what you think and desire, because those things will control how you live.*

Why must the son guard his heart extremely carefully?

The son must guard his heart extremely carefully, for from it are the sources of life.

Proverbs 4:24

ULT	UST
Remove from you perversity of mouth, and the deviousness of lips put far away from you.	*Do not say anything that deceives people. Indeed, never say anything that misleads people.*

What kind of speech and talk must the son put away?

The son must put away speech that deceives or misleads people.

Proverbs 4:25

ULT	UST
Cause your eyes to gaze to the front, and cause your eyelids to be straight in front of you.	*Focus on doing what is right, like someone who is always looking straight ahead. Indeed, act like someone who is looking straight in front of himself.*

Where must the son focus his gaze?

The son must focus his gaze on doing what is right.

Proverbs 5

Proverbs 5:1-2

What will the son learn if he listens carefully to what he should understand?

If he listens carefully to what he should understand, the son will learn to be able to choose wisely what to do, and to know the right things to say.

Proverbs 5:3-4

What will happen to you after being with an adulteress woman?

After being with such a woman you will be miserable, as if you had eaten a bitter plant.

Proverbs 5:5

ULT	UST
Her feet are going down to death; her steps take hold of Sheol,	*Being with such a woman will cause both of you to die. Indeed, what she does with you will cause you to become a dead person.*

To where are such a woman's feet going?

Her feet are going down to death.

Proverbs 5:7-8

What advice does the father give the sons about getting near any adulterous woman?

The sons are to keep far away from any adulterous woman and not even go near her house.

Proverbs 5:9

ULT	UST
lest you give to others your splendor and your years to a cruel one,	*If you go to such a woman, you will be giving the best efforts of your youth to others, and a merciless person will take away everything that you would gain in the best time of your life.*

What will the son give away if he goes to such a woman?

If he goes to such a woman, the son will give away the best efforts of his youth.

Proverbs 5:11

ULT	UST
and you groan at your end, when your flesh and your body are finished.	*Then you will groan when you are about to die and have worn out your whole body.*

What will happen at the end of his life if the son becomes involved with an adulterous woman?

If the son becomes involved with an adulterous woman, he will groan when he is about to die.

Proverbs 5:12

ULT	UST
And you will say, "How I hated correction, and my heart despised rebuke!	*Then you will say, "I hated it extremely when people corrected me! Indeed, I scorned people when they rebuked me!*

What will the son say at the end of his life if he becomes involved with an adulterous woman?

If he becomes involved with an adulterous woman, he will say that he hated correction and despised rebuke.

Proverbs 5:15

ULT	UST
Drink water from your cistern and flowing waters from the midst of your well.	*So be like someone who only drinks water from his own well; have sex with your wife only.*

From where should the sons drink?

The sons should only drink water from their own well, which means to have sex with his wife only.

Proverbs 5:18

ULT	UST
May your fountain be blessed, and be glad because of the wife of your youth!	*As a result, may Yahweh bless your marriage with children; enjoy sexually the woman whom you married when you were young!*

Whom should the son enjoy sexually?

The father tells the son to enjoy sexually the woman whom he married when he was young.

Proverbs 5:18-19

With what should the a son be exhilarated?

He should be exhilarated by how the wife of his youth loves him.

Proverbs 5:21

ULT	UST
For in front of the eyes of Yahweh are the ways of a man, and all of his paths he observes.	*Never do that because Yahweh fully knows what people do. Indeed, he knows everything that people do.*

What does Yahweh observe?

Yahweh knows everything that people do.

Proverbs 5:22

ULT	UST
His iniquities capture him, the wicked one, and by the cords of his sin he is grasped.	*The wicked things that wicked people do are like traps that catch them; the sinful things that they do are like ropes by which others can grab them.*

What will capture and grasp the wicked person?

The wicked things that the wicked one does will capture him and his sin will be like cords that grasp him.

Proverbs 6

Proverbs 6:1-2

How could the son be caught by what he says with his mouth?

The son could regret what he says if he guarantees a loan for a stranger.

Proverbs 6:3

ULT	UST
then do this, my son, and rescue yourself: Since you have come into the palm of your neighbor, go, humble yourself, and press your neighbor.	*then, my child, do this in order to save yourself from having to pay back this loan: humbly go to that person and beg him to cancel what you have promised, because he now controls you.*

What must the son do to save himself?

To save himself the son must humbly go to that person and beg him to cancel what the son has promised.

Proverbs 6:6

ULT	UST
Go to the ant, lazy one! See its ways and be wise,	*You lazy person, learn something from watching ants! Consider what ants do so that you can be wise.*

From what should a lazy person learn?

A lazy person should consider the ant, see its ways, and learn to be wise.

Proverbs 6:8

ULT	UST
prepares its bread in the summer; it gathers its food in the harvest.	*Nevertheless, they work hard all during the summer, gathering and storing food to eat during the winter.*

What does the ant do in the summer?

In the summer, the ant gathers and stores food to eat during the winter.

Proverbs 6:9,11

What will happen to the lazy person who does not rise from his sleep?

He will become poor and needy just as surely as if a thief has robbed him.

Proverbs 6:12

ULT	UST
A man of worthlessness, a man of iniquity, is one who walks with perversity of mouth,	*I will describe for you what worthless, sinful people do. They constantly deceive people by what they say.*

How would you describe worthless people?

Worthless, sinful people are people who constantly deceive other people by what they say.

Proverbs 6:14-15

What will happen to the wicked man because of his evil plots?

He will be suddenly destroyed and unable to recover.

Proverbs 6:16

ULT	UST
Six are they that Yahweh hates, and seven are abominations to his self:	*Yahweh absolutely hates six, no, seven things:*

How many things does Yahweh hate and how many things are abominations to him?

There are six things that Yahweh hates, seven that are abominations to him.

Proverbs 6:18

ULT	UST
a heart devising plans of iniquity, feet hurrying to run to evil,	*someone planning ways to act sinfully, someone eagerly looking for ways to act wickedly,*

What kind of heart does Yahweh hate?

Yahweh hates the heart of someone planning ways to act sinfully.

Proverbs 6:19

ULT	UST
a witness of falsehood breathing out lies, and sending forth quarrels between brothers.	*someone who naturally lies when testifying, and someone causing members of the same family to argue.*

What kind of witness does Yahweh hate?

Yahweh hates the witness who lies when testifying.

Proverbs 6:23

ULT	UST
For commandment is a lamp and law is a light, and the rebukes of instruction are the way of life,	*This is so because what I have commanded you is like a lamp that shows you your way. Indeed, the rules we taught you are like a light to guide you. When we rebuke you while instructing you, we do that so that you can do what will give you a good life.*

To what are commandment and law likened?

Commandment is likened to a lamp and the law is likened to a light.

Proverbs 6:26

ULT	UST
For the price of a prostitute woman is as a loaf of bread, but the wife of a man hunts a precious life.	*Do not do so because, although having sex with a prostitute may only cost you a cheap meal, doing so with an adulterous married woman will cause you to die.*

What can having sex with the wife of another cost the son?

Having sex with the wife of another will cause him to die.

Proverbs 6:30

ULT	UST
They do not despise the thief if he steals to satisfy his appetite when he is hungry;	*People do not resent someone who steals if he only steals food because he is hungry.*

Why might people not despise a thief if he steals?

People do not despise someone who steals if he only steals food because he is hungry.

Proverbs 6:32

ULT	UST
One who commits adultery with a woman is lacking of heart; destroying his life, he does it.	*By contrast, a man who acts adulterously with a woman is not thinking. By doing this, he destroys himself!*

Who does a man who commits adultery destroy?

A man who commits adultery with a woman destroys himself.

Proverbs 6:34-35

What will the one who takes revenge against adultery not accept?

That jealous husband will not accept any money to stop being furious, no matter how much money you offer him.

Proverbs 7

Proverbs 7:1-2

What must the son keep in order to live?

The son must keep his father’s sayings and commandments to live.

Proverbs 7:4-5

From whom do Wisdom and Understanding keep the son?

Wisdom and Understanding keep the son from immoral women who speak to him seductively.

Proverbs 7:6-7

Who did Solomon notice as he looked out through the window?

Solomon noticed a young man who does not think wisely.

Proverbs 7:10

ULT	UST
And behold, there is a woman to meet him, with the garment of a prostitute and guarded of heart.	*Then I saw that an adulterous woman approached the young man. She was wearing a prostitute’s clothing and intended to deceive the young man.*

What was the woman wearing who approached the young man?

She was wearing a prostitute’s clothing.

Proverbs 7:12

ULT	UST
At one time in the street, at another time in the open areas, and beside every corner she lies in wait.)	*She often walked around the streets and public places. At the corner of any road she waited for a man whom she could seduce.)*

What does the woman do at every corner?

At the corner of any road, she waits for a man whom she can seduce.

Proverbs 7:14

ULT	UST
"The sacrifices of peace offerings are with me; today I paid my vows.	*"Today I have meat in my house, because I sacrificed an animal in the temple to promise friendship with Yahweh. In this way I did what I had vowed to do.*

What had the woman done that day?

That day, the woman had sacrificed an animal.

Proverbs 7:15

ULT	UST
Therefore, I came out to meet you, to diligently seek your face, and I found you.	*So I have come out here to meet you. I have come out to look everywhere for you, and now I have found you!*

For what does the woman look everywhere?

The woman is looking everywhere for the young man.

Proverbs 7:18

ULT	UST
Come, let us drink fully of lovemaking until the morning; let us delight ourselves with loves!	*Come with me! Let us satisfy ourselves sexually all night! Let us enjoy ourselves sexually!*

What does the woman invite the young man to do?

The woman invites the young man to come with her so they can satisfy themselves with lovemaking until the morning.

Proverbs 7:19

ULT	UST
For the man is not in his house; he went on a road far away.	*Come with me because my husband is not at home. He has gone away on a long journey.*

Where is the woman's husband?

The woman's husband is away from home on a long journey.

Proverbs 7:22

ULT	UST
Following after her suddenly, like an ox to slaughter he goes, and like an ankle chain to the correction of a fool,	*He quickly followed her to her home. He unknowingly went to die like an ox going to the place where its owner will kill it. He unknowingly went to die like a foolish person who lets others lead him by a chain to where they will punish him*

In what way does the young man follow after the woman?

The young man follows quickly after the woman, going like an ox to its slaughter.

Proverbs 7:23

ULT	UST
until an arrow splits his liver; like a bird rushing into a trap, and he did not know that it was for his life.	*until someone kills him by shooting an arrow into his entrails. He was as foolish as a bird flying quickly into a trap. He did not realize that going with the adulterous woman would cause him to die.*

What will the young man's actions cost him?

The young man's actions will cause him to die.

Proverbs 7:25

ULT	UST
Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways; do not wander into her tracks.	*Do not desire to be with any adulterous woman. Indeed, never go with one of them!*

What wise instruction is the young man given about an adulterous woman?

He is instructed to not desire her and to never go with her.

Proverbs 7:27

ULT	UST
Her house is the ways of Sheol, descending to the rooms of death.	*Going to an adulterous woman's house is like choosing to become a dead person. Those who enter her bedroom will die as a result.*

What will happen to those who enter her bedroom?

Those who enter her bedroom will die as a result.

Proverbs 8

Proverbs 8:1-2

Who calls out beside the road?

Wisdom calls out next to the crowded crossroads where everyone can hear her.

Proverbs 8:4

ULT	UST
“To you, men, I call, and my voice is to the sons of man.	*Imagine that she proclaims: “I am calling out to all of you! I am speaking to all people!*

To whom does Wisdom call?

Wisdom calls to all people.

Proverbs 8:6

ULT	UST
Listen, for noble things I will speak, and the opening of my lips will be upright things.	*Listen to what I say, because I will tell you some excellent things. I will speak to you about what is right.*

What kinds of things does Wisdom speak?

Wisdom speaks of noble things and of what is right.

Proverbs 8:11

ULT	UST
For wisdom is better than coral pearls, and all desired things do not compare with her.	*Do this because being wise is more valuable than having precious jewels. Being wise is more valuable than anything that you can desire.*

What is wisdom more valuable than?

Wisdom is more valuable than having precious jewels.

Proverbs 8:13

ULT	UST
The fear of Yahweh is to hate evil. Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the mouth of perverse things I hate.	*Everyone who reverently fears Yahweh hates what is evil. I, what is wise, hate it when people are proud or arrogant. I hate it when people act wickedly and when people speak perversely.*

What do those who fear Yahweh hate?

Those who fear Yahweh hate evil, pride, arrogance, and perverted speech.

Proverbs 8:15-16

How do kings and princes who have Wisdom rule?

Kings and princes who have Wisdom rule well.

Proverbs 8:19

ULT	UST
My fruit is better than gold and than refined gold, and my produce, than choice silver.	*What I can give people is more valuable than even the purest gold and the best silver.*

What is the fruit of Wisdom better than?

The fruit of Wisdom is better than purest gold and the best silver.

Proverbs 8:21

ULT	UST
to cause those who love me to inherit substance; and their treasuries, I will fill.	*in order to give property to people who love me. I will fill up the places where they store valuable items.*

What will Wisdom give to those who love her?

Wisdom will give an inheritance to those who love her.

Proverbs 8:23

ULT	UST
From eternity I was poured out, from the head, from the ancient times of the earth.	*Yahweh established me a very long time ago—at the very beginning, before the world existed.*

When was Wisdom established?

Wisdom was established a very long time ago, before the world existed.

Proverbs 8:26-27

Where was Wisdom when Yahweh made the earth and heavens?

Wisdom was there when Yahweh made the earth and heavens.

Proverbs 8:30

ULT	UST
Then I was beside him as a skilled worker, and I was a delight day by day, frolicking before his face at every time.	*At that time I was like someone who was beside Yahweh, skillfully helping him to create everything. I made him happy every day. I was always rejoicing when I was with him.*

What was Wisdom doing beside Yahweh when he made everything?

Wisdom was beside Yahweh helping him to create everything.

Proverbs 8:31

ULT	UST
Frolicking in the world of his earth, and my delights were with the sons of man.	*I was rejoicing in the whole world that Yahweh had made. I was also happy with the people he had made.*

What was Wisdom's delight?

Wisdom's delight was the people he made.

Proverbs 8:35

ULT	UST
For a finder of me is a finder of life, and he obtains favor from Yahweh.	*This is true because people who learn to be wise will live well, and Yahweh will approve of them.*

What does one who finds Wisdom also find and obtain?

One who finds Wisdom also finds life and obtains favor from Yahweh.

Proverbs 8:36

ULT	UST
But a misser of me does violence to his life; all haters of me love death.”	*But those who refuse to be wise hurt themselves. All those who hate to be wise act like they are people who would love to die.”*

What happens to the who fails to find Wisdom?

One who fails to find Wisdom hurts himself.

Proverbs 9

Proverbs 9:1

ULT	UST
Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out her seven pillars.	*Continue imagining that there is a woman who represents everything that is wise. Imagine that this woman has built her own spacious house and made seven pillars to support its roof.*

What has Wisdom built?

Wisdom has built her own house.

Proverbs 9:3-4

To whom are the invitations that Wisdom sends out directed?

The invitations Wisdom sends out are directed to those who are not wise.

Proverbs 9:6

ULT	UST
Forsake naive things and live; and stride on the way of understanding.	*Stop acting naively so that you can live well. Do what will cause you to learn what you should understand.*

What does Wisdom say to forsake?

Wisdom says to stop acting naively so that you can live well.

Proverbs 9:8

ULT	UST
Do not rebuke a mocker, lest he hate you; rebuke a wise one, and he will love you.	*So do not correct a person who ridicules other people. If you do so, then that person will hate you. However, if you correct a wise person, that person will love you for doing so.*

What happens to one who rebukes a mocker?

If you rebuke a mocker, that person will hate you.

What happens to one who corrects a wise person?

If you correct a wise person, that person will love you for doing so.

Proverbs 9:10

ULT	UST
The beginning of wisdom is the fear of Yahweh and knowledge of holy things is understanding.	*If you want to be wise, you must start by revering Yahweh, and only by knowing what is holy will you understand which teachings are wise and true.*

What is the beginning of wisdom?

The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom.

What is understanding?

The knowledge of the holy things is understanding.

Proverbs 9:13

ULT	UST
The woman of stupidity is loud, naive, and she does not know anything.	*Foolish women speak loudly, act naively, and are very ignorant.*

What are the characteristics of a foolish woman?

A foolish woman speaks loudly, acts naively, but she does not know anything.

Proverbs 9:18

ULT	UST
But he does not know that the spirits of the dead are there; in the depths of Sheol are her called ones.	*But men who go to the houses of such women are not aware that the men who have gone there before have died. They are not aware that the guests of such women are now in the deepest parts of the place where dead people are.*

Who are in the foolish woman’s house?

Those in the foolish woman’s house are now in the deepest parts of the place where dead people are.

Proverbs 10

Proverbs 10:1

ULT	UST
The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son gladdens a father, but a stupid son is the grief of his mother.	*These are more wise sayings said by Solomon: Wise children make their fathers glad, but foolish children make their mothers sad.*

How do fathers react to wise children?

Wise children make their fathers glad.

Proverbs 10:3

ULT	UST
Yahweh does not let the life of the righteous starve, but the desire of the wicked he thrusts away.	*Yahweh prevents righteous people from starving, but he prevents wicked people from getting what they want.*

What does Yahweh do to the desire of the wicked?

Yahweh prevents wicked people from getting what they want.

Proverbs 10:4

ULT	UST
A palm of idleness makes poverty, but the hand of the diligent ones makes rich.	*People who are lazy become poor, but people who work hard become rich.*

What becomes of people who are lazy?

People who are lazy become poor.

Proverbs 10:6

ULT	UST
Blessings are for the head of the righteous, but the mouth of the wicked covers violence.	*God blesses righteous people, but what wicked people say sometimes prevents others from knowing about the violent acts that they do.*

How does God treat righteous people?

God blesses righteous people.

Proverbs 10:8

ULT	UST
The one wise of heart receives commands, but the one stupid of lips will be thrown down.	*People who think wisely are willing to obey the good things that people tell them to do, but people who speak foolishly destroy themselves.*

What happens to people who speak foolishly?

People who speak foolishly destroy themselves.

Proverbs 10:12

ULT	UST
Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love covers over all transgressions.	*When people hate others, they argue with each other; but when people love others, they forgive people for the wrong things that they do.*

What does love cover?

Love covers over all transgressions.

Proverbs 10:13

ULT	UST
On the lips of the discerning one, wisdom is found, but a rod is for the back of the one lacking of heart.	*Discerning people say what is wise, but someone must punish people who do not think wisely.*

What is found on the lips of a discerning person?

Wisdom is found on the lips of a discerning person.

Proverbs 10:17

ULT	UST
On a path to life is one who keeps instruction, but one who forsakes rebuke goes astray.	*People who heed what is instructive will live for a long time; but people who do not let others correct them do what will destroy them.*

What happens to people who do not let others correct them?

People who do not let others correct them do what will destroy them.

Proverbs 10:19

ULT	UST
With a multitude of words, transgression does not cease, but one who restrains his lips is insightful.	*People who talk a lot sin a lot; but people who refrain from speaking unnecessarily are wise.*

What happens when there are many words?

People who talk a lot sin a lot.

Proverbs 10:22

ULT	UST
The blessing of Yahweh, it causes riches, and striving does not add more with it.	*When people become wealthy, it is because Yahweh has blessed them, and working harder will not make them to become wealthier.*

In what does the blessing of Yahweh result?

It is because Yahweh is blessing them that people become wealthy.

Proverbs 10:25

ULT	UST
When a whirlwind passes over, then there is no more wicked, but a righteous one is a foundation of eternity.	*When something disastrous happens, it destroys wicked people, but righteous people are like a foundation that lasts forever.*

What results when something disastrous happens?

When something disastrous happens, it destroys wicked people.

Proverbs 10:26

ULT	UST
Like vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so is the lazy one to one who sends him.	*Lazy people irritate people who send them to do something for them, like vinegar irritates teeth and smoke irritates eyes.*

How do lazy people impact those who send them to do something?

A lazy person is like smoke in the eyes that irritates those who send him.

Proverbs 10:27

ULT	UST
The fear of Yahweh will add days, but the years of the wicked ones will be short.	*People who revere Yahweh will live for a long time, but wicked people will live for only a short time.*

How long will the years of the wicked ones be?

The years of the wicked ones will be short.

Proverbs 10:29

ULT	UST
A stronghold for the one with integrity is the way of Yahweh, but ruin for doers of iniquity.	*Yahweh protects honest people like a fortress because they live the way that he directs people to live, but not living that way destroys people who act sinfully.*

Who does the way of Yahweh protect?

The way of Yahweh protects those with integrity who are honest people.

Proverbs 10:31

ULT	UST
The mouth of the righteous one bears the fruit of wisdom, but the tongue of the perverse ones will be cut off.	*Righteous people say what is wise, but Yahweh will stop people from speaking who speak perversely.*

What does Yahweh do to those who speak perversely?

Yahweh will stop people from speaking who speak perversely.

Proverbs 11

Proverbs 11:2

ULT	UST
When presumptuousness comes, then disgrace comes, but with modest ones is wisdom.	*When people act proudly, they will soon disgrace themselves, but humble people are wise.*

What comes before disgrace?

Presumptuousness or acting proudly comes before disgrace.

Proverbs 11:4

ULT	UST
Wealth will not profit in the day of rage, but righteousness will deliver from death.	*What people own will not help them when Yahweh punishes wicked people, but he will not kill those who live righteously.*

What is valuable when Yahweh punishes wicked people?

Righteousness, not wealth, is valuable when Yahweh punishes wicked people.

Proverbs 11:6

ULT	UST
The righteousness of the upright will deliver them, but by the desire of treacherous ones they will be captured.	*Being righteous will cause people who act uprightly to escape harm, but desiring bad things will cause people who act treacherously to trap themselves.*

What traps the treacherous people?

Desiring bad things will cause people who act treacherously to trap themselves.

Proverbs 11:8

ULT	UST
A righteous one is drawn away from distress, and a wicked one enters instead of him.	*Yahweh rescues righteous people from becoming distressed; but wicked people will become distressed instead.*

What keeps a person away from distress?

A righteous person will be drawn away from distress.

Proverbs 11:9

ULT	UST
With a mouth a godless one destroys his neighbor, but with knowledge, the righteous will be delivered.	*People who reject God ruin other people by what they say, but what righteous people know will cause them to escape.*

How does the godless person destroy other people?

A godless person destroys others by what they say.

Proverbs 11:13

ULT	UST
One going about with gossip uncovers a secret, but one faithful of spirit covers a matter.	*People who go around gossiping tell others what is secret, but trustworthy people will keep a matter private.*

What does a faithful person do instead of gossiping?

A faithful person will keep a matter private instead of gossiping.

Proverbs 11:15

ULT	UST
One will be harmed with harm if he pledges for a stranger, but one hating hand clasps is secure.	*People who guarantee to pay a debt for someone they do not know will surely suffer, but people who avoid agreeing to do such a thing will be safe.*

What will happen if a person guarantees to pay a debt for someone they do not know?

A person who guarantees to pay a debt for someone they do not know will surely suffer.

Proverbs 11:18

ULT	UST
A wicked one makes a wage of falsehood, but one sowing righteousness, a wage of truth.	*People who act wickedly falsely believe that they have gained something good, but God truly rewards people who do what is right.*

What wage does a wicked person make?

The wage of a wicked person is falsehood because they falsely believe that they have gained something good.

Proverbs 11:20

ULT	UST
An abomination to Yahweh is the crooked of heart, but his delight is the blameless of way.	*Yahweh detests people who think deceitfully, but people who act blamelessly please him.*

In whom does Yahweh delight?

Yahweh delights in those who act blamelessly.

Proverbs 11:21

ULT	UST
Hand to hand, a wicked one will not remain blameless, but the seed of the righteous will safely escape.	*It is certain that Yahweh will punish wicked people, and that he will not punish those who belong to the righteous group.*

Of what can everyone be certain?

It is certain that the wicked will be punished and the righteous will be safely escape punishment.

Proverbs 11:24

ULT	UST
There is a scatterer yet being added to more, and one withholding more than what is right, yet to poverty.	*Some people generously share what they have with others but they receive even more. Other people keep more of what they have than they should keep, but they still become poor.*

What happens to the one who generously shares what they have with others?

Those who generously share with others receive even more.

Proverbs 11:28

ULT	UST
One trusting in his riches, he himself will fall, but like a leaf, the righteous will sprout.	*People who depend on their money will not be successful, but righteous people will thrive like a green plant.*

What happens to the one who trusts in his riches?

The one who depends on his riches will not be successful.

Proverbs 11:30

ULT	UST
The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and one taking souls is wise.	*What righteous people say and do is like a tree with fruit that keeps people alive, and people who persuade others to be righteous are wise.*

What is a tree of life?

The fruit of the righteous, what righteous people say and do, is like a tree with fruit that keeps people alive.

Proverbs 11:31

ULT	UST
Behold, a righteous one in the land will be repaid, how much more a wicked one and a sinner!	*Pay attention! Righteous people on the earth will get what they deserve; but even more so, wicked, sinful people will also get what they deserve!*

Who will receive what they deserve?

Those who are righteous will be repaid, and much more the wicked and the sinner will get what they deserve.

Proverbs 12

Proverbs 12:1

ULT	UST
The lover of correction loves knowledge, but the hater of rebuke is stupid.	*People who love other people correcting them also love learning what they should know. But people who hate other people correcting them are foolish.*

What does a person who accepts correction love?

A person who accepts correction loves learning what they should know.

Proverbs 12:2

ULT	UST
A good one obtains favor from Yahweh, but a man of schemes he will condemn.	*Yahweh approves of people who are good, but he condemns people who plan to do what is evil.*

Whom does Yahweh condemn?

Yahweh condemns a person who plans to do what is evil.

Proverbs 12:4

ULT	UST
A wife of worth is the crown of her husband, but she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones.	*A virtuous wife causes people to praise her husband, but a disgraceful wife destroys her husband like a disease that destroys his bones.*

What is a husband’s crown?

A virtuous wife is a husband’s crown.

Proverbs 12:5

ULT	UST
The plans of the righteous are justice; the directions of the wicked are deceit.	*Righteous people plan to treat people fairly; wicked people advise people in order to deceive them.*

What kind of directions do the wicked give?

The wicked give deceitful directions.

Proverbs 12:7

ULT	UST
The wicked are overthrown, and they are naught, but the house of the righteous will stand.	*Yahweh destroys wicked people and they disappear, but the families of righteous people will continue.*

What happens to the families of those who are righteous?

The families of the righteous will continue.

Proverbs 12:10

ULT	UST
A righteous one knows the life of his animal, but the compassion of the wicked is cruel.	*Righteous people care for their animals, but even when wicked people think that they act compassionately, they act cruelly.*

Who is it that cares for their animals?

Righteous people care for their animals.

Proverbs 12:13

ULT	UST
In the transgression of lips is the snare of an evil one, but a righteous one will go out from distress.	*The sinful things that wicked people say will destroy them, but righteous people escape from trouble.*

What destroys an evil person?

The sinful things that wicked people say will destroy them.

Proverbs 12:15

ULT	UST
The way of a fool is right in his eyes, but a wise one listens to counsel.	*Foolish people always think that what they are doing is right; but wise people listen to what other people advise them to do.*

How does a fool think of what he is doing?

A fool thinks that what he is doing is right.

Proverbs 12:18

ULT	UST
There is one speaking thoughtlessly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise ones—healing.	*When people speak without thinking about what to say, they hurt others like someone who stabs people with a sword, but what wise people say helps people heal.*

What are words spoken thoughtlessly like?

Words spoken thoughtlessly are like the thrusts of a sword; they hurt others.

Proverbs 12:20

ULT	UST
Deceit is in the heart of devisers of evil, but joy is for advisers of peace.	*People who plan to act evilly think deceitfully, but people who advise others to act peacefully will be joyful.*

What is in the heart of those who plan evil?

Deceit is in the heart of those who plan evil.

Proverbs 12:22

ULT	UST
An abomination to Yahweh are lips of falsehood, but doers of faithfulness are his delight.	*Yahweh detests people who speak falsely, but people who act faithfully please him.*

What is an abomination to Yahweh?

Yahweh detests people who speak falsely.

Proverbs 12:24

ULT	UST
The hand of the diligent will rule, but an idle one will become a forced laborer.	*People who work hard will reign over others, but lazy people will become forced laborers.*

What happens to lazy people?

Lazy people will become forced laborers.

Proverbs 12:26

ULT	UST
A righteous one searches out from his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.	*Righteous people guide their friends in the right way to live, but by living wickedly, wicked people destroy themselves.*

Where does the way of the wicked lead them?

The way of the wicked leads them astray; by living wickedly, they destroy themselves.

Proverbs 12:28

ULT	UST
In the path of righteousness is life, and the way of the beaten path is no death.	*People who do what is righteous will live. Indeed, people who do so will not die.*

What becomes of people who do what is righteous?

People who do what is righteous will live.

Proverbs 13

Proverbs 13:1

ULT	UST
A wise son, the instruction of a father, but a mocking one does not listen to rebuke.	*Wise children pay attention when their fathers instruct them, but people who ridicule other people do not pay attention when people correct them.*

To what does a wise son listen?

A wise son listens to his father’s instruction.

Proverbs 13:3

ULT	UST
One guarding his mouth keeps his life; one opening his lips, ruin for him.	*People who are careful about what they say enable themselves to stay alive, but people who speak carelessly destroy themselves.*

How does a person keep his life?

A person keeps his life by guarding his mouth.

Proverbs 13:4

ULT	UST
A lazy one, his appetite is craving and there is nothing, but the appetite of the diligent will be fattened.	*Lazy people want things very much and get very little, but people who work hard will receive everything that they want.*

Who wants things very much and gets very little?

A lazy person wants things very much and gets very little.

Proverbs 13:8

ULT	UST
The ransom of the life of a man is his riches, but a poor one does not hear a rebuke.	*Rich people might have to pay money to someone who threatens them in order to stay alive, but poor people do not even listen when someone threatens them.*

What might a rich person have to do in order to stay alive?

A rich person might have to pay out of his riches as a ransom to someone who threatens him.

Proverbs 13:10

ULT	UST
With presumptuousness comes only contention, but with those who are counseled, wisdom.	*People who act proudly cause people to argue, but people who let others advise them cause people to be wise.*

What happens with people who act proudly?

People who act proudly cause people to argue.

Proverbs 13:11

ULT	UST
Wealth from emptiness will dwindle, but one gathering by hand will increase.	*Riches that people gain effortlessly will disappear, but people who gain riches by working steadily will increase their riches.*

What kind of wealth dwindles away?

Wealth that people gain without working for it will disappear.

Proverbs 13:14

ULT	UST
The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to turn away from the snares of death.	*What wise people teach continuously benefits people throughout their lives. It enables people to avoid dangerous things that could kill them.*

What benefits people throughout their lives?

The law of the wise, that which wise people teach, benefits people throughout their lives.

Proverbs 13:16

ULT	UST
Every prudent one acts with knowledge, but a stupid person displays folly.	*All clever people think carefully before they do something, but foolish people show that they are foolish by how they act.*

How do prudent people show they are prudent?

The prudent think carefully before they do something.

Proverbs 13:18

ULT	UST
Poverty and shame are for one avoiding correction, but one keeping a rebuke will be honored.	*People who do not let other people correct them will become poor and ashamed, but people respect those who let other people rebuke them for any bad behavior.*

What will happen to those who let other people rebuke them?

Those who let other people rebuke them for any bad behavior will be honored.

Proverbs 13:20

ULT	UST
One walking with wise ones will become wise, but one associating with stupid ones will be harmed.	*People who associate with wise people will become wise themselves, but people who are companions of foolish people will suffer.*

With whom should a person walk in order to become wise?

In order to be wise, a person should associate with wise people.

Proverbs 13:22

ULT	UST
The good will cause sons of sons to inherit, but the wealth of a sinner is stored up for the righteous.	*Good people will leave riches for their grandchildren when they die, but righteous people will receive the riches that sinful people have saved.*

For whom is a sinner’s wealth stored up?

A sinner’s wealth is stored up for righteous people.

Proverbs 13:24

ULT	UST
One who withholds his rod hates his son, but one who loves him diligently seeks him with discipline.	*Parents who do not punish their children for bad behavior act as if they hate their children, but parents who truly love their children are careful to discipline them.*

How do parents treat their children if they love them?

Parents who truly love their children are careful to discipline them.

Proverbs 13:25

ULT	UST
A righteous one eating to the satisfaction of his appetite, but the stomach of the wicked will lack.	*Righteous people have enough food to eat and satisfy themselves, but wicked people will be hungry.*

In what condition will the stomach of the wicked be?

The stomach of the wicked will be hungry.

Proverbs 14

Proverbs 14:1

ULT	UST
The wisest of women builds her house, but a foolish woman tears it down with her hands.	*The wisest women help their families to thrive, but foolish women ruin their families by the foolish things that they do.*

What do the wisest women do?

The wisest women help their families to thrive.

Proverbs 14:2

ULT	UST
The one walking in his uprightness fears Yahweh, but the one crooked in his ways despises him.	*People who behave uprightly show that they greatly revere Yahweh, but people who behave deceptively show that they detest Yahweh.*

Who despises Yahweh?

People who behave deceptively show that they despise Yahweh.

Proverbs 14:5

ULT	UST
A witness of faithfulness will not lie, but a witness of falsehood breathes out lies.	*Honest witnesses do not lie, but dishonest witnesses lie easily.*

What will an honest witness not do?

A witness of who is honest will not lie.

Proverbs 14:7

ULT	UST
Go before a man of stupidity, and you will not know lips of knowledge.	*If you associate with foolish people, you will not learn anything from knowledgeable people.*

What will happen if you associate with foolish people?

If you associate with foolish people, you will not learn anything from knowledgeable people.

Proverbs 14:11

ULT	UST
The house of the wicked will be destroyed, but the tent of the upright will flourish.	*The families of wicked people will die out, but the families of upright people will thrive.*

What will happen to the house of the wicked?

The house of the wicked will be destroyed.

What will happen to the tent of the upright?

The tent of the upright will flourish.

Proverbs 14:14

ULT	UST
A backsliding heart will be filled from his ways, but a good man, from his deeds.	*People who refuse to live righteously will receive from Yahweh what they deserve from living that way; and good people will also receive from Yahweh what they deserve from living the good way.*

What will happen to people who refuse to live righteously?

People who refuse to live righteously will receive from Yahweh what they deserve from living that way.

Proverbs 14:16

ULT	UST
A wise one fears and turns away from trouble, but a stupid one interferes and is confident.	*Wise people are careful and avoid doing things that annoy others, but foolish people confidently interfere in other people's business.*

Does a fool turn away from trouble?

No, a fool confidently interferes in other people's business.

Proverbs 14:17

ULT	UST
One short of nostrils does folly, and a man of schemes is hated.	*People who quickly become angry act foolishly, and people hate those who plan to do evil things.*

What does someone do who quickly becomes angry?

A person who quickly becomes angry acts foolishly.

Proverbs 14:19

ULT	UST
The evil will bow down to the face of the good, and the wicked at the gates of the righteous one.	*Some day evil people will respectfully bow in front of good people, and wicked people will bow at the doors of the houses where righteous people dwell.*

To whom will evil people bow down?

Some day, evil people will bow down in front of good people.

Proverbs 14:22

ULT	UST
Do not devisers of evil go astray? But covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness are devisers of good.	*People who plan to act wickedly are surely doing the wrong thing with their lives, but people who plan to do what is good are faithful and trustworthy people.*

How does Solomon describe those people who plan to do good?

Those who plan to do good are faithful and trustworthy people.

Proverbs 14:23

ULT	UST
With all toil is profit, but the word of lips is only for lack.	*If people work hard, they will gain from it, but if people only talk, they will remain poor.*

What will people gain if they talk but do not work hard?

If people work hard, they will gain from it, but if people only talk, they will remain poor.

Proverbs 14:27

ULT	UST
The fear of Yahweh is a fountain of life, to turn away from the snares of death.	*Reverently fearing Yahweh is like having a refreshing spring that enables people to live well. It enables people to avoid what could kill them.*

What is a fountain of life?

The fear of Yahweh is a fountain of life which is like a refreshing spring that enables people to live well.

Proverbs 14:29

ULT	UST
One long of nostrils is abundant in understanding, but one short of spirit lifts up folly.	*People who do not become angry quickly are very wise, but people who become angry quickly show everyone how foolish they are.*

Who shows everyone how foolish they are?

People who quickly become angry show everyone how foolish they are.

Proverbs 14:31

ULT	UST
An oppressor of a lowly one taunts his maker, but one showing favor to a needy one honors him.	*People who make poor people suffer ridicule Yahweh, who made them, but people who are kind to needy people respect Yahweh.*

Who taunts his maker by his actions?

A person who oppresses poor people is taunting Yahweh, his maker.

Proverbs 14:34

ULT	UST
Righteousness raises a nation, but sin is shame for peoples.	*Acting righteously makes a country great, but acting sinfully disgraces communities.*

What kind of behavior makes a country great?

Acting righteously makes a country great.

Proverbs 15

Proverbs 15:1

ULT	UST
A gentle answer turns back heat, but a word of pain lifts up a nose.	*Replying gently to angry people will calm them, but speaking harshly to them will make them angrier.*

What kind of answer calms angry people?

Replying gently to angry people will calm them.

Proverbs 15:3

ULT	UST
The eyes of Yahweh are in every place, watching the evil and the good.	*Yahweh sees everything that is happening; he observes both evil people and good people.*

Whom does Yahweh watch?

Yahweh watches both the evil and the good.

Proverbs 15:5

ULT	UST
A fool despises the correction of his father, but one who keeps rebuke is prudent.	*Foolish people detest what their fathers say to correct them, but people who let others rebuke them are clever.*

What is a fool's attitude toward his father's correction?

A fool despises the correction of his father.

Proverbs 15:8

ULT	UST
The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to Yahweh, but the prayer of the upright is his delight.	*Yahweh detests the sacrifices that wicked people offer to him, but he delights in the prayers of upright people.*

What kind of sacrifice does Yahweh detest?

The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to Yahweh.

Proverbs 15:10

ULT	UST
Severe discipline is for one who forsakes the path; one who hates rebuke will die.	*Yahweh will severely punish people who refuse to live righteously, and people who refuse to let other people correct them will perish.*

What happens to the person who forsakes God's path?

Yahweh will severely punish the person who refuses to live righteously.

Proverbs 15:13

ULT	UST
A joyful heart makes a face glad, but by pain of heart, a spirit is stricken.	*People smile when they are happy, but feeling sad can make people despair.*

What makes the face glad?

A joyful heart makes the face glad.

Proverbs 15:16

ULT	UST
Better is a little with the fear of Yahweh than much treasure and anxiety with it.	*Being poor while reverently fearing Yahweh is better than being rich while worrying.*

What is better than being rich while worrying?

Being poor while reverently fearing Yahweh is better than being rich while worrying.

Proverbs 15:18

ULT	UST
A man of heat stirs up a quarrel, but one long of nostrils will quiet a dispute.	*People who easily become angry cause people to argue, but people who do not easily become angry will help people to be peaceful.*

What kind of person quiets a dispute?

A person who does not easily become angry will help people to be peaceful.

Proverbs 15:20

ULT	UST
A wise son gladdens a father, but a stupid man despises his mother.	*Wise sons and daughters make their parents happy, but any sons or daughters who detest their parents are foolish.*

How does a wise son affect his father?

A wise son gladdens his father.

Proverbs 15:22

ULT	UST
Plans are broken with no counsel, but with a multitude of advisers, it will stand.	*People will not accomplish what they plan to do if there is no one to advise them well, but when many people advise them well, they will succeed.*

What causes people's plans to succeed?

When many people advise them well, they will succeed.

Proverbs 15:25

ULT	UST
Yahweh will tear down the house of the proud, but he will set up the boundary of the widow.	*Yahweh will destroy what proud people own, but he protects the few things that widows own.*

What will Yahweh tear down?

Yahweh will tear down what a proud person owns.

Proverbs 15:28

ULT	UST
The heart of the righteous considers how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked gushes forth evils.	*Righteous people think carefully about how to reply to people, but wicked people quickly say what is evil.*

What does the righteous person do before answering?

The righteous person thinks carefully before answering.

Proverbs 15:31

ULT	UST
An ear hearing the rebuke of life will lodge in the midst of the wise ones.	*People who begin to behave in a more life-giving way when others rebuke them for behaving badly show that they belong to the group of wise people.*

Where will the person live who behaves better after hearing a rebuke?

The person who behaves better after hearing a rebuke will live among people who are wise.

Proverbs 15:33

ULT	UST
The fear of Yahweh is instruction of wisdom, and to the face of honor is humility.	*Revering Yahweh teaches people to be wise, and people must be humble before other people can respect them.*

What teaches a person to be wise?

A reverent fear of Yahweh teaches a person to be wise.

Proverbs 16

Proverbs 16:2

ULT	UST
All the ways of a man are pure in his eyes, but Yahweh examines spirits.	*People think that everything that they do is right, but Yahweh knows why people do what they do.*

How do all of a person's ways appear to himself?

All of a person's ways are pure in his own eyes.

Proverbs 16:4

ULT	UST
Yahweh has made all for its purpose and even a wicked one for the day of evil.	*When Yahweh made everything, he planned what would happen to each thing. He has even made wicked people for the time when he will punish them.*

For what has Yahweh made everything?

Yahweh has made everything for its purpose.

Proverbs 16:6

ULT	UST
By covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness, iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of Yahweh, one turns away from evil.	*Be loyal to Yahweh and faithfully obey him; if you do that, he will forgive you for having sinned. People who revere Yahweh will avoid doing what is evil.*

By what is sin forgiven?

By covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness sin is forgiven.

Proverbs 16:9

ULT	UST
The heart of a man plans his way, but Yahweh establishes his step.	*People plan what they want to do, but Yahweh determines what they will actually do.*

Once a person plans out his way, what does Yahweh do?

A person plans out what he wants to do, but Yahweh determines what he will actually do.

Proverbs 16:12

ULT	UST
An abomination of kings is doing wickedness, for by righteousness is a throne established.	*Kings should detest any wicked thing that people do because acting righteously causes kings to rule securely.*

How is a throne established?

A throne is established by righteousness.

Proverbs 16:14

ULT	UST
The heat of a king is messengers of death, but a wise man will atone for it.	*When kings are angry, they cause people to die, so wise people will appease them.*

What is a messenger of death?

A king’s anger is a messenger of death.

Proverbs 16:16

ULT	UST
How much better it is to acquire wisdom than gold, and to acquire understanding is to be chosen more than silver.	*Becoming wise is better than having gold. Indeed, it is better to choose to become understanding than to have silver.*

What should be chosen more than gold and silver?

Wisdom and understanding should be chosen more than gold and silver.

Proverbs 16:18

ULT	UST
To the face of a breaking is pride, and to the face of a stumbling is a height of spirit.	*Being proud causes people to destroy themselves. Indeed, being arrogant causes people to ruin themselves.*

What causes people to ruin themselves?

Being arrogant causes people to ruin themselves.

Proverbs 16:20

ULT	UST
One who comprehends concerning a matter will find good, and one who trusts in Yahweh, he is happy.	*People who act prudently in a matter will succeed, and people who trust in Yahweh are happy.*

What makes a person happy?

A person who trusts in Yahweh is happy.

Proverbs 16:23

ULT	UST
The heart of the wise makes his mouth insightful, and on his lips it increases learning.	*What wise people think causes them to speak insightfully, and what those people say causes others to learn.*

What happens when the wise speak insightfully?

When the wise speak insightfully, what they say causes others to learn.

Proverbs 16:25

ULT	UST
There is a straight road to the face of a man but its end is the ways of death.	*There is a way to do things that is easy and convenient for people, but in the end, doing things that way will cause them to die.*

Even though a way to do things may seem easy and convenient for people, where can it end?

In the end, doing things that way will cause them to die.

Proverbs 16:28

ULT	UST
A man of perverse things lets loose strife, and a murmurer separates the friendly.	*Perverse people cause other people to argue with each other, and people who gossip about others cause friends to stop being friends.*

What separates friends?

People who gossip about others cause friends to stop being friends.

Proverbs 16:30

ULT	UST
One who shuts his eyes plans perverse things; one who compresses his lips brings evil to completion.	*People who use their eyes to signal to others are planning to do something perverse; people who use their lips to signal to others are about to do the evil thing that they had planned to do.*

What is the one who signals with his eyes doing?

The one who signals others with his eyes is about to do something perverse.

Proverbs 16:31

ULT	UST
Gray hair is a crown of splendor; on the road of righteousness it is found.	*The gray hair that old people have is like an honorable crown on their heads; they achieve it by living righteously.*

What is a crown of splendor?

Gray hair is like an honorable crown on the head.

Proverbs 16:32

ULT	UST
Better is one long of nostrils than a mighty one, and one ruling his spirit than one capturing a city.	*It is better to be someone who does not become angry quickly than to be powerful. It is better to control oneself than to be as powerful as someone who conquers a city.*

Who is it better to be than one capturing a city?

It is better to be someone who does not become angry quickly than to be powerful and capture a city.

Proverbs 16:33

ULT	UST
Into the lap a lot is cast, but its every judgment is from Yahweh.	*People throw lots in order to decide what to do, but Yahweh decides whatever happens.*

How is the decision of casting lots made?

Yahweh decides whatever happens.

Proverbs 17

Proverbs 17:2

ULT	UST
An insightful servant will rule over a shameful son, and in the midst of brothers, he will share an inheritance.	*An insightful slave will become the boss of a disgraceful son of his master, and that slave will inherit a portion of his master's property along with his master's sons.*

What does an insightful servant do with regard to a shameful son?

An insightful servant will rule over a shameful son.

Proverbs 17:4

ULT	UST
The evildoer listens attentively to the lips of iniquity; a liar gives ear to a tongue of destruction.	*People who act wickedly listen carefully when people speak what is sinful; people who lie pay attention when people say things that destroy others.*

To what does an evildoer listen carefully?

An evildoer will listen carefully when people say sinful things that destroy others.

Proverbs 17:5

ULT	UST
A mocker of one who is poor taunts his maker; one glad at calamity will not remain blameless.	*People who ridicule poor people despise Yahweh, who made them; Yahweh will certainly punish people who rejoice when other people experience disastrous things.*

What happens to those who rejoice when someone experiences calamity?

Yahweh will certainly punish people who rejoice when others experience disastrous things.

Proverbs 17:8

ULT	UST
A stone of favor is a bribe in the eyes of its owner; he succeeds to all that he turns.	*People who pay bribes think that bribes are magical; by paying bribes, they think that everything that they do will be successful.*

Why do people who pay bribes think that bribes are magical?

They think that, by paying bribes, everything they do will be successful.

Proverbs 17:10

ULT	UST
A rebuke goes down into an understanding one more than striking a stupid one a hundred times.	*Rebuking sensible people once causes them to learn more than hitting foolish people a hundred times causes them to learn.*

What causes a sensible person to learn?

Rebuking a sensible person once causes him to learn.

Proverbs 17:12

ULT	UST
Let a female bear robbed of offspring meet a man and not a stupid one in his folly!	*A mother bear who is furious because someone has stolen her cubs is dangerous, but it can be more dangerous to confront a foolish person who is doing something foolish.*

What is more dangerous than meeting a mother bear robbed of her cubs?

It can be more dangerous to confront a foolish person who is doing something foolish.

Proverbs 17:14

ULT	UST
The beginning of a quarrel is the releasing of water, so leave the dispute before it breaks out.	*When people start arguing with each other, it is as difficult to stop as it is to stop water that is leaking out of a dam, so prevent yourself from arguing before you start to argue.*

What should a person do before a dispute breaks out?

A person should leave the dispute before it breaks out because once an argument has started, it will be as difficult to stop as it is to stop water that is leaking.

Proverbs 17:15

ULT	UST
One who declares a wicked one righteous and one who declares a righteous one wicked, even the two of them are an abomination to Yahweh.	*There are people who acquit guilty people, and there are people who condemn innocent people; Yahweh detests both types of people.*

What two types of people are an abomination to Yahweh?

A person who declares a wicked person as righteous and one who declares a righteous person as wicked are both an abomination to Yahweh.

Proverbs 17:18

ULT	UST
A man lacking of heart is one who clasps a palm, pledging a pledge to the face of his neighbor.	*People who do not think wisely agree to pay someone else's loan and even guarantee to pay that loan in front of people whom they know.*

What does a man do who does not think wisely?

A man who does not think wisely agrees to pay someone else's loan.

Proverbs 17:20

ULT	UST
One crooked of heart will not find goodness, and one who is turned away in his tongue will fall into evil.	*People who think deceitfully will not experience good things, and bad things will happen to people who speak deceitfully.*

What causes a person to experience bad things?

Bad things will happen to a person who thinks and speaks deceitfully.

Proverbs 17:22

ULT	UST
A joyful heart makes healing good, but a broken spirit dries up bone.	*Being cheerful helps the body to heal, but being discouraged makes the body weak.*

What helps the body to heal?

A joyful heart helps the body to heal.

Proverbs 17:25

ULT	UST
A stupid son is a grief to his father and bitterness to her who bore him.	*Foolish children grieve their fathers and make their mothers miserable.*

What is a foolish son to his father and mother?

A foolish son is a grief to his father and bitterness to his mother.

Proverbs 17:28

ULT	UST
Even a fool keeping silent will be considered wise; one shutting his lips—understanding.	*People will think even foolish people are wise if those foolish people do not speak. Indeed, if fools refrain from speaking people will consider them to be insightful.*

How can a fool be considered wise?

A fool can be considered wise if he keeps silent.

Proverbs 18

Proverbs 18:2

ULT	UST
A stupid one does not delight in understanding but rather in his heart revealing itself.	*Foolish people hate learning. Instead, they only want to tell others what they think.*

In what does a foolish person not find delight?

A foolish person hates learning and does not delight in understanding.

Proverbs 18:3

ULT	UST
When a wicked one comes, contempt also comes, and with shame, reproach.	*People treat wicked people contemptuously, and people scold people who act shamefully.*

How is a wicked person treated?

A wicked person is treated with contempt and a person who acts shamefully, with reproach.

Proverbs 18:6

ULT	UST
The lips of a stupid one enter into a dispute, and his mouth calls for blows.	*What foolish people say makes people argue, and it makes people want to beat them.*

What happens when a foolish person speaks?

What a foolish person says makes people argue and want to beat him.

Proverbs 18:8

ULT	UST
The words of a murmurer are like things swallowed greedily, and they themselves go down into the rooms of the belly.	*People are eager to listen to what people who gossip say, and what they say deeply affects those who hear it.*

What deeply affects those who hear it?

What people who gossip say deeply affects those who hear it.

Proverbs 18:10

ULT	UST
The name of Yahweh is a tower of strength; the righteous one runs into it and is set on high.	*Yahweh is like a strong tower that righteous people run into and are safe.*

What is a tower of strength?

The name of Yahweh is like a strong tower into which the righteous can run and be safe.

Proverbs 18:12

ULT	UST
To the face of breaking, the heart of a man is exalted, but to the face of honor—humility.	*Before people ruin themselves, they have first become proud; and before people will respect someone, that person must become humble.*

What must a person become before others will honor and respect him?

A person must become humble before others will respect him.

Proverbs 18:14

ULT	UST
The spirit of a man will endure his illness, but a crushed spirit, who can lift it?	*When someone is inwardly strong, he can endure being sick. However, when someone is inwardly weak and depressed, it is very difficult to make the person feel better!*

When is it difficult to make someone feel better?

When they are inwardly weak and depressed.

Proverbs 18:17

ULT	UST
The first one with his case is right; then his neighbor comes and examines him.	*People who state their cases first seem to be right until people whom they know arrive and question them.*

Who seems right at first?

The first person to state his case seems to be right until people whom he knows arrive and question him.

Proverbs 18:19

ULT	UST
A brother offended is more than a city of strength, and quarrels are like the gate bar of a fortress.	*It is more difficult to reconcile with a relative whom you have offended than to conquer a fortified city; and when people argue, they avoid each other as if a castle's strong gate were between them.*

What is more difficult to do than to conquer a fortified city?

It is more difficult to reconcile with an offended relative than it is to conquer a fortified city.

Proverbs 18:21

ULT	UST
Death and life are in the hand of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.	*What people say can cause people to die or to remain alive. So people who are skillful at talking will strongly influence what happens to themselves and to others.*

What strongly influences what happens to people?

What people say can influence what happens, even to cause people to die or to remain alive.

Proverbs 18:23

ULT	UST
One who is poor speaks pleas, but a rich one answers harshly.	*Poor people plead for others to be merciful to them, but rich people reply to them rudely.*

How does a rich person answer others?

A rich person answers others harshly.

Proverbs 19

Proverbs 19:2

ULT	UST
Also, zeal with no knowledge is not good, and one who hurries with feet misses the way.	*Furthermore, it is very bad for people to be enthusiastic about doing something while not knowing anything about it; people who act hastily do things wrong.*

What must a person have in addition to zeal?

A person must have knowledge in addition to zeal.

Proverbs 19:5

ULT	UST
A witness of falsehoods will not be blameless, and he who breathes out lies will not escape.	*Someone will surely punish lying witnesses. Indeed, someone will surely punish people who lie easily.*

What will happen to a person who is a false witness?

Someone will surely punish people who lie easily.

Proverbs 19:7

ULT	UST
All the brothers of one who is poor hate him; how much more do his friends go far away from him! He pursues with words; they are not.	*All the relatives of poor people despise them, and even their friends avoid them! Although they call out to them for help, they do not respond.*

What happens when a poor man calls out to his friends?

When a poor man calls out to his friends, they are gone.

Proverbs 19:8

ULT	UST
The one acquiring heart is loving his life; the one keeping understanding is to find good fortune.	*People who love to learn benefit themselves; people who are consistently sensible will surely succeed.*

What does a person do who loves his life?

A person who loves his life loves to learn.

Proverbs 19:11

ULT	UST
The insight of a man makes his nose long, and his splendor is to pass over a transgression.	*Insightful people do not get angry quickly, and people show how honorable they are by forgiving people who sin against them.*

What does a person with insight do when offended?

Insightful people do not get angry quickly.

Proverbs 19:13

ULT	UST
A stupid son is destruction to his father, and a continual dripping, the quarrels of a wife.	*Foolish children destroy their fathers, and when wives argue with their husbands, it is as annoying as constantly dripping water.*

What is like a constant dripping of water?

A quarreling wife is like a constant dripping of water.

Proverbs 19:14

ULT	UST
A house and wealth are the inheritance of fathers, but from Yahweh is a wife who has insight.	*People inherit houses and riches from their fathers, but Yahweh alone gives men insightful wives.*

From where does a insightful wife come?

An insightful wife is from Yahweh.

Proverbs 19:17

ULT	UST
One who is gracious to a lowly one lends to Yahweh, and his dealing he will repay to him.	*Giving things to poor people is like loaning them to Yahweh; he will reward anyone who does this.*

How does a person lend to Yahweh?

Giving things to poor people is like loaning them to Yahweh.

Proverbs 19:19

ULT	UST
One great of heat lifts up a fine; for if you rescue, then you will continue to do so again.	*Very angry people will pay for being angry; so if you rescue them once from what they must pay, you will have to do that again and again.*

Who will have to be rescued a second time?

A very angry person will have to be rescued a second time.

Proverbs 19:20

ULT	UST
Listen to counsel and accept instruction, so that you will become wise in your afterwards.	*Pay attention to what people advise you to do and let people teach you. If you do so, you will become wise for the rest of your life.*

How can a person become wise for the rest of his life?

A person can become wise for the rest of your life by paying attention to what people advise them and by accepting instruction.

Proverbs 19:23

ULT	UST
The fear of Yahweh is to life and the satisfied one will stay overnight; he will not be visited by evil.	*Revering Yahweh causes people to live for a long time; such people rest contentedly at night; nothing will harm them.*

What leads people to live for a long time?

Revering Yahweh causes people to live for a long time.

Proverbs 19:24

ULT	UST
A lazy one hides his hand in the dish; he will not even return it to his mouth.	*Some people are so lazy that even though they have put their hands in a dish of food, they will not even lift the food to their mouths.*

What will a lazy one not do?

A lazy one will not even lift the food to his mouth.

Proverbs 19:26

ULT	UST
One who does violence to a father, who causes a mother to flee, is a son who causes shame and causes embarrassment.	*Children who act violently toward their fathers and chase away their mothers are disgraceful and embarrassing.*

What does a child cause who does violence to his father and causes his mother to flee?

A child who does violence to his father and causes his mother to flee causes shame and embarrassment.

Proverbs 19:28

ULT	UST
A witness of worthlessness mocks justice, and the mouth of the wicked ones swallows iniquity.	*Worthless witnesses scorn what is just, and wicked people enjoy acting sinfully as if they were gulping down delicious food.*

What kind of witness mocks justice?

A worthless witness scorns what is just.

Proverbs 20

Proverbs 20:2

ULT	UST
The terror of a king is a growling like the young lion; one who infuriates him is one who wrongs his life.	*When kings are terrifyingly angry, they frighten people like the roaring of young lions frightens people; people who make kings angry cause themselves to die.*

What is the anger of a king compared to?

The king's anger can frighten people like the roaring of a lion.

Proverbs 20:3

ULT	UST
Honor for a man is cessation from strife, but every fool breaks out.	*It is honorable to cease arguing with other people, but all foolish people are eager to argue with others.*

What are fools eager to do?

Foolish people are eager to argue with others.

Proverbs 20:6

ULT	UST
Many a man proclaims, each man, his covenant faithfulness, but a man of faithful acts, who can find?	*Many people claim that they are faithful individuals, but very few people actually act faithfully!*

What kind of person is difficult to find?

A faithful person is difficult to find.

Proverbs 20:9

ULT	UST
Who can say, “I have made my heart pure; I am clean from my sin”?	*No one can truthfully say, “I do not think sinfully anymore; I do not sin anymore.”*

What is something that no one can truthfully say about himself?

No one can say truthfully that he has made his heart pure and is clean from sin.

Proverbs 20:11

ULT	UST
Even a young man will make himself known by his deeds, if pure and if upright is his behavior.	*Even young people show others who they are by what they do; how they act shows whether they are innocent and right or not.*

By what is even a young person known?

Even a young man will show others who he is by what he does.

Proverbs 20:13

ULT	UST
Do not love sleep lest you become impoverished. Open your eyes; be satisfied with bread.	*If you sleep a lot, you will become poor; but if you stay awake and work, you will have plenty of food.*

What causes a person to become poor?

If you sleep a lot, you will become poor.

Proverbs 20:15

ULT	UST
There is gold and an abundance of corals, but lips of knowledge are a vessel of preciousness.	*Gold and precious jewels are plentiful, but the knowledgeable things that people say are rare and precious.*

What things are rare and precious?

The knowledgeable things that people say are rare and precious.

Proverbs 20:17

ULT	UST
Sweet to a man is bread of falsehood, but afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel.	*Food that people get by deceiving others may taste sweet to them at first, but later what they have done will be as unpleasant to them as having a mouth full of rocks.*

What does food gained by deceit taste like afterward?

Food gained by deceiving others tastes like gravel afterward.

Proverbs 20:20

ULT	UST
One who curses his father and his mother, his lamp will be extinguished in the pupil of darkness.	*People who curse their parents will die like an oil lamp that stops burning oil in a totally dark place.*

What happens to a person who curses his father or mother?

People who curse their parents will be like an oil lamp that is extinguished in a totally dark place.

Proverbs 20:22

ULT	UST
Do not say, "I will repay evil." Wait for Yahweh, and he will save you.	*Do not say that you will harm someone who has harmed you. Rather, wait for Yahweh to resolve the matter, so that he may vindicate you.*

Instead of trying to pay someone back for a wrong, what should you do?

You should wait for Yahweh to resolve the matter, so that he may vindicate you.

Proverbs 20:25

ULT	UST
A snare of a man: He says rashly, “It is holy,” and after vows, considers.	*It is dangerous for people to declare thoughtlessly that they will dedicate something to Yahweh, and then later regret that they have promised to do that.*

What is it dangerous to thoughtlessly declare?

It is dangerous to thoughtlessly declare that a man will dedicate something to Yahweh before he considers.

Proverbs 20:28

ULT	UST
Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness guard a king, and his throne is sustained by covenant faithfulness.	*Being faithful and trustworthy makes kings safe. Indeed, being faithful enables them to rule securely.*

What guards a king?

Covenant faithfulness and trustworthiness guard a king.

Proverbs 20:29

ULT	UST
The splendor of young men is their strength and the adornment of old ones is gray hair.	*People admire young men because they are strong, but people admire old men because they have become wise.*

What is the splendor of young men?

The splendor of young men is their strength.

Proverbs 21

Proverbs 21:1

ULT	UST
The heart of a king is channels of water in the hand of Yahweh; he steers it according to all that he desires.	*Yahweh directs what kings think as a farmer directs streams of water to make them go wherever he wants them to go.*

What does Yahweh direct wherever he wants them to go?

Yahweh directs what kings think according to all that he desires.

Proverbs 21:3

ULT	UST
To do righteousness and justice is preferred to Yahweh more than a sacrifice.	*Doing what is right and fair is more acceptable to Yahweh than sacrificing animals to him.*

What is more acceptable to Yahweh than sacrifice?

To do what is right and fair is more acceptable to Yahweh than sacrifice.

Proverbs 21:6

ULT	UST
The making of treasures by a tongue of falsehood is scattered vapor, seekers of death.	*When people gain wealth by speaking falsely, that wealth quickly vanishes like mist, and doing that will kill them.*

What happens to the wealth of someone who acquires riches by a speaking falsely?

That wealth quickly vanishes like mist, and doing that will kill the person who lied.

Proverbs 21:7

ULT	UST
The violence of the wicked will drag them away, for they refuse to do justice.	*When wicked people act violently, they cause others to punish them for it because they refuse to do what is right.*

Why are the wicked punished?

The wicked are punished because they refuse to do what is right.

Proverbs 21:10

ULT	UST
The soul of the wicked one craves evil; his neighbor is not shown grace in his eyes.	*Wicked people strongly desire to do what is evil, they will not be merciful to the people around them.*

What is not seen in the eyes of the wicked?

Grace is not seen in the eyes of the wicked.

Proverbs 21:11

ULT	UST
When fining a mocker, a naive one becomes wise, and when giving insight to a wise one, he receives knowledge.	*If you punish people who ridicule others, then naive people who see you do that will become wise, and if you teach wise people, they will become even more knowledgeable.*

Who learns wisdom when a mocker is punished?

The naive learn wisdom when a mocker is punished.

Proverbs 21:14

ULT	UST
A gift in secrecy subdues nose, and a bribe in the bosom, strong heat.	*Secretly giving something to an angry person will stop him from being angry. Indeed, secretly bribing a furious person will calm him down.*

What does a secret gift accomplish?

A secret gift subdues anger.

Proverbs 21:16

ULT	UST
A man wandering from the way of understanding will rest in the assembly of the spirits of the dead.	*People who stop behaving sensibly will soon go to the place where the spirits of dead people are.*

Where does one who wanders from understanding rest?

One who wanders from understanding rests in the assembly of the spirits of the dead.

Proverbs 21:19

ULT	UST
Better to dwell in a land of wilderness than with a woman of quarrels and vexation.	*It is better to live alone in a desolate land than to live with an argumentative and nagging wife.*

Where is it better to live than with a quarrelsome wife?

It is better to live in the wilderness than with an argumentative, nagging wife.

Proverbs 21:22

ULT	UST
A wise one ascends a city of mighty ones, and he brings down the strength of its confidence.	*Wise people know how to conquer cities that mighty warriors are defending; they can pull down the walls that people in those cities believe will protect them.*

What is a wise man able to bring down?

A wise man is able to bring down the walls that people believe will protect them.

Proverbs 21:24

ULT	UST
A presumptuous, haughty one, "Mocker" is his name, acting with the rage of presumption.	*People who ridicule others are proud and arrogant; they behave furiously and presumptuously.*

What is the name for a proud and haughty person?

A proud and haughty person is called "Mocker."

Proverbs 21:27

ULT	UST
The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination; how much more when he brings it with a wicked plan!	*Yahweh detests the sacrifices that wicked people offer to him; it is even more detestable when they are offering something to Yahweh while intending to act wickedly!*

What kind of sacrifice is detestable?

The sacrifice of a wicked person is detestable, and even more so when he offers it while intending to act wickedly.

Proverbs 21:30

ULT	UST
There is no wisdom and there is no understanding and there is no counsel in front of Yahweh.	*Even the wisest and most knowledgeable counselor is nothing compared to Yahweh.*

What things are nothing compared to Yahweh?

Wisdom, understanding, or counsel are nothing compared to Yahweh.

Proverbs 21:31

ULT	UST
A horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the salvation is of Yahweh.	*Soldiers prepare to fight, but Yahweh determines who wins that fight.*

Who gives the victory in the day of battle?

Yahweh determines who wins that fight.

Proverbs 22

Proverbs 22:2

ULT	UST
A rich one and a poor one meet together; Yahweh is maker of all of them.	*Rich people and poor people have this in common: Yahweh made all of them.*

What do the rich and poor have in common?

Yahweh is the maker of both the rich people and poor people.

Proverbs 22:4

ULT	UST
The result of humility, the fear of Yahweh, is riches and honor and life.	*People who are humble, who revere Yahweh, will become rich, people will respect them, and they will live long and well.*

For what is the reward of riches, honor, and life?

The reward of riches, honor, and life is given to people who are humble and revere Yahweh.

Proverbs 22:6

ULT	UST
Train up the boy upon the mouth of his way; even when he is old, he will not turn away from it.	*Teach children how to behave properly, so that when they become old, they will still continue to do so.*

If a child is taught the way he should go, what will he not do when he grows old?

If a child is taught how to behave properly, he will not turn away from that training when he grows old.

Proverbs 22:7

ULT	UST
A rich one rules over those who are poor, and a borrower is a slave to a man who lends.	*Rich people reign over poor people, and people who borrow money from others become like slaves to the people who loaned them money.*

What is the relationship between the one who borrows and the one who lends?

The one who borrows is a slave to the one who lends.

Proverbs 22:10

ULT	UST
Drive out a mocker and strife will go out, and judgment and dishonor will cease.	*If you banish people who ridicule others, then people will stop arguing with each other, condemning each other, and shaming each other.*

What will cease if the mocker is driven away?

Judgment and dishonor will cease if the mocker is driven away.

Proverbs 22:13

ULT	UST
A lazy one says, "A lion is outside! I will be killed in the midst of the open areas!"	*Lazy people as an excuse to not work claim that there is a lion outside that will kill them in the street if they go outside.*

What excuse does a lazy person use not to work?

A lazy person says there is a lion in the streets that will kill him if he goes outside.

Proverbs 22:14

ULT	UST
The mouth of a strange woman is a deep pit; one who is cursed of Yahweh will fall there.	*What adulterous women say is as dangerous as a deep hole that men could fall into; those with whom Yahweh is angry will suffer from it.*

How dangerous is what an adulterous woman says?

What an adulterous woman says is as dangerous as a deep hole that men could fall into.

Proverbs 22:15

ULT	UST
Folly is bound up in the heart of a boy; the rod of discipline will cause it to be far away from him.	*Children naturally think foolishly, but physically disciplining them will teach them to stop being foolish.*

What drives foolishness from a child?

The rod of discipline drives foolishness from a child.

Proverbs 22:19

ULT	UST
For your trust to be in Yahweh, I have caused you to know today, even you.	*I am teaching these sayings to you—yes, you—right now so that you will trust Yahweh.*

In whom should a person trust?

A person should trust in Yahweh.

Proverbs 22:22

ULT	UST
Do not rob a lowly one because he is a lowly one, and do not crush an afflicted one at the gate.	*Do not steal from poor people just because they are poor; and do not oppress suffering people in court.*

What must not be done to the poor and suffering?

Do not steal from the poor and do not oppress suffering people.

Proverbs 22:23

ULT	UST
For Yahweh will plead their dispute, and he will plunder of life those who plunder them.	*Do not do these things because Yahweh will defend those poor people when you dispute with them, and he will kill the people who stole from them.*

What will Yahweh do to those who rob the poor?

Yahweh will kill the people who stole from them.

Proverbs 22:24-25

Why must a person not associate with people who easily become angry?

A person must not associate with someone who easily becomes angry because he will learn to act like them and endanger himself.

Proverbs 22:26-27

What might a person take from someone who cannot pay back a loan?

A person could take even their bed if they cannot repay the loan.

Proverbs 22:28

ULT	UST
Do not move the ancient boundary that your fathers made.	*Do not cheat people by moving the stones that their ancestors placed long ago to mark the boundaries of their land.*

What must not be moved?

The ancient boundary stone set by their ancestors must not be moved.

Proverbs 23

Proverbs 23:1

ULT	UST
When you sit to eat with a ruler, consider carefully what is before your face,	*When you sit down to eat a meal with someone who rules over others, pay attention to the food that is in front of you.*

When should a person observe carefully what is before him?

When a person sits to eat with a ruler, he should carefully consider what is before him.

Proverbs 23:4

ULT	UST
Do not weary yourself to gain riches; from your understanding, cease.	*Do not work so much that you exhaust yourself in order to become rich. Be understanding enough to stop doing so.*

A wise person knows when to stop doing what?

A wise person knows when to stop working too hard to try to become rich.

Proverbs 23:5

ULT	UST
Will you cause your eyes to fly to it, but it is not there? For making, it will make wings for itself; like an eagle, it will fly into the sky.	*As soon as you look at that wealth, it will surely be gone! This is because wealth certainly disappears quickly as if it had wings and flew off into the sky like a fast bird.*

How does wealth compare to a bird?

Both wealth and a bird can quickly disappear.

Proverbs 23:7

ULT	UST
For like one who calculates in his soul, so he is. “Eat and drink!” he will say to you, but his heart is not with you.	*because stingy people are always thinking about how much the food costs them. They will tell you to eat and drink, but they do not mean what they say.*

Why does a stingy man not mean what he says when he tells you to eat and drink?

Because stingy people are always thinking about how much the food costs them.

Proverbs 23:9

ULT	UST
Do not speak in the ears of a stupid one, for he will show contempt for the insight of your words.	*Do not try to talk to foolish people because they will only despise the insightful things that you say.*

How does a fool react to insightful words?

A fool despises the insightful things that you say.

Proverbs 23:10-11

Why should you not claim the land that belongs to orphans?

Their strong redeemer, Yahweh, will defend them when they dispute with you.

Proverbs 23:13

ULT	UST
Do not withhold discipline from a boy; when you strike him with the rod, he will not die.	*Do not refuse to discipline your children. If you physically punish them, they will not die.*

What should not be withheld from a child?

Discipline should not be withheld from a child.

Proverbs 23:15-16

What makes a father be deeply joyful?

When his son speaks what is right, the father will be deeply joyful.

Proverbs 23:20

ULT	UST
Do not be among drinkers of much wine, among gluttonous eaters of flesh for themselves.	*Stay away from drunkards and gluttons,*

From whom should a person stay away?

A person should stay away from drunkards or gluttonous eaters.

Proverbs 23:23

ULT	UST
Acquire truth and do not sell, wisdom and instruction and understanding.	*Learn what is true and remember it. Learn what is wise and instructive and what you should understand.*

What should a person acquire?

A person should acquire truth, wisdom, instruction, and understanding.

Proverbs 23:26

ULT	UST
My son, give your heart to me, and may your eyes watch my ways.	*My son, pay close attention to me! Carefully observe what I do!*

What should a son give to his father?

A son should give his father his heart.

Proverbs 23:27-28

In what way are certain women very dangerous?

Prostitutes and adulterous women are dangerous because they cause many men to become unfaithful.

Proverbs 23:29-30

What kind of people are woeful, sorrowful, and quarrelsome?

Those people who drink too much wine.

Proverbs 23:31-33

What will happen when you let wine become overly attractive to you?

When you are drunk, you will hallucinate.

Proverbs 23:35

ULT	UST
“They struck me. I was not hurt. They beat me. I did not know. When will I awake? I will add, I will seek it again.”	*You will say, “People hit me, but it did not hurt. People beat me, but I did not feel it. I wish I could be sober so that I could find even more wine to drink again!”*

What does the drunkard say when he wakes up?

The drunkard says he wishes to be sober so that he could find even more wine to drink again.

Proverbs 24

Proverbs 24:1

ULT	UST
Do not be envious of men of evil, and do not desire to be with them.	*Do not envy evil people; do not want to associate with them,*

Of whom should a person not be envious?

A person should not be envious of those who are evil.

Proverbs 24:3

ULT	UST
By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established.	*People build households by acting wisely; they make those households stable by acting sensibly.*

By what is a household established?

A household is established by wisdom.

Proverbs 24:5

ULT	UST
A man of wisdom is with strength and a man of knowledge strengthens power.	*Wise people are strong, and knowledgeable people make themselves more powerful,*

What can a person add to wisdom to become more powerful?

A wise person who adds knowledge to wisdom makes himself more powerful.

Proverbs 24:8

ULT	UST
One who plans to do evil, they will call him an owner of schemes.	*Some people are always planning to do evil things; people refer to them as schemers.*

What do people call a person who plans to do evil?

People call a person who plans to do evil a schemer.

Proverbs 24:10

ULT	UST
If you make yourself slack in the day of distress, your strength is narrow.	*If you give up during distressful times, then you are weak.*

If you give up during distressful times, how is your strength?

If you give up during distressful times, then you are weak.

Proverbs 24:12

ULT	UST
If you say, "Behold, we did not know this," does not he, the examiner of hearts, understand, and he, the guard of your life, know, and he, give back to a man according to his work?	*If you falsely claim that you did not know that those people were dying unjustly, then think about this: Yahweh knows exactly what you are thinking and he understands what you are doing! He is the one who keeps you alive and he knows everything about you! He will surely make people receive what they deserve for whatever they have done or not done!*

What does God give each person?

God gives each person what he deserves.

Proverbs 24:15

ULT	UST
Do not lie in wait like a wicked one against the abode of the righteous; do not assault his resting place.	*Do not be like wicked people and hide in wait in order to attack the places where righteous people dwell. Do not devastate the places where righteous people rest!*

What do the wicked lie in wait to do?

The wicked lie in wait to attack the places where righteous people dwell.

Proverbs 24:17-18

What will Yahweh do if you are glad when your enemy falls?

Yahweh will notice and disapprove, and stop being angry with your enemies.

Proverbs 24:20

ULT	UST
For a future is not for an evil one, the lamp of the wicked will be extinguished.	*Do not do so because evil people will not have good futures, but wicked people will merely die like an oil lamp that stops burning oil.*

What happens to the lamp of the wicked?

The lamp of the wicked will be extinguished.

Proverbs 24:21

ULT	UST
My son, fear Yahweh and the king; do not associate with ones who change.	*My child, reverently fear Yahweh and kings. Avoid people who rebel against either Yahweh or the king,*

With whom should a person not associate?

A person should not associate with those who rebel against the king.

Proverbs 24:24

ULT	UST
One saying to a wicked one, "You are righteous," peoples will curse him, nations will denounce him.	*If anyone declares that a guilty person is innocent, many people will curse him and whole people groups will hate him.*

What will happen to the one who declares that a guilty person is innocent?

Many people will curse him and whole people groups will hate him.

Proverbs 24:26

ULT	UST
He kisses lips who returns straightforward words.	*People who answer honestly show that they are true friends.*

What is like a kiss on the lips?

An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.

Proverbs 24:29

ULT	UST
Do not say, “Just as he did to me, so I will do to him; I will return to the man according to his deed.”	*Do not say, “I will do to him that same bad thing that he did to me; I will pay him back for what he did to me!”*

What should a person not say about his neighbor?

A person should not say that he will pay back his neighbor for what he has done.

Proverbs 24:30-31

What did the field of the lazy man look like?

In the lazy man’s field, thistles and weeds were everywhere, and the stone wall surrounding it had broken down.

Proverbs 24:34

ULT	UST
and your poverty will come like one who walks around, and your needs like a man of shield.	*Then the result of being so lazy will be that you will become poor and needy just as surely as if a thief has robbed you.*

What comes upon the lazy man like a robber?

Poverty and need come upon the lazy man as if a thief has robbed him.

Proverbs 25

Proverbs 25:1

ULT	UST
These also are proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah, king of Judah, copied.	*Here are more wise sayings said by Solomon that the scribes who served Hezekiah, the king of Judah, copied from a scroll that Solomon had written:*

Who was the author of this proverb?

Solomon was the author of this proverb.

Proverbs 25:2

ULT	UST
The glory of God is to hide a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.	*God shows how glorious he is when he makes something that is difficult for people to understand. But kings show how glorious they are when they explain something that is difficult for people to understand.*

What is it the glory of God to do?

It is the glory of God to make something that is difficult for people to understand.

Proverbs 25:5

ULT	UST
Remove a wicked one to the face of the king, and his throne will be established by righteousness.	*In the same way, people must remove wicked advisers from the presence of kings so that they can rule securely by being righteous.*

How is the throne of the king established?

People must remove wicked advisers from the presence of the king so that he can rule securely by being righteous.

Proverbs 25:6-7

What is better than standing in the place designated for the great?

Waiting for the king tell you to come up here is better than standing in the place designated for the great and being told to sit farther away from the king.

Proverbs 25:8

ULT	UST
Do not go out hastily to dispute, or else what will you do in its end when your neighbor humiliates you?	*Do not plead your case too quickly against someone you know. If you do, then you will not know what to do when that person wins the case and embarrasses you!*

If you have witnessed something concerning your neighbor, why should you not be quick to bring it to trial?

You should not plead your case too quickly because your neighbor may win the case and embarrass you.

Proverbs 25:13

ULT	UST
Like the coolness of snow in the day of harvest is a faithful envoy for his senders, and he brings back the life of his masters.	*Reliable messengers are as refreshing to those who send them as cold snow would be refreshing during the summer harvest time; they refresh the people whom they serve.*

What does a reliable messenger do for his senders?

A faithful messenger refreshes the people whom he serves.

Proverbs 25:15

ULT	UST
By length of nostrils a commander may be persuaded, and a soft tongue can break a bone.	*People can persuade leaders by being patient, and by speaking gently people can convince those who oppose them to agree with them.*

With what can a leader be persuaded?

A ruler can be persuaded with patience.

Proverbs 25:17

ULT	UST
Make rare your foot from the house of your neighbor, lest he become satiated with you and hate you.	*In the same way, do not visit too often the houses of your friends. If you do, then they may feel that they have had too much of you and even hate you.*

How could your neighbor feel that he has had too much of you?

Your neighbor could feel that he has had too much of you if you visit his house too often.

Proverbs 25:19

ULT	UST
A broken tooth and a shaky foot is confidence in one who acts treacherously in the day of distress.	*Trusting treacherous people during distressful times is like trying to eat with a rotten tooth or trying to walk with a crippled foot.*

What is like a a crippled foot?

Trusting treacherous people during distressful times is like a crippled foot.

Proverbs 25:21

ULT	UST
If one who hates you is hungry, cause him to eat bread, and if thirsty, cause him to drink water;	*Feed your enemies if they are hungry; give them something to drink if they are thirsty.*

What should you do for your enemy?

You should give your enemy food to eat and water to drink if they are hungry or thirsty.

Proverbs 25:22

ULT	UST
for you are heaping embers on his head, and Yahweh will repay to you.	*Do so because by doing so you will shame them, as if you were pouring burning coals on top of them, and Yahweh will reward you for doing so.*

What will Yahweh do for the one who gives his enemy food and drink?

Yahweh will reward the one who gives his enemy food and drink.

Proverbs 26

Proverbs 26:2

ULT	UST
Like the bird for fluttering, like the swallow for flying, so a curse without cause does not come.	*Just as a bird will fly by and not land on you, so a curse will not harm you if you are innocent.*

What does not harm you?

A curse will not harm you if you are innocent.

Proverbs 26:4

ULT	UST
Do not answer a stupid one according to his folly, lest you yourself also become like him.	*Do not reply to foolish people according to their foolish way of thinking. If you do, then you also will be foolish.*

What will happen to you if you reply to foolish people according to their foolish way of thinking?

If you do, then you also will be foolish.

Proverbs 26:6

ULT	UST
One cutting off feet, one drinking violence, is one sending words by the hand of a stupid one.	*Anyone who asks a foolish person to take a message to someone is doing something as foolish as cutting off his own feet or drinking poison.*

What is like cutting off one’s own feet?

Sending a message by the hand of a fool is like cutting off one’s own feet.

Proverbs 26:10

ULT	UST
An archer piercing everyone, so is one hiring a stupid one and hiring passersby.	*People who employ foolish people or random strangers are as dangerous as someone who randomly shoots arrows at people.*

One who employs a fool is like what?

One who employs a fool is like an archer who randomly shoots arrows at people.

Proverbs 26:11

ULT	UST
Like a dog returning to its vomit is a stupid one who repeats his folly.	*Foolish people who do the same foolish thing over and over again are like dogs that eat what they have vomited up.*

Why is a fool like a dog who returns to his vomit?

A fool is like a dog who returns to his vomit because a fool does the same foolish thing over and over again.

Proverbs 26:14

ULT	UST
The door turns on its hinge, and a lazy one on his bed.	*As doors swing on their hinges and do not go anywhere, so lazy people turn back and forth in their beds.*

What is like a door swinging on its hinges?

As a door swings on its hinges and does not go anywhere, so a lazy person turns back and forth in his bed.

Proverbs 26:16

ULT	UST
A lazy one is wiser in his eyes than seven returning discernment.	*A typical lazy person wrongly thinks that he is wiser than several people who answer intelligently.*

How does a lazy person appear in his own eyes?

A lazy person wrongly thinks that he is wiser than several people who answer intelligently.

Proverbs 26:19

ULT	UST
so is a man who deceives his neighbor and says, “Was I not joking?”	

What does a person say after deceiving his neighbor?

A person says he was just joking after deceiving his neighbor.

Proverbs 26:21

ULT	UST
Charcoal to burning coals and wood to fire, so a man of quarrels is to kindling of a dispute.	*As charcoal keeps coals burning and wood keeps fires burning, so people who always argue keep other people arguing.*

What does a quarrelsome person kindle?

A quarrelsome person kindles a dispute.

Proverbs 26:24

ULT	UST
With his lips one who hates disguises himself, but within him he sets deceit.	*People who hate you will use what they say to hide what they feel, but they are really thinking about how to betray you.*

How does a person disguise the fact that he hates others?

A person who hates others will use what they say to hide what they feel.

Proverbs 26:27

ULT	UST
One who digs a pit will fall into it, and one who rolls a stone, it will come back to him.	*People who dig pits to trap others will fall into those pits instead; and people who try to crush others with stones will become crushed by those stones instead.*

What happens to the person who digs a pit?

The person who digs a pit will fall into it.

Proverbs 26:28

ULT	UST
A tongue of falsehood hates its oppressed ones, and a smooth mouth makes calamity.	*Liars hate the people whom they hurt, and flatterers cause disastrous things to happen.*

What do flatterers cause?

Flatterers cause disastrous things to happen.

Proverbs 27

Proverbs 27:1

ULT	UST
Do not boast about the next day, for you do not know what a day will bring forth.	*Do not brag about what you will do tomorrow, because you do not know what will happen then.*

Why should a person not boast about tomorrow?

A person should not boast about tomorrow because he does not know what will happen then.

Proverbs 27:3

ULT	UST
The heaviness of a stone and the weightiness of the sand, yet the vexation of a fool is heavier than the two of them.	*Stones and sand are heavy, but fools are so annoying that they are harder to bear than either of those.*

What is so annoying that it is compared to the heaviness of stones or sand?

A fool is so annoying that he is harder to bear than either of those.

Proverbs 27:6

ULT	UST
Faithful are the wounds of one loving, but deceptive are the kisses of one hating.	*Friends will be faithful to you by criticizing you when necessary, but enemies will deceive you by acting affectionately toward you.*

What may an enemy do to deceive you?

An enemy will deceive you by acting affectionately toward you.

Proverbs 27:7

ULT	UST
A satiated appetite tramples fresh honey, but for the appetite of a hungry one everything bitter is sweet.	*When people have full stomachs, they do not want to eat even honey. But when people are hungry, even bitter things taste sweet to them.*

To whom is every bitter thing sweet?

To hungry people, every bitter thing is sweet.

Proverbs 27:10

ULT	UST
Do not forsake your friend and the friend of your father, and do not enter the house of your brother in the day of your calamity. Better is a nearby inhabitant than a distant brother.	*Do not ignore your friends or your father's friends. Do not think that you must go to the house of a relative when something disastrous happens to you. Rather, it is better to go to a nearby neighbor than to relatives who live far away.*

What is better than a brother who is far away?

A nearby neighbor is better than a brother who is far away.

Proverbs 27:12

ULT	UST
A prudent one sees evil, he hides himself; naive ones pass on, they are fined.	*Sensible people observe something dangerous happening and avoid it, but naive people ignorantly do not avoid it and suffer for doing so.*

What does a prudent man do when he sees something dangerous happening?

A prudent man hides himself when he sees something dangerous happening.

Proverbs 27:14

ULT	UST
One who blesses his neighbor with a great voice in the rising morning, it will be considered a curse to him!	*If you rise early in the morning and loudly call out a blessing to your neighbor while he is still sleeping, he will consider it to be a curse, not a blessing.*

When is a blessing given with a loud voice considered to be a curse?

Early in the morning, a blessing given with a loud voice is considered to be a curse.

Proverbs 27:15-16

What is like stopping the wind?

Restraining a quarreling wife is like stopping the wind.

Proverbs 27:17

ULT	UST
Iron sharpens against iron, and a man sharpens the face of his neighbor.	*We can use one iron tool to sharpen another iron tool; similarly, when one person shares what he is thinking, it can help another person to think more clearly.*

What does the author compare to iron which sharpens iron?

The author says that, similar to how iron sharpens iron, when one person shares what he is thinking, it can help another person to think more clearly.

Proverbs 27:20

ULT	UST
Sheol and Abaddon are not satisfied, and the eyes of the man are not satisfied.	*Just as the place where dead people go never becomes full; so people never stop wanting things.*

What are never satisfied?

A person’s desire for things is never satisfied.

Proverbs 27:22

ULT	UST
Even if you pound a fool in a mortar with a pestle in the midst of ground grains, his folly will not turn away from on him.	*If you were to crush a fool the way that you would crush grain into powder, you would still not be able to find any part of him that is not foolish.*

Could you remove foolishness from a fool?

If you were to crush a fool the way that you would crush grain into powder, you would still not be able to find any part of him that is not foolish.

Proverbs 27:24

ULT	UST
For treasure is not to eternity, nor even a crown for generation and generation.	*Do so because riches will not last forever. Even a king's family will not rule forever!*

How long do riches last?

Riches do not last forever.

Proverbs 27:26

ULT	UST
lambs will be for your clothing, and male goats the price of a field.	*If you do these things, then you will have lambs with wool that you can clothe yourself with. You will also have male goats that you can sell for enough money to buy a field.*

What do lambs provide for you?

Lambs provide wool with which to clothe yourself.

Proverbs 28

Proverbs 28:1

ULT	UST
The wicked flee and there is no pursuer, but the righteous are as confident as a young lion.	*Wicked people run away even though no one is chasing them, but righteous people are as brave as lions.*

Who runs away even when no one is chasing them?

The wicked run away even though no one is chasing them.

Proverbs 28:4

ULT	UST
Those forsaking the law praise the wicked, but those keeping the law strive against them.	*People who reject Yahweh's laws say good things about wicked people; but people who obey those laws oppose such wicked people.*

Who are praised by those who forsake the law?

The wicked are praised by those who forsake the law.

Proverbs 28:6

ULT	UST
Better is one who is poor who walks in his integrity than one crooked of ways, yet he is rich.	*It is better to be poor and honest than to be dishonest and rich.*

Which is more important, riches or honesty?

It is better to be poor and honest than to be dishonest and rich.

Proverbs 28:8

ULT	UST
One increasing his wealth by interest and usury gathers it for one showing favor to the lowly.	*Money that people gain by charging an unreasonably large amount of interest from those to whom they loan money will eventually belong to someone who is kind to poor people.*

What happens to the wealth of someone who becomes rich by charging too much interest?

His wealth will eventually belong to someone who is kind to poor people.

Proverbs 28:10

ULT	UST
One leading the upright astray in the way of evil into his pit he himself will fall, but the blameless will inherit good.	*People who guide upright people to act evilly will destroy themselves by what they do, but people whom Yahweh does not blame for acting wickedly will receive what is good.*

What people will destroy themselves?

People who guide upright people to act evilly will destroy themselves by what they do.

Proverbs 28:12

ULT	UST
When the righteous exult, there is great splendor, but when the wicked arise, a man is searched for.	*People celebrate when righteous people become powerful, but people hide when wicked people become powerful.*

How do people react when the wicked become powerful?

People hide when the wicked become powerful.

Proverbs 28:13

ULT	UST
One covering his transgressions will not prosper, but one confessing and forsaking will be shown mercy.	*People who try to hide the sinful things that they do will never be successful, but Yahweh will be merciful to people who confess the sinful things that they have done and stop doing them.*

How can a sinner shown mercy?

A sinner who confesses and forsakes his sin will be shown mercy.

Proverbs 28:16

ULT	UST
A leader lacking of understanding is also abundant of oppressions; one hating unjust gain will lengthen days.	*Leaders who are not sensible severely oppress other people, but people who despise gaining wealth unjustly will live for a long time.*

How can a ruler's days be prolonged?

A ruler can prolong his days if he despises gaining wealth unjustly.

Proverbs 28:17

ULT	UST
A man oppressed by the blood of a life will flee as far as a pit; let them not support him.	*People who murder others will keep running away from those who would punish them until they die. Do not help them!*

Whom are we told that we should not help?

We should not help people who murder others and keep running away from those who would punish them until they die.

Proverbs 28:19

ULT	UST
One working his ground will be satisfied with bread, but one pursuing empty things will be satisfied with poverty.	*People who work hard will have enough food to eat, but people who waste time doing worthless things will only be poor.*

What happens to a person who pursues empty things?

A person who wastes time pursuing empty things will only be poor.

Proverbs 28:22

ULT	UST
One hurrying to the wealth is a man of an evil eye, but he does not know that lack will come to him.	*People who are eager to become rich are greedy. They do not realize that they will become poor.*

How does a greedy man pursue riches?

A greedy man hurries after riches.

Proverbs 28:25

ULT	UST
One wide of appetite stirs up strife, but one who trusts in Yahweh will be fattened.	*Greedy people cause people to argue with each other, but Yahweh will prosper people who trust him.*

What is the result of trusting in Yahweh?

Yahweh will prosper people who trust him.

Proverbs 28:27

ULT	UST
One giving to the one who is poor—there is no lack, but one hiding his eyes—an abundance of curses.	*People who give poor people what they need will have all that they need, but there are many who will curse people who ignore poor people.*

What will a person who ignores the poor receive?

A person who ignores the poor will receive many curses.

Proverbs 29

Proverbs 29:1

ULT	UST
A man of rebukes who stiffens the neck will suddenly be broken and without healing.	*Some people remain stubborn even though other people often correct them; but someday something will destroy them quickly, and they will not be able to recover.*

What happens to a person who remains stubborn even though other people often correct him?

A person who remains stubborn even though other people often correct him will be destroyed quickly, and he will not be able to recover.

Proverbs 29:3

ULT	UST
A man who loves wisdom gladdens his father, but one who associates with prostitutes destroys wealth.	*People who cherish what is wise make their fathers happy, but people who have sex with prostitutes waste all their money.*

What destroys a person's wealth?

A person who has sex with prostitutes wastes all their money.

Proverbs 29:6

ULT	UST
In the transgression of an evil man—a snare, but a righteous one shouts for joy and is glad.	*Evil people endanger themselves by acting sinfully, but righteous people sing joyfully and are happy.*

What causes an evil person to endanger himself?

Acting sinfully causes an evil person to endanger himself.

Proverbs 29:8

ULT	UST
Men of mockery inflame a city, but the wise turn away nose.	*People who mock others agitate people throughout a city, but wise people enable others to remain calm.*

What kind of person enables others to remain calm?

A wise person enables others to remain calm.

Proverbs 29:10

ULT	UST
Men of bloodshed hate a blameless one, but upright ones seek his life.	*Murderers despise people who always try to do what is right, but righteous people try to protect them.*

Who do murderers hate?

Murderers despise people who always try to do what is right.

Proverbs 29:11

ULT	UST
A stupid one brings out all his spirit, but a wise one soothes it backward.	*Foolish people uncontrollably express everything that they feel, but wise people control how they express what they feel.*

What do foolish people uncontrollably express?

Foolish people uncontrollably express everything that they feel.

Proverbs 29:14

ULT	UST
A king who judges the lowly with truth, his throne will be established to perpetuity.	*Kings who judge poor people according to what is true will always rule securely.*

How can a king establish his throne forever?

A king can establish his throne forever by judging the poor with truth.

Proverbs 29:17

ULT	UST
Discipline your son, and he will cause you to rest, and he will give delights to your soul.	*If you discipline your children, then you will no longer feel worried about their behavior and they will make you very happy.*

What is the result if you discipline your son?

Discipline your son, and he will cause you to rest, and he will give delights to your soul.

Proverbs 29:18

ULT	UST
When there is no vision, the people are let loose, but one keeping the law, happy is he.	*When the people of a nation do not have messages from Yahweh through his prophets, then they do not control themselves, but people who obey Yahweh's laws are happy.*

If the people do not keep the law, what do they do?

If the people do not keep the law, they do not control themselves.

Proverbs 29:20

ULT	UST
You see a man hurrying in his words. There is more hope for a stupid one than him.	*Consider this: Foolish people are more likely to do well in life than people who speak thoughtlessly.*

For whom is there more hope for a stupid one?

There is more hope for a stupid one than for a man hurrying in his words.

Proverbs 29:23

ULT	UST
The pride of a man will make him low, but one lowly of spirit will grasp honor.	*People will humiliate proud people for being proud, but people will honor those who are humble.*

What kind of person is given honor?

A person with a humble spirit is given honor.

Proverbs 29:25

ULT	UST
The anxiety of a man sets a snare, but the one trusting in Yahweh will be set on high.	*Being anxious is as dangerous as walking into a trap, but Yahweh will protect people who trust in him.*

What does Yahweh do for the one who trusts in him?

Yahweh protects the one who trusts in him.

Proverbs 29:27

ULT	UST
An abomination to the righteous is a man of injustice, but an abomination to the wicked is one upright of way.	*Righteous people detest unjust people, and wicked people detest people who do the right thing.*

Whom do righteous people detest?

Righteous people detest unjust people.

Proverbs 30

Proverbs 30:1

ULT	UST
The words of Agur son of Jakeh, the burden: The declaration of the strong man to Ithiel, to Ithiel and Ucal:	*These are the sayings of Agur son of Jakeh, which Yahweh told him to say; these are what Agur declared to both Ithiel and Ucal:*

Whose sayings are written in this proverb?

The sayings of Agur the son of Jakeh are written in this proverb.

Proverbs 30:3

ULT	UST
And I have not learned wisdom, nor the knowledge of holy ones do I know.	*I have not learned how to become wise, nor do I know much about Yahweh, the Holy One.*

What has the author not learned?

The author has not learned wisdom.

Proverbs 30:6

ULT	UST
Do not add upon his words, lest he rebuke you and you be shown a liar.	*Never claim that God has said something other than what he has actually said. If you do that, then he will correct you and he will prove that you lied about what he said.*

What will happen to you if you add to God’s words?

God will correct you and he will prove that you lied about what he said.

Proverbs 30:8

ULT	UST
Emptiness and the word of a lie put far away from me. Do not give to me poverty or riches; cause me to receive the bread of my portion.	*Please prevent me from being dishonest or speaking what is not true. Please do not let me become too poor or too rich, but just provide the proper amount of food for me.*

How wealthy does the author wish to be?

The author wishes to have neither poverty nor riches, but just the proper amount of food.

Proverbs 30:9

ULT	UST
Lest I be satiated, and I deny and say, 'Who is Yahweh?' And lest I become dispossessed and steal, and I seize the name of my God.	*Because if I become rich, I might say that I do not know you and that I do not need you; and if I become poor, I might dishonor you by stealing things.*

What is the author afraid he would do if he were rich?

The author is afraid he would deny Yahweh if he were rich.

Proverbs 30:11-12

What kind of people think that they are sinless, yet have committed disgusting sins?

People who disrespect their parents think that they are sinless, yet have committed disgusting sins.

Proverbs 30:13-14

What does the proud generation do to the poor?

The proud generation destroys the poor.

Proverbs 30:15-16

Why are greedy people like leeches?

Greedy people are like the offspring of leeches because they always want other people to give them more.

Proverbs 30:19

ULT	UST
the way of the eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship in the heart of the sea, and the way of a young man with a young woman.	*how a bird flies in the air, how a snake slithers over a rock, how a ship sails in the middle of the ocean, and how a young man loves a young woman.*

What is the second thing that the author does not understand because it is too wonderful?

The author does not understand the way of a snake on a rock.

Proverbs 30:21-22

What is the first thing that the author says causes the earth to tremble?

The first thing that causes the earth to tremble is a slave when he becomes king.

Proverbs 30:27

ULT	UST
There is no king for the locust, but each of it goes out divided into groups.	*Although locusts do not have a king, they move in orderly groups like soldiers in an army.*

What does the author find amazing about locusts?

The author finds locusts amazing because they have no king, but all of them move in orderly groups.

Proverbs 30:30

ULT	UST
a lion, mighty among the animals, and it will not turn away from the face of anything,	*lions, which are the most powerful animals and never flee from anything,*

What does not turn away from anything?

The lion does not turn away from anything.

Proverbs 30:32

ULT	UST
If you have been foolish by lifting up yourself, or if you have schemed, a hand be to mouth!	*If you have acted foolishly by bragging about yourself, or if you were plotting to do what is evil, then stop doing so immediately!*

What should a person do who has been plotting evil?

A person who has been devising evil should stop doing so immediately.

Proverbs 30:33

ULT	UST
For the squeezing of milk brings out butter, and the squeezing of the nose brings out blood, and the squeezing of nostrils brings out strife."	*Stop doing so because just as churning milk produces butter, and squeezing a nose produces blood, making people angry causes them to fight.*

What does anger produce?

Anger causes people to fight.

Proverbs 31

Proverbs 31:1

ULT	UST
The words of Lemuel the king, a burden that his mother had instructed him:	*These are the sayings of King Lemuel; Yahweh had spoken these sayings that his mother had taught him:*

Who wrote this proverb?

King Lemuel wrote this proverb.

Proverbs 31:3

ULT	UST
Do not give to women your strength or your ways to cause kings to be wiped out.	*Do not exhaust yourself by having sex with women; they can destroy kings.*

To whom should a man not give his strength?

He should not give his strength to women and exhaust himself by having sex with them.

Proverbs 31:5

ULT	UST
Lest he drink and forget what has been decreed and pervert the legal claim of all the sons of the afflicted one.	*They must not do this so that they do not forget the laws that they have made and prevent all suffering people from getting what they legally deserve.*

What do rulers forget when they have strong drink?

Rulers forget what has been decreed when they have strong drink.

Proverbs 31:7

ULT	UST
He will drink and forget his poverty, and his trouble he will not remember again.	*They can drink what can intoxicate them to forget that they are poor and to completely forget what troubles them.*

What do those in bitter distress forget when they have strong drink?

Those in bitter distress forget what troubles them when they have strong drink.

Proverbs 31:9

ULT	UST
Open your mouth, judge with righteousness, and plead the legal case of the afflicted one and poor one.	*Defend, judge rightly, and plead for suffering and poor people to get what they legally deserve.*

Whose cause should the king plead?

The king should plead for suffering and poor people to get what they legally deserve.

Proverbs 31:10

ULT	UST
A woman of worth, who can find? And her value is far more than coral pearls.	*Virtuous and capable women are difficult to find! This kind of woman is more valuable than precious jewels.*

What is more valuable than jewels?

A virtuous and capable wife is more valuable than precious jewels.

Proverbs 31:12

ULT	UST
She does to him good and not evil all the days of her life.	*Such a woman benefits her husband for as long as she lives.*

What does the capable wife do all the days of her life?

She does good for her husband and not evil all the days of her life.

Proverbs 31:15

ULT	UST
And she rises while still night and gives food to her house and a portion to her young women.	*She gets up before dawn in order to prepare food for her family and to prepare some food for her female servants.*

When does the capable wife arise?

She arises while it is still night.

Proverbs 31:17

ULT	UST
She girds her loins with strength, and she strengthens her arms.	*She keeps her body strong, and she makes her arms strong by working hard.*

How does the capable wife care for her body?

She keeps her body strong and she makes her arms strong by working hard.

Proverbs 31:20

ULT	UST
She spreads out her palm to the afflicted one, and she stretches out her hands to the poor one.	*She generously helps people who are poor and suffering.*

Whom does the capable wife generously help?

She generously helps people who are poor and suffering.

Proverbs 31:23

ULT	UST
Her husband is known at the gates, when he sits with the elders of the land.	*People respect such a woman's husband at the city gates, when he sits there with the other leaders of the city.*

Where does the capable wife's husband sit?

Her husband sits with the elders at the gates.

Proverbs 31:26

ULT	UST
Her mouth opens with wisdom, and the law of covenant faithfulness is on her tongue.	*She speaks wisely, and when she speaks, she teaches others to be faithful and kind.*

How does the capable wife speak?

She speaks wisely, and when she speaks, she teaches others to be faithful and kind.

Proverbs 31:28

ULT	UST
Her sons rise up and call her blessed; her husband also praises her.	*This woman's children stand respectfully and declare that she lives well. Her husband says good things about her, as well.*

What do the children of the capable wife call her?

Her children call her blessed.

Proverbs 31:30

ULT	UST
The charm is falsehood and the beauty is vapor; a woman fearful of Yahweh, she herself will be praised.	*Charming women who are not good can deceive people into thinking that they are good, and beautiful women will be beautiful for only a short time. However, people will always praise those women who reverently fear Yahweh.*

What kind of woman will be praised?

People will praise a woman who fears Yahweh.

Ecclesiastes

Ecclesiastes 1

Ecclesiastes 1:1

ULT	UST
The words of Qoheleth, the son of David, king in Jerusalem,	*The following is the written lesson of Qoheleth, who was a descendant of David and who ruled as king in Jerusalem.*

Of whom was the Teacher a descendant?

The Teacher was a descendant of David, king in Jerusalem.

Ecclesiastes 1:2

ULT	UST
“Vapor of vapors,” says Qoheleth. “Vapor of vapors; the whole is vapor.”	*Qoheleth said: All of human life is as temporary as the mist of my breath! Everything is emptiness!*

What does the Teacher say everything is?

The Teacher says everything is temporary, fleeting, and insubstantial; the whole of it is vapor.

Ecclesiastes 1:3

ULT	UST
What profit belongs to humanity in exchange for all his toil that he toils under the sun?	*I want to know whether the never-ending labor of being alive in this world ever produces any sense of satisfaction or joy in this life that makes the labor of life worthwhile.*

What does the Teacher ask about the benefit of people’s hard work?

He asks what profit people gain from all their hard work.

Ecclesiastes 1:4

ULT	UST
A generation is going and a generation is coming, but the earth is standing in perpetuity.	*One generation of people dies, and another generation is born. Nonetheless, nothing seems to change.*

What remains forever?

The earth remains forever.

Ecclesiastes 1:5

ULT	UST
And the sun rises and the sun sets; and to its place, panting, it is rising there.	*The sun rises every morning and sets each evening. Then, it hurries back to the eastern horizon, from which it will rise again.*

What does the sun do every day?

The sun rises and sets, and then hurries back to the place where it will rise again.

Ecclesiastes 1:6

ULT	UST
Going to the south and turning to the north, turning, turning, the wind is going; and on its courses, the wind is returning.	*The wind blows southward. Then, it changes direction and blows northward. It seems to go around and around, and yet, it always seems to go where it is supposed to go.*

What does the wind do?

The wind blows toward the south, then turns toward the north; it goes around and around and returns to where it began.

Ecclesiastes 1:7

ULT	UST
All the rivers are going to the sea, but the sea— there is no fullness of it. To a place that the rivers are going— there, they are going again.	*All rivers and streams flow into the ocean, but the ocean is never full. Instead, all that water will continue to flow wherever it has always flowed.*

Where do all the rivers go?

All the rivers go to the sea, yet the sea never becomes full, and the water keeps flowing.

Ecclesiastes 1:8

ULT	UST
All the things are wearisome; a person is not able to speak. An eye is not satisfied of seeing, and an ear is not filled from hearing.	*These natural processes make humanity so indescribably tired. Similarly, no matter how much people have seen, they will always want to see more; no matter how much people have heard, they will always want to hear more.*

By what is the eye not satisfied?

The eye is not satisfied by what it sees or hears.

Ecclesiastes 1:9

ULT	UST
Whatever that which was, it is that which will be, and whatever that which has been done, it is that which will be done. And there is not anything new under the sun.	*Whatever happened in the past will happen again. Likewise, whatever people have done in the past, people will do it again. Nothing happens that is ever new.*

What will be done?

Whatever has been done in the past is what will be done in the future.

Ecclesiastes 1:10

ULT	UST
Is there a thing about which one says, "See this, it is new?" It already existed in ages that were from before our faces.	*Now, someone might claim to have discovered something novel. But, in reality someone discovered it a long time ago, in times long since past.*

What does the Teacher say about something that seems new?

The Teacher says that whatever seems new already existed long ago, in times before us.

Ecclesiastes 1:11

ULT	UST
There is not a memory of the former times, and also, of the latter times that will be; memory will not be of them, along with those that will be at the latter time.	*No one ever remembers the people or the events of the past. The same will be true of the people and events of the future, and even of those after that!*

What does the Teacher say about people remembering past generations?

The Teacher says no one remembers the people or events of long ago, and future generations will not be remembered by those who come after them either.

Ecclesiastes 1:12

ULT	UST
I, Qoheleth, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.	*I, Qoheleth, ruled as the king of Israel in the city of Jerusalem.*

Where was the Teacher king?

The Teacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

Ecclesiastes 1:13

ULT	UST
So I gave my heart to seek and to explore with wisdom concerning all that is done under the heavens. It is an unpleasant business God has given to the sons of humanity to be busy with it.	*I resolved within myself to use my intellect and my understanding of the world to study everything that people do during their lives on this earth. I discovered that God has employed every human being in the difficult job of being alive.*

To what did the Teacher apply his mind?

The Teacher applied his mind to study and to search out by wisdom everything that is done in the world.

Ecclesiastes 1:14

ULT	UST
I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and—behold—everything is vapor and pursuit of wind.	*Yes, I observed everything that people do during their lives. Now pay attention! I saw that our lives are as temporary as the mist of my breath. Humanity's labor is often as silly as trying to catch the wind.*

To what do all the deeds that are done under the sun amount?

All the deeds that are done under the sun amount to vapor and an attempt to catch the wind.

Ecclesiastes 1:15

ULT	UST
A bent thing—one is not able to straighten it, and lack is not able to be counted.	*It is just like people say: "No one can fix what appears broken, and no one can count what is not there."*

What does the Teacher say about things that are bent or lacking?

He says that what is bent cannot be straightened, and what is lacking cannot be counted.

Ecclesiastes 1:16

ULT	UST
I spoke, I, with my heart, saying, "I—behold—I have grown and increased wisdom over all who were before my face over Jerusalem, and my heart has seen much wisdom and knowledge."	*So, I said to myself, "Now pay attention! You know that I, Qoheleth, have become wiser than any other king who has ever reigned in Jerusalem. I have experienced first-hand what it means to be exceptionally wise and intelligent."*

What did the Teacher say about his wisdom compared to those who ruled in Jerusalem before him?

He said that he had grown and increased in wisdom more than anyone who ruled in Jerusalem before him.

Ecclesiastes 1:17

ULT	UST
So, I gave my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I know that also this—it is pursuit of wind.	*Having said this, I resolved to learn more about what it means to be wise, as well as what it means to be stupid and insane, by personal experience. I discovered that even these pursuits were as silly as trying to catch the wind.*

What did the Teacher resolve to learn about?

He resolved to learn about wisdom, and also about madness and folly.

Ecclesiastes 1:18

ULT	UST
For in much wisdom is much anger, and when one increases knowledge, he increases pain.	*It is like people also say: "The wiser one gets, the angrier and more depressed they feel; knowing more about life only makes life hurt more."*

What increases along with a person's wisdom and knowledge?

A person who has much wisdom also has much anger, and one who increases knowledge increases pain.

Ecclesiastes 2

Ecclesiastes 2:1

ULT	UST
I spoke, I with my heart, “Come, let me test you with joy and see good.” But behold, it also was vapor.	*Then I said to myself, “Let me experiment. I will try to make myself as happy and satisfied as possible by doing everything that I enjoy.” Now pay attention! I concluded that even the joy and satisfaction I experienced from these pleasures were as temporary as the mist of my breath.*

What did the Teacher discover about pleasure?

The Teacher discovered that pleasure was also only temporary.

Ecclesiastes 2:2

ULT	UST
To laughter I said, “Madness!” And to joy, “What is this doing?”	*So I thought deeply and concluded that giddy laughter is the behavior of crazy people. Likewise, I reasoned that merely pursuing what I enjoyed did me no good.*

What did the Teacher say about laughter?

The Teacher said that laughter was madness and that pleasure accomplished nothing good.

Ecclesiastes 2:3

ULT	UST
I explored in my heart to drag my flesh with wine (and my heart was guiding me with wisdom) and to seize folly until I could see where is the good for the sons of humanity that they might do under the heavens during the number of the days of their lives.	*So I thought deeply about the effect that indulging myself with wine or letting myself behave stupidly might have on me. All the while, I remained sober and alert. I thought about this until I could discern through my experiences the best use of people’s short lives on this earth.*

What did the Teacher want to find out?

The Teacher wanted to find out what was good for people to do during the days of their lives.

Ecclesiastes 2:4

ULT	UST
I enlarged my deeds. I built for myself houses. I planted for myself vineyards.	*So I did as many memorable and impressive things as I could. I ordered slaves to build palaces for my leisure and to till and plant vineyards for my pleasure.*

What did the Teacher build for himself?

The Teacher built houses and planted vineyards for himself.

Ecclesiastes 2:5

ULT	UST
I made for myself orchards and royal parks, and I planted in them a tree of each fruit.	*I commissioned royal groves of fruit trees in my honor and gardens with flowing streams. Into those groves, I ordered that slaves should plant many kinds of fruit-bearing trees.*

What did the Teacher plant in his orchards and parks?

He planted a tree of every kind of fruit in them.

Ecclesiastes 2:6

ULT	UST
I made for myself pools of waters to cause to drink from them a forest of growing trees.	*Furthermore, I ordered the construction of irrigation pools and canals that provided water for entire forests of lush growth to honor me.*

Why did the Teacher create pools of water?

The Teacher created pools of water to water a forest of growing trees.

Ecclesiastes 2:7

ULT	UST
I acquired male servants and female servants and sons of the house belonged to me. Also, much property of cattle and sheep belonged to me, more than all who were to my face in Jerusalem.	*I purchased male and female slaves, and they bore children who were also my slaves in my palace. I also owned more livestock of herd and flock animals than any other previous king in Jerusalem's history before me.*

What did the Teacher own more of than anyone else in Jerusalem?

He owned more cattle and sheep than anyone who had lived in Jerusalem before him.

Ecclesiastes 2:8

ULT	UST
I also amassed for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I appointed for myself male singers and female singers and the pleasures of the sons of humanity: breast and breasts.	*Moreover, I accumulated large amounts of silver and gold that I obtained from the tributary gifts of kings and the rulers of foreign territories. I owned slaves, both men and women, who sang for me, and I married wives and concubines, who provided me with sexual pleasure.*

How did the Teacher find personal pleasure?

The Teacher took many wives and concubines to give himself pleasure.

Ecclesiastes 2:9

ULT	UST
So I became great, and I increased more than all who were to my face in Jerusalem. Also, my wisdom stood by me.	*After all my efforts, I had attained more honor, power, and wealth than any king who had ever reigned before me in Jerusalem. Yet I continued to think soberly so that I could evaluate all of my work properly.*

What did the Teacher have more of than anyone before him in Jerusalem?

He had more wealth, power, and honor than anyone who had lived in Jerusalem before him, and his wisdom remained with him.

Ecclesiastes 2:10

ULT	UST
And all that my eyes asked, I did not refuse from them. I did not restrain my heart from any joy, because my heart was joyful from all my toil and this was my portion from all my toil.	*In all my efforts, I allowed myself to indulge in every desire that I had. Whatever I wanted, I permitted myself to enjoy it. I did this because my difficult projects made part of me happy, and that experience felt like a reward for all my hard work.*

In what did the Teacher's heart rejoice?

The Teacher's heart rejoiced in all his hard work.

Ecclesiastes 2:11

ULT	UST
And I turned, I, to all my works that my hands had done and to the toil that I toiled to do and behold, everything was vapor and pursuit of wind, and there was no profit under the sun.	*Then I stopped to think about everything I had accomplished, and all the difficult work that I had done to accomplish it. Pay attention! I concluded that both my effort and everything I achieved were as fleeting and insubstantial as the mist of my breath. My labors had been as silly as trying to catch the wind. Nothing I did provided me with any joy that made life worthwhile.*

Where was there no profit?

There was no profit in any of his labors on the earth.

Ecclesiastes 2:12

ULT	UST
So I turned, I, to see wisdom and madness and folly, because what can the person do who will come after the king than that which he has already done?	*This led me to start thinking about the potential benefits of being wise alongside those of being crazy or stupid. I did this because, being king, I had more opportunity to investigate these issues than any other human being.*

What did the Teacher turn to consider?

The Teacher turned to consider wisdom, madness, and folly.

Ecclesiastes 2:13

ULT	UST
And I saw, I, that there is a profit for wisdom more than folly, as there is a profit of the light more than the darkness.	*And then I recognized that being wise is far more helpful in life than being stupid, just like it is easier to live well when one has a source of light by which to see than when there is only darkness.*

What did the Teacher say is more profitable than folly?

The Teacher said that wisdom is more profitable than folly, just as light is better than darkness.

Ecclesiastes 2:15

ULT	UST
And I spoke, I, with my heart, "As the happening of the fool, even to me—it will happen to me! And why was I, I, wise then, abundantly?" And I said to my heart that also this is vapor.	*This made me say to myself, "I am going to die just as inevitably as stupid people! In this way, all my hard work to become a wise person appears to have made no difference! What was the point?" I reminded myself that even my attempts to become wise and live a fulfilled life were as fleeting as the mist of my breath.*

What did the Teacher realize would happen to him just as it happens to the fool?

The Teacher realized that the same fate, death, would happen to him just as it happens to the fool.

Ecclesiastes 2:16

ULT	UST
For there is no memory of the wise person with the fool in perpetuity, because already, in the coming days, both will be forgotten. Alas! The wise die with the fool!	*After all, no one remembers anyone who dies, whether they lived wisely or stupidly, for very long. After a while, people will forget about both of them. How sad! No matter whether we live wisely or act like an idiot, everyone will eventually forget about us!*

Who is not remembered for very long?

The wise person, like the fool, is not remembered for very long.

Ecclesiastes 2:17

ULT	UST
And I hated life, because bad to me was the work that was done under the sun, because everything was vapor and pursuit of wind.	*Because the job of being a human in this life includes enduring these realities that are burdensome, I began to despise being alive. Everything seemed to be as insubstantial as the mist of my breath and as silly as trying to catch the wind.*

What did the Teacher say he hated?

The Teacher said he hated life because the work done under the sun seemed temporary and insubstantial to him.

Ecclesiastes 2:18

ULT	UST
And I hated, I, all my toil that I had toiled under the sun, that I will leave it to the person who will be after me.	*Then I began to despise all the difficult work that I had labored to do during my life, especially because after I die, someone else will inherit everything that I have acquired in my life.*

Why did the Teacher hate all his accomplishments?

The Teacher hated all his accomplishments because he would have to leave them to the person who came after him.

Ecclesiastes 2:19

ULT	UST
And who knows: Will he be wise or a fool? And he will have authority over all my toil that I toiled and for which I was wise under the sun. Also, this is vapor.	*And no one can predict whether my successor will be a wise or a stupid person. Either way, he will have the ability to enjoy all the things that I labored so hard and so wisely for in my life. Regardless, even his enjoyment of the results of my hard work will be as fleeting as the mist of my breath.*

What did the Teacher say no one knows about the person who will come after him?

The Teacher said no one knows whether that person will be wise or foolish.

Ecclesiastes 2:20

ULT	UST
Then I turned, I, to cause my heart to despair concerning all the toil which I toiled under the sun.	*As I thought further about all my life's work, I began to feel hopeless and depressed.*

How did the Teacher's heart feel about his work?

The Teacher's heart began to despair over all the work that he did.

Ecclesiastes 2:21

ULT	UST
For there is a person whose toil is with wisdom and with knowledge and with skill, but to a person who has not toiled for it, he will give it as his portion. This also is vapor and a great misfortune.	*Partly I felt this way because it is possible that someone might labor at his work wisely and expertly, even skillfully. But when he dies, his successor will inherit everything, even though he did not do any of the hard work that produced his inheritance! Yet even these painful realities are as fleeting as the mist of my breath.*

What happens to what a wise, skillful person has worked for?

He must leave it to someone who did not work for it.

Ecclesiastes 2:22

ULT	UST
For what endures for the person in exchange for all his toil and in the striving of his heart in which he is a toiler under the sun?	*After all, the emotionally and physically difficult labor that people do throughout their lives does not seem to produce anything that is both good and enduring for them.*

What does the Teacher ask about all of a person's hard work?

He asks what lasting benefit a person gets from all his hard work.

Ecclesiastes 2:23

ULT	UST
For all his days are pains, and anger is his business; even in the night, his heart does not rest. Also this—it is vapor.	*This is because every day only seems to cause one pain. Furthermore, the work people do only produces grief. It is so grievous that, when they ought to be asleep, people's minds are so anxious that they cannot rest. Yet even so, all of this is as insubstantial as the mist.*

Why does the hard worker's heart not find rest at night?

Every day his work causes him pain and stress, so at night his heart does not rest.

Ecclesiastes 2:24

ULT	UST
There is nothing better for humanity than that he should eat and drink and cause his spirit to see good in his toil. Also, this I saw, I, that it is from the hand of the God,	*So, the best way that people can live is to enjoy whatever they have to eat and drink and to allow themselves to find something enjoyable about their work. I have personally experienced that this joy only comes when God gives it to someone.*

What does the Teacher conclude is the best that people can do?

There is nothing better for anyone than to simply eat and drink and be satisfied with what is good in his work.

Ecclesiastes 2:25

ULT	UST
for who will eat and who will enjoy apart from him?	*After all, there is not a single human being who can enjoy the things he has if God does not first give those things to him.*

According to the Teacher, who can eat and enjoy life apart from God?

No one can eat and enjoy life apart from God.

Ecclesiastes 2:26

ULT	UST
For to a person who is good to his face, he gives wisdom and knowledge and joy. But to the sinner, he gives the business of gathering and of collecting to give to the one who is good to the face of the God. Even this is vapor and pursuit of wind.	*God does this by making the people of whom he approves wise, intelligent, and happy. Yet God has decided that whoever disobeys him will work hard only so that they gain wealth that God will give to those of whom he approves. Even their wealth and hard work are as fleeting as the mist of my breath, and as silly as trying to catch the wind.*

What does God give to the sinner?

To the sinner, God gives the work of gathering and collecting wealth, which God then gives to someone who pleases him.

Ecclesiastes 3

Ecclesiastes 3:1

ULT	UST
For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under the heavens:	*There is a fixed moment at which everything in this life happens, and a determined period for every kind of event that happens during a person's life:*

For what things is there a season?

There is a season for every matter under the heavens.

Ecclesiastes 3:2

ULT	UST
a time to give birth and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to tear out what was planted,	*People will give birth, and people will die, people will plant their crops, and people will reap and harvest those crops.*

What does the Teacher say there is a time for in a person's life?

There is a time to give birth and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pull up what was planted.

Ecclesiastes 3:3

ULT	UST
a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to break down and a time to build,	*People will kill people and people will heal people, people will tear structures down, and people will build structures.*

What other times does the Teacher mention for people's actions?

There is a time to kill and a time to heal, and a time to tear down and a time to build.

Ecclesiastes 3:4

ULT	UST
a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,	*People will cry and people will laugh, people will grieve and people will celebrate.*

What does the Teacher say there is a time for regarding people's emotions?

There is a time to weep and a time to laugh, and a time to mourn and a time to dance.

Ecclesiastes 3:5

ULT	UST
a time to throw stones and a time to gather stones, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,	*People will throw rocks, and people will gather rocks; people will hug, and people will refuse to hug.*

What else does the Teacher say there is a time for?

There is a time to throw stones and a time to gather stones, and a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing.

Ecclesiastes 3:6

ULT	UST
a time to seek and a time to lose, a time to keep and a time to throw away,	*People will look for lost things, and people will lose found things; people will store things, and people will throw things away.*

What does the Teacher say there is a time for regarding seeking and keeping?

There is a time to seek and a time to lose, and a time to keep and a time to throw away.

Ecclesiastes 3:7

ULT	UST
a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,	*People will rip their clothing in grief, and people will sew clothing back together; people will stay quiet, and people will talk.*

What does the Teacher say there is a time for regarding speaking?

There is a time to be silent and a time to speak.

Ecclesiastes 3:8

ULT	UST
a time to love and a time to hate, a time of war and a time of peace.	*People will love one another, and people will hate one another; people will go to war, and people will mediate peace.*

What does the Teacher say regarding love and war?

There is a time to love and a time to hate, and a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:9

ULT	UST
What is the profit of the one who does in exchange for that which he is toiling?	*Again, I want to know whether the difficult labor of human life ever produces any satisfaction or joy for hard-working people.*

What question does the Teacher ask about a worker's hard work?

He asks what profit a worker gains from his labor.

Ecclesiastes 3:10

ULT	UST
I saw the business that God gives to the sons of humanity to be busy with it.	*I have observed the job of living in which God has employed every human being to bustle about doing.*

What did the Teacher see?

The Teacher saw the work that God gives to human beings to keep busy with.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

ULT	UST
He makes everything beautiful in its time. Also, he gives perpetuity in their heart, yet so that humanity cannot find the work that the God does from beginning to end.	*God makes everything that happens beautifully fitted for the moment that God has determined. And at the same time, God enables humanity to perceive that he is at work in their lives. Even so, God does not allow humanity to understand everything that God does—from the time that he created this world to the point at which he brings all things to an end.*

What did God place in people's hearts?

God placed eternity in their hearts.

Ecclesiastes 3:12

ULT	UST
I know that there is no good for them except to rejoice and to do good during his life,	*In light of this, I confess that the best way for humanity to live is to gratefully celebrate life and to live ethically while one is alive.*

What does the Teacher say is the only good thing for people to do in life?

The Teacher says the only good thing is to rejoice and to do good while they are alive.

Ecclesiastes 3:13

ULT	UST
and every person who eats and drinks and sees good in all of his toil—it is a gift of God.	*And, furthermore, whenever a person is able to enjoy what they have to eat and drink, and to find something gratifying in the work that they do, this is a priceless thing that God has enabled.*

What is a gift from God?

The ability to eat and drink and the good that comes from one's work is a gift from God.

Ecclesiastes 3:14

ULT	UST
I know that everything that God does, it will be enduring. To it, there is nothing to add, and from it, there is nothing to remove. And God acts so that they fear from before his face.	*I also confess that all of God's decisions are unchanging. It is like people say: No one can improve what God does, either by addition or subtraction. God does this so that they submit to God in trusting faith.*

Why can nothing be added to or taken away from whatever God does?

Nothing can be added to it or taken away from it, because everything God does is unchanging and will last forever.

Ecclesiastes 3:15

ULT	UST
Whatever that is, already it was, and that which is to be, already it is. And the God seeks that which is pursued.	*Current events are not new. Things like them have already happened. Likewise, future events will not be new. Things like them are already happening now. God is the one who understands what every person is trying to understand.*

What does the Teacher say about what happens now and what will happen in the future?

The Teacher says that what happens now has already happened before, and what will happen has already happened too.

Ecclesiastes 3:16

ULT	UST
But again, I saw under the sun: The place of justice—there was wickedness, and the place of equity—there was wickedness!	*However, here is something else that I observed: The places in society from which people expect rulers to make just and fair decisions are frequently places in which rulers make unjust and oppressive decisions!*

What did the Teacher see in place of justice and equity?

The Teacher saw wickedness in the place of justice and in the place of equity.

Ecclesiastes 3:17

ULT	UST
I spoke, I with my heart: "The equitable and the wicked the God will judge, because a time exists for every matter and on account of every deed there."	*I confessed to myself, "God will hold accountable people who make just decisions and those who make unjust decisions. He will do this because there is a moment for everything that happens, including God's judgment of rulers in those places."*

According to the Teacher, whom will God judge?

The Teacher said God will judge both the equitable and the wicked, because there is a time for every matter and every deed.

Ecclesiastes 3:18

ULT	UST
I spoke, I, with my heart, "For the sake of the sons of humanity, the God is to test them to see that they are animals, they themselves."	*This led me to confess further to myself: "God is governing the world this way because he wants people to clearly understand that they are really no different than animals."*

What does the Teacher say God wants to show people about themselves?

The Teacher says God wants to show people that they are like animals.

Ecclesiastes 3:19-20

How are people like animals?

People and animals' lives end in the same way—with death.

Ecclesiastes 3:21

ULT	UST
Who knows? The spirit of the sons of humanity, it is the one going up, upwards, and the spirit of the animal, it is the one going down, downwards to the earth.	*This causes me to wonder whether people are correct about what happens to people when they die. Perhaps humans ascend to the place in which God lives, and animals descend into the ground.*

What does the Teacher wonder about the spirits of people and animals?

The Teacher wonders whether the spirit of a person goes upward and the spirit of an animal goes downward to the earth.

Ecclesiastes 3:22

ULT	UST
So, I saw that there is nothing better than that humanity should rejoice in his works, for it is his portion. For who will bring him to look at what that will be after him?	*So, I confess once again that the best way for people to live is to allow themselves to enjoy what their work produces—even the hard work itself. This is because God has given each person their work. It is their daily allotment. After all, nobody can know what will happen tomorrow.*

What is the assignment for each person?

The assignment for each person is to take pleasure in his work.

Ecclesiastes 4

Ecclesiastes 4:1

ULT	UST
And I turned, I, and I saw all the oppressions that were being done under the sun. And behold, the tears of the oppressed—and there was no comforter for them. And from the hand of the ones oppressing them was strength, and there was no comforter for them.	*Next, as I continued to contemplate, I observed all the ways in which people suffer from oppression during their lives. Now pay attention! As I watched those people cry, I realized that no one was there to reassure them in their grief. Furthermore, those who oppressed them appeared to possess power such that no one was able to reassure them in their grief.*

For whom is there no comforter?

There is no comforter for the people who are oppressed.

Ecclesiastes 4:2

ULT	UST
So I praised, I, the dead people who have already died more than the living, who, they are still alive.	*This sad reality made me feel like those people who have already died are much more fortunate than the people who remain alive.*

Who did the Teacher praise more than the living?

The Teacher praised the dead who had already died, more than the living who were still alive.

Ecclesiastes 4:3

ULT	UST
But better than the two of them is the one who has not yet lived, who has not seen the evil deed that is being done under the sun.	*Yet the people whose mothers have not yet given birth to them are even more fortunate than both people currently alive and those people who have already died. Indeed, the unborn have not yet had to experience or witness any of the evil actions that humans do during their lives.*

Who does the writer say is more fortunate than both the living and the dead?

More fortunate than both the living and the dead is the one who has not yet lived.

Ecclesiastes 4:4

ULT	UST
And I saw, I, every toil and every success of the deed—that it is the envy of a person from his friend. This also is vapor and pursuit of wind.	*Then I observed that people work as hard as they do and strive to be successful only because they are jealous of their friends' possessions. Yet even their ill-motivated labor is as insubstantial as the mist of my breath and as futile as trying to catch the wind.*

Why did the Teacher say people work hard and try to succeed?

He said people work hard and try to succeed because they envy their friends.

Ecclesiastes 4:5

ULT	UST
The fool is folding his hands and is eating his flesh.	*It is just like people say: Rather than work hard, foolish people merely relax with their unproductive hands folded on their laps, ready to eat their meal. Yet as they do so, they unwittingly ruin themselves, as if they were feasting on their own bodies!*

What does the fool do instead of working?

The fool folds his hands and does nothing, and in this way he ruins himself.

Ecclesiastes 4:6

ULT	UST
Better is a fullness of a palm with quiet than a fullness of two handfuls with toil and pursuit of wind.	*People also say this: "Despite appearances, being contented with a simple, peaceful lifestyle is twice as good as being rich but living a life of stressful labor—as frustrating as trying to catch the wind."*

What is better than being rich with toil and stress-filled labor?

Being contented with little and having peace and quiet is better than having a lot with toil and pursuit of wind.

Ecclesiastes 4:7

ULT	UST
And I turned, I, and I saw a vapor under the sun:	*I proceeded to contemplate another facet of people's lives—one that also seemed as insubstantial as the mist.*

What did the Teacher see again under the sun?

He saw another example of something temporary and meaningless on the earth.

Ecclesiastes 4:8

ULT	UST
There is one person and there is not a second person—even a son or brother, there is not for him—and there is no end to all his toil. Also, his eye is not satisfied with wealth. So why am I toiling and causing my soul to lack from good things? Even this is vapor, and it is an unpleasant business.	*I saw someone who lived alone. He appeared to have no children nor any brothers or sisters living with him. And every day, the person labored without stopping. Even though he was wealthy, he never felt satisfied with his life and possessions. Then he asked himself, "Why am I allowing my hard work to deprive me of things that I enjoy?" His attempts to satisfy himself with a lavish lifestyle were as insubstantial as the mist. His joyless labor was really the most lamentable part of the difficult job of being alive in which God has employed humanity.*

Who did the Teacher see living alone with no family?

He saw a person who lived alone, had no son or brother, worked endlessly, and was never satisfied with his wealth.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Why are two people better than one in the case that one falls?

Two people are better than one because if one falls, the other can lift up his friend.

Ecclesiastes 4:11

ULT	UST
Also, if two people lie down, then there is warmth for them. But for the one person—how will there be warmth?	*Second, if you and a friend were to lie down to sleep in the cold, you could help one another stay warm, but if you try to sleep in the cold alone, of course you will be cold!*

How do two people benefit by lying down together?

When two people lie down together, they can keep each other warm.

Ecclesiastes 4:12

ULT	UST
And if he will overpower him, the one person, the two people will stand against him, and the three-fold rope will not be torn in two quickly.	*Third, if someone stronger than you were to attack you, he might beat you up by yourself. However you and your friend would be able to ward off your attacker together! Three people could defend themselves even more easily, just as a rope that someone made from three strands is harder to rip in half than a rope with one or two strands.*

What is not quickly broken?

A three-strand rope is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:13

ULT	UST
Better is a child, poor but wise, than a king, old but foolish, who does not know how to be warned any longer.	*It is preferable to be a poor young man who nonetheless acts wisely than to be a king who, despite his age, acts like a fool and refuses to pay attention to good advice, as he did when he was younger.*

What is better than being an old and foolish king?

It is better to be a poor but wise youth than an old and foolish king.

Ecclesiastes 4:14

ULT	UST
For from the house of those who are bound, he came forth to become king, yet even in his kingdom he was born poor.	*I imagine that it is possible for a young man like that to live so successfully that he becomes king—even ruling over the land in which his mother gave birth to him in poverty, so severe that it was like someone tying her up with ropes.*

What did the Teacher imagine about the poor young man?

He imagined that the young man could become king, even though he was born poor.

Ecclesiastes 4:15

ULT	UST
I saw all the living, the ones walking around under the sun, with the second child who will stand under him.	*But then I imagine all of the people in this young man's kingdom who merely go about their lives. The person who will be the successor to the young king is among them.*

Who did the Teacher see walking around under the sun?

He saw all the living people, along with the one who would succeed the young king.

Ecclesiastes 4:16

ULT	UST
There was no end to all the people, to all who were to their faces. Even the latter people will not rejoice in him, because even this is vapor and pursuit of wind.	*Despite his current popularity with the endless crowds of his subjects, after a few years future generations will be tired of him. So even the wise way he lived that led to his success is as fleeting as the mist of my breath and as frustrating as trying to catch the wind.*

How will the people who live after this king feel about him?

The people who live after him will not rejoice in him.

Ecclesiastes 5

Ecclesiastes 5:1

ULT	UST
Keep your feet when you go to the house of God. And drawing near to listen is better than fools giving a sacrifice, for they are not knowing that they do evil.	*Be mindful of how you behave when you go to worship God at his house. Draw near to him by listening expectantly. That is far better than offering sacrifices to God in the ways that foolish people do. They are ignorant that they are behaving inappropriately in God's presence!*

What should people do when they go to the house of God?

They should be careful with their conduct and draw near to listen, for that is better than when fools offer a sacrifice.

Ecclesiastes 5:2

ULT	UST
Do not be hurried concerning your mouth, and do not let your heart hurry to bring forth a word to the face of God. For the God is in heaven, but you are on the earth; therefore, let your words be few.	*Do not be so quick to say something that you speak rashly. Neither should you allow yourself to raise an issue hastily in God's presence. You ought to remember that this God is the God who rules from heaven and that you live here on the dust of the earth. For this reason, you ought to think before you say anything in God's presence.*

Why should people let their words be few?

Because God is the eternal God in heaven and people are created by God, so they should think very carefully and not speak rashly or hastily before God.

Ecclesiastes 5:3

ULT	UST
For the dream comes with much business, and the voice of a fool with many words.	*After all, it is like people say: "When someone claims to receive secret messages from the gods, he tends to rush busily about his life. And whenever foolish people talk, they tend to speak in as many words as possible."*

What does a fool do when he talks?

A fool talks with many words.

Ecclesiastes 5:4

ULT	UST
When you vow a vow to God, do not delay fulfilling it, for there is no delight in the fools. That which you vow, fulfill.	*If you solemnly promise God that you will offer a sacrifice to him, you ought to do what you promised quickly. Neither God nor his people tolerate foolish people. You should be careful to do whatever you promise.*

What should a person do after he vows a vow to God?

He should fulfill it without delay.

Ecclesiastes 5:5

ULT	UST
It is better that you do not vow than that you vow but do not fulfill.	*It is better to not promise anything to God than to promise to do something and then fail to do it!*

What is better for a person to do than to make a vow that he does not carry out?

It is better for a person not to make a vow than to make a vow that he does not carry out.

Ecclesiastes 5:6

ULT	UST
Do not give your mouth to cause your flesh to sin, and do not say to the face of the messenger that it was an unintentional sin. Why should God be angry concerning your voice and destroy the deed of your hands?	*You should never talk in such a way that you begin to sin. It would be shameful if you promised God that you would offer him a sacrifice only to lie and claim that you made a mistake when God's priest arrived to collect the sacrificial animal. If you were to do that, God would be so frustrated with your so-called promises that he would destroy everything you have worked to accomplish!*

What might God do if a person's words cause him to sin?

God might become angry and destroy the work of that person's hands.

Ecclesiastes 5:7

ULT	UST
For in many dreams and vaporous things and many words— just fear God.	*This is the point: While everyone else is chasing messages from the gods, offering the prolific prayers of foolish people, or doing whatever vain things people do in God's presence, you ought to live your life fearfully remembering that God is God!*

What should a person do instead of chasing many words and empty things?

He should fear God.

Ecclesiastes 5:8

ULT	UST
If the extortion of the poor and the robbery of justice and equity you see in the province, do not be amazed concerning the matter, for a high one over a high one is watching, and high ones are over them.	*You may witness powerful people where you live extorting money from impoverished people or corrupting legal systems to their own benefit. You should not be surprised about this. Lamentably, this is the way things are. The people who can hold these powerful people accountable watch and do nothing. And even these more powerful people are under the authority of someone even higher who likewise does nothing.*

Why should someone not be astonished when he sees the poor being oppressed and robbed of just and fair treatment?

He should not be astonished because the people who could hold the powerful to account see the injustice and do nothing about it.

Ecclesiastes 5:9

ULT	UST
And a profit of a land—it is taken by all. But a king is served by a field.	*Also, all of these corrupt officials seize the harvests of our fields—even the king enjoys the food that his subjects collect from our farms.*

Who eats from what the fields produce?

Important people and even the king eat from what the fields produce.

Ecclesiastes 5:10

ULT	UST
A lover of silver will not be satisfied with silver, and whoever loves increase, not income. Also this is vapor.	*Some people believe that only wealth can provide them with the kind of happy life that they desire. These people will never think that they have enough money, nor will any number of possessions make them happy. In reality, money is also as insubstantial as the mist of my breath.*

What happens to a person who loves silver?

A person who loves silver will never be satisfied no matter how much they have.

Ecclesiastes 5:11

ULT	UST
When the good thing increases, the ones eating it increase. And what advantage belongs to its master except the sight of his eyes?	*The more wealth that an individual has, the more people seek to benefit from that individual's wealth. So rich people do not really benefit from their wealth. It only seems to others that their wealth helps them.*

What happens as prosperity increases?

As prosperity increases, so also do the people who consume it.

Ecclesiastes 5:12

ULT	UST
Sweet is the sleep of the worker, however little or however much he eats, but the satisfaction of a rich person— it is not allowing him to sleep.	*Poor hardworking people sleep soundly at night no matter whether they have a lot of food or only a little to eat. Like a person who sleeps poorly because he has eaten too much, the wealth that rich people believe provides them with a satisfying life actually makes them so anxious that they are unable to fall asleep.*

What does not allow a rich person to sleep well?

The wealth of a rich person does not allow him to sleep well.

Ecclesiastes 5:13

ULT	UST
There is a sickening misfortune I have seen under the sun: Wealth kept by its master to his harm.	*I have observed that money is the cause of another lamentable, gut-wrenching situation that can happen to people during their lives. I have watched someone save all of his substantial income. But his wealth ultimately caused him pain.*

What misfortune did Qoheleth see concerning wealth?

He saw wealth kept by its owner that ended up harming him.

Ecclesiastes 5:14

ULT	UST
And that wealth perished in an unfortunate business. And he had fathered a son, but there was not in his hand anything.	*When his investments unexpectedly failed, he lost his entire savings. He had planned to give this wealth to his son as an inheritance. Yet now he had nothing left to pass on.*

What happens when the rich man loses his wealth through misfortune?

When the rich man loses his wealth through misfortune, he has nothing left to give to the son he fathered.

Ecclesiastes 5:15

ULT	UST
As he went out from the womb of his mother, naked he will go again, just as he came. And he will not take anything in exchange for his toil that he will take in his hand.	*And so that man died in the same condition as when his mother gave birth to him: He began his life naked, possessing no wealth, and so he died in the same way. When he died, that man's labor had never produced for him any meaningful sense of satisfaction.*

How is a man born and how will he leave this life?

A man is born naked from his mother's womb and possessing nothing, so also, he will leave this life without taking anything he possesses.

Ecclesiastes 5:16

ULT	UST
And also this is a sickening misfortune: Just as he came, thus he will go. And what profit belongs to him who toils for the wind?	*Yes, this was the lamentable, gut-wrenching situation that I witnessed: This man brought nothing into the world when his life began, and when he died, he took nothing with him. And so, it seems that his hard work never enabled him to feel satisfied. His work was like a frustrated attempt to grab a handful of the wind.*

What profit does a person gain from laboring as if for the wind?

He gains no profit; it is a sickening misfortune.

Ecclesiastes 5:17

ULT	UST
Also, all his days in darkness he eats, and in great vexation and his sickness and anger.	*Moreover, every day of his life he sat in the dark when he ate his meals—deeply depressed, fatigued from illness, and fuming.*

According to the Teacher, how does the man who lost his wealth spend all his days?

He spends all his days in darkness, greatly troubled, sick, and angry.

Ecclesiastes 5:18

ULT	UST
Behold what I, I, have seen is good: That it is beautiful to eat and to drink and to see good in all his toil that he will toil under the sun during the number of the days of his life that the God has given to him, for it is his portion.	*Now pay attention! I have observed how beautiful life can be when people merely enjoy the food and drink that they have and allow themselves to feel some satisfying happiness in their hard work. People can do this only while they are alive during the brief span of life that God has allotted to them as his gift—no more and no less.*

What did Qoheleth say is good for a person to do?

He said it is good to eat, drink, and find satisfaction in one’s hard work during the life that God has given him.

Ecclesiastes 5:19

ULT	UST
Also, each person who the God gives to him wealth and possessions and has empowered him to eat from it and to accept his portion and to rejoice in his toiling—this, it is a gift of God.	*God sometimes gives people money and possessions. But only sometimes does he also give them the ability to enjoy what they have. When God does, people accept what God has given them—no more and no less—and are able to enjoy their otherwise difficult and stressful work. This joyful acceptance is something priceless, like a gift from God.*

What does Qoheleth call the ability to enjoy the wealth God gives?

He calls it a gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 5:20

ULT	UST
For not much does he remember the days of his life, because the God occupies him with the joys of his heart.	*By enabling us to accept the good things in our lives joyfully, God focuses our attention on what we enjoy about our lives. This allows us to forget, momentarily, the reality that one day we will inevitably die.*

Why does a person not call to mind very often the days of his life?

A person does not call to mind very often the days of his life, because God makes him keep busy with the things that he enjoys doing.

Ecclesiastes 6

Ecclesiastes 6:1-2

What misfortune did Qoheleth see?

Qoheleth saw that God might give a person wealth and honor so that he lacks nothing that he desires for himself, but then God gives him no ability to enjoy it. Instead, someone else uses his things.

Ecclesiastes 6:3

ULT	UST
If a man should father a hundred children, and many years should he live—and many that the days of his years may be—but if his soul is not satisfied from the good thing (and also a burial place is not for him), I say, "Better than him is the stillborn child."	*Someone could perhaps father very many children and live a very long life. No matter how long his life might be—even if he were to go on living forever—if he never allows himself to enjoy the wonderful parts of his life, I will consider the life of a baby who dies when it is still in its mother's womb to be more desirable than this man's miserable life.*

If a man's heart is not satisfied with good and he is not buried with honor, who is better off than he is?

If a man's heart is not satisfied with good and he is not buried with honor, then a baby that is born dead is better off than he is.

Ecclesiastes 6:4

ULT	UST
For in vapor, it came, and in the darkness, it will go, and in the darkness its name will be covered.	*True, this baby's life was as brief as the mist, and it died in its mother's womb, never having seen the light. The baby's parents were never able to name their child, so that the child's life will be only a sad memory.*

What does Qoheleth say happens to the stillborn child?

Qoheleth says its life is like a mist that fades away, it goes into darkness, and it never receives a name.

Ecclesiastes 6:5

ULT	UST
Even the sun it did not see, nor did it know. More rest belongs to this one than this one.	*The stillborn baby did not even live to experience life under the light of the sun. Yet neither did it have to feel the burden of a difficult life. So, despite its brief life, the stillborn baby found more peace than that miserable man.*

What does Qoheleth say is true about the stillborn child compared to the unhappy rich man?

Qoheleth says the stillborn child never saw the sun or knew anything, but it has more peace than the unhappy rich man.

Ecclesiastes 6:6

ULT	UST
And if he lived a thousand years twice, but a good thing he did not see—are not both going to one place?	*His life would not improve even if that man were to go on living for two thousand years. He, like every human being, only ever endured the painful parts of life, but he never enjoyed the good parts of his life. Truthfully, the man's life will come to an end just as the stillborn baby's will, and both of them experience death —just like every human being.*

Even if a man should live for two thousand years but does not learn to enjoy good things, what happens to him?

Even if a man should live for two thousand years but does not learn to enjoy good things, he ends up dying just like everyone else.

Ecclesiastes 6:7

ULT	UST
All the toil of humanity is for his mouth, and yet the soul is not filled.	*It is like people say: "Everyone works hard to satiate their appetites, but no one ever satisfies their deepest cravings."*

Though all a man's work is to fill his mouth, what happens?

Though all a man's work is to fill his mouth, yet his appetite is not satisfied.

Ecclesiastes 6:8

ULT	UST
For what advantage belongs to the wise more than the fool? What advantage belongs to the poor person who knows how to walk before the living?	*Consider this: Living wisely does not seem any more able than living foolishly to keep a person from suffering and dying. In the same way, knowing how to conduct oneself wisely does not seem to lengthen or improve the life of someone who is poor.*

According to Qoheleth, what advantage does a wise person have over a fool?

Qoheleth says a wise person has no more advantage than a fool, and a poor person who knows how to live well has no great advantage either.

Ecclesiastes 6:9

ULT	UST
Better is a sight of the eyes than the walking of the soul. Also this is vapor and pursuit of wind.	*It is like people also say: "It is better to enjoy the things that one already has than to allow one's impulsive desire to inform one's decisions." These realities are as insubstantial as the mist, and as futile as trying to catch the wind.*

What does Qoheleth say is better than always wanting more?

Qoheleth says it is better to enjoy what a person already has than to always want more, though even this is temporary and insubstantial.

Ecclesiastes 6:10

ULT	UST
Whatever that is, already its name has been called, and it is known what a person is—and he is not able to contend with he who is more powerful than him.	*Before anything happens, God has already declared what it should be. It is evident to everyone that human beings are merely mortal. So, it is pointless to complain to God about the parts of life that we dislike. Humans are not all-powerful or all-knowing like God is!*

What does Qoheleth say about arguing with someone more powerful?

Qoheleth says no one can argue with God, who is more powerful than any person.

Ecclesiastes 6:11

ULT	UST
When there are many words that are increasingly vaporous, what advantage belongs to humanity?	*It sometimes seems as if our complaints about life only produce more words that are as insubstantial as the mist. This does not appear to benefit anyone.*

What happens when many words are spoken?

When many words are spoken, they become more meaningless and do not benefit anyone.

Ecclesiastes 6:12

ULT	UST
For who is knowing what is good for humanity in life during the number of the days of his vaporous life? And he makes them like the shadow. For who will declare to humanity what will be after him under the sun?	*Certainly, I wonder whether anyone can know what he ought to do during his limited lifetime. People live for a short time, and their lives seem as fleeting as the mist. Indeed, God has designed human life so that it lasts briefly, just like a passing shadow. Moreover, God seems to want human beings to be ignorant about what might happen to them tomorrow.*

Who knows what is good for a person during their short life, according to Qoheleth?

No one knows what is good for a person during their brief life, or what will happen after them.

Ecclesiastes 7

Ecclesiastes 7:1

ULT	UST
Better is a good name than good oil, and the day of death than the day of his being born.	*An honorable reputation is more advantageous than expensive perfume. Similarly, a person's death is a more advantageous moment than the moment when that person's mother gave birth to him.*

According to Qoheleth, what is better than good oil?

A good name is better than good oil.

Ecclesiastes 7:2

ULT	UST
Better to go to a house of mourning than to go to a house of a banquet, because it is the end of all humanity and the living will give it to his heart.	*Attending a funeral is more useful than attending a celebratory feast. This is true because everyone will die. People should take time to ponder this reality while they are alive.*

Why is it better to go to a house of mourning than to a house of feasting?

It is better to go to a house of mourning than to a house of feasting, because everyone dies in the end, and the living should think carefully about this.

Ecclesiastes 7:3

ULT	UST
Better grief than laughter, for with a bad face a heart may be well.	*Feeling grief and mourning is more advantageous than laughing. This is true because grieving painful experiences may help one better understand what life is like and accept it.*

What does Qoheleth say is better than laughter?

Qoheleth says that grief is better than laughter.

Ecclesiastes 7:4

ULT	UST
The heart of wise people is in a house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in a house of joy.	*Wise people participate in public ceremonies of mourning so that they may ponder the fact that they also will die. Conversely, foolish people ignore this reality by only attending celebrations and festive parties.*

Where is the heart of the wise?

The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning.

Ecclesiastes 7:5

ULT	UST
Better to listen to a rebuke of a wise person than a person listening to a song of fools,	*Listening to the criticism of someone who lives wisely is more advantageous than listening to the song of foolish people.*

What does Qoheleth say is better than listening to the song of fools?

Listening to the rebuke of a wise person is better than listening to the song of fools.

Ecclesiastes 7:6

ULT	UST
for like the sound of the thorns under the cooking pot, so is the laughter of the fool. And this also is vapor.	*This is true because the laughter of foolish people is as useless as trying to heat food over a fire that someone fuels with thorns. Although the thorns may loudly pop, they will only produce a little heat. In the same way, the loud noise of foolish people is as insubstantial as the mist.*

What is the laughter of fools like?

Like the crackling of thorns burning under a pot, so also is the laughter of fools.

Ecclesiastes 7:7

ULT	UST
Surely oppression crazes a wise person, and a bribe destroys a heart.	*Now, the power to abuse someone less powerful can turn even wise people into foolish people. In the same way, officials who accept dishonest payment become unable to do what is right.*

What makes a wise person foolish?

Oppression makes a wise person foolish, and a bribe corrupts a person's heart.

Ecclesiastes 7:8

ULT	UST
Better is the end of a thing than its beginning. Better is length of spirit than height of spirit.	*It is better for people for something to conclude than for it merely to begin. Similarly, being patient is more advantageous than being proud.*

What does Qoheleth say is better than the beginning of a thing?

Qoheleth says that the end of a thing is better than its beginning.

Ecclesiastes 7:9

ULT	UST
Do not hasten in your spirit to become angry, for anger rests in the lap of fools.	*You should not allow yourself to lose your temper quickly, because being irritable is characteristic of foolish people.*

Why should people not be quick to anger in their spirit?

People should not be quick to anger in their spirit, for anger is a characteristic of fools.

Ecclesiastes 7:10

ULT	UST
Do not say, "What was, that the former days were better than these?" For you do not ask about this out of wisdom.	*Neither should you complain and wonder why it seems that life in the past was preferable to the present. Surely only foolish nostalgia, not wise reflection, causes this kind of comment.*

What question does Qoheleth say people should not ask?

Qoheleth says people should not ask why the former days were better than the present days.

Ecclesiastes 7:11

ULT	UST
Wisdom is good with an inheritance and an advantage to those who see the sun.	*Thinking and living wisely is both valuable and useful, just like receiving an endowment of property or money from a relative who has died. As such, being wise can provide anyone alive with significant benefits.*

How does Qoheleth describe wisdom in relation to an inheritance?

Qoheleth says wisdom is good, like an inheritance, and gives an advantage to those who are alive.

Ecclesiastes 7:12

ULT	UST
For as in the shadow of wisdom, so in the shadow of silver. And this is an advantage of knowledge: Wisdom preserves her owners.	*Their ability to think and act wisely can provide protection for people, just like money can sometimes provide protection for wealthy people. Nonetheless, knowing how to think and live well has one more benefit than being wealthy: This kind of wise thinking often prevents people from doing foolish things that would cause undesirable outcomes.*

How is wisdom better than money?

Both wisdom and money can provide protection, but the advantage of wisdom is that it prevents foolish actions.

Ecclesiastes 7:13

ULT	UST
See the work of the God: For who is able to straighten that which he has bent?	*Think carefully about what God has done. Certainly, no human being can change those aspects of their lives that they dislike, since God has determined that their lives should be that way.*

Who is able to straighten what God has bent?

No one is able to change what God has done.

Ecclesiastes 7:14

ULT	UST
In a day of good, be in good, but in a day of misfortune, see— indeed, the God has done this as well as this, so that humanity cannot find anything after him.	*When your life is going well for you, enjoy it! But when your life is not going the way that you would prefer, stop to consider this: God is the one who created life and causes both good things and less desirable things to happen. God does this so that we do not start thinking that we can control what happens to us.*

When times are good, how should people live?

When times are good, people should enjoy them.

Ecclesiastes 7:15

ULT	UST
I have seen both in the days of my vapor: There is a righteous person perishing in his righteousness, and there is a wicked person lengthening in his evil.	*In my lifetime, as fleeting as the fading mist of my breath, I have witnessed two opposite scenarios. On the one hand, many good people die young, even though they live justly. On the other hand, many bad people live long and prosperous lives, even though they live unjustly.*

What happened to some wicked people whom Qoheleth saw?

Some wicked people lived a long time despite their evil.

Ecclesiastes 7:16

ULT	UST
Do not be overly righteous, and do not be exceedingly wise— why should you be shocked?	*So, you should not think that you can be so virtuous that your virtue obligates God to give you a long and prosperous life. Neither should you think that you can become so wise that you can avoid anything painful in life. If you were to think this way, you would only be astonished when undesirable things happen.*

Why does Qoheleth warn people not to be overly righteous or wise?

Qoheleth warns people not to be overly righteous or overly wise so that they won't be tempted to think that they can avoid all the painful realities of life through their careful behavior.

Ecclesiastes 7:17

ULT	UST
Do not be very wicked, and do not be a fool—why should you die when it is not your time?	*You should not live so sinfully that God becomes angry at you, and neither should you allow yourself to live foolishly. If you were to live this way, your foolishness could cause you to die young.*

What does Qoheleth warn could happen to a person who is very wicked or foolish?

Qoheleth warns that a very wicked or foolish person might die before their time.

Ecclesiastes 7:18

ULT	UST
It is good that you should take hold of this, and also from this, do not let your hand rest. For the one who fears God will go forth with both of them.	*Your life will go best if you are diligent in remembering to live according to both parts of my advice to you. The kind of individual who recognizes that God is governing this world and submits to him will demonstrate this by living as both parts of my advice have instructed him.*

What will a person who fears God do?

A person who fears God will follow both pieces of this advice—to avoid both wickedness and overly scrupulous righteousness.

Ecclesiastes 7:19

ULT	UST
Wisdom is strong for the wise, more than ten rulers who are in the city.	*The ability to think and live wisely can guide an individual safely through his life. It can do this more effectively than even the ten most powerful officials who govern a city!*

According to Qoheleth, what makes a wise person stronger than ten rulers in a city?

Wisdom makes a wise person stronger than ten rulers in a city.

Ecclesiastes 7:20

ULT	UST
For a person—there is not a righteous person on the earth who does good and does not sin.	*Humanity needs the protection that comes from thinking and living wisely, because no one who has ever lived has been entirely righteous. No human being has ever done only what is good and right without ever doing anything wrong.*

What does Qoheleth say about whether any person on earth is completely righteous?

Qoheleth says there is no person on earth who does only good and never sins.

Ecclesiastes 7:21

ULT	UST
Also, to all of the words that they say, do not give your heart, so that you will not hear your servant belittling you.	*Relatedly, you should not pay attention to everything that people say. If you were to do that, you might inadvertently hear people whom you trust publicly demean you.*

Why should people not listen to every word that is spoken?

People should not listen to every word that is spoken, because they might hear their servant insulting them.

Ecclesiastes 7:22

ULT	UST
For even many times—your heart knows that even you have belittled others.	*After all, you yourself know very well that you have also publicly demeaned people who trusted you.*

What does a person's own heart know about how they have treated others?

A person's own heart knows that they themselves have belittled others many times.

Ecclesiastes 7:23

ULT	UST
All of this I tested with wisdom. I said, "Let me be wise," but it was far from me.	*I used my ability to think and live wisely to analyze all of these realities of life. I resolved that I would become wise enough to understand all the realities that I have witnessed in my life. Frustratingly, I could not do it.*

What did Qoheleth say when he tried to become wise?

Qoheleth said he wanted to be wise, but wisdom was far from him.

Ecclesiastes 7:24

ULT	UST
Far away is that which was. And deep, deep—who can find it?	*All the present realities that I observed were beyond my comprehension, as if they were too far away for me to see clearly. They were also difficult for me to understand, as if they were too deep for me to get to the bottom of them. I do not believe that any human being can understand all of this.*

Where is wisdom?

Wisdom is far away and difficult to find.

Ecclesiastes 7:25

ULT	UST
I turned, I, and my heart, to know and to explore and to seek wisdom and the scheme of things, and to know the wickedness that is folly and the foolishness that is madness.	*Nevertheless, I shifted my attention to a larger task. I wanted to study humanity's ability to think and live wisely so that I could comprehend the way that God governs everything and the reason that he governs the way he does. I also wanted to study humanity's tendency to live so foolishly that they openly disobey God and to live so irrationally that they become fools.*

What did Qoheleth turn his heart to seek?

Qoheleth turned his heart to know and explore wisdom, and to understand wickedness and foolishness.

Ecclesiastes 7:26

ULT	UST
And I am finding more bitter than death: the woman who, she is snares— and nets, her heart; chains, her hands. One who is good to the face of the God will flee from her, but a sinner will be captured by her.	*This is what I learned: Foolish thinking is as painful as one's death. It is like a seductive woman who attempts to ensnare young men. Her desire is to trap and deceive people, as if her very heart were a cage, and her very hands were iron chains. Foolish thinking is like such a woman. Although foolish thinking like that will capture sinful people, those who live well in God's presence will be able to avoid foolish living.*

By whom will the sinner be taken?

The sinner will be taken by foolish thinking which is like a woman whose heart is full of snares and nets, and whose hands are chains.

Ecclesiastes 7:27

ULT	UST
"See, this I have found," says Qoheleth: One to one to find the scheme of things,	*So, understand—this is what I, Qoheleth, have learned from my investigations: I carefully considered one thing after another until I could comprehend the way that God governs everything and the reason that he governs the way he does.*

What did Qoheleth say he searched for by considering things one by one?

Qoheleth said he carefully sought to understand the scheme of things, how life works, by considering things one by one.

Ecclesiastes 7:28

ULT	UST
while still my soul sought, but I have not found: One man from a thousand men I found, but a woman among all of these people, I did not find.	*Despite all my failures, I continued searching, but I could not find what I was desperate to discover. I was looking to become wise, as if the ability to think and live wisely was an elusive woman living among a thousand men. I found all the men, but I never found that woman.*

Although Qoheleth continued to search, what did he not find?

Although Qoheleth searched continually for wisdom, he never found it.

Ecclesiastes 7:29

ULT	UST
Only see this I have found: That the God made humanity upright, but they, they have sought out many schemes.	*So, consider this: After everything, I have learned only that when God created humanity, God made them to live justly and equitably. Despite this, humans have tried to discover innumerable ways to understand life and attempt to control what happens to them.*

How did God make humanity, according to what Qoheleth found?

God made humanity upright, but people have sought out many schemes.

Ecclesiastes 8

Ecclesiastes 8:1

ULT	UST
Who is like the wise person, and who knows the interpretation of a matter? The wisdom of a person enlightens his face, and the strength of his face is changed.	*Wise people are truly unparalleled! They have the ability to solve difficult problems. Being wise can make people visibly happy and transform the grim look of their faces.*

What is a wise person?

A wise person is someone who is able to understand difficult matters.

Ecclesiastes 8:2

ULT	UST
As for me—listen to the mouth of a king, that is, on account of the oath of God.	*Now, here is my counsel: God supports the king who represents God and rules with his authority. Because of this divine support, you should pay attention to and comply with the king's directives.*

What does Qoheleth advise about the king?

Qoheleth advises people to obey the king, because of the oath they swore before God.

Ecclesiastes 8:3

ULT	UST
Do not be terrified from his face. Go! Do not stand in a bad matter, for everything that he pleases, he will do,	*Do not let this king intimidate you. If the king should ever order you to do something immoral or unjust, you should not comply. Leave immediately! After all, the king has the power to do whatever he wants—including commanding someone to kill you!*

How should people whom the king has ordered to do something wrong respond?

People should not be afraid and should not stand in support of something wrong but should leave the king's presence immediately in order to protect themselves.

Ecclesiastes 8:4

ULT	UST
for the word of a king is authoritative. And who will say to him, “What are you doing?”	*This is because the king possesses absolute authority, such that none of his subjects could disobey him without risking harm to himself. No one would ever dare to question the king’s actions or demand an explanation for what he commands.*

Who can question what the king does?

No one can question what the king does, because his word is authoritative.

Ecclesiastes 8:5

ULT	UST
One who listens to a command will not know a bad matter, and the heart of a wise person will know the time and procedure,	*The king will not harm anyone who pays attention to what the king commands and complies with his directives. In light of this, someone who is wise will need to discern how to respond to the king’s authority with careful timing and appropriate behavior.*

Who avoids harm?

Whoever keeps the king’s commands avoids harm.

Ecclesiastes 8:6

ULT	UST
because for every matter there is a time and procedure, because the misfortune of humanity is severe upon him,	*They will need to know this because, although human beings endure all sorts of lamentable realities in life, in every situation in which people find themselves, there is always a proper way to do something and an appropriate moment at which to do it.*

What exists for every matter?

For every matter there is a proper time and way to do it.

Ecclesiastes 8:7

ULT	UST
for he is not knowing whatever that will be, for when it will be— who will declare it to him?	*One of the most lamentable of these realities is that the events of the future are hidden to human beings. After all, no human can foresee the future well enough to tell others about it.*

What can no one tell a person?

No one can tell a person what will happen in the future.

Ecclesiastes 8:8

ULT	UST
There is no person authorized over the wind to restrain the wind, and there is no authority over the day of death, and there is no discharge in the war, and wickedness will not deliver its masters.	*God has not enabled anyone to control the wind; in a similar way, no one can control when they will die, just like soldiers cannot decide to go home while they are fighting a battle. This is true even for those people who disobey God. Their attempts to control their own lives apart from God cannot give them mastery over what is uncontrollable.*

Over what does no one have power?

No one has power over the wind, and no one has power over the day of his death.

Ecclesiastes 8:9

ULT	UST
All this I saw while giving my heart to every deed that was done under the sun: A time that the person has authority over another person to his harm.	*As I considered the kinds of things that happen to people during their lives, I witnessed all these lamentable realities happening. I saw that sometimes people like the king possess such power over other human beings that they dominate and harm them.*

What did Qoheleth see about people's authority over others?

Qoheleth saw that sometimes a person has authority over another and uses it to harm them.

Ecclesiastes 8:10

ULT	UST
And then I saw wicked people buried, and they entered, and from a place of holiness they went. And they were praised in the city where thus they had done. This also is vapor:	*Moreover, I observed the honor that people gave to wicked people at their funerals. I had daily witnessed these wicked people going in and out of the sacred places where people worship God, and people in the city praised them for their behavior! Yet even this is only temporary, as fleeting as a mist.*

By whom were the wicked praised?

The wicked were praised by people in the city where they had done their wicked deeds.

Ecclesiastes 8:11

ULT	UST
that a decree against the evil deed is not made quickly— therefore, the heart of the sons of humanity fills in them to do evil;	*First, people in power sometimes administer justice against evil actions too slowly. For this reason, many people feel encouraged to plan and commit evil actions without fear of negative consequences.*

What happens when punishment for evil deeds is not given quickly?

When punishment for evil deeds is not given quickly, many people feel tempted to commit evil deeds without fear of consequences

Ecclesiastes 8:12

ULT	UST
that a sinner is doing evil a hundred times and lengthening days for himself— yet also I know that it will be good for those who fear God, who fear from before his face.	*Second, sometimes sinful people commit a hundred crimes, and yet they live a long life. Despite this, I am confident that the lives of people who understand that God is powerful and just and good—those who fearfully submit themselves to God—will turn out well in the end.*

Even if a sinner does evil a hundred times and still lives for a long time, what will happen to those who fear God?

Even if a sinner does evil a hundred times and still lives for a long time, it will be good for those who fear God and honor him.

Ecclesiastes 8:13

ULT	UST
But it will not be good for the wicked, nor will he lengthen his days like the shadow, because he is not fearing before the face of God.	*I am also confident of the opposite: The lives of people who disobey God will not go well. Just like shadows in the setting sun appear to stretch on forever—in the same way, the current prosperity of evil people is an illusion. After all, they feel no fear when they think of God's power and justice!*

What will happen to the wicked person who does not fear God?

It will not go well for the wicked person, and he will not lengthen his days, because he does not fear God.

Ecclesiastes 8:14

ULT	UST
There is vapor that is done on the earth: that there are righteous people who it befalls to them like the deeds of the wicked people, and there are wicked people who it befalls to them like the deeds of the righteous people. I say that also this is vapor.	*It is only a temporary reality of this life that the undesirable things that bad people deserve sometimes happen to good people, and the kind of lives that good people deserve seem to happen to bad people. I confess that, despite current appearances, these realities are also as temporary as a mist.*

What sometimes happens to righteous people on earth?

Sometimes righteous people seem to experience the bad things that the wicked people deserve.

Ecclesiastes 8:15

ULT	UST
And I praised, I, joy—that there is nothing good for humanity under the sun except to eat and to drink and to rejoice. And it will accompany him in his toil during the days of his life that the God has given to him under the sun.	*Living life joyfully is worth celebrating! The best that anyone can do during one's life is simply to eat and drink and be happy. For as long as this God graciously decides a person should live, this kind of simple joy will remain with him like a faithful companion, no matter what difficult labor he must do.*

Why does Qoheleth recommend happiness?

Qoheleth recommends happiness because humanity has no better thing to do than to celebrate life and be happy.

Ecclesiastes 8:16

ULT	UST
When I gave my heart to know wisdom and to see the business that is done on the earth—for even in the day and in the night sleep in his eyes he is not seeing—	*I then resolved within myself to become as wise as I could. I wanted to observe the difficult parts of people's lives so that I could understand them, even though they can make people so anxious that they cannot sleep at night or during the day.*

What did Qoheleth give his heart to know?

Qoheleth gave his heart to know wisdom and to see the business that is done on the earth.

Ecclesiastes 8:17

ULT	UST
then I saw every deed of the God: that humanity is not able to find the deed that is done under the sun, on account of which humanity toils to seek, yet he will not find, and even if the wise one says to know, he is not able to find.	*When I did this, I thought about everything that God has done. Then I realized that he has made humanity so that they can never fully comprehend everything that God does in their lives. Although people will never stop trying to understand, they will never succeed. Even if wise people claim that they understand it all, they really cannot.*

What can humanity not understand?

Humanity cannot understand everything that God does on the earth.

Ecclesiastes 9

Ecclesiastes 9:1

ULT	UST
Indeed, all of this I gave to my heart to examine all of this: That the righteous and the wise and their work are in the hand of God. Either love or hate, humanity is not knowing; both are to their faces.	*Truly, I thought deeply about all these realities so that I could study them, including this one: It is God who controls what happens to everyone and what the labor that they do produces. This is true for wise people and those who live justly. However, people never know what will happen to them in the future. Even for righteous people, both undesirable and enjoyable things may happen to them.*

Who is in God's hands?

The righteous and wise people and their work are all in God's hands.

Ecclesiastes 9:2

ULT	UST
Everything is as for everyone, one happening: for the righteous person and for the wicked person, for the good person and for the pure person and for the unclean person, and for the person who sacrifices and for the person who does not sacrifice. As the good person, so the sinner, the person who swears an oath is as the person who fears an oath.	*Everyone dies eventually, no matter who they are— whether they lived righteously or wickedly, whether they lived well and were ceremonially clean and able to worship God, or they were ceremonially unclean and unable to worship God, whether they offered sacrifices to God or refrained from offering sacrifices. Good people and sinful people will both die, whether they did what they promised God that they would do, or they were afraid to make such promises.*

What is the same for everyone?

Everyone dies eventually no matter how they live.

Ecclesiastes 9:3

ULT	UST
This is a misfortune about everything that is done under the sun: That one happening belongs to everyone. And also, the heart of the sons of humanity is full of evil, and madness is in their heart during their lives—and after him to the dead!	*Yes, this is a lamentable part of being alive on this earth. Eventually everyone dies. But even more so, during the time that they are alive, it seems that everyone is fully intent on living like evil people. They also live like crazy people! And then after that, they die just like everyone else!*

Of what are the hearts of human beings full?

The hearts of human beings are full of evil.

Ecclesiastes 9:4

ULT	UST
For whoever that is joined to all the living, there is hope; for a living dog— it is better than the dead lion,	*Yet as long as someone is alive, one will have the opportunity to enjoy good things. Because of this, it is better to be alive than to be dead. Even though people think little of dogs in comparison to lions, the dog that is alive is better off than the lion that is dead.*

Why is it better to be alive than to be dead?

It is better to be alive because, as long as someone is alive, one has hope and the opportunity to enjoy good things.

Ecclesiastes 9:5

ULT	UST
for the living know that they will die, but the dead—they are not knowing anything, and there is no longer for them a reward— even their memory is forgotten!	*This is because people who are still alive are aware that they will die someday, but dead people know nothing! Also, dead people have lost their opportunity to enjoy the good things that people can experience during their lives. Furthermore, people will forget about them!*

Why do the dead no longer have any reward?

They no longer have any reward because they no longer have anything to gain from what they have done.

Ecclesiastes 9:6

ULT	UST
Even their love, even their hate, even their jealousy—already it has perished. And there is not for them a portion any longer in perpetuity among all that is done under the sun.	*While they are alive, people love other people. They hate people, and they envy people. However, the things that these people felt died long ago. Those who have died will never again have the chance to enjoy anything good that happens during people's lives.*

What died long ago?

The love, hate, and jealousy of the dead perished long ago.

Ecclesiastes 9:7

ULT	UST
Go! Eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a good heart, because the God has already accepted your deeds.	*So, go and live your life! Allow yourself to be happy when you eat your food and to enjoy the experience of drinking wine. Remember: God wants you to do this!*

Why should a person eat and drink with joy?

A person should eat bread and drink wine with joy because God wants them to do this.

Ecclesiastes 9:8

ULT	UST
At every time let your clothes be white, and do not let oil be lacking on your head.	*Wear your best clothing all the time, and keep yourself groomed as if you were going to a party!*

What should people always wear?

They should always wear white clothes and have oil on their head.

Ecclesiastes 9:9

ULT	UST
See life with the wife whom you love all the days of your vaporous life which he has given to you under the sun—all the days of your vapor. For it is your portion in life and in your toil that you are a toiler under the sun.	*Enjoy the experience of living your fleeting life with your beloved wife. God has given you whatever time you continue to breathe, though it is as brief as the mist of my breath. God has apportioned this time for you to enjoy with your wife, even while you labor at your work.*

Who should a person enjoy life with?

A person should enjoy life with the wife he loves.

Ecclesiastes 9:10

ULT	UST
Everything that your hand finds to do, do it with your strength, because there is no deed or scheme of things or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol where you are going to there.	*Whatever you can do, do it with all your energy. You should do this because you will die eventually. When you die and your family buries you in the ground, you will no longer be able to accomplish anything or understand why life happens the way it does—or know or understand anything!*

Why should people do whatever their hand finds to do?

People should do whatever their hand finds to do, because when they die, they will no longer be able to do anything.

Ecclesiastes 9:11

ULT	UST
I again saw under the sun: That not to the swift is the race, and not to the mighty is the war, and even not to wise people is bread, and even not to discerning people is wealth, and even not to understanding people is favor, for a time and the occurrence will happen to all of them.	*Once again, I witnessed this reality about life: The person who runs fastest does not always win the race, nor do the strongest soldiers always win the battle, nor do the wisest people always have enough food to eat, nor do the most insightful people always become financially prosperous, nor are the people who know the most always the most successful. No human being can control or predict what will happen to them.*

What happens to fast, strong, and wise people alike?

Time and unexpected events happen to all of them alike, no matter how fast, strong, or wise they are.

Ecclesiastes 9:12

ULT	UST
For humanity does not even know his time. Like the fish that are caught in a troublesome net, and like the birds that are caught in the snare—like them, the sons of humanity are snared at a time of misfortune when it falls upon them suddenly.	*Even more so, no one can predict when he will die. People catch fish in deadly nets, and people catch birds in traps. Similarly, every human being will experience their inevitable death just like those fish and birds, like a deadly trap that seizes them unexpectedly.*

In what are human beings snared?

Human beings are snared at a time of misfortune that seizes them unexpectedly.

Ecclesiastes 9:13

ULT	UST
Also, this I saw: Wisdom under the sun and great it was to me.	*I also observed this truth about wisdom in this life, and it made a lasting impact on me:*

What did Qoheleth see that seemed great to him?

He saw an example of wisdom that greatly impressed him.

Ecclesiastes 9:14

ULT	UST
There was a small city, and a few men were in it. And against it came a great king, and he surrounded it, and he built against it great siegeworks.	*There was once a small town, and only a few people lived there. Then a powerful king and his army attacked that town and besieged it on all sides. The army built massive ramps against the walls so that they could climb up and conquer the town.*

What did a great king do to a small city?

He surrounded it and built great siegeworks against it.

Ecclesiastes 9:15

ULT	UST
And he found in it a poor wise man, and he himself delivered the city with his wisdom. But a person did not remember that poor man.	*Now in that town, there was a man who was poor but wise nonetheless. Remarkably, the man thought wisely and counseled actions that rescued the town from the attack. However, in a little while nobody remembered the poor man who rescued them.*

What happened to the poor wise man, who by his wisdom saved the city?

In a little while, no one remembered the poor wise man, who by his wisdom saved the city.

Ecclesiastes 9:16

ULT	UST
And I said, I, "Better is wisdom than might, but the wisdom of the poor person is despised, and his words—they are not heard."	*So I concluded that it is more beneficial for people to be wise than to be strong. Nonetheless, it is also true that no one values the wise thinking of poor people, nor will they listen to what they say.*

What do people do with the wisdom of a poor person?

No one values the wisdom of a poor person. They despise it and do not listen to his words.

Ecclesiastes 9:17

ULT	UST
The words of wise people in quietness are heeded more than the cry of a ruler among the fools.	*People will listen to a wise person who speaks softly more attentively than they will to a king who shouts at a crowd of foolish people.*

Whose words are heeded more than the shouting of a ruler among fools?

The quiet words of wise people are heeded more than the shouting of a ruler among fools.

Ecclesiastes 9:18

ULT	UST
Better is wisdom than weapons of battle, but one sinner will destroy much good.	*Being wise is actually a more effective instrument than the weapons that soldiers use to fight wars. Even so, the actions of a single sinful person have the potential to ruin the good things that many other people have accomplished.*

What is better than weapons of battle?

Wisdom is better than weapons of battle.

Ecclesiastes 10

Ecclesiastes 10:1

ULT	UST
Flies of death cause a perfumer's oil to putrefy and bubble; weightier than wisdom or honor is a little foolishness.	*If only a few flies die in a vat of perfume, the entire batch can become rancid and stinking. Similarly, one foolish decision can have a disastrous effect on a lifetime of wise and honorable decisions.*

To what does Qoheleth compare the consequences of a little foolishness?

Qoheleth compares the consequences of a little foolishness to a few flies in perfumer's oil that cause it to stink.

Ecclesiastes 10:2

ULT	UST
The heart of a wise person, to his right, but a heart of a fool, to his left.	*A person's wise thinking can protect them, like the right hand of a warrior that grips his sword. Yet people who think foolishly are vulnerable to the outcomes of their own poor decision-making.*

What does the heart of a wise person do compared to the heart of a fool?

The heart of a wise person goes toward the good, but the heart of a fool goes toward evil.

Ecclesiastes 10:3

ULT	UST
And even whenever the fool is walking on the road, his heart is lacking, and it says to everyone that he is a fool.	*Whenever foolish people travel on roads, they lack any common sense. They themselves make their stupidity obvious to everyone who sees them.*

What proves to everyone that a man is a fool?

When a man's behavior lacks good sense, this proves to everyone that he is a fool.

Ecclesiastes 10:4

ULT	UST
If the spirit of the ruler rises against you, do not leave your place, for calmness will cause great sins to leave.	*Should someone powerful become enraged with you, do not abandon your responsibilities with him. Remember! Calm and composed responses can lessen another's fury at serious offenses.*

What does Qoheleth say a person should do if the ruler becomes angry with him?

He should not leave his responsibilities, because remaining calm will lessen the ruler's anger and cause great sins to leave.

Ecclesiastes 10:5

ULT	UST
There is a misfortune I saw under the sun, like an unintentional sin that goes out from before the face of the authority.	*I have observed another lamentable situation in my life: Sometimes people in authority unintentionally make public mistakes.*

What misfortune does Qoheleth say he saw under the sun?

He saw a misfortune that is like an unintentional sin that comes from the authority.

Ecclesiastes 10:6

ULT	UST
Folly is placed into many high places, and rich people sit in the lowly place.	*They promote many foolish people to positions of authority, while they assign wealthy people to unimportant positions.*

Who is placed in many high places, and who sits in the lowly place?

Folly is placed in many high places, and rich people sit in the lowly place.

Ecclesiastes 10:7

ULT	UST
Indeed, I saw slaves on horses and princes walking like slaves on the ground.	*I have witnessed people promote slaves so that they ride on horses like rich people usually do. And yet, they force important officials to walk in the dirt like slaves usually do.*

What did Qoheleth see slaves doing?

Qoheleth saw slaves riding on horses like princes and saw princes walking like slaves do.

Ecclesiastes 10:8

ULT	UST
One who digs a pit will fall into it, and one who breaks through a wall—a snake will bite him.	*If someone digs a hole in the ground, he might fall into it. If someone tears down a wall, a snake living inside the wall might bite him.*

What can happen to someone who digs a pit?

If someone digs a pit, he might fall into the it.

Ecclesiastes 10:9

ULT	UST
Indeed, one who pulls up stones will be hurt by them; one who splits wood will be endangered by them.	*If someone quarries rocks, the loosened rocks might fall and injure him. If someone chops wood, the split logs might wound him.*

What can happen to someone who pulls up stones or splits wood?

Someone who pulls up stones or who splits wood can become injured.

Ecclesiastes 10:10

ULT	UST
If the iron is dull, but he himself does not lighten the faces, he must exert strength. But a profit to succeeding is wisdom.	*If a person's axe head is dull, and he has not sharpened its edges, then in order to chop something, he will have to exert more force. This all shows that being wise is the secret to success in using one's tools.*

What must a man do if he does not sharpen a dull iron blade?

If a man does not sharpen a dull iron blade, he must use more strength.

Ecclesiastes 10:11

ULT	UST
If the snake bites without a charm, then there is no profit for the master of the tongue.	*If a snake bites someone before he can calm it, then an ability to calm snakes is of no use to him.*

What is of no benefit to the snake charmer?

If a snake bites before it is charmed, the snake charmer gets no benefit.

Ecclesiastes 10:12

ULT	UST
The words of the mouth of a wise person are favor, but the lips of a fool will swallow him.	*People will honor wise people because of the way in which they speak. However, the things that foolish people say will inevitably harm them, as if their own lips were to swallow them.*

What is a difference between the words of a wise person and the words of a foolish person?

The words of a wise person bring honor to him, but the words of a foolish person will bring harm to him.

Ecclesiastes 10:13

ULT	UST
The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness, and the end of his mouth is evil insanity,	*When foolish people begin to talk, they say stupid things, but by the time they are finished, they have said things that are madness and exceedingly harmful.*

What are the beginning and the end of a fool's words?

The beginning of a fool's words is foolishness, and the end is evil insanity.

Ecclesiastes 10:14

ULT	UST
but the fool multiplies words. Humanity does not know what will be, and that which will be after him—who will declare it to him?	*Yet the foolish person will continue talking. Nobody knows what might happen in the future. After all, there is no human being who can tell someone about what will happen to them tomorrow!*

What does Qoheleth say a person does not know?

A person does not know what might happen either tomorrow or in the future.

Ecclesiastes 10:15

ULT	UST
The toil of foolish people wearies him, so that he does not know how to go to a city.	*Foolish people become very tired by the work that they do, with the result that they are even unable to find the road to their town.*

What happens to foolish people because of their toil?

Their toil wearies them, so that they do not know how to find their way into their own city.

Ecclesiastes 10:16

ULT	UST
Woe to you, land, that your king is a youth and your princes eat in the morning.	*It is terrible for the people of a nation when their ruler acts like a boy, and when their leaders use their power to consume large meals at inappropriate times.*

When is there trouble for the land?

There is trouble for the land if its king is a youth and its princes indulge themselves instead of attending to their responsibilities.

Ecclesiastes 10:17

ULT	UST
Blessed are you, land, that your king is a son of nobles and that your princes will eat at the time with might and not with drunkenness.	*But it is wonderful for a nation when its ruler comes from a worthy family, and when its leaders host large dinners only at the appropriate moments— eating and drinking in a dignified manner and not in drunken revelry.*

When is the land blessed?

The land is blessed when its king is a son of nobles and its princes eat at the proper time, with strength and not with drunkenness.

Ecclesiastes 10:18

ULT	UST
With laziness, the beams of the roof sink, and in idleness of hands, the house will leak.	*It is like people say: "Lazy homeowners will neglect their roofs to the point that they sag and collapse; the idle lifestyle of house owners will cause rainwater to leak into the house."*

What happens to the house because of laziness and idle hands?

Because of laziness the beams of the roof sink, and because of idle hands the house leaks.

Ecclesiastes 10:19

ULT	UST
For laughter, people are making bread, and wine gladdens life, but silver answers everything.	*Eating food can make people so happy that they laugh, and drinking wine can make one's life joyful. However, people who have wealth can respond to all of their problems.*

What does silver do, according to Qoheleth?

Silver is useful for responding to life's problems.

Ecclesiastes 10:20

ULT	UST
Even in your thought, do not belittle a king, and in the room of your bed, do not belittle a rich person, for a bird of the heavens will carry the voice, and a master of wings will declare the word.	*So, you should never dishonor the king. Do not even think about it! Neither should you speak ill of wealthy people, even when you are alone in your bedroom. After all it is possible that a little winged bird will overhear what you are saying and tell everyone what you said.*

Why should people not belittle a king or a rich person, even in private?

What you say might be repeated in public as if it was carried by a bird.

Ecclesiastes 11

Ecclesiastes 11:1

ULT	UST
Throw your bread on the face of the waters, for in many days you will find it.	*Be generous with what you have, because eventually others will also be generous to you.*

Why should people be generous with what they have?

People should be generous with what they have because others will also be generous to them in return.

Ecclesiastes 11:2

ULT	UST
Give a portion to seven and even to eight, for you do not know what will be a misfortune on the earth.	*Give a share of your goods to seven or eight people, because in this world you never know what bad things might happen to you.*

Why should people give a portion to seven, even eight people?

People should give a portion to seven, even eight people, because they do not know what misfortune will happen on the earth.

Ecclesiastes 11:3

ULT	UST
If the clouds are filled with rain, they will pour out on the earth. And whether a tree will fall in the south or in the north, the place where the tree will fall—there it will be.	*It will rain only when the clouds are ready to do so. Similarly, a fallen tree will remain in the place where it happened to topple over—wherever that might be.*

What happens when the clouds are full of rain?

When the clouds are full of rain, they pour it out on the earth.

Ecclesiastes 11:4

ULT	UST
One who attends to the wind will not sow, and one who watches the clouds will not harvest.	*If someone watches for changes in the wind, waiting for the perfect moment to plant, they will never plant their crops. Likewise, if someone watches the clouds, waiting for the perfect moment to harvest, they will never harvest their crops.*

What will the person who keeps waiting for perfect conditions do?

The person who keeps waiting for perfect conditions will delay in fulfilling their responsibilities.

Ecclesiastes 11:5

ULT	UST
Just as you are not knowing what is the way of the wind, as the bones come into the womb of the full woman, so thus you do not know the work of the God who does everything.	*Now no one understands where the wind comes from or where it goes, nor does anyone understand how a life forms in a woman's womb. In this way, human beings cannot fully understand what God is doing in our lives. After all, God is in charge of everything that happens.*

What can people not know?

People cannot know the work of God, who does everything.

Ecclesiastes 11:6

ULT	UST
In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening do not let your hand rest, for you are not knowing whether this one will prosper— this one or this one— or whether two of them as one will be good.	*Plant your crops while it is still morning, and do not stop planting until you are done— even through the evening, because you do not know which crops will grow better. One batch of crops might grow better than the other, or perhaps all of your crops will grow well.*

For how long should people plant seed?

People should plant seed in the morning and keep working until the evening.

Ecclesiastes 11:7

ULT	UST
And light is sweet, and it is good for the eyes to see the sun.	*It is a wonderful thing to be alive, just like the warm light of the sun is good for people.*

What is good for the eyes to see?

It is good for the eyes to see the sun, because it is good to be alive.

Ecclesiastes 11:8

ULT	UST
For if the man will live many years, in all of them let him rejoice, but let him remember the days of darkness that they will be many. Everything that is coming is vapor.	*So should anyone live for many years, that person should enjoy each one of them. However he should not allow himself to forget either the difficult moments in the past or that he will grow old and die. He will surely have many moments as difficult as the dark of night. However they will be as temporary as the mist.*

What should a man do in all the years that he lives?

He should rejoice in all of them, but he should remember that the difficult days will be many.

Ecclesiastes 11:9

ULT	UST
Rejoice young man in your youth and let your heart make you glad in the days of your young adulthood. And walk in the ways of your heart and in the sight of your eyes, but know that, on account of all these things, the God will bring you into judgment.	*So, you, young man—let yourself be happy while you are young. Allow yourself to enjoy being alive before you grow old. Pursue the things that you love to do but never forget that our God will judge you one day. He will discern whether you have enjoyed well your time or squandered it.*

What should the young man know as he rejoices in his youth?

He should know that God will bring him into judgment for all these things that he does.

Ecclesiastes 11:10

ULT	UST
And remove anger from your heart and take misfortune away from your flesh, for youth and dark hair are vapor.	*Moreover, do not allow yourself to feel angry about life, and do not pay attention to the pains in your body. Remember: Being a young man who lacks gray hair is as fleeting as the mist!*

What should people remove from their heart?

People should remove anger from their heart.

Ecclesiastes 12

Ecclesiastes 12:1

ULT	UST
So, remember your Creator in the days of your young adulthood, when the days of misfortune have not come and the years arrive of which you will say, “There is not for me pleasure in them,”	*Therefore, while you are young, live without forgetting God who gave you your life. Do this before old age makes life difficult and painful. At that time, you might say, “I no longer enjoy being alive.”*

When should people honor and keep in mind their Creator?

People should honor and keep in mind their Creator in the days of their young adulthood.

Ecclesiastes 12:3

ULT	UST
in the day when the guards of the house will tremble and the men of valor will be bent over and the women grinders cease because they are few and those who look at the window will grow dark	*At that time, your arms that stand guard at your house will shake. The men who had strength will weaken. The grinders who mill grain will cease their task because too few of them remain. People looking out from their windows will see darkness.*

Why will women who grind cease?

The women who grind will cease because they are few.

Ecclesiastes 12:4

ULT	UST
and the doors will be shut in the street, when the sound of the grinding is low and a person rises at the sound of the bird and all the daughters of song are stooped;	*Everybody will close the doors of their houses. The sound of people grinding grain will be too faint to hear. People will awaken to the crowing of birds. People will bow down as they sing mournful songs.*

At what sound will a person rise?

A person will rise at the sound of the bird.

Ecclesiastes 12:5

ULT	UST
also, they are afraid of a high thing and terrors are in the way and the almond tree blossoms and the locust moves along and the caper-fruit fails— for humanity is going to his eternal home and the mourners go around in the street —	*People will even fear high places. It will be dangerous to walk the roads. The flowers of almond trees will become white as they ripen. Grasshoppers will drag themselves on the ground. The caperberry will fail to heal. This is because people are dying. Their relatives bury their bodies, and people circle the streets as they grieve.*

Where is humanity going?

Humanity is going to their eternal home.

Ecclesiastes 12:6

ULT	UST
before the cord of silver is removed and the bowl of gold is broken and the pitcher is shattered at the fountain and the wheel is crushed at the cistern	*Remember God before your life ends— like a silver chain that snaps or a golden bowl that falls and breaks; like a jug that shatters against a well, or the wheel of a reservoir that cracks.*

What will happen to our lives?

Our lives will end like a silver chain that snaps and like a golden bowl that is broken.

Ecclesiastes 12:7

ULT	UST
and the dust returns to the earth as that it was and the spirit returns to God who gave it.	*At that time, our bodies will decay and become dirt again, and our spirits will return to God who gave them.*

What will happen to our bodies after we die?

Our bodies will decay and return to the earth from where it came.

Ecclesiastes 12:8

ULT	UST
“Vapor of vapors!” says the Qoheleth. “Everything is vapor!”	*So, Qoheleth said: “All of life is as temporary and insubstantial as the mist of my breath! Everything is emptiness!”*

What does Qoheleth say about all of life?

Qoheleth says everything is vapor—temporary and insubstantial.

Ecclesiastes 12:9

ULT	UST
More than that Qoheleth was wise, again he taught the people knowledge, and he weighed and he searched. He ordered many proverbs.	*So, not only did people recognize that Qoheleth was a wise man, but he also taught his fellow Israelites many truths. He studied and considered many things during his life and wrote down many of the proverbs that he had collected.*

What did Qoheleth teach the people?

Qoheleth taught the people knowledge.

Ecclesiastes 12:10

ULT	UST
Qoheleth sought to find words of pleasure, and words of truth were written rightly.	*Qoheleth labored so that he would only use suitable words which were also pleasant. The words that he wrote are reliable and true.*

What did Qoheleth seek to find?

Qoheleth sought to find words of pleasure and truth.

Ecclesiastes 12:11

ULT	UST
The words of wise people are like goads, and like nails implanted are masters of collections. They are given by one Shepherd.	*Wise people teach us in a way that provokes a change in one's behavior, just like the sharp tools that people use to spur large animals to move. The written collections of the things that wise people have taught are as enduring as nails that someone drives into wood. God is the one who gives these wise insights.*

Like what are the words of the wise?

The words of the wise are like goads, which are sharp tools people use to make animals move.

Ecclesiastes 12:12

ULT	UST
But more than them my son, be warned—of the making of many scrolls there is no end, and much study is weariness of flesh.	*However, my child, understand that you will discover nothing profitable by listening to the teachings of so-called wise people. People will never stop writing books, and attempting to study them all will exhaust you.*

What does much study bring?

Much study brings weariness to the body.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

ULT	UST
The end of the matter, everything has been heard: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole of humanity.	*This is the last of Qoheleth's lectures, now that you've heard everything: Fearfully submit yourself to God, so that you live your life the way he asks. Do this because this is the duty of every human!*

What is the end of the matter?

The end of the matter is that people must fear God and keep his commandments.

Ecclesiastes 12:14

ULT	UST
For every deed the God will bring into judgment concerning everything hidden, whether good or whether evil.	*This is because God will judge everything that humans have done, even things that people have done secretly— good decisions and evil decisions alike.*

What will God bring into judgment?

God will bring every deed into judgment, including everything hidden, whether good or evil.

Song of Solomon

Song of Solomon 1

Song of Solomon 1:1

ULT	UST
The Song of Songs, which is of Solomon.	*This is King Solomon's most beautiful song. The woman thinks about the man she loves*

Who is the writer of Song of Songs?

Solomon is the writer of Song of Songs.

Song of Solomon 1:2

ULT	UST
Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth, for better is your love than wine.	*I wish he would kiss me on my lips, The woman speaks internally to the absent man because how you love me is more delightful than wine.*

What does the young woman ask her lover to do?

The young woman asks her lover to kiss her with the kisses of his mouth.

What does the young woman say is better than wine?

The young woman says her lover's love is better than wine.

Song of Solomon 1:3

ULT	UST
As for the scent of your oils—they are good; oil poured out is your name. Therefore, marriageable women love you.	*The fragrance of the perfume on your skin is very pleasing. More and more people are honoring you, just as the fragrance of the perfume that you have put on your skin is spreading farther and farther. That is why the other young women are attracted to you.*

What does the young woman say her lover's name is like?

The young woman says his name is like fragrant oil.

Song of Solomon 1:4

ULT	UST
Draw me after you; let us run. The king has brought me to his bedroom. Let us be glad and rejoice in you. Let us profess your love more than wine; rightly do they love you.	*Take me quickly; take me to your home. The woman speaking to herself He is like a king to me; I desire him to bring me into his bedroom. The women of Jerusalem speaking about the man We are very happy about you; we say that how you love is better than wine. The woman speaking to the man about the young women of Jerusalem It is not surprising that the young women adore you. The woman speaking to the women of Jerusalem*

Where has the king brought the young woman?

The king has brought the young woman into his rooms.

Song of Solomon 1:5

ULT	UST
I am black but lovely, daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon.	*You young women of Jerusalem, I am brown but beautiful; my dark skin is like the tents in Kedar, and I am beautiful like the curtains in Solomon's palace.*

How does the young woman describe her skin?

The young woman describes her skin as dark but lovely like tents of Kedar, like curtains of Solomon.

Song of Solomon 1:6

ULT	UST
Do not look at me, that I am black, that the sun scorched me. The sons of my mother were angry with me; they appointed me as keeper of the vineyards— my vineyard that is mine I have not kept.	*But do not stare at me because the sun has made my skin dark; my brothers were angry with me, so they forced me to work outside in the sunshine in the vineyards, so I was not able to take good care of my skin. The woman speaking to the man she loves*

Why does she not want the other women to stare at her?

She does not want the other women to stare at her because her skin is scorched.

What did the young woman's brothers do when they were angry with her?

The young woman's brothers made her a keeper of the vineyards.

Song of Solomon 1:7

ULT	UST
Declare to me, you whom my soul loves: where do you graze? Where do you make your flocks lie down at noontime? For why should I be like a woman who covers herself beside the flocks of your companions?	*You whom I love, where will you take your flock of sheep today? Where will you allow them to rest at noontime? I want to know because it is not right for me to wander around like a prostitute, looking for you among the flocks that belong to your friends. The man answering the woman he loves*

What does the woman ask her lover?

She asks him where he feeds his flock and where he rests his flock at noontime.

Song of Solomon 1:8

ULT	UST
If you do not know, most beautiful among women, go out in the footprints of the flock, and pasture your young goats beside the tents of the shepherds.	*You who are the most beautiful of all the women, if you search for me and do not know where I will take my sheep, follow the tracks of the sheep. Then allow your young goats to eat grass near the shepherds' tents.*

How does her lover say the young woman can find him?

He tells her to follow the tracks of his flock to the shepherds' tents.

Song of Solomon 1:9

ULT	UST
To a mare among the chariots of Pharaoh I liken you, my darling.	*You excite me, my dear one, like a mare walking among Pharoah's stallions.*

To what does the young woman's lover compare her?

He compares her to a mare among Pharaoh's chariots.

Song of Solomon 1:10

ULT	UST
Your cheeks are beautiful with earrings; your neck is beautiful with necklaces.	*Your cheeks are lovely with jewelry, and your neck is lovely with strings of beads around it.*

What does her lover say is on her cheeks and neck?

He says earrings are on her cheeks and strings of jewels are on her neck.

Song of Solomon 1:11

ULT	UST
Earrings of gold we will make for you, with studs of silver.	*We will make for you some gold earrings that are inlaid with silver. The woman speaking to herself*

What does her lover say he will make for her?

He says he will make for her gold earrings with silver studs.

Song of Solomon 1:12

ULT	UST
While the king was on his couch, my nard gave off its scent.	*During the time that he who is like a king to me reclined on his couch, the fragrance of my perfume spread around the room.*

Where was the king lying while the woman's perfume spread in the room?

The king was lying on his couch while the fragrance of the woman's perfume spread.

Song of Solomon 1:13

ULT	UST
A bundle of myrrh is my beloved to me; between my breasts it stays.	*During the night I desire to cradle the man I love between my breasts; to me, he is like the bag of sweet-smelling perfume which I keep there.*

Where does her beloved spend the night?

Her beloved spends the night lying between her breasts.

Song of Solomon 1:14

ULT	UST
A cluster of henna blossoms is my beloved to me, in the vineyards of Engedi.	*The man whom I love is like a bunch of the fragrant flowers that are in the grape farms of the city of En Gedi. The man speaking to the woman he loves*

To what does the young woman liken her beloved?

Her beloved is like a cluster of henna flowers in the vineyards of En Gedi.

Song of Solomon 1:15

ULT	UST
Behold you, beautiful, my darling! Behold you, beautiful! Your eyes are doves.	*My dear one, you are beautiful; you are very beautiful! Your eyes are as gentle and beautiful as doves. The woman speaking to the man she loves*

How does her lover describe her eyes?

He says her eyes are like doves.

Song of Solomon 1:16

ULT	UST
Behold you! You are handsome, my beloved, truly pleasant. Indeed, our couch is leafy.	*You whom I love, you are very good-looking, you are delightful! The green grass will be like a bed where we lie down.*

What does the woman say serves as their bed?

Leafy plants serve as their bed.

Song of Solomon 1:17

ULT	UST
The beams of our house are cedars; our rafters are pine.	*Branches of cedar trees will shade us; branches of pine trees will be like a roof over our heads.*

Of what does the woman say the beams and rafters of their house are made?

The beams and rafters are made of cedar and pine trees.

Song of Solomon 2

Song of Solomon 2:1

ULT	UST
I am a wildflower of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.	*I am like an insignificant flower on the plains, like an insignificant lily growing in the valleys. The man speaking to the woman he loves*

How does the woman describe herself?

She describes herself as a flower of the plain, a lily of the valleys.

Song of Solomon 2:2

ULT	UST
Like a lily among thorns, so is my darling among the daughters.	*Among all the other young women, you, my dear one, are like a lily growing among thorns! The woman speaking to herself*

What does the man say she was like among the daughters of his countrymen?

He said she was like a lily among thorns.

Song of Solomon 2:3

ULT	UST
Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest, so is my beloved among the sons. In his shadow I greatly delighted, and I sat, and his fruit is sweet to my palate.	*Compared to other men, you, the one whom I love, are like an apple tree that produces delicious fruit and grows in the forest among common trees. You are like a tree whose shade protects me from the sun, and your being close to me is delightful, like eating sweet fruit.*

How does the woman describe her beloved among the young men?

The woman describes her young man as an apple tree among the trees of the forest.

Where did the woman sit?

She sat down under his shadow with great delight.

What was sweet to her taste?

His fruit was sweet to her taste.

Song of Solomon 2:4

ULT	UST
He brought me to the house of wine and his banner over me is love.	*I want you to lead me to the place where we can make love, and it is evident that you love me very much. The woman speaking to the man she loves*

Where did her young man bring her?

Her young man brought her to the house of wine.

What was his banner over her?

His banner over her was love.

Song of Solomon 2:5

ULT	UST
Sustain me with raisin cakes; refresh me with apples, for sick with love am I!	*Strengthen and refresh me with fruit, because the way you love me makes me feel lovesick. The woman speaking to herself*

What does the young woman want to sustain and refresh herself?

The young woman wants raisin cakes to sustain her and apples to refresh her.

Song of Solomon 2:6

ULT	UST
His left hand is under my head, and his right hand embraces me.	*The man whom I love has placed his left arm under my head, and he holds me close with his right arm. The woman speaking to the women of Jerusalem*

Where is the young man's left and right hands?

His left hand is under her head and his right hand embraces her.

Song of Solomon 2:7

ULT	UST
I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem, by the female gazelles or the does of the field, do not awaken nor stir love until it desires.	*You young women of Jerusalem, I want you to solemnly promise me, while the female gazelles and female deer are listening, that you will not cause people to love romantically until it is the right time. The woman speaking to herself*

What does the young woman want the daughters of Jerusalem to avoid?

The young woman wants the young women to avoid awakening love before the right time comes.

Song of Solomon 2:8

ULT	UST
The voice of my beloved! Behold, this one is coming, leaping over the mountains, jumping over the hills.	*Listen! Look! The man whom I love is coming. It is as though he is leaping over the mountains and skipping over the hills,*

What sound does the young woman hear?

The young woman hears the voice of her beloved.

What does she say her beloved is doing?

He is leaping over the mountains and jumping over the hills.

Song of Solomon 2:9

ULT	UST
My beloved is being like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, this one is standing behind our wall, gazing through the windows, looking through the lattices.	*like a gazelle or a young male deer. Look! There he is! He is standing outside the wall of our house, peering in through the window, and looking intently through the wooden strips inside the window frame.*

What does she say her beloved is like?

She said her beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Song of Solomon 2:10

ULT	UST
My beloved answered and said to me, “Get up, my darling, my beauty, and come,	*The man whom I love spoke to me and said, “My dear one, get up; my beautiful one, come with me!*

What did her beloved want her to do with him?

He wanted her to get up and come with him.

Song of Solomon 2:11

ULT	UST
for, behold, the winter has gone; the rain has passed; it went away.	*Look, the cold season has ended; the rain has stopped.*

What did he say was past, and what was over and gone?

He said the winter was gone and the rain had passed.

Song of Solomon 2:12

ULT	UST
The blossoms have appeared in the land; the time of the song has arrived, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.	*The flowers are blooming throughout the country. It is now time to sing; we hear the doves cooing throughout our land.*

What has appeared in the land?

Flower blossoms have appeared in the land.

For what is it time?

It is time for song.

Song of Solomon 2:13

ULT	UST
The fig tree ripens its green figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give off a smell. Get up, come, my darling, my beauty, and come."	*There are new figs on the fig trees, and there are blossoms on the grapevines, and their fragrance fills the air. My dear one, get up; my beautiful one, come with me!*

What ripens and what is in blossom?

The green fig tree ripens and the vines blossom.

What does her beloved want his beautiful one to do?

He wants her to arise and come with him.

Song of Solomon 2:14

ULT	UST
My dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the hiding places of the cliff, show me your appearance, make me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your appearance is lovely.	*You are like a dove that is hiding far from me in an opening in the rocky cliff. Allow me to see your form, and allow me to hear your voice, because your voice sounds sweet, and your form is comely." The woman speaking to the man she loves*

What does her beloved call her?

Her beloved calls her his dove.

What does her beloved want to see and hear?

Her beloved wants to see her lovely appearance and hear her sweet voice.

Song of Solomon 2:15

ULT	UST
Catch the foxes for us, the little foxes that destroy the vineyards, and our vineyards are in blossom.	*There are harmful things that are like little foxes that ruin vineyards; do not allow these things to ruin our growing relationship.*

What does the woman want him to catch?

The woman wants him to catch the little foxes that ruin vineyards.

Song of Solomon 2:16

ULT	UST
My beloved belongs to me and I belong to him, the man grazing among the lilies.	*You whom I love, you are mine, and I am yours. You have pleasure when you kiss my lips, as a gazelle does when eating among the lilies.*

To whom does the woman's beloved belong?

Her beloved belongs to her.

To whom does the woman belong?

She belongs to her beloved.

What does her beloved do among the lilies?

He grazes among the lilies with pleasure.

Song of Solomon 2:17

ULT	UST
Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, turn; resemble, my beloved, a gazelle or a young stag on the mountains of Bether.	*You whom I love, come and be like a gazelle or a young male deer on the mountains in Bether, until the evening breeze blows and the sun sets.*

What does she want her beloved to do?

She wants her beloved to turn to her.

When does she want her beloved to turn?

She wants her beloved to turn to her until the soft winds of dawn blow and the shadows flee away.

What does she want him to be like?

She wants him to be like a gazelle or a young stag on the rugged mountains.

Song of Solomon 3

Song of Solomon 3:1

ULT	UST
On my bed in the night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but I did not find him.	*At night while I lay on my bed, I searched for the man whom I love. I searched for him, but could not find him.*

For whom was the woman longing but could not find?

The woman was longing for the one whom she loved, but she could not find him.

Song of Solomon 3:2

ULT	UST
I will get up now and go about in the city, in the streets and in the squares; I will seek him whom my soul loves. I sought him, but I did not find him.	*So I said to myself, "I will get up now and walk around the city, through the streets and plazas, to search for the man whom I love." So I got up and went out to search for him, but I could not find him.*

For whom did the woman search through the streets and squares but not find?

The woman searched through the streets and squares, but she could not find her beloved.

Song of Solomon 3:3

ULT	UST
The guards going about in the city found me: "Have you seen him whom my soul loves?"	*The city watchmen saw me while they were walking around the city. I asked them, "Have you seen the man whom I love?"*

What did the woman ask the watchmen when they found her?

She asked them, "Have you seen my beloved?"

Song of Solomon 3:4

ULT	UST
Hardly had I passed by them when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him and I would not let him go until I had brought him to the house of my mother and to the room of the woman who conceived me.	*As soon as I walked past them, I found the man whom I love. I clung to him and would not release my hold on him until I brought him to my mother's house, to the bedroom of my mother who had conceived me. The woman speaking to the women of Jerusalem*

When did she find the one whom her soul loved?

She found the one whom her soul loved just after she passed the watchmen in the city.

What did she do with her beloved?

She held him and would not let him go until she had brought him into her mother's house.

Song of Solomon 3:5

ULT	UST
I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem, by the female gazelles or the does of the field, do not awaken nor stir love until it desires.	*You young women of Jerusalem, I want you to solemnly promise me, while the female gazelles and female deer are listening, that you will not cause people to love romantically until it is the right time. The woman speaking to herself*

What does the woman want the daughters of Jerusalem to promise?

The woman wants the daughters of Jerusalem to promise they would not awaken or stir love before the right time.

Song of Solomon 3:6-7

What does the young woman see coming from the wilderness that is perfumed with myrrh and frankincense and powders?

She sees the portable litter of Solomon coming with 60 warriors around it.

Song of Solomon 3:8

ULT	UST
All of them are grasping a sword, studied in war. Each one has his sword at his thigh, against the terrors in the nights.	*They all have swords, and they all know how to use them. Each one has his sword strapped to his side and is prepared to defend against dangers that might occur during the night.*

At what were the warriors good?

The warriors were good with the sword and in warfare.

Song of Solomon 3:9

ULT	UST
He made for himself a palanquin, King Solomon, from the trees of Lebanon.	*King Solomon commanded his servants to make that royal portable chair for him; it was made with wood from Lebanon.*

What did King Solomon make for himself?

King Solomon made a sedan chair from wood from Lebanon.

Song of Solomon 3:10

ULT	UST
He made its posts out of silver; its back, gold; its seat, purple cloth. Its interior was fitted with love from the daughters of Jerusalem.	*The canopy that covered it was held up by posts made with silver, and the base of the palanquin was made with gold. The seat was covered with purple cloth, and the inside of the palanquin was lovingly decorated by the women of Jerusalem.*

What did King Solomon's sedan chair look like?

The chair had posts of silver, a back of gold, a seat of purple cloth, and was decorated and made comfortable with love from the daughters of Jerusalem.

Song of Solomon 3:11

ULT	UST
Go out and look, daughters of Zion, at King Solomon, at the crown with which his mother crowned him on the day of his wedding, on the day of the joy of his heart.	*You young women of Jerusalem, come and look at King Solomon wearing the headdress that his mother put on his head on the day when he was married, on the day when he was very happy.*

At what does the young woman want the women of Jerusalem to look?

She wants them to look at King Solomon.

What was King Solomon wearing on his marriage day?

He wore a crown with which his mother crowned him on his marriage day.

Song of Solomon 4

Song of Solomon 4:1

ULT	UST
Behold you! You are beautiful, my darling. Behold you! You are beautiful. Your eyes are doves from behind your veil. Your hair is like a flock of goats that hop down from the slopes of Gilead.	*My dear one, you are beautiful, you are very beautiful! Beneath your veil, your eyes are as gentle and as beautiful as doves. Your long black hair moves from side to side like a flock of black goats moving down the slopes of Mount Gilead.*

How does the woman's lover describe her eyes?

Her eyes are as doves behind her veil.

How does the woman's lover describe her hair?

Her hair is like a flock of goats hopping down Mount Gilead.

Song of Solomon 4:2

ULT	UST
Your teeth are like a flock of shorn sheep that have come up from the washing, all of which bear twins, and there is not among them one which is bereaved.	*Your teeth are very white, white like a flock of sheep whose wool people have just cut off and which have just come up from washing in a stream. You have all of your teeth on both sides of your mouth; none of them is missing.*

How does her lover describe her teeth?

Her teeth are like a flock of newly shorn and washed sheep, two of each and none missing.

Song of Solomon 4:3

ULT	UST
Like a thread of scarlet are your lips, and your mouth is lovely. Like a slice of pomegranate are your cheeks from behind your veil.	*Your lips are the color of bright red thread, and your mouth is beautiful. Beneath your veil, your cheeks are round and rosy like the halves of a pomegranate.*

What does the woman's beloved say about her lips and mouth?

He says that her lips are like a thread of scarlet and that her mouth is lovely.

How does the woman's beloved describe her cheeks?

He describes her cheeks as being like pomegranate halves behind her veil.

Song of Solomon 4:4

ULT	UST
Like the tower of David is your neck, built of layers— a thousand shields hanging on it, all the shields of the warriors.	*Your long neck is beautiful like the tower of King David that was built using layers of stone. The beauty of your jeweled neck is like a thousand shields hanging on the walls of a tower; like the beauty of a thousand warrior's shields hanging from a tower.*

How does the woman's beloved describe her neck?

He describes her neck as the tower of David built in rows of stone with a thousand soldiers' shields hanging on it.

Song of Solomon 4:5

ULT	UST
Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a female gazelle, the ones pasturing among the lilies.	*Your two breasts are as beautiful as two young twin gazelles that eat grass among lilies.*

How does the woman's beloved describe her two breasts?

He describes her two breasts as two fawns, twins of a gazelle, grazing among the lilies.

Song of Solomon 4:6

ULT	UST
Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, I myself will go to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of frankincense.	*Until the evening breeze blows and the sun sets, I will go to your breasts because they are like two hills that smell like pleasant spices.*

Where will her lover go until dawn comes and the shadows flee?

He says he will go to the mountain of myrrh and the hill of frankincense.

Song of Solomon 4:7

ULT	UST
All of you is beautiful, my darling, and there is no blemish in you.	*My dear one, you are completely beautiful; your body is perfectly formed and has no blemish!*

In what way is his love beautiful?

She is beautiful in every way.

What does his beautiful love not have?

His beautiful love does not have any blemish.

Song of Solomon 4:9

ULT	UST
You have enchanted my heart, my sister, my bride; you have enchanted my heart with one look from your eyes, with one jewel from your necklace.	*You who are as dear to me as a sister, my bride, by only once quickly looking at me with your eyes, and by one strand of jewels in your necklace, you have obtained my full affection.*

What does Solomon call his bride?

Solomon calls her his sister.

Song of Solomon 4:10

ULT	UST
How your love is beautiful, my sister, my bride! How your love is better than wine and the smell of your oils is better than all spices!	*You who are as dear to me as a sister, my bride, your love for me is delightful! It is more delightful than wine! The fragrance of your perfume is more pleasing than any spice!*

What does Solomon say the love of his wife is better than?

Solomon says her love is better than wine.

What is the smell of her perfume better than?

The smell of her perfume is better than any spice.

Song of Solomon 4:11

ULT	UST
Your lips drip with nectar, my bride; honey and milk are under your tongue and the smell of your garments is like the smell of Lebanon.	*When you kiss me, my bride, it is as delightful as eating honey. Your kisses are as sweet as milk mixed with honey. The aroma of your clothes is like the aroma of cedar trees in Lebanon.*

With what does he say his bride's lips drip, and what is under her tongue?

He says his bride's lips drip with nectar, and she has honey and milk under her tongue.

What does the woman's clothes smell like?

Her clothes smell like the fragrance of Lebanon.

Song of Solomon 4:12

ULT	UST
A locked garden is my sister, my bride, a locked spring, a sealed fountain.	*You who are as dear to me as a sister, my bride, you are like a garden that the owner keeps locked so that other men cannot enter it; you are like a spring or a fountain that is covered so that others may not drink from it.*

What kind of garden and what kind of spring does Solomon say his sister, his bride, is like?

Solomon says she is like a garden locked up and a spring that is sealed.

Song of Solomon 4:13-14

To what does he liken the woman's shoots?

He likens her shoots to a grove of pomegranate trees with choice fruit and plants and all the finest spices.

Song of Solomon 4:15

ULT	UST
a fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and flowing streams from Lebanon.	*You are like a spring in a garden, like a well of fresh-flowing water, and like streams that flow down from the mountains of Lebanon. The woman speaking to the man she loves*

With what kinds of water does Solomon describe his lover?

He describes her as a garden spring, a well of fresh water, and streams flowing down from Lebanon.

Song of Solomon 4:16

ULT	UST
Awake, north wind, and come, south wind; blow on my garden and let its spices flow. Let my beloved come to his garden and eat its delicious fruit.	*I want the north wind and the south wind to come and blow on me, so that the fragrance of my body will spread through the air and attract the man I love. You whom I love, I am like your garden. I want you to come and enjoy my body, like someone comes into a garden and enjoys eating the delicious fruit that grows there.*

On what does the young woman want the north and south winds to blow and why?

She wants the north and south winds to blow on her garden so that its spices would give off their fragrance.

What does she want her beloved to do and to eat?

She wants her beloved to come into his garden and to eat some of its choice fruit.

Song of Solomon 5

Song of Solomon 5:1

ULT	UST
I have come to my garden, my sister, my bride; I have plucked my myrrh with my spice. I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk. Eat, friends; drink, and be drunk, beloved ones.	*You who are as dear to me as a sister, my bride, I am ready to go away with you now and enjoy making love with you. It will be delightful, delightful like when I gather my myrrh with my other spices, as wonderful as eating my honey and honeycomb, and as enjoyable as drinking my wine with milk. The women of Jerusalem speaking to the newly married couple Friends, enjoy making love; fully enjoy all that you do with each other. The woman speaking to the women of Jerusalem*

Where has Solomon come?

Solomon has come into his garden.

Song of Solomon 5:2

ULT	UST
I am asleep, but my heart is awake. A sound—my beloved is knocking: "Open to me, my sister, my darling, my dove, my perfect one, because my head is full of dew, my hair is full of the drops of the night."	*I was asleep, and I had a dream. In it I heard the man I love knocking at the door. He said, "You who are as dear to me as a sister, my dear one, you who are like a dove, my flawless one. Open the door for me because my hair is wet from the dew, from the mist that has fallen during the night."*

Of what is Solomon's bride dreaming?

She is dreaming of her beloved's knocking and talking.

Song of Solomon 5:3

ULT	UST
"I have taken off my robe; how will I put it on? I have washed my feet; how could I get them dirty?"	*But I had already taken my robe off; I did not want to put it on again to open the door. I had already washed my feet; so I did not want them to get dirty again by answering the door.*

What has Solomon's beloved already done?

She has already taken off her robe and washed her feet.

Song of Solomon 5:4

ULT	UST
My beloved stretched out his hand through the hole and my belly roared concerning him.	*The man I love put his hand through the opening in the door, and I was thrilled in my inner being that he was there.*

Where had Solomon put his hand?

Solomon had put his hand through the opening of the door latch.

Song of Solomon 5:5

ULT	UST
I got myself up to open to my beloved and my hands dripped with myrrh and my fingers dripped with flowing myrrh on the hands of the bolt.	*I got up to open the door for the man I love, but first I put much myrrh on my hands. The liquid myrrh was dripping from my fingers while I unlatched the bolt.*

With what were the bride's hands dripping when she opened the door?

Her hands were dripping with moist myrrh.

Song of Solomon 5:6

ULT	UST
I myself opened to my beloved, but my beloved had turned and gone. My soul went out because he departed. I searched for him, but I did not find him; I called him, but he did not answer me.	*I opened the door for the man I love, but he had left. He had turned away and was gone! I greatly despaired because he was not there. I searched for him, but I could not find him. I called out for him, but he did not answer.*

What did the bride find when she opened the door and how did she feel?

She found that her beloved had turned and gone, so her heart sank and she became sad.

Song of Solomon 5:7

ULT	UST
The guards going about in the city found me. They beat me and wounded me; they lifted my shawl from me, the guards of the walls.	*The city watchmen saw me while they were walking around the city. They struck me and bruised me because they thought I was a prostitute; those watchmen who were guarding the city walls took my robe that was on me.*

What did the watchmen do when they found Solomon's bride?

They struck and wounded her and took away her veil.

Song of Solomon 5:8

ULT	UST
I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem, if you find my beloved, what will you declare to him? Declare to him that sick with love am I.	*You young women of Jerusalem, if you see the man I love, what will you tell him? I want you to solemnly promise me that if you see him, you will tell him that the way he loves me makes me feel lovesick. The women of Jerusalem speaking to the woman*

What does the bride ask the women of Jerusalem to promise?

She asks the women of Jerusalem to promise that if they find her beloved they will tell him she is lovesick for him.

How does the young woman's beloved make her feel?

The young woman's beloved makes her feel sick with love.

Song of Solomon 5:9

ULT	UST
What is your beloved more than another beloved, most beautiful among women? What is your beloved more than another beloved, that thus you adjure us?	*You who are the most beautiful of all the women, why do you think that the man you love is better than other men? In what way is he better than other men that would cause you to want us to solemnly promise that we will tell him that? The woman speaking to the women of Jerusalem*

What do the young women ask of the bride?

They ask her how and why her beloved is better than another beloved.

Song of Solomon 5:10

ULT	UST
My beloved is shimmering and red, distinguished among ten thousand.	*It is because the man I love is handsome and healthy, outstanding among an uncountable number of other men.*

How does the young woman describe her beloved?

She describes him as radiant, ruddy, and outstanding.

Song of Solomon 5:11

ULT	UST
His head is gold, refined gold; his hairs are wavy, black like the raven.	*His face is beautiful and gleams like gold; he is as precious as purest gold. His hair is wavy and as black as a raven.*

How does the woman describe her beloved's head and hair?

She describes his head as pure gold and his hair as curly and black.

Song of Solomon 5:12

ULT	UST
His eyes are like doves beside stream beds of water, bathing in milk, sitting beside the pools.	*His eyes are as gentle and beautiful as doves which are beside streams. His eyes are as white as white doves which are sitting beside pools of water.*

How does the woman describe her beloved's eyes?

She describes his eyes like doves washed in milk.

Song of Solomon 5:13

ULT	UST
His cheeks are like a bed of spices, towers of herbal spices. His lips are lilies, dripping with flowing myrrh.	*His cheeks are like a garden where spices grow and like towers where spices are kept. His lips are like lilies that have myrrh dripping from them.*

How does Solomon's bride describe his cheeks and lips?

She describes his cheeks like spice gardens and his lips like myrrh-soaked lilies.

Song of Solomon 5:14

ULT	UST
His arms are rods of gold mounted with topaz; his belly is a plate of ivory covered with sapphires.	*His arms are like round gold rods, that are decorated with precious stones. His abdomen is like ivory that is decorated with sapphires.*

How does the woman describe her beloved's arms and abdomen?

She describes his arms as rods of gold with topaz and his abdomen as a plate of ivory covered with sapphires.

Song of Solomon 5:15

ULT	UST
His thighs are pillars of alabaster set on bases of refined gold; his appearance is like Lebanon, as choice as the cedars.	*His legs are like alabaster columns that are set in bases made of pure gold. He is majestic, like the mountains of Lebanon. He is tall and strong and outstanding like the cedar trees that grow there.*

How does the woman describe her beloved's legs and his appearance?

She describes his legs as marble pillars with gold bases and his appearance like Lebanon, as special as the cedars.

Song of Solomon 5:16

ULT	UST
His mouth is most sweet, and all of him is most desirable. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, daughters of Jerusalem.	*His kisses are very sweet; he is completely attractive. You young women of Jerusalem, this is what the man I love, who is my friend, is like, and this is why he is better than all other men.*

How does Solomon's bride describe her beloved's mouth and Solomon himself to Jerusalem's daughters?

She describes his mouth as most sweet and that Solomon is most desirable.

Song of Solomon 6

Song of Solomon 6:1

ULT	UST
Where did he go, your beloved, most beautiful woman among women? Where did he turn, your beloved, and let us seek him with you?	*You who are the most beautiful of the women, where has the man you love gone? Tell us which direction he went, and we will go with you to search for him. The woman speaking to herself*

What questions do the women of Jerusalem ask of the young woman?

They ask her where her beloved has gone and whether they can go with her to look for him.

For what did the young women want to seek?

The young women wanted to seek for the young woman’s beloved.

Song of Solomon 6:2

ULT	UST
My beloved went down to his garden, to the beds of spices, in order to graze in the gardens and in order to glean lilies.	*The man who I love has come to me. I am like his garden where pleasant spices grow. He has come to enjoy my body as a gazelle enjoys grazing in a garden and as a person enjoys picking lilies.*

What does the young woman say her beloved was doing?

The young woman said he was in his spice gardens to graze in the garden and to gather lilies.

Song of Solomon 6:3

ULT	UST
I belong to my beloved, and my beloved belongs to me; he grazes among the lilies.	*I belong to the man I love, and he belongs to me. He feels pleasure when he is near me, as a gazelle does when eating among lilies. The man speaking*

To whom do the young woman and her lover belong?

The young woman and her lover belong to each other.

Where does the young woman's lover graze?

The young woman's lover grazes among the lilies.

Song of Solomon 6:4

ULT	UST
You are beautiful, my darling, like Tirzah, lovely like Jerusalem, awe-inspiring like bannered armies.	*My dear one, you are beautiful. You are as beautiful as the city of Tirzah and as lovely as the city of Jerusalem. You are as exciting and majestic to look at as an army with banners.*

What two cities does the woman's lover use to describe her?

He describes her as two cities, Tirzah and Jerusalem.

How does her beloved feel about her?

He feels that she is completely beautiful and lovely, but also awe-inspiring.

Song of Solomon 6:5

ULT	UST
Turn your eyes away from me, because they excite me. Your hair is like a flock of goats that hop down from Gilead.	*Stop looking at me like that, because your eyes excite me very much. Your long black hair moves from side to side like a flock of black goats moving down the slopes of Mount Gilead.*

Why does the woman's lover want her to turn her eyes away from him?

The woman's lover wants her to turn her eyes away from him because her eyes excite him.

How does the woman's lover describe her hair?

He describes her hair as a flock of goats descending the slopes of Mount Gilead.

Song of Solomon 6:6

ULT	UST
Your teeth are like a flock of ewes that have come up from the washing, all of which bear twins, and there is not among them one which is bereaved.	*Your teeth are very white, white like a flock of sheep that has just come up from being washed in a stream. You have all of your teeth on both sides of your mouth; none of them is missing.*

How does her lover describe her teeth?

He describes her teeth as a flock of ewes, each with twins and none missing, coming up from the washing place.

Song of Solomon 6:7

ULT	UST
Like a slice of a pomegranate are your cheeks from behind your veil.	*Beneath your veil, your cheeks are round and rosy like the halves of a pomegranate.*

How does her lover describe her cheeks?

Her lover describes her cheeks as pomegranate halves behind her veil.

Song of Solomon 6:8

ULT	UST
Sixty are they, queens, and eighty concubines, and marriageable women without number.	*Even if a king had 60 queens and 80 concubines and more young women in his court than anyone can count,*

How many other women does the woman's lover say there may be?

He says there may be 60 queens, 80 concubines, and young women without number.

Song of Solomon 6:9

ULT	UST
One is she, my dove; my perfect one—one is she to her mother; pure is she to the woman who bore her. The daughters saw her and called her blessed; the queens and the concubines—they praised her:	*none of them would be as special as she is. She is like a dove; she is flawless. Her mother considers her to be very special; she is her mother's favorite child. When the young women of the king's court see her, they say that she is fortunate, and the queens and concubines praise her.*

How does the woman's lover describe his dove?

The woman's lover describes her as pure, the only one, and the special and favorite daughter of her mother.

What did the queens and the concubines say about her when they saw her?

The queens and concubines called her blessed, and they praised her.

Song of Solomon 6:10

ULT	UST
"Who is that, the woman who looks down like the dawn, beautiful like the moon, pure like the sun, awe-inspiring like bannered armies?"	*Look at this woman who appears like the dawn, who is as beautiful to look at as the moon, who is radiant like the sun, who is as exciting and majestic to look at as an army with banners!*

How does the woman's lover describe her?

The woman's lover describes her like the dawn, the moon, the sun, and as completely awesome.

Song of Solomon 6:11

ULT	UST
To the garden of the nut tree I went down, to look at the green shoots of the valley, to see—had the vine budded? Had the pomegranates bloomed?	*I went down to the walnut tree orchard to look at the new plants that were growing in the valley. I wanted to see if the grapevines had budded and if the pomegranate trees were blooming.*

Why did the woman's lover go into the grove of nut trees?

The woman's lover went into the grove of nut trees to see if the vines had budded and the pomegranates were in bloom.

Song of Solomon 6:12

ULT	UST
I did not know—my soul put me among the chariots of my people, a noble.	*All of a sudden I imagined that I was among the chariots of my noble people. The women of Jerusalem speaking*

How did the woman's lover feel?

The woman's lover felt as though he were riding in the chariot of a prince.

Song of Solomon 6:13

ULT	UST
Return, return, Shulammite, return, return and let us look at you. Why do you look at the Shulammite like the dance of two armies?	*Come back to us, beautiful woman from Shulam, come back to us, in order that we may see you! The man speaking Why do you want to look at the beautiful woman from Shulam, as if she were a dancer who dances to entertain armies?*

What did the woman's lover want her to do?

The woman's lover wanted her to turn back to him.

Why does the woman's lover want her to turn to him?

The woman's lover wants her to turn to him so that he might gaze on her.

What does the man ask the other people?

He asks why they look at her as if mesmerized by a dancer.

Song of Solomon 7

Song of Solomon 7:1

ULT	UST
How your feet are beautiful in sandals, daughter of a noble! The curves of your thighs are like ornaments, the work of the hands of a craftsman.	*You who are the daughter of a prince, have very lovely feet in your sandals! Your curved hips are like jewels that have been made by a man who shapes jewels very well.*

How does Solomon describe his lover's feet in her sandals and the curves of her thighs?

He describes her feet in her sandals as beautiful and the curves of her thighs like the work of a craftsman.

Song of Solomon 7:2

ULT	UST
Your navel is the rounded bowl— that never lacks spiced wine. Your belly is a heap of wheat encircled with the lilies.	*Your navel is like a round bowl that is always full of wine mixed with spices. Your belly is like a pile of wheat with lilies growing around it.*

How does Solomon describe his love's navel and belly?

Solomon describes his love's navel as a round bowl which never lacks spiced wine and her belly as a mound of wheat surrounded with lilies.

Song of Solomon 7:3

ULT	UST
Your two breasts are like two fawns, twins of a gazelle.	*Your breasts are as delicate as two young twin gazelles.*

How does Solomon describe his lover's two breasts?

Solomon describes her two breasts like two fawns, twins of a gazelle.

Song of Solomon 7:4

ULT	UST
Your neck is like a tower of ivory. Your eyes are pools in Heshbon by the gate of Bath Rabbim. Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon, looking to the face of Damascus.	*Your neck is long and beautiful, like a tower made of ivory. Your eyes sparkle like the pools of water in the city of Heshbon, near the Bath Rabbim gate. Your nose is beautiful like the tower in Lebanon that faces Damascus.*

How does Solomon describe his lover's neck, eyes, and nose?

Solomon describes her neck as an ivory tower, her eyes like a pool, and her nose like the tower of Lebanon.

Song of Solomon 7:5

ULT	UST
Your head on you is like Carmel, and the loose hair of your head is like purple; a king is held captive in the tresses.	*Your head is majestic like Mount Carmel. Your long hair is shiny and black; it is as though I, your king, am captured by your tresses.*

How does Solomon describe his lover's head and hair?

Solomon describes her head like Mount Carmel and her hair like purple, captivating him.

Song of Solomon 7:7

ULT	UST
This is your height—it is like a palm tree, and your breasts like its clusters.	*You are tall like a palm tree, and your breasts are full and round like date clusters that hang from palm trees.*

How does Solomon describe his lover and her breasts?

He describes her height as a date palm tree and her breasts as date clusters.

Song of Solomon 7:8

ULT	UST
I said, “I will go up the palm tree; I will grab hold of its fruit stalks.” And, please, let your breasts be like the clusters of the vine, and let the smell of your nose be like apples,	*I said to myself, “I will climb that palm tree and take hold of those clusters of dates.” I want your breasts to be like sweet bunches of grapes that I can enjoy; I want your breath to be like the sweet fragrance of apples.*

What does he also want his lover’s breasts and breath to be like?

He also wants his lover’s breasts to be like date clusters and her breath to be sweet like dates and the smell of an apple.

Song of Solomon 7:9

ULT	UST
and let your mouth be like the best wine. Going down for my beloved smoothly, gliding over the lips of those who sleep.	*I want your kisses to be like very good wine. The woman speaking to the man she loves When I kiss you, the man whom I love, I want my kisses to be as if you are freely drinking wine, and as if wine is flowing over our lips as we sleep together.*

What does he want his lover’s mouth to be like?

He wants her mouth to be like the best wine.

Song of Solomon 7:10

ULT	UST
I belong to my beloved and his longing is for me.	*I belong to the man I love, and he desires me.*

To whom does the young woman belong and whom does he desire?

The young woman belongs to her beloved, and her beloved desires her.

Song of Solomon 7:11

ULT	UST
Come, my beloved, let us go out to the fields; let us spend the night in the villages.	*You whom I love, come with me, and let us go to the countryside, and sleep in one of the villages.*

Where does the young woman want her beloved to go with her?

She wants him to go into the countryside to spend the night in the villages.

Song of Solomon 7:12

ULT	UST
Let us go early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine has budded, if the blossoms have opened, if the pomegranates have bloomed. There I will give my love to you.	*And let us go early to the vineyards to see if the grapevines have budded and if there are blossoms on them that have opened, and to see if the pomegranate trees are blooming, and there I will have sexual relations with you.*

Why does she want her beloved to rise early?

She wants him to rise early to see if the vines in the vineyards have budded and if the pomegranates have begun blooming.

What does she say she will give to her beloved when they get to the vineyards?

She says she will give him her love.

Song of Solomon 7:13

ULT	UST
The mandrakes give off a scent, and over our doors are all choice fruits, new ones and also old ones. My beloved, I have stored these up for you.	*The mandrake plants are producing a fragrant scent, and the pleasures we will experience as we express our love for each other will be like choice fruits that have been stored, new ones and old ones. You whom I love, I have reserved my love for you as if I were storing choice fruit.*

What does she say the mandrakes would do?

She says the mandrakes would give off their fragrance.

What does she say was at the door where she and her lover were staying?

She says that at the door where they were staying there were all sorts of choice fruits, new and old, that she had stored up for him.

Song of Solomon 8

Song of Solomon 8:1

ULT	UST
Who will give you like a brother to me, who nursed at the breasts of my mother? If I found you outside, I would kiss you. Yes, they would not despise me.	*I wish that you were like my brother, my own brother, who nursed from my mother's breasts when he was a baby. Because then, whenever I met you outside the house, I could kiss you, and no one would criticize me.*

What does the woman wish that her lover was like and why?

She wishes he were like her brother so that she could kiss her lover at any time and no one would despise her.

Song of Solomon 8:2

ULT	UST
I would lead you; I would bring you to the house of my mother, she who taught me. I would make you drink from the wine of spice, from the juice of my pomegranate.	*I would like to bring you to my mother's house, to where my mother, who taught me so many things, lives. I would like to take you to my mother's house so I could have sexual relations with you there. Having sexual relations with you would be as if I were giving you spiced wine to drink, as if I were giving you sweet pomegranate wine.*

Where would the woman have liked to bring her lover?

She would have liked to bring him to her mother's house.

Song of Solomon 8:3

ULT	UST
His left hand is under my head and his right hand embraces me.	*The man I love has placed his left arm under my head and he holds me close with his right arm. The woman speaking to the women of Jerusalem*

What were her lover's left and right hands doing?

His left hand was holding her head and his right hand was embracing her.

Song of Solomon 8:4

ULT	UST
I adjure you, daughters of Jerusalem, do not awaken and do not stir love until it desires.	*You young women of Jerusalem, I want you to solemnly promise me, that you will not cause people to love romantically until it is the right time. The women of Jerusalem speaking*

What does the woman want Jerusalem's women to promise?

The woman wants Jerusalem's women to promise that they would not stir up love before its proper time.

Song of Solomon 8:5

ULT	UST
Who is that coming up from the wilderness, leaning against her beloved? Under the apple tree I awakened you; there your mother was in labor with you; there she was in labor; she gave birth to you.	*Look at this woman who is coming up from the wilderness, the woman who is leaning on the man she loves! The young woman speaking to the man she loves I woke you up when you were under the apple tree at the place where your mother gave birth to you, the place where you were born.*

What do the women of Jerusalem ask?

They ask who is coming up from the wilderness, leaning on her beloved.

What did the young woman tell her lover when she woke him under the apple tree?

She told him that his mother had conceived and given birth to him under the apple tree.

Song of Solomon 8:6

ULT	UST
Place me like the seal on your heart, like the seal on your arm, because strong like death is love; unyielding like Sheol is zeal. Its flashes are flashes of fire, the flame of Yah.	*Keep me close to you, like a seal that rests against your chest as it hangs down from its cord, or like a seal worn on your bracelet. The strength with which I love you is as powerful as the strength of death; it is as strong as the grave. It is as though our love for each other bursts into flames, and as though our love is the lightning that Yahweh creates.*

What does the young woman want her lover to do and why?

She wants him to set her as a seal over his heart, because love is as strong as death, and jealousy flashes like a hot flame.

Song of Solomon 8:7

ULT	UST
Many waters are not able to quench this love and rivers will not drown it. If a man would give all the wealth of his house in exchange for love, they would utterly despise it.	*We love each other so deeply, that how we love each other can be compared to a strong fire that no river or flood can put out. If a man tried to cause a woman to love him by saying he would give her everything that he owns, she would refuse. The young woman's brothers speaking among themselves*

What could not stop love?

Floods of water could not put out the fire of love.

Song of Solomon 8:8

ULT	UST
A sister belongs to us—a little one— and breasts there are not for her. What will we do for our sister on the day when it is spoken for her?	*We have a young sister, and her breasts are not large yet. What should we do for her at the time that we promise some young man that he can marry her?*

What does the woman's brothers say about their little sister?

They said that her breasts had not yet grown and that they wondered what they would do for her when she is promised in marriage.

Song of Solomon 8:9

ULT	UST
If she is a wall, we will build on her a battlement of silver. And if she is a door, we will enclose over her boards of cedar.	*We will protect her virginity, as if we were soldiers building a battlement of silver to protect a wall. We will protect her virginity, like we would protect a door from intruders by covering it with boards made of cedar wood. The woman speaking*

What would the woman's brothers do if she were a wall?

If she were a wall, they would build a tower of silver on her.

What would the woman's brothers do if she were a door?

If she were a door, they would cover her with boards of cedar.

Song of Solomon 8:10

ULT	UST
I was a wall and my breasts are like towers; then I was, in his eyes, like a person who finds peace.	*Like a wall that allows no one to enter, I have remained a virgin and let no man come into me; but now my breasts are large like towers. So I am delightful to my beloved.*

How did the young woman describe herself?

She described herself as a wall with breasts large like towers, and completely mature.

Song of Solomon 8:11

ULT	UST
There was a vineyard for Solomon in Baal Hamon. He gave the vineyard to keepers. Each person brought in exchange for its fruit a thousand pieces of silver.	*King Solomon had a vineyard at a place called Baal Hamon, and he rented it to people for them to farm it. He required each one to pay him one thousand pieces of silver each year for the grapes that they harvested.*

What did the young woman say that Solomon did with his vineyard at Baal Hamon?

Solomon leased his vineyard to those who would take care of it.

Song of Solomon 8:12

ULT	UST
My vineyard that belongs to me is to my face. The thousand belong to you, Solomon, and the two hundred belong to the people who are keepers of its fruit.	*But my body is like my own vineyard, which is mine to give to the man whom I choose. Solomon can keep the one thousand pieces of silver that he receives from renting his vineyard, and the farmers who take care of it for him can keep the two hundred pieces of silver he pays them. The man speaking to the woman he loves*

What does the young woman say about her own vineyard and those who maintained it?

She said the 1000 shekels that it brought belonged to Solomon and that those who maintained it would get 200 shekels.

Song of Solomon 8:13

ULT	UST
You who reside in the gardens; companions are listening intently for your voice— let me hear it.	*You, the woman I love, who are staying in the gardens, my friends are eagerly listening so that they can hear you speak; speak to me! The young woman speaking to the man she loves*

What did the woman's lover say to her who lived in the gardens, about what his friends, as well as he, wanted to hear?

He said that his friends, as well as he, wanted to be the ones to hear her voice.

Song of Solomon 8:14

ULT	UST
Flee, my beloved, and resemble a gazelle or a young stag on the mountains of spices.	*You whom I love, come to me quickly! Run to me like a gazelle or a young male deer runs across mountains where spices grow.*

What does the young woman want her beloved to do and to be like?

She wants her beloved to hurry and to be like a deer.

Lamentations

Lamentations 1

Lamentations 1:1

ULT	UST
How she sits alone, the city that was great with people! She has become like a widow who was great among the nations. The princess among the provinces has become a forced laborer. BETH	*Jerusalem, the city that was once so full of people, is now empty and deserted. It was once the greatest city among all the nations, but now it is like a widow—alone and without protection. It was once honored among the provinces like a princess, but now her people are forced to do slave labor. BETH*

What has the city become like even though she was once great among the nations?

The city has become like a widow, alone and without protection.

Lamentations 1:3

ULT	UST
Judah has gone into exile from affliction and from the greatness of forced labor. She herself has settled among the nations; she has not found a resting place. All her pursuers have overtaken her between the narrow passes. DALETH	*Enemies drove the people of Judah out to other countries, and made them suffer greatly as slaves. They live among foreign nations, where they find no peace or rest. Their enemies caught up with them; they were trapped and could not escape. DALETH*

What can Judah not find even though she lives among the nations?

Judah can find no rest even though she lives among the nations.

Lamentations 1:5

ULT	UST
Her adversaries have become the head; her enemies are prospering, for Yahweh has afflicted her over the greatness of her transgressions. Her children have gone away as captives before the adversary. WAW	*Jerusalem's enemies have become rulers over it; its adversaries are doing well. Yahweh has caused it to suffer greatly, because of all the ways its people sinned against him. Its children have been taken captive and marched away before the enemy. WAW*

Why has Yahweh afflicted Jerusalem?

Yahweh has afflicted Jerusalem because of her many transgressions.

Lamentations 1:6

ULT	UST
And from the daughter of Zion all her majesty has departed. Her princes have become like deer that have found no pasture. And they have walked without strength before the pursuer. ZAYIN	*All the glory and beauty that Zion once had has left it completely. Its leaders are like deer that are starving because they cannot find any grass to eat. They stumble along weakly with the enemy chasing them. ZAYIN*

What has left the daughter of Zion?

All of her majesty and beauty have left the daughter of Zion.

Lamentations 1:7

ULT	UST
Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her wanderings, all her precious things that were from the days of old. When her people fell into the hand of the adversary and there was no helper for her, the adversaries saw her; they laughed over her collapse. HETH	*Now as Jerusalem suffers in exile and misery, its people remember all the good things that they had in former times. When the enemy conquered the people, no one came to help them. Some enemies watched and laughed contemptuously as others destroyed the city. HETH*

What did Jerusalem remember in the days of her affliction?

Jerusalem remembered all of her precious things that she had in former times.

Lamentations 1:8

ULT	UST
Jerusalem has grievously sinned; therefore she has become an abhorrence. All who honored her have despised her, because they have seen her nakedness. And she herself has groaned and turned backward. TETH	*Jerusalem's people sinned so greatly that the city became something everyone treated as filthy and defiling. All those who had honored it now despise it, because they have seen how shamefully disgraced it has become. Now its people moan and humbly hide. TETH*

Because Jerusalem sinned greatly, what is the result?

Jerusalem is now regarded as something abhorrent and defiled.

Lamentations 1:10

ULT	UST
The adversary has spread out his hand over all her precious things, for she has seen nations entering her sanctuary— those whom you commanded should not enter your assembly. KAPH	*The enemy took possession of all its precious treasures. Its people watched as foreign nations entered the temple— the nations that you, Yahweh, had commanded to stay out of your holy place. KAPH*

Who has Jerusalem seen enter her sanctuary even though Yahweh commanded that they must not enter?

Jerusalem has seen the nations enter her sanctuary.

Lamentations 1:11

ULT	UST
All her people are groaning, seeking bread. They have given their precious things for food to restore life. “See, Yahweh, and look, for I have become despised.” LAMEDH	*All the people groan and search for food. They have traded their precious things just to get something to eat so that they can stay alive. They cried out, “Yahweh, look at us! See how people treat us contemptuously!” LAMEDH*

What do the people do as they search for bread?

The people groan as they search for bread.

Lamentations 1:13

ULT	UST
From on high he sent fire into my bones, and it ruled over them. He spread a net for my feet; he turned me back. He made me desolate, faint all the day. NUN	*He sent fire down from above that burned deep inside us. He set a trap that caught our feet and forced us to turn back. He left us devastated and abandoned, exhausted and miserable all day long. NUN*

What has Yahweh spread for the feet of Jerusalem?

Yahweh has spread a net for the feet of Jerusalem.

Lamentations 1:14

ULT	UST
The yoke of my transgressions was bound fast, they are intertwined by his hand; they have come up onto my neck. He has caused my strength to stumble; the Lord has given me into the hands of those I am not able to rise against. SAMEKH	*God tied our sins around our necks like a heavy yoke; they are twisted tightly together so that we cannot remove them. They are piled onto our necks and weigh us down, so that we have no strength left. The Lord handed us over to enemies we have no power to defeat. SAMEKH*

What is the result of the God placing the yoke of Jerusalem’s transgressions on her neck?

The result is that Jerusalem’s strength has stumbled and they are given into the hands of their enemies.

Lamentations 1:15

ULT	UST
The Lord has rejected all the mighty men in my midst. He has called an appointed time against me to crush my young men. The Lord has trodden the winepress for the virgin daughter of Judah. AYIN	*The Lord has despised and rejected all our warriors. He called our enemies together at the right time to destroy our young men. The Lord has crushed the people of Judah like someone treading on grapes in a winepress. AYIN*

What has the Lord done to the virgin daughter of Judah?

The Lord has crushed the people of Judah like someone treading on grapes in a winepress.

Lamentations 1:16

ULT	UST
Over these things I, I am weeping; my eye, my eye is running down with water, for a comforter who restores my life is far from me. My sons are desolate because the enemy has prevailed." PE	*These are the things we weep over, weeping without stopping; our eyes overflow with tears. There is no one near us to comfort us or to restore our strength. Our children have been left with nothing, because the enemy has overcome us." PE*

Why have Jerusalem's children become desolate?

Jerusalem's children have become desolate because the enemy has prevailed.

Lamentations 1:18

ULT	UST
"Yahweh is righteous, for I have rebelled against his mouth. Hear, please, all peoples, and see my pain. My young women and my young men have gone into captivity. QOPH	*Jerusalem's people said, "Yahweh is righteous, because we disobeyed his commands. Listen, all you peoples of the world, and see what great pain we are in. Our young women and young men have been taken away as captives. QOPH*

Who has gone into captivity because Jerusalem rebelled against Yahweh's commands?

Jerusalem's young women and young men have gone into captivity.

Lamentations 1:19

ULT	UST
I called to those who love me; they, they deceived me. My priests and my elders expired in the city, when they were seeking food for themselves to restore their life. RESH	*We called to our allies for help, but they completely betrayed us. Our priests and our elders died in the city, while they were desperately searching for food just to stay alive. RESH*

Who died in the city while they sought food to restore their lives?

Jerusalem's priests and elders died in the city.

Lamentations 1:20

ULT	UST
See, Yahweh, for I am in distress; my inward parts are churning; my heart has been overturned within me, for I have bitterly rebelled. Outside the sword bereaves; inside it is like death. SIN	*Yahweh, look at how much we are suffering! Our stomachs churn with anguish; our hearts are completely devastated within us, because we have deeply and truly rebelled against you. In the streets, the sword kills people; inside the city, people are dying like a plague. SIN*

What is the result of Jerusalem's rebellion?

Jerusalem is in anguish and their hearts are completely devastated.

Lamentations 1:21

ULT	UST
They have heard that I am groaning; there is no comforter for me. All my enemies have heard of my calamity; they have rejoiced, because you have done it. You have brought the day you proclaimed, and let them be like me. TAW	*People have heard us groaning in misery, but no one has come to comfort us. All our enemies have heard about the disaster that came upon us; they are glad about it, because you are the one who brought it. Bring the day of punishment that you promised, when they will suffer as we have suffered! TAW*

What do the enemies of Jerusalem do when they hear of her calamity?

The enemies of Jerusalem rejoice.

Lamentations 1:22

ULT	UST
Let all their evil come before you, and deal with them as you have dealt with me over all my transgressions, for my groaning is many and my heart is faint.”	*Let all the evil things they have done come to your attention, and punish them for what they have done. Treat them the way you treated us for all the ways we sinned against you. We are constantly sighing and groaning, and we grieve greatly.”*

What does Jerusalem request that Yahweh do to her enemies?

Jerusalem asks that Yahweh would deal with her enemies just as Yahweh has dealt with her for all her transgressions.

Lamentations 2

Lamentations 2:1-2

How does the Lord express his anger because of Jeremiah's rebellion?

He has taken away the splendor of Israel and has humbled and brought down the cities of Judah.

Lamentations 2:3-4

How does his anger affect Israel and Zion?

The Lord removed all of Israel's power, refused to protect them from their enemies, and he allowed them to be destroyed.

Lamentations 2:5-6

How is the Lord's anger shown?

The Lord has become like an enemy; he destroyed the palaces and the temple and has rejected both the king and priest.

Lamentations 2:7

ULT	UST
The Lord has rejected his altar; he has abhorred his sanctuary. He has delivered up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces. They raised a shout in the house of Yahweh as on the day of an appointed festival. HETH	*The Lord turned away from his own altar; he abandoned his own holy place. He let the enemies have power over the walls of Jerusalem's palaces. Those enemies shouted triumphantly inside Yahweh's temple, as if they were celebrating one of the sacred festivals. HETH*

Why does the enemy shout triumphantly?

They shout triumphantly because the Lord abandoned his own holy place and has given the walls of the palace over to them.

Lamentations 2:9

ULT	UST
Her gates have sunk into the ground; he has destroyed and shattered her bars. Her king and her princes are among the nations; there is no law. Also, her prophets do not find a vision from Yahweh. YODH	*Jerusalem's gates have sunk into the ground; Yahweh smashed the bars that held them shut. The enemy has taken the king and the officials away to foreign nations; no one teaches them God's instruction anymore. The prophets also no longer receive any messages from Yahweh. YODH*

What has happened to the gates and bars of Zion?

Her gates have come down, and Yahweh has destroyed and smashed the bars that held them shut.

Lamentations 2:10

ULT	UST
They sit on the ground; the elders of the daughter of Zion are silent. They have thrown up dust on their heads; they have put on sackcloth. The virgins of Jerusalem have bowed their heads to the ground. KAPH	*The old men of Jerusalem sit on the ground and say nothing. They have thrown dust on their heads and put on rough sackcloth to show how deeply they grieve. The young women of Jerusalem bow their faces all the way down to the ground. KAPH*

How do the elders and virgins show they are grieving?

The elders sit on the ground, sprinkle their heads with dust while dressed in sackcloth. The virgins bow their heads down to the ground.

Lamentations 2:11-12

Why is the writer weeping?

He weeps over the death and destruction of his people and because there is nothing for them to eat or drink.

Lamentations 2:15-16

What do the mockers do as they pass by the city?

They rejoice over the destruction by clapping their hands, hissing and shaking their heads with contempt, and grinding their teeth with hatred.

Lamentations 2:18-19

What does the writer encourage the people of Jerusalem to do?

He says they should cry out to the Lord and lift their hands to him continuously for the sake of their children.

Lamentations 2:20

ULT	UST
See, O Yahweh, and look! To whom have you dealt thus? Should women eat their fruit, children of their nursing? Should priest and prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord? SIN	*Yahweh, look at what you have done and pay attention! Think about whom you have treated this way! Women should never have to eat their own children, the babies they lovingly cared for! No one should kill priests and prophets inside your own holy place! SIN*

Why are the people begging for Yahweh's mercy?

They are begging for God's mercy because they are extremely hungry and because their priests and prophets are being slaughtered.

Lamentations 2:21-22

How does the writer describe the day of Yahweh's wrath?

On the day of Yahweh's wrath, the enemy killed young and old, no one survived, and they showed no mercy.

Lamentations 3

Lamentations 3:3

ULT	UST
Surely against me he turns; he turns his hand all the day. BETH	*He keeps acting against me again and again, all day long. BETH*

What does the writer say that Yahweh has turned against him all the day?

Yahweh has turned his hand against the writer all day long.

Lamentations 3:7

ULT	UST
He walled me in, and I cannot go out; he made my chains heavy.	*He has completely trapped me so that I cannot escape.*

What does the writer say that Yahweh has built around him so that he cannot escape?

Yahweh has built a wall around him and trapped him.

Lamentations 3:10

ULT	UST
He is a bear lying in ambush to me, a lion in hiding places.	*He waited to attack me like a bear hiding to ambush its prey, like a lion crouching in a hidden place.*

To what animal does the writer compare Yahweh and say that it is waiting to ambush him?

The writer describes Yahweh as a bear that is waiting to ambush him.

Lamentations 3:14

ULT	UST
I became a laughingstock to all my people, their mocking song all the day.	*All my own people mock me constantly with their songs.*

What has the writer become to all his people?

The writer has become a laughingstock to all his people.

Lamentations 3:17

ULT	UST
And my soul was deprived of peace; I have forgotten good.	*God took away all my peace; I no longer remember what happiness feels like.*

What can the writer no longer remember since Yahweh has removed peace from his life?

The writer can no longer remember any happiness.

Lamentations 3:19-20

What is the writer's mood as he calls to mind his affliction?

The writer's mood is one of deep depression within himself as he calls to mind his affliction.

Lamentations 3:23

ULT	UST
They are new in the mornings; great is your faithfulness.	*Every morning he shows us mercy again; he is always faithful to us.*

What does the writer say occurs anew every morning?

The writer says that Yahweh's merciful actions occur again every morning.

Lamentations 3:25-26

What is Yahweh like toward the one who waits for him and to those who wait in silence for the salvation of Yahweh?

Yahweh is good to those who wait for him and wait quietly for Yahweh's salvation.

Lamentations 3:32

ULT	UST
For though he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his covenant faithfulness.	*Even though he causes people to grieve, he will show them mercy because he always faithfully loves them.*

What does Yahweh show, even though he brings grief?

Yahweh shows compassion even though he brings grief.

Lamentations 3:33

ULT	UST
For he does not afflict from his heart, or grieve the sons of man. LAMEDH	*He does not enjoy causing people to suffer or making them grieve. LAMEDH*

From where does Yahweh not oppress or torment the sons of men?

Yahweh does not oppress from his heart or enjoy causing grief for the sons of men.

Lamentations 3:38

ULT	UST
From the mouth of the Most High do not the evil things and the good go forth?	*The Most High God is the one who decides both the bad things and the good things that happen.*

Who is the one who decides what happens—both the bad things and the good things?

The Most High God is the one who decides what will happen.

Lamentations 3:40-41

What should the people do as they search their hearts and examine their ways and turn back to Yahweh?

The people should lift up their hearts and their hands in prayer to God in the heavens.

Lamentations 3:42

ULT	UST
We, we have transgressed and rebelled; you have not forgiven. SAMEKH	*“We have sinned and rebelled against you, and you have not forgiven us. SAMEKH*

What should the people admit that they have done against Yahweh as they pray?

They should admit that they have sinned and rebelled against Yahweh.

Lamentations 3:45

ULT	UST
Offscouring and refuse you make us in the midst of the peoples. AYIN	*You have made the other nations treat us as though we are nothing but garbage and filth. AYIN*

What does the writer say that Yahweh has made them to be among the peoples?

Yahweh has made them to be garbage and refuse among the peoples.

Lamentations 3:48-49

How does the writer describe the tears that flow from his eyes?

His tears are streams of water that flow out from his eyes.

Lamentations 3:52-54

What does the writer say as his enemies hunt him and silence his life in a pit and cast a stone against him?

He says that he has been cut off and will die.

Lamentations 3:55-57

What did Yahweh tell the writer when he called on Yahweh’s name and asked Yahweh to hear his cry for help?

Yahweh told him not to fear.

Lamentations 3:59

ULT	UST
You have seen, Yahweh, my wrong; judge my case.	*Yahweh, you have seen how my enemies have wronged me; make things right for me!*

What does the writer ask Yahweh to do after seeing his wrong?

He asks Yahweh to judge his case.

Lamentations 3:63

ULT	UST
Look at their sitting and their rising; I am their mocking song. TAW	*Look at them! No matter what they are doing, they make fun of me in their songs. TAW*

What does the writer say he is to his enemies, whether they sit or rise?

He is the object of their mocking song.

Lamentations 3:64

ULT	UST
You will return to them recompense, Yahweh, according to the work of their hands.	*Yahweh, pay them back for what they have done!*

What does the writer ask Yahweh to do to his enemies?

He asks Yahweh to pay back to them as much harm as they have done.

Lamentations 3:66

ULT	UST
You will pursue in nose and destroy them from under the heavens of Yahweh.	*Because you are angry with them, chase them and destroy them so they no longer exist anywhere on earth.*

What does the writer ask Yahweh to do to his enemies?

He asks Yahweh to pursue his enemies in his anger and destroy them everywhere under the heavens.

Lamentations 4

Lamentations 4:1

ULT	UST
How the gold is tarnished; people have changed the good fine gold. The stones of holiness are poured out at the head of every street. BETH	*How terrible that the people of Jerusalem, who used to be so valuable, have now become completely worthless! The enemy has thrown out the precious young men at every street corner. BETH*

To what does the writer compare the people of Jerusalem?

The writer compares the people of Jerusalem to gold that has become tarnished and to holy stones that have been scattered at the corner of every street.

Lamentations 4:2

ULT	UST
The precious sons of Zion, weighed against fine gold, how they are regarded as jars of clay, the work of the hands of a potter! GIMEL	*People once considered the young men of Zion to be extremely valuable, but now everyone treats them as completely worthless, like ordinary clay pots that a potter makes. GIMEL*

What were the sons of Zion, and how are they now valued?

The sons of Zion were precious, weighed against fine gold, but now they are regarded as clay jars, the work of a potter’s hands.

Lamentations 4:3

ULT	UST
Even jackals offer the breast; they nurse their young. But the daughter of my people has become cruel, like ostriches in the wilderness. DALETH	*Even jackals nurse their young, but the women among my people have neglected their own children and have stopped caring for them. DALETH*

What does the writer compare the daughter of his people to?

He compares her to the ostriches in the wilderness, who are fierce and do not care for their young.

Lamentations 4:4

ULT	UST
The tongue of the nursing infant sticks to the roof of his mouth with thirst. Children ask for bread; there is no one breaking it for them. HE	*The babies are so thirsty that their tongues stick to the roofs of their mouths. The children beg for food, but no one gives them any. HE*

What happens to the tongue of the nursing baby, and what are the children asking for?

The tongue of the nursing baby sticks to the roof of his mouth with thirst, and the children ask for food, but there is nothing for them.

Lamentations 4:5

ULT	UST
The ones eating delicacies are desolate in the streets. The ones reared on scarlet embrace garbage heaps. WAW	*People who used to eat the finest food now starve in the streets. People whose parents raised them wearing expensive clothes now search through garbage heaps for something to eat. WAW*

What has happened to the ones who used to eat the finest food and used to wear scarlet clothing?

The ones who used to eat the finest food are now starving in the streets, and the ones who used to wear scarlet clothing now search through piles of garbage looking for something to eat.

Lamentations 4:6

ULT	UST
And the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the sin of Sodom, which was overthrown as in a moment, and hands did not tremble for her. ZAYIN	*God has punished my people more severely than he punished the people of Sodom. He destroyed Sodom in an instant, and nobody cried for it. ZAYIN*

How great is the guilt of the daughter of his people?

The guilt of the daughter of his people is greater than the sin of Sodom.

Lamentations 4:7-8

What were her Nazarites like before, and how are they now?

Her Nazarites were purer than snow, healthy, attractive, and vigorous. Now darkness has darkened their form, they are unrecognizable in the streets, and their skin has shriveled on their bones and become as dry as wood.

Lamentations 4:9

ULT	UST
Better were the slain of the sword than the slain of hunger, for they waste away, pierced for lack of the fruits of the field. YODH	*Those who died quickly in battle were better off than those who died slowly from starvation, because the starving people wasted away gradually since no food grew in the fields. YODH*

What does the writer say about those killed by hunger compared to those killed by the sword?

The writer says that those killed by the sword were better off than those who slowly wasted away from hunger.

Lamentations 4:10

ULT	UST
The hands of compassionate women boiled their children; they became food for them in the breaking of the daughter of my people. KAPH	*Women who were normally very compassionate cooked their own children. They ate them as food when the enemy destroyed Jerusalem. KAPH*

What did the compassionate women do with their children?

They boiled their own children and the children became their food.

Lamentations 4:11

ULT	UST
Yahweh brought to completion his wrath; he poured out the burning of his nose. And he kindled a fire in Zion, and it consumed her foundations. LAMEDH	*Yahweh expressed all of his anger against Jerusalem. He burned the city with fire and destroyed it down to its very foundations. LAMEDH*

How did Yahweh bring his wrath to completion?

Yahweh brought his wrath to completion by pouring out his fierce anger and kindling a fire in Zion that consumed her foundations.

Lamentations 4:12

ULT	UST
The kings of the earth did not believe, nor any of the dwellers of the world, that an adversary and an enemy would enter into the gates of Jerusalem. MEM	*No king anywhere on the earth, and no one else in the whole world, believed that an enemy could ever enter the city of Jerusalem. MEM*

What did the kings and the inhabitants of the world not believe could happen to Jerusalem?

They did not believe that an adversary and an enemy could enter the gates of Jerusalem.

Lamentations 4:13

ULT	UST
Because of the sins of her prophets, the iniquities of her priests, the ones pouring out the blood of the righteous in her midst. NUN	*But it happened because Jerusalem's prophets sinned and her priests did evil things. They killed innocent people right there in the city. NUN*

What did the prophets and priests do in the city?

The prophets sinned greatly and the priests did evil things, and they poured out the blood of the innocent people right in the city.

Lamentations 4:14

ULT	UST
They wandered blind in the streets; they were defiled with blood, so that none were able to touch their garments. SAMEKH	*Those prophets and priests wandered through the streets, confused and unable to find their way. The blood of the people they had killed made them so unclean that no one would touch even their clothes. SAMEKH*

What happened to those prophets and priests?

They stumbled about blind in the streets, defiled with blood, so that no one was able to touch their clothes.

Lamentations 4:15

ULT	UST
“Turn aside! Unclean!” they called to them. “Turn aside! Turn aside! Do not touch!” For they fled, and they also wandered. They said among the nations, “They shall not continue to sojourn.” AYIN	*People shouted at them, “Go away! You are unclean! Do not touch us!” So those priests and prophets fled and wandered from place to place, but even the people in other nations said, “They cannot stay here.” AYIN*

What did people shout at the defiled prophets and priests?

People shouted at them to go away, calling them unclean and telling others not to touch them.

Where did the prophets and the priests go?

They fled and wandered among the nations, but the nations said they could not stay.

Lamentations 4:16

ULT	UST
The face of Yahweh divided them; he will not continue to look at them. The face of the priests they did not lift up, and the elders they did not show grace. PE	*Yahweh himself scattered them and no longer watches over them. People in those nations do not respect our priests and do not show any kindness to our elders. PE*

What did Yahweh do to the scattered prophets and priests?

Yahweh scattered them and will no longer watch over them.

How are the priests received and how are the elders received?

The priests are not respected anymore and the elders are not shown any concern.

Lamentations 4:17

ULT	UST
Our eyes still ended looking for our help—a vapor. In our watching, we watched for a nation that does not save. TSADHE	*We kept watching and waiting for a nation to come and help us, but no help ever came. The nation we hoped would rescue us could not save us. TSADHE*

What happened when the people watched and waited for help from the nations?

They watched in vain, and the nation they hoped would rescue them was not able to save them.

Lamentations 4:18

ULT	UST
They hunted our steps from walking in our open places. Our end drew near; our days are full, for our end had come. QOPH	*Our enemies tracked us so closely that we could not even walk through our own city squares. The time for our destruction was near, and our final days had come. QOPH*

What did the enemy do to the people?

The enemy tracked their every step so that they could not walk freely through their own streets.

What did the people say about their end?

They said their end was near and the time for their destruction had come.

Lamentations 4:19

ULT	UST
Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the heavens. On the mountains they chased us; in the wilderness they lay in wait for us. RESH	*Those who chased us were extremely fast. They pursued us over the mountains and ambushed us in the desert. RESH*

How does the writer describe the pursuers, and what did they do?

The writer describes the pursuers as swifter than the eagles of heaven; the pursuers set upon them on the mountains and lay in wait for them in the wilderness.

Lamentations 4:20

ULT	UST
The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of Yahweh, was captured in their pits, of whom we said, “In his shadow we will live among the nations.” SIN	*Our enemies captured the king whom Yahweh had chosen to lead us, the one who kept us alive. We had said about him, “He will protect us even if we have to live among other nations.” SIN*

What happened to Yahweh’s anointed, our king?

Yahweh’s anointed was captured in the enemy’s pits.

Lamentations 4:21

ULT	UST
Rejoice and be glad, daughter of Edom, dweller in the land of Uz. Also to you the cup will pass; you will become drunk and will make yourself naked. TAW	*The people of Edom who live in the land of Uz may be happy now about what has happened to Jerusalem, but Yahweh will punish them too. He will cause them to suffer greatly and be completely humiliated. TAW*

Why is the daughter of Edom told to rejoice and be glad?

She is told to rejoice and be glad, but the cup of judgment will also pass to her, and Yahweh will punish and humiliate her, too.

Lamentations 4:22

ULT	UST
Your iniquity is complete, daughter of Zion; he will not continue to exile you. He will visit your iniquity, daughter of Edom; he will uncover your sins.	*Yahweh will finish punishing the people of Jerusalem, and he will not keep them in exile any longer. However, he will punish the people of Edom and expose all the evil things they have done.*

What is the daughter of Zion told?

She is told her guilt is ended and Yahweh will no longer keep her in exile.

What is the daughter of Edom told?

The daughter of Edom is told Yahweh will punish her guilt and will uncover her sins.

Lamentations 5

Lamentations 5:1

ULT	UST
Remember, Yahweh, what has happened to us; look and see our reproach.	*Yahweh, think about what has happened to us. Pay attention and see how people have disgraced us.*

What does the writer ask Yahweh to do?

The writer asks Yahweh to remember what has happened to them and to see their disgrace.

Lamentations 5:2

ULT	UST
Our inheritance has been turned over to strangers, our houses to foreigners.	*Our enemies have taken our property and given it to people we do not know; they have seized our homes and given them to people who are not Israelites.*

What does the writer tell Yahweh has happened to their inheritance?

The writer tells Yahweh that their inheritance has been turned over to strangers and their houses to foreigners.

Lamentations 5:5-6

How does the writer describe what is happening to them?

He says that their enemies run after them, that they are weary, and they have reached out to the Egyptians and Assyrians for food.

Lamentations 5:7

ULT	UST
Our fathers sinned; they are no more, and we, we bear their iniquities.	*Our ancestors sinned and then they died, but we are the ones suffering for what they did wrong.*

What are the people saying about their suffering?

They are saying that their fathers sinned and then died, and they are suffering for what their fathers did wrong.

Lamentations 5:8

ULT	UST
Servants rule over us; there is no one tearing us away from their hand.	*People who used to be slaves now rule over us, and no one can rescue us from their power.*

What are the people saying about the slaves?

The people are saying that slaves rule over them and there is no one to rescue them.

Lamentations 5:9

ULT	UST
At our lives we bring in our bread, from the face of the sword of the wilderness.	*We risk our lives when we go out to get food, because violent people in the wilderness will kill us.*

How do they describe themselves when they go out to get bread?

They risk their lives to get bread outside the city because violent people in the wilderness will try to kill them.

Lamentations 5:10

ULT	UST
Our skin grows hot like an oven, from the face of the burning heat of famine.	*Our skin burns with fever because we are starving so badly.*

How do they describe their skin?

Their skin grows hot as an oven from the fever of hunger.

Lamentations 5:11

ULT	UST
They violate women in Zion, virgins in the cities of Judah.	*Our enemies raped women in Zion and young women in the towns of Judah.*

What happened to the women and virgins in Zion and Judah?

Women are raped in Zion and virgins in the cities of Judah.

Lamentations 5:12

ULT	UST
Princes are hung by their hands; the faces of elders are not honored.	*Our enemies hung our leaders by their hands; they did not respect our elders.*

What happened to the princes and the elders?

Princes are hung by their hands and the elders are shown no honor.

Lamentations 5:13

ULT	UST
Young men carry a grinding stone, and boys stumble under wood.	*They forced our young men to grind flour with millstones, and boys staggered under heavy loads of firewood.*

What happened to the young men and boys?

The young men grind with millstones, and the boys stagger under heavy loads of wood.

Lamentations 5:14

ULT	UST
Elders have ceased from the gate, young men from their music.	*Our elders no longer gather to make decisions, and our young men no longer play music.*

What happened to the elders and the young men?

The elders ceased from the gate and the young men from their songs.

Lamentations 5:15-16

How do they describe the joy of their heart, their dances, and their honor?

Their joy has ceased, their dances have changed into mourning, and they have lost the honor they once had.

Lamentations 5:17

ULT	UST
On account of this, our heart has become sick; on account of these things, our eyes have grown dim.	*Because of all this, we feel sick inside; because of these things, we cannot stop crying.*

What do they say about their hearts and eyes?

Their hearts have become sick, and their eyes have grown dim because of their tears.

Lamentations 5:18

ULT	UST
On account of Mount Zion, which is desolate, foxes walk on it.	*We are sad because Mount Zion lies empty with no one living there; foxes roam through it.*

What does the writer say has happened to Mount Zion?

Mount Zion is desolate and foxes roam over it.

Lamentations 5:19

ULT	UST
You, Yahweh, sit forever; your throne is to generation and generation.	*But you, Yahweh, rule forever! You have authority over every generation.*

What do they say about Yahweh's reign and throne?

Yahweh reigns forever and his throne is from generation to generation.

Lamentations 5:20-21

What do they ask Yahweh?

They ask Yahweh whether he is forgetting them for so long, and if he will turn them back to himself.

Lamentations 5:22

ULT	UST
For have you rejecting, rejected us? Have you been angry against us beyond measure?	*Please do not completely reject us or stay extremely angry with us forever!*

What does the writer fear Yahweh may have done?

He fears Yahweh may have utterly rejected them and may be angry with them beyond measure.

Daniel

Daniel 1

Daniel 1:1

ULT	UST
In the year of three to the reign of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem and besieged against it.	*After King Jehoiakim had been ruling Judah for almost three years, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem with his army and surrounded the city.*

When did Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon come to Jerusalem to surround the city and cut off all supplies to it?

Nebuchadnezzar came to Jerusalem in the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah.

Daniel 1:2

ULT	UST
And the Lord gave into his hand Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and he brought the vessels into the house of treasure of his god.	*After two years, the Lord allowed Nebuchadnezzar to capture Jehoiakim, the king of Judah. They also captured some of the things that the priests used in God's temple. They brought them back to Shinar, and Nebuchadnezzar put them in the treasury of the temple of his god.*

Who gave Nebuchadnezzar victory over Jehoiakim king of Judah?

The Lord gave Nebuchadnezzar victory over Jehoiakim.

Daniel 1:3

ULT	UST
Then the king told Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, to bring from the sons of Israel, both from the seed of the kingdom and from the nobles,	*Then Nebuchadnezzar commanded Ashpenaz, the chief official in his palace, to bring some Israelite men to Babylon. He wanted men who belonged to important families, including the family of the king of Judah.*

What did the king tell Ashpenaz to do?

The king told Ashpenaz to bring to Babylon some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility.

Daniel 1:4

ULT	UST
youths in whom was not any blemish and who were good of appearance and being skillful in all wisdom and knowers of knowledge and understanders of knowledge and in whom was strength to stand in the palace of the king, and to teach them the writing and tongue of the Chaldeans.	*He wanted young men who were healthy, handsome, and very intelligent. They needed to be people who had learned and understood many things. They had to be capable of working in the palace. People were to teach them the language and literature of the Chaldeans.*

What kind of young men did the king want to be brought to Babylon?

The king wanted young men without blemish, attractive in appearance, skillful in all wisdom, filled with knowledge and understanding, qualified to serve in the king’s palace.

Daniel 1:5

ULT	UST
And the king assigned to them the matter of a day in its day from the portion of the king and from the wine of his drinking, and three years for their upbringing, and from the end of them they would stand to the face of the king.	*The king told his servants to give them each day the same food and wine that he ate and drank. He told them to train them for three years. After that, they could work for him.*

What was the king’s daily arrangement for these young men’s food and drink?

Each day the king assigned them a portion of his own food and of the wine he drank, and he arranged for them to be trained for three years.

Daniel 1:6-7

What were the names of some of these young men from Israel and what names were they given by the chief official?

Daniel was called Belteshazzar; Hananiah was called Shadrach; Mishael was called Meshach, and Azariah was called Abednego.

Daniel 1:8

ULT	UST
But Daniel set upon his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king or with the wine of his drinking. So he sought from the chief of the eunuchs that he would not defile himself.	*But Daniel resolved not to make himself ritually unclean by eating the same food that the king ate or drinking the same wine that he drank. So he asked the chief official for permission to eat and drink something else.*

What did Daniel decide in his heart?

Daniel decided in his heart that he would not defile himself by eating the king's food or drinking his wine.

Daniel 1:9

ULT	UST
And God gave Daniel to favor and to compassions to the face of the chief of the eunuchs.	*God caused the chief official to respect Daniel and to want to help him.*

What did God cause the chief official to do toward Daniel?

God caused the chief official to show favor and compassion to Daniel.

Daniel 1:10

ULT	UST
And the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, "I, I fear my lord the king, who has assigned your food and your drink. For why should he see your faces looking worse than the youths who are like your age? Then you would endanger my head with the king."	*However, the chief official told Daniel, "My master, the king, ordered us to give you his own food and drink. So I am afraid of what he might do to me if I let you eat something else. Suppose he saw that you were not as healthy as the other young men who are your age. Then he might execute me!"*

How did the chief official respond when Daniel asked him to be allowed not to eat the king's food and wine?

The chief official told Daniel that he feared the king, who had assigned Daniel's food and drink, and that the king might behead him if he saw Daniel looking worse than the other young men of his age.

Daniel 1:11-13

What did Daniel ask of the steward who had been assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah?

Daniel asked the steward to test them for ten days by giving them only vegetables to eat and water to drink, and then to compare their appearance with that of the young men who ate the king's food, and then decide what to do based on what he saw.

Daniel 1:14-15

After the steward agreed to the test, what did he observe after ten days when he compared Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah to the other young men?

The steward observed that Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah looked healthier and better fed than all the young men who ate the king's food.

Daniel 1:16

ULT	UST
So the steward was taking away their portion and the wine of their drinkings, and he was giving vegetables to them.	*So after that, the guard allowed them to keep eating only beans, grain, and vegetables. He did not make them eat the same food and drink the same wine as the king.*

What did the steward do after seeing how well Daniel and his friends looked?

The steward continued to take away their portion of the king's food and wine and gave them vegetables instead.

Daniel 1:17

ULT	UST
And these four youths, God gave to them knowledge and skill in all writing and wisdom, and Daniel understood all visions and dreams.	*God enabled those four young men to learn what the Babylonians were teaching them. He enabled them to understand their literature and to learn to think wisely. He enabled Daniel to understand what visions and dreams meant.*

What did God give to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah?

God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel understood all visions and dreams.

Daniel 1:18

ULT	UST
And at the end of the days, when the king had said to bring them in, then the chief of the eunuchs brought them to the face of Nebuchadnezzar.	*The king had said to bring the young men to him at the end of those three years. So the chief official brought them into the presence of Nebuchadnezzar.*

Who brought the young men before King Nebuchadnezzar at the end of the three years?

The chief of the eunuchs brought them before Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 1:19-20

What did the king find when he spoke with the whole group of young men?

The king found that none of them could compare with Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. In every matter of wisdom and understanding that the king asked them about, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

Daniel 1:21

ULT	UST
And Daniel was there until the year of one to Cyrus the king.	*Daniel remained an advisor in the royal court right up to the time when Cyrus became king.*

Until when was Daniel in Babylon?

He was there until the first year of King Cyrus.

Daniel 2

Daniel 2:1

ULT	UST
And in the year of two to the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams. And his spirit was troubled, and his sleep finished for him.	*One night during the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had a dream. The dream worried him very much. As a result, he could not get back to sleep.*

When did Nebuchadnezzar have dreams that troubled his mind so that he could not sleep?

This occurred in the second year of his reign.

Daniel 2:2

ULT	UST
Then the king said to call the magicians and the enchanters and the sorcerers and the Chaldeans to declare to the king his dreams. And they came, and they stood to the face of the king.	*So he told his servants to summon his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and other advisors. He wanted them to tell him what he had dreamed and what it meant. They came and stood in his presence.*

Why did the king summon the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans?

The king wanted these men to tell him about his dreams.

Daniel 2:3

ULT	UST
And the king said to them, "I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream."	*He told them, "I have had a dream, and it has worried me. I want to know what I dreamed."*

What did the king tell his advisors about his dream?

The king told them that he had dreamed a dream and that he wanted to know what it meant.

Daniel 2:4

ULT	UST
Then the Chaldeans said to the king in Aramaic, "O King, live forever! Tell the dream to your servants, and we will show the interpretation."	*The advisors replied to the king, speaking in Aramaic, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we hope you live for a long time! Tell us what you dreamed, and we will tell you what it means."*

What did the Chaldeans ask the king to do?

The Chaldeans asked the king to tell them the dream so they could tell him what it meant.

Daniel 2:5

ULT	UST
The king answered and was saying to the Chaldeans, "The word from me is firm. If you do not make me know the dream and its interpretation, you will be made into limbs, and your houses will be made a rubbish heap.	*But the king replied to them, "I am giving a strict command. If you do not tell me what I dreamed and what it means, I will order my soldiers to cut you into pieces. I will also order them to destroy your houses completely.*

What did the king specifically want the wise men to do?

The king wanted the wise men to reveal the dream to him and also to interpret the meaning of the dream for the king.

What did the king say would happen to the wise men if they failed to tell the king his dream and interpret it for him?

The king said that if they failed, their bodies would be cut into pieces and their houses would be turned into piles of rubbish.

Daniel 2:6

ULT	UST
But if you show the dream and its interpretation, you will receive gifts, a reward, and great honor from before me. Therefore, show me the dream and its interpretation."	*But if you do tell me what I dreamed and what it means, I will reward you. I will give you splendid gifts, and I will greatly honor you. So tell me what I dreamed and what it means!"*

What did the king say he would do for the person or people who revealed the dream to him and interpreted it?

The king said he would give that person or persons gifts, a reward, and great honor.

Daniel 2:7

ULT	UST
They answered again and were saying, “Let the king tell the dream to his servants, and we will show the interpretation.”	*But again they replied, “Please tell us what you dreamed, and then we will tell you what it means.”*

What did the advisors say again to the king?

They said again that the king should tell them the dream, and they would tell him what it meant.

Daniel 2:8

ULT	UST
The king answered and was saying, “I am knowing for certain that you are buying time all before that you see that the word from me is firm.	*The king responded, “I recognize clearly that you know that I will certainly do what I have said, so you are trying to get more time.*

What did the king say the advisors were doing?

The king said that the advisors were trying to get more time because they knew he would carry out what he had said.

Daniel 2:9

ULT	UST
But if you do not make me know the dream, your decree is one. For you have agreed together to speak a false and corrupted word before me until that the time is changed. Therefore, tell the dream to me, and I will know that you do show me its interpretation.”	*But if you do not tell me what I dreamed, I will do to you exactly what I said. I believe that you have all agreed to tell me a false explanation of my dream so that I do not punish you. So I insist that you tell me what I dreamed. Then I will know that you can also tell me what it really means.”*

What did the king say the advisors had agreed to do?

The king said they had agreed to tell him a false explanation until the situation changed.

Daniel 2:10-11

Who did the Chaldeans say could do what the king asked concerning his dream?

The Chaldeans said that there was not a man on earth who could meet the king’s demand, only the gods could do that.

Daniel 2:12

ULT	UST
All before this, the king became angry and became very furious, and he said to destroy all of the wise men of Babylon.	*When the king heard that, he became extremely angry. He commanded his soldiers to execute all the wise men in Babylon.*

How did the king feel after the advisors said they could not tell him his dream?

The king became extremely angry, and he commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be executed.

Daniel 2:13

ULT	UST
And the decree went out that the wise men were to be killed. And they sought Daniel and his friends, to be killed.	*Because the king had commanded his soldiers to kill all the wise men, some soldiers went to find Daniel and his friends so that they could kill them.*

After the wise men's reply to Nebuchadnezzar, what did the king decree?

The king decreed that all those known for their wisdom were to be put to death.

Daniel 2:14

ULT	UST
Then Daniel replied with prudence and discretion to Arioch the captain of the guard of the king, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon.	*Arioch, the commander of the king's bodyguard, was leading the soldiers who came to kill Daniel and his friends. And Daniel spoke to him wisely and tactfully.*

Who was Arioch?

He was the captain of the king's guard, the one who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon.

Daniel 2:14-15

How did Daniel interact with Arioch when he came to Daniel?

Daniel replied with prudence and discretion to Arioch. He asked Arioch why the king's decree was so urgent.

Daniel 2:16

ULT	UST
Then Daniel went in and sought from the king that he give time to him, that he might show the interpretation to the king.	*Daniel went to the king and asked him to give me some time so that he tell him his dream and what it meant.*

What did Daniel request after speaking with Arioch?

Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time so that he could tell the king what his dream meant.

Daniel 2:17

ULT	UST
Then Daniel went to his house, and he made Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his friends, know the matter,	*Then he went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened.*

What did Daniel do when he went to his house?

Daniel told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened.

Daniel 2:18

ULT	UST
that they might seek mercies from before the God of the heavens concerning this mystery, that they might not destroy Daniel and his friends with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.	*He asked them to pray to God in heaven and ask him to be merciful to them and show them what the king had dreamed and what it meant. Then the king's soldiers would not kill them, even if they killed the other wise men in Babylon.*

What did Daniel ask his friends to seek from the God of heaven?

Daniel asked them to seek mercy from the God of heaven about the mystery, so that he and his friends would not be killed with the other wise men of Babylon.

Daniel 2:19

ULT	UST
Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of the heavens.	*That night God revealed the dream and its meaning to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised God.*

What did Daniel do after the secret was revealed to him?

Daniel praised the God of heaven.

Daniel 2:20

ULT	UST
Daniel answered and was saying, "May his name, of God, be blessed from eternity and to eternity, for wisdom and power, for they are to him.	*He said, "People should praise God forever! He is the one who is truly wise and powerful.*

What did Daniel say about God's wisdom and power?

Daniel said that wisdom and power belong to God, and that God's name should be blessed forever.

Daniel 2:21

ULT	UST
And he is the one changing times and seasons, the one removing kings and setting up kings, the one giving wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the knowers of understanding.	*He controls the different things that happen at various times. He stops some kings from reigning, and he makes other kings start reigning. He is the one who enables people to be wise and to understand difficult things.*

What did Daniel say God does with kings and with wisdom?

Daniel said that God removes kings and sets up kings, and that God gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who understand.

Daniel 2:22

ULT	UST
He is revealing the deep and the hidden; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light is lodged with him.	*He reveals things that are very mysterious. Everything is light where he is, but he also knows what happens where it is dark.*

What did Daniel say God reveals and knows?

Daniel said God reveals deep and hidden things, and that God knows what is in the darkness because the light is with him.

Daniel 2:23

ULT	UST
God of my fathers, I am thanking and praising you, for you have given wisdom and power to me. And now, you have made me know what we sought from you, for you have made us know the matter of the king."	*You are the God whom my ancestors worshiped. I thank you and praise you because you have made me wise and strong. You have revealed to us what the king dreamed and what it meant. So you have done just what we prayed you would do."*

For what did Daniel thank the God of his ancestors?

Daniel thanked the God of his ancestors for the wisdom and power the God of his ancestors had given him.

Daniel 2:24

ULT	UST
All before this, Daniel went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went, and thus he said to him, "May you not destroy the wise men of Babylon. Bring me in before the king, and I will show the interpretation to the king."	*Then Daniel went to Arioch, the man whom the king had appointed to execute the wise men of Babylon. He said to him, "Please do not kill us wise men. Take me to the king, and I will tell him what his dream means."*

Who did Daniel go see after the secret was revealed to him?

Daniel went in to see Arioch.

What did Daniel tell Arioch?

Daniel told Arioch not to kill the wise men in Babylon. Daniel told Arioch to escort him before the king so Daniel could tell the king the dream's meaning.

Daniel 2:25

ULT	UST
Then Arioch, in hastening himself, brought Daniel in before the king, and thus he said to him, that "I have found a man from the sons of the captivity of Judah who will make the king know the interpretation."	*So Arioch quickly took Daniel to the king. He told the king, "Here is one of the men whom our soldiers brought from Judah. He says that he can tell you what your dream means."*

What did Arioch tell the king about Daniel?

Arioch told the king that he had found a man from the captives of Judah who could tell the king the interpretation of his dream.

Daniel 2:26

ULT	UST
The king answered and was saying to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you being able to make me know the dream that I saw and its interpretation?"	*The king spoke to Daniel. (He called him Belteshazzar.) He asked, "Can you really tell me what I dreamed and what it means?"*

What did the king ask Daniel?

The king asked Daniel whether he was able to tell him the dream that he had seen and its interpretation.

Daniel 2:27

ULT	UST
Daniel answered before the king and said, "The mystery that the king has asked, wise men, enchanters, magicians, diviners, are not being able to show to the king.	*Daniel replied to him, "No wise man or enchanter or magician or fortuneteller could tell you what you want to know.*

What did Daniel say about the wise men, enchanters, magicians, and diviners?

Daniel said that they were not able to show the king the mystery that he had asked about.

Daniel 2:28

ULT	UST
However, there is a God in the heavens revealing mysteries, and he has made King Nebuchadnezzar know that which will be at the end of days. Your dream and the visions of your head upon your bed was this.	*But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has shown you, King Nebuchadnezzar, what will happen in the future. This is what you saw in your dream as you were lying on your bed.*

When Daniel was brought in to the king, who did Daniel say could reveal the mystery the king had demanded?

Daniel said there is a God who lives in the heavens, who reveals secrets.

In general what did Daniel say the king's dream was about?

Daniel said the dream was about what would happen in the days to come.

Daniel 2:29

ULT	UST
You, O king, your thoughts arose upon your bed about that which will be after this, and the revealer of mysteries has made you know that which will be.	*Your Majesty, while you were sleeping, you dreamed about what is going to happen in the future. God, who reveals secrets, has shown you what is going to happen.*

What did Daniel say the king had been thinking about while on his bed?

Daniel said the king had been thinking about what will happen in the future, and that God had revealed to him what that will be.

Daniel 2:30

ULT	UST
And I, this mystery has been revealed to me not because of wisdom that is in me more than all of the living, but for the purpose that they may make the king know the interpretation and you may know the thoughts of your heart.	*I do not know your dream and its meaning because I am wiser than anyone else on earth. It is because God wants you to understand what your dream means. It explains what you were wondering about.*

Why was the dream revealed to Daniel?

The dream was revealed to Daniel so that the king might understand the meaning and know the thoughts deep within himself.

Daniel 2:31-32

What did the statue that the king saw in his dream look like?

The statue was large and had a head of gold, a chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs were bronze, its legs of iron and its feet part iron and part clay.

Daniel 2:33

ULT	UST
its legs, of iron; its feet, some of them of iron and some of them of clay.	*Its legs were iron, and its feet were partly iron and partly clay.*

What were the feet of the statue made of?

The feet of the statue were made partly of iron and partly of clay.

Daniel 2:34-35

What happened to the statue the king saw in his dream?

The king saw a stone cut, but not by human hands. The stone struck the statue's feet and the whole statue shattered into pieces which the wind carried away.

Daniel 2:35

ULT	UST
Then at once the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold crumbled, and they became like the chaff of the threshing floors of summer. And the wind carried them away, and any place was not found for them. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain, and it filled all of the earth.	*Immediately the iron, clay, bronze, silver, and gold parts of the statue also broke into tiny pieces. Those pieces were as small as the chaff that people separate from grain after they harvest it. The wind blew away all those tiny pieces. Nothing remained. But the rock that had smashed the statue became a large mountain that covered the whole earth.*

What happened to the stone that struck the statue?

The stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Daniel 2:36

ULT	UST
This was the dream. And we will tell its interpretation before the king.	*That was what you dreamed. Now I will tell you what it means.*

What did Daniel say he and his friends would do after telling the king his dream?

Daniel said they would tell the king the interpretation of the dream.

Daniel 2:37

ULT	UST
You, O king, are the king of kings to whom the God of the heavens has given the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the glory.	*You are a king who rules over many other kings. God, who rules in heaven, has enabled you to rule over them. He has given you great power and much honor.*

What did Daniel say God had given to the king?

Daniel said God had given the king the kingdom, the power, the strength, and the glory.

Daniel 2:38

ULT	UST
And in everywhere that are dwelling the sons of man, the beast of the field, and the bird of the heavens, he has given into your hand, and he has made you rule over all of them. You are the head of gold.	*He has made you the ruler of a great territory. It seems as if you have power over every place where people and animals and birds live. The golden head of the statue represents you.*

Who was the head of gold?

King Nebuchadnezzar was the head of gold.

Daniel 2:39

ULT	UST
And after you another kingdom will arise, earthward from you, and a third kingdom, another, of bronze, that will rule over all of the earth.	*But your kingdom will end, and afterward there will be another great kingdom, which the silver part of the statue represents. However, it will not be as great as yours. After that, there will be a third great kingdom, which the bronze part of the statue represents. Its king will rule over a very great territory.*

What did Daniel say would happen after the king's kingdom?

Daniel said another kingdom would arise after his, and then a third kingdom of bronze would rule over all the earth.

Daniel 2:40

ULT	UST
And a fourth kingdom will be, strong as iron, all before that iron is crushing and shattering everything. And like iron that is breaking, it will crush and break all of these.	*After that, there will be a fourth great kingdom. The iron part of the statue represents that kingdom. It will be very strong, just as iron is so strong that it crushes and breaks whatever it strikes. The army of this kingdom will conquer the territory of the previous kingdoms as if it were an iron weapon smashing them.*

What did Daniel say the fourth kingdom would be like?

Daniel said the fourth kingdom would be strong like iron, and it would crush and break all the other kingdoms.

Daniel 2:41

ULT	UST
And that you saw the feet and the toes, some of them clay of a potter and some of them iron, it will be a divided kingdom. For some of the firmness of iron will be in it, all before that you saw iron mixed with the clay of mire.	*You saw that the feet and toes of the statue were partly clay and partly iron. That meant that this kingdom will divide into two parts. You saw that there was iron as well as clay, and that meant that this kingdom will still be somewhat strong like iron.*

What did the feet and toes made of clay and iron mean?

They meant that the kingdom would be divided, partly strong like iron and partly weak, because the king saw iron mixed with clay.

Daniel 2:42

ULT	UST
And as the toes of the feet, some of them were iron and some of them were clay, some of the kingdom will be strong and some of it will be brittle.	*However, you saw that there was clay as well as iron in the toes of the statue. That meant that some of this kingdom will be weak, like clay that breaks easily, even though some of it will be strong like iron.*

What did the iron and clay in the toes of the statue represent?

They represented that part of the kingdom would be strong and part of it would be brittle.

Daniel 2:43

ULT	UST
That you saw the iron mixed with the clay of mire, they will be mixing themselves by the seed of man, but they will not be cleaving this with this, even as iron does not mix itself with clay.	*You saw iron and clay together in the statue's feet and toes. That meant that the rulers of the parts of this kingdom will try to join themselves together through marriage alliances. However, they will not succeed in uniting their realms. After all, iron does not mix with clay.*

What did Daniel say would happen even though the kingdoms would mix themselves by marriage?

Daniel said the kingdoms would not stay united with each other, just as iron does not mix with clay.

Daniel 2:44

ULT	UST
And in the days of those kings, the God of the heavens will set up a kingdom that will not be destroyed to eternities, and the kingdom will not be left to another people. It will crush and finish all of these kingdoms, but it, it will stand to eternities.	*While those kings are ruling, God, who rules everything from heaven, will establish a kingdom that will never end. No one will ever defeat its king and take over his kingdom. He will completely destroy all those kingdoms, but his kingdom will last forever.*

What will the God of heaven do in the days of the kingdom that is partly iron and partly clay?

In those days the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed or conquered by another people.

Daniel 2:45

ULT	UST
All before that you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain, but not by hands, and it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made the king know that which will be after this. And the dream is certain and its interpretation is confirmed."	*You saw a rock that someone, but not a human, cut from a mountain. That rock crushed the iron, bronze, clay, silver, and gold parts of the statue. It represents this last king. Your Majesty, the great God has shown you what will happen in the future. Since I have told you what you actually dreamed, you can trust that I have also told you what it truly means."*

What did Daniel say about the dream and its interpretation?

Daniel said the dream was certain and its interpretation was confirmed.

Daniel 2:46

ULT	UST
Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and worshiped Daniel, and he said to present an offering and incense to him.	*Then King Nebuchadnezzar bowed down in front of Daniel to honor him. He commanded his officials to give Daniel a grain offering and to burn incense to honor him.*

What did Nebuchadnezzar command to be done for Daniel after he finished telling the king the dream and its interpretation?

The king commanded an offering to be made and incense be offered up to Daniel.

Daniel 2:47

ULT	UST
The king answered and was saying to Daniel, "In truth that your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and the revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery."	*The king told Daniel, "Your God has enabled you to tell me the meaning of my dream. So he truly is greater than any of the gods that other nations worship. He is more powerful than any earthly king. He reveals secrets that no one else could know."*

What did Nebuchadnezzar say concerning Daniel's God?

Nebuchadnezzar said Daniel's God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings and the one who reveals secrets.

Daniel 2:48

ULT	UST
Then the king made Daniel great, and he gave many great gifts to him, and he made him rule over all of the province of Babylon and chief of the governors over all of the wise men of Babylon.	*Then the king made Daniel a powerful royal official. He gave him many lavish gifts. He appointed him to rule the entire province of Babylon. He also made him the leader of the officials who governed the wise men of Babylon.*

What did the king do for Daniel after the interpretation?

The king made Daniel great, gave him many gifts, and made him ruler over the province of Babylon and chief over all the wise men of Babylon.

Daniel 2:49

ULT	UST
And Daniel sought from the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the work of the province of Babylon. But Daniel was at the gate of the king.	*At Daniel's request, the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to important positions in the province of Babylon. Daniel himself worked in the king's palace.*

What did Nebuchadnezzar do after Daniel made a request of the king?

The king appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be administrators over the province of Babylon.

Daniel 3

Daniel 3:1

ULT	UST
King Nebuchadnezzar made a statue of gold. Its height was sixty cubits. Its width was six cubits. He set it up on the Plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.	*King Nebuchadnezzar ordered his craftsmen to make a giant statue and cover it completely with gold. It was 27 meters high and 2. 7 meters wide. They set it up on the Plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.*

What were the dimensions of the gold statue that king Nebuchadnezzar made and set up on the Plain of Dura?

The statue was sixty cubits tall and six cubits wide.

Daniel 3:2

ULT	UST
And King Nebuchadnezzar sent to assemble the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all of the rulers of the provinces to come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.	*Then the king sent messengers to the satraps, the prefects, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and the other officials in the province. He ordered them to come to the dedication of the statue that he had set up.*

Who did King Nebuchadnezzar send to assemble for the dedication of the statue?

He sent messengers to assemble the satraps, the prefects, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the other officials of the provinces.

Daniel 3:3

ULT	UST
Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all of the rulers of the provinces were assembling themselves for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.	*So the satraps, the prefects, the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and the other officials in the province came for the dedication of the statue that the king had set up. They all stood in front of that statue.*

Who came to the dedication of the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had made?

The provincial governors, regional governors, and local governors, together with the counselors, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the high officials of the provinces came to the dedication.

Daniel 3:4-5

What did Nebuchadnezzar want those in attendance at the dedication to do?

He wanted those in attendance to fall down and worship the golden statue when they heard the sound of the horns, flutes, lyres, zithers, harps, and bagpipes, and all kinds of music.

Daniel 3:6

ULT	UST
But who that does not fall down and worship, in that moment he will be thrown into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire."	*The king's soldiers will immediately throw anyone who does not do that into a furnace that is blazing with fire!"*

What did the king command to happen to those who did not fall down and worship the statue when they heard all the instruments and the music?

The king said that those who would not fall down and worship, at that very moment, would be thrown into a blazing furnace.

Daniel 3:7

ULT	UST
All before this, at that time in which all of the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp and all kinds of music, all of the peoples, nations, and languages, falling down, were worshiping the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.	*So when the officials who had gathered there heard the music of horns, flutes, lyres, zithers, harps, and other instruments, they bowed down to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's golden statue.*

What did the peoples, nations, and languages do when they heard the sound of the music?

They fell down and worshiped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Daniel 3:8

ULT	UST
All before this, at that time men, Chaldeans, approached and ate the pieces of the Jews.	*But because of something they saw, some of the king's advisors then went to him and said bad things about the Jews who were provincial officials.*

Who brought accusations against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

Certain Chaldeans came and brought accusations against them.

Daniel 3:9

ULT	UST
They answered and were saying to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live to eternities!	*They told King Nebuchadnezzar, "Your Majesty, we hope that you will live for a very long time!*

What did the Chaldeans say to the king before they accused Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

They wished the king a long life before making their accusation.

Daniel 3:10

ULT	UST
You, O king, have set a decree that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, and bagpipe and all kinds of music shall fall down and worship the golden statue	*You commanded all of us officials to bow down and worship your golden statue when we heard the music of horns, flutes, lyres, zithers, harps, bagpipes, and other instruments.*

What decree did the Chaldeans remind the king that he had made?

They reminded him that he had decreed that everyone who heard the music must fall down and worship the golden statue.

Daniel 3:11

ULT	UST
and who that does not fall down and worship will be thrown into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire.	*You said that if anyone did not do that, you would command your solders to throw him into a furnace that was blazing with fire.*

What did the Chaldeans say would happen to anyone who did not worship the statue?

They said that person would be thrown into a blazing furnace.

Daniel 3:12

ULT	UST
There are men, Jews, whom you have appointed them over the work of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men do not set regard on you, O king. They are not serving your gods, and they are not worshiping the golden statue that you have set up."	*But there are some men who are not obeying your decree, Your Majesty. They are men from Judah whom you have appointed to be officials in the province of Babylon. Their names are Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. They refuse to worship your gods. They did not bow down to your golden statue."*

Who did not fall down and worship the statue?

Certain Jews, their names being Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, would not fall down and worship the statue.

Daniel 3:13

ULT	UST
Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage and heat said to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.	*When he heard that, Nebuchadnezzar became extremely angry. He commanded his soldiers to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to him. When those three men arrived,*

What did Nebuchadnezzar command when he heard the accusation against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

He angrily commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought before him, and they were brought before the king.

Daniel 3:14

ULT	UST
Nebuchadnezzar answered and was saying to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you are not serving my gods and not worshiping the golden statue that I have set up?	*Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you refuse to worship my gods? Did you not bow down to my golden statue?*

What did Nebuchadnezzar ask Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

He asked them if it was true that they did not serve his gods or worship the golden statue he had set up.

Daniel 3:15

ULT	UST
Now if you are ready, that at the moment when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, and bagpipe and all kinds of music, you fall down and worship the statue that I have made; but if you do not worship, in that moment you will be thrown into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hand?"	*I will not punish you if you are willing to bow down and worship my statue when you hear the music of horns, flutes, lyres, zithers, harps, bagpipes, and other instruments. But if you do not bow down, I will immediately command my soldiers to throw you into a furnace that is blazing with fire. Then what god would be able to rescue you from my power?"*

What did Nebuchadnezzar tell Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego would happen if they refused to worship the statue?

He told them they would immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace, and no god would be able to rescue them from his power.

Daniel 3:16

ULT	UST
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and were saying to the king, "Nebuchadnezzar, we are not needing to answer you about this matter.	*Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to make a decision about what to do and then tell you whether we are willing to bow down to your statue.*

What did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego tell the king?

They told him that they did not need to answer him about this matter.

Daniel 3:17-18

What was the response of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to the king when the king repeated the command to fall down and worship the statue, and stated the consequences if they did not follow the king's command?

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego responded that their God could and would keep them safe and rescue them from the blazing furnace. But even if not, they would not worship Nebuchadnezzar's gods or prostrate themselves to the statue.

Daniel 3:19-20

What did Nebuchadnezzar command concerning Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?

Nebuchadnezzar ordered the furnace to be heated seven times hotter than normal, and for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to be tied up and thrown into the furnace.

Daniel 3:21

ULT	UST
Then they bound these men in their cloaks, their tunics, their turbans, and their garments, and they threw them into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire.	*So those soldiers tied up the three men and threw them into the furnace. The men were still wearing their robes, tunics, turbans, and other clothes.*

How were Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego dressed when they were thrown into the furnace?

They were bound in their cloaks, tunics, turbans, and other garments when they were thrown into the blazing furnace.

Daniel 3:22-23

What happened to Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego and the men who took them to put them in the furnace?

The men who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were killed by the very hot flames from the furnace and Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego fell into the furnace.

Daniel 3:24

ULT	UST
Then King Nebuchadnezzar marveled, and he stood up in hastening himself. He answered and was saying to his counselors, "Did we not throw three men into the midst of the fire bound?" They answered and were saying to the king, "True, O king."	*But then King Nebuchadnezzar saw something that amazed him. He quickly jumped up and asked his advisors, "Did we not tie up three men and throw them into the furnace?" The advisors replied, "Yes, Your Majesty, we did."*

What did Nebuchadnezzar ask his counselors after he saw something amazing in the furnace?

He asked them if they had not thrown three men, bound, into the fire, and they answered that it was true.

Daniel 3:25

ULT	UST
He answered and was saying, "Behold, I am seeing four men loosened walking about in the midst of the fire, and harm is not upon them. And the appearance of the fourth resembles a son of the gods."	*Nebuchadnezzar responded, "But look! I see four men! They have no ropes around them, and they are walking around in the flames. The fire is not hurting them! And the fourth man looks like a divine being!"*

What caused Nebuchadnezzar to be amazed and stand up quickly?

Nebuchadnezzar was amazed because he saw four men, not tied up, walking around in the fire and they were not hurt and the brilliance of the fourth man was like a son of the gods.

Daniel 3:26

ULT	UST
Then Nebuchadnezzar approached to the door of the furnace of blazing fire. He answered and was saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, his servants of the Most High God, come out and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were coming out from the midst of the fire.	*Then Nebuchadnezzar came closer to the opening of the furnace. He shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you men who worship the Supreme God, come out of there! Come over here!" So they stepped out of the furnace.*

What did Nebuchadnezzar say to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego at the door of the furnace?

He called for the servants of the Most High God to come out, and they came out of the fire.

Daniel 3:27

ULT	UST
And assembling themselves, the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the counselors of the king were seeing these men, that the fire had not ruled over their bodies. For the hair of their heads was not singed and their cloaks had not changed and the smell of fire had not passed onto them.	*Then the satraps, prefects, governors, and royal counselors crowded around them. They saw that the flames had not harmed them. The flames had not even singed any of the hair on their heads or scorched any of their clothes! There was not even any smell of smoke on them!*

What did those present observe about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego after they came out of the fire?

Those present observed that the fire had not hurt their bodies; the hair on their heads was not singed; their robes were not harmed; and there was no smell of fire on them.

Daniel 3:28

ULT	UST
Nebuchadnezzar answered and was saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who sent his angel and delivered his servants who entrusted themselves to him and changed the word of the king and gave up their bodies that they might not serve and not worship any god except their God.	*Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "People should praise the God whom Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego worship! He sent one of his angels to rescue these three men who worship him and who trusted him to protect them. They were willing to die rather than worship any other god other than their own God. As a result, they made my punishment have no effect.*

What did Nebuchadnezzar say about the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

He said that God was blessed because he sent his angel and rescued his servants, who were willing to give up their bodies rather than serve or worship any other god.

Daniel 3:29

ULT	UST
And from me a decree is set that any people, nation, or language that says anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego will be made into limbs and its house be made a rubbish heap, all before that there is not another god that is able to rescue like this."	*Therefore, I am now making this decree: 'No person, no matter what nation or group he comes from or what language he speaks, may criticize the God whom Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego worship. If anyone does, I will order my soldiers to cut him into pieces. I will also order them to destroy his house completely. That is because there is no other god who can rescue people like this!'"*

What decree did Nebuchadnezzar issue after the event of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and the blazing furnace?

Nebuchadnezzar decreed that anyone from any people, nation, or language who spoke against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego would be cut into pieces and their house destroyed, because no other god is able to save like this one.

Daniel 3:30

ULT	UST
Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.	*Then the king gave Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego more important positions in the province of Babylon.*

What did the king do for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?

Nebuchadnezzar, the king, promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Daniel 4

Daniel 4:1

ULT	UST
King Nebuchadnezzar, to all of the peoples, nations, and languages that are dwelling in all of the earth. May your peace abound.	*I, King Nebuchadnezzar, am writing to all of you people who live in my empire. You come from many different nations and groups, and you speak many different languages. I hope that all is well with you.*

To whom did Nebuchadnezzar send the decree?

Nebuchadnezzar sent the decree to all peoples, nations, and languages who lived on the earth.

Daniel 4:2

ULT	UST
It has seemed good before me to make known the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done with me.	*I want you to know the wonderful things that the Supreme God has done for me.*

Why did Nebuchadnezzar send the decree?

Nebuchadnezzar sent the decree to tell everyone about the signs and wonders the Most High had done for him.

Daniel 4:3

ULT	UST
How great are his signs, and how mighty are his wonders! His kingdom is a kingdom of eternity, and his dominion is with generation and generation.	*He performs great miracles; yes, he does very wonderful things. His kingdom will last forever; indeed, he will rule over every generation of people.*

What did Nebuchadnezzar say about the Most High?

Nebuchadnezzar said that the Most High's signs are great and his wonders are mighty, that his kingdom lasts forever, and that he rules over every generation.

Daniel 4:4

ULT	UST
I, Nebuchadnezzar, was being secure in my house and prosperous in my palace.	*I, Nebuchadnezzar, was reigning firmly over my kingdom, and I was living comfortably in my palace.*

How was Nebuchadnezzar living before he had his dream?

Nebuchadnezzar was living securely in his house and prospering in his palace.

Daniel 4:5

ULT	UST
I saw a dream and it frightened me. And the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head alarmed me.	*But one night I had a dream that scared me. What I saw in my dream as I was asleep in bed distressed me greatly.*

What made Nebuchadnezzar afraid?

A dream that Nebuchadnezzar saw frightened him, and the thoughts and visions in his mind alarmed him.

Daniel 4:6

ULT	UST
And a decree was set from me to bring before me all of the wise men of Babylon, that they might make me know the interpretation of the dream.	*So I sent an order to all the wise men in Babylon to come and tell me what my dream meant.*

Why did Nebuchadnezzar issue a decree to bring before him all the wise men of Babylon?

Nebuchadnezzar wanted the wise men of Babylon to come and interpret his dream for him.

Daniel 4:7

ULT	UST
Then the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the diviners were coming in, and I was telling the dream before them, but they were not making me know its interpretation.	*And various magicians, enchanters, advisors, and fortunetellers came to me. I told them what I had dreamed, but they could not tell me what it meant.*

What happened when Nebuchadnezzar told his dream to the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and diviners?

They were not able to tell Nebuchadnezzar what the dream meant.

Daniel 4:8-9

What was Daniel's Babylonian name and what was Daniel's position in Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom?

Daniel's Babylonian name was Belteshazzar and he held the position of "chief of the magicians."

Who did Nebuchadnezzar believe was able to tell the interpretation of his dream?

Nebuchadnezzar believed Daniel could interpret his dream for him, for Nebuchadnezzar said of Daniel, "the spirit of the holy gods is in you, so no mystery is too hard for you to explain."

Daniel 4:10-12

What did Nebuchadnezzar see in the first part of his dream?

Nebuchadnezzar saw a great, strong, beautiful tree that reached to the heavens. It provided shade for animals and an abode for the birds. It had abundant fruit that fed all living creatures.

Daniel 4:13-14

What did the holy messenger from the heavens say to do to the tree?

The holy messenger said to chop down the tree, cut off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit.

Daniel 4:15-16

What was to be done with the tree stump?

The stump was to be left in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze. Let it be wet with dew. Let it live with the animals. Let his mind be that of an animal and not of a man for seven years.

Daniel 4:17

ULT	UST
The matter is by a decree of the watchers, and the decision is from a command of the holy ones, for the purpose that the living may know that the Most High is ruler over the kingdom of man, and to whom that he wishes, he gives it, and he sets up over it the lowest of men.'	*The holy angels have decided that this will be his punishment. They want people to know that the Supreme God rules over human kingdoms. He chooses who will be their kings. He even makes people who were not important into kings.'*

What was the purpose of doing this to the tree in Nebuchadnezzar's dream?

The purpose was to show Nebuchadnezzar that those who are alive would know that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of peoples and gives them to anyone he wishes to place over them.

Daniel 4:18

ULT	UST
I saw this dream, I, King Nebuchadnezzar. And you, Belteshazzar, tell the interpretation, all before that all of the wise men of my kingdom are not being able to make me know the interpretation. But you are being able because the spirit of the holy gods is in you."	*That is what I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw in my dream. Now I want you, Belteshazzar, to tell me what it means. I am asking you because none of my other wise men could tell me what it meant. But I believe you can tell me because the spirit of the holy gods is in you."*

What did Nebuchadnezzar tell Belteshazzar about his other wise men?

Nebuchadnezzar said that none of his other wise men were able to tell him the interpretation of the dream, but Belteshazzar was able because the spirit of the holy gods was in him.

Daniel 4:19

ULT	UST
Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was appalled for a moment, and his thoughts alarmed him. The king answered and was saying, "Belteshazzar, may the dream and the interpretation not alarm you." Belteshazzar answered and was saying, "My lord, may the dream be for the ones hating you and its interpretation, for your enemies.	*But Daniel, whom we called Belteshazzar, did not say anything for a while. That was because he knew what the dream meant, and it distressed him. Finally I said to him, "Belteshazzar, do not let the dream and its meaning distress you." He replied, "Sir, I hope that what your dream shows will happen to your enemies, who hate you, and not to you.*

How did Daniel react when he first understood the dream?

Daniel was appalled for a moment, and his thoughts alarmed him.

Daniel 4:20-21

What details did Daniel repeat about the tree Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream?

Daniel said the tree had become great and strong, reached to the heavens, and could be seen from all the earth; it had beautiful leaves and much fruit, and animals and birds lived in it.

Daniel 4:22

ULT	UST
it is you, O king, who have become great and have become strong. And your greatness has become great and has reached to the heavens, and your dominion, to the end of the earth.	*Your Majesty, that tree represents you! You have become great and strong. It is as if you rule everything from the ground up to the sky, all throughout the world.*

Who did Daniel say the tree was in Nebuchadnezzar's dream?

Daniel said the tree was Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 4:23

ULT	UST
And that the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from the heavens and saying, 'Cut down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump of its roots in the earth, and with a band of iron and bronze, in the grass of the field, and let it be wet with the dew of the heavens, and let its portion be with the beast of the field until that seven times pass over him,'	*But in your dream, you saw a holy angel coming down from heaven. That angel said, 'Cut down that tree so that it does not keep growing! But leave the stump of the tree with its roots in the ground where grass grows. Fasten a band of iron and bronze around the stump to protect it from splitting. Let the dew that forms from the air keep it damp. Make the person whom that tree represents eat what wild animals do for seven years.'*

What did Daniel say the holy messenger told Nebuchadnezzar to do to the tree?

Daniel said the holy messenger told Nebuchadnezzar to cut down the tree but leave its stump bound with iron and bronze in the field, wet with dew, until seven times passed over him.

Daniel 4:24

ULT	UST
this is the interpretation, O king, and it is the decree of the Most High that has come upon my lord the king,	*This is what your dream means, Your Majesty. It shows what the Supreme God has decided will happen to you.*

Whose decree did Daniel say was coming upon King Nebuchadnezzar?

Daniel said it was the decree of the Most High that was coming upon King Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 4:25

ULT	UST
that they will be driving you from man, and your dwelling will be with the beast of the field. And they will feed you grass like oxen, and they will be wetting you with the dew of the heavens. And seven times will pass over you until that you know that the Most High is ruler over the kingdom of man and to whom that he wishes, he gives it.	*You will no longer have a human mind, and so you will no longer live among people. Instead, you will live with wild animals. This will require you to eat grass as oxen do. The dew that forms from the air will make your body damp. You will live that way for seven years, until you recognize that the Supreme God rules over human kingdoms. He chooses who will be their kings.*

What was to happen to Nebuchadnezzar until he acknowledged that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of people and gives them to anyone he wishes?

Nebuchadnezzar was to be driven from among men. He would live in the fields with the wild animals and eat grass like an ox and be wet with the dew from the heavens.

How long was it to be before Nebuchadnezzar would acknowledge that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of people and he gives them to anyone he wishes?

Seven years were to pass until Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of people and he gives them to anyone he wishes.

Daniel 4:26

ULT	UST
And that they said to leave the stump of the roots of the tree, your kingdom will be enduring for you from that you know that the heavens are ruler.	*However, the angel said to leave the stump of the tree in the ground with its roots. That means that you will rule your kingdom again when you recognize that God rules over human kingdoms.*

What did leaving the stump of the tree represent?

Leaving the stump represented that Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom would remain for him once he acknowledged that heaven rules.

Daniel 4:27

ULT	UST
Therefore, O king, may my counsel seem good to you, and may you break off your sin in righteousness and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor, if there may be a prolonging of your prosperity."	*So that this does not happen to you, Your Majesty, please do what I advise. Stop sinning and do what is right. Stop doing oppressive things and help poor people. If you do that, perhaps you will continue to reign comfortably."*

After interpreting the dream for Nebuchadnezzar, what was Daniel's advice for him?

Daniel advised Nebuchadnezzar to stop sinning and to do what was right. He also told Nebuchadnezzar to turn away from his sins by showing mercy to the poor.

Daniel 4:28-29

How long was it before the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream began to happen?

All these things began to happen twelve months after his dream.

Daniel 4:30

ULT	UST
The king answered and was saying, "Is this not the great Babylon, which I, I have built it for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?"	*As he looked out over the city, he said aloud, "This is the great city of Babylon that I have built as the place where I rule! I have built it by my own great power to show people what a glorious king I am!"*

What did Nebuchadnezzar say about himself as he looked at Babylon?

Nebuchadnezzar said that he had built Babylon by his own power and for the glory of his majesty.

Daniel 4:31

ULT	UST
The word was still in the mouth of the king; a voice fell from the heavens: "To you they are saying, O King Nebuchadnezzar, 'The kingdom has passed from you.	*While he was still saying that, someone spoke to him from heaven. He said, "King Nebuchadnezzar, this decree is about you: you are no longer the ruler of this kingdom!*

What happened while Nebuchadnezzar was still speaking?

A voice from heaven said that the kingdom had passed from Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 4:32

ULT	UST
And they will be driving you from man, and your dwelling will be with the beast of the field. They will feed you grass like oxen, and seven times will pass over you until that you know that the Most High is ruler over the kingdom of man, and to whom that he wishes, he gives it.'"	*You will no longer live among people. Instead, you will live with wild animals. This will require you to eat grass as oxen do. You will live that way for seven years, until you recognize that the Supreme God rules over human kingdoms. He chooses who will be their kings."*

What did the voice from heaven say would happen to Nebuchadnezzar?

The voice said Nebuchadnezzar would be driven away from people to live with the wild animals and eat grass like an ox until he acknowledged that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of people.

Daniel 4:33

ULT	UST
In that moment, the word finished against Nebuchadnezzar. And he was driven from man, and he ate grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens until that his hair had become great like eagles and his nails, like birds.	*Immediately what this person had said happened to me, Nebuchadnezzar. I no longer lived among people. Instead, I ate grass as oxen do. The dew that forms from the air made my body damp. I lived like that until my hair became as long as eagles' feathers. My fingernails became like birds' claws.*

What happened to Nebuchadnezzar immediately after the voice spoke?

Nebuchadnezzar was driven away from people, ate grass like oxen, and his hair grew long like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws.

Daniel 4:34

ULT	UST
But at the end of the days, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward the heavens, and my reason returned to me. And I blessed the Most High, and I praised and glorified the one living forever. For his dominion is a dominion of eternity, and his kingdom is with generation and generation.	*But at the end of those seven years, I, Nebuchadnezzar, prayed to God, and he gave me a human mind again. Then I worshiped the Supreme God, and I praised and honored him, who lives forever. He will rule forever; indeed, he will be the king of every generation of people.*

What happened to Nebuchadnezzar at the end of the seven years?

Nebuchadnezzar's sanity was restored to him.

What did Nebuchadnezzar do after his sanity was restored to him?

Nebuchadnezzar praised and honored the Most High who rules forever.

Daniel 4:35

ULT	UST
And all of the dwellers of the earth are being regarded as nothing, and as he wishes, he is doing among the army of the heavens and the dwellers of the earth. And there is none who strikes his hand or says to him, "What are you doing?"	*Compared with him, all the people in the world are insignificant. He does whatever he wants with the angels in heaven and with us people who live on the earth. No one can stop him from doing what he wants or tell him, "You may not do that."*

What did Nebuchadnezzar say about the Most High's power over the earth and the heavens?

Nebuchadnezzar said that the Most High regards all the people of earth as nothing and does as he wishes among the army of heaven and the people of earth, and no one can stop him or question what he does.

Daniel 4:36

ULT	UST
At that time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and my splendor returned to me. And my counselors and my nobles sought me, and my kingdom was established to me, and exceeding greatness was added to me.	*Then I was able to think reasonably again. I became the very powerful ruler of a glorious kingdom once more. My advisors and my nobles treated me respectfully again. Once more I ruled my kingdom firmly, and I became much more powerful than I had been before.*

What happened to Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom?

The kingdom was given back to him.

Daniel 4:37

ULT	UST
Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, am praising and exalting and glorifying the King of the heavens, for all of his deeds are truth and his ways are justice, and those who are walking about in pride, he is able to humble.	*Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, greatly praise and honor God, the king who rules in heaven. Everything that he does is right, and he always treats people fairly. When people become too proud, he is able to humble them.*

What was Nebuchadnezzar's final statement concerning the King of heaven?

Nebuchadnezzar said, "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and honor the King of heaven, for all his deeds are right and his ways are just. He is able to humble anyone who is proud."

Daniel 5

Daniel 5:1

ULT	UST
King Belshazzar made a great feast for his nobles, a thousand, and he drank wine before the thousand.	*King Belshazzar of Babylon invited a thousand of his officials to a great feast. He drank a lot of wine with them.*

For whom did Belshazzar, the king, make a great feast?

He made a great feast for a thousand of his nobles.

Daniel 5:2

ULT	UST
Belshazzar said in the taste of the wine to bring the vessels of gold and silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out from the temple that was in Jerusalem so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them.	*He became drunk, and he commanded his servants to bring the gold and silver cups that his grandfather, Nebuchadnezzar, had taken from the temple in Jerusalem. He wanted to drink from them with his officials, his wives, and his concubines.*

Who was this Belshazzar?

He was the grandson of Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 5:3

ULT	UST
Then they brought the vessels of gold that he had taken out from the temple of the house of God that was in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them.	*So his servants brought in the gold cups that Nebuchadnezzar's solders had taken from the temple where God had been present in Jerusalem. Then the king, his officials, his wives, and his concubines drank wine from those cups.*

What containers did they use to drink the wine from at this feast?

They used the gold containers that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God, in Jerusalem.

Daniel 5:4

ULT	UST
They drank wine, and they praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.	*They drank toasts to honor their gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone idols.*

What did the people at the feast do as they drank the wine?

They praised their idols made of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

Daniel 5:5

ULT	UST
In that moment, the fingers of the hand of a man came out, and they were writing, before the lampstand, on the plaster of the wall of the palace of the king. And the king was seeing the palm of the hand that was writing.	*Suddenly the fingers of a man's hand appeared. They started writing on the plaster of a section of the wall of the royal palace. A lamp was shining on that section, so the king could see the palm of the hand as it was writing.*

As the people were drinking wine and praising their idols, what happened?

The fingers of a human hand appeared in front of the lamp stand and wrote on the plaster wall in the king's palace.

Daniel 5:6

ULT	UST
Then the king, his splendors changed for him, and his thoughts alarmed him. And the joints of his loins were loosened, and his knees knocked, this to this.	*That made him very afraid, and his face turned pale. His knees started shaking, and his legs became so weak that he could not stand up.*

What was the king's immediate response when he saw the hand?

His face turned pale, his thoughts terrified him, and his legs became so weak that his knees were shaking.

Daniel 5:7

ULT	UST
The king called out in strength to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the diviners. The king answered and was saying to the wise men of Babylon that, "Any man who reads this writing and shows me its interpretation shall wear purple, and a chain of gold shall be around his neck, and he shall rule as the third in the kingdom."	*He shouted loudly to tell his servants to bring in his magicians, advisors, and fortunetellers. He said, "If any of them can read this writing and tell me what it means, I will give him a purple robe to wear. I will also give him a gold chain to put around his neck. I will also make him the most powerful ruler in my kingdom except for me and the crown prince."*

What did the king promise to the one who could explain the writing on the plaster wall and its meaning?

The king promised that the one who explained the writing and its meaning would be clothed in purple and would have a gold chain put around his neck and that he would have the authority of the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

Daniel 5:8

ULT	UST
Then all of the wise men of the king were coming in, but they were not being able to read the writing or to make the king know the interpretation.	*Then all the wise men whom the king had summoned came in. But none of them could read the writing or tell him what it meant.*

What happened when the king's wise men came in to look at the writing?

They were not able to read the writing or tell the king what it meant.

Daniel 5:9

ULT	UST
Then King Belshazzar was being alarmed greatly, and his splendors were changing upon him, and his nobles were being perplexed.	*This made King Belshazzar even more afraid. His face became even paler. The officials he had invited to the feast did not know what to do.*

What happened to King Belshazzar and his nobles when the wise men could not read the writing?

The king became even more afraid and his face grew pale, and his nobles were confused and did not know what to do.

Daniel 5:10

ULT	UST
The queen came in to the house of the banquet because of the words of the king and his nobles. The queen answered and said, "O king, live to eternities! May your thoughts not alarm you, and may your splendors not be changed.	*The king's mother learned that the king and his nobles were talking about what to do. So she came into the room where they were having the feast. She said to Belshazzar, "Your Majesty, I hope that you will live for a very long time! Please do not let this frighten you and make your face turn pale.*

Who came into the banquet hall because of what the king and his nobles were saying?

The queen came in and told the king not to be afraid and not to let his face turn pale.

Daniel 5:11

ULT	UST
There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. And in the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him. And King Nebuchadnezzar, your father, your father the king, set him up as chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, diviners,	*There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him. When your grandfather Nebuchadnezzar was ruling, they discovered that this man could understand many things. He was very wise, like the gods. Your grandfather King Nebuchadnezzar, who was one of the kings before you, made him the leader of all the different wise men of Babylon.*

According to the queen, what position did King Nebuchadnezzar give to this man?

Nebuchadnezzar made him chief over the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and diviners.

Daniel 5:12

ULT	UST
all before that an excellent spirit and knowledge and understanding, interpreting of dreams and solving of riddles and loosening of knots, were found in him, Daniel, whom the king made his name Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation."	*Nebuchadnezzar did that because he has very good character. He can learn and understand many things. He is able to say what dreams mean. He can solve puzzles and explain things that are very difficult to understand. That man is Daniel. The king gave him a new name, Belteshazzar. If you summon Daniel, he will tell you what this writing means."*

What did the queen tell the king to do?

She told him to call for Daniel, because Daniel would show the king the interpretation of the writing.

Daniel 5:13-14

According to the king what qualities did he say he had heard about Daniel?

The king said he had heard that the spirit of the gods was in Daniel, and that Daniel had light, understanding, and excellent wisdom.

Daniel 5:15

ULT	UST
And now, the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me that they might read this writing and make me know its interpretation, but they are not being able to show the interpretation of the matter.	*I want you to know that I brought in my wise men, such as my enchanters, to read this writing and tell me what it means. But they have not been able to do that.*

What did the king tell Daniel about his wise men?

The king said his wise men had been brought in to read the writing, but they were not able to explain its interpretation.

Daniel 5:16

ULT	UST
But I, I have heard about you, that you are able to interpret interpretations and to loosen knots. And now, if you are able to read the writing and to make me know its interpretation, you shall wear purple and a chain of gold shall be around your neck and you shall rule as the third in the kingdom."	*But then someone told me about you. You are able to say what dreams mean and explain things that are very difficult to understand. If you really can read this writing and tell me what it means, I will give you a purple robe to wear. I will also give you a gold chain to put around your neck. I will also make you the most powerful ruler in my kingdom except for me and the crown prince"*

What did the king promise Daniel if he could read the writing and explain it?

The king promised that Daniel would wear purple, have a gold chain around his neck, and rule as the third ruler in the kingdom.

Daniel 5:17

ULT	UST
Then Daniel answered and was saying before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make him know the interpretation.	*Then Daniel replied to the king, "You may keep your gifts or give them to someone else. But I will read this writing for you and tell you what it means.*

What was Daniel's response when he was told of the rewards he would receive for reading the writing and explaining its meaning?

Daniel told the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another person. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to you, king, and will tell you the meaning."

Daniel 5:18

ULT	UST
As for you, O king, the Most High God gave the kingdom and greatness and honor and majesty to Nebuchadnezzar your father.	*Your Majesty, this is why the hand wrote that for you. The Supreme God made Nebuchadnezzar, one of the men who ruled before you, a great king. People honored him and admired him.*

According to Daniel, who gave Nebuchadnezzar the kingdom, greatness, honor, and majesty?

The Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar the kingdom, greatness, honor, and majesty.

Daniel 5:19

ULT	UST
And from the greatness that he gave to him, all peoples, nations, and languages were trembling and fearing from before him. Whom he was wishing, he was killing, and whom he was wishing, he was letting live. And whom he was wishing, he was lifting up, and whom he was wishing, he was humbling.	*Because God made him such a powerful king, people who came from many different nations and groups and who spoke many different languages were very afraid of him. If he wanted someone to die, he could command his soldiers to execute that person. If he wanted someone to live, he could command his soldiers not to harm that person. If he wanted to give someone an important position, he could do that. If he wanted to make someone unimportant, he could do that too.*

What could Nebuchadnezzar do to anyone he wished, according to Daniel?

He could kill or let live anyone he wished, and he could lift up or humble anyone he wished.

Daniel 5:20

ULT	UST
But because his heart lifted itself up and his spirit became strong to be proud, he was brought down from the throne of his kingdom and they removed his glory from him.	*However, he began to think of himself as very great. He became stubborn, and he acted arrogantly. As a result, God made him no longer the king. He was not glorious anymore.*

Why was Nebuchadnezzar brought down from his kingly throne and why was his majesty taken away from him?

Nebuchadnezzar lost his majesty and his throne because his heart became arrogant and his spirit was hardened so that he acted presumptuously.

Daniel 5:21

ULT	UST
And he was driven from the sons of man, and his heart resembled with an animal, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens, until that he knew that the Most High God is ruler over the kingdom of man and whom that he wishes, he sets up over it.	*He no longer lived among people. He had a mind like an animal. He lived among wild donkeys. He ate grass as oxen do. The dew that forms from the air made his body damp. He lived that way until he recognized that the Supreme God rules over human kingdoms. He chooses who will be their kings.*

Where did Nebuchadnezzar live after he was driven away from people?

He lived among the wild donkeys and ate grass like oxen until he knew that the Most High God rules over human kingdoms.

Daniel 5:22-23

What were Daniel's charges against Belshazzar?

Daniel said Belshazzar had not humbled his heart, he had lifted himself up against the Lord of the heavens, and he had not honored the God who held his breath in his hand and who knew all his ways.

Daniel 5:24

ULT	UST
Then from before him the palm of a hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed.	*So God sent this hand to write this message to you.*

According to Daniel, what was sent from God and wrote on the wall?

The palm of a hand was sent from God, and it wrote the message on the wall.

Daniel 5:25

ULT	UST
And this is the writing that was inscribed: 'Mene,' 'Mene,' 'Tekel,' and 'Parsin.'	*The hand wrote these words: 'Mene,' 'Mene,' 'Tekel,' and 'Parsin.'*

What words were written on the wall?

The words were Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Parsin.

Daniel 5:26-28

What was the meaning of the writing on the plaster wall?

The meaning was as follows: God has numbered Belshazzar's kingdom and brought it to an end. Belshazzar is weighed in the scales and found deficient. Belshazzar's kingdom is divided and is given to the Medes and Persians.

Daniel 5:29

ULT	UST
Then Belshazzar spoke, and they clothed Daniel with purple and a chain of gold around his neck, and they made a proclamation about him, that he would be the third ruler in the kingdom.	*Then Belshazzar ordered his servants to put a purple robe on Daniel and a gold chain around his neck. He proclaimed that Daniel would be the most powerful ruler in his kingdom except for him and the crown prince*

What did Belshazzar do for Daniel after Daniel explained the writing?

Belshazzar had Daniel clothed with purple and a gold chain around his neck, and proclaimed him the third ruler in the kingdom.

Daniel 5:30-31

What happened that night after Daniel gave his interpretation of the writing to Belshazzar?

That night Belshazzar, the king of the Chaldeans, was killed, and Darius the Mede received the kingdom.

Daniel 5:31

ULT	UST
and Darius the Mede received the kingdom as a son of 62 years.	*Darius the Mede became the king instead. He was 62 years old.*

How old was Darius the Mede when he received the kingdom?

Darius the Mede was sixty-two years old when he received the kingdom.

Daniel 6

Daniel 6:1-2

Who did Darius appoint over the kingdom?

He appointed 120 satraps, with three sareks over them.

Daniel 6:2

ULT	UST
and above from them three sareks, among whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps were to be giving account, that the king might not be suffering loss.	*He also appointed three sareks to supervise those satraps. To make sure that none of them cheated the king, those satraps had to give them regular accounts of their work. Daniel was one of the sareks.*

Who was one of the three sareks?

Daniel was one of the three sareks.

Why were the three sareks appointed?

They were appointed to supervise the satraps, so that the king would not suffer any loss.

Daniel 6:3

ULT	UST
Then this Daniel was distinguishing himself above the sareks and the satraps all before that an excellent spirit was in him, and the king was minded to set him up over all of the kingdom.	*Daniel had very good character, so he soon showed that he was more capable than all the satraps and the other sareks. As a result, the king planned to put him in charge of the whole kingdom.*

Who was the king planning to put over the whole kingdom?

The king planned to put Daniel over the whole kingdom.

Daniel 6:4

ULT	UST
Then the sareks and the satraps were seeking to find an occasion against Daniel regarding the kingdom, but they were not being able to find any occasion or corrupted thing, all before that he could be trusted, and any negligence or corrupted thing was not found in him.	*Then the satraps and other sareks tried to find something they could accuse Daniel of doing wrong in his work for the king. But Daniel was very reliable, so he had not done anything negligent or corrupt. So the other royal officials could not find anything they could accuse him of doing wrong.*

Why could the other sareks and satraps find no corruption, mistakes, or negligence in Daniel's work for the kingdom?

They could find nothing against him because Daniel was reliable and trustworthy.

Daniel 6:5

ULT	UST
Then these men were saying that, "We will not find any occasion against this Daniel unless we find something against him regarding the law of his God."	*So they concluded, "The only thing we will find to accuse Daniel about will be something that he has to do to obey his God."*

What was the only area where the other sareks and satraps thought they might find something to accuse Daniel of?

They thought they might find something against Daniel regarding the law of his God.

Daniel 6:6

ULT	UST
Then these sareks and satraps thronged to the king, and thus they were saying to him, "King Darius, live to eternities!	*So the sareks and satraps went together to the king and told him, "King Darius, we hope that you will live for a very long time!*

Who went together to speak with King Darius?

The sareks and satraps went together to speak with King Darius.

Daniel 6:7

ULT	UST
All of the sareks of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors, have consulted together that the king should establish a statute and make strong a decree that anyone who petitions a petition from any god or man for 30 days, except from you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions.	*All of your sareks, rulers satraps, counselors, and governors have agreed that you should make a law and enforce it strictly. Your Majesty, the law would be that for the next 30 days, no one may ask any god or man except you for anything. If anyone does that, your servants will throw him into a pit full of lions.*

What did the satraps and the other sareks advise King Darius to do?

They advised Darius to issue a decree that whoever made a petition to any god or man except King Darius for thirty days would be thrown into a den of lions.

Daniel 6:8

ULT	UST
Now, O king, set up the decree and sign the writing so that one shall not change it, according to the law of the Mede and the Persian, which does not pass away."	*So, Your Majesty, please make this law. Have one of your scribes write it out, and then sign it. No one will then be able to change it, because the laws of the Medes and Persians are permanent."*

What did the sareks and satraps ask King Darius to do?

They asked him to set up the decree and sign it, so that no one could change it, according to the law of the Medes and Persians.

Daniel 6:9

ULT	UST
All before this, King Darius signed the writing and the decree.	*So King Darius made the law, and when one of his scribes wrote it out, he signed it.*

What did King Darius do with the decree?

King Darius signed the decree.

Daniel 6:10

ULT	UST
And Daniel, when that he knew that the writing had been signed, went in to his house (now the windows to him in his upper chamber were opened toward Jerusalem), and three times in a day he was kneeling on his knees and praying and thanking before his God, all before that he was doing from before this.	*When Daniel learned that the king had made that law and signed it, he went home. He went to his upstairs room and opened the windows so that he could look toward Jerusalem. He knelt down and prayed and gave thanks to God. He did that three times each day, just as he had done before.*

What did Daniel do after he learned that the decree had been issued and the document signed into law?

Daniel went into his house, got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to God as he had done many times before.

Daniel 6:11

ULT	UST
Then these men thronged and found Daniel petitioning and entreating before his God.	*Then the royal officials came to his house together, and they saw that he was praying to God and asking him to help him.*

What did the men find Daniel doing?

They found Daniel praying and asking for help from his God.

Daniel 6:12

ULT	UST
Then they approached and were saying before the king about the decree of the king: "Did you not sign a decree that any man who petitions from any god or man for thirty days, except from you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?" The king answered and was saying, "The matter is certain, according to the law of the Mede and the Persian, which does not pass away."	*So they went back to the king and talked with him about the law he had made. They said, "Your Majesty, you signed a law that for the next 30 days, no one may ask any god or man except you for anything. The law said that if anyone did that, your servants would throw him into a pit full of lions." The king replied, "Yes, I made that law. And the laws of the Medes and Persians are permanent."*

What did the king say when the men asked him about the decree?

The king said that the decree was certain, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be changed.

Daniel 6:13

ULT	UST
Then they answered and were saying before the king that, "Daniel, who is from the sons of the captivity of Judah, does not set regard on you, O king, or on the decree that you have signed, but three times in a day he is petitioning his petition."	*Then they told the king, "Your Majesty, that man Daniel, who is one of the Judeans whom our soldiers brought here as prisoners, is disregarding you. He is not obeying the law that you signed. He is still praying to his God three times each day!"*

What did the men who plotted against Daniel do when they saw Daniel make requests and seek help from God?

Those men went to the king and told him that Daniel paid no attention to the king or his decree and that Daniel prayed to God three times a day.

Daniel 6:14

ULT	UST
Then the king, when that he heard the matter, it was greatly displeasing to him, and he set his heart on Daniel to deliver him. And until the setting of the sun, he was exerting himself to rescue him.	*When the king heard that, it distressed him greatly. He determined to save Daniel. For the rest of that day, he tried hard to find a way to rescue him.*

What did the king do when he heard Daniel had disobeyed the king's decree?

The king became very distressed, and he tried hard to find a way to save Daniel.

Daniel 6:15

ULT	UST
Then these men thronged to the king and were saying to the king, "Know, O king, that it is a law to the Mede and the Persian that any decree or statute that the king establishes, one shall not change."	*But in the evening, those royal officials went back to the king together and told him, "Your Majesty, you know what our Median and Persian laws require. If the king makes any rule or law, no one can change it."*

What did the men remind the king about the law of the Medes and Persians?

They reminded him that any decree or law the king makes cannot be changed.

Daniel 6:16

ULT	UST
Then the king was speaking, and they brought Daniel and threw him into a den of lions. The king answered and was saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you are serving him in continuance, he, may he deliver you."	*So the king gave a command, and his servants brought Daniel to him. The king told him, "I hope that your God, whom you obey so faithfully, will rescue you!" Then the servants threw Daniel into a pit full of lions.*

What did the king say to Daniel before he was thrown into the den of lions?

The king said, 'May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you.'

Daniel 6:17-18

After Daniel was thrown into the lion's den, what did the king do?

The king sealed the entrance to the den with his own signet ring. He then went to the palace and fasted through the night and did not sleep.

Daniel 6:19

ULT	UST
Then the king arose at first light, at dawn, and went in haste to the den of lions.	*As soon as it became light the next morning, the king got up and went quickly to the pit of lions.*

What did the king do at dawn?

The king got up at dawn and went quickly to the den of lions.

Daniel 6:20

ULT	UST
And as he came near to the den, to Daniel, he cried out in a pained voice. The king answered and was saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you are serving him in continuance, been able to deliver you from the lions?"	*As he arrived at the pit where Daniel was, he cried out in distress. He said, "Daniel, the God whom you worship is really alive! Has your God, whom you obey so faithfully, been able to save you from the lions?"*

The next day after Daniel was thrown into the lions den, when the king went to the den, what did he ask Daniel?

The king asked Daniel if the God whom Daniel served continually had been able to save him from the lions.

Daniel 6:21-22

How did Daniel answer the king?

Daniel said to the king, “King, live forever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found innocent before him, and I have also done no wrong to you, O king.”

Daniel 6:23

ULT	UST
Then the king rejoiced greatly about him, and he said to bring Daniel up from the den. And Daniel was brought up from the den, and any harm was not found in him, because he had trusted in his God.	*This made the king very happy. He commanded his servants to lift Daniel up out of the pit. When they did that, they saw that the lions had not wounded him at all. Daniel had trusted God, and so God had protected him.*

What did the king command after he saw that Daniel was alive?

The king rejoiced and commanded his servants to bring Daniel up out of the den.

Daniel 6:24

ULT	UST
And the king spoke, and they brought those men who had eaten the pieces of Daniel, and they threw them, their sons, and their wives into the den of lions. And they had not reached the bottom of the den before that the lions overpowered them and crushed all of their bones.	*Then the king commanded his soldiers to arrest the men who had said bad things about Daniel. They threw them into the pit where the lions were. They also threw in their wives and children. While they were still tumbling toward the bottom of the pit, the lions leaped on them and tore them apart.*

What did the king command be done to the men who had accused Daniel?

The king commanded that the men who had accused Daniel, along with their wives and children, be thrown into the den of lions.

Daniel 6:25

ULT	UST
Then King Darius wrote to all of the peoples, nations, and languages that were dwelling in all of the earth, "May your peace abound.	*Then King Darius sent a letter to the people who lived in his empire. They were from many different nations and groups, and they spoke many different languages. He wrote, "I hope that all is well with you.*

Who did King Darius write to?

He wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages living in all the earth.

Daniel 6:26-27

What did Darius say concerning God in his decree about the God of Daniel?

Darius said that the God of Daniel is the living God who will endure forever and whose kingdom will never be destroyed. God rescues and saves people and does signs and wonders in heaven and on earth; he rescued Daniel from the lions.

Daniel 6:28

ULT	UST
And this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.	*After this, Daniel was successful for the rest of the time that Darius was king. He was also successful during the time when Cyrus the Persian was king.*

During whose reign did Daniel prosper?

Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and during the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Daniel 7

Daniel 7:1

ULT	UST
In the year of one to Belshazzar, the king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head upon his bed. Then he wrote the dream; he told the head of the matters.	*During the first year that Belshazzar was the king of Babylon, Daniel saw things in a dream one night as he was lying on his bed. The next morning, he wrote down the main points of what he had dreamed.*

When did Daniel have a dream and visions in his mind?

Daniel had a dream and visions while lying on his bed during the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon.

Daniel 7:2

ULT	UST
Daniel answered and was saying, "I was looking in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of the heavens were stirring up the Great Sea.	*Daniel wrote, "This is what I saw in the dream I had last night. Strong winds were blowing from four directions and making big waves in the Great Sea.*

In Daniel's vision, what was stirring up the Great Sea?

The four winds of the heavens were stirring up the Great Sea.

Daniel 7:3

ULT	UST
And four great beasts were coming up from the sea, this being different from this.	*I saw four great beasts coming up out of the water. Each one was different from the others.*

What came up out of the sea?

Four large beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea.

Daniel 7:4

ULT	UST
The first was like a lion, but the wings of an eagle were to it. I was looking until that its wings were pulled off, and it was raised from the ground, and on two feet it was stood like a man, and the heart of a man was given to it.	*The first beast looked a lion. However, it had wings like an eagle's wings. But as I watched, someone tore off its wings. Then this beast reared up and stood on two legs, as people do. It also became able to think as people do.*

What was given to the beast that was like a lion?

The mind of a man was given to it.

Daniel 7:5

ULT	UST
And behold, another beast, a second, resembling a bear. And on one side, it was raised up. And three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth, and thus they were saying to it, 'Arise, devour much flesh.'	*The second beast that I saw looked like a bear. One of its sides was higher than the other. It was holding three ribs in its mouth with its teeth. Someone told it, 'Go and eat as much meat as you want!'*

What was the bear-like beast told to do?

It was told to get up and eat as much meat as it wanted.

Daniel 7:6

ULT	UST
After this I was looking, and behold, another, like a leopard, and to it were the four wings of a bird upon its back. And four heads were to the beast, and dominion was given to it.	*The next beast that I saw looked like a leopard, but it had four wings like bird's wings on its back. It had four heads. It received authority to rule many people.*

What was the leopard-like beast given?

It was given authority to rule.

Daniel 7:7

ULT	UST
After this I was looking in visions of the night, and behold, a fourth beast, making afraid and terrible and exceedingly strong. And great teeth of iron were to it. It devoured and crushed, and it was trampling the rest with its feet. And it was being different from all of the beasts that were before it, and ten horns (were) to it.	*The next thing I saw in my dream last night was a fourth beast. It was very powerful and very terrifying. It had huge iron teeth. It killed the other beasts and devoured them, and then it trampled on their carcasses. It was different from the other three beasts. It had ten horns on its head.*

What did the fourth beast do?

The fourth beast devoured, crushed, and trampled what was left with its feet.

Daniel 7:8

ULT	UST
I was considering the horns, and behold, another horn, little, was coming up among them, and three of the first horns were uprooted from before it. And behold, eyes like the eyes of a man were in this horn, and a mouth speaking great things.	*I was looking at those horns, and I saw a little horn grow up in the middle of them. It tore out three of the other horns. I saw that this little horn had eyes that were like humans eyes. It also had a mouth, and it was speaking very boastfully.*

What did Daniel see happen to the fourth beast as he considered its horns?

Daniel saw another little horn grow up among the other ten horns. Three of the first horns were torn out. Daniel saw that the little horn had eyes like a man and a mouth that boasted about great things.

Daniel 7:9

ULT	UST
I was looking until that thrones were set, and the Ancient of Days sat down. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head was like pure wool. His throne was flames of fire; its wheels were burning fire.	*Then, as I watched, some beings brought in some thrones. God, who has always existed, sat on one of the thrones. His clothes were as white as snow, and his hair was as white as pure wool. His throne was like a chariot; it was blazing with fire, and its wheels were also blazing with fire.*

Who sat on one of the thrones that was set up?

The Ancient of Days sat upon one of the thrones.

Daniel 7:10

ULT	UST
A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before him; a thousand of thousands served him, and a myriad of myriads stood before him. The court sat, and books were opened.	*A stream of fire was rushing out in front of him. Many thousands of people were there serving him, and millions of other people were standing in front of him ready to serve him. Judges began a court session, and they opened books that recorded what people had done.*

What business was being conducted by the Ancient of Days?

The court was in session and the books were opened.

Daniel 7:11-12

What happened to the four beasts?

The beast with the horn that spoke boastful words was killed, its body destroyed, and it was given over to be burned up. The other three beasts had their authority to rule taken away, but their lives were allowed to continue for a time.

Daniel 7:13

ULT	UST
I was looking in visions of the night, and behold, with the clouds of the heavens one like a son of man was coming, and he reached to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before him.	*The next thing I saw in my dream last night was someone who resembled a human being. He was riding on the clouds in the sky. He got to where God was, the one who has always existed, and God's servants brought him to his throne.*

In Daniel's vision, who was presented to the Ancient of Days?

One who came with the clouds of heaven like a son of man was presented to the Ancient of Days.

Daniel 7:14

ULT	UST
And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is a dominion of eternity that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.	*God honored him and gave him the authority to rule as king. People from every nation and group and who speak every language will obey him. He will rule forever; he will never stop ruling. No one will ever destroy the kingdom that he rules.*

What was given to this one who was “like a son of man”?

Everlasting authority to rule, glory, and a kingdom that will never be destroyed were given to this one who was “like a son of man.”

Daniel 7:15

ULT	UST
My spirit was distressed, I, Daniel, in the midst of the body, and the visions of my head were alarming me.	*As for me, Daniel, what I saw in my dream scared me. I felt very upset inside.*

How did Daniel feel because of his vision?

Daniel felt very troubled and alarmed because of what he saw.

Daniel 7:16

ULT	UST
I approached to one of the ones standing, and I sought from him the truth about all of this. And he told me, and he made me know the interpretation of the matters.	*I went up to one of those who were standing in front of God’s throne. I asked him to tell me what all of this meant. So he told me what the things in my dream meant so that I could understand them.*

What did Daniel do to understand his vision?

Daniel went to one of those standing there and asked him what it all meant, and that one explained the interpretation to him.

Daniel 7:17

ULT	UST
‘These great beasts, which are four, are four kings arising from the earth.	*He said, “The four great beasts represent four kingdoms that will become powerful in the world.*

What was Daniel told the four beasts represented in his vision?

Daniel was told that the four beasts were four kings that would arise from the earth.

Daniel 7:18

ULT	UST
But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom, and they will possess the kingdom to eternity and to eternity of eternities.’	*But the Supreme God will give power to his people to rule, and they will rule forever and ever.”*

Who will receive the kingdom and possess it forever?

The saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and possess it forever and ever.

Daniel 7:19

ULT	UST
Then I wished to be certain about the fourth beast, which was being different from all of them, making afraid exceedingly, its teeth of iron and its claws of bronze, devouring, crushing, and trampling the rest with its feet,	*Then I wanted to know exactly what the fourth beast represented. That beast was different from the other three beasts. It was very terrifying. It had iron teeth and bronze claws. It killed the other beasts and devoured them, and then it trampled on their carcasses.*

What did Daniel want to know more about?

Daniel wanted to know more about the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, very terrifying, with iron teeth and bronze claws, and which devoured, crushed, and trampled with its feet.

Daniel 7:20

ULT	UST
and about the ten horns that were on its head and the other that came up and three fell from before it, even that horn that eyes were to it and a mouth speaking great things and its appearance was greater than its fellows.	*I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and the little horn that grew up in the middle of them. It tore out three of the other horns. It had human eyes and a mouth. It spoke very boastfully, and it looked more powerful than the other horns.*

What did Daniel want to know about the horns on the fourth beast's head?

Daniel wanted to know about the ten horns and about the little horn that came up and caused three horns to fall, the horn that had eyes and a boastful mouth and looked greater than the others.

Daniel 7:21

ULT	UST
I was looking, and this horn was making war with the saints, and it was prevailing against them,	*In my dream, I saw this horn attack God's people. It was defeating them,*

What did Daniel see the little horn doing to the saints?

Daniel saw the horn making war against the saints and defeating them.

Daniel 7:22

ULT	UST
until that the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High. And the time came, and the saints possessed the kingdom.	*but then God, who has always existed, came and decided in favor of the people who belonged to him, the Supreme God. Then it was time for them to receive authority to rule.*

What happened when the Ancient of Days came?

The Ancient of Days came, judgment was given in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

Daniel 7:23

ULT	UST
Thus he was saying, 'The fourth beast will be a fourth kingdom on the earth, which will be different from all of the kingdoms. And it will devour all of the earth, and it will trample it and crush it.	*The one I was speaking with told me, "The fourth beast represents a fourth empire that will become powerful in the world. That empire will be different from the other empires that were before it. Its army will conquer other kingdoms throughout the world. It will defeat them badly and destroy them.*

When Daniel asked one standing there about the fourth beast, what did that one say the fourth beast was and would do to the earth?

That one said the fourth beast was a fourth kingdom and that it would devour the whole earth, trample it down, and crush it.

Daniel 7:24

ULT	UST
And the ten horns, from this kingdom, ten kings will arise, and another will arise after them. And he will be different from the first ones, and he will humble three kings.	*The ten horns of this beast represent ten kings who will rule that empire. Another king will succeed them. He will be different from the previous kings, and he will conquer three other kings.*

What did the one standing there say about the ten horns?

That one standing there said that ten kings would arise out of the fourth kingdom.

Daniel 7:25-26

What will the one who speaks against the Most High do, and what will be his end?

He will oppress the holy people of the Most High. He will try to change the festivals and the law. He will have power over the saints for a time, times, and half a time, but his authority will be taken away and completely destroyed at the end.

Daniel 7:27

ULT	UST
and the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under all of the heavens will be given to the people of the saints of the Most High. His kingdom will be a kingdom of eternity, and all dominions will serve and make themselves hear him.'	*Then the people who belong to the Supreme God will receive great honor and the power to rule every kingdom in the world. The kingdom of the Supreme God will last forever. All earthly rulers will be his subjects."*

To whom will the kingdom and dominion under the whole heaven be given?

It will be given to the people who belong to the Most High.

Daniel 7:28

ULT	UST
To here is the end of the matter. I, Daniel, my thoughts were alarming me greatly, and my splendors changed upon me. But I kept the matter in my heart."	*That is what I saw in my dream. As I, Daniel, thought about these things, they really scared me. My face became pale. But I did not tell anyone about the dream I had."*

What was Daniel's response to this vision?

Daniel was greatly alarmed and his face changed in appearance, but he kept the vision to himself.

Daniel 8

Daniel 8:1

ULT	UST
In the year of three to the reign of King Belshazzar, a vision appeared to me, me, Daniel, after the one having appeared to me at the first.	*During the third year that Belshazzar was the king of Babylon, I, Daniel, had a vision, after the one that I had earlier.*

When did Daniel have his second vision?

Daniel had his second vision in the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar.

Daniel 8:2

ULT	UST
And I saw in the vision, and it was as I saw, that I was in Susa the citadel, which is in Elam the province. And I saw in the vision that I was by the canal of Ulai.	*In that vision, I saw that I was in Susa, the capital city of the province of Elam. I saw that I was standing alongside the Ulai Canal.*

Where was Daniel in his vision?

Daniel was in the fortified city of Susa in the province of Elam beside the Ulai Canal.

Daniel 8:3

ULT	UST
And I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold, a ram standing to the face of the canal. And to it were two horns, and the two horns were high, but the one was higher than the second, and the higher came up afterward.	*I looked up and saw a ram standing alongside the canal. It had two long horns. One of the horns was longer than the other. The ram had grown the longer horn after the shorter one.*

What were the two animals Daniel saw in this vision?

Daniel saw a ram and a male goat in this vision.

What were the ram's two horns like?

One of the ram's horns was longer than the other, but the horn that grew later eventually became the longer one.

Daniel 8:4

ULT	UST
I saw the ram goring westward and northward and southward, and all of the beasts did not stand to its face, and there was none delivering from its hand. And it did according to its will, and it became great.	*I saw the ram butting away the animals that were around it in all directions. No other animal could resist it, and none could rescue other animals from it. The ram did whatever it wanted to do, and it became very powerful.*

How powerful was the ram?

No animal could stand before the ram. None could be rescued from the ram's hand. It did whatever it wanted, and it became great.

Daniel 8:5

ULT	UST
And I, I was observing, and behold, a male of the goats was coming from the west over the face of all of the earth but without touching the earth. And the male goat, a horn of vision was between its eyes.	*I kept looking, and the next thing I saw was a goat coming from the west. It ran across the whole world so quickly that its feed seemed not to touch the ground. This goat had one very large horn in the middle of its forehead.*

What kind of horns did the goat have?

The goat had only one large horn between its eyes.

Daniel 8:6

ULT	UST
And it came to the ram, the master of two horns, which I had seen standing to the face of the canal, and it ran at it in the heat of its power.	*It came to the ram that I had seen standing alongside the canal, the ram that had two horns. It was very angry, and it ran straight at the ram.*

How did the goat approach the ram?

The goat ran at the ram in great anger.

Daniel 8:7

ULT	UST
And I saw it arriving beside the ram, and it was embittered at it, and it struck the ram and shattered the two of its horns. And the ram was not strong to stand to its face. And it cast it to the earth and trampled it, and none was delivering the ram from its hand.	*I saw that when the goat got to the ram, it struck it furiously. That broke off the ram's two horns, and so the ram was not able to defend itself. The goat knocked the ram down and trampled on it. No one could rescue the ram from the goat.*

What did the goat do to the ram?

The goat struck the ram, broke off its two horns, knocked it down to the ground, and trampled on it.

Daniel 8:8

ULT	UST
Then the male of the goats became great unto much. But when it was mighty, the great horn was broken, and in its place four horns of vision came up toward the four winds of the heavens.	*The goat became very powerful. But when its power was very great, its large horn broke off. Four other large horns grew in its place. They pointed to the north, south, east, and west.*

When the large horn of the goat was broken off, what grew in its place?

Four other large horns, pointing north, south, east, and west, grew up in place of the one that was broken off.

Daniel 8:9

ULT	UST
And from one of them a little horn came forth, and it became great exceedingly toward the south and toward the east and toward the Beauty.	*A little horn grew from one of those horns. It became very large. It pointed toward the south and then toward the east and then toward the beautiful land of Israel.*

What happened to one of the goat's four horns?

Out of one of the horns grew another horn, small at first, but it became very large toward the south, the east, and the beautiful land of Israel.

Daniel 8:10

ULT	UST
And it became great to the army of the heavens. And it made fall to the earth some of the army and some of the stars, and it trampled them.	*That horn became so strong that it even attacked the angels in heaven. It threw some of the angels and some of the stars from the sky onto the earth, and it trampled on them.*

What did this horn do when it became large?

It grew strong enough to attack heaven's army, throwing some of the army and some of the stars down to the earth and trampling on them.

Daniel 8:11

ULT	UST
And it became great to the commander of the army. And the perpetual sacrifice was removed from him, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.	*The horn wanted people to worship it instead of Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly army. It prevented his priests from offering the regular sacrifices to him each morning and evening. It also ruined his temple.*

What did this horn do to the commander of heaven's army and his sanctuary?

It stopped the daily sacrifices to Yahweh, the commander of heaven's army, and it ruined his sanctuary.

Daniel 8:12

ULT	UST
And because of transgression, an army will be given over with the perpetual sacrifice, and it will cast truth to the ground. And it will do and succeed.	*Many Israelites disobeyed Yahweh and instead obeyed the horn, who had stopped the priests from offering sacrifices to Yahweh each morning and evening. The horn prevented people from worshiping Yahweh truly. It succeeded in doing what it wanted to do.*

Why will the army be given over to the goat's horn and the burnt offering stopped?

This will happen because of rebellion.

Daniel 8:13

ULT	UST
And I heard a holy one speaking, and a holy one said to the particular one speaking, "Until when is the vision of the perpetual sacrifice and the desolating transgression, the giving of both the sanctuary and the army for trampling?"	*Then I heard an angel saying something. Another angel asked the one who was talking, "This vision shows that someone will prevent the priests from sacrificing to Yahweh. It shows that many of the Israelites will disobey Yahweh and that this will allow someone to ruin his temple and harm his people. How long will these things continue?"*

What did Daniel hear one holy one ask another?

He heard one ask how long the vision about the sacrifices being stopped, the sin, and the trampling of the sanctuary and the army would last.

Daniel 8:14

ULT	UST
And he said to me, "Until evening, morning, 2, 300. Then the sanctuary will be made right."	*The other angel replied, "They will continue for a total of 2, 300 evenings and mornings, or 1, 150 days. After that, the temple will become a holy place again."*

How long will these things last, this vision about the burnt offering, the sin that brings destruction, the handing over of the sanctuary, and heaven's army being trampled on?

It will last for 2,300 evenings and mornings.

Daniel 8:15

ULT	UST
And it was when I had seen the vision, I, Daniel, that I sought understanding. And behold, one standing to my face according to the appearance of a man.	*After I, Daniel, had seen this vision, I was trying to understand what it meant. Suddenly someone in the form of a human being appeared in front of me.*

What did Daniel do after he saw the vision?

He tried to understand it, and then someone who looked like a man appeared in front of him.

Daniel 8:16

ULT	UST
And I heard the voice of a man between the Ulai, and he called and said, "Gabriel, make this one understand the appearance."	*Then I heard someone calling out from the middle of the Ulai Canal. His voice sounded human. He said, "Gabriel, explain to him what his vision means."*

Who was told to help Daniel understand the vision?

Gabriel was told to help Daniel understand the vision.

Daniel 8:17

ULT	UST
And he came beside my standing. And when he came, I was frightened, and fell on my face. But he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision is for the time of the end."	*So Gabriel came and stood next to me. This made me so afraid that I fell onto the ground. But he told me, "You mortal, understand that your vision shows something that will happen when the world is about to end."*

What happened when the angel came near Daniel?

Daniel was frightened and fell facedown on the ground. But the angel told him to understand that the vision was about the time of the end.

Daniel 8:18

ULT	UST
And when he was speaking with me, I fell deeply asleep with my face to the ground. But he touched me and made me stand on my standing.	*As he was speaking to me, I fainted. I was unconscious on the ground, but Gabriel took hold of me and picked me up so I was standing again.*

What happened to Daniel while the angel was speaking with him?

Daniel fell into a deep sleep with his face to the ground, but the angel touched him and made him stand up again.

Daniel 8:19

ULT	UST
And he said, "Behold me, making you know what will happen at the end of the indignation, for it is for the appointed time of the end.	*Then he said, "I have come to tell you what will happen as God finishes punishing people. He has determined to do that at the end of the world, and your vision shows this.*

For when was the vision? What time did it concern?

The vision was for the time of wrath. It concerned the fixed time for the end.

Daniel 8:20-21

What did the ram with two horns and the male goat represent in Daniel's vision?

The ram with the two horns represents the kings of Media and Persia. The male goat is the king of Greece.

Daniel 8:22

ULT	UST
And as for the broken one and the four that arose in its place, four kingdoms will stand from that nation, but not with its power.	*The four horns that grew after the first horn broke off represent four kingdoms into which his kingdom will divide. None of them will be as strong as the original kingdom was.*

What did the four horns represent, the horns that came in place of the horn that was broken off?

The four horns represent four kingdoms that will arise from the nation represented by the horn that was broken off.

Daniel 8:23

ULT	UST
And at the end of their rule, when transgressors are complete, a king will stand, strong of face and understanding riddles.	*The people in those kingdoms will become very wicked. Near the time when those kingdoms will end, one of them will have a king who defeats his enemies in battle. That king will also be very deceitful.*

What kind of king will arise at the end of those kingdoms' rule?

A fierce king will arise who defeats his enemies in battle and who is very deceitful.

Daniel 8:24-25

What will this intelligent, grim-faced king do?

He will cause widespread destruction and succeed in whatever he does. He will destroy powerful people, people who are holy. He will make deceit prosper under his hand. He will rise up against God, who rules over all earthly kings.

Daniel 8:25

ULT	UST
And by his cunning, he will also make deceit succeed under his hand. And in his heart, he will make himself great, and he will destroy many in security. And he will stand against the Prince of princes, but he will be broken by no hand.	*Because he will be so treacherous, he will achieve what he wants by deceiving people. He will be very proud of himself. He will make people think that they are safe, but he will then destroy many of them. He will even try to oppose God, who rules over all earthly kings. But God, not a human being, will destroy him.*

What will finally happen to the intelligent, grim-faced king?

He will be broken, but not by human power.

Daniel 8:26

ULT	UST
And the appearance of the evening and the morning that was told, it is true. But you, close up the vision, for it is for many days."	*Your vision showed how this king will prevent Yahweh's priests from sacrificing to him each morning and evening. That will happen. But for now, do not tell others what you saw, because those things will not happen until many years from now."*

What did the angel tell Daniel to do with the vision?

He told Daniel that the vision was true, but that Daniel should keep it secret because it would not happen for a long time.

Daniel 8:27

ULT	UST
Then I, Daniel, was finished, and I was sickened for days. Then I arose and did the business of the king. But I was desolate at the vision and not understanding.	*Then I, Daniel, had no strength left. I was sick for several days. After that, I got up and went back to work for the king. But I did not understand the vision, and that disturbed me.*

How did this vision affect Daniel?

Daniel was overcome and lay weak for several days, and he was appalled by the vision.

Daniel 9

Daniel 9:1

ULT	UST
In the year of one to Darius, the son of Ahasuerus, from the seed of Madai, who had been made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans,	*Darius son of Ahasuerus, who was a Mede, became the next ruler of the Chaldean kingdom.*

Who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans?

Darius, the son of Ahasuerus, who was a Mede, was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans.

Daniel 9:2

ULT	UST
in the year of one to his reigning, I, Daniel, perceived in the scrolls the number of years that was the word of Yahweh to Jeremiah the prophet for the filling of the desolations of Jerusalem, seventy years.	*During the first year that Darius was the king, I, Daniel, was studying our holy books. I saw that Yahweh had told the prophet Jeremiah how long Jerusalem would be in a bad condition. It would be for seventy years.*

What did Daniel observe by studying Yahweh's word to Jeremiah the prophet?

He observed that Jerusalem would be desolate for seventy years.

Daniel 9:3

ULT	UST
And I set my face to the Lord God, to seek him by prayer and supplications with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.	*After I read that, I resolved to ask the Lord God to help us. I prayed to him very earnestly. To show how sorry I was for our sins, I ate little food, I wore rough cloth, and I put ashes on my head.*

How did Daniel seek the Lord God?

Daniel sought the Lord God with prayer and requests, with fasting, wearing sackcloth, and sitting in ashes.

Daniel 9:4

ULT	UST
And I prayed to Yahweh my God, and I confessed and said, "Oh Lord, the great and feared God, the one keeping covenant and covenant faithfulness to the ones loving him and to the keepers of his commandments,	*As I prayed to Yahweh my God, I admitted that we Israelites had sinned. I said, "Oh Lord, you are the powerful God whom everyone should respect! You keep your promises and you faithfully love people who love you and obey your laws.*

What was the first thing Daniel did when he went to the Lord God in prayer?

Daniel confessed the sins of the Israelites.

Daniel 9:5

ULT	UST
we have sinned and committed iniquity and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning away from your commandments and your judgments.	*But we Israelites have sinned against you. We have done things that are wrong. We have done wicked things and rebelled against you. We have disobeyed many of your laws.*

What did Daniel say the Israelites had done against the Lord?

Daniel said they had sinned, done wrong, acted wickedly, rebelled, and turned away from the Lord's commandments and judgments.

Daniel 9:6

ULT	UST
And we have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all of the people of the land.	*You sent prophets to bring messages from you to our kings, our other rulers, and our ancestors. They spoke those messages to all the Israelite people. But we did not obey what they told us to do.*

To whom did the prophets speak in the name of God?

The prophets spoke to the kings, the leaders, the ancestors, and to all the people of the land.

Daniel 9:7

ULT	UST
To you, Lord, is righteousness, but to us is shame of faces as this day, to a man of Judah and to the dwellers of Jerusalem and to all of Israel, the near and the far in all of the lands where you have driven them there for their transgression that they transgressed against you.	*Lord, you were right to punish us for sinning so seriously against you. But as a result, we are now in a shameful condition. This is true of the Israelites who still live in Jerusalem and other places in Judea. It is also true of the Israelites whose enemies you allowed to take away to other countries. Some of those countries are near Israel, and others are farther away.*

Who did Daniel say was in a shameful condition because of their sins?

Daniel said the people of Judah, the people of Jerusalem, and all of Israel, both near and far, were in a shameful condition because they had sinned against the Lord.

Daniel 9:8

ULT	UST
Yahweh, to us is shame of faces, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.	*Yahweh, we have sinned against you, and so we and our kings, our other rulers, and our ancestors are in a shameful condition.*

Why were the Israelites in a shameful condition?

They were in a shameful condition because they had sinned against Yahweh.

Daniel 9:9

ULT	UST
To the Lord our God, may there be compassion and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him,	*I ask you, our Lord and God, to forgive us and treat us kindly, even though we have rebelled against you.*

What did Daniel ask the Lord to give, even though the Israelites had rebelled against him?

Daniel asked the Lord to give compassion and forgiveness.

Daniel 9:10

ULT	UST
and we have not listened to the voice of Yahweh our God, to walk in his laws that he gave to our faces by the hand of his servants the prophets.	*You sent your prophets to speak to us directly and tell us to obey your laws. But we did not obey what you, our God, said to us through them.*

What did Daniel say the Israelites had not done, even though Yahweh gave them his laws through the prophets?

Daniel said the Israelites had not listened to Yahweh's voice or obeyed his laws.

Daniel 9:11

ULT	UST
And all of Israel has transgressed your law and has turned away, not listening to your voice. And the oath has been poured out on us, and the curse, that is written in the law of Moses, the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.	*All of us Israelite people have failed to do what your law requires and have done other things instead. We have not obeyed what you told us to do. We have sinned against you, and as a result, you have made very bad things happen to us. You swore that you would do that if we sinned so badly. Your servant Moses wrote this in the law.*

What had been poured out on Israel because of their sin?

The curse and oath that are written in the law of Moses, the servant of God, had been poured out on them.

Daniel 9:12

ULT	UST
And he has made stand his word that he spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, to bring great trouble upon us that has not been done under all of the heavens like what has been done to Jerusalem.	*You said that these things would happen to us and our rulers, and you have done just what you said. You made a great disaster happen to us. No other city in the world has experienced something like what has happened to Jerusalem.*

How did Yahweh confirm the words he spoke against Israel and their rulers?

Yahweh confirmed his words by bringing on Israel and their rulers a great disaster.

Daniel 9:13

ULT	UST
Like what is written in the law of Moses, all of this trouble has come upon us, but we have not entreated the face of Yahweh our God, to return from our iniquities and pay attention to your truth.	*You have made this great disaster happen to us just as Moses wrote in the law. Even so, we have not tried to make you, our God, treat us favorably again. We have not stopped committing sins. We have not recognized that you tell us the right way to live.*

What did Daniel say the Israelites had not done to ask Yahweh for mercy?

Daniel said they had not turned away from their sins and had not paid attention to Yahweh's truth.

Daniel 9:14

ULT	UST
And Yahweh watched over the trouble and brought it upon us, for Yahweh our God is righteous in all of his deeds that he has done, for we have not listened to his voice.	*Because we did not obey what you told us, it was right for you, our God, to punish us as you did. You were ready to cause this disaster, and you made it happen to us when we deserved it.*

What did Daniel say Yahweh did because the Israelites did not listen to his voice?

Daniel said Yahweh watched over the trouble and brought it upon the Israelites, because Yahweh is righteous in all his deeds.

Daniel 9:15

ULT	UST
And now, Lord our God, who brought out your people from the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and made a name for yourself as this day, we have sinned, we have acted wickedly.	*Now here is my request. Lord our God, you rescued us Israelites from slavery in Egypt by your great power. As a result, you have had a great reputation ever since then. But we still sinned against you by doing wicked things.*

How did the Lord bring his people out of Egypt?

The Lord brought his people out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

Daniel 9:16

ULT	UST
Lord, according to all of your righteousnesses, may your nose and your heat please turn back from your city, Jerusalem, the mountain of your holiness. For because of our sins and because of the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and your people are for a reproach to all of the ones around us.	*Lord, just as you have delivered us in the past, I ask you now to stop being so very angry with the people of Jerusalem. That is the city where you chose to be present in a special way in your temple on Mount Zion. I ask this because the people of other nations are saying bad things about Jerusalem and us Israelites. They are doing that because you have punished us for the sins that we and our ancestors committed.*

What did Daniel ask the Lord to stop doing to Jerusalem, because of the Lord's righteous deeds?

Daniel asked the Lord to stop being angry with Jerusalem, because of the Lord's righteous deeds in the past.

Daniel 9:17

ULT	UST
And now, our God, listen to the prayer of your servant and to his supplications, and make your face shine on your desolate sanctuary, for the sake of the Lord.	*But now, our God, please do what I, your servant, am earnestly asking you to do. For the sake of your own reputation, please regard favorably your temple, which our enemies have ruined.*

What did Daniel ask God to do for his ruined sanctuary?

Daniel asked God to listen to his prayer and to regard his ruined sanctuary favorably again, for the Lord's own sake.

Daniel 9:18

ULT	UST
Incline your ear, my God, and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations and the city upon which your name is called. For we are not making our supplications fall to your face because of our righteousnesses but because of your great mercies.	*My God, please listen to my prayer and do what I ask. Please consider carefully that Jerusalem, the city that belongs to you in a special way, is in ruins. I am not pleading with you to help us because we are good people and deserve that. I am asking you to help us because you are very merciful.*

What did Daniel say was the reason he was asking God for help, instead of the Israelites' own righteous deeds?

Daniel said he was asking God for help because of God's great mercies, not because of their own righteous deeds.

Daniel 9:19

ULT	UST
Lord, hear! Lord, forgive! Lord, pay attention and act! For your sake, my God, may you not delay, for your name is called upon your city and upon your people."	*Lord, please listen to me! Lord, please forgive us! Lord, please do what I am asking you to do! Jerusalem belongs to you in a special way, and so do we Israelites. So please help us quickly, my God, for the sake of your own reputation."*

What four things did Daniel ask the Lord to do?

Daniel asked the Lord to hear, forgive, pay attention, and act without delay.

Daniel 9:20

ULT	UST
And I was still speaking and praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my supplication fall to the face of Yahweh my God for the mountain of the holiness of my God,	

What was Daniel doing when he prayed to Yahweh about the holy mountain?

Daniel was speaking, praying, and confessing his sin and the sin of his people Israel.

Daniel 9:21

ULT	UST
and I was still speaking in prayer, and the man Gabriel whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning was flying in swiftness, reaching to me at the time of the offering of the evening.	

When did Gabriel come to Daniel?

Gabriel came to Daniel at the time of the evening sacrifice while Daniel was praying.

Daniel 9:22

ULT	UST
And he made me understand and he spoke with me and said, "Daniel, I have now come forth to make you wise for understanding.	*By speaking with me, he enabled me to understand what Yahweh had told Jeremiah about Jerusalem. He told me, "Daniel, I have come to enable you to understand.*

Why did Gabriel come to Daniel?

Gabriel came to give Daniel insight and understanding.

Daniel 9:23

ULT	UST
At the beginning of your supplications, a word came forth, and I, I have come to declare it, for you are desirablenesses. So understand the word and understand the appearance.	*When you first started to plead with Yahweh, he gave me a message for you. He loves you very much, so he sent me to you with this message. So please understand what I tell you and understand why I have appeared to you.*

When did the word come forth that Gabriel came to declare to Daniel?

The word came forth at the beginning of Daniel's supplications, because God loves Daniel very much.

Daniel 9:24

ULT	UST
Seventy sevens have been determined for your people and for the city of your holiness, to finish transgression and to seal up sins and to cover iniquity and to bring in righteousness of eternities and to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the Holy of Holies.	*Yahweh has determined that there will be seventy sets of seven time periods for you Israelites and for the holy city of Jerusalem. He will stop you from rebelling against him and keep you from committing more sins. He will forgive the wrong things you have done, and he will enable you always to do what is right. He will make the things happen that he showed to his prophets in visions. He will make his temple a sacred place again.*

Why were seventy sevens of years decreed for Daniel's people and his holy city?

The seventy sevens of years were decreed to end transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring everlasting righteousness, to carry out the vision and the prophecy, and to consecrate the most holy place.

Daniel 9:25

ULT	UST
And may you know and understand, from the going forth of the word to return and to build Jerusalem until an anointed one, a ruler, there will be seven sevens and sixty and two sevens. It will return and it will be built with a square and a trench, but in distress of times.	*I want you to understand this well. A king will command people to rebuild Jerusalem. When they rebuild it, it will have a large public plaza, and it will have a ditch around it to protect it. It will be a dangerous time. After that, there will be seven sets of seven time periods and then sixty-two more sets of seven time periods. Then a leader will come whom God will have chosen.*

How much time will elapse between the issuing of the order to restore and rebuild Jerusalem to the coming of the anointed one?

Seven sevens and sixty-two sevens will elapse between the two events.

Daniel 9:26

ULT	UST
And after the sixty and two sevens, the anointed one will be cut off and nothing will be to him. And the city and the sanctuary, the people of the coming ruler will destroy. And its end will be with a flood, and war will be until the end. Desolations are determined.	*But after those sixty-two sets of seven time periods, he will die, so he will no longer be the ruler. Instead, another ruler will come, and his army will destroy the city of Jerusalem and the temple. It will be as if a flood has destroyed it. There will be war continually. Yahweh has determined that armies will destroy many things.*

When will the anointed one die?

He will die after the sixty-two sevens of years.

Daniel 9:27

ULT	UST
And he will strengthen a covenant with many for one seven. And in the middle of the seven, he will make the sacrifice and the offering cease. And on the wing of abominations will be something making desolate, even until the completion, and the thing having been determined will be poured out upon the one desolating."	*That ruler will make an agreement with many people that he will firmly promise to keep for seven time periods. But halfway through that time, he will stop Yahweh's priests from offering sacrifices to him. He will put something disgusting in the temple that makes it unclean. It will be there until Yahweh finally punishes the ruler who made the temple unclean. That is what Yahweh has determined to do."*

What will a coming ruler do?

He will confirm a covenant with many for one seven. In the middle of the seven he will put an end to the sacrifice and the offering.

What will happen to the one who makes desolate?

Yahweh has determined that he will finally punish the ruler who made the temple unclean.

Daniel 10

Daniel 10:1

ULT	UST
In the year of three to Cyrus, the king of Persia, a word was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. And the word was true, and the war was great. And he understood the word, and understanding was to him about the vision.	*During the third year that Cyrus was the king of Persia, God revealed a message to Daniel. (The Babylonians had given him the name Belteshazzar.) The message was about a terrible war that was certainly going to happen. The message came in a vision, and Daniel understood what it meant.*

What message was revealed to Daniel in the third year of Cyrus king of Persia?

The message was about a great war.

How was Daniel able to understand the message?

Daniel understood the message because he had insight from a vision.

Daniel 10:2

ULT	UST
In those days, I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks of days.	*At that time, I, Daniel, had been mourning for three weeks.*

How long was Daniel mourning?

Daniel was mourning for three weeks.

Daniel 10:3

ULT	UST
I ate no bread of delight, and flesh and wine did not come into my mouth, and anointing, I did not anoint myself until the filling of the three weeks of days.	*Throughout those three weeks, I did not eat any tasty food. I did not eat any meat or drink any wine. I did not put olive oil on my face or hair.*

What did Daniel not do during those three weeks?

He did not eat any fine food or meat, drink wine, or put oil on himself.

Daniel 10:4

ULT	UST
And on the day of twenty and four to the first month, as I was at the hand of the great river, it is the Tigris,	*Then, on the twenty-fourth day of the first month of the year, I was standing on the bank of the great Tigris River.*

Where was Daniel on the twenty-fourth day of the first month?

He was beside the great river, the Tigris.

Daniel 10:5

ULT	UST
then I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold, a man clothed in linen, and his loins were girded with gold of Uphaz.	*I looked up, and I saw a man who was wearing linen clothes and a fine gold belt.*

Who did Daniel see in his vision?

He saw a man dressed in linen with a fine gold belt around his waist.

Daniel 10:6

ULT	UST
And his body was like beryl, and his face was like the appearance of lightning, and his eyes were like torches of fire, and his arms and his feet were like the eye of polished bronze, and the sound of his words was like the sound of a multitude.	*His body shone like a jewel. His face was as bright as a flash of lightning. His eyes were like flaming torches. His arms and legs shone like polished bronze. His voice was very loud, like the roar of a huge crowd.*

What was the man in Daniel's vision like?

The man's body was like beryl, his face was like lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and feet were like polished bronze, and the sound of his words was like the sound of a multitude.

Daniel 10:7

ULT	UST
And I, Daniel, alone saw the appearance, for the men who were with me did not see the appearance. However, a great trembling fell on them, and they fled to hide themselves.	*I, Daniel, was the only one who saw this vision. There were some men with me, but they did not see it. However, they became very afraid, and they ran away and hid.*

What happened to the men who were with Daniel?

They did not see the vision, but they were terrified and ran away to hide themselves.

Daniel 10:8-9

What was Daniel's response when he saw the great vision and heard the man's words?

Daniel's face turned pale, and no strength remained in him. He fell into a deep sleep with his face to the ground.

Daniel 10:10

ULT	UST
Then behold, a hand touched me, and it made me totter on my knees and the palms of my hands.	*But then he took hold of me and lifted me up so that I was on my hands and knees. I was shaking.*

What happened when the hand touched Daniel?

It made him get up, trembling, onto his hands and knees.

Daniel 10:11

ULT	UST
And he said to me, "Daniel, man of delight, understand the words that I will be speaking to you. Stand on your standing, for now I have been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.	*The man told me, "Daniel, God loves you very much. God has sent me to you, so stand up. I am going to tell you a message, and I want you to understand it." When he said that to me, I stood up, but I was still shaking.*

What did the man tell Daniel to do?

He told Daniel to understand the words he was about to speak and to stand up, because he had been sent to him.

Daniel 10:12

ULT	UST
And he said to me, "May you not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and to humble yourself to the face of your God, your words were heard, and I, I have come because of your words.	*Then he told me, "Daniel, you determined to ask God humbly to show you what would happen to your people in the future. God has heard what you have been praying since then. I have come because of what you have prayed. So do not be afraid!*

When was the angel sent to Daniel?

The angel was sent on the first day Daniel set his mind to understand and humble himself before God.

Daniel 10:13

ULT	UST
But the prince of the kingdom of Persia was standing against me for twenty and one day. And behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I, I had been left there beside the kings of Persia.	*For 21 days, the evil spirit that influences the kingdom of Persia kept me from coming to you. But Michael, one of God's chief angels, came and helped me. Otherwise, I would not have been able to get past that evil spirit that influences the Persian rulers.*

Why did it take the angel twenty-one days to come to Daniel?

The angel was detained by the prince of the kingdom of Persia who resisted him.

Daniel 10:14

ULT	UST
And I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people at the end of days. For the vision is yet for days."	*I have come to enable you to understand what will happen to your people when the world is about to end. Now this will happen sometime in the future."*

When will the events of the vision happen?

The vision was about the last days, the days yet to come.

Daniel 10:15

ULT	UST
And while he was speaking with me according to these words, I put my face toward the ground, and I was silent.	*While he was saying these things to me, I was looking at the ground, and I was not saying anything.*

What did Daniel do while the man was speaking to him?

Daniel looked down at the ground and said nothing.

Daniel 10:16-17

What did Daniel say the vision had done to him?

Daniel said the vision had greatly upset him, and that he had no strength left and could hardly breathe.

Daniel 10:18

ULT	UST
And the one according to the appearance of a man added and touched me, and he strengthened me.	*But then this person who looked like a human being took hold of me again, and that made me feel stronger.*

What did the one with an appearance like a human being do to strengthen Daniel?

The one who looked like a human being touched Daniel to strengthen him.

Daniel 10:19

ULT	UST
And he said, "May you not fear, man of delight. Peace to you. Be strong and be strong." And while he was speaking with me, I was strengthened, and I said, "May my lord speak, for you have strengthened me."	*He told me, "Do not be afraid, you mortal. God loves you very much. Be peaceful, and be very strong." When he said that to me, I did feel stronger. I said, "Sir, you have helped me feel stronger. So please do give me your message."*

What did the man tell Daniel?

He told Daniel not to be afraid, wished him peace, and told him to be strong.

Daniel 10:20

ULT	UST
And he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? But now I will return to fight against the prince of Persia. And I am going out, and behold, the prince of Javan will come.	

What did the one who looked like a human being say he was going to do after he left Daniel?

He said he was returning to fight against the prince of Persia.

Daniel 10:21

ULT	UST
But I will declare to you the inscribed in the Writing of Truth. And there is not one being strong with me against these except Michael, your prince.	

What did the one who looked like a human being say he was going to tell Daniel?

He said he was going to tell Daniel what was written in the book of truth.

Daniel 11

Daniel 11:1

ULT	UST
And I, in the year of one to Darius the Mede, I stood as one strengthening and as a fortress for him.	*I myself helped and protected Michael during the first year that Darius the Mede was king.*

Whom did the messenger help and protect during the first year that Darius the Mede was king?

The messenger helped and protected Michael that year.

Daniel 11:2

ULT	UST
And now, I will declare the truth to you. Behold, three more kings will be standing in Persia, and a fourth will become wealthy with wealth greater than all. And according to his strength by his riches, he will awaken all against the kingdom of Javan.	*And now I will tell you what will surely happen in the future. Pay attention. Three more kings will rule Persia, and then there will be a fourth king who will be much richer than the others. Because he will be so rich, he will be able to assemble a great army from throughout his empire to attack the kingdom of Javan.*

How will a fourth king in Persia gain power?

He will gain power through his riches.

Against what kingdom will that fourth Persian king stir up everyone?

He will stir up everyone against the kingdom of Javan.

Daniel 11:3

ULT	UST
Then a mighty king will stand, and he will rule with great dominion, and he will do according to his will.	*Then there will be a king who is very powerful. He will reign over a very large empire. He will do whatever he wants to do.*

What will a mighty king do when he rises to power?

He will rule with great dominion and do whatever he wants.

Daniel 11:4

ULT	UST
But as he stands, his kingdom will be broken and divided toward the four winds of the heavens, but not to his posterity, and not according to his dominion by which he ruled. For his kingdom will be uprooted, and to others besides these.	*But while he is still powerful, he will die. His kingdom will break up into four parts. Men who are not his descendants will rule those parts. They will not be as powerful as he was as a king. That is because his empire will be like a plant that someone has pulled out of the ground. Other people will rule its parts.*

To whom will the kingdom of the mighty king not be given?

That kingdom will not be given to the king's own descendants.

Daniel 11:5-6

Who will make an alliance?

The king of the south and one of his commanders who will become a king of the north will make an alliance.

Daniel 11:6

ULT	UST
And at the end of years, they will unite themselves. The daughter of the king of the south will come to the king of the north to make uprightnesses. But she will not retain the strength of the arm, and he will not stand, nor his arm. And she will be given up, she and the ones having brought her and the one having fathered her and the one strengthening her, in those times.	*After many years, the southern king and the northern king will become allies. To make a peace treaty, the southern king will allow the northern king to marry his daughter. But she will not be the queen for very long. Her husband, the northern king, will not continue to rule. People will kill her, her child, her husband, and the officials who brought her from the southern kingdom.*

Who will come to confirm the alliance between the king of the south and the king of the north?

The daughter of the king of the south will come to the king of the north to confirm the agreement.

Daniel 11:7

ULT	UST
But from a branch of her roots, one will stand in his place. And he will come against the army, and he will enter into the fortress of the king of the north. And he will do with them and be strong.	*But then a member of her family will become the next southern king. He will lead his army to attack the northern army, and he will defeat them when they fight. He will conquer the capital city of the northern kingdom.*

What will the branch from the daughter of the king of the south do to the king of the north?

He will attack the army and enter the fortress of the king of the north and conquer them.

Daniel 11:8

ULT	UST
And also he will bring into captivity to Egypt their gods with their metal images with the silver and gold vessels of their delight. And he, for years he will stand from the king of the north.	*He will also take away the idols that represent their gods and their gold and silver treasures. He will bring them back to Egypt with him. For the next several years he will not attack the northern king.*

What will the king of the south take back to Egypt?

He will take the idols, metal images, and silver and gold treasures of the north to Egypt.

Daniel 11:9

ULT	UST
Then he will come into the kingdom of the king of the south, but he will return to his land.	*Then the northern king will invade the southern kingdom. But he will lose the battle and have to retreat to his own kingdom.*

What will happen when the king of the north invades the southern kingdom?

He will have to retreat back to his own land.

Daniel 11:10

ULT	UST
And his sons will be stirred up, and they will assemble the multitude of a great army. And coming, it will come, and it will overflow and pass through, and it will return and be stirred up to his fortress.	*But his sons who rule after him will prepare to attack the southern kingdom again. They will gather a very large army. As that army marches south, it will cover the land like a huge flood. After some fighting, there will be a truce, but then the northern army will attack again. It will conquer a city that has strong walls around it.*

What will the sons of the king of the north do?

They will wage war and assemble a great army. They will overflow like a flood, pass through, and repeat the assault all the way to the fortress of the king of the south.

Daniel 11:11

ULT	UST
Then the king of the south will embitter himself, and he will go out and fight with him, with the king of the north. And he will make a great multitude stand, but the multitude will be given into his hand,	*This will make the southern king very angry. He will lead his army to fight against the northern king. The northern king will gather a great army, but the southern king will defeat that great army.*

What will the king of the south do in response to the attack by the sons of the king of the north?

The king of the south will march out in a rage and fight against the king of the north.

Daniel 11:11-12

Who will win this battle between the north and the south?

The king of the south will win that battle.

Daniel 11:13

ULT	UST
For the king of the north will return and make stand a multitude greater than the first. And at the end of times, years, coming, he will come with a great army and with much equipment.	*Instead, the northern king will prepare to fight again. He will gather an even bigger army than the one that he had before. After several years, he will invade the southern kingdom with a large army that has much military equipment.*

After some years, what will the king of the north do?

He will raise another great army supplied with much equipment and will surely come.

Daniel 11:14

ULT	UST
And in those times, many will stand against the king of the south. And sons of violence of your people will lift themselves up to make the vision stand, but they will stumble.	*When that happens, many people will rebel against the southern king. Some violent men among the Israelites will revolt against him, but he will defeat them. However, this will help make happen the things I am showing you.*

In those times who else will rise against the king of the south?

In those times many will rise against the king of the south, including the most violent among Daniel's people.

Daniel 11:15-16

What will happen this time when the king of the north attacks the king of the south?

The king of the south will not be able to stand against him. The king of the north will do whatever he wants against the king of the south.

Daniel 11:17

ULT	UST
And he will set his face to come with the strength of all of his kingdom, and uprightnesses with him, thus he will do. And he will give a daughter of women to him, to ruin it. But it will not stand, and it will not be for him.	*Then the northern king will determine to invade the southern kingdom with as strong an army as he can form from his kingdom. He will bring a peace treaty and make the southern king agree to it. He will allow the southern king to marry his daughter, but he will want his daughter to work for him against her husband. But this plan will not succeed, so it will not help him.*

Why will the king of the north give a daughter in marriage to the king of the south?

The king of the north will do this in order to destroy the kingdom of the south.

Daniel 11:18-19

What will happen to this king of the North?

A commander will defeat him and shame him, instead of being shamed himself. Then he will retreat to the fortresses of his own land, but he will stumble and die, and no one will find him.

Daniel 11:20

ULT	UST
And one making an exactor pass through the splendor of the kingdom will stand in his place. But in a few days he will be broken, but not in nostrils and not in battle.	*The king who rules after him will send one of his officials to collect tribute from Judea, the most glorious part of his kingdom. But after a few years, that king will die. He will not die in battle or because people rebel angrily against him; instead, someone will murder him.*

What will the one who rises up in place of the king of the north do?

He will force taxes to be paid to provide for the splendor of the kingdom.

What will happen to this one who forces taxes to be paid?

After only a few days that one will be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle.

Daniel 11:21

ULT	UST
And a despised one will stand in his place, and they will not give the splendor of the kingdom to him. And he will come in security, and he will seize the kingdom by intrigues.	*The king who rules after him will be an evil man. He will not deserve to become king, since he will not be the son of the previous king. He will come when people do not expect it, and he will become king by making secret plots.*

How will a despised person who has not been given the honor of royalty come to power?

He will come to power quietly, when people are not expecting it, and will take over the kingdom by making secret plots.

Daniel 11:22

ULT	UST
And the arms of the flood will be swept away from to his face, and they will be broken, and also the leader of the covenant.	*Great armies will oppose him, but he will defeat them and destroy them. He will also remove God's high priest.*

Whom will the despised king also remove, besides defeating the armies opposing him?

He will also remove God's high priest, the leader of the covenant.

Daniel 11:23

ULT	UST
And after the joining together with him, he will act with deceit. And he will go up, and he will become strong with a few of people.	*The rulers of other nations will make treaties with him, but he will betray them. He will begin with a small army, but he will become very powerful.*

What will this despised king do once an alliance is made with him?

From the time an alliance is made with him, he will act deceitfully.

Daniel 11:24

ULT	UST
In security he will come even into the fatnesses of the province, and he will do what his fathers and the fathers of his fathers did not do. He will scatter plunder and spoil and wealth to them, and he will devise his devices against fortifications, but until a time.	*When people are not expecting it, he will capture the most fertile regions in the southern kingdom. The kings who ruled the northern kingdom before him had not been able to do that, but he will do it. He will reward his troops and supporters with valuable possessions that he takes from those regions. He will make plans to capture the cities in the southern kingdom that have walls around them. But he will pursue those plans only for a short time.*

What will the king do with the plunder he takes from the richest parts of the province?

He will give the plunder, spoil, and wealth to his troops and supporters.

Daniel 11:25

ULT	UST
And he will awaken his strength and his heart against the king of the south with a great army. And the king of the south will be stirred up to battle with an army great and mighty unto much. But he will not stand, for they will devise devices against him.	*The northern king will feel strong and confident, and he will gather a large army to attack the southern king. The southern king will gather a very large army so that he can fight against him. But he will lose the battle because some of his officials will betray him.*

What will happen when this deceitful king wages war against the king of the south?

The king of the south will not be able to stand against the deceitful king because of all the plots devised against him.

Daniel 11:26

ULT	UST
Even the eaters of his portion will break him. And his army will be swept away, and many will fall slain.	*Some of his own royal officials will help destroy him. The northern king will defeat his army, and many of his soldiers will die.*

Who will help destroy the king of the south?

Some of his own royal officials will help destroy him, and many of his soldiers will be killed.

Daniel 11:27

ULT	UST
And the two of them, the kings, their heart will be to evil, and at one table they will speak falsehood. But it will not prosper, for the end is still for the appointed time.	*Then the northern king and the southern king will meet together to make a peace treaty. But each one will be trying to trick the other, so they will lie to each other. However, neither one will get what he wants, because God has decided what will ultimately happen.*

Why will the king of the north and the king of the south sit at the same table and lie to each other?

They will lie to each other because their hearts are set on evil against each other.

Daniel 11:28

ULT	UST
And he will return to his land with great wealth. And his heart will be against the covenant of holiness. And he will act, and he will return to his land.	*The northern king will then return to his own land. He will take away many valuable things that his army has captured. He will be hostile to the Jewish people, and he will harm them on his way back to his land.*

What will the heart of the king of the north be set against?

His heart will be set against the holy covenant.

Daniel 11:29

ULT	UST
At the appointed time, he will return and come into the south. But it will not be like the former and like the latter.	*At the time that God has determined, the northern king will invade the southern kingdom again. But this time he will not be successful as he was before.*

What will happen when the king of the north invades the south again at the appointed time?

He will invade again, but this time it will not go as it did before.

Daniel 11:30

ULT	UST
For ships of Kittim will come against him, and he will be frightened, and he will return. And he will rage against the covenant of holiness, and he will act. And he will return, and he will attend to the forsakers of the covenant of holiness.	*An army will sail across the sea to oppose him. This will terrify hm, and he will have to retreat. This will make him very angry, and so he will harm the Jewish people again as he retreats. He will favor those Jews who no longer obey the agreement between Yahweh and the Israelites.*

How will the king of the north show his rage against the holy covenant?

He will show his rage by favoring those who abandon the holy covenant.

Daniel 11:31

ULT	UST
And arms from him will stand, and they will profane the sanctuary, the fortress. And they will remove the perpetual sacrifice, and they will set up the abomination making desolate.	*The northern king will send his army to make the temple ritually unclean. They will prevent the priests from offering the regular sacrifices to Yahweh each morning and evening. They will put something disgusting in the temple that makes it unclean.*

What will the king's army do to the sanctuary?

They will make the sanctuary unclean, stop the regular sacrifice, and set up the abomination that makes it desolate.

Daniel 11:32

ULT	UST
And he will pollute with flatteries the wicked actors of the covenant. But the people knowing its God, they will be strong and act.	*Some Jews will be wickedly disobeying the agreement with Yahweh. The northern king will deceive them so that they become loyal to him. But other Jews will still be loyal to Yahweh, their God. They will firmly oppose him.*

How will the people who know their God respond to the king's flattery?

They will be strong and take action against him.

Daniel 11:33

ULT	UST
And the makers wise of the people will make many understand. But they will stumble by the sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder, for days.	*Some wise Jewish leaders will help other Jews recognize that they should resist the northern king. But for a short time, the northern king's soldiers will be able to kill them with their swords or by burning them. They soldiers will take some of them as prisoners, and they will steal their possessions.*

What will the wise do at that time?

At that time, the wise will give understanding to many.

Daniel 11:33-34

What will happen to the wise?

For a time, the wise will fall by the sword and by flame, be taken as prisoners, and be robbed of their possessions. When they stumble, they will receive a little help.

Daniel 11:35

ULT	UST
And some of the ones making wise will stumble to refine and to purify and to whiten them until the time of the end. For it is still for the appointed time.	*Some of those wise leaders will die. But as a result, other Jews will live in a way that honors Yahweh even more. These things must happen at the time when God has determined, so this suffering will continue until God ends it.*

Why will some of the wise stumble?

Some of them will stumble so that they may be refined, cleansed, and made pure until the time of the end.

Daniel 11:36-37

Above whom will this deceitful king of the north exalt himself?

He will exalt and magnify himself above every god, including the God of gods, the gods of his ancestors, and the god desired by women.

Daniel 11:38

ULT	UST
But in its place he will honor a god of fortresses. Indeed, a god whom his fathers did not know, he will honor with gold and with silver, with precious stone and with desirable things.	*Instead, he will honor a god that he thinks will help him win wars. His ancestors did not worship that god, but he honors it with gifts of gold, silver, jewels and other expensive items.*

What god will the king honor instead of the gods of his fathers?

He will honor a god of fortresses that his ancestors did not know, honoring it with gold, silver, precious stones, and other valuable things.

Daniel 11:39

ULT	UST
And he will act against the fortifications of fortresses with a foreign god. To those who acknowledge him, he will increase glory, and he will make them rule over many, and he will divide the land for a price.	*He will ask that foreign god to help him conquer strong fortresses. He will greatly honor those who obey him as their king. He will make them rule over many people, and to reward them, he will give them property.*

What will this deceitful king of the north do for those who acknowledge him?

He will give honor to those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over many people.

Daniel 11:40

ULT	UST
And at the time of the end, the king of the south will gore together with him. But the king of the north will storm himself against him with chariotry and with horsemen, and with many ships. And he will come into lands, and he will overflow and pass through.	*When all of these events I am describing are about to end, the southern king will attack the northern king. The northern king will fight back against him furiously. His soldiers will be driving chariots and riding horses and traveling in a fleet of ships. His army will invade many countries. It will spread all over those countries like a flood.*

What will the king of the north use to attack at the time of the end?

He will attack with chariots, horsemen, and many ships, invading many countries.

Daniel 11:41

ULT	UST
And he will come into the land of beauty, and many will stumble. But these will escape from his hand: Edom and Moab and the first of the sons of Ammon.	*The northern king will invade the beautiful land of Israel. His soldiers will kill many people. But the Edomites, Moabites, and most of the Ammonites will survive his attack.*

At the time of the end, what will happen when the king of the north comes into the glorious land?

Many people in that land will stumble and fall.

Who will escape from the hand of the king of the north?

Edom, Moab, and most of the people of Ammon will escape from his hand.

Daniel 11:42-43

What are some of the countries over which this king of the north will extend his power?

This king of the north will extend his power over Egypt, the Libyans, and the Cushites.

Daniel 11:44

ULT	UST
But reports from the east and from the north will terrify him, and he will go out in great heat to destroy and to devote many.	*But he will become very frightened when he hears reports about what is happening in the east and in the north. He will become very angry, and he will lead his army to defeat his enemies and destroy them completely.*

What will this king of the north do when reports from the east and north alarm him?

He will go out with great rage to destroy and to devote many to destruction.

Daniel 11:45

ULT	UST
And he will plant the tents of his palace between the seas, to the mountain of the beauty of holiness. But he will come to his end, and no one will be helping him.	*The northern king will set up his royal tents in the area between the sea and the mountain in Jerusalem where Yahweh's holy temple is. But that is where he will die. No one will be able to help him so that he does not die.*

Where will this king of the north set up the tents of his palace?

He will set up the tents of his palace between the seas, at the mountain of the beauty of holiness.

Who will help the king of the north at the end?

The king of the north will come to his end, and there will be no one to help him.

Daniel 12

Daniel 12:1

ULT	UST
And at that time, Michael, the great prince standing over the sons of your people, will stand. And a time of distress will be that has not been from the being of a nation until that time. But at that time, your people will be rescued, every one found written in the book.	*When those things happen, the great angel Michael, who protects the Israelites, will help them. The Israelites will have more trouble than they have had since they became a nation until now. But at that time, God will rescue every one of his people whose name he has written in his book.*

Who is it that guards Daniel's people?

Michael, the great prince, guards Daniel's people.

How bad will the time of trouble be?

It will be a time of trouble such as never was since the beginning of any nation until that time.

At that time who will be saved?

At that time Daniel's people will be saved, everyone whose name is found written in the book.

Daniel 12:2

ULT	UST
And many of the sleepers of the ground of the dust will awaken, these to life of eternity and these to reproaches, to contempt of eternity.	*Many people who have died and who are in graves in the ground will become alive again. Some of them will live eternally with God, but God will condemn others forever.*

What will happen to many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth?

Some of those who sleep in the dust of the earth will rise up to everlasting life, and some will rise up to shame and everlasting contempt.

Daniel 12:3

ULT	UST
And the ones making wise will shine like the brightness of the firmament, and the ones making many righteous, like stars forever and ever.	*Those who have done what is wise will shine as brightly as the sky. And those who have helped others to live right will shine like stars forever.*

What will happen to those who are wise and those who turn many to righteousness?

Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the sky above, and those who turn many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.

Daniel 12:4

ULT	UST
But you, Daniel, close up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end. Many will go about, that knowledge may increase."	*But as for you, Daniel, do not tell anyone what I have told you. You may write this down, but seal the scroll so that no one opens it and reads it until it is time for these things to start happening. People will go to different places trying to find out what is going to happen."*

How long was Daniel told to keep the book sealed?

He was told to keep the book sealed until the time of the end.

Daniel 12:5

ULT	UST
And I looked, I, Daniel, and behold, two others were standing, one here on the lip of the river and one there on the lip of the river.	*When that angel finished speaking, I, Daniel, looked up, and I saw two other angels. One angel was standing on my side of the river, and the other angel was standing on the opposite side.*

Who did Daniel see standing beside the river?

Daniel saw two other men, one standing on each side of the river.

Daniel 12:6

ULT	UST
And one said to the man clothed in linens, who was from above to the waters of the river, "Until when will be the end of the wonders?"	*One of them called to the angel who had been speaking to me, who was wearing linen clothes. He was above the river. That other angel asked him, "How long will it be until these amazing events end?"*

What did one of the two men ask the man clothed in linen?

He asked how long it would be until the end of these wonders.

Daniel 12:7

ULT	UST
And I heard the man clothed in linens who was from above to the waters of the river. And he raised his right hand and his left hand toward the heavens, and he swore by the one living for eternity that it would be for an appointed time, appointed times, and a half. And according to the finishing of the shattering of the hand of the people of holiness, all of these would finish.	*The angel wearing linen clothes who was above the river raised both of his hands toward the sky. I heard him solemnly swear by God, who lives forever, that it would be for a time, times, and half a time. For a while, God's holy people will lose their power. But when that time is over, these other events will also end.*

How long did the man clothed in linen say it would be until the end of these amazing events?

The man clothed in linen said it would be for a time, times, and a half. When the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end, all these things will be completed.

Daniel 12:8

ULT	UST
And I, I heard, but I did not understand. So I said, "My lord, what will be the end of these?"	*I heard what he said, but I did not understand it. So I asked, "Sir, what will be the result of all these events?"*

What did Daniel ask after he heard but did not understand?

Daniel asked what would be the end of these things.

Daniel 12:9

ULT	UST
And he said, "Go, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end.	*He replied, "Daniel, no one will be able to understand what this message means until the time of these events. So just continue to live your life now.*

What did the man clothed in linen say when Daniel told him he did not understand?

The man clothed in linen said to Daniel, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end."

Daniel 12:10

ULT	UST
Many will be purified and whitened and refined, but the wicked will act wickedly. And not any of the wicked will understand, but the ones making wise will understand.	*Many people will make sure that they live in a way that honors Yahweh greatly. But wicked people will continue to do wicked things. None of them will understand what is happening, but wise people will understand.*

At the time of the end, who will and who will not understand the words of the prophecy?

None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.

Daniel 12:11

ULT	UST
And from the time of when the perpetual sacrifice is removed and the setting up of the abomination making desolate will be 1, 290 days.	*There will be 1, 290 days after the northern king prevents the priests from offering the regular sacrifices to Yahweh each morning and evening and puts something disgusting in the temple that makes it unclean.*

How much time will elapse between the time that the perpetual sacrifice is removed and the abomination that causes desolation is set up?

There will be 1,290 days between those two events.

Daniel 12:12

ULT	UST
The happinesses of the one waiting and he reaches to the 1, 335 days.	*God will greatly bless those who remain loyal to him until 1, 335 days are over.*

At that time who does the man clothed in linen say will be blessed?

The man clothed in linen said, “Blessed is the one who waits until the end of the 1,335 days.”

Daniel 12:13

ULT	UST
But you, go until the end, for you will rest, and you will stand for your lot at the end of days.”	*But as for you, Daniel, you will die before these things happen. But when the world ends, you will live again, and God will reward you. So for now, just continue to live the rest of your life.”*

What did the man clothed in linen say would happen to Daniel?

He said that Daniel would rest and that he would rise for his reward at the end of days.

Hosea

Hosea 1

Hosea 1:1

ULT	UST
The word of Yahweh that was to Hosea, the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam, the son of Joash, king of Israel.	*Yahweh gave this message to Hosea son of Beeri during the time when Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings of Judah, and when Jeroboam son of Joash was king of Israel.*

Who was Hosea’s father?

Hosea’s father was Beeri.

Hosea 1:2

ULT	UST
The beginning of when Yahweh spoke through Hosea. And Yahweh said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of prostitutions and children of prostitutions, for prostituting, the land prostitutes itself from after Yahweh."	*When Yahweh first spoke through Hosea, Yahweh said to him, "Go and marry a prostitute. Some of her children will result from her sexual relations with other men. Do this to show how the people of this land have been very unfaithful to me, as though they were an unfaithful wife who has abandoned her husband in favor of other men."*

What kind of wife did Yahweh tell Hosea to take for himself?

Yahweh told him to marry a prostitute.

Hosea 1:3

ULT	UST
So he went and took Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore a son to him.	*So Hosea married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son for him.*

Whom did Hosea marry?

Hosea married Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim.

Hosea 1:4

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to him, "Call his name Jezreel, for yet a little while and I will visit the bloodshed of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, and I will cause the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease.	*Yahweh said to Hosea, "Name him Jezreel, because very soon I will punish the descendants of Jehu for all of the people that he slaughtered at the town of Jezreel. I will end the nation of Israel.*

Why was Hosea told to name his first son Jezreel?

Hosea was told to name his son Jezreel because Yahweh was soon going to punish the descendants of Jehu for the people he had slaughtered at Jezreel.

Hosea 1:5

ULT	UST
And it will be on that day that I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel."	*At that time, I will destroy the army of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel."*

What did Yahweh say he would do to Israel's army in the Valley of Jezreel?

Yahweh said he would destroy Israel's army in the Valley of Jezreel.

Hosea 1:6

ULT	UST
And she conceived again and bore a daughter. And he said to him, "Call her name Lo Ruhamah, for I will not continue again to have compassion on the house of Israel, but carrying away, I will carry them away.	*Gomer became pregnant again and gave birth to a daughter. Yahweh said to Hosea, "Name her Lo Ruhamah, because I will no longer pity the people of Israel. Instead, I will certainly remove them from their land.*

What name did Yahweh tell Hosea to give his daughter?

Yahweh told him to call her Lo Ruhamah.

Hosea 1:7

ULT	UST
But the house of Judah I will have compassion on, and I will save them by Yahweh their God. And I will not save them by bow and by sword and by battle, by horses, and by horsemen."	*However, I will pity the people of Judah, and I, Yahweh their God, will rescue them. I will do it myself; I will not save them by using their bows, swords, warfare, horses, or horsemen."*

On whom will Yahweh have compassion?

Yahweh will have compassion on the people of Judah.

Hosea 1:8

ULT	UST
And she weaned Lo Ruhamah, and she conceived and bore a son.	*After Gomer had weaned Lo Ruhamah, she became pregnant again and gave birth to another son.*

What did Gomer do after she weaned Lo Ruhamah?

She conceived and gave birth to another son.

Hosea 1:9

ULT	UST
And he said, "Call his name Lo Ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not 'I am' for you."	*Yahweh said, "Name him Lo Ammi, because you people of Israel are no longer my people, and I am no longer your God."*

Why did Yahweh tell Hosea to name of his second son Lo Ammi?

Hosea was told to name his son Lo Ammi to show that the Israelites were no longer Yahweh's people.

Hosea 1:10

ULT	UST
And it will be that the number of the sons of Israel will be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured and cannot be counted. And it will be that in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it will be said to them, "Sons of the living God."	*Yet someday the people of Israel will become a people group that is vast in number. In the very place where God said to them, "You are not my people," he will call them, "sons and daughters of the living God."*

What will be said to those who formerly were told they were not Yahweh's people?

It will be said to them that they are sons of the living God.

Hosea 1:11

ULT	UST
And the sons of Judah and the sons of Israel will be gathered together, and they will appoint for themselves one head, and they will arise from the land, for great is the day of Jezreel.	*Then the people of Judah and the people of Israel will unite together and choose one leader for all of them. It will be a marvelous time when Jezreel happens, that is, when God brings his people back to their own land as though sowing them there as seeds, and they will prosper there.*

What will the people of Judah and Israel do together in the future?

They will unite and choose one leader for themselves.

Hosea 2

Hosea 2:1

ULT	UST
Say to your brothers, "Ammi," and to your sisters, "Ruhamah."	*Yahweh also said, "At that time, you will say to your fellow Israelite men, 'Ammi, you are God's people,' and you will say to your fellow Israelite women, 'Ruhamah, you are ones whom God loves.'"*

What should the people say to their brothers and sisters?

They should say to their brothers, "Ammi," and to their sisters, "Ruhamah."

Hosea 2:2-3

What will Yahweh do if Israel (the prostitute) does not put away her prostitution?

If Israel (the prostitute) does not put away her prostitution, Yahweh will strip her naked and show her nakedness as on the day that she was born.

Hosea 2:4

ULT	UST
And I will not have compassion on her children, for they are children of prostitutions.	*I will not pity her children, because they are as unfaithful as their prostitute mother.*

Why will Yahweh not have compassion on Israel's (the prostitute's) children?

Yahweh will not have compassion on her children, because they are as unfaithful as their prostitute mother.

Hosea 2:5

ULT	UST
For their mother has prostituted herself; the one who conceived them has acted shamefully, for she said, “Let me go after my lovers, the givers of my bread and my water, my wool and my linen, my oil and my drink.”	*I say this because she has been unfaithful to me and has acted shamefully. Indeed, she said, “I will run to the ones who love me; they are the ones who give me my food and water, my wool and linen, my olive oil and my wine to drink.”*

What did the children’s mother say she would do?

She said she would go after her lovers, who gave her bread, water, wool, linen, oil, and wine to drink.

Hosea 2:6

ULT	UST
Therefore, behold me blocking your way with the thorns, and I will wall up a wall against her, and her paths she will not find.	*So I am about to do things that will be as though I am blocking her road with thorn-bushes and building a wall in her way so that she does not know what to do.*

What will Yahweh do to block Israel’s (the prostitute’s) way?

He will block her way with thorns and build a wall in her way so that she does not know what to do.

Hosea 2:7

ULT	UST
And she will pursue her lovers, but she will not overtake them, and she will seek them, but she will not find them. And she will say, “Let me go and return to my first husband, for it was better for me then than now.”	*She will repeatedly seek the ones that she thinks love her, but she will not find them. Then she will think, “Perhaps I should return to my actual husband, because I was better off then than I am now.”*

Why will Israel (the prostitute) return to her first husband?

She will return to her first husband because she thinks it was better for her then than now.

Hosea 2:8

ULT	UST
And she, she did not know that I, I gave to her the grain and the new wine and the oil, and silver I multiplied to her, and gold which they made for the Baal.	*None of them understand that I, Yahweh, am the one who gave them their grain, wine, and olive oil; I am the one who gave them abundant silver and gold, which they used to make images for Baal.*

Who gave Israel (the prostitute) silver and gold?

Yahweh gave them silver and gold, which the people used to make idols for Baal.

Hosea 2:9

ULT	UST
Therefore I will return and take my grain in its time, and my new wine in its appointed time, and I will snatch away my wool and my linen meant to cover her nakedness.	*Therefore, I will come back and take my grain from them when it is ripe and the juice of my grapes in their season. I will take from them the wool and linen that I gave to them to cover their bodies.*

What will Yahweh take back from Israel (the prostitute)?

He will take back his grain, new wine, wool, and linen that were meant to cover their bodies.

Hosea 2:10

ULT	UST
And now I will uncover her lewdness to the eyes of her lovers, and no man will deliver her from my hand.	*Now I will expose how shameful they have been in front of those gods that they think love them. No one will be able to rescue them when I punish them.*

What will Yahweh do to Israel (the prostitute) in front of her lovers?

Yahweh will expose their shameful behavior in front of their (gods) lovers.

Hosea 2:11

ULT	UST
And I will cause all of her joy to cease, her feast, her new moon, and her Sabbath, and all of her appointed festivals.	*I will stop all of their celebrations: their yearly feasts, their new moon festivals, their Sabbath days, and all of their other regular festivals.*

What will Yahweh cause to cease?

He will cause all their celebrations to cease.

Hosea 2:12

ULT	UST
And I will devastate her vine and her fig tree, of which she said, "A payment they are to me, which my lovers gave to me." And I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field will eat them.	*I will destroy all their grapevines and fig trees, which they said were payments to them from those gods who loved them. I will turn those productive plants into a wild thicket, and wild animals will eat the fruit that remains.*

What wages did Israel's (the prostitute's) lovers give her?

Israel's lovers gave her grapevines and fig trees.

Hosea 2:13

ULT	UST
And I will visit on her the days of the Baals, in which she burned incense to them, and she put on her ring and her jewelry, and she went after her lovers, but me she forgot. —the declaration of Yahweh.	*I will punish them for all the times that they burned incense to honor the various Baals. They decorated themselves with rings and other jewelry and went to worship those false gods that they thought loved them, but they forgot about me! —this is what Yahweh declares.*

What did Israel (the prostitute) do when she went after her lovers?

They burned incense to the Baals, put on their jewelry, and forgot Yahweh.

Hosea 2:14

ULT	UST
Therefore, behold, I am alluring her, and I will lead her into the wilderness, and I will speak on her heart.	*However, listen! I am working to persuade my people to worship me again; I will make them experience what their ancestors did in the wilderness and I will speak tenderly to them.*

What will Yahweh do to persuade Israel (the prostitute)?

He will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her.

Hosea 2:15

ULT	UST
And I will give to her her vineyards from there, and the Valley of Achor as a door of hope. And she will answer there as in the days of her youth, and as on the day of her going up from the land of Egypt.	*I will give their vineyards back to them from that starting point, and I will cause the Valley of Achor, instead of a place of trouble, to become a place where they will confidently expect me to do good things for them. They will respond to me there willingly as they did long ago, when I freed them from being slaves in Egypt.*

How will Israel (the prostitute) answer Yahweh after he goes to win her back?

She will answer him as she did in the days of her youth, as in the days that she came out of the land of Egypt.

Hosea 2:16

ULT	UST
And it will be on that day—the declaration of Yahweh—you will call me "My Husband," and you will no longer call me "My Baal."	*At that time—this is what Yahweh declares—they will call me 'My Husband.' They will not call me 'My Baal' anymore.*

In that day, what will Israel (the prostitute) call Yahweh?

She will call him "My Husband," and no longer "My Baal."

Hosea 2:17

ULT	UST
And I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they will no longer be remembered by their name.	*I will not allow them to speak the names of the Baals, and they will never use those names again.*

What will Yahweh remove from Israel's (the prostitute's) mouth?

He will not allow them to speak the names of the Baals, and they will never use those names again.

Hosea 2:18

ULT	UST
And I will cut a covenant for them on that day, with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And bow and sword and battle I will break from the land, and I will make them lie down in safety.	*At that time I will make an agreement for them with the wild animals, the birds, and the creatures that crawl on the ground. I will also remove weapons of war such as bows and swords from the land. The result will be that my people will be able to live safely and peacefully.*

What will Yahweh allow his people do?

He will allow them to be able to live safely and peacefully.

Hosea 2:19

ULT	UST
And I will betroth you to me forever, and I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, and in covenant faithfulness and in compassion.	*They will belong to me forever as though we are married. I will do what is right and fair toward them, and I will faithfully love them and act mercifully toward them.*

For how long did Yahweh promise his people they will belong to him?

Yahweh promised that they will belong to him forever.

Hosea 2:20

ULT	UST
And I will betroth you to me in faithfulness, and you will know Yahweh.	*I will be faithful to them, and they will truly know me, Yahweh.*

How will the people know that they truly will know Yahweh?

Yahweh will be faithful to them.

Hosea 2:21

ULT	UST
And it will be on that day, I will answer—the declaration of Yahweh—I will answer the heavens, and they, they will answer the earth.	*At that time, when they ask for what they need, I will respond—this is what Yahweh declares—I will tell the heavens to send rain, and on their part, the heavens will water the earth.*

What will Yahweh answer on that day?

He will tell the heavens to send rain and water the earth.

Hosea 2:22

ULT	UST
And the earth will answer the grain and the new wine and the oil, and they will answer Jezreel.	*Then the earth will produce grain, new wine, and olive oil, and those things will provide for my people, Jezreel.*

What will the earth provide for Jezreel?

The earth will produce grain, new wine and olive oil for Jezreel.

Hosea 2:23

ULT	UST
And I will sow her for myself on the earth, and I will have compassion on Lo Ruhamah, and I will say to Lo Ammi, "You are my people," and he, he will say, "My God."	*I will establish them in the land as my own. I will pity Lo Ruhama, and I will say to those whom I called Lo Ammi, "You are my people," and they, yes, they will say to me, "You are our God."*

What will Yahweh say to Lo Ammi?

Yahweh will say to Lo Ammi, "You are my people."

Hosea 3

Hosea 3:1

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to me, "Again go, love a woman loved by a friend and committing adultery, like the love of Yahweh for the sons of Israel, and they turning to other gods and lovers of raisin cakes of grapes."	*Then Yahweh said to me, "Go and show to your wife that you still love her, even though she has been committing adultery with another man who is her lover. That will show that I still love the people of Israel, even though they worship other gods and love to eat raisin cakes in feasts that honor those gods."*

In what way must Hosea love his wife?

Hosea must love her just as Yahweh loves the people of Israel.

Hosea 3:2

ULT	UST
So I bought her for myself for 15 of silver, and a homer of barley, and a lethek of barley.	*So I bought her back for myself for 15 pieces of silver and 335 liters of barley.*

For how much did Hosea buy back his wife?

He bought her for fifteen pieces of silver and 335 liters of barley.

Hosea 3:3

ULT	UST
And I said to her, "Many days you will dwell with me. You will not prostitute yourself, and you will not be to a man, and also I will be to you."	*Then I said to her, "You will live here with me for a long time. During that time, you must not be a prostitute, and you must not have sex with any man, and I will do the same concerning you."*

What does Hosea tell his wife she must not do?

Hosea tells his wife that she must not be a prostitute and must not have sex with any other man.

Hosea 3:4-5

After the people of Israel live for many days without a king, who will they seek?

After the people of Israel live for many days without a king, they will again worship Yahweh their God.

Hosea 4

Hosea 4:1

ULT	UST
Hear the word of Yahweh, sons of Israel, for Yahweh has a dispute with the dwellers of the land, for there is no truth and there is no covenant faithfulness, and there is no knowledge of God in the land.	*You Israelite people, listen to what Yahweh says! Listen, because he is bringing charges against you people who live in this land, as follows: no one is honest, no one acts faithfully as they promised in the covenant, and no one knows God in this land.*

Against whom does Yahweh have a dispute?

Yahweh has a dispute with the people who live in the land.

Hosea 4:2

ULT	UST
Swearing and deceiving and murdering and stealing and committing adultery! They have broken out, and bloodshed touches bloodshed!	*Instead, people curse and lie and murder and steal and commit adultery. This is happening everywhere! People are killing other people continually!*

What sins does Yahweh say the people are committing?

The people are cursing, lying, murdering, stealing, and committing adultery.

Hosea 4:3

ULT	UST
Therefore the land mourns, and every dweller in it languishes, along with the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens, and even the fish of the sea are gathered away.	*Because of all these things, the land dries up, and everyone who lives in it wastes away, along with the wild animals and the birds in the sky. Even the fish in the sea are diminishing.*

What is happening to everyone living in the land?

Everyone living in it is wasting away.

Hosea 4:4

ULT	UST
Surely no man may dispute, and no man may reprove, but your people are like those disputing with a priest!	*Certainly there is no one who can dispute these charges, and there is no one who can say that I am wrong. But you are like people who argue with a priest when he corrects you!*

What are the people like?

The people are like those who argue with a priest.

Hosea 4:5

ULT	UST
And you will stumble by day, and also the prophet will stumble with you by night, and I will destroy your mother.	*Bad things will happen to you during the day, and also at night, and to your prophets, as well. I am going to destroy the nation of Israel, which is like a mother to you.*

Who will stumble by night?

The prophet will stumble along with the people by night.

Hosea 4:6

ULT	UST
My people are destroyed from lack of the knowledge. Because you, you have rejected the knowledge, I will reject you from being a priest to me. And you have forgotten the law of your God; I, I also will forget your sons.	*I will destroy my people because they have refused to know me, and because, on their part, they have refused to know me, I will no longer allow them to be my kingdom of priests. The nation of Israel has rejected the laws of their God; therefore, for my part, also I will reject her people.*

Why will Yahweh reject the people of Israel?

Yahweh will reject the people of Israel because they forgot and rejected the laws of their God.

Hosea 4:7

ULT	UST
As they multiplied, so they sinned against me. I will exchange their glory for dishonor.	*The more the people increased in number, the more they sinned against me. So instead of honoring them, I will make people despise them.*

What will Yahweh do instead of honoring them because they sinned?

Yahweh will make people despise them instead of honoring them.

Hosea 4:8

ULT	UST
They eat the sin of my people, and to their iniquity they lift up his soul.	*The priests feed on the sin offerings that my people bring, and each one craves for my people to sin even more.*

What do the priests do with the sin offerings the people bring?

The priests eat the sin offerings, and they want the people to sin even more.

Hosea 4:9

ULT	UST
And it will be like people, like priest. And I will visit upon him his ways, and I will return his deeds to him.	*I will punish the priests along with the other people. I will punish them for how they have behaved; yes, I will pay them back for what they have done.*

What will happen to the priest, just as it happens to the people?

Yahweh will punish the priest the same as the people, paying them back for what they have done.

Hosea 4:10

ULT	UST
And they will eat but not be full. They prostituted themselves, but they will not increase, for they have forsaken to heed Yahweh.	*They will eat, but they will still go hungry. They act like prostitutes, but they will not have more children, because they have abandoned obeying Yahweh.*

What will happen even though the people eat?

They will eat but will still be hungry.

Hosea 4:11

ULT	UST
Prostitution and wine and new wine take heart.	*Having sex with prostitutes, drinking wine and new wine, all make people unable to think clearly.*

What things make people unable to think clearly?

Prostitution, wine, and new wine make people unable to think clearly.

Hosea 4:12

ULT	UST
My people inquires of his wood, and his staff declares to him, for a spirit of prostitutions has led astray, and they have prostituted themselves from under their God.	*My people ask their wooden idols to guide them, and they think that a wooden stick will answer them. They do this because they have strongly desired to be unfaithful sexually and so they are also unfaithful spiritually, and because they are unfaithful in these ways, their God no longer directs or protects them.*

What do Yahweh's people ask to guide them?

They ask their wooden idols to guide them.

Hosea 4:13

ULT	UST
On the tops of the mountains they sacrifice, and on the hills they burn incense, under oak and poplar and terebinth, for its shade is good. Therefore your daughters prostitute themselves, and your daughters-in-law commit adultery.	*They burn sacrifices and incense on the mountaintops, on the hills, and under oak trees, poplar trees, and terebinth trees, because the shade there is pleasant. That is why your daughters have become prostitutes and your daughters-in-law have been unfaithful to your sons.*

Where do the people sacrifice and burn incense?

They sacrifice on the mountaintops and burn incense on the hills, and under oak, poplar, and terebinth trees.

Hosea 4:14

ULT	UST
I will not visit upon your daughters when they prostitute themselves, and upon your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery, for the men, they go aside with the prostitutes, and they sacrifice with the temple prostitutes, and a people who does not understand will be thrown down.	*I will not punish your daughters for being prostitutes or your daughters-in-law for being unfaithful to their husbands, because the men themselves go off to be with prostitutes and offer sacrifices with the prostitutes who serve at the idol shrines. The people as a whole does not understand what is right, and so Yahweh will destroy them.*

Why will Yahweh not punish the people's daughters when they choose to commit sexual immorality?

Yahweh will not punish the people's daughters when they choose to commit sexual immorality, for the men also give themselves and offer sacrifices with the shrine prostitutes.

Hosea 4:15

ULT	UST
If you are prostituting yourself, Israel, let not Judah become guilty. And do not go to Gilgal, and do not go up to Beth Aven, and do not swear, "By the life of Yahweh."	*Even though you people of Israel are being unfaithful to Yahweh by worshiping idols, you should not cause the people of Judah to sin also. Warn them, "Do not go to Gilgal or go up to Beth Aven to worship idols there. Do not swear oaths there, saying, 'I swear by the life of Yahweh that I will do what I am promising.'"*

Where should the people not go?

They should not go to Gilgal or Beth Aven to worship idols there.

Hosea 4:16

ULT	UST
For Israel is stubborn like a stubborn cow. Now will Yahweh pasture them like a lamb in a wide place?	*I say this because the Israelite people behave as stubbornly as a young cow that refuses to obey. So Yahweh certainly will not allow them to freely graze like a gentle lamb in a broad meadow.*

What is Israel compared to because of its stubbornness?

Israel is compared to a stubborn cow that refuses to obey.

Hosea 4:17

ULT	UST
Ephraim is joined to idols. Leave him alone.	*No, the people of Ephraim have chosen to worship idols. We can only leave them alone.*

What has Ephraim chosen to do?

Ephraim has chose to worship idols.

Hosea 4:18

ULT	UST
Their drink has ceased. Prostituting, they have prostituted themselves. Her shields have loved, loved dishonor.	*They have drunk all that there was to drink; they have fully prostituted themselves. Their leaders have absolutely loved shameful things.*

What did the leaders of Ephraim love?

The leaders of Ephraim loved shameful things.

Hosea 4:19

ULT	UST
A wind has wrapped her in its wings, and they will have shame from their sacrifices.	*They will go into exile as though a powerful wind has swept them away, and all of their sacrifices to idols will only make them ashamed.*

What will make the people ashamed?

Their sacrifices to idols will make them ashamed.

Hosea 5

Hosea 5:1

ULT	UST
Hear this, priests, and pay attention, house of Israel, and give ear, house of the king, for the judgment is for you, for you have been a snare to Mizpah and a net spread over Tabor.	*You priests, listen to this! You people of Israel, pay attention! You members of the royal court, listen carefully, because I am going to judge you. because you have enticed the people to sin at Mizpah, and you have made them sin at Mount Tabor.*

Who does Yahweh tell to pay attention?

Yahweh tells the priests, the people of Israel, and the members of the royal court to pay attention because he is going to judge them.

Hosea 5:2

ULT	UST
And the revolters have made the slaughter deep, but I will be a reproof to all of them.	*Those who have rebelled against me have killed many people, so I will punish all of them.*

What have the revolters done, and what will Yahweh do to them?

They have killed many people, and Yahweh will punish all of them.

Hosea 5:3

ULT	UST
I, I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from me, for now you have prostituted yourself, Ephraim; Israel is defiled.	*I myself know all about you, people of Ephraim; I can see everything that the people of Israel do. Indeed, people of Ephraim, you have now been unfaithful to me by worshiping idols, yes, the people of Israel have made themselves unacceptable to me.*

What does Yahweh say about Ephraim and Israel?

Yahweh says he knows that they have been unfaithful to him by worshiping idols and have made themselves unacceptable to him.

Hosea 5:4

ULT	UST
Their deeds will not allow them to return to their God, for a spirit of prostitutions is in their midst, and they do not know Yahweh.	*They prefer to do evil things, so they refuse to worship their God any more. They do this because a strong desire to be physically and spiritually unfaithful is working among them, and they do not know Yahweh.*

What will not allow Ephraim to return to their God?

The evil things Ephraim has done will not allow them to worship their God any more.

Hosea 5:5

ULT	UST
And the pride of Israel testifies against his face, and Israel and Ephraim will stumble in their sin; Judah also stumbles with them.	*The way that the people of Israel are so proud makes this clear to everyone. The people of Israel and Ephraim will fail because of how much they have sinned, and the people of Judah will fail with them.*

What will happen to Israel, Ephraim, and Judah because of their sin?

The people of Israel, Ephraim, and Judah will fail because of how much they have sinned.

Hosea 5:6

ULT	UST
With their flocks and with their herds they will go to seek Yahweh, but they will not find him. He has withdrawn from them.	*They will bring their flocks and herds and try to appease Yahweh by making sacrifices to him, but he will not receive them because he has removed himself from them.*

Why will the people not find Yahweh?

The people will not find Yahweh because he has removed himself from them.

Hosea 5:7

ULT	UST
They have betrayed Yahweh, for they have borne strange children. Now at the new moon he will devour them with their portions.	*Those nations have been like an unfaithful wife to Yahweh because their people are like illegitimate children; they do not belong to Yahweh. So now, when they bring their sacrifices to the New Moon Festival, Yahweh will kill them as they kill the animals that they bring to sacrifice.*

What will Yahweh do to them when they bring their sacrifices to the festival?

Yahweh will kill them, because they have betrayed him and do not belong to him.

Hosea 5:8

ULT	UST
Blow a shofar in Gibeah, a trumpet in Ramah! Sound the alarm at Beth Aven! After you, Benjamin!	*Blow a horn in Gibeah; blow a trumpet in Ramah! Sound the alarm at Beth Aven! The troops will follow behind you, Benjamin!*

Where should the trumpet and horn be blown?

The horn should be blown in Gibeah, the trumpet in Ramah, and the alarm sounded at Beth Aven.

Hosea 5:9

ULT	UST
Ephraim will become a desolation in the day of rebuke. Among the tribes of Israel I have made known what is certain.	*The people of Ephraim will become desolate when I punish them. I have declared to the tribes of Israel what will certainly happen.*

Who declared that Ephraim will become a desolation?

Yahweh declared that Ephraim will become desolate when he punishes them.

Hosea 5:10

ULT	UST
The princes of Judah have become like the movers of a boundary. I will pour out my wrath on them like water.	*The leaders of Judah act like people who steal land by moving boundary markers. Therefore, I will punish them abundantly.*

On whom will Yahweh pour his wrath?

Yahweh will punish the leaders of Judah because of his wrath.

Hosea 5:11

ULT	UST
Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment, because he was determined, he walked after nonsense.	*I will cause the people of Ephraim to suffer greatly when I judge them because they were determined to worship worthless idols.*

What will happen to Ephraim when Yahweh judges them?

The people of Ephraim will suffer greatly because they were determined to worship worthless idols.

Hosea 5:12

ULT	UST
So I am like a moth to Ephraim, and like rot to the house of Judah.	*So I will destroy the people of Ephraim, just as moths eat through wool clothing. I will destroy the people of Judah, just as rot eats through wood.*

What will Yahweh do to Ephraim and Judah?

Yahweh will destroy the people of Ephraim like a moth destroys wool, and he will destroy the people of Judah like rot destroys wood.

Hosea 5:13

ULT	UST
And Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then Ephraim went to Assyria and sent to the king of Yareb. But he, he is not able to heal you, and he will not remove the wound from you.	*Then the leaders of Ephraim realized that their nation was weak and the leaders of Judah realized that their people were suffering. Then the leaders of Ephraim sent messengers to the king of Assyria, asking for his help. But that king cannot help Ephraim or take away the suffering of Judah.*

When did Ephraim go to Assyria?

When Ephraim saw that their nation was weak, then they went to Assyria for help.

Hosea 5:14

ULT	UST
For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, and like a young lion to the house of Judah. I, I, I will tear and go away; I will carry off, and there will be no rescuer.	*This is because I will be like a lion to the people of Ephraim; I will be like a young lion to the people of Judah. I will be the one who will cause soldiers to kill many of them, and I will stop caring for them. I will cause soldiers to take them away, and no one will rescue them.*

What does Yahweh say he will do to Ephraim and Judah?

Yahweh will cause soldiers to kill many of them and carry the others away, and there will be no one to rescue them.

Hosea 5:15

ULT	UST
I will go, I shall return to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will earnestly seek me.	*Then I will leave them to themselves, until they admit that they have sinned and that they need me to forgive them. When they are greatly suffering, then they will sincerely ask me to help them.*

For how long will Yahweh leave them to themselves?

Yahweh will leave them to themselves until they admit that they have sinned and that they need him to forgive them; until they earnestly ask him to help them.

Hosea 6

Hosea 6:1

ULT	UST
“Come, and let us return to Yahweh, for he, he has torn, and he will heal us; he struck, and he will bind us up.	*They will say to each other, “Come, let us start obeying Yahweh again! Although he is the one who has hurt us, he will heal us; he has wounded us, but he will bandage our wounds.*

Although Yahweh hurt his people, what will he then do?

Although he hurt them, he will heal them and bind up their wounds.

Hosea 6:2

ULT	UST
He will revive us after two days; on the third day he will raise us up, and we will live to his face.	*In a very short time he will make us strong again; in just a few days he will restore us so that we may live in his presence.*

When will Yahweh make his people strong again?

He will make them strong again after a short time so that they may live in his presence.

Hosea 6:3

ULT	UST
And let us know, let us pursue to know Yahweh. Like the dawn, his going forth is established, and he will come like the rain to us, like the latter rain that waters the land.”	*We need to know Yahweh; let us try hard to do that. He will certainly help us, as surely as the dawn comes every morning. He will restore us again like the rain, as the spring rain restores the land.”*

What do the people say they need to do?

They say they need to try hard to know Yahweh.

Hosea 6:4

ULT	UST
What shall I do for you, Ephraim? What shall I do for you, Judah? And your covenant faithfulness is like a cloud of the morning, and like the dew rising early and going away.	*Yahweh says, "You people of Ephraim and you people of Judah, I do not know what more I can do with you! You say that you will faithfully love me, but you love me about as long as the mist stays in the morning; you love me about as long as the dew stays that is gone early in the day.*

To what does Yahweh compare the people's faithfulness?

He compares their faithful love for him to the mist or the dew in the morning; neither lasts very long.

Hosea 6:5

ULT	UST
Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and your judgments are as light that goes forth.	*That is why I sent my prophets to tell you to reform yourselves; the messages that I told them to speak warned you that soldiers were coming to kill you. What I have justly decided to do will happen as surely as the sun will shine.*

What did Yahweh do through the prophets?

He sent them to warn the people that he would judge them.

Hosea 6:6

ULT	UST
For I desire covenant faithfulness and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.	*I do all of this because I want you to faithfully love me rather than to offer me sacrifices; I want you to truly know me rather than to give me burnt offerings.*

What does God desire more than sacrifice?

God desired covenant faithfulness more than sacrifice, and the knowledge of him more than burnt offerings.

Hosea 6:7

ULT	UST
But they, like Adam, they transgressed the covenant; there they acted treacherously against me.	*However, on their part, they broke my covenant, just as Adam did; in that way they were unfaithful to me.*

What does Yahweh say the people did like Adam?

Like Adam, they broke his covenant and were unfaithful to him.

Hosea 6:8

ULT	UST
Gilead is a city of workers of evil, tracked with blood.	*Gilead is a city full of people who do wicked things. People murder others there so often, it is as though their footprints leave trails of blood everywhere.*

What does Yahweh say about the city of Gilead?

Gilead is a city full of people who do evil things and murder people.

Hosea 6:9

ULT	UST
And, as lying in wait for a man, are bands; a company of priests murder on the way toward Shechem, for they have done villainy.	*The priests are like bandits who lie in wait to ambush a man; they join together to murder people on the road to Shechem. Indeed, they have done terrible and shameful things.*

To what does the speaker compare the terrible and shameful things the priests have done?

The priests actions are compared to gangs of robbers who join together to commit murder on the way to Shechem.

Hosea 6:10

ULT	UST
In the house of Israel I have seen the horrible; Ephraim's prostitution is there; Israel is defiled.	*Among the people of Israel I have seen something horrible: the people of Ephraim stopped worshiping me and became prostitutes. Yes, the people of Israel made themselves unacceptable to me by sinning.*

What horrible thing has Yahweh seen among the people of Israel?

Ephraim had become like a prostitute when they stopped worshiping him, and Israel's sin had made them unacceptable to Yahweh.

Hosea 6:11

ULT	UST
Also, Judah, he has appointed a harvest for you. When I restore the fortunes of my people,	*People of Judah, I have also appointed a time when I will judge you. Whenever I consider enabling my people to prosper again,*

What did Yahweh say he has appointed for Judah?

Yahweh said he has appointed a time when he will judge them, when he restores the fortunes of his people.

Hosea 7

Hosea 7:1

ULT	UST
when I would heal Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim is uncovered, and the evils of Samaria, for they practice falsehood, and a thief comes in; a raiding band strips them outside.	*whenever I want to restore the people of Israel, I see how sinfully the people of Ephraim act and all of the evil things that the people of the city of Samaria do. Indeed, they constantly deceive others, thieves break into houses, and gangs of robbers steal from people in the streets.*

What does Yahweh see when he wants to heal Israel?

He sees how sinfully the people of Ephraim act and all of the evil things that the people of the city of Samaria do.

Hosea 7:2

ULT	UST
And they do not say to their heart that I remember all of their evil. Now their deeds surround them; they are before my face.	*They never stop to think that I remember every evil thing that they do. It is as though they have piled up their sins all around them; it is as though those sins are always right in front of me.*

What did Yahweh remember?

Yahweh remembered every evil thing that they do.

Hosea 7:3

ULT	UST
By their evil they make the king glad, and by their lies, the princes.	*The people of Israel please their king by doing evil things, and they please the royal officials by telling lies.*

How did the people make the king glad?

The people of Israel please their king by doing evil things.

Hosea 7:4

ULT	UST
All of them are adulterers, like an oven burning from a baker; he ceases from awakening it, from the kneading of the dough until leavening it.	*All the people are unfaithful to me like an adulterous spouse. They are so intent on doing evil things that they are like a burning oven that a baker has heated; it is so hot that the baker does not need to stir the fire from when he starts to knead the dough until he adds leavening to it.*

What does Yahweh compare the people to?

He compares them to adulterers because they are unfaithful to him.

Hosea 7:5

ULT	UST
On the day of our king, the princes made him sick with heat from wine. He extended his hand with the mockers.	*On the day that they celebrate the king's festival, the officials made him drunk with wine until he became sick. Then the king joined in with those who mock me.*

What happened to the king on the day of his festival?

The officials made him drunk with wine until he became sick, and he joined with those who mock Yahweh.

Hosea 7:6

ULT	UST
For they have brought near their heart like an oven in their ambush. All the night their baker is asleep; in the morning it is burning like a fire of flame.	*Indeed, the officials strongly desire to murder the king, as though their hearts were as hot as an oven. They remain angry through the night, like an oven that the baker neglects while he sleeps; but then in the morning it blazes up like a roaring fire.*

What were the people's hearts like?

Their hearts were as hot with anger as the heat of an oven.

Hosea 7:7

ULT	UST
All of them are hot like an oven, and they devour their judges. All of their kings have fallen; there is none among them calling to me.	*All of those conspirators are so passionate to be important that they are like hot ovens, and they destroy their rulers. All of their kings die violently; yet not one of them calls out to me to help him.*

What happened to all the kings of Israel?

All of their kings died violently; yet none of them called out to Yahweh for help.

Hosea 7:8

ULT	UST
Ephraim, he mixes himself among the peoples. Ephraim is a bread cake not turned over.	*The leaders of Ephraim make alliances with foreign nations, so Ephraim has become ruined, like a pancake that someone has failed to turn over.*

What has ruined Ephraim?

Ephraim has become ruined because of his alliances with foreign nations.

Hosea 7:9

ULT	UST
Strangers have devoured his strength, and he does not know it. Moreover, gray hair is sprinkled on him, and he does not know it.	*Foreigners have drained away their resources, yet the people of Israel do not realize it. Their nation is becoming powerless, like a man who is growing old and weak, yet they do not realize it.*

What did the people not realize was happening to them?

Foreigners have drained away their resources and their nation is becoming powerless yet the people of Israel do not realize it.

Hosea 7:10

ULT	UST
And the pride of Israel testifies against his face, and they have not returned to Yahweh their God, and they have not sought him in all this.	*The way that the people of Israel are so proud makes this clear to everyone. Yet they have not begun again to worship Yahweh their God, and they have not tried to know me despite all of these things that have happened.*

What have the people of Israel not done despite everything that has happened?

They have not returned to worship Yahweh their God or tried to know him.

Hosea 7:11

ULT	UST
And Ephraim has been like a dove, being silly, without heart. They called to Egypt; they went to Assyria.	*The leaders of Ephraim are like a dove, foolish and stupid. They asked the leaders of Egypt to help them; then they asked the leaders of Assyria to help them.*

What made Ephraim like a dove?

Ephraim was as foolish and stupid as a dove because they asked other nations instead of Yahweh to help them.

Hosea 7:12

ULT	UST
Whenever they go, I will spread my net over them; like birds of the heavens I will bring them down. I will discipline them according to the report to their congregation.	*Whenever they go to seek help, I will not allow them to succeed. I will be like a hunter who catches birds with a net and pulls them down from the sky. I will punish them, just as I warned their assembly that I would do.*

What will Yahweh do to them?

He will not allow them to succeed but instead will punish them.

Hosea 7:13

ULT	UST
Woe to them, for they have wandered from me! Destruction to them, for they have revolted against me! And I, I would redeem them, but they, they have spoken lies against me.	*Terrible things will happen to them because they have stopped obeying me! I will destroy them because they have rebelled against me! For my part, I wanted to rescue them, but for their part, they just tell lies about me.*

Why did Yahweh not rescue the people?

Yahweh did not rescue the people because they spoke lies against him.

Hosea 7:14

ULT	UST
And they have not cried out to me in their heart, but they wail on their beds. For grain and new wine they sojourn; they turn away from me.	*They do not sincerely cry out to me to help them; instead they just lie on their beds and wail. They slash themselves to offer their blood to pagan gods, hoping to get grain and new wine, but they reject me.*

What did the people do instead of crying out to Yahweh for help?

They just lie on their beds and wail.

Hosea 7:15

ULT	UST
And I, I trained, I strengthened their arms, but against me they plan evil.	*As for me, I trained them and made them strong, but now they plan to do evil things to me.*

What does Yahweh say he did for the people?

He trained them and made them strong.

Hosea 7:16

ULT	UST
They turn, but not upward; they are like a deceitful bow. Their princes will fall by the sword from the indignation of their tongue. This is their scorn in the land of Egypt.	*They ask for help, but not from me, the Most High God; they are as unreliable as a bow that does not shoot straight. Their officials will die in battle because what they have said has made me very angry. The people of Egypt will laugh at them for this."*

Why will the officials die in battle?

The officials will die in battle because what they said made Yahweh very angry.

Hosea 8

Hosea 8:1

ULT	UST
“To your palate, a shofar! Like a vulture over the house of Yahweh, because they have transgressed my covenant and against my law they have rebelled.	*Yahweh said to me, “Blow a trumpet to warn the people! My people have rejected the agreement that I made with them, and they have rebelled against obeying my laws. Therefore, an enemy is ready to invade the land where my people live, as a vulture watches its prey.*

Why was an enemy watching Yahweh’s people like a vulture watching over its prey?

Israel’s enemy was ready to invade the land where the people of Yahweh lived because they had broke his covenant and rebelled against his law.

Hosea 8:2

ULT	UST
To me they cry out, ‘My God, we, Israel, know you.’	*The Israelites cry out to me, ‘Our God, we people of Israel know you!’*

What do the people of Israel say to Yahweh?

They say that they know him as their God.

Hosea 8:3

ULT	UST
Israel has rejected the good; an enemy will pursue him.	*But the people of Israel have rejected what is good, so an enemy will chase after them.*

What will happen because Israel has rejected what is good?

An enemy will chase after Israel.

Hosea 8:4

ULT	UST
They, they have made kings, but not from me. They have appointed princes, but I did not know. Their silver and their gold they have made for themselves into idols, so that he will be cut off."	*As for them, they set up kings without asking me, and they chose leaders, but I did not approve them. They used their silver and gold to make idols for themselves, and that is why I will destroy them."*

What did the people use to make idols for themselves?

They used their silver and gold to make idols for themselves.

Hosea 8:5

ULT	UST
"He has rejected your calf, Samaria. My nose burns against them. Until when will they not attain innocence?	*"I reject your calf idol, you people of Samaria! I am very angry with you. You need to stop acting in ways that make you guilty!*

What does Yahweh say about Samaria's calf idol?

Yahweh says that he rejects it, and that he is very angry with the people of Samaria.

Hosea 8:6

ULT	UST
For from Israel is even this: a craftsman made it, and it is not God! Surely the calf of Samaria will become broken pieces.	*And it was in Israel that a craftsman made that idol! It is not God! I will make sure that someone smashes that calf idol of Samaria into pieces.*

What does Yahweh say about the calf idol of Samaria?

He says a craftsman made it, so it is not God, and it will be broken into pieces.

Hosea 8:7

ULT	UST
For they sow wind, and they will reap a whirlwind; standing grain on which there is no head. It will not yield flour. If perhaps it yields, strangers will swallow it up.	*What the people of Israel have done is completely foolish, like trying to plant wind. What they get in return will be terrible, like reaping a whirlwind. Their plans will produce nothing good, like grain stalks that have no heads and that can produce no flour. Even if they did produce something, foreigners would come and steal it all.*

To what does the speaker compare the foolish things Israel has done?

The foolish plans the people have made are like they tried to plant the wind which of course will produce nothing good.

Hosea 8:8

ULT	UST
Israel is swallowed up. Now they are among the nations like a vessel in which there is no delight.	*The other nations have already stolen Israel. Even now the Israelites live as one of the other nations, and there is nothing special about them at all.*

What does Yahweh say Israel has become among the nations?

Israel has become just like the other nations, with nothing special about them.

Hosea 8:9

ULT	UST
For they, they have gone up to Assyria, a wild donkey alone by itself. Ephraim has hired lovers.	*Indeed, the Israelites have gone to Assyria like a lonely wild donkey looking for a mate. The people of Ephraim have paid other nations to be their allies.*

What has Ephraim done to get help from other nations?

Ephraim has gone to Assyria and paid other nations to be their allies.

Hosea 8:10

ULT	UST
Even though they hire among the nations, now I will gather them. And they will begin in a little from the burden of the king of princes.	*But although they pay other nations to help them, I will now begin to punish them. They will soon suffer greatly because of everything that the great king will demand from them.*

What will Yahweh do now that they have paid other nations to help them?

Now that they paid another nation to help them, Yahweh will punish them by making them suffer under the demands of the king of that nation.

Hosea 8:11

ULT	UST
Because Ephraim has multiplied altars for sin, they have become for him altars for sin.	*Because the people of Ephraim built many altars on which to make sacrifices to take away sin, those altars became places where they sinned even more.*

What happened to the altars that Ephraim built to take away sin?

Those altars became places where Ephraim sinned even more.

Hosea 8:12

ULT	UST
Were I to write for him myriads of my law, they would be regarded as something strange.	*Even if I wrote down my law for them ten thousand times, they would still consider that it did not apply to them.*

Even if Yahweh wrote down his law for them ten thousand times, how would they view it?

They would still consider that it did not apply to them.

Hosea 8:13

ULT	UST
The sacrifices of my gifts they sacrifice flesh and they eat. Yahweh does not accept them. Now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. They, they will return to Egypt.	*They offer sacrifices to me and eat some of the meat from those sacrifices, but I, Yahweh, am not pleased with those people. I remember the wrong things that they have done and now I will punish them because they have sinned. As for them, they will become slaves again like they were in Egypt.*

How will Yahweh punish the people's sins?

He will punish their sins by making them become slaves again, like they were in Egypt.

Hosea 8:14

ULT	UST
And Israel forgot his maker and built palaces. And Judah has multiplied fortified cities, but I will send fire on his cities, and it will devour her citadels."	*The people of Israel have forgotten God, the one who created their nation, and they have built palaces for themselves instead. The people of Judah have built many cities with strong walls to protect them, but I will send fire to burn down their cities and it will completely consume their strong towers."*

What does Yahweh say Israel did?

Israel forgot the God who made them and built palaces for themselves instead.

Hosea 9

Hosea 9:1

ULT	UST
Do not rejoice, Israel, to joy like the peoples, for you have prostituted yourself from upon your God. You have loved prostitute-wages on all the threshing floors of grain.	*You people of Israel, do not celebrate joyfully the way other peoples do! I say this because you have been unfaithful to your God. You have loved the gifts that you thought were payments from your idols at every threshing floor where people thresh grain.*

Why should Israel not rejoice?

Israel should not rejoice because they have been unfaithful to their God.

Hosea 9:2

ULT	UST
The threshing floor and the winepress will not feed them, and the new wine will fail her.	*Soon the people will not have enough grain or wine, and the new wine will be gone.*

What will happen to Israel's food supply?

There will not be enough grain or wine to feed them.

Hosea 9:3

ULT	UST
They will not dwell in the land of Yahweh, and Ephraim will return to Egypt, and in Assyria they will eat unclean food.	*The people of Israel will not continue to live in the land that belongs to Yahweh. Instead, the people of Ephraim will go back to being slaves as they were in Egypt, and in Assyria they will eat food that God has forbidden them to eat.*

What will happen to the people of Ephraim?

Ephraim will no longer live in the land Yahweh gave them, but will return to slavery and eat unclean food in Assyria.

Hosea 9:4

ULT	UST
They will not pour out wine to Yahweh, and their sacrifices will not be pleasing to him; like bread of mourning they will be to them; all the eaters of it will be defiled. For their bread will be for their appetite; it will not enter the house of Yahweh.	*They will not pour out wine offerings to Yahweh, and their sacrifices will not please him. Their sacrifices will be like the food that is in the house with a dead body; everyone who eats that food will be unacceptable to God, because they will eat that food only for themselves; they will not bring it into Yahweh's temple.*

How does Yahweh respond to Israel's offerings and sacrifices?

Their offerings sacrifices will not be pleasing to Yahweh.

Hosea 9:5

ULT	UST
What will you do for the day of meeting, and for the day of the festival of Yahweh?	*You will not be able to celebrate the feasts that Yahweh appointed or the festivals that honor Yahweh.*

What will the people no longer be able to do once they are in exile?

They will not be able to celebrate the feasts and festivals that Yahweh has appointed for them.

Hosea 9:6

ULT	UST
For behold, they go away from destruction, Egypt will gather them; Memphis will bury them. Nettles will possess the precious things of their silver; thorns will be in their tents.	*Look! Even if some of them escape when the Assyrians destroy their towns, people in Egypt will capture them, and people in the Egyptian capital city of Memphis will bury them. Weeds will grow over the silver objects that they treasure, and thorns will fill their tents.*

What will happen to Israel's treasures of silver?

Weeds will take over their precious silver and thorns will fill their tents.

Hosea 9:7

ULT	UST
The days of punishment have come; the days of retribution have come. Israel will know it! The prophet is a fool; the man of the Spirit is insane, because of the abundance of your iniquity and great hostility.	*Now is the time for God to punish the Israelites; now is the time for him to do to them as they deserve. When he does, the people of Israel will know it! You say that the prophet is a fool and that the one whom the Spirit inspires is insane, but that is only because you have sinned so much and because you are very hostile toward God.*

Why is God going to punish the Israelites?

Because of Israel's great iniquity and great hostility.

Hosea 9:8

ULT	UST
The watcher of Ephraim is with my God; as for the prophet, a snare of a fowler is on all his ways; hostility is in the house of his God.	*Prophets watch over the people of Ephraim because my God told them to do so, but people set traps for them everywhere they go. People are hostile to them, even in the temple of their God.*

What is the role of the prophet?

The prophet is the watchman with God over Ephraim.

Hosea 9:9

ULT	UST
They have made deep, they have corrupted themselves as in the days of Gibeah. He will remember their iniquity; he will punish their sins.	*The people have become very grievously sinful, just as the people of Gibeah were long ago. God will not forget how wickedly they have acted; he will punish them for their sins.*

To what does Hosea compare Israel's current corruption?

He compares it to just how sinful the people of Gibeah were long ago.

What will God do about Israel's sins?

God will punish them for how wickedly they have acted.

Hosea 9:10

ULT	UST
Like grapes in the wilderness, I found Israel. Like the first fruit on the fig tree in its beginning, I saw your fathers. They, they came to Baal Peor, and they devoted themselves to the shame, and they became abominations like what they loved.	*Yahweh says, "When I chose Israel, I was as pleased with them as someone who finds grapes in a desert. When I first looked at your ancestors, they were as delightful as the very first figs that grow on a young fig tree. But then they started worshiping the Baal of Peor. They gave themselves completely to that disgusting idol, and they became as disgusting as the idol that they loved.*

What did Israel's ancestors do when they came to Baal Peor?

They devoted themselves to the worship of shameful idol.

Hosea 9:12

ULT	UST
Even if they raise their children, I will bereave them from a man. For indeed, woe to them when I turn away from them!	*Even if they do raise children, I will take away every one of them so that none survive. Yes, indeed, it will be terrible for them when I abandon them!*

What does Yahweh say he will do even if the people of Ephraim is able to raise children?

He will take away every one of them.

Hosea 9:13

ULT	UST
Ephraim—just as I have seen for Tyre, planted in a meadow, so Ephraim is to bring out his children to the slayer.	*I have decreed for Ephraim just as I have decreed for Tyre, that city in its beautiful place, that the people of Ephraim will bring out their own children for their enemies to slaughter."*

What will happen to Ephraim's children?

Their children will be slaughtered by their enemies.

Hosea 9:14

ULT	UST
Give to them, Yahweh—what will you give? Give to them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.	*Hosea says, "So Yahweh, give to these people—but what can I ask you to give them? Give them miscarriages and no way to nurse babies."*

What does Hosea ask Yahweh to give to Ephraim?

He asks Yahweh to give them miscarriages and no way to nurse babies.

Hosea 9:15

ULT	UST
All their evil is in Gilgal, for there I hated them. Because of the evil of their deeds, I will drive them out of my house. I will not continue loving them; all their princes are rebels.	*Yahweh says, "Because of all of the wicked things that my people have done at Gilgal, that is where I started to hate them. Because of all of the evil things that they do, I will drive them out of my land. I will not love them any longer; all of their leaders rebel against me.*

What does Yahweh say he will do because of the evil things the people of Israel have done?

Yahweh will drive them out of the land and will no longer love them no.

Hosea 9:16

ULT	UST
Ephraim is struck; their root has dried up; they will not produce fruit. Even if they do give birth, then I will kill the precious ones of their womb.	*I have struck the people of Ephraim so that they are as infertile as grapevines that have shriveled roots and cannot produce fruit. Even if the women do give birth, I will kill the children whom they love."*

What would happen even if Ephraim had children?

Even if they have children, Yahweh will kill the children whom they love.

Hosea 9:17

ULT	UST
My God will reject them, for they have not listened to him, so they will be wanderers among the nations.	*Hosea says, "The God whom I worship will reject the people of Israel because they have not obeyed him. Therefore, they will wander among the other nations, away from their home."*

Why does God reject Israel?

God rejects Israel because they have not listened to him.

What will happen to Israel after God rejects them?

They will become wanderers among the nations.

Hosea 10

Hosea 10:1

ULT	UST
Israel is an emptying vine; he places fruit for himself. According to the abundance of his fruit, he made abundant altars. According to the goodness of his land, they made good pillars.	*The people of Israel are selfish, like a productive vine that establishes its fruit for itself. The more the people prospered, the more altars they built to worship idols. The more their land produced, the more elaborate they made their pillars to idols.*

What happened as the people of Israel became more prosperous?

The more the people prospered, the more altars they built.

Hosea 10:2

ULT	UST
Their heart is slippery; now they will bear guilt. He, he will break the neck of their altars; he will destroy their pillars.	*The people of Israel deceive themselves; now they must suffer for their sins. Yahweh will be the one to tear down their altars and smash their sacred pillars.*

What is the consequence of the people's sin?

Yahweh will destroy their sacred altars and pillars.

Hosea 10:3

ULT	UST
For now they will say, "There is no king for us, for we did not fear Yahweh, and the king—what could he do for us?"	*Indeed, soon they will say, "We have no king because we did not honor Yahweh. However, even if we had a king, he could not do anything to help us."*

Why did they no longer have a king?

They had no king because they had not feared or honored Yahweh.

Hosea 10:4

ULT	UST
They have spoken words, swearing oaths of worthlessness, cutting a covenant, so judgment sprouts like a poisonous weed on the furrows of a field.	*The people of Israel make false promises; they swear empty oaths and make agreements that they do not keep. So people accuse each other to the judges and the number of these harmful legal disputes is multiplying throughout the land like poisonous weeds in a plowed field.*

Why were the covenants the people made worthless?

Israel made covenants that they did not keep.

Hosea 10:5

ULT	UST
The inhabitant of Samaria will be afraid for the calves of Beth Aven, for its people will mourn over it, and its idolatrous priests will shout over it, over its glory, for it has departed from it.	*The people who live in Samaria will be afraid about what will happen to the calf idol of Beth Aven. Indeed, the people who worship it will mourn over it, and the idolatrous priests who serve that idol will cry out about it and about how splendid it was, because it will be splendid no more.*

What will the people of Samaria do because of the calf idol of Beth Aven?

They will be afraid about what will happen to the idol, and the people and priests will mourn and cry out because it is gone.

Hosea 10:6

ULT	UST
Even it will be carried to Assyria, a tribute to the king of Yareb. Ephraim will receive shame, and Israel will be ashamed of his counsel.	*The enemy will carry the idol itself to Assyria as a gift for its king. The people of Ephraim will be ashamed, yes, all of the people of Israel will feel humiliated because what they had believed and lived by was wrong.*

Why will the calf idol of Beth Aven be carried to Assyria?

It will be carried to Assyria as a gift for the its king.

Hosea 10:7

ULT	UST
Samaria—its king will be ended, like a splinter on the face of the waters.	*The king of Samaria will be no more. He will go away like a chip of wood floating away on the surface of the water.*

What will happen to the king of Samaria?

He will be no more, like a chip of wood floating away on the water.

Hosea 10:8

ULT	UST
And the high places of Aven will be destroyed, the sin of Israel. Thorn and thistle will grow up on their altars, and they will say to the mountains, "Cover us!" and to the hills, "Fall on us!"	*Yahweh will destroy the places on the hilltops, like Beth Aven, where the people of Israel sin by worshiping idols. Thorns and weeds will grow up and cover their altars. Then the people will beg the mountains and hills, "Fall down on us and cover us to protect us from Yahweh!"*

What will grow over the altar?

Thorns and thistles will grow over the altar.

Hosea 10:9

ULT	UST
From the days of Gibeah you have sinned, Israel. There they have stood. Will not war overtake them in Gibeah, against the sons of injustice?	*Israel, you have been sinning ever since your ancestors did those terrible things at Gibeah, and you have continued doing such things ever since then. War will certainly overtake all of the wicked people in Gibeah.*

What will happen to the wicked people of Gibeah?

War will overtake them.

Hosea 10:10

ULT	UST
When it is my desire, I will chastise them, and peoples will be gathered against them when they are bound to their two eyes.	*Yahweh says, "When I decide to act, I will punish them. I will gather armies from other nations to attack them and capture them because of their double sin.*

What will Yahweh do when he decides to punish them?

He will allow armies from other nations to attack and capture them.

Hosea 10:11

ULT	UST
And Ephraim is a trained heifer loving to thresh, but I, I have passed over upon the goodness of her neck. I will harness Ephraim; Judah will plow; Jacob will harrow by himself.	*The people of Ephraim were like a young cow that someone had trained and that was happy to walk around on the stalks of grain. Its neck was flawless because no one had ever put a yoke on it. But for my part, I will ignore its beautiful neck. Now I will make the people of Ephraim work hard, as though they were a young cow that I was harnessing for the first time. It will be as though the people of Judah will have to plow, yes, it will be as though the people of Jacob will have to break up the hard ground with no one to help them.*

What will Yahweh make the people of Ephraim, Judah, and Jacob do?

Yahweh will make Ephraim work hard, Judah will have to plow, and Jacob will have to break up the ground with no one to help them.

Hosea 10:12

ULT	UST
Sow for yourselves for righteousness; reap to the mouth of covenant faithfulness. Till for yourselves tillage, and it is time to seek Yahweh, until he comes and rains righteousness on you.	*Start doing what is right, as though you were planting good seeds, and it will be as though you were harvesting the crop from those good seeds when I reward you for being faithful to me. Do the hard work of changing your ways as though you were plowing new ground. Now is when you must start to know me. Then I will come and abundantly bless you by doing what is right for you.*

For how long should the people seek Yahweh?

They should seek Yahweh until he comes and blesses them.

Hosea 10:13

ULT	UST
You have plowed wickedness; you have reaped injustice. You have eaten the fruit of deception, for you trusted in your way, in the multitude of your warriors.	*But instead of that, you have done what is wicked, which is like planting poisonous crops, and it is as though you have harvested and eaten those crops because what you have done has made you lie to each other and treat each other unjustly. You did this because you deceived yourselves, thinking that you knew the best way to do things and that your many soldiers would protect you.*

What did the people trust in for their security rather than in Yahweh?

They trusted that their many warriors would protect them.

Hosea 10:14

ULT	UST
And a tumult will arise among your people, and all your fortresses will be destroyed, as Shalman destroyed Beth Arbel on the day of battle— a mother was dashed to pieces upon her sons.	*But they will not; your enemies will attack you, and they will destroy all of your strong cities, just as Shalman destroyed the city of Beth Arbel, when his soldiers bashed mothers to death on top of their children.*

What happened to mothers with their children when Shalman destroyed Beth Arbel?

When Shalman destroyed Beth Arbel, mothers were dashed to pieces with their children.

Hosea 10:15

ULT	UST
Thus he will do to you, Bethel, from the face of the evil of your evil. At the dawn, the king of Israel being destroyed, will be destroyed.	*I will do the same thing to you, people of Bethel, because you are extremely wicked. When the battle begins at dawn, the enemy will completely destroy the king of Israel.*

Why will the king of Israel be destroyed at Bethel?

The king will be destroyed because of the wickedness of the people.

Hosea 11

Hosea 11:1

ULT	UST
When Israel was a child I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.	*When the Israelite people were young as a nation, I loved them as a father loves a son, and I brought them out of Egypt.*

From where did Yahweh call Israel when Israel was a young nation?

When Israel was a child, Yahweh brought them out of Egypt.

Hosea 11:2

ULT	UST
They called to them, thus they went from their faces. They kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning to the idols.	*However, the more I called to the Israelites, the more they ignored me. Those people kept offering sacrifices to the Baal gods and burning incense to honor the statues of them.*

What did the Israelites keep doing instead of listening to Yahweh?

The Israelites kept offering sacrifices to the Baal gods and burning incense to honor their statues.

Hosea 11:3

ULT	UST
Yet I, I taught Ephraim to walk. He took them upon his arms, but they did not know that I healed them.	*The people of Ephraim were like a small child and I was like the one who taught them to walk. It was as though I carried them in my arms, but they did not understand that I was the one who took care of them.*

Who taught Ephraim to walk?

Yahweh taught Ephraim to walk.

Hosea 11:4

ULT	UST
I led them with cords of humanity, with bands of love. And I was to them like the lifters of a yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to him; I fed him.	*I gently guided them, because I loved them. I was to them like a loving father who lifts his infant to his cheek and I bent down to feed them.*

How did Yahweh lead his people?

Yahweh gently guided them because he loved them.

Hosea 11:5

ULT	UST
He will not return to the land of Egypt, but Assyria—he will be his king, because they refused to return.	*The Israelites will not return to being slaves in the land of Egypt, but now the king of Assyria will rule over them, because they refused to worship me any more.*

Who will rule over them since they refuse to worship Yahweh?

The king of Assyria will rule over them because they refused to worship Yahweh any more.

Hosea 11:6

ULT	UST
The sword will whirl against his cities, and will destroy his bars, and will devour because of their plans.	*Enemies will attack the people in their cities with swords and will destroy the bars of their gates. Their enemies will kill them because of their evil plans.*

What will happen to Israel's cities because of their evil plans?

Enemies will attack their cities with swords, destroy the bars of their gates, and kill the people.

Hosea 11:7

ULT	UST
And my people are bent on turning away from me. Though they call to him on high, he will not raise them up at all.	*My people are determined to no longer worship me. Though they call out to me, the Most High, I will certainly not help them.*

What are Yahweh's people determined to do?

Yahweh's people are determined to turn away and stop worshiping him.

Hosea 11:8

ULT	UST
How can I give you up, Ephraim, surrender you, Israel? How can I make you like Admah, set you like Zeboiim? My heart is turned over within me; all my compassions are aroused together.	*And yet, I cannot bring myself to give you up, Ephraim! I cannot just let you go, Israel! I cannot completely destroy you the way I destroyed the cities of Admah and Zeboiim! I am in anguish deep within me; I love you much too strongly to do this!*

What happened to the cities of Admah and Zeboiim that Yahweh wants to avoid doing to Ephraim and Israel?

Yahweh doesn't want to destroy Ephraim and Israel the way he destroyed the cities of Admah and Zeboiim because he loves them too much.

Hosea 11:9

ULT	UST
I will not carry out the burning of my nose; I will not repeat to destroy Ephraim! For I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.	*Although I am extremely angry, I will not act accordingly; I will not destroy the people of Ephraim again! I will do this because I am God, not a human being. I am the Holy One who lives among you, and I will not come to destroy you even though I am extremely angry."*

Why will Yahweh not destroy Ephraim again?

Although Yahweh is extremely angry, he will not destroy Ephraim again, for he is God and not a human.

Hosea 11:10

ULT	UST
They will come after Yahweh; he will roar like a lion. When he, he roars, sons will come trembling from the sea.	*Hosea said, "The Israelites will return to Yahweh. He will call out with a loud, powerful voice, and when it is he who calls out, his people will come back, deeply respectful, from the lands around the sea to the west.*

What will happen to the people when Yahweh calls out?

The Israelites will return to Yahweh and will come back from lands around the sea.

Hosea 11:11

ULT	UST
They will come trembling like a bird from Egypt, and like a dove from the land of Assyria. And I will settle them in their homes—the declaration of Yahweh.	*Others of his people will come from Egypt as timid as a bird, and others will come from the land of Assyria as docile as a dove." I will settle them in their own homes again. This will happen, because I, Yahweh, have declared it.*

What does Yahweh say he will do when the people return?

He will settle them in their homes again.

Hosea 11:12

ULT	UST
Ephraim has surrounded me with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit. But Judah still roams with God, and is established with the Holy One.	*The people of Ephraim have constantly lied to me, yes, the people of Israel are continually treacherous. However, the people of Judah still obey God; they remain faithful to the Holy One.*

Who still follows God?

Judah still remains faithful and obeys God.

Hosea 12

Hosea 12:1

ULT	UST
Ephraim is feeding on wind and pursuing the east-wind all the day. He multiplies lies and destruction. And they cut a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried to Egypt.	*The people of Ephraim do what is useless; yes, they keep busy all day doing worthless things. They constantly tell lies and do violent things. First they make a treaty with Assyria, and then they send olive oil to Egypt to get help from that nation.*

What did Ephraim do to get help from other nations?

Ephraim made a treaty with Assyria and sent oil to Egypt.

Hosea 12:2

ULT	UST
And a dispute is to Yahweh with Judah, and to punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his deeds he will repay to him.	*Yahweh is bringing a legal case against Judah as well, and he will punish the descendants of Jacob for how they have lived. He will give them what they deserve for the things they have done.*

What did Yahweh punish Jacob for?

Yahweh punished the descendants of Jacob for how they lived and the things they had done.

Hosea 12:3

ULT	UST
In the womb he took his brother by the heel, and in his manhood he struggled with God.	*When their ancestor Jacob was still in his mother's womb, he grabbed the heel of his brother Esau because he wanted to be the firstborn. When Jacob grew up and became strong, he wrestled with God.*

What did Jacob do in the womb?

In the womb, Jacob grabbed his brother by the heel.

Hosea 12:4

ULT	UST
And he struggled with an angel and prevailed. He wept and begged favor of him. At Bethel he found him, and there he spoke with us.	*He struggled with an angel who appeared to him, and he won. Then Jacob wept and begged the angel to bless him. God met Jacob at Bethel, and there God spoke with him.*

Where did God speak to Jacob?

God spoke with Jacob at Bethel.

Hosea 12:5

ULT	UST
And Yahweh, the God of Armies— Yahweh is his memorial name.	*That one is Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies; "Yahweh" is the name that he commanded us always to use for him.*

By what name were the people commanded to call God?

The name "Yahweh" is the name that he commanded the people to always use.

Hosea 12:6

ULT	UST
And you, by your God you must return. Keep covenant faithfulness and justice, and wait for your God continually.	*So you, people of Israel, restore yourselves as God's people by obeying your God! Be faithful to him and act justly toward others, and always trust in your God.*

For what should the people wait?

They should wait continually for their God by trusting in him.

Hosea 12:7

ULT	UST
A merchant—in his hand are scales of deceit— he loves to oppress.	*But the merchants among you use dishonest scales; they love to cheat people.*

What do the merchants use to cheat people?

The merchants use dishonest scales to cheat people.

Hosea 12:8

ULT	UST
And Ephraim said, "Surely I have become rich; I have found wealth for myself. All of my labors —they will not find iniquity in me that would be sin."	*The people of Ephraim boast and say, "We have become very rich! We have gained great possessions for ourselves. No one can find anything wrong in all the work we have done, that is, nothing that would count as sin for us."*

What did Ephraim claim no one would find in his work?

He boasted that in all of his labor, no one will find anything wrong that would be considered sin.

Hosea 12:9

ULT	UST
"And I am Yahweh your God from the land of Egypt. I will make you dwell in tents again, as in the days of the appointed festival.	*"I am Yahweh your God, the one who brought your ancestors out of Egypt. I will make you live in tents again, just as your people did when they celebrated the Celebration of Shelters.*

Where did the people live when Yahweh brought them out of Egypt?

The people lived in tents when they left the land of Egypt.

Hosea 12:10

ULT	UST
And I spoke through the prophets, and I, I multiplied visions, and by the hand of the prophets I gave parables."	*I told the prophets what to say to the people, and I am the one who showed them many times what I am going to do. I used the prophets to teach my people through stories and examples."*

What did Yahweh use the prophets to give to the people?

Yahweh used the prophets to give visions and parables to the people.

Hosea 12:11

ULT	UST
If Gilead is iniquity, surely they have become worthlessness. In Gilgal, they sacrifice bulls; even their altars will be like heaps on the furrows of the field.	*The people of Gilead are certainly wicked; they are now completely worthless. The people sacrifice bulls at Gilgal, but enemies will tear down their altars and leave them looking like piles of stones in a plowed field.*

What will Gilgal's altars be like?

Gilgal's altars will be like piles of stones left on a plowed field.

Hosea 12:12

ULT	UST
And Jacob fled to the field of Aram, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep.	*Your ancestor Jacob ran away to the land of Aram to escape from his brother Esau. There he, Israel, worked as a shepherd to pay for a wife, and he kept on tending sheep to pay for a wife.*

Where did Jacob flee?

Jacob fled to the land of Aram to escape from his brother Esau.

Hosea 12:13

ULT	UST
And by a prophet Yahweh brought Israel up from Egypt, and by a prophet he was kept.	*Later Yahweh used the prophet Moses to bring the Israelites out of Egypt, and through that prophet, Yahweh took care of them.*

What did Yahweh do by a prophet?

Yahweh used the prophet Moses when he brought Israel up from Egypt, and by that same prophet, he took care of them.

Hosea 12:14

ULT	UST
Ephraim has provoked bitternesses, and his Lord will leave his bloodguilt on him and will return his reproach to him.	*But the people of Ephraim have made their Lord extremely angry. Their Lord will hold them responsible for all of the people whom they have killed, and he will give them what they deserve for all of the ways that they have offended him.*

What will Ephraim's Lord do to him?

His Lord will hold Ephraim responsible for the bloodshed and give him what he deserves.

Hosea 13

Hosea 13:1

ULT	UST
When Ephraim spoke—trembling! He lifted up himself in Israel. But he became guilty through Baal and died.	*In the past, when the leaders of Ephraim spoke, many people became afraid. The leaders of Israel became arrogant. Then they caused the people to sin by worshiping Baal, and so they must die.*

Why did Ephraim become guilty?

He became guilty by worshiping Baal.

Hosea 13:2

ULT	UST
And now they continue to sin, and they have made for themselves a cast image from their silver, idols according to their skill, all of it the work of craftsmen. To them they are saying things, the sacrificers of humanity, they kiss calves!	*Now they keep on sinning more and more; they use their silver to make metal idols for themselves. They cleverly design the statues, but all of them are only the work of human craftsmen. The people who worship these idols talk to them. They sacrifice human beings to them, and they kiss these calf-idols!*

What do the people have made from their silver?

Skilled craftsmen make idols for the people from their silver.

Hosea 13:3

ULT	UST
Therefore they will be like a cloud of the morning and like the dew rising early, going; like chaff—it is blown away from the threshing floor— and like smoke from a window.	*Because of these things, those people will quickly disappear like clouds that form in the morning and then vanish, like dew that the sun dries up early in the day, like chaff that the wind blows away from the threshing floor, like smoke that drifts out through a window.*

What happens to chaff?

Chaff is blown away from the threshing floor by the wind.

Hosea 13:4

ULT	UST
“Yet I am Yahweh your God from the land of Egypt, and you will not know a god except me, and there is no savior besides me.	*Yahweh says to his people, “Even so, I am Yahweh your God, the one who brought your ancestors out of the land of Egypt. You should acknowledge no god except me, and no one else can save you.*

Who does Yahweh say is the only savior for his people?

Yahweh says that he himself is the only savior for his people.

Hosea 13:5

ULT	UST
I, I knew you in the wilderness, in the land of drought.	*I was the one who cared for your ancestors when they were in the very dry desert land.*

Where did Yahweh remind the people that he had cared for them?

Yahweh cared for his people in the wilderness, in the dry desert land.

Hosea 13:6

ULT	UST
According to their pasturage, then they became satisfied; they were satisfied, and their heart was lifted up. Therefore they forgot me.	*When I fed them, they ate until they were full; when they ate until they were full, they became proud. That is why they stopped thinking about me.*

What happened when the people’s hunger was satisfied?

When Yahweh’s people had enough to satisfy their hunger, they became proud and forgot him.

Hosea 13:7

ULT	UST
So I am to them like a lion; like a leopard along the path I will watch.	*So I will be as fierce toward them as a lion; I will be like a leopard that lurks to ambush them beside the road.*

What will Yahweh be like to his people?

Yahweh will be like a fierce lion, and like a leopard that watches along the path to attack.

Hosea 13:8

ULT	UST
I will encounter them like a bereaved bear, and I will tear open the enclosure of their heart. And I will devour them there like a lioness; the beast of the field will rip them open.	*I will attack them as furiously as a mother bear whose cubs someone has stolen; it will be as though I will rip their chests open. Right then and there I will completely destroy them, like a lioness devouring her prey, like wild animals tearing their victims apart.*

Like what will Yahweh attack his people?

He will attack them like a bear that is robbed of her cubs.

Hosea 13:9

ULT	UST
It has destroyed you, Israel, that you are against me, against your help.	*You have caused me to destroy you, people of Israel, because you rebelled against me, your only helper.*

Why did Israel's destruction happen?

Israel's destruction happened because they rebelled against Yahweh, their helper.

Hosea 13:10

ULT	UST
Where is your king now, that he may save you in all of your cities, and your judges of whom you said, 'Give to me a king and princes'?	*You have a king, but it looks like he is unable to save you in any of your cities. Your ancestors said to me, 'Give us a king and officials,' and I did so. But those rulers cannot help you now.*

What did the people ask Yahweh to give them?

The people asked Yahweh to give them a king and princes.

Hosea 13:11

ULT	UST
I give to you a king in my nose, and I take him away in my wrath.	*I become angry when you request a king, but I give you a king. Later, I become angry again, so I take him away.*

What did Yahweh do to the king he gave them?

Yahweh took the king away because of his wrath.

Hosea 13:12

ULT	UST
The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is stored up.	*I have kept a record of all of the evil things that you people of Ephraim have done; yes, I have stored up an account of all of your sins.*

What does Yahweh do with Ephraim's sin?

Yahweh stores up and keeps a record of Ephraim's sin.

Hosea 13:14

ULT	UST
From the hand of Sheol I would ransom them; from death I would redeem them! Where are your plagues, Death? Where is your destruction, Sheol? Relenting is hidden from my eyes.	*I would have rescued you from going to the grave; yes, I wanted to save you from dying. But now, you must suffer as with a plague and die! The enemy must destroy you and send you to your graves! I cannot decide differently about this.*

What did Yahweh wish he could rescue the people from?

Yahweh wanted to save them from death.

Hosea 13:15

ULT	UST
Although he, among brothers, he bears fruit, an easterly will come, the wind of Yahweh, coming up from the wilderness, and his fountain will be ashamed and his spring will dry up. It, it will plunder the treasury of every vessel of desire.	*Even though the people of Ephraim have prospered more than the other tribes, I, Yahweh, will send enemies who will come from the east like a scorching wind out of the desert. They will destroy all of Ephraim's sources of wealth, and they are the ones who will carry away everything valuable that the people of Ephraim own.*

What will Ephraim's enemy plunder?

His enemy will plunder the treasury of all their valuable objects.

Hosea 13:16

ULT	UST
Samaria will bear guilt, for she has rebelled against her God. By the sword they will fall; their young children will be dashed to pieces, and his pregnant women will be ripped open."	*The people of Samaria are guilty and so I must punish them because they have rebelled against me, the God whom they promised to worship. Their enemies will kill them with swords; they will smash their little children on the ground, and they will cut open their pregnant women."*

What will happen to Samaria's young children?

Their young children will be dashed to pieces.

Hosea 14

Hosea 14:1

ULT	UST
Return, Israel, to Yahweh your God, for you have stumbled in your iniquity.	*You people of Israel, begin again to worship and obey Yahweh your God. You must do this because terrible things are happening to you because you have been sinning.*

Why should Israel begin to worship and obey Yahweh again?

Israel should return to worshiping Yahweh because terrible things are happening to them because of their sin.

Hosea 14:2

ULT	UST
Take with you words and return to Yahweh. Say to him, "Take away all iniquity and accept what is good, and let us repay with bulls of our lips.	*Decide what you will say, and determine that you will obey Yahweh. Say to him, "Please forgive us for all of the wrong things that we have done, and accept what we will do now to please you, and please accept what we say as we promise to obey you instead of sacrifices of animals.*

What does Israel ask Yahweh to do?

Israel asks Yahweh to forgive their sin since they now say they will do what is good.

Hosea 14:3

ULT	UST
Assyria will not save us; we will not ride on a horse. And we will not say anymore, 'Our God,' to the work of our hands, who by you the fatherless is shown compassion."	*We know that Assyria will not save us and it will not benefit us to ride on war horses. We will never again say, 'You are our gods' to the idols that we have made. You, Yahweh, are the one who acts mercifully toward orphans."*

Who will not be able to save Israel?

Assyria will not save Israel.

Hosea 14:4

ULT	UST
“I will heal their turning away; I will love them freely, for my nose has turned away from them.	*Yahweh says, “When they say that to me, I will forgive them for turning away from me; I will love them generously, because I will no longer be angry with them.*

Why will Yahweh love Israel generously?

Yahweh will love them generously because he will no longer be angry with them.

Hosea 14:5

ULT	UST
I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like the lily, and he will strike his roots like Lebanon.	*I will refresh the people of Israel just as dew refreshes the ground. They will prosper and become beautiful and they will become as strong and stable as the trees of Lebanon.*

What does Yahweh say he will be like to Israel?

Yahweh says he will be like the dew that the refreshes the ground to Israel and they will prosper and become strong as the trees of Lebanon.

Hosea 14:6

ULT	UST
His shoots will go forth, and his splendor will be like the olive tree, and the scent of him like Lebanon.”	*They will become widely influential; they will be as majestic as an olive tree, and they will be as delightful as the aroma of the cedar trees in Lebanon.”*

What will Israel’s splendor be like?

Israel’s splendor will be as majestic as an olive tree and as delightful as the aroma of the trees in Lebanon.

Hosea 14:7

ULT	UST
They will return, dwellers in his shadow; they will revive grain and blossom like the vine. His remembrance will be like the wine of Lebanon.	*The people of Israel will come back and live under Yahweh's protection. They will grow abundant grain again; they will become as productive as a vineyard. People will speak well of Yahweh, like they speak well of the fine wine from Lebanon.*

How will the people speak of Yahweh?

They will speak well of Yahweh, like they speak well of the fine wine of Lebanon.

Hosea 14:8

ULT	UST
"Ephraim, what to me still to idols? I, I have answered and I will look after him. I am like a luxuriant cypress; from me your fruit is found."	*Yahweh says, "People of Ephraim, I want nothing more to do with idols! I am the one who responds to you and watches over you. I am the source of everything good in your life, like a tree that always stays green and always produces fruit."*

What does Yahweh say about idols to Ephraim?

Yahweh says he wants nothing more to do with idols, and that he is the one who watches over them and is the source of everything good in their lives.

Hosea 14:9

ULT	UST
Who is wise? Then let him understand these things. Discerning? Then let him know them. For the ways of Yahweh are right, and the righteous will walk in them, but the transgressors will stumble in them.	*Anyone who is truly wise should understand these things that I have written. Anyone who has good sense must be sure that he knows them. Because what Yahweh tells us to do is right, and people who do what is right will obey him, but people who rebel against him will ruin themselves by not doing what he tells us to do.*

Who will walk in the ways of Yahweh?

The righteous will walk in Yahweh's ways and obey him.

Joel

Joel 1

Joel 1:1

ULT	UST
The word of Yahweh that was to Joel, the son of Pethuel.	*I am Joel son of Pethuel. This is a message that Yahweh gave to me.*

Whose word came to Joel?

The word of Yahweh came to Joel.

Joel 1:3

ULT	UST
Recount about it to your sons, and your sons to their sons, and their sons to the generation after.	*Tell your children about it, and tell your children to tell it to their children, and tell your grandchildren to tell it to their children.*

To whom were the elders to tell the word of Yahweh?

They were to tell their children, and their children were to tell their children.

Joel 1:4

ULT	UST
The residue of the cutting locust, the swarming locust has eaten, and the residue of the swarming locust, the hopping locust has eaten, and the residue of the hopping locust, the destroying locust has eaten.	*Tell them this: The first swarm of locusts came and cut many of the leaves of the crops; then another swarm came and ate the rest of the leaves, then hopping locusts came and ate what they had left, and finally, another swarm came and they destroyed everything else.*

What happened to what the hopping locusts have left?

The destroying locust ate what the hopping locusts left.

Joel 1:5

ULT	UST
Wake up, drunkards, and weep! And wail, all of the drinkers of wine, upon the sweet wine, for it has been cut off from your mouth.	*You people who are drunk, wake up and cry! Cry loudly, all of you who drink wine, because all the grapes are ruined, and so there will be no new wine!*

Why will drinkers of wine wail?

They will wail because the sweet wine has been cut off.

Joel 1:7

ULT	UST
It has made my vine into a waste and my fig tree into splinters. Stripping, it has stripped it and thrown it away; its branches have become white.	*They have destroyed our grapevines and our fig trees by stripping off and eating all the bark, with the result that the branches are white and bare.*

Into what has the enemy made the vine?

The enemy has made the vine into a waste.

Joel 1:8

ULT	UST
Mourn like a virgin dressed in sackcloth for the husband of her youth.	*Cry and wail as a young woman does when the young man to whom she was engaged has died.*

For what reason does the virgin mourn?

The virgin mourns for the death of her young husband.

Joel 1:10

ULT	UST
The field has been destroyed; the ground mourns, for the grain has been destroyed; the new wine dries up, the oil is made weak.	*The locusts have ruined the crops in the fields. It is as though the ground itself is mourning because the grain is gone; there will be no grapes to make wine, and there is no more olive oil.*

What has happened to the grain?

The grain has been destroyed.

Joel 1:13

ULT	UST
Dress and lament, you priests! Wail, you servants of the altar. Come, lodge in sackcloth, servants of my God, for the grain offering and the drink offering have been withheld from the house of your God.	*You priests, put on rough sack clothes and wail. You who serve my God by offering sacrifices on the altar, wear those sack clothes all night to show that you are mourning, because there is no flour or wine to be offered at the temple of your God.*

What has been withheld from the house of God?

The grain offering and the drink offering have been withheld from the house of God.

Joel 1:15

ULT	UST
Alas for the day! For the day of Yahweh is near, and as destruction from Shaddai it will come.	*It will soon be the time when Yahweh, who is the Almighty God, will punish us, when he will cause us to experience more disasters. That will be a terrible time!*

When will the day of Yahweh be here?

The day of Yahweh is almost here.

Joel 1:17

ULT	UST
The seeds shrivel under their clods. The storehouses are desolate, the granaries have been broken down, for the grain has dried up.	*When we plant seeds, they do not grow; they dry up in the ground, so there are no crops to harvest. Our barns are empty; there is no grain to store in them.*

What has been broken down?

The storage places for grain have been broken down.

Joel 1:18

ULT	UST
How the beast groans! The herds of cattle are perplexed, for no pasture is to them. Also the flocks of sheep are punished.	*Our cattle groan, searching for a pasture with some grass to eat but not finding any. The sheep also bleat because they are suffering.*

Why are the herds of cattle suffering?

The herds of cattle are suffering because they have no pasture.

Joel 1:19

ULT	UST
To you, Yahweh, I cry, for fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame has burned all of the trees of the field.	*Yahweh, I cry out to you, because it is as though a fire has completely burned our pastures and our forests.*

To whom does Joel call?

Joel calls to Yahweh.

Joel 1:20

ULT	UST
Even the beasts of the field pant for you, for the streams of water have dried up, and fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.	*The wild animals also are desperate for you to help them, because all the streams have dried up. The dryness is like a fire burning up the wilderness pastures.*

For whom do the animals of the field pant?

The animals of the field pant for Yahweh.

Joel 2

Joel 2:1

ULT	UST
Blow the shofar in Zion, and shout on the mountain of my holiness! Let all of the dwellers of the land tremble, for the day of Yahweh is coming, for it is near,	*Blow horns on Mount Zion, God's sacred hill in Jerusalem! Shout to the people of Judah that they should be afraid and tremble, because it will soon be the time for Yahweh to punish us further.*

Why should all the inhabitants of the land tremble in fear?

They should tremble in fear, for the day of Yahweh is coming.

Joel 2:2

ULT	UST
a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness. Like the dawn being spread upon the mountains, a great and mighty people. Like it there has not been from antiquity, and after it there will not be again to years of generation and generation.	*That will be a very dark and gloomy day; A huge swarm of locusts forms a black cloud, making it very dark. The swarm spreads over the mountains like the light of dawn; they are like a mighty army. Nothing like this has ever happened before, and nothing like this will ever happen again.*

When has there been an army like this one?

There has never been an army like this one, and there never will be again.

Joel 2:3

ULT	UST
A fire is devouring to its face, and behind it a flame is burning. To its face the land is like the garden of Eden, but behind it is a wilderness of desolation, and indeed, there is no escape from it.	*It is as though the locusts set everything on fire wherever they go. In front of them, the land was as beautiful as the garden of Eden, but behind them the land is like a desert, and nothing is able to withstand them.*

What is the land like behind the army?

The land behind the army is a ruined wilderness.

Joel 2:4

ULT	UST
Like the appearance of horses is its appearance, and like steeds, thus they run.	*The locusts resemble horses and they run like war horses.*

In what way does the locust swarm look and act like an army?

The locusts look like horses and run like horses.

Joel 2:9

ULT	UST
Upon the city they rush; on the wall they run; into the houses they climb; through the windows they enter like thieves.	*They swarm over the city walls and enter our houses; they enter through our windows as thieves do.*

How does the army enter the city?

They rush on the city, they run on the wall, they climb in houses, and they go through windows like thieves.

Joel 2:11

ULT	UST
Yahweh utters his voice to the face of his army, for very great is his camp, for mighty is the doer of his word. For the day of Yahweh is great and very fearful, and who will endure it?	*Yahweh commands this army of countless locusts, and they obey him powerfully. This time during which Yahweh is judging and punishing us is very terrible, with the result that it seems that no one can survive it.*

Whose army is this?

This is Yahweh’s army.

Joel 2:13

ULT	UST
And tear your heart and not your garments, and return to Yahweh your God. For he is gracious and merciful, long of nostrils and great of kindness, and relenting from harm.	*Do not tear only your clothes to show that you are sorry; more importantly, show in your inner being that you are truly sorry and in that way reconcile yourselves to Yahweh your God. Do this because Yahweh is merciful and kind; he does not quickly become angry; instead, he greatly and faithfully loves us, and he does not like to punish us.*

What should the people tear?

They should tear their hearts and not their garments.

Why should the people return to Yahweh?

He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abundant in love, and he would like to turn from inflicting punishment.

Joel 2:15

ULT	UST
Blow the shofar in Zion, consecrate a fast, call an assembly.	*Blow the signal horns on Mount Zion! Gather the people together! Set apart time to fast, to show that you are sorry for your sins.*

Why should the people blow a trumpet in Zion?

They should blow a trumpet to consecrate a fast and to call a sacred assembly.

Joel 2:19

ULT	UST
And Yahweh answered and said to his people, "Behold me, sending to you grain and new wine and oil, and you will have enough with it, and I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.	*When the people prayed, Yahweh answered and said, "I will give you plenty of grain and wine and olive oil, and you will be satisfied. I will no longer allow other nations to insult you.*

What had Yahweh's people been among the nations?

Yahweh's people had been a reproach, an object of scorn, among the nations.

Joel 2:21

ULT	UST
Do not fear, land! Be glad and rejoice, for Yahweh has been great in doing.	*Do not be afraid, people, for what might happen to the land. You can rejoice, because Yahweh will be powerful in what he does!*

Why should the land not fear?

The land should not fear, because Yahweh has done great things.

Joel 2:25

ULT	UST
“And I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust, the hopping locust and the destroying locust and the cutting locust have eaten— my great army that I sent among you.	*Yahweh said, “I will repay you for everything that those great swarms of locusts destroyed, that enormous army that I sent to attack you.*

Who sent the mighty army?

Yahweh sent the mighty army.

Joel 2:26-27

Will Yahweh ever bring shame on his people again?

No, he will never bring shame on his people again.

Joel 2:28-29

What will happen when Yahweh pours out his Spirit?

Their sons and your daughters will prophesy, their old men will dream dreams, and their young men will see visions.

Joel 2:30

ULT	UST
And I will give wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and pillars of smoke.	*I will do unusual things on the earth and in the sky. On the earth, there will be much bloodshed, and there will be very large fires and smoke that resembles huge clouds.*

What will Yahweh show in the heavens and on the earth?

Yahweh show wonders in the heavens and on the earth.

Joel 2:31

ULT	UST
The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, to the face of the coming of the great and terrible day of Yahweh.	*In the sky, the sun will become dark, and the moon will become as red as blood. Those things will happen before that great and terrible day when I, Yahweh, come to judge all people.*

Into what will the sun turn?

The sun will turn into darkness.

Joel 2:32

ULT	UST
And it will be, everyone who calls on the name of Yahweh will be saved. For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be escape, just as Yahweh has said, and among the survivors whom Yahweh is calling.	*And I will do this: I will save everyone who worships me. As I have said before, 'On Mount Zion in Jerusalem I will make a way for them to escape; those whom I have chosen will survive.'"*

Who will be saved at that time?

Everyone who calls on the name of Yahweh will be saved.

Joel 3

Joel 3:2

ULT	UST
then I will gather all of the nations, and I will bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat, and I will judge them there because of my people and my inheritance, Israel, whom they scattered among the nations, and they divided up my land.	*Then in the Valley of Jehoshaphat I will gather together the people of all of the other nations; there I will judge and punish them because they scattered my Israelite people and forced them to go to other countries, and because they divided up my land among themselves.*

Who will Yahweh bring to the Valley of Jehoshaphat?

Yahweh will bring the nations to the Valley of Jehoshaphat.

Who did the nations scatter?

The nations scattered Yahweh's people.

Joel 3:4

ULT	UST
And indeed, what are you to me, Tyre, Sidon, and all of the regions of Philistia? Are you repaying a recompense to me? And if you are recompensing me, swiftly, speedily I will return your recompense upon your head,	*You people of the cities of Tyre and Sidon, and you people of Philistia—you have no reason to be angry with me. You are behaving as if you are trying to avenge yourselves on me for something. If that is what you are doing, I will very quickly do the same thing to you.*

At whom are Tyre, Sidon and all the regions of Philistia angry?

Tyre, Sidon and all the regions of Philistia are angry at Yahweh.

Joel 3:5

ULT	UST
because you took my silver and my gold, and you brought my precious treasures into your temples.	*You took the silver and gold and other valuable things from my temple and put them into your own temples.*

What did Tyre, Sidon, and Philistia do with Yahweh's treasures?

They brought his treasures into their temples.

Joel 3:6

ULT	UST
And you sold the sons of Judah and the sons of Jerusalem to the sons of Javan, in order to remove them far from their territory.	*You dragged away the people of Jerusalem and other places in Judah, and you took them far away from their homes and sold them to Greek traders.*

What did Tyre, Sidon, and Philistia do to the people of Judah and Jerusalem?

They sold the people to the Greeks in order to remove them far from their territory.

Joel 3:8

ULT	UST
For I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the sons of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabeans, to a faraway nation." For Yahweh has spoken.	*Then I will cause people to take some of your sons and your daughters and sell them to the people of Judah! And then they will sell some of them to the Sabean people, who live far away. That will certainly happen because I, Yahweh, have said it."*

What will Yahweh do to the sons and daughters of Tyre, Sidon, and Philistia?

Yahweh will sell their sons and daughters to the Sabeans by the hand of the people of Judah.

Joel 3:10

ULT	UST
Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'	*Take your plows and make swords from them; take your pruning knives and make spears from them. Even the weak people must also act like they are strong soldiers.*

Into what should the nations beat their plowshares?

They should beat their plowshares into swords.

Joel 3:12

ULT	UST
“Let the nations rouse themselves and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there will I sit to judge all of the surrounding nations.	*Yahweh says, “The people in the nations near Judah must get ready and come to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. There I will sit as a judge, and I will punish them.*

What will Yahweh do to all surrounding nations?

Yahweh will sit to judge all surrounding nations.

Joel 3:15

ULT	UST
The sun and the moon become dark, and the stars withdraw their brightness.	*At that time there will be no light from the sun or moon, and the stars will not shine.*

What will happen to the sun, moon, and stars?

The sun and moon will become dark, and the stars will withdraw their brightness.

Joel 3:16

ULT	UST
Yahweh will roar from Zion, and from Jerusalem he will utter his voice, and the heavens and the earth will shake. But Yahweh will be a shelter for his people and a stronghold for the sons of Israel.	*From Mount Zion in Jerusalem, Yahweh will speak forcefully; his voice will be like thunder, and his voice will cause the sky and the earth to shake. But Yahweh will protect his people; he will be like a strong wall around the people of Israel.*

What two things will Yahweh be for his people?

Yahweh be a shelter and a stronghold for his people.

Joel 3:17

ULT	UST
“Then you will know that I am Yahweh your God living in Zion, the mountain of my holiness. And Jerusalem will be holy, and strangers will not pass through it again.	*Yahweh says, “At that time, you Israelite people will know that I am Yahweh, your God. I live on Zion, my holy hill. Jerusalem will be a holy city, and soldiers from other countries will never conquer it again.*

Who lives in Zion?

Yahweh their God lives in Zion.

Joel 3:18

ULT	UST
And it will be on that day, the mountains will drip sweet wine, and the hills will flow with milk, and all of the brooks of Judah will flow with water, and a spring will go forth from the house of Yahweh and water the Valley of Shittim.	*At that time, there will be vineyards bearing sweet grapes on the mountains, and your cattle and goats on those hills will produce plenty of milk. The streams in Judah will have abundant water, and a stream will flow from my temple into the Valley of Shittim northeast of the Salt Sea.*

With what will the hills flow?

The hills will flow with milk.

Joel 3:19

ULT	UST
Egypt will become desolation, and Edom will become a desolate wilderness for the violence of the sons of Judah, that they shed innocent blood in their land.	*The armies of Egypt and Edom attacked the people of Judah and killed many people there who had not done anything that was wrong. As a result, those countries will become wastelands, with no one living there any longer.*

Who will be abandoned because of the violence they did to the people of Judah?

Egypt and Edom will be abandoned.

Amos

Amos 1

Amos 1:1

ULT	UST
The words of Amos, who was among the sheepbreeders from Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah, the king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam son of Joash, the king of Israel, two years to the face of the earthquake.	*This is the message that Yahweh gave to me, Amos. I am a man who raises sheep, and I am from the village of Tekoa. Yahweh showed me in a vision this message about Israel during the time when Uzziah was the king of Judah and Jeroboam, the son of Jehoash, was the king of Israel. This was two years before the great earthquake.*

How did Amos receive the message he spoke concerning Israel?

Amos received the message he spoke concerning Israel in a vision given to him by Yahweh.

What was Amos' occupation?

Amos was a shepherd.

Amos 1:2

ULT	UST
And he said, "Yahweh roars from Zion, and from Jerusalem he gives his voice, and the pastures of the shepherds mourn, and the head of Carmel dries up."	*This is the message: Yahweh is speaking powerfully, like the roar of a lion, from Zion, in the middle of Jerusalem. He is causing the pastures where shepherds take care of their sheep to dry up, and even the forests on the top of Mount Carmel will wither.*

What happens to the pastures and the top of Mount Carmel when Yahweh speaks?

The pastures where shepherds usually feed their sheep and the top of Mount Carmel dry up and wither.

Amos 1:3

ULT	UST
Thus says Yahweh, "For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn it back, because of their threshing the Gilead with the threshing sledges of iron.	*This is what Yahweh says, "The people of Damascus have sinned again and again, so I will certainly punish them and will not change my mind about it, because they cruelly attacked the people of the region of Gilead, destroying them as people crush grain with iron-toothed threshing tools.*

Why did Yahweh declare punishment against Damascus?

Yahweh declared punishment against Damascus because they cruelly attacked the people of Gilead.

Amos 1:4

ULT	UST
And I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, and it will devour the citadels of Ben Hadad.	*So I will send fire to destroy that place, including the palace that their king Hazael built, and it will burn down the fortresses where his son, their king Ben-Hadad, has his armies.*

What did Yahweh say he would send into the house of Hazael?

He said he would send a fire that would destroy the house of Hazael and the citadels of Ben Hadad.

Amos 1:5

ULT	UST
And I will break the bar of Damascus, and I will cut off the seated one from the Valley of Aven and the one grasping the scepter from Beth Eden, and the people of Aram will go into exile to Kir," says Yahweh.	*I will smash the gate bars that protect the city of Damascus, and I will get rid of the one who sits on the throne in the Valley of Aven and the king who rules in the region of Beth Eden. The people of Aram will become captives and will go to the land of Kir," says Yahweh.*

Where will the people of Aram go into exile?

They will go into exile to the land of Kir.

Amos 1:6

ULT	UST
Thus says Yahweh, "For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn it back, because of their taking into exile a complete exile, to hand them over to Edom.	*This is what Yahweh says, "The people of the city of Gaza have sinned again and again, so I will certainly punish them and will not change my mind about it, because they captured whole people groups and took them away in order to sell them as slaves to the people of Edom.*

Why did Yahweh declare punishment against Gaza?

Yahweh said he would punish Gaza because they captured whole people groups and sold them as slaves to Edom.

Amos 1:7

ULT	UST
And I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, and it will devour her citadels.	*So I will send fire to destroy the walls of Gaza, and it will burn down the fortresses of that city.*

What did Yahweh declare he would do to the fortresses of Gaza?

Yahweh declared he would burn down the fortresses of Gaza.

Amos 1:8

ULT	UST
And I will cut off the seated one from Ashdod, and the one grasping the scepter from Ashkelon, and I will turn back my hand against Ekron, and the remnant of the Philistines will perish," says my Lord Yahweh.	*I will get rid of the one who sits on the throne in the city of Ashdod and the king who rules in the city of Ashkelon. I will also powerfully punish the people of the city of Ekron, and all the people of the region of Philistia who are still alive will die," says my Lord Yahweh.*

What will happen to the rest of the Philistines?

All the Philistines who are still alive will die.

Amos 1:9

ULT	UST
Thus says Yahweh, "For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not turn it back, because of their handing over a complete exile to Edom, and they did not remember the covenant of brothers.	*This is what Yahweh says, "The people of the city of Tyre have sinned again and again, so I will certainly punish them and will not change my mind about it, because they also captured whole people groups and took them away to Edom, and they ignored the treaty that they had made with another nation.*

Why did Yahweh declare punishment against Tyre?

Yahweh declared punishment against Tyre because they exiled whole people groups to Edom and broke their treaty.

Amos 1:10

ULT	UST
And I will send a fire on the wall of Tyre, and it will devour her citadels."	*So I will send fire to destroy the walls of Tyre, and it will burn down the fortresses of that city."*

What did Yahweh declare he would do to the wall of Tyre?

He declared he would send a fire that would destroy the walls of Tyre.

Amos 1:11

ULT	UST
Thus says Yahweh, "For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn it back, because of his pursuing his brother with the sword, and he destroyed his compassions, and his nose tore perpetually, and his fury, he kept it continually.	*This is what Yahweh says, "The people of Edom have sinned again and again, so I will certainly punish them and will not change my mind about it, because they attacked the people of Israel, who descended from Esau's brother Jacob, and killed them with swords. They did not act mercifully toward them at all. They were constantly wrathful to the people of Israel, and they kept encouraging each other to stay angry with the people of Israel always.*

Why did Yahweh declare punishment against Edom?

Yahweh declared punishment against Edom because he killed their own kinsmen.

Amos 1:12

ULT	UST
And I will send a fire on Teman, and it will devour the citadels of Bozrah."	*So I will send fire to destroy the region of Teman, and it will burn down the fortresses of the city of Bozrah."*

What did Yahweh declare he would do to Teman?

He declared he would send a fire on Teman that would also burn down the citadels of Bozrah.

Amos 1:13

ULT	UST
Thus says Yahweh, "For three transgressions of the sons of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn it back, because of their ripping open the pregnant women of the Gilead, in order to enlarge their border.	*This is what Yahweh says, "The people of Ammon have sinned again and again, so I will certainly punish them and will not change my mind about it, because their soldiers even ripped open the pregnant women of the region of Gilead when they attacked it in order to enlarge their own territory.*

Why did Yahweh declare punishment against Ammon?

Yahweh declared punishment against Ammon because they ripped open the pregnant women of Gilead.

Amos 1:14

ULT	UST
And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it will devour her citadels, with a shout in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind.	*So I will start a fire that will destroy the walls of the city of Rabbah, and it will burn down the fortresses of that city. During that battle, the enemies will shout loudly. They will come as quickly and violently as a strong windstorm.*

What did Yahweh declare he would do to the citadels of Rabbah?

Yahweh declared he would completely destroy the walls of the city of Rabbah and burn down her citadels.

Amos 1:15

ULT	UST
And their king will go into the exile, he and his officials together,” says Yahweh.	*Then the king of Ammon will become a captive and will go to another country, and his officials will go with him,” says Yahweh.*

What did Yahweh declare would happen to the king of Ammon?

Yahweh declared the king of Ammon would be exiled with all his officials.

Amos 2

Amos 2:1

ULT	UST
Thus says Yahweh, "For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn it back, because of his burning the bones of the king of Edom to lime.	*This is what Yahweh says, "The people of Moab have sinned again and again, so I will certainly punish them and will not change my mind about it, because they burned the bones of the king of Edom until only lime remained.*

Why did Yahweh declare punishment against Moab?

Yahweh declared punishment against Moab because they burned the bones of the king of Edom.

Amos 2:2

ULT	UST
And I will send a fire into Moab, and it will devour the citadels of Kerioth, and Moab will die in an uproar, with a war cry, with the sound of the shofar.	*So I will send a fire to destroy the nation of Moab, and it will burn down the fortresses of the city of Kerioth. Many people of Moab will die while soldiers shout, blow the ram's horn, and destroy Moab.*

What did Yahweh say he would do to the city of Kerioth?

Yahweh said he would send a fire that would destroy the fortresses of the city of Kerioth.

Amos 2:3

ULT	UST
And I will cut off the judge from her midst, and all of her officials I will kill with him," says Yahweh.	*I will get rid of the ruler of Moab, and I will kill all of Moab's leaders along with him. That is what I, Yahweh, say."*

What did Yahweh declare he would do to the judge and other leaders of Moab?

Yahweh declared that he would kill the judge and officials of Moab.

Amos 2:4

ULT	UST
Thus says Yahweh, "For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn it back, because of their rejecting the law of Yahweh, and they did not keep his statutes, and their lies led them astray, which their fathers walked after them.	*This is what Yahweh says, "The people of Judah have sinned again and again, so I will certainly punish them and will not change my mind about it, because they have rejected the instructions that I, Yahweh, gave them, and they have not obeyed my commands. The false gods that they worship have deceived them, the same false gods that their ancestors chose to worship.*

Why did Yahweh declare punishment against Judah?

Yahweh declared punishment against Judah because Judah rejected the law of Yahweh.

Amos 2:5

ULT	UST
And I will send a fire into Judah, and it will devour the citadels of Jerusalem."	*So I will send a fire to destroy the nation of Judah, and it will completely burn down the fortresses of the city of Jerusalem."*

What did Yahweh declare he would do to the fortresses of Jerusalem?

Yahweh declared he would burn down the fortresses of Jerusalem.

Amos 2:6

ULT	UST
Thus says Yahweh, "For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn it back, because of their selling the righteous for silver, and the needy in exchange for a pair of sandals,	*This is what Yahweh says, "The people of Israel have sinned again and again, so I will certainly punish them and will not change my mind about it, because they sell good people in order to get silver, and they sell needy people to get a pair of sandals.*

What did the people of Israel do to the righteous and the needy?

The people of Israel sold the righteous for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals.

Amos 2:7

ULT	UST
the ones trampling on the head of the poor to the dust of the earth, and they turn aside the way of the afflicted, and a man and his father go to the girl, in order to profane the name of my holiness.	*They oppress poor people as though they are crushing them into the dirt, and they are unjust to people who are suffering. A man and his father both have sexual relations with the same servant girl, and so they dishonor me, the holy God.*

Why did Yahweh declare punishment against Israel?

Yahweh declared punishment against Israel because Israel was oppressing poor people.

Amos 2:8

ULT	UST
And on garments taken in pledge they stretch out beside every altar, and the wine of the fined ones they drink in the house of their God.	*They take the cloaks from poor people as a guarantee that those people would repay what they had borrowed. Then, instead of returning them at the end of the day, they lie down on them beside the altars where they worship. They force people to pay fines to them, and then use the money to buy wine that they drink in the temple of their God.*

What did the people of Israel do in the temple?

They drank wine bought with fines in the temple of their God.

Amos 2:9

ULT	UST
But I, I destroyed the Amorite from their faces, who like the height of cedars was his height, and he was strong as the oaks, and I destroyed his fruit from above and his roots from beneath.	*But I am the one who destroyed the Amorite people group on behalf of your ancestors, even though those people were very tall like cedar trees and very strong like oak trees. I destroyed them completely.*

How had the Israelites been able to defeat the Amorites?

The Israelites had been able to defeat the Amorites because Yahweh destroyed the Amorites for them.

Amos 2:10

ULT	UST
And I, I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and I led you in the wilderness forty years, to possess the land of the Amorite.	*I am the one who brought you Israelite people from being slaves in the land of Egypt, and then I led your ancestors through the wilderness for forty years, so that I could give you the land of the Amorite people as your own.*

What did Yahweh do for the Israelites after he brought them out of Egypt?

Yahweh led the Israelites in the wilderness for forty years and gave them the land of the Amorites as their own.

Amos 2:11

ULT	UST
And I raised up from your sons as prophets, and from your young men as Nazirites. Is it not even so, sons of Israel?"—the declaration of Yahweh.	*Over the years, I chose some of your young men to become prophets, and others to be Nazirites. You Israelite people certainly know that this is true! This is what I, Yahweh, declare.*

Whom did Yahweh choose from among the Israelites?

Yahweh chose some of their young men to be prophets and others to be Nazirites.

Amos 2:12

ULT	UST
"But you made the Nazirites drink wine, and on the prophets you commanded, saying, 'You shall not prophesy!'	*But you forced the Nazirites to drink wine, and you commanded the prophets to not tell people the messages that I, Yahweh, give to them!*

What did the Israelites do with the prophets Yahweh had chosen for them?

The Israelites commanded the prophets not to prophesy.

What did the Israelites do with the Nazirites Yahweh had chosen from among them?

The Israelites forced the Nazirites to break their vows not to drink wine.

Amos 2:13

ULT	UST
Behold, I am pressing down in your place, just as the cart presses down, the one that is full of sheaves for it.	*So now I will make you unable to escape what will happen to you right where you are, just as a cart loaded with too much grain cannot move from where it is.*

What did Yahweh declare he would do to Israel?

Yahweh declared he would make them unable to escape his punishment.

Amos 2:14

ULT	UST
And retreat will perish from the swift, and the strong will not strengthen his power, and the mighty will not save his life,	*At that time, even people who can run quickly will not be able to escape, and even strong people will not be strong enough, and even warriors will not be able to rescue themselves.*

What will the swift person, the strong person, and the mighty person not be able to do?

The swift person will not be able to run fast enough to escape, the strong person will not be able to add to his own strength, and the mighty person will not be able to rescue himself.

Amos 2:15

ULT	UST
and the one grasping the bow will not stand, and the swift on his feet will not save himself, and the one riding the horse will not save his life.	*Even those who shoot arrows will not be able to stand and do so, and even those who can run quickly will not be able to escape, and even those who have a horse to ride will not be able to save themselves.*

What did Yahweh declare concerning archers, fast runners, and horsemen?

Yahweh declared that none of them would be able to save themselves when he comes to punish the nation.

Amos 3

Amos 3:1

ULT	UST
Hear this word that Yahweh has spoken against you, sons of Israel, against all of the family that I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,	*You people of Israel, listen to this message that Yahweh has spoken against you. He is speaking against all of the descendants of the people whom he brought up out of the land of Egypt. He says this:*

Against whom is this word of Yahweh?

This word of Yahweh is against the people of Israel, the descendants of those who Yahweh brought up out of Egypt.

Amos 3:2

ULT	UST
"Only you have I known from all of the families of the ground. Therefore I will visit upon you all of your iniquities.	*"From among all of the families of people on the earth, I chose only you to belong to me. That is why I must now punish you for all of the ways that you have sinned."*

Who did Yahweh choose from all the people groups of the earth?

Yahweh chose Israel from all the people groups of the earth.

Amos 3:3

ULT	UST
Will two walk together, unless they have agreed?	*Two people do not travel together unless they have agreed to do that.*

What must two persons do in order to walk together?

Two persons must agree in order to walk together.

Amos 3:4

ULT	UST
Will a lion roar in the forest when there is no prey for him? Will a young lion give his voice from his den, unless he has caught something?	*A lion does not roar in the forest unless it has caught an animal to eat, and a young lion does not growl in its den unless it has caught something.*

When does a lion roar in the forest?

A lion roars in the forest only when it has caught prey.

Amos 3:5

ULT	UST
Will a bird fall into a snare on the ground when there is no trap for it? Will a snare spring up from the ground, when capturing, it will not capture?	*A bird does not get caught in a trap on the ground unless someone has set a trap for it, and a trap does not spring up to catch an animal if there is nothing to catch.*

When does a bird get caught in a trap on the ground?

A bird gets caught in a trap on the ground only when someone has set a trap for it.

Amos 3:6

ULT	UST
Or a shofar is blown in a city, and the people do not tremble? Or disaster happens in a city, and Yahweh has not done it?	*If someone blows an alarm on a ram's horn in a city, the people there become afraid, and if something terrible happens in a city, then Yahweh has done it.*

When disaster comes on a city, who has sent it?

When disaster comes on a city, Yahweh has sent it.

Amos 3:7

ULT	UST
For the Lord Yahweh will not do a thing unless he has revealed his secret counsel to his servants the prophets.	*In the same way, the Lord Yahweh does not do something unless he has first revealed his plans to his servants the prophets.*

What does Yahweh do before he takes action?

Yahweh reveals his plan to his prophets before he takes action.

Amos 3:8

ULT	UST
The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord Yahweh has spoken; who will not prophesy?	*When a lion roars, everyone is afraid; similarly, when the Lord Yahweh speaks, the prophets must proclaim what he says.*

What must the prophets do when the Lord Yahweh speaks?

When the Lord Yahweh speaks, the prophets must proclaim what he says.

Amos 3:9

ULT	UST
Cause people to hear on the citadels in Ashdod, and on the citadels in the land of Egypt, and say, 'Be gathered on the mountains of Samaria, and see the great uproars in her midst, and the oppressed within her.'	*Yahweh says, "Announce this to the rulers who live in the fortresses in the city of Ashdod and to the rulers who live in the fortresses in the land of Egypt. Say to them, 'Gather together on the hills around the city of Samaria, and see how the people there are panicking, and how the powerful people are oppressing the other people there.'"*

What would these other nations see if they could observe what was happening in Samaria?

They would see how the people are panicking and how the rulers are oppressing the people of Samaria.

Amos 3:10

ULT	UST
And they do not know to do right"—the declaration of Yahweh— "those storing up violence and destruction in their citadels."	*Yahweh declares, "The people who live in Samaria do not know how to do what is right. They violently rob other people, and they fill their fortresses with the things that they steal."*

What were the people of Samaria storing up in their fortresses?

Samaria was storing up the things they obtained through violence and destruction in their fortresses.

Amos 3:11

ULT	UST
Therefore, thus says the Lord Yahweh, "An adversary—and around the land! And he will bring down from you your strength, and your citadels will be plundered."	*So this is what the Lord Yahweh says to them, "An enemy army will come and surround your land. They will tear down your fortifications, and they will carry away the valuable things in your fortresses."*

What punishment does Yahweh declare against Israel?

Yahweh declares that an enemy will plunder and tear down the fortresses of Israel.

Amos 3:12

ULT	UST
Thus says Yahweh: "As the shepherd rescues from the mouth of the lion two legs or a piece of an ear, thus will the sons of Israel be rescued, the ones dwelling in Samaria, with a side of a bed and with a cover of a couch.	*This is what Yahweh says, "When a lion attacks a sheep, sometimes a shepherd can grab from the lion only two legs of the sheep or a piece of its ear. Similarly, only a few of you people of Israel who live in Samaria will survive, along with only a side of a bed or a piece of a couch."*

Who will escape Yahweh's punishment?

Only a few will escape Yahweh's punishment.

Amos 3:14

ULT	UST
"for in the day of my visiting the transgressions of Israel upon him, I will also visit upon the altars of Bethel, and the horns of the altar will be cut off, and they will fall to the ground.	*Be aware that when I punish the people of Israel for the sins that they have committed, I will also destroy the altars at Bethel. I will cut off the horns that are on the corners of the main altar, and they will fall to the ground.*

At the time when Yahweh will punish Israel for their sins, what else will he do?

Yahweh will also destroy the altars where they worship at Bethel.

Amos 3:15

ULT	UST
And I will strike the winter house with the summer house, and the houses of ivory will perish, and great houses will come to an end”—the declaration of Yahweh.	*I will tear down the houses where people live in the winter and the houses where they live in the summer. I will destroy the beautiful houses that they have decorated with ivory. I will destroy the mansions. This will surely happen, because I, Yahweh, have said it.”*

What will Yahweh do to the houses of the wealthy?

Yahweh will destroy all the big fancy houses of the wealthy.

Amos 4

Amos 4:1

ULT	UST
Listen to this word, cows of Bashan, who are in the mountain of Samaria, the ones oppressing the poor, the ones crushing the needy, the ones saying to their masters, "Bring, and let us drink."	*Listen to this message, you wealthy women of the city of Samaria! You have indulged yourselves and grown fat, just as the cattle in the region of Bashan grow fat. You oppress poor people, and you cause needy people to suffer. Then you say to your husbands, "Bring us more wine to drink!"*

What name does Yahweh give the rich women who live in Samaria?

Yahweh calls the rich women of Samaria cows of Bashan.

What are the rich women in Samaria doing to the poor?

The rich women are oppressing the poor and causing the needy to suffer.

Amos 4:2

ULT	UST
The Lord Yahweh has sworn by his holiness that, behold, the days are coming upon you when he will lift you up with hooks, and the last of you with hooks of fishery.	*But Yahweh our Lord says, "Because I am holy, I solemnly promise this: Indeed the time is coming when your enemies will capture you and take you away, as easily as someone catches fish with hooks. They will do this to every last one of you.*

What does Yahweh declare will happen to the rich women in Samaria?

Yahweh declares that he allow their enemies to take these women away as captives.

Amos 4:3

ULT	UST
And through the breaches you will go out, a woman in front of her, and you will throw yourselves out toward Harmon —the declaration of Yahweh.	*The enemies will break through your city walls, and then each of you women will go straight out through the gap in front of her. Each of you will flee toward Harmon. I, Yahweh, declare that this will happen.*

What will the wealthy women do when enemies break through the walls of the city?

Each woman will go out through the gap in the wall.

Amos 4:4-5

What have the people of Israel loved to do?

The people of Israel loved to bring sacrifices and tithes and announce their freewill offerings but not in the way that Yahweh commanded them to do.

Amos 4:6

ULT	UST
And even I, I gave to you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places, yet you did not return as far as me —the declaration of Yahweh.	*I am also the one who caused you to have no food at all in any of your cities and towns, yet you did not stop sinning and become loyal to me again. I, Yahweh, declare this.*

What did Yahweh cause to happen to the people of Israel?

Yahweh caused a famine so that the people of Israel had no food in any of their cities.

Amos 4:7

ULT	UST
And also I, I withheld from you the rain with still three months to the harvest. And I made it rain on one city, and on one city I did not make it rain; one portion was rained on, and a portion which it did not rain on it dried up.	*I am also the one who kept you from getting rain when there were still three months before your crops were ready to harvest. Sometimes I sent rain on one town and held it back from another town. I made it rain on some fields, but I gave no rain to other fields, so the crops there dried up.*

What did Yahweh do so that the people of Israel would return to him?

Yahweh withheld rain from Israel so that the people of Israel would return to him.

Amos 4:8

ULT	UST
And two–three cities staggered to one city to drink water, but they were not satisfied, yet you did not return as far as me —the declaration of Yahweh.	*People from towns without water would stagger to a town that did have water, but they could not get enough water to drink. But even so you did not stop sinning and become loyal to me again. I, Yahweh, declare this.*

What did the people do when they had no water in their cities?

The people staggered to another city to get water, but they did not get enough.

Amos 4:9

ULT	UST
I struck you with blight and with mildew; the multitude of your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees the locust devoured, yet you did not return as far as me —the declaration of Yahweh.	*I made your crops dry up and have disease. Locusts ate up everything in your many gardens and vineyards and on your fig trees and olive trees, yet you did not stop sinning and become loyal to me again. I, Yahweh, declare this.*

What did Yahweh do to the gardens, vineyards, and trees so that the people of Israel would return to him?

Yahweh caused locusts to eat all their gardens, vineyards, and fig and olive trees.

Amos 4:10

ULT	UST
I sent among you a plague in the way of Egypt; I killed your young men with the sword, along with the captivity of your horses, and I made the stench of your camp come up, and into your nostrils, yet you did not return as far as me —the declaration of Yahweh.	*I made many of you become diseased, just as I had done to the people of Egypt long ago. I caused your enemies to kill your young men in wars, and I let your enemies capture your horses. I made you smell the stench of their corpses in the camps where they died, yet you did not stop sinning and become loyal to me again. I, Yahweh, declare this.*

What did Yahweh do to the young men so that the people of Israel would return to him?

Yahweh allowed their enemies to kill the young men in wars so that the people of Israel would return to him.

Amos 4:11

ULT	UST
I overthrew among you as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were like a firebrand snatched from a burning, yet you did not return as far as me —the declaration of Yahweh.	*I destroyed some of you, just as I destroyed the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah long ago. Those of you who survived were like a burning stick that someone grabs out of a fire before it burns up completely, yet you did not stop sinning and become loyal to me again. I, Yahweh, declare this.*

What did Yahweh do to some of the people of Israel so that they would return to him?

Yahweh destroyed some of the people of Israel so that they would return to him.

Amos 4:12

ULT	UST
Therefore, thus I will do to you, Israel; for the reason that I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, Israel!	*Because of that, you people of Israel, this is what I am going to do to you. And because I am going to do this to you, prepare to truly meet me, your God, people of Israel!"*

What does Yahweh tell the people of Israel they must now prepare to do?

Yahweh tells the people of Israel they must now prepare to meet their God.

Amos 4:13

ULT	UST
For behold, the one forming the mountains and creating the wind, and declaring to man what is his thought, making dawn darkness, and treading on the high places of the earth—Yahweh, God of Armies, is his name.	*Prepare yourselves, because this is who he is: he is the one who formed the mountains and who creates the wind. He reveals to people what they are thinking. He makes the morning light and the darkness. Even the highest mountains are small things to him. He is Yahweh, God who commands the heavenly armies; that is his name!*

Who formed the mountains and revealed what people are thinking?

Yahweh, God of Armies, formed the mountains and revealed what people are thinking.

Amos 5

Amos 5:1

ULT	UST
Hear this word that I am lifting up over you, a lamentation, house of Israel:	*You people of Israel, listen to this sad funeral song that I am singing about you:*

Who is the prophet lamenting?

The people of Israel are the ones the prophet is mourning over.

Amos 5:3

ULT	UST
For thus says the Lord Yahweh, "The city going out a thousand will leave a hundred remaining, and the one going out a hundred will leave ten remaining for the house of Israel."	*You will need this sad funeral song because Yahweh our Lord says this about Israel, "When your enemies attack you, a town that sends out a thousand soldiers to fight will have only a hundred who survive, and a town that sends out a hundred soldiers will have only ten who survive."*

What does Yahweh say will happen to a town that sends out a thousand soldiers to fight?

A town that sends out a thousand soldiers to fight will have only a hundred who survive.

Amos 5:4

ULT	UST
For thus says Yahweh to the house of Israel, "Seek me and live,	*But Yahweh also says this to you people of Israel, "Sincerely worship me again, and then you will live.*

What does Yahweh tell the people of Israel to do?

Yahweh tells the people of Israel to sincerely worship him again him so they can live.

Amos 5:5

ULT	UST
and do not seek Bethel, and do not go to Gilgal, and do not cross over to Beersheba; for Gilgal, going into exile, will go into exile, and Bethel will become iniquity.”	*Do not go to the town of Bethel to worship anything there, and do not go to the town of Gilgal, and do not travel to the town of Beersheba to worship there, either. Your enemies will certainly take the people of Gilgal away to a foreign country, and the people of Bethel will experience evil things because they worship evil things.”*

What three places does Yahweh tell the people not to go to worship?

Yahweh tells them not to go to Bethel, Gilgal, or Beersheba.

Amos 5:6

ULT	UST
Seek Yahweh and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it consumes, and there is no extinguisher for Bethel,	*Sincerely worship Yahweh again, and then you will live. If you do not do that, Yahweh will punish you descendants of Joseph as suddenly and fiercely as a fire spreads. Yahweh will punish you like a fire that destroys everything, and that no one in Bethel will be able to stop.*

What will happen to the house of Joseph if they do not seek Yahweh?

Yahweh will destroy them completely, and no one will be able to stop it.

Amos 5:7

ULT	UST
the ones turning justice into wormwood, and they cast righteousness to the ground!	*I am talking to you people who do not decide things fairly. Instead, you make life as bitter as the taste of wormwood for people. You consider that living in the right way is as worthless as trash on the ground.*

How do the people treat justice and righteousness, according to Yahweh?

They make unjust decisions, and they completely reject right living.

Amos 5:8

ULT	UST
The maker of the Pleiades and Orion, turning deep darkness into morning; he darkens day into night; calling for the waters of the sea, he pours them out on the face of the earth— Yahweh is his name—	*There is one who created the star groups that people call the Pleiades and Orion. Every morning he turns the darkness into daylight, and every evening he turns the daylight into darkness. He summons the waters in the sea and pours them out as rain on the surface of the earth. The name of that one is Yahweh!*

What is the name of the one who made the stars, turns darkness into morning, and makes the waters of the sea into rain that falls on the whole earth?

His name is Yahweh.

Amos 5:9

ULT	UST
the one making destruction flash against the strong, and destruction comes against the fortress.	*He suddenly destroys strong people, and destroys the strong walls of cities.*

What does Yahweh do to those who are strong?

Yahweh brings sudden destruction on the strong.

Amos 5:10

ULT	UST
They hate the reprover in the gate, and they abhor the one speaking blamelessly.	*You people hate any leader who officially corrects people who do wrong, and you hate anyone who tells the truth.*

Who do the strong hate and abhor?

The strong hate those who correct them, and abhor anyone who speaks the truth.

Amos 5:11

ULT	UST
Therefore, because of your trampling on the poor and you take a tax of grain from him: you have built houses of hewn stone, but you will not dwell in them; you have planted vineyards of desire, but you will not drink their wine.	*So, because you oppress poor people and force them to give you part of their grain, this is what will happen: Although you have built large mansions out of cut stone, you will not live in them. Although you have planted pleasant vineyards, you will not drink the wine that comes from them.*

What will happen to those who oppress the poor?

Those who oppress the poor will not benefit from the things they work for.

Amos 5:12

ULT	UST
For I know your transgressions are many, and your sins are mighty— oppressors of the righteous, takers of a bribe, and they turn aside the needy in the gate.	*This will happen because I know that you have sinned very many times, and that the things that you have done are terrible. You oppress people who do what is right, and you accept bribes to do what is wrong, and at the city gate where leaders decide legal matters you treat poor people unjustly and send them away.*

What do the people do to the needy at the gate?

They treat the needy unjustly and send them away when they bring their legal matters to the leaders to decide.

Amos 5:13

ULT	UST
Therefore the prudent will be still in that time, for it is an evil time.	*So at that time, wise people will be quiet, because it will be customary in that time for people to do evil things.*

What does a prudent person do at such an evil time?

A prudent person stays silent at such an evil time.

Amos 5:14

ULT	UST
Seek good, and not evil, so that you may live; and thus may Yahweh, God of Armies, be with you, just as you have said.	*Start doing what is good, and stop doing what is evil, in order that you may stay alive. If you do that, Yahweh, God the commander of the heavenly armies, will help you, just as you claim that he does.*

What should the people do so that Yahweh will be with them?

The people should try to do good and not evil, so that Yahweh will be with them.

Amos 5:15

ULT	UST
Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; perhaps Yahweh, God of Armies, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.	*Hate what is evil, and love what is good, and make sure that people decide things fairly at the city gatewhere leaders decide legal matters. If you do that, maybe Yahweh, God the commander of the heavenly armies, will act kindly toward you descendants of Joseph who are still alive.*

What does Yahweh tell the people to do, so that he might be gracious to the remnant of Joseph?

Yahweh tells them to hate evil, love good, and establish justice in the gate.

Amos 5:16-17

What will be heard in all the public places when Yahweh comes to punish them?

Wailing and cries of mourning will be heard in all the public places when Yahweh passes through the people's midst to punish them.

Amos 5:18

ULT	UST
Woe to the ones desiring the day of Yahweh! What is this to you, the day of Yahweh? It is darkness and not light.	*Terrible things will happen to you people who long for the day when Yahweh comes! You should not think that the day when Yahweh comes will be good for you. On that day Yahweh will punish you severely, and nothing good will happen to you.*

What will happen to those who are desiring the day of Yahweh to come?

Terrible things will happen to them; the day of Yahweh will be darkness, not light.

Amos 5:19

ULT	UST
As when a man flees from the face of the lion, and the bear meets him; or goes into the house and rests his hand on the wall, and the snake bites him.	*On that day, you will be like a man who runs away from a lion but then meets a bear; or who flees into his house and rests his hand on the wall, and a snake bites him.*

What happens to a man in this illustration who flees from a lion?

He flees the lion only to have a bear meet him, and he goes into his house to be safe only to have a snake bite him.

Amos 5:20

ULT	UST
Is not the day of Yahweh darkness, and not light? Even gloom, with no brightness in it?	*On the day when Yahweh judges people, he will surely punish you severely and nothing good will happen to you. Yes, it will be a time when you are deeply sad; you will not be happy at all.*

What will the day of Yahweh be?

The day of Yahweh will be a time of punishment for his people that will make them deeply sad.

Amos 5:21

ULT	UST
“I hate, I reject your feasts, and I will not smell in your assemblies.	*Yahweh says, “I hate your religious celebrations; I completely reject them, and your assemblies when you gather to worship do not please me at all.*

What does Yahweh say about the people’s feasts and assemblies?

Yahweh says he hates their religious celebrations and their assemblies.

Amos 5:22

ULT	UST
For if you offer up to me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offering of your fattened animals, I will not look at.	*Even if you offer to me animals that you completely burn on the altar, and offerings of grain, I will not accept them. Even if you offer me your best animals as fellowship sacrifices, I will pay no attention to them.*

What does Yahweh say he will do if the people offer him burnt offerings and grain offerings?

Yahweh says he will not accept them.

Amos 5:23

ULT	UST
Remove from me the noise of your songs; and the music of your harps I will not hear.	*Your songs are just noise to me; stop singing them. I refuse to listen to the music that you play on your harps.*

What does Yahweh say about the people’s songs and music?

Yahweh says their songs are just noise to him, and he will not listen to their music.

Amos 5:24

ULT	UST
But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.	*Instead, you should be treating people justly, and you should always be doing what is right. You should be doing these things continually, like a stream of water that flows and never stops.*

What does Yahweh want to see people continually doing?

Yahweh wants to see people treating people fairly and doing what is right.

Amos 5:25

ULT	UST
Did you bring near to me sacrifices and a grain offering in the wilderness forty years, house of Israel?	*You people of Israel, when your ancestors traveled through the wilderness for forty years, they did not bring animal sacrifices and grain offerings to me.*

What does Yahweh say the people did not bring him during the forty years in the wilderness?

Yahweh says they did not bring him sacrifices and grain offerings.

Amos 5:26

ULT	UST
But you carried Sikkuth your king, and Kiyyun your images, the star of your gods, which you made for yourselves.	*Instead, you have carried the idols that you made for yourselves: Sikkuth, the god you treated as your king, and Kiyyun, the star-god that you worshiped.*

What had the people made for themselves?

The people had made for themselves idols that were images of the false gods they were worshiping.

Amos 5:27

ULT	UST
So I will exile you from farther than Damascus," says Yahweh, God of Armies is his name.	*So I will force you to go far away, beyond the city of Damascus, into exile." That is what the one whose name is Yahweh, God the commander of the heavenly armies, says.*

Where will Yahweh send the people?

Yahweh will exile the people beyond Damascus.

Amos 6

Amos 6:1

ULT	UST
Woe to the ones at ease in Zion, and to the ones trusting in the mountain of Samaria, designated ones of the first of the nations —and to them the house of Israel comes!	*Terrible things will happen to you people in Zion who do not worry about anything, and also to you leaders in the city of Samaria who think that you are safe there. You are the prominent men of Israel, the nation that thinks it is the most important nation of all. You are the men to whom the people of Israel come for you to help them.*

Who is Amos warning of Yahweh's judgment?

Amos is warning the leaders in Zion and Samaria that terrible things will happen to them.

Amos 6:2

ULT	UST
Cross over to Calneh and see, and go from there to Hamath Rabbah, and go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are they better than these kingdoms? Or is their border greater than your border?	*Go and look at the city of Calneh. Then go on to the city of Hamath Rabbah, and then go down to the city of Gath in Philistia. Those cities are not better than your kingdoms, and their territory is not larger than yours.*

What cities does Yahweh tell the people of Israel to compare themselves to?

Yahweh tells them to go see Calneh, Hamath Rabbah, and Gath of the Philistines.

Amos 6:3

ULT	UST
—the ones putting far off the evil day, but you bring near a seat of violence;	*Terrible things will happen to you who refuse to think about the day when Yahweh will punish you, but by your own actions you are shortening the time before violent people will come and rule over you.*

What do these people refuse to think about?

They refuse to think about the time that is coming when Yahweh will punish them.

Amos 6:4

ULT	UST
—the ones lying on beds of ivory, and sprawling on their couches, and eating young rams from the flock, and calves from the midst of the stall;	*Terrible things will happen to you who lie on expensive beds and lounge on your couches, eating the meat of the most special sheep from your flocks and of the fattened calves from your stalls.*

What do these people eat while lying on beds of ivory and sprawling on their couches?

They eat young rams from the flock and calves from the stall.

Amos 6:5-6

What are those being warned doing with their time?

Those being warned are wasting their time idly playing musical instruments, drinking wine, and anointing themselves with the finest oil.

Amos 6:6

ULT	UST
—the ones drinking from bowls of wine, and they anoint themselves with the first of oils, but they are not grieved over the breaking of Joseph.	*Terrible things will happen toyou who drink wine by the bowlful and rub the finest oils on your skin, but who do not grieve at all that the descendants of Joseph are destroying themselves.*

What are those being warned not doing that they should be doing?

Those being warned are not grieving over the destruction of the descendants of Joseph as they should.

Amos 6:7

ULT	UST
Therefore, now they will go into exile at the head of the exiles, and the revelry of the sprawling ones will depart.	*Because of all of that, soon you will be among the first ones whom your enemies will force to go into exile, and your feasting and lounging on couches will come to an end.*

Where are those being warned now going?

Those being warned are going to be forced to go into exile.

Amos 6:8

ULT	UST
The Lord Yahweh has sworn by his soul—the declaration of Yahweh, the God of Armies— "I am abhorring the pride of Jacob, and his citadels I hate, and I will give over a city and its fullness."	*The Lord Yahweh has solemnly sworn this on his own life. Yes, Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, declares it, "I despise the nation of which the descendants of Jacob are so proud, and I hate their fortresses. So I will deliver each city and everyone in it to their enemies."*

What does Yahweh hate about these people of Jacob?

Yahweh hates the pride and fortresses of these people of Jacob.

Amos 6:9

ULT	UST
And it will happen, if ten men remain in one house, then they will die.	*When that happens, even if only ten men remain in a single house, they will all die.*

What will happen if even ten men survive in one house?

Even if ten men remain in one house, they will die.

Amos 6:10

ULT	UST
And his kinsman and the one burning him will lift him up to bring out the bones from the house, and he will say to the one who is in the innermost parts of the house, "Is there yet anyone with you?" and he will say, "None." Then he will say, "Hush! For not to make mention of the name of Yahweh."	*A dead man's relative, the one who will burn his corpse, will carry the dead body out of the house. He will call to anyone still hiding in the farthest corner of the house, "Is anyone else there with you?" That person will answer, "No one." Then the relative will say, "Say no more! Especially we must not mention Yahweh's name!"*

Who will carry the dead body out of the house?

The dead man's relative, the one who will burn his corpse, will carry the body out of the house.

Amos 6:11

ULT	UST
For, behold, Yahweh is commanding, and he will strike the great house into fragments, and the small house into fissures.	*The reason is this: Yahweh is about to command the enemy soldiers to attack you, and they will shatter all the houses, from large to small ones, into little pieces.*

What will happen to the houses of these people?

Their houses will be smashed to bits.

Amos 6:12

ULT	UST
Do horses run on the cliff? Or does one plow it with oxen? For you have turned justice into poisonweed, and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood;	*Horses do not gallop on rocky cliffs, and no one plows there with oxen. Yet you have done something even more absurd: instead of treating people justly, you kill them, and instead of doing good things for each other, you make each other angry and resentful.*

What have these people done instead of acting justly and righteously?

Instead of treating people justly, they have killed them, and instead of doing good for each other, they have made each other angry and resentful.

Amos 6:13

ULT	UST
—the ones rejoicing over Lo Debar, the ones saying, “Have we not by our strength taken Karnaim for ourselves?”	*You are proud because you captured the town of Lo Debar, and you boast, “We captured the town of Karnaim for ourselves because we are so strong!”*

What do these people boast about capturing?

They boast about capturing the towns of Lo Debar and Karnaim by their own strength.

Amos 6:14

ULT	UST
“For behold me raising up against you, house of Israel”—the declaration of Yahweh, the God of Armies— “a nation, and they will oppress you, from Lebo Hamath to the brook of the Arabah.”	*But this is what Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, declares, “Listen, you people of Israel! I am about to bring a foreign nation to attack you. Its army will oppress you throughout your entire land, from Lebo Hamath in the far north to the brook of the Arabah in the far south.”*

What does Yahweh declare he will do against the people of Israel?

Yahweh declares he will bring a foreign nation to attack Israel.

Amos 7

Amos 7:1

ULT	UST
Thus the Lord Yahweh made me see, and behold, he was forming a locust swarm at the beginning of the coming up of the latter growth. And behold, the latter growth was after the mowings of the king.	*Yahweh our Lord showed me a vision. In the vision, he was forming a swarm of locusts to destroy our crops. This was happening right after the workers had harvested the king's share of the hay, when the second crop of the season was just starting to grow.*

In his vision, what did Amos see Yahweh doing when the second crop of the season was starting to grow?

Amos saw Yahweh forming a locust swarm that would destroy the crop.

Amos 7:2-3

What was Yahweh's response when Amos asked him to forgive and not send the swarm of locusts to punish his people?

Yahweh changed his mind and declared that this disaster would not happen.

Amos 7:4

ULT	UST
Thus the Lord Yahweh made me see, and behold, the Lord Yahweh was calling to contend by fire. And it devoured the great deep and was devouring the portion.	*Then Yahweh our Lord showed me another vision. In it, Yahweh our Lord was summoning fire to punish his people. The fire dried up the great deep waters and then was burning up the land.*

In his vision, what did Amos see Yahweh summoning to punish his people?

Amos saw Yahweh bringing fire to punish his people.

Amos 7:5-6

What was Yahweh's response when Amos asked him not to bring fire to punish the people?

Yahweh again relented and declared that this disaster would not happen either.

Amos 7:7

ULT	UST
Thus he made me see, and behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall of a plumb line, and in his hand was a plumb line.	*Then Yahweh showed me another vision. In it, I saw the Lord standing beside a wall. Someone had built the wall very straight, using a plumb line. Yahweh was holding a plumb line in his hand.*

In his vision, where did Amos see the Lord standing?

Amos saw the Lord standing beside a wall with a plumb line in his hand.

Amos 7:8

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to me, "What are you seeing, Amos?" And I said, "A plumb line." And the Lord said, "Behold me placing a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel. I will not again repeat to pass over him.	*Yahweh asked me, "Amos, what do you see?" I replied, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Look, I am about to test my people the Israelites to see if they are living rightly, just as a builder uses a plumb line to see if a wall is straight. I will no longer hold back from punishing them for their sin.*

What did the Lord say was the meaning of the plumb line?

The Lord said the plumb line meant he was going to test whether the Israelites were living rightly and this time, he would not hold back from punishing them.

Amos 7:9

ULT	UST
And the high places of Isaac will be deserted, and the sanctuaries of Israel will be desolate, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."	*I will destroy the hilltop shrines where the descendants of Isaac worship idols, and I will demolish the other holy places in Israel, and I will send men with swords to end the dynasty of King Jeroboam."*

What did Yahweh declare he would do to Israel?

Yahweh declared he would destroy the hilltop shrines and other holy places in Israel.

Amos 7:10

ULT	UST
Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to Jeroboam, king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to contain all of his words.	*Then Amaziah, the priest at Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam, the king of Israel. In the message he said, "Amos is plotting against you right here among the people of Israel. He is saying so much against you that the people of this land cannot bear to hear it.*

What did Amaziah the priest accuse Amos of doing?

Amaziah accused Amos of conspiring against Jeroboam, king of Israel.

Amos 7:11

ULT	UST
For thus Amos says, 'By the sword Jeroboam will die, and Israel, going into exile, will go into exile from upon his ground.'"	*In fact, this is what Amos keeps saying, 'Someone will kill Jeroboam with a sword, and an army will force the people of Israel to leave their own land and become exiles in a foreign country.'"*

What had Amos prophesied about Jeroboam?

Amos had prophesied that Jeroboam would be killed in battle.

Amos 7:12

ULT	UST
And Amaziah said to Amos, "Seer, go, flee for yourself to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and there you shall prophesy.	*Then Amaziah said to Amos, "You seer, get out of here! Run away to the country of Judah! Earn your living there, and do your prophesying there!*

Where did Amaziah tell Amos to flee to if he wanted to continue to prophesy?

Amos was told to flee to the land of Judah and prophesy there.

Amos 7:13

ULT	UST
But at Bethel you shall not repeat to prophesy again, for it is a sanctuary of the king, and it is a house of a kingdom."	*But you have prophesied here at Bethel for the last time, because this is the king's holy place; it is a royal temple."*

What did Amaziah tell Amos not to do at Bethel?

Amaziah told Amos not to prophesy at Bethel again, because it is the king's sanctuary and a royal temple.

Amos 7:14

ULT	UST
And Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I am not a prophet, and I am not a son of a prophet, for I am a herdsman, and a tender of sycamore figs.	*Then Amos replied to Amaziah, "I am not a professional prophet, and I do not belong to any group of prophets. Instead, I take care of sheep, and I also take care of sycamore-fig trees.*

What was Amos' work before Yahweh took him to be his prophet?

Amos was a herdsman and keeper of sycamore fig trees.

Amos 7:15

ULT	UST
But Yahweh took me from after the flock, and Yahweh said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'	*But Yahweh took me away from tending the flock, and Yahweh said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people in Israel.'*

Why did Amos leave his work tending a flock of sheep?

Yahweh took him away from tending his sheep when he told him to go prophesy to the people of Israel.

Amos 7:16

ULT	UST
And now, hear the word of Yahweh. You are saying, ‘You shall not prophesy against Israel, and you shall not drip against the house of Isaac.’	*So now listen to what Yahweh has to say to you. You keep telling me, ‘Do not prophesy against the people of Israel, and stop preaching against the descendants of Isaac!’*

What did Amos say that Amaziah was telling him not to do?

Amaziah was telling him not to prophesy against Israel or preach against the descendants of Isaac.

Amos 7:17

ULT	UST
Therefore, thus says Yahweh, ‘Your wife will prostitute herself in the city, and your sons and your daughters will fall by the sword, and your ground will be divided by the measuring line, and you, you will die on unclean ground, and Israel, going into exile, will go into exile from upon his ground.’”	*Therefore, this is what Yahweh says to you, ‘When your enemies come, your wife will become a prostitute in this city, and they will kill your sons and your daughters with their swords, and they will measure your land with a rope and divide it up among themselves. As for you, you will die in a foreign, pagan country, and your enemies will certainly force the people of Israel to become exiles, far from their own land.’”*

What did Yahweh prophesy against Amaziah, priest of Bethel?

Yahweh declared that Amaziah would die in an foreign land, his wife would be a prostitute, his sons and daughters would be killed, and his land would be divided up.

Amos 8

Amos 8:1

ULT	UST
Thus the Lord Yahweh made me see, and behold, a basket of summer fruit!	*Yahweh, my Lord, showed me a vision. I looked, and in the vision I saw a basket of ripe fruit.*

What did Yahweh show Amos in this vision?

Yahweh showed Amos a basket of summer fruit.

Amos 8:2

ULT	UST
And he said, "What are you seeing, Amos?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." And Yahweh said to me, "The end has come to my people Israel; I will not repeat again to pass over him.	*He said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" I replied, "I see a basket of ripe fruit." Then Yahweh said to me, "It is time for me to put an end to my people, the Israelites! I will no longer hold back from punishing them for their sin.*

What did Yahweh say had come for his people Israel?

Yahweh said the end had come for his people Israel.

Amos 8:3

ULT	UST
And the songs of the temple will wail in that day"—the declaration of the Lord Yahweh—"many are the corpses; in every place one has thrown them. Hush!"	*At that time, the people who sing songs in the temple will wail loudly instead of singing. There will be so many corpses that people will throw them everywhere. Everyone, be silent!" This is what Yahweh, my Lord, declares.*

What did Yahweh say would happen to the songs of the temple in that day?

Yahweh said the songs of the temple would turn into wailing because of the many corpses everywhere.

Amos 8:4

ULT	UST
Hear this, the ones trampling the needy and to cause the afflicted of the land to cease,	*Listen to this, you people who oppress needy people and get rid of the poor people in the land!*

What sins had the people of Israel committed?

The people of Israel had oppressed needy people and gotten rid of poor people in the land.

Amos 8:5

ULT	UST
saying, "When will the new moon pass, that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, that we may open wheat, to make the ephah small and to make the shekel great, and to pervert balances of deceit,	*You say to yourselves, "We wish the new moon festival would be over, so that we could start selling our grain again! We wish the Sabbath day would be over, so that we could start selling our wheat again! Then we can cheat people by making the baskets that we measure our grain in smaller than standard, and by making the weights for measuring the buyer's silver heavier than standard, and we can also make our scales weigh dishonestly.*

Why were the people anxious for the new moon and Sabbath to be over?

The people were anxious because they wanted to sell grain again and cheat their customers.

Amos 8:6

ULT	UST
to buy the poor with silver and the needy in exchange for a pair of sandals, and the refuse of grain we will sell?"	*Then we can use our silver to buy poor people to be our slaves. We can buy needy people for only a pair of sandals. We can even sell the worthless chaff mixed in with the wheat!"*

What were some of the things the merchants were doing

They were buying poor and needy people as slaves and selling worthless chaff along with the wheat.

Amos 8:7

ULT	UST
Yahweh has sworn by the pride of Jacob, "If I ever forget all of their deeds.	*Yahweh has solemnly sworn by the very land that he gave to you descendants of Jacob, "I will certainly never forget any of the evil things that you have done.*

What did Yahweh say he would never do?

Yahweh said he would never forget any of the people's evil actions.

Amos 8:8

ULT	UST
Will not the land tremble over this, and everyone dwelling in it mourn? And all of it will rise like the Nile, and be cast up and sunk, like the Nile of Egypt.	*Because of the evil things that you have done, it will be as though the land itself will writhe, and everyone who lives in the land will mourn. It will be as though the whole land will heave up and down, just as the Nile River in Egypt floods and then sinks back down again."*

What did Yahweh say the land would do because of Yahweh's punishment of people's sins?

Yahweh said the land would tremble, heaving up and down, and everyone in it would mourn.

Amos 8:9

ULT	UST
And it will happen in that day"—the declaration of the Lord Yahweh— "that I will make the sun set at noon, and I will darken the land in a day of light.	*Yahweh, my Lord, declares this, "At that time, when I punish you, I will make the sun go down at noon. Yes, I will make the earth become dark during the daytime.*

When Yahweh punishes Israel, what did he say he would do to the sun?

In that day, Yahweh said he would make the sun set at noon.

Amos 8:10

ULT	UST
And I will turn your feasts into mourning and all of your songs into a lament. And I will bring up sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head. And I will make it like the mourning for an only child, and its end like a bitter day.	*Because of what I will do, your religious festivals will become times when you mourn, and instead of singing joyful songs you will wail funeral dirges. All of you will wear rough sackcloth and shave your heads to show that you are grieving. Because of what I will do, you will be as sorrowful as when parents grieve for their only son who has died. By the time I stop punishing you, you will be grieving bitterly."*

What would the people wear when Yahweh punishes them?

The people would wear sackcloth to show that they were grieving.

Amos 8:11

ULT	UST
Behold, days are coming"—the declaration of the Lord Yahweh— "when I will send a famine in the land, not a famine for bread, and not a thirst for water, but rather to hear the words of Yahweh.	*Yahweh, my Lord, declares this, "Listen! There will soon be a time when I will cause something to become very scarce in the land. It will not be a time when people lack food or thirst for water. Instead, it will be a time when people will not be able to hear any message from me, Yahweh.*

What famine did Yahweh say he would send in the land?

Yahweh said he would send a famine in the land, not a famine of food or water, but a famine of hearing the words of Yahweh.

Amos 8:12

ULT	UST
And they will stagger from sea to sea, and from the north and to the sunrise; they will rove about to seek the word of Yahweh, but they will not find it.	*People will wander everywhere, staggering from one coastline to another and from the north to the east. They will roam around, searching for a message from me, Yahweh, but they will not get one.*

What would the people search for but not find?

The people would search for a message from Yahweh but would not find it.

Amos 8:13

ULT	UST
In that day, the beautiful virgins will faint, and the young men, from thirst—	*At that time, even the beautiful young women and the strong young men will faint because they are so thirsty.*

At that time, who would faint from thirst?

At that time, even the young women men would faint from thirst.

Amos 8:14

ULT	UST
the ones swearing by the guilt of Samaria, and they say, 'By the life of your god, Dan!' and, 'By the life of the way of Beersheba!'— and they will fall, and they will not rise again."	*These are the people who make solemn promises using the name of the shameful idol in Samaria. Some of them make promises using the name of the god that people worship in Dan, and others make promises using the name of the god that people travel to worship in Beersheba. All of those people will fall down and die, and they will never get up again."*

Who does Yahweh say would never rise again?

Those who swear by the idols and false gods would never rise again.

Amos 9

Amos 9:1

ULT	UST
I saw the Lord standing by the altar, and he said, "Strike the capital so that the thresholds shake, and cut them off on the head of all of them, and their end I will kill with the sword. A fleeing one will not flee for them, and a fugitive will not escape for them.	*In another vision, I saw the Lord standing beside the altar, and he said, "Strike the tops of the pillars of the temple so hard that the thresholds shake, and shatter them so that the pieces fall down on all the people there and crush them. I will cause enemies to kill with swords anyone who survives. None of them will be able to run away and escape.*

Who will escape the Lord's judgment of Israel?

Not one of them will escape the Lord's judgment.

Amos 9:2

ULT	UST
If they dig into Sheol, from there my hand will take them. And if they go up to the heavens, from there I will bring them down.	*Even if they dig down to the place where dead people go as they try to escape from me, I will reach down there and seize them. Even if they climb up to the sky, I will bring them down from there.*

What will the Lord do if people to escape his judgment and hide?

No matter where they try to hide, the Lord will find them.

Amos 9:3

ULT	UST
And if they hide themselves in the head of Carmel, from there I will search out and take them. And if they are hidden from before my eyes in the floor of the sea, from there I will command the serpent and it will bite them.	*Even if they hide themselves on the top of Mount Carmel, I will search for them there and capture them. Even if they hide from me at the bottom of the sea, I will command the sea snake there to bite them.*

What will the Lord do to those who might think they could hide on the bottom of the sea?

The Lord will give orders to the sea serpent to bite them.

Amos 9:4

ULT	UST
And if they go in captivity to the face of their enemies, from there I will command the sword and it will kill them. And I will set my eye on them for evil and not for good."	*Even if their enemies capture them and force them to march away as exiles, I will command those enemies to kill them there with their swords. I will continually do things to harm them, not to help them."*

For what purpose will the Lord watch over Israel?

The Lord will watch over Israel to bring them harm or punishment.

Amos 9:5

ULT	UST
And the Lord Yahweh of Armies, the one touching the earth and it melts, and all of the dwellers in it mourn, and all of it goes up like the Nile, and it sinks like the Nile of Egypt;	*Yahweh our Lord, the commander of the heavenly armies, is the one who can make the earth melt by touching it, so that everyone who lives in it mourns. He can make the whole land rise up and then sink down again, just as the Nile River in Egypt rises and falls.*

What do the people do when Yahweh touches the earth to melt it?

The people will mourn when Yahweh touches the earth to melt it.

Amos 9:6

ULT	UST
the one building his stairs in the heavens, and his vault, over the earth he founded it, the one calling to the waters of the sea, and he pours them out upon the face of the earth— Yahweh is his name.	*He made the stairway to his palace in the sky, and he set his dome of the sky firmly in place above the earth. He gathers up the water from the sea and pours it out as rain on the surface of the ground. The name of the one who does all this is Yahweh!*

What is the name of the one who does all these things?

His name is Yahweh.

Amos 9:7

ULT	UST
“Are you not like the sons of the Cushites to me, sons of Israel?”—the declaration of Yahweh— “Did I not bring Israel up from the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Caphtor, and Aram from Kir?	*Yahweh declares this, “You people of Israel, you are just like the people of Cush to me. It is true that I brought your ancestors out of the land of Egypt, but I also brought the Philistines from the land of Caphtor and the Arameans from the region of Kir.*

From where did Yahweh bring Israel?

Yahweh brought Israel from the land of Egypt.

From where did Yahweh bring the Philistines?

Yahweh brought the Philistines from Caphtor.

Amos 9:8

ULT	UST
Behold, the eyes of the Lord Yahweh are on the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from upon the face of the ground. Nevertheless, destroying, I will not destroy the house of Jacob”—the declaration of Yahweh.	*Listen! I, Yahweh your Lord, am fully aware of how sinful you people are in the kingdom of Israel, so I will destroy your kingdom and remove it from existing on the earth. However, I will not completely destroy all of the descendants of Jacob.” That is what Yahweh declares.*

Does Yahweh say he will totally destroy all the people of Israel?

No, Yahweh says he will not totally destroy the people of Israel but only the sinful northern kingdom.

Amos 9:9

ULT	UST
“For behold, I am commanding, and I will shake the house of Israel among all of the nations, just as it is shaken in the sieve, and a pebble will not fall to the earth.	*Yahweh also says, “Listen! This will happen because I am giving the command to send you people of Israel to live among all the nations, and there it will be as though I am shaking you in a sieveto sort you out into those who are faithful and those who are not faithful, just as a farmer shakes a sieve to separate grain from the stones. It will be as though not one pebble slips through the sieve and falls to the ground, because not one of the unfaithful people among you will escape.*

What will Yahweh do to the house of Israel among the nations?

Yahweh will shake the house of Israel among the nations like grain in a sieve to determine who is faithful and who is not.

Amos 9:10

ULT	UST
By the sword all of the sinners of my people will die, the ones saying, ‘The evil will not approach or reach as far as us.’	*All of the sinful ones among my people will die as enemies kill them with swords. They are the ones who say that nothing bad will ever happen to them.*

What were the sinners in Israel saying, those that Yahweh will kill?

The sinners were saying that nothing bad will happen to them.

Amos 9:11

ULT	UST
In that day, I will raise up the fallen booth of David, and I will wall up their breaches, and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of antiquity,	*At that time, I will restore the kingdom that King David once ruled, the kingdom that sinners have ruined. I will repair it and rebuild it, and I will cause it to prosper again, as it did long ago,*

In that day, what does Yahweh say he will restore?

In that day, Yahweh says that he will restore the kingdom that King David once ruled.

Amos 9:12

ULT	UST
so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all of the nations whom my name is called over them"— the declaration of Yahweh, the one doing this.	*so that the kingdom of my people may contain those who remain in Edom and those who belong to me in all of the nations." That is what Yahweh declares, and he is the one who will do it.*

According to Yahweh, what will the people of Israel possess?

According to Yahweh, they will possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations that belong to him.

Amos 9:13

ULT	UST
"Behold, days are coming"—the declaration of Yahweh— "and the plower will approach the reaper, and the treader of grapes to the sower of the seed, and the mountains will drip sweet wine, and all of the hills will melt.	*Yahweh declares this, "Listen! The time is coming when your crops will grow so well it will be as if those who plow the ground will catch up with those who are still harvesting the grain, and those who tread on the grapes will still be working when the sowers are ready to start planting the seed. There will be so much sweet wine that it will seem as if it will flow down from the mountains and that all of the hills will melt with it.*

With what does Yahweh say the mountains will drip and the hills will melt in the coming days?

In the coming days, it will seem as if the mountains will drip and the hills will melt with sweet wine.

Amos 9:14

ULT	UST
And I will restore the restoration of my people Israel, and they will build desolated cities and dwell there, and they will plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they will make gardens and eat their fruit.	*For my people Israel I will make things as good as they were before they became captives in other nations. They will rebuild the cities that now lie in ruins, and they will live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink the wine that comes from them, and they will plant gardens and eat the fruit that grows in them.*

From what does Yahweh promise to bring Israel back?

Yahweh promises to bring Israel back from captivity.

Amos 9:15

ULT	UST
And I will plant them upon their ground, and they will not be uprooted again from upon their ground that I gave to them," says Yahweh your God.	*I will settle my people securely in their own land, and no one will ever remove them again from the land that I gave to them." That is what Yahweh your God says.*

After Yahweh brings Israel back, who will remove them from their land?

After Yahweh brings Israel back, no one will be able to remove them completely.

Obadiah

Obadiah 1

Obadiah 1:1

ULT	UST
The vision of Obadiah: thus says my Lord Yahweh concerning Edom. We have heard a message from Yahweh, and a messenger has been sent off among the nations: Get up! And let us rise up against her for battle!	*This is a message that Yahweh our God gave to me, Obadiah, about the people of Edom. Yahweh our God has said this to us: "I have sent a messenger to other nations, telling them to prepare to go and attack Edom."*

For what purpose did Yahweh send an ambassador among the nations?

Yahweh sent an ambassador among the nations to cause the nations to rise up for battle against Edom.

Obadiah 1:3

ULT	UST
The pride of your heart has deceived you: he who dwells in the clefts of the rock, lofty in his dwelling; he who says in his heart, "Who will bring me down to earth?"	*Your capital city is high in the rocky cliffs, and you are very proud. You think that you are safe there—that no army can conquer you. But you have deceived yourselves.*

What was one of the sins of the Edomites?

The Edomites had pride in their hearts and believed that they could not be brought down to the ground.

Obadiah 1:7

ULT	UST
All the men of your covenant are sending you away as far as the border. The men of your peace are deceiving you and are prevailing against you. They of your bread will set a trap under you. There is no understanding in him.	*All your allies will turn against you, and they will force you to leave your country. Those with whom you have peace now will trick you and defeat you. Those who eat meals with you now are planning to trap you. You people of Edom do not understand any of this.*

Who will deceive and prevail against Edom?

The men who had an alliance of peace with Edom will deceive and prevail against Edom.

Obadiah 1:10

ULT	UST
Because of violence against your brother Jacob, shame will cover you, and you will be cut off for eternity.	*"All of this will happen because you acted cruelly to your relatives who are descendants of Jacob, the twin brother of your ancestor Esau. So now everyone will be ashamed of you, and the attackers will destroy you forever.*

Why will Edom be covered with shame and cut off forever?

Edom will be covered with shame and cut off forever because of the violence Edom did to his brother Jacob.

Obadiah 1:11

ULT	UST
On the day that you stood opposite, on the day that strangers took captive his wealth, and foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Jerusalem, you also were like one of them.	*At the time when strangers carried away the Israelite's wealth, you did nothing to help them. Foreigners conquered all the cities of Judah, and they even took whatever they wanted from Jerusalem. And you were just as bad as those foreigners, because you did nothing to help.*

What happened on the day that Edom stood aloof from Jacob?

On that day, strangers entered the gates of Jacob and took captive its wealth.

Obadiah 1:12

ULT	UST
But you should not have looked on the day of your brother, on the day of his misfortune. And you should not have rejoiced over the sons of Judah in the day of their perishing. And you should not have made your mouth great in a day of distress.	*You should not have gloated about the disaster that the Israelites were experiencing. You should not have been happy when their towns were ruined. You should not have made fun of them when they were suffering.*

What did Yahweh tell Edom not to do regarding Judah in the day of Judah's distress?

Yahweh said that Edom should not have looked, rejoiced, or made their mouth great.

Obadiah 1:13

ULT	UST
You should not have entered the gate of my people in the day of their calamity. You should not have looked—yes, you!—on his evil in the day of his calamity. And you women should not have looted his wealth in the day of his calamity.	*They are my people, so you should not have entered their city gates when they were experiencing this terrible disaster. Yes, you! You should not have enjoyed watching them suffer. You women should not have taken away their valuable possessions.*

What did Yahweh tell Edom not to do regarding Judah in the day of Judah's calamity?

Yahweh said that Edom should not have entered Judah's gates, rejoiced, or looted Judah's wealth in the day of Judah's calamity.

Obadiah 1:15

ULT	UST
For the day of Yahweh is near upon all the nations. According to what you have done, it will be done to you; your recompense will return on your own head.	*"You should have helped the Israelites, because the time is coming soon when I, Yahweh, will judge and punish all the nations. I will do the same things to you people of Edom that you did to others. The same evil things that you did to others will happen to you.*

What did Yahweh say would return on Edom's head?

Yahweh said that Edom's recompense would return on Edom's head.

Obadiah 1:17

ULT	UST
But in the mountain of Zion there will be an escape, and there will be holiness, and the house of Jacob will possess their own possessions.	*But some people in Jerusalem will survive, and Jerusalem will become a holy place. Then the Israelites will once again occupy the land that belongs to them.*

What would some in Mount Zion be able to do despite the distress of Judah?

Some in Mount Zion would be able to escape despite the distress of Judah.

Obadiah 1:18

ULT	UST
And the house of Jacob will become a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau as stubble. And they will burn them, and consume them. And there will be no survivor for the house of Esau, for Yahweh has spoken.	*The people of Israel will be like a fire, and the people of Edom will be like dry grass. They will destroy the people of Edom, just as fire completely burns up dry grass. None of the descendants of Edom will survive. This will certainly happen because I, Yahweh, have said it will happen."*

How many of Edom would escape the judgment of Yahweh?

There would be no survivors in Edom after Yahweh's judgment.

Obadiah 1:19

ULT	UST
And the Negeb will possess the mountain of Esau, and the Shephelah, the Philistines. And they will possess the field of Ephraim and the field of Samaria, and Benjamin, Gilead.	*The Israelites who live in the southern wilderness of Judea will capture the land of Edom. The Israelites who live in the western foothills will capture the region of Phoenicia. The Israelites will also capture the areas that belonged to the tribe of Ephraim and that surrounded the city of Samaria to the north. The people of the tribe of Benjamin will capture the region east of the Jordan River.*

Who would then possess the mount of Esau?

Those from the Negeb would then possess the mount of Esau.

Obadiah 1:21

ULT	UST
And saviors will go up to the mountain of Zion to judge the mountain of Esau, and the kingdom will belong to Yahweh.	*After Israel's military leaders conquer the land of Edom, they will then rule over Edom from high up in Jerusalem. And Yahweh will be their king.*

From where would the mountain of Esau then be judged?

The mountain of Esau would then be judged from Mount Zion.

Jonah

Jonah 1

Jonah 1:2

ULT	UST
"Get up, go to Nineveh, the great city, and call out against it, because their evil has risen up before my face."	*"I have seen that the people of Nineveh are continually doing things that are very evil. Therefore, get moving. Go to Nineveh, that huge capital city of Assyria, and proclaim to the people there that I am planning to punish them for their evil actions."*

What did Yahweh tell Jonah to do?

Yahweh told Jonah to get up and go to Nineveh and speak out against it.

Jonah 1:3

ULT	UST
But Jonah got up to run away to Tarshish from before the face of Yahweh. And he went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish, away from before the face of Yahweh.	*So Jonah went, but in the opposite direction, towards the far-away city of Tarshish, thinking that he could get away from Yahweh there. He went down to the port at the city of Joppa and found a ship that was about to go to Tarshish. The captain of the ship asked him for money, and he gave it to him. Then he went down into the ship in order to go with the crew of the ship to Tarshish, in order to get away from Yahweh.*

What did Jonah do after Yahweh told him to go to Nineveh?

Jonah got up to run away to Tarshish from before the face of Yahweh.

Jonah 1:4

ULT	UST
But Yahweh sent out a great wind on the sea and a great storm happened on the sea, so that the ship was thinking to be broken apart.	*But Yahweh caused a strong wind to blow over the sea, and such an enormous storm happened that the waves were about to break the ship apart.*

What did Yahweh do to the ship which Jonah had boarded?

Yahweh sent a great wind and a great storm on the sea so that the ship was near to being broken up.

Jonah 1:5

ULT	UST
Then the sailors were frightened, and they cried out, a man to his god. And they threw the things that were in the ship into the sea to lighten it from upon them. But Jonah had gone down into the innermost parts of the ship, and had lain down, and was deeply asleep.	*The sailors were frightened and each one prayed loudly to the god that he worshiped for that god to save them from the storm. They even threw the cargo from the ship into the sea in order to make the ship lighter, so that it would not so easily take on water and sink. While all of this was going on, Jonah was down inside the ship, lying down and sleeping soundly!*

To whom did the sailors cry out in the midst of the storm?

The sailors became very afraid and each cried out to his own god.

Jonah 1:7

ULT	UST
Then they said, a man to his friend, "Come, and let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this evil is happening to us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.	*After a while the sailors started to say to each other, "We need to cast lots, to determine who has caused this terrible thing to happen to us!" They all agreed, so they cast lots, and the lot indicated Jonah.*

How did the sailors determine who was the cause of the evil?

The sailors cast lots to determine the cause of the evil and the lot indicated Jonah.

What was the result of casting lots?

The result was that the lot indicated that Jonah was the cause of the evil they were experiencing.

Jonah 1:10

ULT	UST
Then the men feared a great fear, and they said to him, "What is this that you have done?" For the men knew that he was running away from before the face of Yahweh, because he had told them.	*Jonah also told the sailors that he was trying to get away from Yahweh in order to avoid doing something that Yahweh had told him to do. So now, when they learned that Yahweh was the one controlling the sea, they were terrified. One of the sailors said to Jonah, "You have done a terrible thing! Now we are all about to die because of you!"*

How did the sailors know that Jonah was running away from before the face of Yahweh?

The sailors knew that Jonah was running away from before the face of Yahweh because Jonah told them.

Jonah 1:12

ULT	UST
And he said to them, "Lift me up and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will calm down from upon you, for I know that this great storm is upon you because of me."	*Jonah told them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea. If you do that, the sea will calm down and stop threatening you. This will work because I am certain that this terrible storm happened to you because I did not do what Yahweh told me to do."*

What did Jonah tell the men to do in order to stop the storm?

Jonah told the men to lift him up and throw him into the sea.

Jonah 1:14

ULT	UST
So they cried out to Yahweh and said, "Ah! Yahweh, please do not let us perish on account of the life of this man, and do not put innocent blood upon us, because you, Yahweh, have done just as you desired."	*Finally, all of the sailors prayed to Yahweh, "O Yahweh, you are the one controlling all of these things that have happened to us, including this storm and the lot that we cast. Therefore we beg you, Yahweh, please do not let us die because of this man. No, do not kill us for killing someone who has done nothing against us."*

What two requests did the sailors make of Yahweh?

The sailors asked Yahweh to not let them perish on account of the life of Jonah and to not hold them guilty for Jonah's death.

Jonah 1:15

ULT	UST
So they lifted up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.	*Then they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea. Immediately, the sea became calm.*

What happened when the sailors threw Jonah into the sea?

When the sailors threw Jonah into the sea, the sea stopped raging.

Jonah 1:17

ULT	UST
Now Yahweh appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the abdomen of the fish three days and three nights.	*Meanwhile, Yahweh caused a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish for three days and three nights.*

What happened to Jonah when the sailors threw him into the sea?

Yahweh appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the abdomen of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 2

Jonah 2:1

ULT	UST
And Jonah prayed to Yahweh his God from the abdomen of the fish.	*While he was inside the fish, Jonah prayed to Yahweh, the God whom he worshiped.*

What did Jonah do in the belly of the fish?

Jonah cried out to Yahweh in prayer because he was distressed.

Jonah 2:4

ULT	UST
But I, I said, 'I have been driven out from before your eyes; yet I might again look toward the temple of your holiness.'	*But as for me, I thought, 'You have thrown me away; you do not care even to look at me; even so I may still see your holy temple again.'*

What did Jonah hope he might be able to do again?

Jonah hoped that he might be able to look toward Yahweh's holy temple again.

Jonah 2:6

ULT	UST
I had gone down to the bases of the mountains. The earth, its bars were around me forever, but you brought up my life from the pit, Yahweh, my God!	*I went down as far as the place where the mountains start rising from the bottom of the sea; I felt as though the earth was a prison with no possible way for me to escape. But you, Yahweh God, whom I worship, rescued me from going down to the place of the dead.*

From where did Yahweh bring up Jonah's life?

Yahweh brought Jonah's life up from the pit.

Jonah 2:8

ULT	UST
Those who give attention to vanities of worthlessness forsake their covenant faithfulness.	*Those who worship worthless idols reject you, the one who would always be faithful to them.*

What did Jonah say happens to those who give attention to empty vanities?

Jonah said those who give attention to empty vanities forsake their covenant faithfulness.

Jonah 2:9

ULT	UST
But I, I will sacrifice to you with a voice of thanksgiving; I will fulfill what I have vowed. Salvation belongs to Yahweh!”	*But I will not do that. Rather, I will give a sacrifice to you as I loudly thank you. I will do what I have solemnly promised you that I would do. Yahweh, you are the only One True God who saves people.”*

When Jonah prayed in the belly of the fish, what did he say that he would do?

Jonah said he would sacrifice to Yahweh with a voice of thanksgiving and fulfill what he had vowed.

To whom did Jonah say salvation belongs?

Jonah said that salvation belongs to Yahweh.

Jonah 2:10

ULT	UST
And Yahweh spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto the dry land.	*Then Yahweh commanded the huge fish to spew out Jonah, and the fish spewed out Jonah onto the land.*

How did Yahweh respond to Jonah’s prayer?

Yahweh spoke to the fish and it vomited Jonah up onto the dry land.

Jonah 3

Jonah 3:2

ULT	UST
“Get up, go to Nineveh, the great city, and proclaim to it the proclamation that I tell to you.”	*“Get moving! Go to Nineveh, the large capital city of Assyria, and preach to the people who live there the message that I tell you to preach to them.”*

What did Yahweh command Jonah to do for the second time?

Yahweh commanded Jonah to go to Nineveh and speak Yahweh’s message.

Jonah 3:3

ULT	UST
So Jonah got up and went to Nineveh, according to the word of Yahweh. Now Nineveh was a city great to God, a journey of three days.	*This time, Jonah got moving and went to Nineveh, just as Yahweh had told him to do. Now Nineveh was an extremely large city. It was so large that a person had to walk for three days to go completely through it.*

How did Jonah respond the second time Yahweh told him to go to Nineveh?

Jonah obeyed Yahweh and went to Nineveh.

Jonah 3:4

ULT	UST
So Jonah began to go into the city a journey of one day, and he called out and said, “Still 40 days, then Nineveh will be overthrown.”	*When Jonah arrived, he began walking through the city for about one day. Then he proclaimed to the people in the city, “Forty days from now, God will destroy Nineveh!”*

What message did Jonah speak in Nineveh?

Jonah said that in 40 days Nineveh would be overthrown.

Jonah 3:8

ULT	UST
But let the man and the beast be covered with sackcloth, and they must cry out to God with strength, and each man must turn back from his evil way and from the violence that is in their hands.	*Every person and every domestic animal must wear coarse cloth on their bodies. Everyone must pray fervently to God. Also, everyone must stop doing the evil things that they have been doing and the violent things that they have been doing to other people.*

How did the Ninevites respond to Yahweh's message that Jonah preached?

The Ninevites believed God, fasted, and put on sackcloth. The king of Nineveh made a decree which said that no person or animal should eat or drink water and that each person and animal must be covered with sackcloth and that each person should cry out to God and stop doing evil deeds including violent acts.

Jonah 3:9

ULT	UST
Who knows? This god might turn back and have compassion and relent from the burning of his nose so that we will not perish."	*If everyone does those things, it is possible that this god will change his mind and be merciful to us. He may relent from being so angry with us, with the result that we will live."*

What hope did the king of Nineveh have for the people of Nineveh and the city?

The king of Nineveh hoped that God would turn back from his anger and have compassion on them so that the people of Nineveh would not perish.

Jonah 3:10

ULT	UST
And God saw their deeds, that they turned away from their evil ways. And God relented in regard to the evil that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.	*So the people did those things and stopped doing the evil actions that they had been doing. God saw all of this. So God had mercy on them and did not destroy them as he had said he would do. Even though he had said that, he did not do it.*

How did God respond to the Ninevites' repentance?

God saw their deeds, that they turned away from their evil ways. And God relented in regard to the evil that he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

Jonah 4

Jonah 4:1

ULT	UST
But it made evil to Jonah a great evil, and it burned to him.	*For Jonah, it was wrong, terribly wrong, that God did not destroy Nineveh. He became very angry about it.*

Why was Jonah angry?

Jonah was angry because it seemed like a great evil to Jonah that Yahweh had mercy on the Ninevites and did not punish them.

Jonah 4:2

ULT	UST
So he prayed to Yahweh and said, "Ah! Yahweh, was this not my word while I was in my country? Because of this I acted beforehand to flee to Tarshish, because I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, long of nostrils and abundant in covenant faithfulness, and one who relents from evil.	*He prayed to Yahweh, "See! Yahweh, This is exactly what I said would happen even before I left home! I knew that you are a God who acts very kindly and compassionately toward all people. You do not quickly become angry with people who act in evil ways. You love people very much, and you prefer to be merciful to people rather than to punish them. Therefore, I ran away to go to Tarshish in order to stop this very thing from happening.*

Why did Jonah say that he had tried to flee to Tarshish?

Jonah said that he had tried to flee to Tarshish because he knew that Yahweh was a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in covenant faithfulness, and one who relents from evil.

Jonah 4:3

ULT	UST
So now, Yahweh, I beg you, take my life from me, for my death is better than my life."	*So now, Yahweh, please kill me, because I would rather die than continue to live if you do not destroy Nineveh."*

What did Jonah ask Yahweh to do to him?

Jonah asked Yahweh to take his life.

Jonah 4:4

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said, “Is it right that it burns to you?”	*Yahweh replied, “It is wrong for you to be angry that I did not destroy Nineveh.”*

What question did Yahweh ask Jonah?

Yahweh asked Jonah if it was right for Jonah to be angry.

Jonah 4:5

ULT	UST
Then Jonah went out from the city and sat down facing the city from the east. And there he made a shelter for himself, and he sat under it in the shade until he might see what would be within the city.	*Then Jonah left the city of Nineveh and sat down a short distance away on the east side of the city. There he made a small shelter to shade himself from the sun. He stayed under the shelter and waited to see what would happen to the city.*

Why did Jonah go out of the city and sit down facing the city?

Jonah wanted to see what would happen to the city of Nineveh.

Jonah 4:6

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh God appointed a plant and caused it to grow up from over Jonah to be a shade over his head in order to rescue him from his evil. And Jonah rejoiced with great rejoicing because of the plant.	*Then Yahweh God caused a plant to grow up very quickly above Jonah to shade his head from the sun. Yahweh did that in order to remove the bad things that Jonah was experiencing. Jonah was very happy to have this plant that shaded him from the sun.*

What did Yahweh do for Jonah while he sat outside the city?

Yahweh caused a plant to grow up over Jonah to be a shade for his head.

Jonah 4:7

ULT	UST
Then God appointed a worm at the rising of the dawn of the next day; and it attacked the plant, and it withered.	*Then, at dawn the next day, God caused a worm to chew the plant so much that the plant withered away.*

What did Yahweh do to the plant that had provided shade for Jonah?

God appointed a worm at the rising of the dawn of the next day; and it attacked the plant, and it withered.

Jonah 4:9

ULT	UST
Then God said to Jonah, "Is it right that it burns to you about the plant?" And he said, "It is right that it burns to me, even as far as death."	*Then God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about what happened to the plant?" Jonah replied, "Yes, it is right for me to be angry! I am so angry that I want to die!"*

What question did Yahweh ask Jonah after Yahweh caused the plant to wither and a hot east wind to blow on Jonah?

Yahweh asked Jonah if it was right for him to be angry about the plant.

Jonah 4:10

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh said, "You, you feel troubled about the plant, for which you did no work, nor did you make it grow; it came as a son of a night, and it perished as a son of a night.	*Then Yahweh said to him, "As for you, you felt very sad about the plant when it died, even though you did not work to take care of it, nor did you do anything to make it grow. It grew up in one night, and it completely withered by the end of the next night.*

How did Jonah feel when the plant that had given him shade withered and died?

Jonah felt compassion for the plant that had withered and died.

Jonah 4:11

ULT	UST
So I, should I not feel troubled about Nineveh, the great city, in which there are more than 120, 000 people who do not know between their right hand to their left hand, and many animals?”	*In the same way, but very much more, it is right for me to feel sad about destroying the huge city of Nineveh. There are more than 120, 000 people living there who do not know right from wrong. There are also many animals. I created all of them, so it is right for me to be concerned about them.”*

For whom did Yahweh feel compassion?

Yahweh felt compassion for the people and animals in Nineveh.

Micah

Micah 1

Micah 1:1

ULT	UST
The word of Yahweh that was to Micah the Morashtite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.	*These are the messages that Yahweh gave to Micah, who was from the town of Moresheth in Judah. Yahweh gave these messages to Micah during the time when Jotham, then Ahaz, and then Hezekiah ruled as kings of Judah. These are messages about what Yahweh showed Micah would happen to Samaria and to Jerusalem.*

Who were the kings of Judah when the word of Yahweh came to Micah?

Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah were kings of Judah when the word of Yahweh came to Micah.

Micah 1:2

ULT	UST
Hear, peoples, all of them; pay attention, earth, and its fullness, that the Lord Yahweh may be against you as a witness, the Lord from the palace of his holiness.	*Hear this, all you people everywhere on the earth! The Lord Yahweh is about to testify against you from the holy place where he rules in heaven.*

From where will the Lord Yahweh testify against the peoples?

The Lord Yahweh will testify against the peoples from the holy place where he rules in heaven.

Micah 1:3

ULT	UST
For behold, Yahweh is going out from his place, and he will come down and tread on the high places of the earth.	*But now look! Yahweh is about to come out from heaven and come down to the earth where he will walk on the tops of the mountains.*

On what will Yahweh come down and tread?

Yahweh will come down and tread on the high places of the earth.

Micah 1:4

ULT	UST
And the mountains will melt under him, and the valleys will split open, like wax from the face of the fire, like waters poured down a steep place.	*He is so powerful that it will be as though the mountains will melt beneath him as easily as wax melts near a fire and as quickly as water rushes down a hillside, and the valleys will split apart.*

What will happen to the mountains and valleys when Yahweh comes down?

The mountains will melt under him, and the valleys will split open.

Micah 1:5

ULT	UST
All this is because of the transgression of Jacob, and because of the sins of the house of Israel. Who is the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And who are the high places of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem?	*All of this will happen because the people of Israel, the descendants of Jacob, have sinned against Yahweh. It was the leaders of the people in the city of Samaria who led all of the descendants of Jacob to sin! It was the leaders of the people in Jerusalem who led the people of Judah to worship idols on the hilltops!*

Why will Yahweh bring this judgment?

Yahweh will bring this judgment because the people of Israel, the descendants of Jacob, have sinned against him.

Micah 1:6

ULT	UST
“So I will make Samaria a ruin of the field, a planting place of a vineyard. And I will pour down her stones into the gorge, and her foundations I will uncover.	*So Yahweh says, “I will turn the city of Samaria into a heap of rubble in the countryside; it will be a place for planting vineyards. I will roll the stones of its buildings down into the valley and strip the buildings down to their foundations.*

What will Yahweh do to Samaria?

Yahweh will make Samaria a heap of rubble with no stones or foundations left standing, only empty fields.

Micah 1:7

ULT	UST
And all her carved images will be crushed, and all her wages will be burned in the fire, and all her idols I will make a desolation, for from the wages of a prostitute she gathered them, and to the wages of a prostitute they will return.”	*Enemies will smash all of the idols in Samaria to pieces and burn up all the gifts that people gave at the idol temples. I will make all of the idols there into ruins because the people of Samaria collected these precious things by their business of prostitution at the temples, so enemies will carry them off and use them to pay prostitutes elsewhere.”*

How did Samaria get her carved images and idols?

Samaria got her carved images and idols using money paid at the idol temples to prostitutes who served there.

Micah 1:8

ULT	UST
On account of this I shall lament and wail; I shall go barefoot and naked. I shall make a lamentation like the jackals and mourning like the daughters of an owl.	*Because of all of this, I will weep and wail. I will walk around without my sandals and without my clothes. I will howl like a jackal and cry out like a family of owls.*

How did Micah express his mourning over the sin and coming judgement of Israel and Jacob?

Micah wept and wailed, and went barefoot and naked to show his deep mourning.

Micah 1:9

ULT	UST
For her wounds are incurable, for it has come to Judah. It has reached to the gate of my people, to Jerusalem.	*This is because nothing now can stop Yahweh from destroying Samaria. And because the same thing will also happen to Judah; it is as though the enemy army has arrived already at the gates of Jerusalem, the city where my people live.*

Where has this disaster reached?

It has reached the city of Jerusalem, the city of Yahweh's people.

Micah 1:10

ULT	UST
In Gath, do not declare it; weeping, do not weep. In Beth Leaphrah, roll yourself in the dust.	*Do not tell our enemies in the city of Gath about this! Certainly do not cry aloud! Instead, roll in the dust at Beth Leaphrah.*

What should the people do in Beth Leaphrah?

They should roll themselves in the dust to show mourning.

Micah 1:11

ULT	UST
Pass on your way, dweller of Shaphir, in nakedness of shame. The dweller of Zaanan has not gone out; the mourning of Beth Ezel will take from you its standing place.	*You people who live in Shaphir will march away naked and ashamed. The people of Zaanan will not go out to help you. The people of Beth Ezel will mourn, and by their mourning you will know that Beth Ezel will not help you stand against the enemy.*

What will the mourning of Beth Ezel show?

Beth Ezel will no longer be able to help them stand against their enemies.

Micah 1:12

ULT	UST
Surely the dweller of Maroth writhes for something good, but evil has come down from Yahweh to the gate of Jerusalem.	*Indeed, the people of Maroth wait anxiously for something good to happen, but nothing good will come. Instead, Yahweh has caused terrible things to happen, all the way to the gates of Jerusalem.*

What has Yahweh allowed to happen instead of the good things that the people of Maroth were waiting for?

Yahweh allowed terrible things to happen all the way to Jerusalem.

Micah 1:13

ULT	UST
Harness the chariot to the steeds, dweller of Lachish. She was the beginning of sin to daughter Zion, for in you were found the transgressions of Israel.	*You people of Lachish, hitch your swift horses to your war chariots and flee! You were the first ones to lead the people of Zion to sin, because you caused the people of Israel to rebel against Yahweh.*

What city led the people of Zion to sin?

The city of Lachish led Zion into sin because they caused them to rebel against Yahweh.

Micah 1:14

ULT	UST
Therefore you will give dowry gifts to Moresheth Gath. The houses of Achzib will become a deception to the kings of Israel.	*So you leaders in Jerusalem will have to send farewell gifts as you part with the town of Moresheth Gath, as a father does when giving a daughter in marriage. The town of Achzib will prove to be deceptive to the rulers of Israel.*

What will the town of Achzib become to the kings of Israel?

Achzib will become a deception to the kings of Israel.

Micah 1:15

ULT	UST
Also a possessor I will bring to you, dweller of Mareshah. The glory of Israel will come to Adullam.	*You people of Mareshah, Yahweh will bring a conqueror to take over your town, as well. The honored leaders of Israel will go to Adullam once again to hide in the cave.*

Who will Yahweh bring to the people of Mareshah?

Yahweh will bring a conqueror to take over the town of Mareshah.

Micah 1:16

ULT	UST
Make yourself bald and shave for the sons of your delight. Enlarge your baldness like the eagle, for they have gone into exile from you.	*You leaders of Israel, completely shave your heads in mourning for the children whom you love. Shave yourselves completely bald, like an eagle, because your enemies will take your children far away from you into exile.*

Why should the Israelites shave their heads?

They should shave their heads to show that they are mourning for their children who will go into exile.

Micah 2

Micah 2:1

ULT	UST
Woe to the devisers of iniquity and the workers of evil on their beds! In the light of the morning they do it, for it is in the power of their hand.	*Terrible things will happen to you who lie awake in bed at night planning how to do evil things. You get up at dawn and you do those things, simply because you are able to do them.*

Who is this warning being given to?

The warning is being given to those who are lying awake in their beds planning to do evil.

Micah 2:2

ULT	UST
And they covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them away. And they oppress a man and his house, and a man and his inheritance.	*You want fields that belong to other people, so you forcefully take them; you want their houses, so you steal them. You cheat people and take away their property, including what their families have owned for generations.*

What do these wicked people do to fields and houses that belong to other people?

They forcefully take fields, steal houses that belong to other people, and cheat people of their inheritance.

Micah 2:3

ULT	UST
Therefore, thus says Yahweh, "Behold me, devising against this clan disaster, which you will not remove your necks from there, and you will not walk haughtily, for it is an evil time.	*So this is what Yahweh says, "Listen to me! I am planning to destroy you people, and you will not be able to escape from it. You will no longer be able to act proudly, because you will be experiencing terrible things.*

What does Yahweh say his judgment will be?

Yahweh says he is planning disaster against them, and they will not be able to escape it.

Micah 2:4

ULT	UST
In that day someone will lift up against you a proverb, and lament a lamentation of a lamentation. He says, 'Destroying, we are destroyed! The portion of my people he exchanges! How he removes it from me! To a rebel he divides our fields!'"	*At that time, your enemies will mock you by singing this very sad song about you, 'Yahweh has completely destroyed us Israelites! Yahweh is taking the portions of land away from us that he had given to us! We are extremely distressed because he is giving our fields to our enemies!'"*

Why will the people say that Yahweh has taken their portion from them?

They people will say Yahweh has given the land they inherited to their enemies.

Micah 2:5

ULT	UST
Therefore there will not be for you one casting a measuring line by lot in the assembly of Yahweh.	*So when Yahweh's people return to divide up the land again, no one from your families will be there to receive any of it.*

What will happen in the future when the people of Yahweh assemble to divide up the land by lots?

Those receiving this judgment will not receive any part of it.

Micah 2:6

ULT	UST
"Do not drip," they drip. They do not drip about these things; disgraces will not depart.	*False prophets who hear me say this prophesy to me, "Do not prophesy!" They do not prophesy about these things, therefore Yahweh will certainly dishonor them.*

What do the false prophets tell the true prophet not to do?

They tell him not to prophesy about these things.

Micah 2:7

ULT	UST
Should it be said, house of Jacob, "Is the Spirit of Yahweh short?" Or "Are these his deeds?" Do not my words do good with the one walking uprightly?	*You descendants of Jacob should not say such things as, "Yahweh does not become impatient." Or "These are not the kinds of things that he does." What I say certainly helps those who do what is right.*

Who do the words of Yahweh spoken through Micah help?

His words help those who walk uprightly and do what is right.

Micah 2:8

ULT	UST
"But recently my people rise up as an enemy. You strip the splendor from the front of the garment, from those passing by in security, those returning from war.	*However, Yahweh says, "Recently my people have turned against me and become my enemies. When people pass by feeling safe, like soldiers returning from battle to their own people, you strip the fine outer garments right off their fronts.*

From whom do Yahweh's people strip the robe?

They strip the robes from those who feel safe because they are among their own people.

Micah 2:9

ULT	UST
The women of my people you drive out from the house of her delights; from upon her infants you take away my splendor forever.	*You force the women among my people out of the homes that they love, and you take away from their children forever the good things that I wanted to give them.*

What do the wicked leaders do to the women of Yahweh's people?

They force the women out of the homes that they love.

Micah 2:10

ULT	UST
Rise up and go! For this is not the resting place; because of uncleanness it will destroy, and a grievous destruction."	*So get up and leave! This land is no longer a place where you can live. You have made it unacceptable to me by your sins, so I will destroy it in a way that is severe."*

Why should Yahweh's people get up and leave?

They should get up and leave for this was not a place where they could safely live since Yahweh will destroy it because of their sins.

Micah 2:11

ULT	UST
If a man walking in wind and falsehood lied, "I will drip to you of wine and of beer," he would be the dripper of this people.	*If someone who speaks nothing but lies were to say, "I will preach that you should drink wine and beer!" that is the kind of prophet you people would accept.*

What kind of prophet would the people accept?

They would accept a lying prophet who promises them wine and beer.

Micah 2:12

ULT	UST
"Gathering, I will gather Jacob, all of you. Assembling, I will assemble the remnant of Israel. Together I will set them like sheep of Bozrah, like a flock in the midst of its pasture; they will be noisy from humanity.	*"However, some day I will certainly gather all of you descendants of Jacob. I will certainly bring together the Israelite people who survive. I will bring them together in one place, as a shepherd gathers a flock of sheep into a good pasture. They will make a lot of noise because there will be very many of them.*

Who will gather the remnant of Israel?

Yahweh will gather the remnant of Israel.

Micah 2:13

ULT	UST
The breaker has gone up to the face of them. They have broken through and passed through the gate and gone out through it. And their king has passed on to the face of them, and Yahweh is at their head."	*I will send someone who will open the way in front of them, and they will follow behind him, going out through the gate. Their king will go before them, and I, Yahweh, will be the one leading them."*

Who will lead the people out through the gate?

Their king will go in front of them, and Yahweh will be leading them.

Micah 3

Micah 3:1

ULT	UST
And I said, "Hear, please, heads of Jacob and commanders of the house of Israel: Is it not for you to know justice?	*Then I said, "You leaders of the people of Jacob and you rulers of the people of Israel, listen to me! You are the ones who should know all about how to treat people fairly.*

What does Micah say the leaders of Israel should know?

Micah says they should know how to treat people fairly.

Micah 3:2

ULT	UST
Haters of good and lovers of evil, tearing their skin from upon them and their flesh from upon their bones,	*Yet you hate what is right and love what is evil! You violently rob my people as though you are stripping off their skin and flesh.*

What do the leaders love, and what do they hate?

The leaders love what is evil and hate what is good.

Micah 3:3

ULT	UST
and who have eaten the flesh of my people, and their skin from upon them they have stripped, and their bones they have broken, and they have chopped them up as what is in the pot, and as flesh inside a cauldron."	*You greedily strip my people of everything that they have as though you are a butcher who strips off their skin, breaks their bones, chops them up, puts them into a cooking pot, and eats them."*

Who does Micah accuse of acting like butchers?

He accuses the leaders of oppressing the people as if they butchered and ate them.

Micah 3:4

ULT	UST
Then they will cry out to Yahweh, but he will not answer them. And he will hide his face from them at that time, just as they have made their deeds evil.	*Someday, when bad things happen to those leaders, they will call out for Yahweh to help them, but he will not help them. He will be as diligent to ignore them at that time, as they were to do evil deeds.*

Why will Yahweh refuse to help the leaders when they cry out to him?

Yahweh will not help the leaders because they have done evil deeds.

Micah 3:5

ULT	UST
Thus says Yahweh, "Concerning the prophets causing my people to wander astray, biting with their teeth, then they call out, 'Peace!' But whoever does not put something in their mouths, they consecrate war against him.	*This is what Yahweh says, "This is about the prophets who are misleading my people. They prophesy good things for anyone giving them something to eat. However, they declare holy war against anyone who does not give them food.*

What do the prophets promise to people who feed them?

The prophets promise peace to people who feed them.

Micah 3:6

ULT	UST
Therefore, it will be night for you without vision, and it will be dark for you without divining. And the sun will go down on the prophets, and the day will become dark over them."	*Because of that, it will be as though it is always night for you prophets because you will no longer be able to see visions, and you will no longer be able to practice divination. Yes, it will be as though the sun has set for you prophets even during the day, because I will show you nothing."*

Why will the prophets no longer be able to see visions?

Yahweh will no longer show them anything.

Micah 3:7

ULT	UST
And the seers will be ashamed, and the diviners will be disgraced. And all of them will cover over the mustache, for there is no answer of God.	*Those who claim to see the future will feel ashamed, and those who practice divination will feel disgraced. They will all cover their faces to express how ashamed they are, because God will not answer them.*

What will the seers and diviners do because God does not answer them?

They will be in mourning and be ashamed and disgraced.

Micah 3:8

ULT	UST
But I, in contrast, I am full of power, the Spirit of Yahweh, and justice, and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.	*But as for me, Yahweh's Spirit greatly empowers me to do what is right and to be strong so that I can tell the people of Jacob how they have rebelled against God and tell the people of Israel how they have sinned.*

What does Micah do because Yahweh's Spirit empowers him?

Micah declares to the people of Israel how they have rebelled and sinned against God.

Micah 3:9

ULT	UST
Hear this, please, heads of the house of Jacob and commanders of the house of Israel, the ones abhorring justice and making all of the straight things crooked,	*You leaders of the people of Jacob and you rulers of the people of Israel, listen to this! You are the ones who hate it when people do what is right, and when people say what is true, you change it into something false.*

What do the leaders hate?

The leaders hate it when people do what is right.

Micah 3:10

ULT	UST
building Zion with bloodshed and Jerusalem with injustice.	*You are getting the wealth to build up Jerusalem by murdering people and treating people unjustly.*

How do the leaders build up Jerusalem?

The leaders build up Jerusalem through bloodshed and injustice.

Micah 3:11

ULT	UST
Her heads judge for a bribe, and her priests teach for a price, and her prophets divine for silver. Yet they lean on Yahweh, saying, "Is not Yahweh in our midst? Evil will not come upon us."	*The city's leaders decide cases favorably only for those who give them bribes. The city's priests teach only when people pay them well. The city's prophets require people to pay them money in order to tell them what they think will happen to them. Yet those same leaders trust in Yahweh and say, "Yahweh is among us, so nothing bad will happen to us."*

What do the leaders expect before giving a favorable judgment?

The leaders will only judge favorably for those who give them bribes.

Micah 3:12

ULT	UST
Therefore, because of you, Zion will be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem will become heaps, and the mountain of the house, as high places of a forest.	*So, because of what you leaders are doing, enemies will make Mount Zion look like a field that a farmer has plowed. Jerusalem will become a pile of rubble, and the temple hill will become an overgrown forest.*

What will happen to Jerusalem and the temple hill?

Jerusalem will be leveled and become a pile of rubble, and the temple hill will become an overgrown forest.

Micah 4

Micah 4:1

ULT	UST
But it will be in the last of the days, the mountain of the house of Yahweh will be established as the head of the mountains. And it will be lifted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it.	*But Yahweh says that in the latter days, the mountain where his temple stands will become the most important of all the mountains. Yes, Yahweh will cause it to be the most important place, and a lot of people from many different people groups will come there to worship.*

What will happen in the last days?

In the last days, the mountain where Yahweh's temple stands will become more important than all the other mountains.

Micah 4:2

ULT	UST
Many nations will go and say, "Come and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, and to the house of the God of Jacob, so that he will teach us from his ways, and so that we may walk in his paths." For from Zion the law will go out, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.	*People from many nations will gather and say to each other, "Let us go to the mountain where Yahweh is, to the temple where we can worship the God whom Jacob worshiped. There God will teach us how he wants us to live, and we will do what he tells us to do." Indeed, Zion is the place from which God will send out his instructions, and from Jerusalem Yahweh will announce his messages.*

Why will many nations want to go to the mountain of Yahweh?

Many nations will want to go to the mountain of Yahweh to learn about how he wants them to live.

Micah 4:3

ULT	UST
And he will judge among many peoples and will decide for strong nations far away. And they will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and they will not train for war any more.	*Yahweh will settle disputes among many peoples and will make decisions for powerful nations that are far away. Then those peoples will reshape their implements of war into implements for farming. Armies of nations will no longer fight against armies of other nations, and people will no longer train to be soldiers.*

What will the nations make from their swords and spears?

The nations will make farming tools from their weapons of war.

Micah 4:4

ULT	UST
And they will sit, each person under his vine and under his fig tree. And there will be no terrorizer, for the mouth of Yahweh of Armies has spoken.	*Everyone will sit peacefully under his own grapevines and under his own fig trees, and no one will cause any of them to be afraid. That will certainly happen because Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, has commanded it.*

Where will each person sit after Yahweh brings peace?

Each person will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid.

Micah 4:5

ULT	UST
For all the peoples walk, each one, in the name of his god. But we, we will walk in the name of Yahweh our God forever and ever.	*Even though each one of all of the other people groups obeys its own god, as for us, we will obey Yahweh our God forever.*

Who the other people groups obey?

The other people groups obey their own false gods.

Micah 4:6

ULT	UST
“On that day,” declares Yahweh, “I shall assemble the lame and gather the outcast, and those whom I have afflicted.	*Yahweh says, “At that time I will gather the people who are injured and those who are scattered, that is, everyone whom I have caused to suffer.*

Whom will Yahweh gather?

Yahweh will gather all those whom he had caused to suffer.

Micah 4:7

ULT	UST
And I will turn the lame into a remnant, and the ones driven away into a strong nation, and Yahweh will reign over them on Mount Zion, from now and until forever.	*I will cause the injured ones to be the faithful survivors of my people and I will cause all of those whom I drove away to become a mighty nation. Then I, Yahweh will rule over them on Mount Zion, now and forever.*

Where will Yahweh reign over his people forever?

Yahweh will reign over them forever on Mount Zion.

Micah 4:8

ULT	UST
And you, watchtower for the flock, hill of daughter Zion— to you it will arrive, and the former dominion will come, the kingdom belonging to daughter Jerusalem.	*You people of Zion, who are like a watchtower on the hill guarding my people, I will again authorize you to rule. Jerusalem will once again be the capitol of my kingdom.*

What will come back to Jerusalem?

The former authority will come back and the kingdom will once again be centered in Jerusalem.

Micah 4:9

ULT	UST
Now, why do you shout a shout? Is there no king among you, or has your counselor perished, that pain grips you like a woman giving birth?	*But now you are crying out, and it is not because you have no king, or because your advisors have all died. You act as though you are suffering greatly, as much as a woman who is birthing a child!*

To what does the prophet compare the pain Jerusalem is experiencing?

They are experiencing pain like a woman giving birth.

Micah 4:10

ULT	UST
Writhe in pain and burst forth, daughter Zion, like a woman giving birth. For now you will you go out of the city, and live in the field, and go to Babylon. There you will be rescued. There Yahweh will redeem you from the hand of your enemies.	*People of Zion, you should agonize and wail like a woman birthing a child, because now you must leave this city and live out in the open fields. You will go all the way to Babylon. However, while you are there, I, Yahweh will rescue you. That is where he will take you away from your enemies.*

Where will the people of Jerusalem be rescued?

The people of Jerusalem will be rescued in Babylon.

Micah 4:11

ULT	UST
But now many nations are assembled against you, those saying, 'Let her be defiled and let our eyes gaze on Zion.'	*But now the armies of many nations have gathered to attack you. They are saying, 'We are here to destroy this city! We want to see the ruins of Zion!'*

What do the nations gathered against Zion say they want to do?

They say they want to destroy the city and see the ruins of Zion.

Micah 4:12

ULT	UST
But they, they do not know the thoughts of Yahweh and they do not understand his plan, for he has gathered them like bundles of grain for the threshing floor.	*But as for them, they do not know what I, Yahweh am thinking. They do not understand that this is what I have planned for them. In fact, I have gathered them together to destroy them, just as a farmer gathers grain onto a threshing floor to crush it.*

Who does not know Yahweh's thoughts?

The nations do not know Yahweh's thoughts.

Micah 4:13

ULT	UST
Arise and thresh, daughter Zion, for I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hooves bronze. So break into pieces many peoples and devote to Yahweh their plunder and their wealth to the Lord of all of the earth."	*So you people of Zion, become active and defeat your enemies! You can do this because I will cause you to be very strong. So destroy these many peoples and give to me, Yahweh, the Ruler of the whole earth, everything valuable that your enemies possess."*

To whom will the people of Jerusalem devote the wealth of many peoples?

They will devote the wealth of many peoples to Yahweh.

Micah 5

Micah 5:1

ULT	UST
Now gather yourself as a troop, daughter troop! He has set a siege against us; with the rod they strike on the cheek the judge of Israel.	*Now, people of Jerusalem, gather yourselves into a troop! Even though you have a wall to protect your city, enemy soldiers have surrounded it. They are here to overpower and humiliate the ruler of Israel.*

With has the enemy done to Jerusalem?

The enemy has surrounded the city and laid siege to it.

Micah 5:2

ULT	UST
But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, small to be among the clans of Judah, from you will come out for me one to be a ruler in Israel, and his goings out are from aforetime, from the days of eternity.	*However, I have something to say about Bethlehem in the region of Ephrathah. Even though the clan that lives there is the smallest of the clans of Judah, someone who will rule Israel for me will come from that town. He has been active since ancient times, from eternity.*

From where will one come to be a ruler in Israel?

One who will be a ruler in Israel will come from Bethlehem Ephrathah.

Micah 5:3

ULT	UST
Therefore he will give them up until the time when the bearing one gives birth, and the remainder of his brothers will return to the sons of Israel.	*So God will allow Israel's enemies to conquer them, until the time when she who will bear gives birth. Then the rest of those who, with him, are part of Israel will rejoin their fellow Israelites.*

For how long will God allow the people of Israel to be conquered by their enemies?

God will allow their enemies to conquer them until the time when the woman gives birth to her child.

Micah 5:4

ULT	UST
And he will stand and shepherd in the strength of Yahweh, in the majesty of the name of Yahweh his God. And they will dwell, for now he will be great to the ends of the earth.	*Yahweh will strengthen him to rule and to care for his people as majestically and authoritatively as if Yahweh, his God, were doing those things himself. His people will live safely, because, at that time, people all over the earth will honor him.*

Who will shepherd his flock in the strength of Yahweh?

The ruler will shepherd his flock in the strength of Yahweh.

Micah 5:5

ULT	UST
And this one will be peace. Assyria—when he comes into our land, and when he treads on our citadels, then we will raise up against him seven shepherds and eight princes of man.	*He will cause his people to prosper. When the army of Assyria attacks our land and breaks through our fortresses, we will appoint many leaders to lead our army to fight against them.*

What will Assyria do when they come into the land?

Assyria will attack and break through their fortresses.

Micah 5:6

ULT	UST
And they will shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in its entrances. And he will deliver us from Assyria, when he comes into our land, and when he treads within our border.	*They will lead our army to rule the land of Assyria, that is, the territory that Nimrod founded long ago. The ruler will rescue us from the Assyrians when they cross our borders to invade our land.*

Who will rescue the people from Assyria?

The promised ruler will rescue them from Assyria when they invade the land.

Micah 5:7

ULT	UST
And the remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of many peoples, like dew from Yahweh, like showers on the grass, that does not wait for a man and does not hope for the sons of man.	*Then the descendants of Jacob who have survived will live among many other peoples. They will be a blessing for those peoples, just as the dew and the rain are that Yahweh sends for the grass. They will depend on Yahweh to sustain them just as the grass does, and not on other people.*

How is the remnant of Israel like the dew on the grass?

Just like Yahweh sends the dew and the rain to make things grow, so the remnant is completely dependent on Yahweh to make them a blessing to other peoples.

Micah 5:8

ULT	UST
And the remnant of Jacob will be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the animals of the forest, like a young lion among the flocks of sheep, who, if he passes through, both tramples and tears, and there is no deliverer.	*Yes, the descendants of Jacob who have survived will be in other nations, living among many other peoples. But they will be powerful, like a lion is among the other animals. If they need to do so, they can easily defeat those peoples, just as a young lion pounces on sheep and tears them apart, and no one can rescue them.*

What is the remnant of Jacob compared to among the nations?

The remnant of Jacob is compared to a lion attacking a flock of sheep.

Micah 5:9

ULT	UST
May your hand rise over your adversaries, and may all of your enemies be cut off!	*Yahweh, we want you to powerfully defeat all of your enemies and to destroy them completely!*

What will happen when the hand of Yahweh rises against his enemies?

Yahweh will destroy all of his enemies by the power of his hand.

Micah 5:10

ULT	UST
And it will be on that day—the declaration of Yahweh— that I will cut off your horses from your midst, and I will destroy your chariots.	*Yahweh declares, "At that time, I will take away your war horses and I will destroy your chariots.*

What did Yahweh say he would do to the horses and chariots?

Yahweh said he would destroy the horses and the chariots.

Micah 5:11

ULT	UST
And I will cut off the cities of your land, and I will tear down all of your fortifications.	*I will tear down the cities in your land and I will destroy all of your fortresses.*

What did Yahweh say he would do to the cities and fortifications?

Yahweh said he would destroy the cities and tear down all the fortifications.

Micah 5:12

ULT	UST
And I will cut off sorceries from your hand, and soothsayers will not be to you.	*I will stop you from practicing witchcraft, and there will be no more fortune tellers among you.*

What did Yahweh say he would do about sorceries and soothsayers?

Yahweh said he would stop their witchcraft and fortune telling.

Micah 5:13

ULT	UST
And I will cut off your carved images and your stone pillars from your midst, and you will no longer bow down to the work of your hands.	*I will destroy your idols and your sacred stone pillars, and then you will no longer worship things that you yourselves have made.*

What did Yahweh say he would do to the idols and stone pillars?

Yahweh said he would take away the idols and stone pillars, and the people would no longer worship what they made with their own hands.

Micah 5:14

ULT	UST
And I will uproot your Asherah s from your midst, and I will destroy your cities.	*I will remove the poles that you use to worship the goddess Asherah, and I will destroy your cities.*

What did Yahweh say he would do to the Asherah poles and the cities?

Yahweh said he would remove the Asherah poles and destroy the cities.

Micah 5:15

ULT	UST
And I will execute in nose and in wrath vengeance on the nations that have not listened.	*Because I am very angry, I will severely punish the people of the nations that have not obeyed me.”*

Whom will Yahweh punish?

Yahweh will punish the people of the nations that have not listened and obeyed him.

Micah 6

Micah 6:1

ULT	UST
Hear, please, what Yahweh is saying, "Arise, contend before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice."	*Listen, everyone, because Yahweh has something to say, "Micah, stand up and present my case, and let the mountains and the hills be witnesses to what you say."*

What does Yahweh say to do before the mountains and hills?

Yahweh says to stand up and present his case, with the mountains and hills as witnesses.

Micah 6:2

ULT	UST
Hear the dispute of Yahweh, mountains, and permanent foundations of the earth, for a disputeis to Yahweh with his people, and with Israel he will argue,	*It as though the mountains and the enduring foundations of the earth are listening as Yahweh contends against his people. Indeed, Yahweh is bringing charges against his people; he is about to argue his case against Israel.*

What will Yahweh do against Israel?

Yahweh will bring charges against Israel.

Micah 6:3

ULT	UST
"My people, what have I done to you, and how have I wearied you? Testify against me!	*Yahweh says,"My people, you act as though I have harmed you! You treat me as though I have made things difficult for you! If you can accuse me of anything, then do it now!*

What did Yahweh invite his people to do if they have anything against him?

He tells them that if they have any cause to complain, they can testify against him.

Micah 6:4

ULT	UST
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and from the house of slaves I redeemed you, and I sent to your face Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.	*Instead of doing bad things, I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, rescuing them from the place where they had lived as slaves. I sent Moses to lead them, along with his older brother Aaron and his older sister Miriam.*

Who did Yahweh send to lead his people out of Egypt?

Yahweh sent Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to lead his people.

Micah 6:5

ULT	UST
My people, please remember what Balak, king of Moab, counseled, and what Balaam, son of Beor, answered him, from Shittim to Gilgal, in order to know the righteousnesses of Yahweh."	*My people, remember when Balak, the king of Moab, wanted to conspire with Balaam son of Beor to curse your ancestors, and think about how Balaam answered him. Remember what happened as your ancestors traveled from Shittim to Gilgal, so that you may recognize that I, Yahweh, have always done the right things for you."*

What does Yahweh want his people to remember?

Yahweh wants his people to remember how God miraculously helped them in the past.

Micah 6:6

ULT	UST
With what shall I come before Yahweh, bow down to the God of the height? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves, sons of a year?	*An Israelite asks, "What should I bring when I come to Yahweh, the God who lives in the highest heaven, and bow down before him? Should I bring offerings to burn; should I bring one-year-old calves as sacrifices?*

What does the speaker ask about coming before Yahweh?

He asks whether he should come before Yahweh with burnt offerings or sacrifice year-old calves.

Micah 6:7

ULT	UST
Will Yahweh be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my belly for the sin of my soul?	*Will Yahweh accept thousands of rams or vast quantities of olive oil? Should I sacrifice my firstborn child to pay for my sin? Can a sacrifice from my physical body compensate for my spiritual sin?”*

What does the speaker ask if he should give for his sin?

He asks whether he should sacrifice his firstborn child for his sin.

Micah 6:8

ULT	UST
He has told you, man, what is good, and what Yahweh is seeking from you: only to do justice, and the love of covenant faithfulness, and to be humble to walk with your God.	*No! Yahweh has already told you, human person, what is good and that he wants from you only this: He wants you to do what is just, to love being faithful to others, and to conduct yourself humbly as you live before your God.*

What did Yahweh require from his people?

Yahweh required his people to act justly, love being faithful to others, and walk humbly with their God.

Micah 6:9

ULT	UST
The voice of Yahweh calls to the city —(and sound wisdom fears your name), Hear, tribe and whoever he appointed!	*Yahweh is calling out a message to the people of the city of Jerusalem. (Truly wise people revere you, Yahweh.) Listen carefully, you tribe of Israel and all leaders that Yahweh has appointed!*

Who is Yahweh calling out his message to?

Yahweh is calling out his message to the people of the city of Jerusalem, the whole tribe of Israel, and the leaders he has appointed.

Micah 6:10

ULT	UST
“Are there still in the house of the wicked treasuries of wickedness, and the ephah of leanness that is cursed?	*“It disgusts me that wicked people still have wealth in their houses that they got by cheating others, and that they use measures that are smaller than they should be. This is something that I have cursed.*

What has Yahweh cursed?

Yahweh has cursed the dishonest measures that wicked people use to cheat others.

Micah 6:11

ULT	UST
Would I be innocent with scales of wickedness, and with a bag of stones of deceit?	*No one is innocent who uses dishonest scales or a bag of deceptive weights.*

Who is not innocent, according to Yahweh?

No one who uses dishonest scales or a bag of deceptive weights is innocent.

Micah 6:12

ULT	UST
—which her rich are full of violence, and her inhabitants speak falsehood, and their tongue is deceit in their mouth.	*The rich people in this city always act violently to others. All of the people who live here tell lies. Yes, they always speak deceitfully.*

Who are those who are speaking lies?

The people who live in Jerusalem tell lies.

Micah 6:13

ULT	UST
And even I, I will make sick the striking of you, devastating you because of your sins.	*For my part, I will attack you severely. I will ruin you because of your sins.*

Why will Yahweh ruin the city?

Yahweh will ruin the city because of the sins of the people.

Micah 6:14

ULT	UST
You, you will eat but not be satisfied, for dysentery will be inside you. And you will bring to safety but not deliver, and what you do deliver, I will give to the sword.	*As for you, you will eat food, but it will not satisfy you because it will rush right through you. You will try to save people, but you will not be able to rescue anyone and even if you do rescue a few, I will allow enemies to kill them.*

What will happen when the people eat, according to Yahweh?

They will eat but not be satisfied, because it will not stay inside them.

Micah 6:15

ULT	UST
You, you will sow but not reap; you, you will tread the olive but not anoint yourself with oil; and—new wine but not drink wine.	*As for you, you will plant crops, but you will not harvest them. As for you, you will press olives, but you will not get to use the olive oil. Yes, also with the wine—you will crush grapes, but you will not get to drink any of it.*

What will the people plant and press but not enjoy?

They will plant crops but not harvest them, press olives but not use the oil, and crush grapes but not drink the wine.

Micah 6:16

ULT	UST
For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all of the deeds of the house of Ahab; and you have walked in their counsels, so that I will make you a desolation, and her inhabitants a hissing, and the reproach of my people you will bear."	*These things will happen because you follow the wicked laws that King Omri established and do all of the evil things that King Ahab and his descendants practiced. You have lived according to what they advised, so I will destroy your city and cause people of other nations to scorn everyone who lives there. Other peoples will detest you, because that is what my people deserve."*

Whose laws did the people of city follow?

They followed the wicked laws and practices that their previous evil kings, Omri and Ahab, had established.

Micah 7

Micah 7:1

ULT	UST
Woe to me! For I have become like the gatherings of summer fruit, like the gleanings of the grape harvest. There is no cluster to eat, no early fig that my soul desires.	*I am very miserable! It is because I am very frustrated like someone who looks for fruit to pick after everyone else has already picked all of the summer fruit and harvested all of the grapes. I am like someone who cannot find a single cluster of grapes to eat or an early fig, which he longs for.*

What does Micah say he is like?

Micah says he is as frustrated as someone who looks for fruit after the harvest but cannot find any cluster of grapes or an early fig to eat.

Micah 7:2

ULT	UST
The faithful one has perished from the land, and there is no upright one among mankind. All of them lie in wait for bloodshed; each man hunts his brother with a net.	*I am looking for faithful people, but all of them have disappeared from the land, and there are no longer any honest people among us. All of the people who remain are eager to kill others; each person tries to find ways to exploit his fellow citizens.*

Who has perished from the land?

All the faithful people have disappeared from the land.

Micah 7:3

ULT	UST
Concerning evil, the two hands act to do it well; the ruler is asking, and the judge, for the recompense, and the great one is speaking the desire of his very soul; and they weave it together.	*They are energetic and skillful in doing evil things. Government officials and judges demand bribes. Powerful people tell others what they want for themselves, and they all plot together to get it done.*

What do government officials and judges demand?

Government officials and judges demand bribes.

Micah 7:4

ULT	UST
The best of them is like a brier; the upright, worse than a thorn hedge. The day of your watchers, your visitation, has come. Now their confusion will be.	*Even the best people among them are harmful, and even those who seem the most honest, cause people pain. The time that the prophets foretold, the time when God will punish those who do evil things, is coming soon. This is when they will panic.*

Who foretold the time when God would punish those who do evil?

The prophets foretold the time when God would punish those who do evil.

Micah 7:5

ULT	UST
Do not believe in a neighbor; Do not trust in a friend. From the one lying in your bosom, guard the doors of your mouth.	*So, do not trust anyone, not even a neighbor or a friend. Be careful what you say even to your own wife!*

Whom does Micah say not to trust?

Micah says not to trust a neighbor or a friend.

Micah 7:6

ULT	UST
For a son is dishonoring a father; a daughter is rising against her mother; a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. The enemies of a man are the men of his house.	*Indeed, even sons treat their fathers contemptuously, and daughters defy their mothers. Daughters-in-law defy their mothers-in-law. A person's enemies are the people who live in his own household.*

Who are a man's enemies?

A man's enemies are the people of his own household.

Micah 7:7

ULT	UST
But I, I will watch for Yahweh; I shall wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me.	*But as for me, I will watch to see what Yahweh will do to help me. I intend to wait confidently for God, who saves me. The God whom I worship will listen when I call to him.*

Who does Micah say will hear him?

Micah says Yahweh, the God of his salvation, will hear him.

Micah 7:8

ULT	UST
Do not rejoice over me, my enemy! Though I have fallen; I will arise. Though I sit in the darkness; Yahweh is a light to me.	*You who are our enemies, do not celebrate over what has happened to us, because even though you have defeated us, we will recover. Even though it looks like everything is bad for us, Yahweh will take care of us.*

What would happen after the nation is defeated?

Even though their enemies will defeat them, they will recover.

Micah 7:9

ULT	UST
I will bear the rage of Yahweh, for I have sinned against him, until he pleads my case and accomplishes my justice. He will bring me out to the light; I will look on his righteousness.	*We will patiently endure whatever Yahweh does to punish us, because we have sinned against him. Eventually he will defend us and make things right for us. He will change everything bad around us to good, and we will see that he always does what is right.*

For how long will the people bear Yahweh's rage?

They will bear Yahweh's rage until Yahweh defends them and makes things right.

Micah 7:10

ULT	UST
Then may my enemy see, so that shame covers her, the one saying to me, "Where is Yahweh your God?" My eyes will look at her; now she will become a trampling place like the mud of the streets.	*I want my enemies to see the same thing, and then everyone will completely despise them. They are the ones who mocked me by saying, "Yahweh your God is not helping you at all!" But at that time I will watch as people destroy the homes of my enemies, making them just like the mud in the streets.*

What will Micah watch?

Micah will watch as his enemy's homes are destroyed.

Micah 7:11-12

What will happen when the time comes to build the walls?

When the time comes to build the walls, the boundaries will be extended very far.

Micah 7:13

ULT	UST
And the land will become a desolation on account of her inhabitants, from the fruit of their deeds.	*In contrast the rest of the earth will become an empty wasteland because of the evil things its people have done.*

What will happen to the land because of the deeds of its people?

The land will become an empty wasteland because of the evil deeds of its people.

Micah 7:14

ULT	UST
Shepherd your people with your rod, the flock of your inheritance, the one dwelling alone, a forest in the midst of Carmel. May they graze in Bashan and Gilead as in the days of old.	*Yahweh, protect and guide your people, as a shepherd does for his sheep! They are the people whom you have chosen to belong to you. They are like sheep that live apart from others in a wooded area of Mount Carmel, but give them the rich pasturelands of the Bashan and Gilead regions that they enjoyed long ago.*

How does Micah ask Yahweh to shepherd his people?

Micah asks Yahweh to shepherd his people with his rod.

Micah 7:15

ULT	UST
As in the days of your going out from the land of Egypt, I will make him see wonders.	*Yahweh says, "Yes, just as I did long ago when I rescued your ancestors from Egypt, I will do amazing things for you."*

What will Yahweh do for his people?

Yahweh will do amazing things for them.

Micah 7:16

ULT	UST
The nations will see and will be ashamed of all of their might. They will put a hand over mouth; their ears will be deaf.	*People from many nations will see what Yahweh does for his people, and what they see will humiliate them because they thought that they were powerful, but they are not. They will be so amazed that they will be unable to say or hear anything.*

What will the nations see and be ashamed of?

They will see what Yahweh has done and be ashamed of how powerful they thought they were.

Micah 7:17

ULT	UST
They will lick dust like the serpent; like crawling things of the earth, they will tremble from their strongholds. They will approach in dread Yahweh our God, and they will fear because of you.	*They will grovel on the ground like a snake, like an insect in the dirt. They will be so afraid that they will come trembling from their fortresses. They will be very afraid as they approach Yahweh, the God whom we worship. They will be afraid because of you, Yahweh.*

Who will the nations approach and be afraid of?

The nations will approach Yahweh and they will be afraid because of him.

Micah 7:18

ULT	UST
Who is a God like you, bearing iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not hold his nose forever, for he delights in covenant faithfulness, he does.	*Yahweh, no other God is like you! You forgive the sins of the people who have remained faithful to you, those who belong to you. You do not stay angry forever because you are the one who delights in faithfully loving us.*

Why will Yahweh not keep his anger forever?

Yahweh will not keep his anger forever, because he loves to faithfully love us.

Micah 7:19

ULT	UST
He will return; he will have compassion on us. He will subdue our iniquities, and you will throw into the depths of the sea all of their sins.	*You will be merciful to us once again. You will completely forgive all of our sins, as though you are throwing them into the deepest part of the ocean.*

What will Yahweh do with all the sins of the people of Israel?

Yahweh will forgive all their sins as if he is throwing all their sins into the depths of the sea.

Micah 7:20

ULT	UST
You will grant trustworthiness to Jacob, covenant faithfulness to Abraham, which you swore to our fathers from the days of old.	*You will show the descendants of Jacob that you are trustworthy, and you will faithfully love the descendants of Abraham, just as you solemnly promised to our ancestors long ago.*

What will Yahweh show to Jacob and Abraham?

Yahweh will show trustworthiness to Jacob and covenant faithfulness to Abraham, as he promised their ancestors long ago.

Nahum

Nahum 1

Nahum 1:2

ULT	UST
Yahweh is a jealous and avenging God; Yahweh is an avenger and master of wrath; Yahweh takes vengeance on his adversaries, and he maintains against his enemies.	*Yahweh our God tolerates no rival gods to himself. Yahweh is very angry with those who worship other gods, and he punishes them. He continues to be angry with those who oppose him.*

Of what is Yahweh full?

Yahweh is full of wrath.

On whom does Yahweh take vengeance?

Yahweh takes vengeance on his adversaries.

Nahum 1:3

ULT	UST
Yahweh is long of nostrils and great in power; and to acquit he will not acquit. Yahweh—in whirlwind and storm is his way, and cloud is the dust of his feet.	*Yahweh does not quickly become angry; but he is very powerful, and he will certainly punish those who have done evil things. Wherever Yahweh walks, there are whirlwinds and storms, and the clouds are like dust around his feet.*

Where does Yahweh make his way?

Yahweh makes his way in the whirlwind and the storm.

Nahum 1:4

ULT	UST
He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, and all the rivers he dries up. Bashan withers, also Carmel; and the flowers of Lebanon wither.	*When he commands oceans and rivers to become dry, they dry up. He causes the grass to wither in the fields in the region of Bashan and on the slopes of Mount Carmel, and he causes the flowers in Lebanon to fade.*

What is happening to the flowers of Lebanon?

The flowers of Lebanon wither.

Nahum 1:5

ULT	UST
Mountains shake before him, and the hills melt; and the earth heaves before his face; and the world and all the dwellers in it.	*When he appears, it is as though the mountains quake and the hills melt; the earth quakes before him, and all the people on the earth tremble.*

What happens to the earth in Yahweh's presence?

The earth heaves in Yahweh's presence.

Nahum 1:7

ULT	UST
Yahweh is good, for a stronghold in a day of trouble, and knowing those taking refuge in him.	*Yahweh is good; he protects us, his people, when we experience troubles. He takes care of those who trust in him.*

To what can we compare Yahweh in the day of trouble?

Yahweh is a stronghold in the day of trouble.

Nahum 1:8

ULT	UST
But he will make a complete end to its place with an overwhelming flood; darkness will pursue his enemies.	*But he will completely destroy Nineveh with an overwhelming flood. Wherever his enemies go, terrible things will happen to them.*

Into what will Yahweh pursue his enemies?

Yahweh will pursue his enemies with darkness, meaning "terrible things."

Nahum 1:13

ULT	UST
And now I will break his yoke from upon you, and your shackles I will tear off."	*Now I will cause the people of Assyria to no longer enslave you; it will be as though I will break off the chains on your hands and feet."*

What will Yahweh do to the people's yoke?

He will break the people's yoke from upon them.

Nahum 1:14

ULT	UST
And Yahweh has commanded concerning you: "One will not be sown from your name any more. I will cut off the carved figures and the cast metal figures from the house of your gods. I will prepare your graves, for you are worthless."	*And this is what Yahweh also declares about the people of Nineveh: "The people of Nineveh will not have any descendants who will continue to have their family names. And I will destroy all the wooden and metal idols that are in their temples. I will cause them to be killed and sent to their graves, because they are vile!"*

Why will Yahweh dig graves for the people of Nineveh?

He will dig their graves because they are worthless.

Nahum 1:15

ULT	UST
Behold, on the mountains, the feet of a herald, announcing peace! Celebrate your celebrations, O Judah, and keep your vows, for the wicked will not repeat to invade you again; he is completely cut off.	*You people of Judah, look to the mountains! A messenger will come from there, and he will bring good news to you. He will declare that you will now have peace. So keep your festivals, and do what you solemnly promised Yahweh that you would do. You can do this because your wicked enemies will not invade your country again, because I will destroy them completely.*

Where are the feet of him who brings good news?

On the mountains are the feet of the herald who brings good news.

Why should Judah celebrate the festivals and keep vows?

Judah should celebrate its festivals and keep vows because the wicked one will invade them no more.

Nahum 2

Nahum 2:2

ULT	UST
For Yahweh has restored the majesty of Jacob, indeed, the majesty of Israel, although the plunderers plundered them and destroyed their vine branches.	*Even though soldiers have pillaged the people of Jacob and destroyed their vineyards, Yahweh will cause other nations to honor them again. Yes, Jacob and Israel will be majestic again.*

What has Yahweh restored?

Yahweh has restored the majesty of Jacob.

Nahum 2:3

ULT	UST
The shields of his mighty men are red; the men of valor are clothed in scarlet; the chariot flashes with fire of metal on the day of preparing it, and the cypresses quiver.	*The shields of Yahweh's soldiers are red, and they will wear bright red uniforms. The metal of their chariot wheels will flash like fire when they prepare them for battle. The spears will look like a forest of quivering cypress trees as the soldiers raise them.*

What color are the shields of his mighty men?

The shields of his mighty men are red.

Nahum 2:4

ULT	UST
The chariots race madly through the streets; they rush back and forth in the squares. Their appearance is like torches; they run like lightning.	*Their chariots dash through the streets of Nineveh and rush furiously through the plazas. Appearing to move as quickly as lightning, they look like flaming torches.*

What speeds through the streets?

The chariots speed through the streets.

Nahum 2:7

ULT	UST
It is established: she is taken into exile; she is led away, and her female servants moan like the sound of doves, beating on their hearts.	*Yahweh decrees that soldiers will take the inhabitants of Nineveh away as captives. The women of Nineveh moan like doves and beat their breasts to show that they are very sad.*

What has been decreed?

It has been decreed: the queen is taken away into exile; her female servants moan like doves, beating their breasts.

Nahum 2:8

ULT	UST
Though Nineveh was like a pool of water throughout her days, now they are fleeing away. "Stop, stop!" But there is no turning back.	*The people of Nineveh used to be as calm as a pool of water, but now they are running away. The officials shout, "Stop! Stop!" But the people will not even look back as they run away.*

What will the people of Nineveh do?

They will flee away without turning back.

Nahum 2:11

ULT	UST
Where now is the lions' den and that feeding place for the young lions, where the lion walked, the lioness there, the cubs of the lion, and nothing made them afraid?	*After that happens, people will say, "Nineveh used to be full of great and powerful people! It was like a den full of lions, where the male and female lions lived with their cubs, where they fed the young ones, where the inhabitants were afraid of nothing.*

Of what were the lions afraid?

They were afraid of nothing.

Nahum 2:12

ULT	UST
The lion, tearing enough for his cubs and strangling for his lionesses, he filled his caves with prey, his dens with torn carcasses.	*The officials in Nineveh were like lions that killed animals for their cubs, strangled others for their lionesses, and kept killing more to fill their dens with prey."*

With what did the lion fill his cave and his dens?

The lion filled his cave with victims and his dens with carcasses.

Nahum 2:13

ULT	UST
"Behold me, against you—the declaration of Yahweh of armies— I will burn her chariot in the smoke, and the sword will devour your young lions. I will cut off your prey from your land, and the voices of your messengers will be heard no more."	*Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, says to the people of Nineveh, "I am your enemy; I will burn up your chariots. I will cause soldiers to kill your young men. I will make sure that your soldiers will never again conquer other nations and seize their valuable possessions. Your messengers will never again disturb the people of other nations."*

What will Yahweh do to Nineveh?

Yahweh will burn their chariots in the smoke, devour their young lions, and cut off their prey from the land.

Nahum 3

Nahum 3:1

ULT	UST
Woe to the city of bloodshed! All of it is lies, full of plunder; the prey never departs.	*Terrible things will happen to Nineveh, that city that is full of people who continually murder people and lie to others and steal valuable things from people in other countries. Their armies constantly bring to the city the people and things that they have stolen.*

Of what is the city full?

The city is full of blood, lies and stolen property.

Nahum 3:3

ULT	UST
A charging horseman and a flash of a sword and a gleam of a spear and many slain and heaps of corpses. There is no end to the dead bodies; they stumble over their dead bodies.	*Look at their flashing swords and glittering spears as the horsemen race forward! The enemy soldiers will kill many people of Nineveh. There will be piles of corpses, so many dead bodies that people will stumble over them.*

How many people will be killed by the attacking horsemen?

There will be heaps of corpses, a great pile of bodies, and no end of the bodies.

Nahum 3:4

ULT	UST
From the many harlotries of the prostitute, pleasing in beauty, the mistress of witchcraft, the seller of nations through her prostitution, and peoples through her witchcraft.	*All of that will happen because Nineveh is like a beautiful prostitute who attracts many men and destroys them, and who practices witchcraft. The people of Nineveh teach people of other nations to worship Nineveh's idols. They control other people through witchcraft and cause them to become their slaves.*

Why are these things happening?

This is happening because of the harlotries of the beautiful prostitute.

Nahum 3:5-6

What will Yahweh of hosts do against the prostitute because he is against her?

Yahweh will raise up her skirt over her face and show her private parts to the nations and her shame to the kingdoms. He will throw disgusting filth on her and make her vile. He will make her someone that everyone will look at.

Nahum 3:8

ULT	UST
Are you better than Thebes, situated on the Nile River, water all around her, whose defense was the sea, water her wall?	*Nineveh is not stronger than the city of Thebes was. Thebes was an important city beside the Nile River; deep water protected Thebes on all sides.*

Whose wall was the sea?

Thebes' wall was the sea.

Nahum 3:10

ULT	UST
Yet she as an exile went into captivity; also her young children were dashed in pieces at the head of every street; and for her honored ones they cast lots, and all her great ones were bound in chains.	*Nevertheless, enemies conquered Thebes and took its people as captives. The enemies smashed the babies of Thebes to death in the streets. The enemies used marked stones to choose which officials they would take as slaves. The enemies led all of the leaders of Thebes away in chains.*

Who threw lots for Thebes' honorable men?

Thebes' enemies threw lots for her honorable men.

Nahum 3:12

ULT	UST
All of your fortresses are fig trees with first fruits: if they are shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater.	*When people want to eat the first figs, all they have to do is shake the fig tree and the figs fall into their mouths. Your enemies will capture your fortresses that quickly and easily.*

If Nineveh's fortresses are shaken, what happens?

If Nineveh's fortresses are shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater.

Nahum 3:17

ULT	UST
Your guards are like the locust, and your generals, like a swarm of locusts, the ones settling on the walls on a cold day. The sun shines and it flies away and its place is not known where they are.	*Your leaders are also like a swarm of locusts that crowd together on the stone walls on a cold day. When the sun shines, they fly away, and no one knows where they have gone.*

How many guards and generals are there?

The guards and generals are as many as a swarm of locusts.

Nahum 3:19

ULT	UST
There is no relief for your destruction. Your wound is severe. Everyone hearing the news of you will clap their hands over you. For upon whom has not come your endless evil?	*Nothing can help you now. You are like someone who has a fatal wound. All of those who hear about what has happened to you will joyfully clap their hands about it. They will do this because all of them have suffered from your continual evil actions.*

What will everyone who hears the news about you do?

Everyone who hears the news about you will clap their hands in joy over you.

Habakkuk

Habakkuk 1

Habakkuk 1:2

ULT	UST
“Until when, Yahweh, will I cry aloud, but you will not listen? I cry out to you ‘Violence!’ but you do not save.	*I said, “Yahweh, how long must I keep praying to you for help before you respond? I ask you to rescue us from people who are acting violently everywhere, but you do not rescue us!*

What does Habakkuk ask Yahweh at the beginning of his complaint?

Habakkuk asks Yahweh how long he must cry for help without being heard or saved.

Habakkuk 1:3

ULT	UST
Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you behold trouble? And destruction and violence are to the front of me, and there is strife, and contention arises.	*Why do you make me keep seeing people doing evil? Why do you not punish people who are doing what is wrong? I see people destroying things and acting violently, and there is fighting and quarreling everywhere.*

What is Habakkuk being made to see?

Habakkuk is being made to see iniquity and trouble, and destruction and violence are before him, along with strife and contention.

Habakkuk 1:4

ULT	UST
Therefore the law weakens, and justice does not go forth to perpetuity. For the wicked surrounds the righteous, therefore justice goes forth perverted."	*No one obeys your instruction, and judges never decide cases fairly. Wicked people always defeat righteous people in the courts, so that no one ever gets justice."*

What kind of justice is going forth?

Perverted justice goes forth.

Habakkuk 1:6

ULT	UST
For behold me, raising up the Chaldeans, the bitter and hastening nation, the one going through the breadths of the earth to seize dwellings not to him.	*I am making the Chaldeans powerful; they are fierce and swift soldiers. They will march across the entire earth and conquer countries that do not belong to them.*

What does Yahweh say he is doing among the nations?

Yahweh says he is raising up the Chaldeans, a bitter and swift nation, to march through the earth and seize territory that is not theirs.

Habakkuk 1:7

ULT	UST
He is dreadful and terrifying; from him goes forth his justice and his dignity.	*They are terrifying people who do whatever they want and pay no attention to the laws of other countries.*

What kind of people are the Chaldeans?

The Chaldeans are dreadful and terrifying people.

Habakkuk 1:9

ULT	UST
All of them will come for violence. The direction of their faces is eastward, and he gathers captives like the sand.	*They all advance with the purpose of acting violently. They advance like a desert wind, gathering prisoners as numerous as grains of sand.*

What do the Chaldeans gather as they come with violence?

The Chaldeans gather captives like the sand.

Habakkuk 1:10

ULT	UST
And he, he mocks at kings, and rulers are laughter to him. He, he laughs at every fortress, for he piles up dirt and captures it.	*They mock the kings and rulers of other countries and laugh at all the cities with high walls. They pile up dirt against those walls and climb up to capture those cities.*

What is the Chaldeans' attitude toward other kings and rulers?

The Chaldeans mock at other kings and rulers.

Habakkuk 1:12

ULT	UST
“Are you not from ancient times, Yahweh my God, my Holy One? We will not die. Yahweh, you have appointed him for judgment, and Rock, you have established him for correcting.	*Then I said, “Yahweh, you have always been God from ancient times. You are my Holy One; we will not die. You have appointed the Chaldeans to judge us and punish us. You are our Rock, and you have sent them to correct us.*

What has Yahweh appointed the Chaldeans to do?

Yahweh has appointed the Chaldeans for judgment and established them for correcting his people.

What titles does Habakkuk use for Yahweh?

Habakkuk uses the titles “my God,” “Holy One,” and “Rock” for Yahweh.

Habakkuk 1:13

ULT	UST
Your eyes are pure from seeing evil, and you are not able to look at trouble. Why do you look at treacherous ones, keep silent when the wicked devours one more righteous than him?	*You are pure, and you cannot endure seeing evil, so why are you tolerating treacherous people? Why do you say nothing when wicked people destroy people who are more righteous than they are?*

What does Habakkuk ask Yahweh about the wicked?

Habakkuk asks Yahweh why he looks at treacherous people and remains silent when the wicked devour those more righteous than themselves.

Habakkuk 1:15

ULT	UST
All of them, he brings up with a hook. He drags him with his net, and he gathers him with his dragnet. Therefore he rejoices and exults.	*The soldiers of Chaldea treat us like fish; they pull us out with hooks or catch us in their nets, and they rejoice and celebrate.*

Why do the Chaldeans rejoice and exult?

They rejoice because they gather up people like fish, pulling them in with nets and dragnets.

What does Habakkuk compare to the Chaldeans’ gathering of people?

Habakkuk compares the gathering of people to a fisherman catching fish with a hook, a net, and a dragnet.

Habakkuk 1:17

ULT	UST
Therefore will he empty his net, and will he not spare to slay the nations continually?”	*Will you allow them to keep conquering people? Will you allow them to keep destroying people of other nations without showing any mercy?”*

What does Habakkuk ask about whether the Chaldeans will show to the nations?

Habakkuk asks whether the Chaldeans will spare the nations or keep destroying them without mercy.

Habakkuk 2

Habakkuk 2:1

ULT	UST
I shall stand at my watchpost and shall station myself on the watchtower, and I will watch to see what he will say to me and what I will respond concerning my complaint.	*After I said that, I said to myself, "I will climb up into my guard post, and stand there in my watchtower. I will wait there to find out what Yahweh will say, to know how I should answer."*

For what was Habakkuk watching carefully?

Habakkuk was watching carefully to see what Yahweh would say to him and what he would respond concerning his complaint.

Habakkuk 2:2

ULT	UST
Then Yahweh answered me and said, "Write the vision, and make it plain on the tablets, so that the one reading it may run.	*Then Yahweh replied to me, "Write plainly on tablets what I am revealing to you in this vision, and then read it to a messenger so he can run with it to tell it to other people.*

What did Yahweh tell Habakkuk to do with the vision?

Yahweh told Habakkuk to write the vision and make it plain on the tablets.

Habakkuk 2:3

ULT	UST
For the vision is still for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it. For coming, it will come; it will not delay.	*In this vision I will talk about things that will happen when I decide. They will certainly happen in the future, I do not lie. You want those things to happen immediately, but they are not happening. But wait patiently for them to happen! When they occur, they will occur quickly, and not slowly.*

What assurance did Yahweh give Habakkuk about the vision?

Yahweh assured Habakkuk that the vision was for the appointed time, that it would not lie, and that even if it seemed to delay, it would certainly come and would not be late.

Habakkuk 2:4

ULT	UST
Behold! His soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous will live by his faithfulness.	*Think about the people in that proud nation! They are certainly not doing what is righteous. But people who are righteous will live because they faithfully do what I want them to do.*

How did Yahweh say the righteous will live?

Yahweh said the righteous will live by his faithfulness.

Habakkuk 2:5

ULT	UST
And moreover wine deceives the arrogant warrior; and he will not rest, who enlarges his appetite like Sheol, and he is like death and is never satisfied. And he gathers to himself all of the nations and collects for himself all of the peoples.	*Drunk armies are foolish, they cannot stop pillaging. No matter how much they kill and steal, they want more. They will conquer every people group they encounter.*

According to this taunt, what two things are never satisfied?

The taunt says that Sheol and death are never satisfied, just as the arrogant conqueror is never satisfied and keeps gathering more nations and peoples to himself.

Habakkuk 2:8

ULT	UST
Because you have plundered many nations, all of the remainder of the peoples will plunder you, from the bloodshed of man and the violence of the land, the city, and all the dwellers in it.	*You stole things from the people of many nations. You murdered people of many people groups, and you destroyed their land and their cities. So those who are still alive will steal valuable things from you.*

According to the taunt, what will happen to the one who plundered many nations?

The taunt says that the remainder of the peoples will plunder him in return, because of the bloodshed and violence he brought upon lands, cities, and their people.

Habakkuk 2:9-10

What does the woe in verse 9 say about the one who gains evil gain for his house?

The woe says that he sets his nest on high thinking he will be delivered from evil, but he has only counseled shame for his house.

Habakkuk 2:11

ULT	UST
For a stone will cry out from the wall, and a beam from the wood will answer it,	*The very stones in the walls of your houses and the wooden beams in your ceilings show that you did evil things to get them*

According to the taunt, what will cry out and answer because of the wrongdoing?

The taunt says that a stone will cry out from the wall, and a beam from the wood will answer it.

Habakkuk 2:12-13

What does the woe in verse 12 say about the one who builds a city with bloodshed?

The woe says that the one who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town with injustice will see the peoples' labor go up in fire and the nations weary themselves for nothing.

Habakkuk 2:14

ULT	UST
For the earth will be filled with knowing the glory of Yahweh, as the waters cover over the sea.	*But in contrast, just as water fills the oceans, Yahweh will fill the earth with people who know how glorious he is.*

What does Yahweh promise will happen in the future?

Yahweh promises that the earth will be filled with knowing the glory of Yahweh, just as waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:15

ULT	UST
‘Woe to the one causing his neighbor to drink, pouring out your wineskin, and even making him drunk, in order to look upon their nakedness.	*Terrible things will happen to you people of Babylonia, who cause people who live in nearby countries to become drunk. You force them to drink a lot of drugged wine until they are drunk and then they walk around naked because you are happy when you see that.*

What does the woe in verse 15 say about the one who causes his neighbor to drink?

The woe says that he pours out his wineskin and makes his neighbor drunk in order to look upon their nakedness.

Habakkuk 2:16

ULT	UST
You have become full of shame instead of glory. Drink, you also, and be uncircumcised! The cup of the right hand of Yahweh will come around to you, and disgrace upon your glory.	*But you are the ones whom Yahweh will soon disgrace instead of honor. Yahweh will make you drink so much wine that you will also stagger around drunk and naked. Yahweh will powerfully judge and curse you, and everyone will see that you are weak and not strong.*

What will come to the one who caused his neighbor to drink and exposed their nakedness?

The cup of the right hand of Yahweh will come around to him, and he will receive disgrace instead of glory.

Habakkuk 2:18

ULT	UST
What does a carved image profit when its fashioner has carved it, a molten idol and a teacher of lies? For the one forming its form has trusted in it, to make mute idols.	*An idol that someone carves or casts from metal does not help anyone at all; it only deceives the people who trust it. The person who makes an idol trusts something that he himself created, something that cannot even speak!*

In what is the maker of a carved image placing his trust?

He is placing his trust in his own handiwork, making mute idols that cannot speak.

Habakkuk 2:20

ULT	UST
But Yahweh is in the temple of his holiness! Hush, all the earth from his face!”	*But Yahweh is in his holy temple; everyone on the earth should be silent in his presence!”*

What must all the earth do because Yahweh is in his holy temple?

All the earth must be silent before Yahweh.

Habakkuk 3

Habakkuk 3:2

ULT	UST
Yahweh, I have heard your report; I feared, Yahweh, your work. In the midst of the years, revive it; in the midst of the years, make it known. In wrath, remember compassion.	*Yahweh, I have heard reports about what you have done, and I am in awe of all you have done. Do again in our time what you did long ago! Even when you are angry with us, act mercifully toward us!*

Having heard Yahweh's report, what is Habakkuk's emotional response?

Having heard Yahweh's report, Habakkuk is afraid.

What does Habakkuk ask Yahweh to remember?

Habakkuk asks Yahweh to remember compassion in his wrath.

Habakkuk 3:5

ULT	UST
Before his face plague went, and fiery bolts went out at his feet.	*Sickness went ahead of him like a soldier, and burning disease followed behind him.*

When God came, what went before and after him?

When God came, plague went before him and fiery bolts went out at his feet.

Habakkuk 3:6

ULT	UST
He stood, and he measured the earth. He looked, and he made the nations spring apart. The eternal mountains were shattered; the everlasting hills sank down. His goings are everlasting.	*He stopped and surveyed the earth. He looked at the nations and made them tremble. The mountains that have existed from the beginning of time collapsed; the ancient hills crumbled. He has always existed and always will.*

What did Yahweh do to the nations when he looked at them?

Yahweh made the nations spring apart when he looked at them.

Habakkuk 3:13

ULT	UST
You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed one. You struck the head from the house of the wicked, laying bare the foundation to the neck. Selah	*You went out to rescue your people, to save the king you had chosen. You crushed the ruler of the wicked people, destroying his power from his crown to his very foundation.*

Why did Yahweh go out?

Yahweh went out for the salvation of his people and his anointed one.

What does Yahweh do to the head of the house of the wicked?

Yahweh strikes the head from the house of the wicked.

Habakkuk 3:14

ULT	UST
You pierced with his own staffs the head of his warriors. They stormed to scatter me; their exultation was as if to devour the afflicted in secret.	*With the enemy's own spear you killed their leader, who had come rushing like a whirlwind to scatter us and gloated like they were about to devour helpless people in hiding.*

What did the wicked warriors do as they came to scatter Yahweh's people?

As they came to scatter Yahweh's people, the wicked warriors exulted as if to devour the afflicted in secret.

Habakkuk 3:16

ULT	UST
I heard, and my belly trembled; at the sound, my lips quivered. Decay entered into my bones, and in my place I trembled. Yet I may rest for the day of distress, to come up against the people who attack us.	*When I heard this, my stomach churned inside me; at the sound of it, my lips trembled. My bones felt like they were rotting, and my legs gave way beneath me. However, I will wait quietly for the time when disaster comes to the people who are attacking us.*

For what is Habakkuk waiting quietly?

Habakkuk is waiting quietly for the day of distress to come upon the people who attack them.

Habakkuk 3:17

ULT	UST
Though the fig tree does not blossom, and there is no produce on the vines, the work of the olive has been deceptive, and the fields have not produced food, the flock has been cut off from the fold, and there are no cattle in the stalls—	*The fig trees may not blossom, and there may be no grapes on the vines. The olive trees may produce nothing, and the fields may yield no crops. The flocks of sheep and goats may disappear from the pastures, and there may be no cattle in the stalls.*

What hardships does Habakkuk describe?

Habakkuk describes fig trees not blossoming, no produce on the vines, the olive failing, fields producing no food, the flock cut off, and no cattle in the stalls.

Habakkuk 3:18

ULT	UST
yet I, I will exult in Yahweh; I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.	*Even so, I will rejoice because I know Yahweh. I will be joyful because Yahweh is the God who saves me.*

Despite the hardships, what will Habakkuk do?

Despite the hardships, Habakkuk will exult in Yahweh and rejoice in the God of his salvation.

Habakkuk 3:19

ULT	UST
Yahweh the Lord is my strength, and he made my feet like deer, and on my high places he makes me tread. To the chief musician, on my stringed instruments.	*Yahweh the Lord makes me strong. He makes me as sure-footed as a deer and enables me to go safely to the high places. (This is for the choir director to use when the people sing this prayer with stringed instruments.)*

What does Yahweh the Lord do for Habakkuk?

Yahweh the Lord is Habakkuk's strength, makes his feet like a deer's, and makes him tread on his high places.

Zephaniah

Zephaniah 1

Zephaniah 1:3

ULT	UST
“I will take away man and beast; I will take away the birds of the skies and the fish of the sea and the stumbling blocks with the wicked, and I will cut off man from upon the face of the ground” —the declaration of Yahweh.	*Yahweh says, “I am going to destroy the people and animals that live on the earth. I am going to destroy the birds that fly in the sky and the fish that swim in the sea. I am going to destroy the idols that represent false gods, and I am going to destroy the people who worship those idols. I will do this so that there will not be wicked people on the earth.*

What did Yahweh say he would do to man, beast, the birds of the skies, and the fish of the sea?

God said He would destroy them and cut them off.

Zephaniah 1:4

ULT	UST
“And I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all of the ones living in Jerusalem, and I will cut off from this place the remnant of Baal, the name of the idol-priests with the priests,	*I am going to punish the people who live in the city of Jerusalem and in other places in the kingdom of Judah. I am going to destroy everything in Jerusalem that is related to the worship of the false god Baal. No one will even remember that there used to be priests of Baal in Jerusalem. And no one will remember the priests descended from Aaron who helped people worship Baal.*

Yahweh said he would cut off every remnant of a certain false god. What false god did he name?

He would cut off every remnant of Baal.

Zephaniah 1:5

ULT	UST
and the ones bowing down on the housetops to the army of the skies, and the ones bowing down, swearing to Yahweh but swearing by their king,	*I am going to punish the people who have been going up onto the flat roofs of their houses in order to worship the sun, moon, and stars. I am also going to punish the people who claim to worship me but who swear oaths in the name of the false god Milcom.*

People were going up onto their housetops and bowing down to something. What was it?

The ones on the housetops worship the heavenly bodies.

Zephaniah 1:7

ULT	UST
Hush from the face of Lord Yahweh, for the day of Yahweh is near. For Yahweh has prepared a sacrifice, he has sanctified his invited ones.	*Yahweh is the God whom you should worship. Soon he will judge and punish people, so show your respect for him by keeping quiet. Be respectful, because Yahweh is getting ready to destroy the people of Judah. He has decided to allow the enemies of Judah to come and destroy them.*

What did Zephaniah tell the people to do in the presence (face) of Yahweh?

They were to be silent in the presence of Yahweh.

Zephaniah 1:9

ULT	UST
and on that day I will visit upon all the ones leaping over the threshold, the ones filling the house of their lords with violence and fraud.	*At that time, I will punish all the officials who force their way into people's homes and take away what they own in order to make themselves rich."*

What were the people doing whom Yahweh said he would "visit" (punish)?

Yahweh will punish the princes and the king's sons, everyone dressed in foreign clothes, those who leap over the door sill, and those who fill their master's house with violence and deceit.

Zephaniah 1:10

ULT	UST
And it will happen on that day" —the declaration of Yahweh— "the sound of a cry from the Fish Gate and a wailing from the Second District and a great ruin from the hills.	*Yahweh also says, "At the time when I destroy the kingdom of Judah, people will cry out in distress at the Fish Gate of Jerusalem. People will wail with sorrow in the Second Quarter of the city. People will hear a loud crash of buildings collapsing in the towns on the hills that surround the city.*

What sounds did Yahweh say would come up from the Fish Gate and the Second Quarter?

A cry of distress, and wailing will come in that day.

Zephaniah 1:11

ULT	UST
Wail, inhabitants of the Maktesh, for all of the people of Canaan will be destroyed, all of the ones weighing silver will be cut off.	*Your enemies are going to slaughter all those who buy and sell goods for money, so all you people who live in the market area of Jerusalem should wail.*

What did Yahweh say would happen to the "people of Canaan" (merchants)?

They will be ruined, and all those who are weighed down with silver will be cut off.

Zephaniah 1:12

ULT	UST
And it will happen at that time, I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will visit upon the men thickening on their sediment, the ones saying in their heart, 'Yahweh will not do good, and he will not do bad,'	*At that time, it will be as if I light lanterns and search even in the darkest places in Jerusalem to find wicked people and punish them. I am going to punish the people who do not even care that they are doing wicked things. They wrongly think that I, Yahweh, do not make people experience the consequences of their actions.*

What were some of the people saying about Yahweh?

They said, "Yahweh will not do anything, either good or evil!"

Zephaniah 1:14

ULT	UST
The great day of Yahweh is near, near and hastening quickly! The sound of the day of Yahweh is bitter; the warrior cries out then!	*It will soon be the terrible time when I, Yahweh, destroy the people who have sinned against me. Yes, I am going to do that very soon. The people of Judah will cry out in sorrow at that time. Then even the strong soldiers who are trying to defend them will wail in despair.*

Who will cry out on the great day of Yahweh?

The great day of Yahweh will be a day of fury, anguish, and darkness.

Zephaniah 1:17

ULT	UST
For I will bring distress to man, and they will walk like the blind, for they have sinned against Yahweh. And their blood will be poured out like dust, and their innards like dung.	*Because you have sinned against me, Yahweh, I am going to cause you people of Judah to suffer greatly. As I told the Israelites would happen if they sinned against me, 'You will wander around, not knowing where to go, as if you were blind.' Your enemies will stab you with their weapons so that your blood and your insides pour out in great quantities.*

What will happen to the blood and innards of people who have sinned against Yahweh?

Those who have sinned against God.

Zephaniah 1:18

ULT	UST
Even their silver, even their gold, will not be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of Yahweh." For in the fire of his jealousy the whole earth will be consumed. For he will make all of the inhabitants of the earth a consummation, indeed, a hastened one.	*At the time when I, Yahweh, show how angry I am with you, you will not be able to save yourselves by giving silver or gold to your enemies." Because Yahweh is very angry that people have worshiped false gods, he is going to destroy wicked people all over the world. Indeed, he is soon going to destroy wicked people no matter where they live in the world.*

What will not be able to deliver people from the wrath of Yahweh?

Their silver and their gold will not be able to save them.

Zephaniah 2

Zephaniah 2:3

ULT	UST
Seek Yahweh, all the humble of the earth who do his justice. Seek righteousness. Seek humility. Perhaps you will be hidden on the day of the nose of Yahweh.	*All of you people in Judah who are willing to humble yourselves, worship Yahweh and obey what he has commanded. Try to do what is right and make sure that you stay humble. If you do that, perhaps Yahweh will protect you when he punishes other people for their sins.*

Zephaniah says that people may be spared (hidden from) Yahweh's anger if they do something. What should they do?

The people must seek righteousness and humility to avoid Yahweh's wrath.

Zephaniah 2:4

ULT	UST
For Gaza will become abandoned, and Ashkelon a ruin. Ashdod, they will expel her at noon, and Ekron will be uprooted.	*When Yahweh punishes the Philistines, the cities of Gaza and Ashkelon will lose all of their inhabitants. An army will attack the city of Ashdod in broad daylight and drive away all of its people. An army will also drive away the people of the city of Ekron.*

What will happen to the cities of Gaza, Ashkelon, Ashdod, and Ekron?

All peoples who will not heed the warning of Yahweh will be uprooted and destroyed.

Zephaniah 2:9

ULT	UST
Therefore, as I am alive"— the declaration of Yahweh of Armies, the God of Israel— "that Moab will become like Sodom, and the sons of Ammon like Gomorrah, a possession of the nettle and the pit of salt and a ruin forever. The remnant of my people will plunder them, and the remainder of my nation will occupy them."	

What two cities will Moab and the sons of Ammon become like?

Moab will become like Sodom, and the people of Ammon like Gomorrah.

Zephaniah 2:14

ULT	UST
And herds will lie down in its midst, every animal of the nation. Both the desert owl and the screech owl will lodge on its columns. A call will hoot in the window; devastation will be in the threshold, for the cedar-work will be bare.	*Groups of many different kinds of wild animals will live where Nineveh used to be. Various kinds of owls will make their nests on top of the columns of its destroyed buildings. Those owls will sometimes perch on the sills of empty windows and hoot. Rubble will block the doorways. Rain and sunlight will ruin the valuable cedar wood that the Assyrians used to build their buildings.*

What kind of birds will nest in the top of Assyria's columns?

Owls will nest in the tops of Assyria's pillars.

Zephaniah 2:15

ULT	UST
This is the exultant city, the one dwelling in security, the one saying in its heart, "I am, and besides me there is not another." How it has become a ruin, a lair for the beast! Every one passing by will hiss at it; he will shake his fist.	*The people of Nineveh used to be proud. They thought that no other country could conquer them. They said to each other, "Our city is the greatest city! No other city is as great as ours!" But an enemy army will completely destroy Nineveh. It will become a place where wild animals make their dens. People who go by that area will often make hissing sounds and shake their fists to show how much they hated that city.*

What will people do who pass by "the exultant city" (Nineveh)?

The exultant city will become a horror, a place for beasts to lie down in.

Zephaniah 3

Zephaniah 3:3

ULT	UST
Her princes are roaring lions in her midst. Her judges are wolves of the evening; they do not gnaw in the morning.	*The leaders of the city treat its people violently, like lions that roar as they attack their prey. Their judges are greedy. They are like wolves that have not eaten all day and so devour an entire animal that they kill.*

To what animals does Zephaniah compare these princes and judges?

The princes of the violent city are like roaring lions.

Zephaniah 3:5

ULT	UST
Yahweh is righteous in her midst. He does not commit unrighteousness. In the morning, in the morning he gives his justice; at light he is not left out. Yet the unrighteous does not know shame.	*But Yahweh is still in the city, and he always does what is right. He treats people justly, day after day, without fail. Still, wicked people are not ashamed when they do what is wrong.*

When does Yahweh give his justice?

Yahweh will dispense justice from morning to morning.

Zephaniah 3:7

ULT	UST
I said, 'Surely you will fear me; you will take correction. Then her dwelling will not be cut off by all that I have visited upon her.' Nevertheless, they rose early, they corrupted all of their deeds.	*I said to myself, 'The people of Jerusalem will certainly honor me and allow me to correct them. If they do that, I will not destroy their city. I will not do all the things that I said I would do to them.' But even though the people of Jerusalem knew that I had punished other nations, they eagerly did even more wrong things."*

What did Yahweh want the people to do?

Yahweh hoped the people would fear him and accept correction.

Zephaniah 3:8

ULT	UST
Therefore, wait for me”—the declaration of Yahweh— “for the day of my arising to the prey. For my judgment is to gather nations, for me to assemble kingdoms, to pour out my indignation on them, all of the burning of my nose. For in the fire of my jealousy all of the earth will be consumed.	*So this is what Yahweh declares: “You can confidently expect that an enemy army is going to conquer you and take away your possessions. I have decided to judge all of the people groups on the earth at the same time. I am going to punish them severely because I am very angry with them for being so wicked. Because I am very angry that people have worshiped false gods, I am going to destroy wicked people all over the world.*

What did Yahweh say his judgment (decision) was?

Yahweh has decided to assemble the nations and pour out his anger and wrath on them.

Zephaniah 3:9

ULT	UST
Then I will surely give to the peoples a pure lip, for all of them to call upon the name of Yahweh, to serve him with one shoulder.	*But after that, I will make the people groups do what is right and say what is right. That way all of them will worship me, Yahweh. I will be the only God whom any of them worship.*

What will the peoples do once Yahweh has given them a “pure lip”?

Yahweh will call the people to serve him standing shoulder to shoulder.

Zephaniah 3:13

ULT	UST
The remnant of Israel will not commit unrighteousness and they will not speak a lie, and a tongue of deceit will not be found in their mouth. But they will graze and lie down, and there will be none frightening them.”	*Then the people of Israel who survive will not do wicked things. They will not tell lies or say things to deceive others. They will not be afraid that an enemy army will conquer them, so they will be able to eat and sleep peacefully.”*

What things will the remnant of Israel no longer do?

The remnant of Israel will no longer commit injustice and speak lies.

Zephaniah 3:14-15

Why should the “daughter of Jerusalem” (the people who live in Jerusalem) rejoice and exult?

Israel should sing and cheer because Yahweh has taken away their punishment.

Zephaniah 3:19

ULT	UST
Behold, I will be dealing with all of your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the cast-out one. And I will turn them into praise, and their shame into a name in all of the earth.	*You can be certain that I will severely punish all those who oppressed you. When I do that, I will rescue those who had to make a long journey to go and live in other countries. They felt shame when they had to do that. But now I will make the people of those countries praise and honor them.*

Yahweh says that he will turn the shame of the Israelites into something else. Into what?

Yahweh will rescue the lame and gather together the outcast.

Zephaniah 3:20

ULT	UST
At that time I will bring you in, yes, at the time of my gathering you. Then I will give you for a name and for praise among all of the peoples of the earth, in my restoring your fortunes before your eyes.” Yahweh has spoken.	*When I act to help you, I will gather you together and bring you back home to Israel. Then I will cause all the people groups in the world to praise and honor you greatly. You will be able to see that I am making you rich again.” This is what Yahweh has promised!*

What will Yahweh restore to the Israelites?

All the nations will respect and praise Israel when they see that Yahweh has restored them.

Haggai

Haggai 1

Haggai 1:1

ULT	UST
In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of Yahweh was by the hand of Haggai the prophet to the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and to the high priest, Joshua son of Jehozadak, saying,	*The prophet Haggai received a message from Yahweh in the second year after Darius had become king of Persia. Haggai received this message on the first day of the sixth month of that year. He told it to the governor of Judah, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel. Haggai also told the message to the high priest, Joshua the son of Jehozadak. He said,*

When was the word of Yahweh by the hand of Haggai the prophet?

The word was in the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month.

To whom was the word of Yahweh?

The word was to Zerubbabel the governor and Joshua the high priest.

Haggai 1:2

ULT	UST
“Thus says Yahweh of Armies, saying: ‘This people, they say, “The time has not come to rebuild the house of Yahweh.”’”	*“Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, says this: ‘The people of Judah are saying that it is not yet the right time for them to rebuild my temple.’”*

What did Yahweh claim that the people said?

He claimed that they said the time had not come to rebuild Yahweh’s house.

Haggai 1:4

ULT	UST
“Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your paneled houses, while this house is desolate?	*“It is not right for you to live in comfortable houses while you have still not repaired Yahweh’s temple!*

What was the condition of Yahweh’s house while the people lived in their finished houses?

Yahweh’s house was desolate.

Haggai 1:8

ULT	UST
Go up to the mountain and bring timber and build the house, and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified,’ says Yahweh.	*Go up into the hills and cut down trees! Bring the timber from them here to Jerusalem and rebuild my temple! This will honor me, and I will be proud of my temple again.’ That is what Yahweh is telling you.*

What did Yahweh command the people to do?

Yahweh commanded the people to go up to the mountain and bring timber and build his house.

Haggai 1:9

ULT	UST
‘You looked for much, but behold, little! And you brought it home, but I blew upon it! Because of what?’—the declaration of Yahweh of Armies. ‘Because of my house, that it is desolate, but you are running, a man to his house.	*Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, is also telling you, ‘There is a reason why you have not grown many crops even though you have planted many seeds. The reason is that I kept the crops from growing. I did that because you have built comfortable homes for yourselves, but you have not repaired my temple.*

Why did Yahweh blow away the little food that the people were able to bring home?

Yahweh blew it away because his house was desolate but each person was running to his own house.

Haggai 1:12

ULT	UST
Then Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and all of the remnant of the people listened to the voice of Yahweh their God and to the words of Haggai the prophet, because Yahweh their God had sent him and the people feared the face of Yahweh.	*The governor of Judah, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, knew that Yahweh their God had told the prophet Haggai to speak this message. The high priest, Joshua the son of Jehozadak, also knew this. The rest of the people who had returned to Judah from exile in Babylon also knew this. And they all respected Yahweh. So they all obeyed the message that Yahweh their God had spoken.*

How did Zerubbabel the governor, Joshua the priest, and all the remnant of the people respond to Yahweh's voice and the words of Haggai the prophet?

They all listened to Yahweh's voice and Haggai's words because Yahweh had sent him and they feared the face of Yahweh.

Haggai 1:13

ULT	UST
Then Haggai, the messenger of Yahweh, spoke the message of Yahweh to the people, saying, "'I am with you!'—the declaration of Yahweh."	*Yahweh was pleased that the people had obeyed him. So Yahweh gave Haggai, his messenger, another message to speak to the people. Haggai said, "Yahweh is telling you, 'I am with you!'"*

How did Yahweh respond to the people's obedience?

Yahweh sent a message to them through Haggai to tell them, "I am with you!"

Haggai 1:14-15

When did Yahweh awaken the spirits of Zerubbabel the governor, Joshua the priest, and all the remnant of the people so that they came and worked on the house of Yahweh?

Yahweh awakened their spirits on the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month in the second year of Darius the king.

Haggai 2

Haggai 2:1

ULT	UST
in the seventh, on the twenty-first of the month, the word of Yahweh was by the hand of Haggai the prophet, saying,	*Yahweh gave another message to the prophet Haggai on the twenty-first day of the seventh month of Darius' second year as king of Persia. Yahweh told Haggai,*

When was the word of Yahweh again by the hand of Haggai the prophet?

The word was in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month.

Haggai 2:3-4

Although the house of Yahweh was like nothing in the eyes of those who saw it in its former glory, why did Yahweh declare that Zerubbabel the governor, Joshua the high priest, and all the people should be strong and work?

Yahweh declared that they should be strong and work because he was with them.

Haggai 2:5

ULT	UST
'The word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, and my Spirit remains in your midst. Do not fear!'	*That is what I promised your ancestors when I brought them out of slavery in Egypt and made a covenant with them. And I am still keeping that promise now, since my Spirit is living among you. So do not be afraid of the people who are trying to keep you from rebuilding my temple!'*

What did Yahweh tell Zerubbabel, Joshua, and all the people not to do?

Yahweh told them not to fear.

Haggai 2:6-7

What would happen when Yahweh shook the heavens, earth, and every nation?

People would come with the treasure of all the nations and Yahweh would fill his house with glory.

Haggai 2:11-12

According to the priests, if a man carries holy flesh (sacrificed meat) in his garment and his garment touches other food, does that other food become holy?

According to the priests, that other food does not become holy.

Haggai 2:13

ULT	UST
Then Haggai said, "If the unclean by a person touches any of these, will it be unclean?" And the priests answered and said, "It will be unclean."	*Then Haggai asked the priests this question: "Suppose someone becomes unclean by touching a dead body. If this unclean person then touches any food, does that food also become unclean?" The priests replied, "Yes, that food does become unclean."*

According to the priests, if someone who is unclean by a person (that is, through contact with a dead body) touches any food, does that food become unclean?

According to the priests, that food becomes unclean.

Haggai 2:14

ULT	UST
And Haggai answered and said, "'Thus is this people and thus is this nation to my face!'—the declaration of Yahweh—'and thus is every work of their hands, and what they offer there, it is unclean!	*Then Haggai said, "Yahweh is telling you this: 'I consider you Jewish people to be unclean as well! And since you are unclean, the crops that you grow and the animals that you raise are also unclean. And so you cannot offer those unclean crops or the unclean meat from those animals on the altar at the temple.*

The people were offering sacrifices on an altar at the temple. What did Yahweh consider those sacrifices to be like?

Yahweh considered those sacrifices to be as unclean as food that was touched by someone who was unclean through contact with a dead body.

Haggai 2:16

ULT	UST
From their being, one came to a heap of twenty but there were ten; one came to a vat to draw out fifty from the press but there were twenty.	*During that time, when you thought you could take 20 measures of grain from a heap, you found that there were only 10 measures in the heap. When you thought you could draw 50 measures of wine out of a wine vat, you found that there were only 20 measures in the vat.*

Before the people began to rebuild the temple of Yahweh, how many measures of grain would they find in a heap where they thought there would be twenty measures?

The people would find only ten measures of grain in a heap where they thought there would be twenty measures.

Haggai 2:17

ULT	UST
I struck you with blight and with mildew and with hail, all of the work of your hands, but it was not you to me'—the declaration of Yahweh.	*I caused blight, mildew, and hail to destroy all the crops that you worked so hard to raise. Even so, you did not do what I wanted you to do and rebuild my temple.' This is what Yahweh is saying to you.*

When Yahweh struck the people with blight and mildew and hail, did the people obey him?

No, the people did not obey Yahweh.

Haggai 2:18

ULT	UST
'Now set your hearts from before until this day, from the day that the temple of Yahweh was founded until this twenty-fourth day of the ninth. Set your hearts!	*Think about what has been happening to you during the whole time between when you laid the foundation of my temple when you first returned from exile until this day, the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month. Yes, think about that!*

How long were the people supposed to think back about what had been happening to them?

They were to think back to the time when the temple of Yahweh was founded.

Haggai 2:19

ULT	UST
Is the seed yet in the storehouse? And the vine and the fig tree and the pomegranate tree and the olive tree have not yet produced! From this day I will bless you!'"	*You have no grain left in your barns. Your grapevines have not been producing grapes. Your fig trees have not been producing figs. Your pomegranate trees have not been producing pomegranates. Your olive trees have not been producing olives. But from now on, I will bless you with an abundance of crops!"*

What did Yahweh promise he would do starting on the day Haggai was speaking?

Yahweh promised that from that day forward he would bless the people.

Haggai 2:21-22

What did Yahweh say he would do when he shook the heavens and the earth?

Yahweh said that he would overthrow the throne of kingdoms and destroy their strength. The armies of the nations would destroy one another's chariots and horses and their riders.

Haggai 2:23

ULT	UST
On that day'—the declaration of Yahweh of Armies—'I will take you, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, my servant'—the declaration of Yahweh—'and I will make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you'—the declaration of Yahweh of Armies!"	*Tell Zerubbabel for me, Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, 'After I destroy the armies of the other kingdoms, I am going to make you powerful, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, my servant.' Tell him for me, Yahweh, 'Just as a king seals his orders with a signet ring, so I will use you to accomplish my purposes.' Tell him for me, Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, 'I am going to do this because I have chosen you!'"*

Yahweh told Zerubbabel that he would make him like a signet ring for a particular reason. What was that reason?

Yahweh told Zerubbabel that he would make him like a signet ring because Yahweh had chosen him.

Zechariah

Zechariah 1

Zechariah 1:1

ULT	UST
In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of Yahweh came to Zechariah, son of Berechiah, son of Iddo, the prophet, saying,	*I am Zechariah, a prophet, the son of Berechiah and grandson of Iddo. When Darius had been the emperor of Persia for almost two years, in the eighth month of that year, Yahweh gave me this message:*

During whose reign did Zechariah prophesy?

Zechariah prophesied during the reign of Darius.

Who was Zechariah?

Zechariah was the son of Berechiah and the grandson of Iddo, and he was a prophet.

Zechariah 1:2

ULT	UST
“Yahweh was angry with anger toward your fathers.	*“Yahweh was very angry with your ancestors.*

How did Yahweh feel about the people’s fathers?

Yahweh was very angry with their fathers.

Zechariah 1:3

ULT	UST
And you shall say to them, ‘Thus says Yahweh of Armies, “Return to me”—the declaration of Yahweh of Armies—“and I will return to you”, says Yahweh of Armies.	*So tell the people this: ‘Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, says, “Come back to me”—this is what Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, solemnly declares—“and I will help you again, says Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies.*

What did Yahweh of Armies say he would do if the people would return to him?

Yahweh of Armies said that if the people would return to him, he would return to them.

Zechariah 1:4

ULT	UST
“Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets called out, saying, ‘Thus says Yahweh of Armies, “Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds.”’ But they did not hear, and they did not pay attention to me”—the declaration of Yahweh.	*Do not be like your ancestors. The prophets who lived before you continually told your ancestors that Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, said, ‘Stop doing the evil things that you are doing!’ However, they refused to listen to me or pay attention to me,” solemnly declares Yahweh.*

What did their fathers do when Yahweh told them to turn from their evil ways and evil deeds?

Their fathers would not hear and did not pay attention to Yahweh.

Zechariah 1:5

ULT	UST
“Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever?	*“Your ancestors have all died. The prophets also did not live forever.*

What did Yahweh ask about the fathers and the prophets?

To make his point, Yahweh asked where the fathers were and whether the prophets live forever.

Zechariah 1:6

ULT	UST
*But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? And they returned and said, ‘Just as Yahweh of Armies planned to do to us, according to our ways and according to our deeds, thus he has done with us.’”’”	*However, the warnings and decrees that I commanded my servants the prophets to tell your ancestors did come true. So your ancestors repented and said, ‘Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, has punished us for the way we behaved and for the things we did, just as he said he would do.’”*

What did the people say when they repented?

The people said that Yahweh of Armies had punished them for their behavior, just as he had planned and said he would do.

Zechariah 1:7

ULT	UST
On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius, the word of Yahweh came to Zechariah, son of Berechiah, son of Iddo, the prophet, saying:	*Three months later, on the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, the month of Shebat, when Darius had been emperor for almost two years, Yahweh gave another message to me, Zechariah the son of Berechiah the son of Iddo, the prophet.*

When did the word of Yahweh come to Zechariah a second time?

The word of Yahweh came to Zechariah on the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius.

Zechariah 1:8

ULT	UST
I saw in the night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse, and he was standing among the myrtle trees that are in the deep valley, and behind him were red, reddish-brown, and white horses.	*During the night I had a vision. In the vision I saw a man riding a red horse. He stood among the myrtle trees in a deep valley, and behind him other riders sat on red, reddish-brown, and white horses.*

What did Zechariah see when the word of Yahweh came to him in the night?

Zechariah saw a man riding on a red horse, standing among the myrtle trees in the deep valley. Behind him were red, reddish-brown, and white horses.

Zechariah 1:9

ULT	UST
And I said, "What are these, my lord?" And the angel who was speaking with me said to me, "I will show you what these are."	*I asked the angel who had been talking to me, "Sir, who are those riders?" The angel replied, "I will show you who they are."*

What did the angel say he would do for Zechariah?

The angel said he would show Zechariah what the horses were.

Zechariah 1:10

ULT	UST
And the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered and said, "These are the ones whom Yahweh has sent to walk about in the earth."	*Then the man who stood among the myrtle trees explained. He said, "Yahweh sent these riders to patrol throughout the earth."*

What were the horses that Zechariah saw?

The horses were those Yahweh had sent out to roam throughout the earth.

Zechariah 1:11

ULT	UST
And they answered the angel of Yahweh who was standing among the myrtle trees, and they said, "We have walked about in the earth, and behold, all of the earth is sitting and is at rest."	*Then those riders reported to an angel representing Yahweh, who stood among the myrtle trees. They said, "We have patrolled throughout the earth, and everywhere the nations are living peacefully and undisturbed."*

What did the horses who roamed throughout the earth find?

The horses found all the earth sitting and at rest.

Zechariah 1:12

ULT	UST
And the angel of Yahweh answered and said, "Yahweh of Armies, until when will you not have compassion on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, with which you have been indignant these 70 years?"	*Then the angel representing Yahweh pleaded, "Yahweh, commander of the heavenly armies, how long will you continue to not show mercy to the people of Jerusalem and the people of the other cities of Judah? You have been angry with them for 70 years!"*

What question did the angel of Yahweh have for Yahweh concerning Jerusalem and the cities of Judah?

The angel of Yahweh asked Yahweh how long he would show no compassion to Jerusalem and the cities of Judah.

Zechariah 1:13

ULT	UST
And Yahweh answered the angel who was speaking with me with good words, words of comfort.	*So Yahweh spoke kind and encouraging words to the angel who had been talking to me.*

How did Yahweh answer the angel?

Yahweh answered with good words, words of comfort.

Zechariah 1:14

ULT	UST
And the angel who was speaking with me said to me, "Call out, saying, 'Thus says Yahweh of Armies, "I have been jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.	*Then the angel who had been talking to me said to me, "Proclaim this message: 'Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, says, "I care very deeply about the people of Jerusalem and of Zion.*

What did the angel tell Zechariah to proclaim about Jerusalem and Zion?

The angel told Zechariah to proclaim that Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, cares very deeply about Jerusalem and Zion.

Zechariah 1:15

ULT	UST
And with a great anger I, I am angry with the nations that are at ease, for I, I was angry only a little, but they helped toward the evil."	*I am extremely angry with the nations that feel so secure. I was only a little angry with my people, but those nations made things much worse by harming them so much."*

What does Yahweh say about the nations that are at ease?

Yahweh says he is very angry with the nations that feel secure, because they made the harm to his people worse.

Zechariah 1:16-17

What did Yahweh of Armies say concerning Jerusalem and the cities of Judah?

Yahweh said he had returned to Jerusalem with mercies, that his house would be built within her, and the measuring line would be stretched out over Jerusalem. Yahweh also said his cities would once again overflow with goodness and Yahweh would again comfort Zion and once again choose Jerusalem.

Zechariah 1:18

ULT	UST
And I lifted up my eyes and I saw, and behold, four horns.	*Then I looked up and in front of me I saw four horns.*

What did Zechariah see when he lifted up his eyes?

Zechariah saw four horns.

Zechariah 1:19

ULT	UST
And I said to the angel who was speaking with me, "What are these?" And he said to me, "These are the horns that scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."	*I asked the angel who had been talking to me, "What are those?" He replied, "Those horns represent the powerful nations that used their military power to scatter the people of Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."*

What were the four horns that Zechariah saw?

The four horns were those who had scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

Zechariah 1:20-21

Who were the four craftsmen that Zechariah saw and what were they going to do?

The craftsmen were coming to terrify the nations that had scattered Judah and to cast down the horns of the nations that had lifted up a horn against the land of Judah to scatter it.

Zechariah 2

Zechariah 2:1

ULT	UST
And I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold, a man, and in his hand was a rope of measuring.	*Then I looked up and saw a man who was holding a measuring line.*

What did the prophet see when he lifted up his eyes?

He saw a man with a measuring line in his hand.

Zechariah 2:2

ULT	UST
And I said, "Where are you going?" And he said to me, "To measure Jerusalem, to see what is its width and what is its length."	*I asked him, "Where are you going?" He replied, "I am going to measure Jerusalem to find out how wide it is and how long it is."*

What was the young man going to do with the measuring line in his hand?

He was going to measure Jerusalem, to determine its width and its length.

Zechariah 2:3

ULT	UST
And behold, the angel who was speaking with me was going out, and another angel was going out to meet him.	*Then the angel who had been talking to me went out, and another angel came out to meet him.*

Who came out to meet the angel who was speaking with the prophet?

Another angel came out to meet him.

Zechariah 2:4

ULT	UST
And he said to him, "Run, speak to that young man, saying, 'Jerusalem will be inhabited as open areas because of the multitude of man and beast in her midst.	*The second angel said to him, "Run and tell that young man this: 'Someday so many people and animals will live in Jerusalem that they will not all fit inside the city walls. Many of them will live outside the walls.*

Why did the second angel say that Jerusalem would sit in the open country?

The second angel said this because of the multitudes of men and beasts that would be within her.

Zechariah 2:5

ULT	UST
And I, I will be for her—the declaration of Yahweh—a wall of fire all around, and for glory I will be in her midst.'"	*Yahweh says that he himself will protect the city all around, just as a wall of fire would protect it, and he will show everyone how great he is by living among his people in the city.'"*

What did Yahweh say he would become for Jerusalem?

Yahweh said he would become a wall of fire around her and he would be the glory in her midst.

Zechariah 2:6

ULT	UST
"Woe! Woe! Flee from the land of the north"—the declaration of Yahweh—"for as the four winds of the heavens, I have spread you out"—the declaration of Yahweh.	*Yahweh declares, "Pay attention! You must flee from Babylonia, because I scattered you in every direction."*

From where did Yahweh tell the people to flee?

Yahweh told them to flee from Babylon, because he had scattered them everywhere.

Zechariah 2:7

ULT	UST
“Woe, Zion! Escape, you who are dwelling with the daughter of Babylon!”	*Yahweh says, “You people of Jerusalem who are still living in Babylon, escape from there!*

What did Yahweh tell the people living in Babylon to do?

Yahweh told them to escape from Babylon.

Zechariah 2:8

ULT	UST
For thus says Yahweh of Armies—after glory he has sent me to the nations that are plundering you—for the one touching you is touching the apple of his eye.	*This is what Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, says. In order to honor his people, he sent me to rebuke the nations that took away your valuable possessions. He says, ‘Anyone who harms you harms what is most precious to me.*

According to Yahweh, what happens to anyone who harms his people?

Anyone who harms them harms what is most precious to Yahweh.

Zechariah 2:9

ULT	UST
“For behold, I am waving my hand over them, and they will be plunder for their slaves.” And you will know that Yahweh of Armies has sent me.	*I am about to use my power against those nations, and the people who used to serve them will take back their possessions from them.’” When that happens, you will know that Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, sent me.*

How were they supposed to know that Yahweh of Armies had sent the second angel?

They would know that Yahweh of Armies had sent him when he waved his hand over the nations that had plundered Judah and Israel, and those nations would become plunder for their own slaves.

Zechariah 2:10

ULT	UST
“Sing and rejoice, daughter of Zion, for behold, I am coming, and I will dwell in your midst”—the declaration of Yahweh.	*Yahweh says, “You people of Jerusalem, shout and be happy, because I am about to come to you and live among you!”*

What did Yahweh tell the people of Zion to do?

Yahweh told them to sing and rejoice, because he was coming to live among them.

Zechariah 2:11

ULT	UST
“And many nations will join themselves to Yahweh in that day, and they will be to me for a people, and I will dwell in your midst.” And you will know that Yahweh of Armies has sent me to you.	*At that time, people from many nations will start worshiping Yahweh and become his people. He will live among all of you. Then you will know that Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, sent me to you.*

What will happen when Yahweh comes to live among his people?

Many nations will join themselves to Yahweh, and they will become his people.

Zechariah 2:12

ULT	UST
And Yahweh will inherit Judah as his portion on the land of holiness, and he will again choose Jerusalem.	*Yahweh will claim the people of Judah as his own special people in the land that he has set apart for himself, and he will once again choose Jerusalem as his city.*

What will Yahweh do with Judah?

Yahweh will claim Judah as his own special people in his holy land, and he will again choose Jerusalem.

Zechariah 2:13

ULT	UST
Hush, all flesh, from the face of Yahweh, for he has been roused from the dwelling place of his holiness!	*All people everywhere must be silent before Yahweh, because he has risen up from heaven, the holy place where he lives, and he is ready to act!*

Why is all flesh told to be silent before Yahweh?

All flesh is told to be silent before Yahweh because Yahweh has been roused from out of the heavens.

Zechariah 3

Zechariah 3:1

ULT	UST
And he made me see Joshua the high priest standing to the face of the angel of Yahweh, and the adversary standing on his right to accuse him.	*Then Yahweh showed me a vision. I saw Joshua, the high priest, standing in the presence of an angel representing Yahweh. The accuser was standing at the place where an accuser stands in a court, ready to bring charges against Joshua.*

Who was standing near Joshua the high priest?

Joshua was standing before the angel of Yahweh, and the adversary was standing at his right hand.

What was the adversary doing at Joshua's right hand?

The adversary was standing there to accuse Joshua.

Zechariah 3:2

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to the adversary, "May Yahweh rebuke you, the adversary, and may Yahweh who is choosing Jerusalem rebuke you. Is this not a firebrand rescued from the fire?"	*Yahweh said to the accuser, "I, Yahweh, reject your accusations! I am the one who has chosen Jerusalem, and I reject your accusations! I rescued this man just barely, the way someone pulls a burning stick out of a fire before the fire destroys it."*

What did Yahweh say to the adversary?

Yahweh rebuked the adversary and said that Yahweh had chosen Jerusalem. He also compared Joshua to a firebrand rescued from the fire.

Zechariah 3:3

ULT	UST
And Joshua was clothed in filthy garments and standing to the face of the angel.	*Now Joshua was wearing extremely dirty clothes as he stood near the angel.*

What was Joshua wearing as he stood before the angel?

Joshua was dressed in filthy garments.

Zechariah 3:4

ULT	UST
And he answered and said to the ones standing to the face of him, saying, "Remove the filthy garments from upon him." And he said to him, "See, I have caused your iniquity to pass away from you, and I will clothe you with fine clothing."	*The angel told the other angels who were standing there, "Take those filthy clothes off of him." Then the angel said to Joshua, "Look at what I have done! I have taken away your sin, and I will dress you in beautiful clothes."*

What did the angel say he had done for Joshua?

The angel said he had caused Joshua's iniquity to pass away from him.

Zechariah 3:4-5

What happened concerning Joshua's clothing?

The angel commanded the filthy garments to be removed from Joshua and for him to be clothed with fine clothing. A clean turban and clean garments were put on him.

Zechariah 3:7

ULT	UST
"Thus says Yahweh of Armies, 'If you will walk in my ways, and if you will keep my charge, then you also will judge my house and also will keep my courts, and I will give to you access among these who are standing here.	*"Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, says this to you, 'If you obey me and do what I command you to do, then you will be in charge of my temple and will take care of my temple courtyards. I will also allow you to come into the presence of these angels who stand here.*

What did Yahweh promise Joshua if he would walk in Yahweh's ways and keep his charge?

Yahweh promised that Joshua would judge Yahweh's house and keep Yahweh's courts. Yahweh also promised to give Joshua access among those who stand before him.

Zechariah 3:8

ULT	UST
Hear now, Joshua the high priest, you and your companions who are sitting to the face of you, for they are men of a sign, for behold, I am bringing my servant, the Branch.	*Listen carefully, Joshua the high priest, you and your fellow priests who sit in front of you, because you are all living signs that point to what will happen in the future. I am going to bring my servant, the one who will be like a new branch that sprouts from the stump of David's family.*

What was the servant called that Yahweh was going to bring?

That servant was called the Branch.

Zechariah 3:9

ULT	UST
For behold, the stone that I have set to the face of Joshua, on one stone are seven eyes. Behold, I am engraving its engraving'—the declaration of Yahweh of Armies—'and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.	*Look at the stone that I have placed in front of Joshua. That single stone has seven facets that represent how I watch over everything. I will engrave an inscription on it. This is what Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, declares. When I do this, I will take away all the sin from this land in a single day.*

What does Yahweh say he will do with the iniquity of that land?

Yahweh says he will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

Zechariah 3:10

ULT	UST
In that day'—the declaration of Yahweh of Armies—'you will call, each man to his neighbor, to under his vine and to under his fig tree.'"	*When that day comes, each of you will invite your neighbors to come and enjoy peace and security with you.' This is what Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, declares."*

According to Yahweh, when will each man call his neighbor to come under his vine and his fig tree?

Yahweh says this will happen in that day.

Zechariah 4

Zechariah 4:1

ULT	UST
And the angel who was speaking with me returned and roused me like a man who is roused from his sleep.	*Then the angel who had been talking with me came back and woke me up. I had been thinking deeply, as though I had fallen asleep.*

What did the angel do to Zechariah?

The angel who had been talking with him came back and woke him up.

Zechariah 4:2-3

What did Zechariah see when he was roused?

Zechariah saw a gold lampstand with a bowl on top, with seven lamps and two olive trees by the bowl.

Zechariah 4:4-5

Did Zechariah understand what the things in the vision meant?

No, Zechariah told the angel who was talking with him that he did not understand the meaning of those things in the vision.

Zechariah 4:6

ULT	UST
And he answered and said to me, saying, "This is the word of Yahweh to Zerubbabel, saying, 'Not by might and not by power, but by my Spirit,' says Yahweh of Armies.	*Then the angel said to me, "This is the message that Yahweh has for Zerubbabel, 'You will not accomplish this by being strong or by your own efforts. Instead, my Spirit will accomplish it,' says Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies.*

What was the word of Yahweh to Zerubbabel about how things were going to get done?

The word of Yahweh to Zerubbabel was, "Not by might and not by power, but by my Spirit."

Zechariah 4:7

ULT	UST
Who are you, great mountain, to the face of Zerubbabel? You will become a plain! And he will bring out the top stone with shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'	*Every great difficulty that stands in front of Zerubbabel will disappear! He will set the final stone of the temple in its place, and all the people will shout, 'How beautiful! May God bless it!'*

What will be shouted when Zerubbabel brings out the top stone?

They will shout, "How beautiful! May God bless it!"

Zechariah 4:9

ULT	UST
'The hands of Zerubbabel have founded this house, and his hands will complete it.' And you will know that Yahweh of Armies has sent me to you.	*He said, 'Zerubbabel began the work of rebuilding this temple, and he will finish it.' When that happens, you will know that Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, sent me to you people.*

How will the people know that Yahweh sent Zechariah to them?

The people will know when they see that the hands of Zerubbabel, which founded this house, complete it.

Zechariah 4:10

ULT	UST
For who has despised the day of small things? And they will rejoice and will see the stone of tin in the hand of Zerubbabel. These seven are the eyes of Yahweh; they are roaming through all of the earth."	*No one should think that the small beginnings of a big project are unimportant. People will be happy when they see Zerubbabel holding the plumb line as he checks the walls. Those seven lamps represent how Yahweh watches over everything that happens on the whole earth."*

What will the people see in the hand of Zerubbabel?

The people will see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand.

What do the seven lamps mean?

The seven lamps are the eyes of Yahweh that roam over the whole earth.

Zechariah 4:11

ULT	UST
And I answered and said to him, "What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand and on its left?"	*Then I asked the angel, "What do the two olive trees on each side of the lampstand mean?*

What did Zechariah ask about the two olive trees beside the lampstand?

Zechariah asked what the two olive trees on the right and left of the lampstand meant.

What did Zechariah ask?

He asked what were the two olive trees on either side of the lampstand.

Zechariah 4:12

ULT	UST
And I answered a second time and said to him, "What are the two branches of the olives that are beside the two pipes of gold that are emptying the gold from upon them?"	*In particular, what do the two olive branches that are beside the two gold pipes that pour out olive oil mean?"*

What did Zechariah ask a second time?

He asked what the two olive branches beside the two gold pipes that pour out olive oil meant.

What did he ask next?

Zechariah asked about the two branches of the olives beside the pipes that pour out the oil.

Zechariah 4:13

ULT	UST
And he said to me, saying, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."	*He said to me, "You really should know what these things mean!" I replied, "No, sir, I do not know."*

Did Zechariah know what the two olive branches meant?

No, Zechariah told the angel that he did not know what they meant.

Did Zechariah know what the branches were?

No, he did not.

Zechariah 4:14

ULT	UST
And he said, “These are the two sons of the fresh oil, the ones standing before the Lord of all of the earth.”	*So he said, “They represent the two people whom God has anointed to serve the Lord who rules over the whole earth.”*

What are the two olive branches?

The two olive branches are the two people whom God has anointed to serve the Lord who rules over the whole earth.

Zechariah 5

Zechariah 5:2

ULT	UST
And he said to me, “What are you seeing?” And I said, “I am seeing a flying scroll. Its length is 20 cubits and its width is ten cubits.”	*The angel asked me, “What do you see?” I replied, “I see a scroll flying through the air. It is about 30 feet long and about 15 feet wide.”*

How big was the scroll that Zechariah saw?

The scroll was twenty cubits long and ten cubits wide.

Zechariah 5:3

ULT	UST
And he said to me, “This is the curse that is going out over the face of all of the earth, for everyone who is stealing from this side, according to it, has been cleared, and everyone who is swearing from this side, according to it, has been cleared.	*Then he said to me, “This scroll contains the words that Yahweh speaks to punish people throughout the whole land. On one side, the scroll says that Yahweh will remove everyone who steals. On the other side, it says that he will remove everyone who lies when making a solemn promise.*

What did the angel say the flying scroll was?

The angel said the flying scroll was the curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth.

Who did the scroll curse?

The scroll was a curse to every thief and to everyone who swears falsely.

Zechariah 5:4

ULT	UST
I have brought it out”—the declaration of Yahweh of Armies—“and it will come to the house of the thief and to the house of the one swearing by my name to falsehood. And it will spend the night in the midst of his house and will consume it, and its timbers, and its stones.”	*Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, declares, ‘I will send this scroll to the houses of people who steal and to the houses of people who use my authority to make false promises. The scroll will remain in those houses and will destroy them completely, including all their wooden beams and stones.’”*

What did Yahweh say the curse would do to the house of the thief and the one who swears falsely by his name?

The curse will come to their houses and remain there and consume the timber and stones of their houses.

Zechariah 5:5

ULT	UST
And the angel who was speaking with me went out, and he said to me, “Lift up now your eyes and see what this is that is going out.”	*Then the angel who had been talking to me came closer and said, “Look up and see what is coming out.”*

What did the angel tell Zechariah to do?

He told Zechariah to look up and see what is coming out.

Zechariah 5:6

ULT	UST
And I said, “What is it?” And he said, “This is the ephah that is going out.” And he said, “This is their eye in all of the earth.”	*I asked him, “What is it?” He replied, “It is a large measuring basket that is coming out.” Then he said, “It represents what the people are doing throughout the whole land.”*

What did the angel say the ephah that was going out was?

The angel said the ephah was their eye in all of the earth.

Zechariah 5:7

ULT	UST
And behold, a disk of lead was being lifted up, and this was one woman sitting in the midst of the ephah.	*Then I saw someone lifting the heavy lead cover off the basket. There was a woman sitting inside the basket!*

Where was the one woman sitting?

She was sitting inside the basket.

Zechariah 5:8

ULT	UST
And he said, "This is the wickedness." And he threw her into the midst of the ephah, and he threw the stone of lead to its mouth.	*The angel said, "She represents how wicked the people are." Then the angel threw her back down into the basket and put the heavy lead cover back over the opening.*

What did the angel say the woman in the ephah was?

The angel said the woman in the ephah was the wickedness.

Zechariah 5:9

ULT	UST
And I lifted up my eyes and I saw, and behold, two women were going out, and wind was in their wings. And they had wings like the wings of the stork. And they lifted up the ephah between the earth and between the heavens.	*Then I looked up and saw two women coming toward me. The wind was blowing under their wings, and they had large wings like those of a stork. They lifted the basket up high between the ground and the sky.*

What did the two women with wings like stork wings do with the ephah?

The two women lifted up the ephah between the earth and between the heavens.

Zechariah 5:10

ULT	UST
And I said to the angel who was speaking with me, "Where are they taking the ephah?"	*I asked the angel who had been talking to me, "Where are they taking that basket?"*

What did Zechariah ask the angel?

He asked where they were taking the ephah.

Zechariah 5:11

ULT	UST
And he said to me, "To build for her a house in the land of Shinar. And it will be established, and she will be set down there on her base."	*He replied, "They are taking it to Babylonia to build a temple for it there. When they finish building the temple, they will place the basket inside on a pedestal."*

Where were the women taking the ephah and for what purpose?

The women were taking the ephah to the land of Shinar to build a house for it, and when the house was ready, the ephah would be set there on its base.

Zechariah 6

Zechariah 6:1

ULT	UST
And I turned and I lifted my eyes and I saw, and behold, four chariots coming out from between two mountains. And the mountains were mountains of bronze.	*I looked up again, and in the vision I saw four chariots coming toward me from between two bronze mountains.*

What did Zechariah see coming out from between two bronze mountains?

Zechariah saw four chariots coming out from between two bronze mountains.

Zechariah 6:2-3

What color were the horses of each chariot?

The first chariot had red horses, the second had black horses, the third had white horses, and the fourth had spotted gray horses.

Zechariah 6:4

ULT	UST
And I answered and said to the angel who was speaking with me, "What are these, my lord?"	*I asked the angel who had been speaking to me, "Sir, what do those chariots mean?"*

What did Zechariah ask the angel?

He asked the angel about the horses and chariots he saw.

Zechariah 6:5

ULT	UST
And the angel answered and said to me, "These are the four winds of the heavens going out from standing before the Lord of all the earth.	*The angel replied, "These are the four spirits that serve the Lord who rules the entire earth. They go out across the sky in four directions.*

What did the angel say the chariots were?

The angel said the chariots were the four winds of heaven.

Where had these four chariots been?

These four chariots had been standing before the Lord of all the earth.

Zechariah 6:6

ULT	UST
The chariot in which are the black horses is going out to the land of the north, and the white ones went out after them, and the spotted ones went out to the land of the south."	*The chariot with the black horses will go north, the white horses will follow them, and the spotted horses will go south."*

Where were the three chariots with the black, the white and the spotted gray horses going?

The chariot with the black horses went out to the north country. The chariot with white horses went out to the west country. The chariot with the spotted gray horses went out to the south country.

Zechariah 6:8

ULT	UST
And he called out to me and spoke to me, saying, "See, the ones going out to the land of the north have caused my spirit to rest in the land of the north."	*Then the angel called out to me, "Look, the chariots that went north have satisfied my anger in the land of the north."*

What was the chariot with the black horses that went out to the north country going to accomplish?

That chariot with the black horses was going to appease the angel's spirit concerning the north country.

Zechariah 6:10-11

What was Zechariah supposed to do with the offering he collected from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah?

Zechariah was told to take the offering into the house of Josiah, son of Zephaniah. Zechariah was to take the silver and gold, make crowns and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

Zechariah 6:12-13

What did Yahweh of Armies say Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, would see?

Yahweh said Joshua would see Branch build the temple of Yahweh, raise up its splendor, and then sit and rule on his throne.

Zechariah 6:14

ULT	UST
And the crowns will be for Helem and for Tobijah and for Jedaiah and for Hen, the son of Zephaniah, as a memorial in the temple of Yahweh.	*The crowns will remain in the temple of Yahweh to remind people of what Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen son of Zephaniah did.*

Why were crowns to be placed in the temple of Yahweh?

Crowns were to be placed in the temple of Yahweh to as memorials to Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah.

Zechariah 6:15

ULT	UST
And those far off will come and build in the temple of Yahweh, and you will know that Yahweh of Armies has sent me to you. And this will happen if listening, you will listen to the voice of Yahweh your God."	*People who live far away will come and help build Yahweh's temple. When that happens, you will know that Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, has sent me to you. This will happen if you truly obey what Yahweh your God commands."*

What must the people do for these prophetic events to come true?

Yahweh said these events would happen "if you truly listen to the voice of Yahweh your God!"

Zechariah 7

Zechariah 7:2

ULT	UST
Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regem-Melech and his men to beg before the face of Yahweh,	*The people of the city of Bethel sent two men, Sharezer and Regem-Melech, along with some other men, to consult with Yahweh*

Why did the people of Bethel send Sharezer, Regem- Melech, and their men?

The people of Bethel sent them to beg for Yahweh's favor.

Zechariah 7:3

ULT	UST
saying to the priests who were at the house of Yahweh of Armies, and to the prophets saying, "Should I mourn in the fifth month by means of a fast, as I have done these many years?"	*by asking the priests at Yahweh's temple and the prophets if they should continue their years-long practice of mourning the anniversary of the destruction of the temple by fasting during the fifth month.*

What did Sharezer, Melech, and their men ask the priest and the prophets?

They asked, "Should I mourn in the fifth month by means of a fast, as I have done these many years?"

Zechariah 7:5-6

What two questions did Yahweh ask the people of the land and the priests through Zechariah concerning fasting, eating and drinking?

The first question Yahweh asked was, "When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month for these seventy years, were you truly fasting for me?" The second question was, "And when you ate and drank, did you not eat and drink for yourselves?"

Zechariah 7:7

ULT	UST
Were these not the words that Yahweh proclaimed by the hand of the former prophets, when you still inhabited Jerusalem and the surrounding cities in prosperity and were settled in the Negeb and the foothills to the west?’”	*This is exactly what I kept telling the former prophets to proclaim to the people, when the people in Jerusalem and the nearby towns were many and prosperous, and when people also lived in the southern Judean wilderness, and in the foothills to the west.”*

Briefly, what was the last question Yahweh asked the priests and people of the land?

In brief, Yahweh asked if these were not the same words Yahweh told the people while they still inhabited Jerusalem, the surrounding cities, the Negeb, and the western foothills.

Zechariah 7:8-10

Through Zechariah, what did Yahweh tell the people to do?

Yahweh said to judge with true justice, covenant faithfulness, and mercy. He said not to oppress the widow, the orphan, the foreigner or the poor person and not to do evil to one another.

Zechariah 7:11

ULT	UST
But they refused to heed and gave a stubborn shoulder. Their ears were heavy from hearing.	*But the people refused to obey Yahweh. They resisted him. They did not even listen to what he said.*

What was the response of the people to Yahweh’s instructions?

The people refused to pay attention to Yahweh’s words.

Zechariah 7:12

ULT	UST
They made their heart as rock to keep from hearing the law and the words that Yahweh of Armies had sent by his Spirit by the hand of the former prophets. And great rage came from Yahweh of Armies.	*He had given these messages for his Spirit to repeat to the prophets in earlier times. The prophets were meant to speak these messages to the people. But the people were very stubborn; they would not listen to the law of Moses or to any message from God. So Yahweh, commander of the angel armies, became very angry with them.*

How did the people keep from hearing the law and words of Yahweh?

They made their heart as a rock and would not listen.

Zechariah 7:13-14

What did Yahweh say he would do when those who formerly refused to listen to Yahweh called out to him?

Yahweh said he would not listen to them and, furthermore, he would scatter those people with a whirlwind to all the nations they had not seen.

Zechariah 8

Zechariah 8:2

ULT	UST
“Thus says Yahweh of Armies, ‘I have been jealous for Zion with a great jealousy, and I have been jealous for her with great heat.’	*This is what I, Yahweh, the commander of the angel armies, say, “I love the people of Jerusalem; I love them very much, and I am very angry with their enemies.”*

How does Yahweh express his passion for Zion?

Yahweh expresses his passion for Zion with great zeal and great anger.

Zechariah 8:3

ULT	UST
Thus says Yahweh, ‘I will return to Zion and will live in the midst of Jerusalem, and Jerusalem will be called “the city of faithfulness” and the mountain of Yahweh of Armies, “the mountain of holiness!”’	*So this is what I, Yahweh, say: “Some day I will return to Mount Zion and I will live there. At that time, people will call Jerusalem ‘The City of Faithful People’, and they will call the mountain that Yahweh, the commander of angel armies, possesses ‘The Sacred Mountain.’”*

What will Jerusalem and the mountain of Yahweh be called when Yahweh returns to live in the midst of Jerusalem?

Jerusalem will be called “the city of faithfulness,” and the mountain of Yahweh will be called “the mountain of holiness.”

Zechariah 8:4-5

Who will again be found in the open areas of Jerusalem?

Old men and old women will sit in the open areas, and boys and girls will fill the open areas, playing there.

Zechariah 8:6

ULT	UST
Thus says Yahweh of Armies, 'If it is wonderful in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, will it also be wonderful in my eyes?'—the declaration of Yahweh of Armies.	*Yahweh, the commander of the angel armies, also says this: "When those things happen, it will seem marvelous to the people who are still alive, but it certainly will not seem marvelous to me!"*

How will these events seem to the remnant of the people who survive, compared to how they seem to Yahweh?

These events will seem wonderful to the remnant of the people, but they will not seem wonderful to Yahweh.

Zechariah 8:7

ULT	UST
Thus says Yahweh of Armies, 'Behold, I am saving my people from the land of the sunrise and from the land of the setting of the sun.	*Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, also says this: "Pay attention! I will rescue my people from countries in the east and in the west, wherever they are.*

Where is Yahweh going to rescue his people from?

Yahweh is going to rescue his people from the land of the sunrise and from the land of the setting sun.

Zechariah 8:8

ULT	UST
And I will bring them, and they will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and they will be to me as a people, and I, I will be to them as God in faithfulness and in righteousness.'	*I will bring them back, and they will live in Jerusalem. They will be my people, and I will be their God. I will be faithful to them and treat them fairly."*

What will Yahweh do for the people he brings back to Jerusalem?

Yahweh will be their God and they will be his people; he will be faithful to them and treat them fairly.

Zechariah 8:9

ULT	UST
Thus says Yahweh of Armies, 'May your hands be strong, you who are hearing in these days these words from the mouth of the prophets who were there on the day when the house of Yahweh of Armies was founded, the temple to be built.	*Yahweh, the commander of the angel armies, also says this: "When people laid the foundation for my temple, there were prophets there who gave messages from me. Some of you people heard what those prophets said. So be brave while you are building the temple, in order that you may finish building it.*

Why did Yahweh want the people to strengthen their hands?

Yahweh wanted the people to strengthen their hands so the temple could be rebuilt.

Zechariah 8:10

ULT	UST
For to the face of those days, the wages of man were not, and the wages of the beast, there were none. And for the one going out and for the one coming in there was no peace from the enemy, and I sent every man, each against his neighbor.	*Before that time, no one could earn any wages for their work, and no one could hire animals for work, because there was no money. No one was safe going about their daily activities because of enemies, since I caused everyone to fight against one another.*

What happened before those days when the foundation of Yahweh's house was laid?

Before that time, no one earned wages for their work, and no one could hire animals for work; no one was safe going about their daily activities because of enemies, and Yahweh caused everyone to fight against one another.

Zechariah 8:11-12

How did Yahweh say it would be during Zechariah's time?

Yahweh said it would not be as in the former days. He said the seed of peace would be sown: the vine would give its fruit, the land would give its produce, and the heavens would give their dew. Yahweh would make the remnant of that people inherit all these things.

Zechariah 8:13

ULT	UST
And it will be just as you were a curse in the nations, house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you and you will be a blessing. Do not fear; let your hands be strong!'	*You people of Judah and Israel, right now, the people of other nations think of you when they say what a curse means. But I will rescue you, and I will give you so many good things that they will think of you when they say what a blessing means. So be brave; work hard to finish building the temple."*

What does Yahweh say he will do for the house of Judah and the house of Israel, who were once a curse among the nations?

Yahweh says he will save them and make them a blessing instead of a curse.

Zechariah 8:14-15

What does Yahweh say he plans to do now, instead of harming the people as he did before?

Yahweh says he now plans to do good to Jerusalem and the house of Judah.

Zechariah 8:16-17

How does Yahweh command the people to behave and why?

Yahweh said the people must all speak truth with their neighbors, and judge in their gates with faithfulness and a peaceful judgment. He said no one may plan evil in his heart against his neighbor, nor love a false oath—Yahweh commanded these things because he hates them.

Zechariah 8:19

ULT	UST
“Thus says Yahweh of Armies, ‘The fast of the fourth, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth months will become into joy, and into gladness, and into happy festivals for the house of Judah! And love faithfulness and peace!’	*“I tell you, the times when you people of Judah abstain from food during the fourth, fifth, seventh, and tenth months of each year will become times when you celebrate pleasant and joyful festivals instead. But you must want to speak truthfully and to be peaceful.”*

In light of the fact that the fasts of the fourth, fifth, seventh and tenth months were going to be times of joy, gladness and happy festivals for the house of Judah, what were they told to do by Yahweh?

They were told to love faithfulness and peace.

Zechariah 8:20-22

Who did Yahweh say would come to seek him and beg his favor?

Yahweh said many people from many different cities and mighty nations would come to seek Yahweh and beg his favor.

Zechariah 8:23

ULT	UST
Thus says Yahweh of Armies, ‘In those days there will be ten men from every language of the nations who will grab, and they will grab the hem of a man of Judah, saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard God is with you!”’”	*Yahweh, the commander of the angel armies, also says this, “At that time, many people from every people group, speaking their own language, will come and firmly grab the fringe of robe belonging to a man from Judah’s tribe. They will say to him, ‘We want to be near you, because we have heard people say that God is with you.’”*

In those days, why will ten men from every language and nation ask to go up to Jerusalem with Yahweh’s people?

They will grab the robe of a man of Judah and ask to go with him because they will have heard that God is with him.

Zechariah 9

Zechariah 9:1-2

What does Yahweh's declaration concern?

Yahweh's declaration concerns the land of Hadrach and Damascus, Hamath, and Tyre and Sidon.

Zechariah 9:3

ULT	UST
And Tyre has built herself a stronghold and heaped up silver like dust, and refined gold like the mud of the streets.	*The people of Tyre have built a strong wall around their city, and they have piled up as much silver and gold as if it were dust and mud in the streets.*

What has Tyre done with silver and gold?

Tyre has heaped up silver like dust and refined gold like the mud of the streets.

Zechariah 9:4

ULT	UST
Behold! The Lord will dispossess her and strike down her wealth on the sea, and she, she will be devoured by fire.	*But look out! The Lord will take away everything that the people of Tyre own and destroy their merchant ships out at sea, and an enemy army will burn their city down.*

What does Yahweh say the Lord will do to Tyre?

Yahweh says that the Lord will dispossess her and strike down her wealth on the sea, so she will be devoured by fire.

Zechariah 9:5

ULT	UST
Ashkelon will see and be afraid; and Gaza, and it will writhe greatly; and Ekron, for her hope has dried up! And the king will perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon will not be inhabited!	*When the people of the city of Ashkelon see that happen, they will be scared. The people of the city of Gaza will also tremble in great anguish, and the people of the city of Ekron will tremble too, because they will no longer expect anything good to happen. There will no longer be a king ruling in Gaza, and no one will live in Ashkelon anymore.*

What will happen to the king of Gaza and to Ashkelon?

The king will perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon will not be inhabited.

Zechariah 9:6-7

What did Yahweh say he would do to the Philistines, and what would become of them?

Yahweh said he would cut off the pride of the Philistines. Yahweh also said they would become a remnant for God, like a clan in Judah.

Zechariah 9:8

ULT	UST
And I will camp around my house as a guard against the one passing through and against the one returning, and no oppressor will pass over them again, for now I have seen with my eyes!	*I will protect my temple like an army that guards it, so that no enemy soldiers can march through it or come back to attack it. No one who oppresses my people will ever invade them again, because now I am watching over my people carefully.*

What is one reason Yahweh gives for camping around his house?

Yahweh said he would camp around his house against enemy armies so no one could pass through or return, for he said that no oppressor would pass through it any more.

Zechariah 9:9

ULT	UST
Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion! Shout, daughter of Jerusalem! Behold! Your king is coming to you; righteous and being saved is he, humble and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the son of female donkeys.	*You people of Jerusalem, rejoice very much! Shout joyfully, everyone in Jerusalem! Look! Your king is coming to you. He does what is right, and God will give him victory. He is humble, and he will ride into the city on a donkey, on a young donkey.*

Why is the daughter of Zion told to shout with great joy and the daughter of Jerusalem told to shout with happiness?

They are told to do this because their king is coming to them with righteousness and is going to rescue them.

How will their king come to them?

Their king will be humble and will ride on a donkey, on the colt of a donkey.

Zechariah 9:10

ULT	UST
And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the bow of war will be cut off. And he will speak peace to the nations, and his dominion will be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.	*I will take away the chariots from the region of Ephraim and the war horses from the city of Jerusalem, and I will destroy the bows that soldiers use in war. Your king will tell the nations that they will now live peacefully. He will rule over all the earth, from one sea to the farthest sea, and from the Euphrates River to the most distant places on the earth.*

What will this king speak to the nations?

That king will speak peace to the nations.

What will be the extent of that king's dominion?

That king's dominion will be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Zechariah 9:11

ULT	UST
As for you also, by the blood of your covenant I have set free your prisoners from the pit in which there is no water.	*As for you people of Jerusalem, because of the blood of the animals that the priests killed when I made my covenant with you, I will set your people free, the ones who suffer like prisoners stuck in a dry pit.*

Why has Yahweh set free their prisoners from the pit where there is no water?

Yahweh says he has done this because of the blood of his covenant with them.

Zechariah 9:12

ULT	UST
Return to the stronghold, prisoners of hope! Even today I am declaring that I will return double to you,	*You people who are like prisoners but who still confidently expect me to help you, return to your land, where you will be safe. Today I am telling you that I will give back to you twice as much as you have lost.*

What does Yahweh declare he will do for the prisoners of hope?

Yahweh declares that he will return double to them.

Zechariah 9:13

ULT	UST
for I have bent for myself Judah, a bow; I have filled Ephraim. And I will rouse your sons, Zion, against your sons, Greece, and I will make you like the sword of a mighty man.	*I will use the people of Judah to fight for me as a warrior uses a bow, and I will use the people of Ephraim like the arrows in that bow. People of Jerusalem, I will stir up your young men to fight against the army of Greece, and I will make you as powerful as a warrior's sword.*

Against whom will Yahweh rouse the sons of Zion?

Yahweh will rouse the sons of Zion against the sons of Greece.

What will Yahweh make Zion like?

Yahweh will make Zion like the sword of a mighty man.

Zechariah 9:14

ULT	UST
And Yahweh will appear over them, and his arrow will go out like the lightning, and the Lord Yahweh will blow on the shofar and will go with the storms of the south.	*Then Yahweh will appear above his people, and the arrows that he shoots will flash like lightning. Yahweh my Lord will blow a trumpet to signal the attack, and he will advance fiercely, like a storm blowing from the south.*

What will Yahweh do when he appears over his people?

Yahweh's arrow will go out like lightning, and he will blow the trumpet and go with the storms of the south.

Zechariah 9:15

ULT	UST
Yahweh of Armies will defend them, and they will devour and will subdue the stones of the sling, and they will drink and roar as with wine, and they will be full like the bowl, like the corners of the altar.	*Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, will protect his people. His soldiers will completely defeat their enemies who attack them with slingstones. Those soldiers will shout in victory and celebrate as noisily as men who have drunk much wine. They will be as full of joy as the bowls that the priests fill with blood and pour out on the corners of the altar.*

What will Yahweh do for his people?

Yahweh will protect his people, and they will defeat the enemies who attack them with slingstones.

Zechariah 9:16

ULT	UST
And Yahweh their God will save them on that day, like the flock of his people, for they are the stones of a crown gleaming over his land.	*On that day, Yahweh, the God his people worship, will rescue them just as a shepherd rescues his flock of sheep from danger. They will be as precious to him as sparkling jewels in a crown shining over his land.*

What will Zion be on that day when Yahweh, their God, rescues them?

On that day, Zion will be the jewels of a crown raised up over Yahweh's land.

Zechariah 9:17

ULT	UST
For how is his goodness, and how is his beauty! Grain the young men, and new wine will make the virgins flourish.	*How wonderful and how beautiful everything will be! The young men will grow strong from eating plenty of grain, and the young women will grow strong from drinking plenty of new wine.*

What will make the young men and young women strong?

The young men will grow strong from grain, and the young women will grow strong from new wine.

Zechariah 10

Zechariah 10:1

ULT	UST
Ask for rain from Yahweh in the time of the spring rain, Yahweh, the one making thunderstorms, and he gives them rain showers, to a man, vegetation in the field.	*Ask Yahweh to send rain in the springtime, because he is the one who makes the storm clouds. He gives people showers of rain, and he makes plants grow in their fields.*

What will Yahweh do when people ask him for rain?

Yahweh will give them rain showers, and he will make plants grow in the field.

Zechariah 10:2

ULT	UST
For household idols speak iniquity, and the diviners envision a lie, and they speak dreams of emptiness; with vanity they comfort. Therefore, they journey like a flock; they are afflicted because there is no shepherd.	*The household idols that people consult tell them worthless things, and those who practice divination see false visions; the dreams they describe are lies, and the comfort they give is empty. So the people wander about helplessly and suffer, because they have no leader to guide and protect them, just as sheep suffer when they have no shepherd.*

What causes the people to wander like sheep and suffer?

The people wander like sheep and suffer because the household idols speak falsely, the diviners envision a lie, they tell empty dreams, and they give empty comfort. The people also have no shepherd.

Zechariah 10:3

ULT	UST
“Against the shepherds my nose burns, and on the male goats I will attend. For Yahweh of Armies attends to his flock, the house of Judah, and he will make them like a horse of his splendor in the battle!	*Yahweh says, “I am very angry with the leaders of my people, and I will punish those rulers. I, Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, care for my people, the people of Judah, as a shepherd cares for his flock, and I will make them strong, like a splendid warhorse in battle.*

Who does Yahweh say he will punish?

Yahweh says he will punish the leaders, whom he calls the male goats.

Zechariah 10:4

ULT	UST
From him a cornerstone, from him a tent peg, from him a bow of war, from him will come forth every ruler together.	*All their rulers will come from the tribe of Judah. Some will support the people, as a cornerstone supports a building; some will hold them together, as a tent peg holds up a tent; and some will lead them in battle, as a warrior holds his bow in war. Yes, from Judah every ruler will come.*

What does Yahweh say will come from the house of Judah?

Yahweh says the cornerstone, the tent peg, the battle bow, and every ruler will come from the house of Judah.

Zechariah 10:5

ULT	UST
And they will be like warriors trampling in the mud of the streets in the battle, and they will fight, for Yahweh is with them, and they will put to shame the riders of horses.	*Those rulers and their people will be like mighty warriors who trample their enemies into the mud of the streets during battle. They will fight and win, because I, Yahweh, am with them, and they will completely defeat even their most powerful enemies.*

What will the people's warriors do because Yahweh is with them?

They will fight like warriors trampling their enemies in the mud of the streets, and they will defeat the horsemen because Yahweh is with them.

Zechariah 10:6

ULT	UST
And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph. And I will bring them back, for I have compassion on them, and they will be as though I had not rejected them, for I am Yahweh their God, and I will answer them.	*Because I am Yahweh their God and I pity my people, I will answer them when they pray to me. I will make the people of Judah strong, and I will rescue the people of Israel. I will bring them back to their own land. Then it will be like I had never rejected them.*

What did Yahweh say he would do for the house of Judah and the house of Joseph?

Yahweh said he would strengthen the house of Judah, save the house of Joseph, bring them back, and have compassion on them.

Zechariah 10:7

ULT	UST
And Ephraim will be like a warrior, and their heart will be glad as with wine, and their sons will see and rejoice; their heart will exult in Yahweh.	*The people of Ephraim will be strong like warriors, and they will be as happy as people who have drunk wine. Their children will see it and be glad; they will celebrate loudly because of what I, Yahweh, have done.*

How will the people of Ephraim feel because of what Yahweh has done?

The people of Ephraim will be glad like warriors who have drunk wine, and their children will see it and rejoice in Yahweh.

Zechariah 10:8

ULT	UST
I will whistle for them and gather them, for I have redeemed them, and they will be many, as they were many.	*I will whistle to signal my people, and I will gather them together because I have rescued them, and they will become as numerous as they were before.*

What will Yahweh do because he has redeemed his people?

Yahweh will whistle for his people and gather them together, and they will become as many as they were before.

Zechariah 10:9

ULT	UST
And I will sow them among the peoples, and in the distant places they will remember me, and they will live with their sons and return.	*Even though I scatter my people among the nations, they will remember me even in those distant lands. They and their children will survive, and they will return to their land.*

What will Judah and Ephraim do when they remember Yahweh in the distant countries where Yahweh has scattered them?

They and their children will live and return when they remember Yahweh in the distant countries where he has scattered them.

Zechariah 10:10

ULT	UST
And I will bring them back from the land of Egypt, and from Assyria I will gather them, and to the land of Gilead and Lebanon I will bring them, and room will not be found for them.	*I will bring them back from Egypt in the south and gather them from Assyria in the north. I will bring them to the region of Gilead and to Lebanon, and there will not be enough room for them all.*

Where will Yahweh gather his people from, and where will he bring them?

Yahweh will gather his people from Egypt and Assyria, and he will bring them to the land of Gilead and Lebanon, where there will not be enough room for them.

Zechariah 10:11

ULT	UST
And he will pass through the sea of distress, and he will strike the waves in the sea, and all the depths of the Nile will dry up. And the pride of Assyria will be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt will depart.	*Even though my people's troubles seem like a terrifying sea, I will bring them safely home. I will subdue those troubles completely, as if I were striking down the waves of the sea and drying up the deep waters of the Nile River. I will humble the proud army of Assyria, and I will take away the royal power of Egypt.*

What did Yahweh say he would do to Assyria and Egypt?

Yahweh said he would bring down the pride of Assyria and take away the scepter of Egypt.

Zechariah 10:12

ULT	UST
And I will strengthen them in Yahweh, and in his name they will walk"— the declaration of Yahweh.	*I will make my people strong by my power, and they will live faithfully, honoring my authority. That is what I, Yahweh, declare."*

How will the people live after Yahweh strengthens them?

The people will live faithfully, honoring Yahweh's name.

Zechariah 11

Zechariah 11:1

ULT	UST
Open your doors, Lebanon, that fire may devour among your cedars!	*Open your gates, people living in Lebanon, because you will not be able to stop the fire from burning up your cedar trees!*

What is Lebanon told to do?

Lebanon is told to open its doors so that fire can burn up its cedar trees.

Zechariah 11:2

ULT	UST
Wail, cypress, for the cedar has fallen, because the majestic ones have been devastated! Wail, oaks of Bashan, for the fortified forest has gone down.	*The cypress trees will be like people who are wailing because the mighty cedar trees have fallen; enemies have destroyed those magnificent trees! The oak trees in the region of Bashan will also be like people wailing because enemies have cut down the trees of their thick forest!*

What does the fall of the cedar trees cause the cypress trees to do?

It causes the cypress trees to wail.

Zechariah 11:3

ULT	UST
The voice of the wailing of the shepherds, for their glory is devastated! The voice of the roaring of the young lions, for the pride of the Jordan is devastated!	*Listen to the shepherds crying because enemies have ruined the rich pastures where they fed their flocks! Listen to the young lions roaring because enemies have destroyed the thickets along the Jordan River where they lived!*

Why are the shepherds crying?

The shepherds are crying because their pastures have been destroyed.

Zechariah 11:4

ULT	UST
Thus says Yahweh my God, "Shepherd the flock of slaughter	*This is what Yahweh my God said to me, "Act as a shepherd for a flock of sheep that people are about to slaughter.*

What did Yahweh tell Zechariah to do?

Yahweh told Zechariah to shepherd the flock that was intended for slaughter.

Zechariah 11:5

ULT	UST
which the buyers kill and are not held guilty, and the ones selling them say, 'Blessed be Yahweh, for I have become rich!' And their shepherds do not pity them.	*The people who buy the sheep slaughter them, and no one punishes those buyers. The people who sell the sheep say that they praise Yahweh because they are becoming rich. Not even the shepherds pity the sheep.*

What do the sellers of the sheep say?

The sellers say they praise Yahweh because they are becoming rich.

Zechariah 11:6

ULT	UST
Certainly I will no longer pity the inhabitants of the land"—the declaration of Yahweh—"and behold, I am causing mankind to fall, each man, in the hand of his neighbor and in the hand of his king, and they will crush the land, and I will not deliver them from their hand."	*That is because I, Yahweh, will no longer pity the people who live in this land. That is what I, Yahweh, declare. Instead, I will let everyone's neighbors and their king dominate them. Those people will devastate this land, and I will not rescue anyone from their control."*

What did Yahweh say he would do to the inhabitants of the land?

Yahweh said he would no longer pity them, but would let each man's neighbor and king dominate him, and they would destroy the land, and he would not rescue them.

Zechariah 11:7

ULT	UST
And I shepherded the flock of slaughter, therefore the poor of the flock. And I took for myself two staffs. For the one I called "Favor," and for the other I called "Union," and I shepherded the flock.	*So I became like a shepherd of a flock of sheep that people were about to slaughter. I took good care of the sheep, especially the weakest ones. Then I took two shepherd's staffs. I named one staff "Favor" and the other staff, "Union." And I took care of the sheep.*

What were the names of the two staffs that Zechariah used to shepherd the flock meant for slaughter?

The names of the two staffs were "Favor" and "Union."

Zechariah 11:8

ULT	UST
And I destroyed the three shepherds in one month. And my soul became short with them, and also their soul loathed me.	*In one month I got rid of the three other shepherds. I became impatient with them, and they also hated me.*

Why did Zechariah destroy three shepherds in one month?

Zechariah did this because he became impatient with the shepherds, and they also hated him.

Zechariah 11:9

ULT	UST
And I said, "I will not shepherd you. The one dying, let it die, and the one being destroyed, let it be destroyed, and the ones remaining, let them eat, each one, the flesh of her companion."	*So I said, "I will no longer be your shepherd. Let the sheep that are dying die, and let the sheep that are perishing perish. And let those that remain destroy each other."*

What did Zechariah say he would no longer do?

Zechariah said he would no longer be their shepherd.

Zechariah 11:10

ULT	UST
And I took my staff Favor, and I chopped it up, to break my covenant that I had cut with all the peoples.	*Then I took my staff that I had named "Favor," and I broke it to signify that Yahweh was canceling the covenant that he had made with all the peoples.*

Why did Zechariah break his staff, "Favor?"

He broke it to break the covenant that he had made with all the peoples.

Zechariah 11:11

ULT	UST
And it was broken on that day, and so the poor ones of the flock, the ones watching me, knew that it was the word of Yahweh.	*So the covenant ended on that day. Then the afflicted people of the flock who were watching me knew that this was truly a message from Yahweh.*

What did the poor of the flock who were watching Zechariah know?

They knew that it was the word of Yahweh.

Zechariah 11:12

ULT	UST
And I said to them, "If it is good in your eyes, give my wages; but if not, refrain." And they weighed out my wages, thirty pieces of silver.	*I said to them, "If it seems right to you, pay me my wages; but if not, do not pay me." So they weighed out my wages: thirty pieces of silver.*

How much was Zechariah paid?

Zechariah was paid thirty pieces of silver.

Zechariah 11:13

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to me, "Throw it to the potter, the magnificence of the price at which I was valued by them!" And I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw it into the house of Yahweh, to the potter.	*Then Yahweh said to me, "Throw that money to the potter! What a pathetic price they decided to pay for me!" So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the temple of Yahweh.*

What did Yahweh tell Zechariah to do with his thirty pieces of silver?

Yahweh told him to throw it to the potter at the house of Yahweh.

Zechariah 11:14

ULT	UST
And I chopped up my second staff, Union, to break the brotherhood between Judah and between Israel.	*Then I broke my second staff, the one that I had named "Union," to signify that the close family relationship between the people of Judah and the people of Israel would end.*

What did breaking the second staff, Union, do?

Breaking the second staff broke the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

Zechariah 11:15

ULT	UST
And Yahweh said to me, "Again, take for yourself the equipment of a foolish shepherd,	*Then Yahweh said to me, "Take again the tools that a foolish shepherd uses,*

What did Yahweh tell Zechariah to take again?

Yahweh told him to take the tools of a foolish shepherd.

Zechariah 11:16

ULT	UST
for behold, I am raising up a shepherd in the land. He will not attend to the ones being destroyed; he will not seek the scattered one; and he will not heal the broken one; he will not sustain the one standing; but he will eat the flesh of the fat one, and he will tear off their hooves.	*because surely I am going to appoint a shepherd over the people in this land, one who will not care for them. He will not help the sheep that are perishing, he will not search for the ones that have strayed, he will not heal the ones that are injured, and he will not feed the healthy ones. Instead, he will eat the meat of the fattest sheep and tear off their hooves.*

Yahweh said he would raise up a shepherd in the land. What will that shepherd do?

That shepherd will not care for the sheep. He will not help the sheep that are perishing, he will not search for the ones that have strayed, and he will not heal the ones that are injured. He will not feed the healthy sheep, but will eat the fattest sheep and tear off their hooves.

Zechariah 11:17

ULT	UST
Woe, worthless shepherd, the one forsaking the flock! A sword against his arm and against his right eye! His arm withering will wither, and his right eye dimming will dim!”	*Terrible things will happen to that worthless shepherd who abandons the flock that he should care for! Enemies will attack his arm and his right eye with a sword! As a result, his arm will lose all its strength and his right eye will become completely blind!”*

What curse is pronounced upon the worthless shepherd who forsakes the flock?

The curse says that a sword will strike the shepherd’s arm and his right eye, and that his arm will wither and his right eye will become blind.

Zechariah 12

Zechariah 12:1

ULT	UST
The burden of the word of Yahweh concerning Israel—the declaration of Yahweh, the one stretching out the heavens and founding the earth and forming the spirit of man within him.	*This is a message that Yahweh gave concerning Israel. Yahweh, the one who created the sky, who formed the earth, and who breathed life into humanity, solemnly declares this:*

Who is Yahweh who makes this declaration concerning Israel?

Yahweh is the one who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him.

Zechariah 12:2

ULT	UST
“Behold, I am making Jerusalem a cup of staggering for all of the peoples all around. And also against Judah it will be, in the siege against Jerusalem.	*“Listen! I am about to cause the city of Jerusalem to be like an intoxicating drink that makes all the nations around it stagger helplessly when their armies besiege Jerusalem and the region of Judah.*

What does Yahweh say he will make Jerusalem like for all the surrounding peoples?

Yahweh says he will make Jerusalem like a strong drink that makes all the surrounding peoples stagger.

Zechariah 12:3

ULT	UST
And it will be on that day, I will make Jerusalem a stone of burden for all of the peoples. All of the ones lifting it, injuring, will be injured, and all of the nations of the earth will be gathered against it.	*Then every nation on earth will come to attack Jerusalem, but I will make it like a solid rock that will badly hurt everyone that comes to attack it.*

Who is going to gather against Jerusalem?

All the nations of the earth are going to gather against Jerusalem.

Zechariah 12:4

ULT	UST
On that day"—the declaration of Yahweh—"I will strike every horse with confusion and its rider with madness. But over the house of Judah I will open my eyes, and every horse of the peoples I will strike with blindness.	*This is what I, Yahweh, declare: On that day I will cause all the horses of the enemy armies to panic and all their riders to go insane. I will watch over the people of Judah and protect them, but I will cause all the horses of those enemy nations to go blind.*

On the day when all the nations gather against Judah, what specific things did Yahweh say he would do to the horses and riders of the enemy armies?

Yahweh said he would strike every horse with confusion and each rider with madness. Yahweh also said he would strike every horse of the enemy nations with blindness.

Zechariah 12:5

ULT	UST
And the chiefs of Judah will say in their heart, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem are a strength to me by Yahweh of Armies, their God.'	*Then the leaders of the clans of Judah will say to themselves that the people who live in Jerusalem are strong because Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, is their God.*

What will the leaders of Judah say about the people of Jerusalem?

The leaders of Judah will say that the people of Jerusalem are a strength to them through Yahweh of Armies, their God.

Zechariah 12:6

ULT	UST
On that day I will make the chiefs of Judah like a basin of fire among trees and like a torch of fire in a sheaf, and they will devour on the right and on the left all of the peoples all around. And Jerusalem will dwell again in its place, in Jerusalem."	*On that day I will make the leaders of the clans of Judah able to destroy their enemies completely and quickly. They will defeat all the surrounding peoples on every side of them, and the people of Jerusalem will live safely in their own city again."*

In that day, what will the leaders of Judah be like?

In that day, the leaders of Judah will be like a basin of fire among trees and like a torch of fire in a sheaf.

Zechariah 12:7

ULT	UST
And Yahweh will save the tents of Judah at the first, so that the honor of the house of David and the honor of the dweller of Jerusalem will not be great over Judah.	*Yahweh will first rescue the people who live in the villages of Judah, so that the descendants of King David and the people who live in Jerusalem will not consider themselves more important than the rest of the people of Judah.*

Why will Yahweh save the tents of Judah first?

Yahweh will save the tents of Judah first so that the honor of the house of David and the honor of those who live in Jerusalem may not be greater than the rest of Judah.

Zechariah 12:8

ULT	UST
On that day Yahweh will defend on behalf of the inhabitant of Jerusalem, and the stumbler among them on that day will be like David, and the house of David, like God, like the angel of Yahweh to their face.	*On that day Yahweh will protect the people who live in Jerusalem. Then even the weakest person among them will fight as powerfully as King David, the great warrior, once did. God will give the descendants of King David such great power that as they lead the people, it will seem as though Yahweh's own angel is going ahead of them.*

What did Yahweh say he will do for the people of Jerusalem on that day?

Yahweh said he will defend the people of Jerusalem, and even the weakest among them will become as strong as David.

Zechariah 12:9

ULT	UST
"And it will be on that day, I will seek to destroy all of the nations coming against Jerusalem.	*"At that time, I will set out to destroy all the nations that come to attack Jerusalem.*

What is Yahweh determined to do on that day?

Yahweh said that on that day he is determined to destroy all the nations who come against Jerusalem.

Zechariah 12:10

ULT	UST
And I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitant of Jerusalem a spirit of favor and supplications, and they will look to me, whom they pierced. And they will mourn over him as the mourning over the only one, and they will be bitter over him as being bitter over the firstborn."	*I will act very kindly toward the descendants of King David and the people who live in Jerusalem, and I will cause them to plead with me for mercy. They will look to me, the one whom they pierced, and they will mourn for me as strongly as parents mourn for an only son who has died. They will weep many tears for me, as many tears as people weep when a firstborn son dies."*

On that day, what will Yahweh pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem?

Yahweh will pour out a spirit of favor and supplications.

What will the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem do when they look upon him whom they have pierced?

When they look on him whom they have pierced, they will lament and mourn for him as one mourns and laments for an only son or over the death of a firstborn son.

Zechariah 12:11

ULT	UST
On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be great, like the mourning of Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.	*On that day the people in Jerusalem will mourn very loudly. They will mourn as loudly as the people did at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo, where they grieved for King Josiah after he died in battle.*

What will the mourning in Jerusalem be like on that day?

The mourning in Jerusalem will be great, like the mourning of Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

Zechariah 12:12-14

How will the land mourn in that day?

The land will mourn by clans: each clan will mourn separately, and within each clan, the men and their wives will mourn separately from each other.

Zechariah 13

Zechariah 13:1

ULT	UST
On that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the dwellers of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity.	*At that time, Yahweh will continually cleanse the descendants of King David and the people who live in Jerusalem; he will forgive the sins that they have committed and take away everything that has made them impure.*

For what will the fountain be that is opened for the house of David on that day?

The fountain will be for their sin and impurity.

Zechariah 13:2

ULT	UST
“And it will happen on that day”—the declaration of Yahweh of Armies—“I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they will not be remembered again, and also I will cause the prophets and the spirit of uncleanness to pass from the land.	*Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, declares, “At that time I will destroy all the idols in the land, so that no one will even speak their names or remember them anymore. I will also drive out of the land those who falsely claim to be prophets, along with the impure spirit that controls them.*

What will Yahweh cut off from the land and why?

Yahweh will cut off the names of idols from the land so they will no longer be remembered.

What will Yahweh cause to pass out of the land?

Yahweh will cause the false prophets and their unclean spirits to pass out of the land.

Zechariah 13:3

ULT	UST
And it will happen, when a man prophesies again, then his father and his mother, the ones bearing him, will say to him, 'You will not live, for you have spoken falsehood in the name of Yahweh.' And his father and his mother, the ones bearing him, will pierce him in his prophesying.	*If anyone still prophesies falsely, his own father and mother, the ones who gave birth to him, will tell him that he must die, because he has lied by claiming that he was speaking with my authority. Then, while he is prophesying, his own father and mother, who gave birth to him, will stab him to death.*

If any man continues to prophesy, what will his father and mother do to him?

His father and mother who bore him will pierce him when he prophesies.

Zechariah 13:4

ULT	UST
And it will happen on that day, the prophets will have shame, each man from his vision, in his prophesying. And they will not wear a cloak of hair in order to deceive.	*At that time, every one of those prophets will feel ashamed of the visions that he claimed to see when he prophesied. None of them will wear the rough garment of animal hair that prophets wear, because they will no longer try to deceive people.*

In that day, why will he who prophesies no longer wear a hairy cloak?

He will no longer wear a hairy cloak because he will no longer try to deceive people.

Zechariah 13:5

ULT	UST
And he will say, 'I am not a prophet. I am a man working the ground, for a man has owned me from my youth.'	*Instead, each one will say, 'I am not a prophet. I am a farmer; a man sold me to this land's owner when I was young.'*

What will the man say about himself instead of admitting he is a prophet?

He will say that he is not a prophet, but works the land for a man who owned him since he was young.

Zechariah 13:6

ULT	UST
And someone will say to him, ‘What are these wounds between your hands?’ And he will say, ‘Those are the ones with which I was struck in the house of my lovers.’	*If someone asks him, ‘Then what are these wounds on your chest?’ he will answer, ‘Someone wounded me at the house of my friends.’”*

When someone asks about the wounds on his chest, what will the man say?

He will say that someone wounded him at the house of his friends.

Zechariah 13:7

ULT	UST
Sword, awake against my shepherd, and against the man, my companion”— the declaration of Yahweh of Armies— “Strike the shepherd, and the flock will scatter, and I will turn my hand against the little ones.	*Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, says this: “I command that someone kill with a sword the leader who cares for my people, the man who is my close associate. When someone strikes that leader down, the people whom he led will scatter in every direction, and I myself will attack even the lowliest people among them.”*

Who is the shepherd?

The shepherd is the man who is Yahweh’s close companion.

What will happen to the flock when the shepherd is killed?

When the shepherd is killed, the flock will scatter.

Zechariah 13:8

ULT	UST
And it will happen in all the land”— the declaration of Yahweh— “two portions in it will be cut off, they will expire, and the third will be left in it.	*Yahweh declares, “Throughout the whole land, two out of every three people will certainly die, and only one third of the people will remain alive.*

What does Yahweh declare will happen throughout all the land?

Yahweh declares that two out of every three people in the land will die, and only one third of the people will remain alive.

Zechariah 13:9

ULT	UST
And I will bring the third into the fire, and I will refine them as one refines the silver, and I will test them as one tests the gold. He, he will call on my name, and I, I will answer him. I will say, 'He is my people,' and he, he will say, 'Yahweh is my God.'"	*I will cause that remaining third to suffer greatly in order to purify them, just as a person refines silver and tests gold by heating them in a fire. Then they will call out to me for help, and I will answer them. I will tell them that they are my people, and they will declare that I, Yahweh, am their God."*

What will happen to the third that remain there?

The third that remain there will be brought through the fire, refined, and tested.

What will the third that remain there say?

The third that remain there will say, "Yahweh is my God!"

Zechariah 14

Zechariah 14:1

ULT	UST
Behold, a day is coming for Yahweh, and your spoil will be divided in your midst.	*Pay attention! Yahweh has appointed a time when enemies will plunder the city of Jerusalem, deciding who will take what valuables while they are still in the city where you have to watch them.*

What will happen to Jerusalem's possessions on the day that is coming for Yahweh?

Jerusalem's plunder will be divided up within the city.

Zechariah 14:2

ULT	UST
"And I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem for the battle, and the city will be captured, and the houses will be plundered, and the women will be raped. And half of the city will go out into the exile, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city."	*Yahweh will gather the armies of all the nations to come and fight against Jerusalem. Those armies will capture the city, ransack the houses, and rape the women. Half of the people who live there they will take away to other lands as captives, but they will not remove the rest of the people from the city.*

Why will Jerusalem's plunder be divided in their midst?

Jerusalem's plunder will be divided in their midst because Yahweh will gather every nation against Jerusalem for battle, and the city will be captured. The houses will be plundered.

Zechariah 14:3

ULT	UST
And Yahweh will go out and will fight against those nations, like the day of his fighting on a day of battle.	*Then Yahweh will go out and fight against those nations, just as he fought his enemies in battles long ago.*

What will happen to the nations that fought against Jerusalem?

Yahweh will go out and wage war against those nations as when he wages war on a day of battle.

Zechariah 14:4

ULT	UST
And his feet will stand on that day on the Mount of Olives, which is on the face of Jerusalem from the east. And the Mount of Olives will be split from its half toward the east and toward the west, a very great valley. And half of the mountain will move away toward the north, and its half toward the south.	*On that day, Yahweh himself will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is east of Jerusalem. He will split the Mount of Olives in two from east to west, and a very large valley will open up between the two parts. Half of the mountain will move away toward the north, and half of it will move away toward the south.*

What will happen to the Mount of Olives when Yahweh stands on it?

The Mount of Olives will be split in half, forming a very great valley between the two halves.

Zechariah 14:5

ULT	UST
And you will flee by the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azal. And you will flee just as you fled from the face of the earthquake in the days of Uzziah the king of Judah. And Yahweh my God will come, all the holy ones with you.	*You people will escape through that valley between the mountains, because the valley will reach all the way to Azal. You will run away just as your ancestors ran away because of the earthquake that happened when Uzziah was the king of Judah. Then Yahweh my God will come, and all his holy angels will come with him.*

When will Yahweh and the holy ones come?

Yahweh and the holy ones will come after the inhabitants of Jerusalem flee down the valley between Yahweh's mountains.

Zechariah 14:6

ULT	UST
And it will happen on that day, there will not be light; the splendid will congeal.	*At that time, there will be no daylight; the bright lights in the sky will grow dim.*

What will happen to the light on that day?

There will not be light; the bright lights will grow dim.

Zechariah 14:7

ULT	UST
And it will be one day—it, it will be known to Yahweh—not day and not night. And it will happen, at the time of evening there will be light.	*That will be a unique day, and only Yahweh knows when it will happen. It will not follow the normal cycle of day and night. Even in the evening, when it is usually dark, there will still be light.*

What will be different about that day?

That day will not follow the normal cycle of day and night, and even in the evening there will be light.

Zechariah 14:8

ULT	UST
And it will happen on that day, living waters will go out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea; it will happen in the summer and in the winter.	*At that time, fresh water will flow out from Jerusalem. Half of it will flow east to the Salt Sea, and half of it will flow west to the Great Sea. The water will keep flowing throughout the whole year.*

Where will the running water go that flows from Jerusalem?

Half of the water will go to the eastern sea, and half will flow toward the western sea.

Zechariah 14:9

ULT	UST
And Yahweh will be as king over all the earth. On that day Yahweh will be one, and his name, one.	*Then Yahweh will rule as king over the whole earth. At that time, people everywhere will worship Yahweh alone, and they will honor him alone as God.*

Who will be king over all the earth?

Yahweh will be king over all the earth.

Zechariah 14:10

ULT	UST
All the land will turn like the Arabah from Geba to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem. But it will rise up and will dwell in its place from the Gate of Benjamin to the place of the First Gate, to the Gate of the Corners, and from the Tower of Hananel to the winepresses of the king.	*The whole land from Geba in the north to Rimmon, south of Jerusalem, will become a flat plain. But Jerusalem will rise up high and will remain where it has always stood. The city will stretch from the Gate of Benjamin to the place of the First Gate, on to the Gate of the Corners, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses.*

What will happen to the land from Geba to Rimmon?

It will become flat like a plain, but Jerusalem will rise up and remain in its place.

Zechariah 14:11

ULT	UST
And they will dwell in it, and there will not again be destruction; and Jerusalem will dwell in security.	*People will live in Jerusalem, and enemies will never again completely destroy it. The people who live in Jerusalem will always be safe.*

What will happen to Jerusalem?

There will not be destruction again, and Jerusalem will dwell in security.

Zechariah 14:12

ULT	UST
And this will be the plague with which Yahweh will strike all the peoples who waged war against Jerusalem: his flesh will rot away while he is standing on his feet, and his eyes will rot in their sockets, and his tongue will rot in their mouth.	*Yahweh will cause all the nations who fought against Jerusalem to have these terrible diseases. Their flesh will rot away while they are still alive and standing. Their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.*

With what plague will Yahweh attack all the peoples that waged war against Jerusalem?

The flesh, eyes, and tongues of all the people that waged war against Jerusalem will rot.

Zechariah 14:13

ULT	UST
And it will happen on that day, a great tumult of Yahweh will be among them, and each man will seize the hand of his neighbor, and his hand will go up against the hand of his neighbor.	*At that time, Yahweh will cause those people to panic completely. They will grab one another by the hand, and they will attack each other.*

What will happen when that great panic from Yahweh comes among them?

Each man will seize his neighbor's hand; each hand will be raised against its neighbor's hand.

Zechariah 14:14

ULT	UST
And also Judah will fight at Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the nations around will be gathered— gold and silver and garments in very great abundance.	*The people of Judah will also fight with Jerusalem. They will gather the wealth of all the surrounding nations— huge amounts of gold, silver, and clothing.*

What will Judah do at Jerusalem?

Judah will fight at Jerusalem, and the wealth of the surrounding nations will be gathered—gold, silver, and garments in great abundance.

Zechariah 14:15

ULT	UST
And thus will be the plague of the horse, the mule, the camel, and the donkey, and every beast that will be in those camps, like this plague.	*The horses, mules, camels, donkeys, and all the other animals in the camps of those enemies will suffer from that same disease.*

What will happen to the animals in the enemies' camps?

The horses, mules, camels, donkeys, and all the other animals in the camps will be struck with the same plague.

Zechariah 14:16

ULT	UST
And it will happen, everyone remaining from all the nations, the ones coming against Jerusalem, will go up as often as year by year to bow down to the King, Yahweh of Armies, and to celebrate the Festival of Huts.	*Then everyone who survives from all the nations that attacked Jerusalem will go up to Jerusalem every year to worship the King, Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, and to celebrate the Festival of Shelters, when the people live in temporary shelters.*

What will all who remain in those nations that came against Jerusalem do?

All those who remain in those nations will go up from year to year to worship the King, Yahweh of Armies, and to celebrate the Festival of Huts.

Zechariah 14:17-18

What will happen if anyone from all the nations of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, Yahweh of Armies?

If anyone does not go up to Jerusalem, Yahweh will not bring rain on them. A plague from Yahweh will attack the nations that do not go up to keep the Festival of Huts.

Zechariah 14:19

ULT	UST
This will be the sin of Egypt and the sin of all the nations that do not go up to celebrate the Festival of Huts.	*That is how Yahweh will punish the people of Egypt and the people of every other nation that does not go up to celebrate the Festival of Shelters.*

What will be the sin of Egypt and the other nations?

Their sin will be that they do not go up to celebrate the Festival of Huts.

Zechariah 14:20

ULT	UST
On that day there will be on the bells of the horse, “Holy to Yahweh.” And the pots in the house of Yahweh will be like the bowls to the face of the altar.	*At that time, someone will engrave the words “Sacred to Yahweh” on the bells that hang on the horses. People will consider the cooking pots in the temple of Yahweh to be just as sacred as the bowls that the priests use in front of the altar.*

What will be written on the bells of the horses?

The bells of the horses will be inscribed with words saying that they are holy to Yahweh.

Zechariah 14:21

ULT	UST
And every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holy to Yahweh of Armies, and all the ones sacrificing will come and will take from them and will boil in them. And there will not be a Canaanite again in the house of Yahweh of Armies on that day.	*Every cooking pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be sacred to Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies. Everyone who comes to offer sacrifices will take some of those pots and boil the meat of their sacrifices in them. At that time, there will no longer be any merchant selling goods in the temple of Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies.*

On that day, who will no longer be in the house of Yahweh of Armies?

On that day traders will no longer be selling goods in the house of Yahweh of Armies.

Malachi

Malachi 1

Malachi 1:1

ULT	UST
The burden of the word of Yahweh to Israel by the hand of Malachi.	*This is a serious message from Yahweh. Yahweh gave it to Malachi to tell to the Israelite people.*

By whom did the word of Yahweh come to Israel?

The word of Yahweh came by Malachi.

Malachi 1:2-3

Whom did Yahweh love, and whom did he hate?

Yahweh loved Israel, Jacob, and he hated Esau.

Malachi 1:4-5

How would Israel respond when Yahweh would throw down the rebuilt ruins of Edom?

Israel would respond by saying, “Great is Yahweh beyond the borders of Israel.”

Malachi 1:6-7

As Israel’s father and master, what did Yahweh ask the priests?

Yahweh asked the priests where was the honor and reverence due his name, and why they despised his name and his table.

Malachi 1:8-9

How would Yahweh respond to offerings of blind, lame, and sick animals?

Yahweh would not accept blind, lame, and sick offerings, nor show favor or graciousness to Israel for them, nor receive Israel for offering them.

Malachi 1:10-11

Why would Yahweh prefer that one of the Israelites shut the temple gates to prevent them from lighting fires on his altar in vain?

Because Yahweh’s name was going to be glorified among the nations, and in every place the nations were going to offer pure offerings unlike the offerings from the hands of the Israelites.

Malachi 1:13

ULT	UST
But you say, 'Behold, what a weariness!' And you puff at it," says Yahweh of Armies. "And you bring the stolen and the lame and the sick —thus you bring the offering! Should I accept this from your hand?" says Yahweh.	*You even say, 'We are tired of doing this work!' You show that you do not care about it." This is what Yahweh, who commands the heavenly armies, says. "You bring me animals that you stole, cannot walk, or are sick. If you bring these as offerings, do not think that I will accept them from you!" says Yahweh.*

How did the priests regard the service of Yahweh?

They regarded it as tiresome, and they disdainfully snorted at it.

Malachi 1:14

ULT	UST
"But cursed be the deceiver if a male is in his flock and he vows it, but he sacrifices the blemished to the Lord. For I am a great King, says Yahweh of Armies, and my name is feared among the nations.	*"I will punish anyone who tries to cheat me. If someone promises to give me a good male animal from his flock but then gives me one that is not healthy, I will punish that person. After all, I am the great King. I am Yahweh, who commands the heavenly armies, and people all over the world respect me."*

Why did the Lord curse the deceiver who vowed to sacrifice a male animal in his flock and instead gave a flawed animal?

Because Yahweh is a great King, and his name is feared among the nations.

Malachi 2

Malachi 2:3-4

By what would the priests know that Yahweh had commanded them to take it to heart to give glory to his name?

They would know by the curse of Yahweh on their blessings, and by him spreading dung on their faces.

Malachi 2:7

ULT	UST
For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and they should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of Yahweh of Armies.	*After all, a priest should teach people how to know God better. People should learn from what the priest says, because he brings messages from me, Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies.*

Why did Levi honor Yahweh, stand in awe of Yahweh's name, have true teaching in his mouth rather than unrighteousness, walk with Yahweh in peace and uprightness, and turn many away from sin?

Because the priest should guard knowledge as the messenger of Yahweh.

Malachi 2:8-9

How did the priests corrupt the covenant of Levi and not keep Yahweh's ways?

The priests did so by showing partiality in their instruction.

Malachi 2:10-12

Who would Yahweh cut off from the tents of Jacob?

Yahweh would cut off any man who dealt treacherously against his brother or who married the daughter of a foreign god, and then brought an offering to Yahweh.

Malachi 2:14-15

Why did Yahweh not accept Israel's offerings?

Because Israel had dealt treacherously with the wife of his youth.

Malachi 2:15-16

Why did Yahweh command the Israelites to guard themselves in their spirit and not be faithless?

Because Yahweh had made Israel and his wife one in order to have godly offspring, and because Yahweh hated divorce and him who covers his garment with violence.

Malachi 2:17

ULT	UST
You have wearied Yahweh with your words. But you say, "How have we wearied him?" In your saying, "All of the doers of evil are good in the eyes of Yahweh, and he delights in them," or, "Where is the God of justice?"	*Yahweh is tired of hearing what you have been saying. You may wonder what I mean and ask, "How have we made him tired?" You have made him tired by saying, "Yahweh thinks that people who do evil things are actually good. He is happy with them." Yahweh is also tired of hearing you say, "God is not being fair!"*

How did the Israelites weary Yahweh with their words?

They wearied Yahweh with their words by saying that he who does evil is good in Yahweh's sight and he delights in them, and by asking where the God of justice was.

Malachi 3

Malachi 3:1

ULT	UST
“Behold me, sending my messenger, and he will prepare the way to my face. Then suddenly he will come to his temple, the Lord whom you are seeking. And the messenger of the covenant, whom you are desiring, behold, he is coming,” says Yahweh of Armies.	*Yahweh, who commands the heavenly armies, says, “Pay attention! I am about to send my messenger. He will get things ready for me to come. Then I, the Lord you are looking for, will suddenly come to my temple. You want someone to bring you a message about my agreement with you, and I am going to send someone to do that.*

What would happen after Yahweh sent his messenger of the covenant who would prepare his way?

The Lord, whom Israel sought, would suddenly come to his temple.

Malachi 3:3

ULT	UST
And he will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and like silver. And they will be to Yahweh bringers of an offering in righteousness.	*He will help people stop sinning, just as a metalworker sits patiently near silver he has melted and keeps removing impurities from it. He will purify the descendants of Levi, just as a metalworker purifies gold and silver. Then they will bring proper offerings to Yahweh.*

When would the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasing to Yahweh?

It would be pleasing after the purification of the sons of Levi, when they were refined like gold and silver.

Malachi 3:4-5

After the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem were pleasing to Yahweh through the purification of Levi’s sons, what would Yahweh do?

He would draw near to Israel for judgment and be a swift witness against those who did not honor him.

Malachi 3:6-7

Even though the people of Jacob had turned aside from Yahweh's ordinances, why had they not been consumed?

They had not been consumed because Yahweh does not change.

Malachi 3:7

ULT	UST
From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says Yahweh of Armies. "But you say, 'In what shall we return?'	*Ever since the time of your ancestors, you have disobeyed my laws. You have completely ignored them. Now come back to me, and I will come back to you," says Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies. "You may wonder what I mean and ask, 'How can we come back to you?'*

How had Israel turned away from Yahweh?

They had turned away by not keeping his ordinances.

Malachi 3:8

ULT	UST
Will a human rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'In what have we robbed you?' In the tithe and the contribution.	*You might think that no one would even try to steal from God. But you are stealing from me! You may wonder what I mean and ask, 'How are we stealing from you?' You are stealing from me by not giving me the tithes and offerings that you should.*

How had Israel robbed God?

They had robbed God in tithes and offerings.

Malachi 3:10-12

What did Yahweh promise would happen if Israel brought the full tithe into the storehouse?

Yahweh promised that he would rebuke the one who devours you, and that all the nations would call Israel blessed.

Malachi 3:13-15

How had the Israelites spoken against Yahweh?

They had said that serving God is pointless because the arrogant and evildoers prosper even when they tempt him.

Malachi 3:17

ULT	UST
“And they will be to me,” says Yahweh of Armies, “a special possession on the day that I am preparing. And I will have compassion on them just as a man has compassion on his son, the one serving him.	*Then Yahweh, the commander of the heavenly armies, said, “These people especially will belong to me. On the day when I judge people, I will spare them from punishment. I will treat them kindly, just as parents treat kindly the children who obey them.*

Who did Yahweh say would belong to him and be spared?

Yahweh said that those who feared Yahweh and esteemed his name would belong to him and be spared.

Malachi 3:17-18

On the day that Yahweh would act, what would happen?

The Israelites would again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, and between one who worships God and one who does not worship him.

Malachi 4

Malachi 4:1-2

On the day that was coming, burning like a furnace, what would happen to the proud and evildoers?

The proud and evildoers would become stubble, being burnt up.

Malachi 4:2

ULT	UST
But for you fearers of my name, the sun of righteousness will rise, and healing will be upon its wings. And you will go out and skip like calves of the stall.	*But those of you who honor me will experience my power saving you as if the sun were rising and bringing you warmth and light. By my power, I will heal you. You will be as happy as calves are when they leave their stalls to go and play out in the open fields.*

For whom would the sun of righteousness rise?

The sun of righteousness would rise for those who feared Yahweh's name.

Malachi 4:2-3

What would those who feared Yahweh's name do on the day that Yahweh acted?

They would go out leaping like calves from the stall and tread down the wicked.

Malachi 4:4

ULT	UST
"Remember the instruction of Moses my servant, which I commanded him at Horeb for all of Israel, the statutes and the judgments.	*"Remember to obey the laws that I gave to my servant Moses on Mount Sinai. Obey all the rules and regulations that I gave him for all the Israelite people to obey.*

What did Yahweh command all Israel to do?

He commanded them to remember and obey the law of his servant Moses.

Malachi 4:5-6

What would Yahweh do before the day of Yahweh?

He would send Elijah to turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, so that Yahweh would not curse the land.

Matthew

Matthew 1

Matthew 1:1

ULT	UST
The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham:	*This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah. He is a descendant of King David, who was a descendant of Abraham, the ancestor of all Jewish people.*

In the genealogy of Jesus Christ, which two ancestors are listed first, indicating their importance?

The two ancestors listed first are David and Abraham.

Matthew 1:16

ULT	UST
and Jacob fathered Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, the one called Christ.	*Jacob was the father of Joseph. Joseph was Mary's husband. Mary was the mother of Jesus. Jesus is the one whom we call the Messiah.*

At the end of the genealogy, who is the wife that is named, and why is she listed?

Mary, the wife of Joseph, is listed because by her Jesus was born.

Matthew 1:18

ULT	UST
Now the birth of Jesus Christ was thus: His mother, Mary, having been engaged to marry Joseph, before they came together, was found having in the womb from the Holy Spirit.	*I will tell you what happened when the mother of Jesus the Messiah gave birth to him. His mother Mary was about to marry a man named Joseph, and they had not yet had sex. Despite that, Joseph discovered that Mary was pregnant with a baby (whom the Holy Spirit had given to her).*

What happened to Mary before she had come together with Joseph?

Mary became pregnant by the Holy Spirit before she had come together with Joseph.

Matthew 1:19

ULT	UST
Now Joseph her husband, being righteous, and not wanting to publicly disgrace her, intended to divorce her secretly.	*Joseph, who was about to marry her, thought that Mary had sex with another man. Joseph usually did what was right, and he also did not want to shame Mary. So, he decided to say in private that he would not marry her.*

What kind of man was Joseph?

Joseph was a righteous man.

What did Joseph decide to do when he learned Mary was pregnant?

Joseph decided to end the engagement with Mary secretly.

Matthew 1:20

ULT	UST
But he having reflected on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him by way of a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, you should not fear to take Mary as your wife, because the one having been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.	*While Joseph was deciding what to do, he saw an angel from the Lord while he was sleeping! The angel said to him, "Joseph, King David's descendant, do not be reluctant to marry Mary. I say that because it was the Holy Spirit who caused her to become pregnant.*

What happened to Joseph that made him decide to remain engaged to Mary?

An angel told Joseph in a dream to take Mary as his wife because the baby was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:21

ULT	UST
And she will bear a son, and you will call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."	*She will have a male child. You should name him 'Jesus,' which means 'the Lord rescues'. You should name him that because he will rescue his people from the sins that they have committed."*

Why was Joseph told to give the baby the name Jesus?

Joseph was told to name the baby Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:23

ULT	UST
"Behold, the virgin will have in her womb and bear a son, and they will call his name Immanuel"—which is translated, "God with us."	*"A young woman who has never had sex will become pregnant! She will give birth to a male child. People will name him 'Immanuel.'" The name Immanuel means, "God is with us."*

What is written in the Old Testament prophecy which was fulfilled in these events?

The Old Testament prophecy was that a virgin would give birth to a son and that they would call his name Emmanuel, which means "God with us."

Matthew 1:25

ULT	UST
And he did not know her until she bore a son. And he called his name Jesus.	*However, he did not have sex with her before she gave birth to a male child. Joseph named the child Jesus.*

What was Joseph careful not to do until Mary gave birth to Jesus?

Joseph was careful not to sleep with Mary until she gave birth to Jesus.

Matthew 2

Matthew 2:1

ULT	UST
Now, Jesus having been born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, learned men from the east arrived in Jerusalem,	*Mary gave birth to Jesus in the town of Bethlehem in the region of Judea. During that time, Herod was the king there. Some time after Mary gave birth to Jesus, some scholars who studied the stars traveled from eastern countries to the city of Jerusalem!*

Where was Jesus born?

Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea.

Matthew 2:2

ULT	UST
saying, "Where is the one having been born King of the Jews? For we saw his star in the east and came to worship him."	*They were asking people, "Where is the child who will be the king over the Jewish people? We saw a star appear in the sky that indicated that his mother had given birth to him. We traveled here so that we can worship him."*

What title did the learned men from the east give to Jesus?

The learned men from the east gave Jesus the title "King of the Jews."

How did the learned men know the King of the Jews had been born?

The learned men had seen the star of the King of the Jews in the east.

Matthew 2:3

ULT	UST
But having heard this, Herod the king became troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.	*When King Herod learned what these men were asking, he was upset. Many people in the city of Jerusalem were also upset.*

How did King Herod respond to the news from the learned men?

When King Herod heard the news from the learned men, he was troubled.

Matthew 2:5-6

How did the chief priests and scribes know where the Christ would be born?

They knew the prophecy that said the Christ would be born in Bethlehem.

Matthew 2:9

ULT	UST
And they, having heard the king, went, and behold, the star that they saw in the east was going before them until, having come, it stood over where the young child was.	*The scholars listened to the king, and then they traveled to Bethlehem. The star which they saw when it appeared in the sky guided them! It moved in the sky until it was directly above the place where the child, Jesus, was living.*

How did the learned men find exactly where Jesus was?

The star in the east went before them until it stood over where Jesus was.

Matthew 2:11

ULT	UST
And having gone into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother. And having fallen down, they worshiped him, and having opened their treasures, they offered him gifts: gold and frankincense and myrrh.	*They went into the house above which the star had stopped. There, they saw the child Jesus and his mother Mary. They bowed down and worshiped him. Then, they unpacked the valuable things that they had brought with them. They gave Jesus gold, incense, and valuable tree resin.*

How old was Jesus when the learned men came to see him?

Jesus was a young child when the learned men came to see him.

What gifts did the learned men give to Jesus?

The learned men gave to Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:12

ULT	UST
And having been warned through a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their country by another way.	*After that, God used a dream to tell them not to go back to King Herod. So, they went home on a different road than the one on which they had come.*

By what way did the learned men return home, and why did they go this way?

The learned men returned home another way because God warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.

Matthew 2:13

ULT	UST
Now they having departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appears to Joseph by means of a dream, saying, "Having gotten up, take the young child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is going to seek the young child to kill him."	*After the scholars who studied the stars went home, Joseph saw an angel from the Lord while he was sleeping! The angel told him, "King Herod wants to find the child so that he can kill him. So, when you wake up, escape to the land of Egypt with the child and his mother, your wife. Stay there until I tell you that you can return home."*

What instructions did Joseph receive in a dream?

Joseph was instructed in a dream to take Jesus and Mary and flee to Egypt because Herod was going to try to kill Jesus.

Matthew 2:15

ULT	UST
and he was there until the death of Herod, in order that might be fulfilled what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called my son."	*They lived in the land of Egypt while King Herod ruled. So, what the Lord said by speaking through the prophet Hosea came true: "I have told my son to leave Egypt."*

What prophecy was fulfilled by Jesus' later return from Egypt?

The prophecy, "Out of Egypt I have called my son" was fulfilled when Jesus later returned from Egypt.

Matthew 2:16

ULT	UST
Then Herod, having seen that he had been mocked by the learned men, was very angry, and having sent forth, he killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all its region, from two years and under, according to the time that he had determined exactly from the learned men.	*When the scholars who studied the stars did not come back to King Herod, he realized that they had fooled him. He became furious. He had some of his soldiers go to the city of Bethlehem and the areas around it and kill every male child who was two years old or younger. He picked those ages because of what the scholars who studied the stars told him about the exact time when they first saw the star.*

What did Herod do when the learned men did not return to him?

Herod killed all the male children in the region of Bethlehem who were two years old or younger.

Matthew 2:19-20

What instructions did Joseph receive in a dream after Herod died?

Joseph was instructed in a dream to return to the land of Israel.

Matthew 2:22-23

Where did Joseph settle to live with Mary and Jesus?

Joseph settled to live with Mary and Jesus in Nazareth of Galilee.

Matthew 2:23

ULT	UST
and having gone, he lived in a city being called Nazareth, so that it might be fulfilled what was spoken through the prophets, that he will be called a Nazarene.	*When he and his family arrived in Galilee, they lived in the town of Nazareth. In that way, what God said by speaking through the prophets came true: "People will say that the Messiah is from Nazareth."*

What prophecy was fulfilled when Joseph moved to their new location?

The prophecy that the Christ would be called a Nazarene was fulfilled.

Matthew 3

Matthew 3:2

ULT	UST
saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens is near.”	*“Stop doing what is wrong! You should do that because God is about to establish his heavenly kingdom here.”*

What was the message that John the Baptist preached in the wilderness?

John preached, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

Matthew 3:3

ULT	UST
For this is the one spoken of through Isaiah the prophet, saying, “A voice of one calling out in the wilderness, ‘Make ready the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”	*That man is the one about whom the Lord said, by speaking through the prophet Isaiah, “In the desolate place, someone will be calling out to the people: ‘Prepare yourselves to receive the Lord! Make yourselves ready for when he comes!’”*

What did the prophecy from Isaiah say that John the Baptist would come to do?

The prophecy said that John the Baptist warn people to make ready the way of the Lord.

Matthew 3:6

ULT	UST
and being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.	*Many of these people agreed that they had sinned. Then, John baptized them in the Jordan River.*

What did the people do as they were baptized by John?

As they were baptized, the people confessed their sins.

Matthew 3:8

ULT	UST
Therefore, produce fruit worthy of repentance.	*You need to do the things that show that you have truly rejected your previous sinful way of living!*

What did John the Baptist tell the Pharisees and Sadducees to do?

John the Baptist told the Pharisees and Sadducees to bear fruit worthy of repentance.

Matthew 3:9

ULT	UST
And you should not think to say in yourselves, 'We have Abraham as father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones.	*Do not think to yourselves, 'Certainly God will not punish us, because we are descendants of Abraham!' That does not impress God. Let me assure you, God could turn these stones into descendants of Abraham!*

What did John the Baptist warn the Pharisees and Sadducees not to think among themselves?

John warned the Pharisees and Sadducees not to think among themselves that they had Abraham as their father.

Matthew 3:10

ULT	UST
But already the ax is set against the root of the trees. So, every tree not producing good fruit is chopped down and thrown into a fire.	*You are like fruit trees that do not produce good fruit. God is like a man who is positioning the head of his axe at the base of those trees, ready to chop them down and throw them into the fire. God is ready to punish you like that if you continue sinning.*

According to John, what happens to every tree that does not produce good fruit?

John says that every tree that does not bear good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire.

Matthew 3:11

ULT	UST
I indeed baptize you with water for repentance. But the one coming after me is more powerful than I, of whom I am not worthy to carry away his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire,	*I use water to baptize you so that you stop doing what is wrong. However, soon you will see someone else who is more powerful than I am. It is not appropriate for me to be even his servant. He will give you the Holy Spirit and make you pure.*

How will the one who was coming after John baptize?

The one who was coming after John will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matthew 3:15

ULT	UST
But answering, Jesus said to him, "Permit it now, for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permits him.	*Jesus answered him, "Please baptize me at this time. When you do, you and I will be acting appropriately by doing what God requires." After Jesus said that, John agreed to baptize him.*

What did Jesus say to John that convinced John to baptize Jesus?

Jesus said that it was right for John to baptize Jesus in order to fulfill all righteousness.

Matthew 3:16

ULT	UST
Now, having been baptized, Jesus immediately came up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove, resting upon him,	*Right after John baptized him, Jesus walked out of the River Jordan. Then, God allowed him to see into heaven! He saw that the Holy Spirit, who looked like a small bird, was descending from heaven and landing on him.*

What did Jesus see when he came up from the water?

When he came up from the water, Jesus saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and resting on him.

Matthew 3:17

ULT	UST
and behold, a voice from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.”	*Then God spoke from heaven! He declared, “This man is my Son, the one whom I love dearly. What he does pleases me.”*

What did the voice from heaven say after Jesus was baptized?

The voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 4

Matthew 4:1

ULT	UST
Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.	*After that, the Holy Spirit took Jesus into a desolate area. That way, the ruling evil spirit could try to make him sin.*

Who led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil?

The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:2

ULT	UST
And having fasted 40 days and 40 nights, afterward he was hungry.	*He did not eat any food for 40 days. After that, he was hungry.*

How long did Jesus fast in the wilderness?

Jesus fasted 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness.

Matthew 4:3

ULT	UST
And having approached, the one tempting said to him, "If you are the Son of God, speak so that these stones might become loaves."	*Then the devil arrived. He wanted to make Jesus sin. He said to Jesus, "Show me that you really are God's Son. Command these stones to become loaves of bread for you to eat."*

What was the first temptation that the devil presented to Jesus?

The devil tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread.

Matthew 4:4

ULT	UST
But he, answering, said, "It is written, 'Man will not live on bread alone, but by every word coming through the mouth of God.'"	*Jesus responded, "I will not do that, because Moses wrote in the Scriptures, 'People need more than food to stay alive. They also need to do everything that God tells them to do.'"*

What was Jesus' answer to the first temptation?

Jesus said that man will not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:5-6

What was the second temptation that the devil presented to Jesus?

The devil tempted Jesus to throw himself down from the temple.

Matthew 4:7

ULT	UST
Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You will not test the Lord your God.'"	*Jesus responded, "Again, I will not do that, because Moses wrote in the Scriptures, 'Do not provoke the Lord your God to see what he will do.'"*

What was Jesus' answer to the second temptation?

Jesus said that you must not test the Lord your God.

Matthew 4:8-9

What was the third temptation that the devil presented to Jesus?

The devil tempted Jesus to worship him in return for all the kingdoms of the world.

Matthew 4:10

ULT	UST
Then Jesus says to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written, 'You will worship the Lord your God, and you will serve only him.'"	*After that, Jesus responded, "Leave me, Satan! I will not worship you, because Moses wrote in the Scriptures, 'You must only worship the Lord your God. He is the only one you may honor as God.'"*

What was Jesus' answer to the third temptation?

Jesus said that you must worship the Lord your God and must serve him only.

Matthew 4:15-16

What was fulfilled by Jesus' move to Capernaum in Galilee?

The prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled which said that the people in Galilee would see a great light.

Matthew 4:17

ULT	UST
From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of the heavens has come near."	*After he went to live in the town of Capernaum, Jesus started proclaiming, "Stop doing what is wrong! You should do that because God is about to establish his heavenly kingdom here."*

What message did Jesus then begin to preach?

Jesus preached, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has drawn near."

Matthew 4:18

ULT	UST
Now walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.	*One day, Jesus was walking next to the Sea of Galilee. He saw two men: Simon, who also had the name Peter, and Simon's younger brother Andrew. They earned money by catching and selling fish. When Jesus saw them, they were using nets to try to catch fish.*

How did Peter and Andrew make their living?

Peter and Andrew were fisherman.

Matthew 4:19

ULT	UST
And he says to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."	*Jesus commanded them, "Come with me and be my apprentices. I will teach you how to gather people to be my apprentices, just as you have been gathering fish."*

What did Jesus say he would make Peter and Andrew?

Jesus said that he would make Peter and Andrew fishers of men.

Matthew 4:21

ULT	UST
And having gone on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother in the boat with Zebedee their father mending their nets, and he called them,	*Jesus kept walking next to the sea. Then, he saw two more men: James, the son of Zebedee, and James' younger brother John. When Jesus saw them, they were preparing their fishing tools in a boat with their father, Zebedee. Jesus commanded them, "Come with me and be my apprentices."*

How did James and John make their living?

James and John were fisherman.

Matthew 4:23

ULT	UST
And he was going around in all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.	*Jesus visited all the towns in the region of Galilee. He instructed people when they gathered in the Jewish meeting places. He proclaimed the good news about God's kingdom. He cured many Jewish people who were sick in any way.*

At this time, where did Jesus go to teach?

Jesus taught in the synagogues of Galilee.

Matthew 4:24

ULT	UST
And the news of him went out into all Syria, and they brought to him all the ones having sickness, being afflicted by various diseases and pains, and being possessed by demons, and the epileptic and the paralytic, and he healed them.	*Many people who lived in the region of Syria heard about him. They took to him many people who were suffering, people who were sick or hurting, people with demons, and people who could not move or who had seizures. Jesus healed them.*

What kind of people were brought to Jesus, and what did Jesus do with them?

All those who were sick and demon possessed were brought to Jesus, and Jesus healed them.

Matthew 4:25

ULT	UST
And large crowds followed him from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and beyond the Jordan.	*Large groups of people went wherever Jesus went. These people came from the region of Galilee, from the region of the Ten Towns, from the city of Jerusalem, from the region of Judea, and from the east side of the Jordan River.*

How many people were following Jesus at this time?

Great multitudes were following Jesus at this time.

Matthew 5

Matthew 5:3

ULT	UST
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of the heavens.	*“It is very good for those who do not have spiritual strength. That is because they are part of God’s heavenly kingdom.*

Why are the poor in spirit blessed?

The poor in spirit are blessed because theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:4

ULT	UST
Blessed are the ones mourning, for they will be comforted.	*It is very good for those who grieve. That is because God will encourage them.*

Why are those who mourn blessed?

Those who mourn are blessed because they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:5

ULT	UST
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.	*It is very good for those who are gentle. That is because God will give them the world when he renews it.*

Why are the meek blessed?

The meek are blessed because they will inherit the earth.

Matthew 5:6

ULT	UST
Blessed are the ones hungering and thirsting for righteousness, for they will be fed.	*It is very good for those who greatly desire to do what is right. That is because God will enable them to do what they desire to do.*

Why are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness blessed?

Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness are blessed because they will be filled.

Matthew 5:11-12

Why are those who are insulted and persecuted for Jesus' sake blessed?

Those who are insulted and persecuted for Jesus' sake are blessed because great is their reward in heaven.

Matthew 5:15-16

How do believers let their light shine before people?

Believers let their light shine before people by doing good deeds.

Matthew 5:17

ULT	UST
Do not think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets. I came not to destroy but to fulfill.	*You should not conclude that I am here to abolish any parts of the Scriptures. I am not here to abolish them. Rather, I am here so that they come true.*

What did Jesus come to do with the law and the prophets of the Old Testament?

Jesus came to fulfill the law and the prophets of the Old Testament.

Matthew 5:19

ULT	UST
Therefore, whoever annuls one of the least of these commandments and teaches men to do so will be called least in the kingdom of the heavens. But whoever does and teaches them, that one will be called great in the kingdom of the heavens.	*So then, suppose that someone disregards even one of the most insignificant laws. Also, suppose that this person teaches other people to do the same thing. This person will be insignificant in God's heavenly kingdom. In contrast, suppose that someone obeys the laws and teaches other people to do the same thing. This person will be very important in God's heavenly kingdom.*

Who will be called great in the kingdom of heaven?

Those who keep God's commandments and who teach them to others will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:21-22

Jesus taught that not only those who murder are in danger of the judgment, but also those who do what?

Jesus taught that not only those who murder, but also those who are angry with their brother are in danger of the judgment.

Matthew 5:23-24

What did Jesus teach we should do if our brother has anything against us?

Jesus taught that we should go and be reconciled to our brother if he has anything against us.

Matthew 5:25

ULT	UST
Be in agreement with your accuser quickly while you are with him on the way, lest your accuser might hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison.	*Suppose that someone intends to say to a judge that you did something wrong. You should try to resolve what happened before that person can speak to the judge. That way, the person does not bring you to the judge, who would command one of the officials to put you in jail.*

What did Jesus teach we should do with our accuser before reaching court?

Jesus taught that we should try to come to an agreement with our accuser before reaching court.

Matthew 5:27-28

Jesus taught that it was not only wrong to commit adultery, but also to do what?

Jesus taught that it was not only wrong to commit adultery, but also to lust after a woman.

Matthew 5:29-30

What did Jesus say we must do with anything that causes us to sin?

Jesus said that we must get rid of anything that causes us to sin.

Matthew 5:32

ULT	UST
But I say to you that everyone divorcing his wife, except for a report of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery. And whoever marries the one who has been divorced commits adultery.	*Now here is what I want to tell you: a man may divorce his wife only if she has had improper sex. When a man divorces his wife for any other reason, he makes her disobey what God commanded about being sexually faithful to one's spouse. Further, any man who marries a woman whose husband has divorced her also disobeys what God commanded about being sexually faithful to one's spouse.*

For what cause did Jesus allow divorce?

For the cause of sexual immorality did Jesus allow divorce.

What does a husband cause his wife to become if he divorces her wrongly and she remarries?

A husband causes his wife to become an adulteress if he divorces her wrongly and she remarries.

Matthew 5:37

ULT	UST
But let your word be 'Yes, yes,' or 'No, no.' But anything greater than this is from the evil one.	*When you promise something, just say 'Yes, I will do it,' or 'No, I will not do it.' When you say more to guarantee what you promised, you are doing what Satan wants you to do.*

Instead of swearing oaths to various earthly things, what does Jesus say our speech should be like?

Jesus says that instead of swearing oaths by all these things we should let our speech be, "Yes, yes," or "No, no."

Matthew 5:38-39

What did Jesus teach we should do with one who is evil toward us?

Jesus taught that we should not resist one who is evil toward us.

Matthew 5:43-44

What did Jesus teach we should do with our enemies and with those who persecute us?

Jesus taught that we should love and pray for our enemies and for those who persecute us.

Matthew 5:46-47

Why did Jesus say that we must not only love those who love us, but also love our enemies?

Jesus said that if we only love those who love us, we do not receive a reward because we are only doing what the Gentiles already do.

Matthew 6

Matthew 6:2

ULT	UST
So when you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before yourself even as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets so that they may be glorified by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.	*Whenever some people give money to help poor people, they have someone announce what they are doing by playing a loud instrument in the Jewish meeting places and in the main roads. They pretend to help others, but they just want other people to praise them. God will not reward them any more than that. What I have said is true. So, you should not behave like that.*

What is the reward of those who do their acts of righteousness to be seen by people?

Those who do their acts of righteousness to be seen by people receive the praise of people as their reward.

Matthew 6:3-4

How should we do our acts of righteousness in order to be rewarded by the Father?

We should do our acts of righteousness in private.

Matthew 6:5

ULT	UST
And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray, having stood in the synagogues and on the corners of the street, so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.	*Whenever some people pray to God, they enjoy doing so while standing in the Jewish meeting places and on the street corners. They pretend to focus on praying, but they just want other people to recognize them. God will not reward them any more than that. What I have said is true. So, you should not behave like that.*

What reward do those receive who are hypocrites praying to be seen by people?

Those who are hypocrites praying to be seen by people receive their reward from people.

Matthew 6:6

ULT	UST
But you, when you pray, enter into your inner chamber, and having shut your door, pray to your Father in secret, and your Father seeing in secret will reward you.	*In contrast, when you want to pray to God, you should go to a private room in your house and close the door. Then, you can pray to God your Father, who is there with you in private. When he observes you doing that privately, he will reward you.*

Those who pray in private receive a reward from whom?

Those who pray in private receive a reward from the Father.

Matthew 6:7-8

Why does Jesus say we should not pray with useless repetitions?

Jesus says we should not pray with useless repetitions because the Father knows what we need before we ask him.

Matthew 6:10

ULT	UST
Let your kingdom come, let your will be done as in heaven also on earth.	*May you establish your kingdom. May everyone do what you want here on earth, just as they already do in heaven.*

Where should we ask the Father that his will be done?

We should ask the Father that his will be done on earth, as it is already done in heaven.

Matthew 6:15

ULT	UST
But if you do not forgive the men, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.	*However, God your Father will not forgive you when you sin against him as long as you do not forgive other people.*

If we do not forgive others of their debts to us, what will the Father do?

If we do not forgive others of their debts to us, the Father will not forgive our debts.

Matthew 6:16-18

How should we fast so that we receive a reward from the Father?

We should fast without appearing to people as fasting, and then the Father will reward us.

Matthew 6:19-20

Where should we store up treasure, and why?

We should store up treasure in heaven, because it cannot be destroyed or stolen there.

Matthew 6:21

ULT	UST
For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.	*That is important because you think and care most about the place where you collect valuable things.*

What will be where our treasure is?

Our heart will be where our treasure is.

Matthew 6:24

ULT	UST
No one is able to serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and will love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and will despise the other. You are not able to serve God and wealth.	*Servants cannot serve two different masters at the same time. If they tried to do that, they would hate one of them and love the other one, or they would be loyal to one of them and consider the other one to be unimportant. In the same way, you cannot devote your life to serving God if you are also devoting your life to acquiring money and other material possessions.*

Which two masters must we choose between?

We must choose between God and wealth as our masters.

Matthew 6:25-26

Why should we not worry about food, drink, and clothes?

We should not worry about food, drink, and clothes because the Father even takes care of the birds, and we are of much more value than they.

Matthew 6:27

ULT	UST
But which of you, being anxious, is able to add one cubit to his lifespan?	*You cannot add even a minute to your life by worrying about it!*

What does Jesus remind us we cannot do by being anxious?

Jesus reminds us that we cannot add one cubit to our lifespan by being anxious.

Matthew 6:33

ULT	UST
But seek first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.	*You should concentrate primarily on what you can do for God's kingdom and on doing what God considers to be right. When you do those things, you can trust God to provide everything you need.*

What must we seek first, and all our earthly needs will then be provided?

We must seek first the kingdom and the Father's righteousness, and then all our earthly needs will be provided.

Matthew 7

Matthew 7:3-5

What must we do first before we can clearly see to help our brother?

We must first judge ourselves and remove the log from our own eye before we can help our brother.

Matthew 7:6

ULT	UST
You should neither give the holy to the dogs nor should you throw your pearls in front of the pigs. Otherwise, they will trample them under their feet, and having turned, they will tear you to pieces.	*Apply this saying to how you live: do not present sacred things to dogs, and do not put valuable things in front of pigs. I say that because the pigs will crush your valuable things, and the dogs will destroy the sacred things and then attack you.*

What may happen if you give what is holy to the dogs?

If you give what is holy to the dogs, they may trample it and then turn and tear you to pieces.

Matthew 7:8

ULT	UST
For everyone asking receives; and the one seeking finds; and to the one knocking, it will be opened.	*You should do those things because everyone who keeps asking God for the things they need will receive them. Everyone who seeks those things from God will receive them. If people ask God to make things possible for them, God will act on their behalf.*

What must we do to receive from the Father?

We must ask, seek, and knock in order to receive from the Father.

Matthew 7:11

ULT	UST
Therefore, if you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in the heavens give good things to the ones asking him?	*So, even though you people are sinful, you still know how to give good gifts to your children. Therefore, it is even more certain that God your Father, who rules from heaven, will give good things to those who ask him.*

What does the Father give to those who ask him?

The Father gives good things to those who ask him.

Matthew 7:12

ULT	UST
Therefore, all things in as much as you desire that men do to you, in this manner also, you do to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.	*In conclusion, in whatever way you want others to act toward you, that is the way you should act toward them. Then, you will be doing what it says in all the parts of the Scriptures.*

What do the law and the prophets teach us about how to treat others?

The law and prophets teach us to do to others what we want people to do to us.

Matthew 7:13

ULT	UST
Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that is leading to destruction, and there are many entering through it.	

To what does the broad way lead?

The broad way leads to destruction.

Matthew 7:14

ULT	UST
For the gate is narrow and the road has been made narrow that is leading to life, and there are few finding it.	

To what does the narrow way lead?

The narrow way leads to life.

Matthew 7:15-16

How can we recognize false prophets?

We can recognize false prophets by the fruit of their lives.

Matthew 7:21

ULT	UST
Not everyone saying to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but the one doing the will of my Father in the heavens.	*Just calling me your Lord is not enough for you to participate in God's heavenly kingdom. Rather, you need to do what God my Father, who rules from heaven, wants you to do.*

Who will enter into the kingdom of heaven?

Those who do the will of the Father will enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 7:22-23

What will Jesus say to many who have prophesied, driven out demons, and done miracles in Jesus' name?

Jesus will say to them, "I never knew you! Get away from me, you evil-doers"!

Matthew 7:24

ULT	UST
Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be compared to a wise man who built his house upon the rock.	*So, all people who hear my teachings and obey them are acting as wise people who construct their homes on top of solid rock.*

Who is like the wise man in Jesus' parable of the two houses?

One who hears Jesus' words and obeys them is like the wise man.

Matthew 7:26

ULT	UST
But everyone hearing these words of mine and not doing them will be compared to a foolish man who built his house upon the sand.	*However, all people who hear my teachings and do not obey them are like foolish people who construct their homes on top of shifting sand.*

Who is like the foolish man in Jesus' parable of the two houses?

One who hears Jesus' words and does not obey them is like the foolish man.

Matthew 7:29

ULT	UST
for he was teaching them as having authority, and not as their scribes.	*They felt amazed because he did not teach as the teachers of the Jewish law did. Rather, he taught them like someone whom God had authorized to do so.*

How did Jesus teach the people compared to how the scribes taught?

Jesus taught the people as one who had authority, not as the scribes taught.

Matthew 8

Matthew 8:4

ULT	UST
And Jesus says to him, "See that you tell no one, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony to them."	*Then Jesus told him, "Do not tell anyone what just happened. Instead, go and show yourself to a priest so that he can examine you and see that you no longer have the skin disease. Also, present the offering that Moses required for people whom God has healed from skin disease. This will prove to the community that you no longer have the skin disease."*

Why did Jesus say the healed leper should go to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded?

Jesus told the healed leper to go to the priest for a testimony to them.

Matthew 8:7

ULT	UST
And he says to him, "I, when I have come, will heal him."	*Jesus answered, "I will go to your home and cure him."*

What did Jesus say he would do when the centurion told him about his paralyzed servant?

Jesus said he would go to the centurion's house and heal the servant.

Matthew 8:8

ULT	UST
And answering, the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy that you might enter under my roof, but only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.	*The important officer responded, "Lord, I am not important enough for you to come into my house. Instead of going to my house, you can cure my servant just by speaking a command.*

Why did the centurion say that Jesus did not need to come to his house?

The centurion said that he was not worthy to have Jesus in his house, and that Jesus could just say the word and heal the servant.

Matthew 8:10

ULT	UST
But having heard this, Jesus was amazed and said to the ones following him, "Truly I say to you, I have found such great faith from no one in Israel.	*What the officer said impressed Jesus. Jesus declared to the people who were with him, "I have not met any Israelite who trusts me as much as this man does! What I have said is true.*

What compliment did Jesus give the centurion?

Jesus said that not even in Israel had he found anyone with so much faith as the centurion.

Matthew 8:11

ULT	UST
But I tell you that many will come from east and west, and they will recline to eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of the heavens.	*So, here is what I want to tell you: many people from every part of the world, including many non-Jewish people, will arrive in God's heavenly kingdom. They will feast along with our Jewish ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.*

Who did Jesus say would come and recline at table in the kingdom of heaven?

Jesus said that many would come from the east and the west and recline at table in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 8:12

ULT	UST
But the sons of the kingdom will be thrown out into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth."	*However, God will cast out many people who think that they will participate in his kingdom. He will punish them in a dark place, where they will cry and sorrowfully grind their teeth."*

Who did Jesus say would be thrown into outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth?

Jesus said that the sons of the kingdom would be thrown into outer darkness.

Matthew 8:14-15

Who did Jesus heal when he entered Peter's house?

Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law when he entered Peter's house.

Matthew 8:17

ULT	UST
so that might be fulfilled that which had been spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, "He himself took our sicknesses and bore our diseases."	*So, what God said by speaking through the prophet Isaiah came true: "When we were sick, he helped us. When we were ill, he cured us."*

What prophecy from Isaiah was fulfilled as Jesus healed all who were demon-possessed and sick?

Isaiah's prophecy, "He himself took our sickness and bore our diseases," was fulfilled.

Matthew 8:20

ULT	UST
And Jesus says to him, "The foxes have dens, and the birds of the sky, nests, but the Son of Man does not have a place where he might lay his head."	*Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes in the ground to live in, and birds have nests to live in, but I, the Son of Man, do not have a home to sleep in!"*

What did Jesus say about the way he lived when the scribe asked to follow him?

Jesus said that he had no permanent home.

Matthew 8:21-22

When a disciple asked to go bury his father before following Jesus, what did Jesus say?

Jesus told the disciple to follow him, and to leave the dead to bury their own dead.

Matthew 8:24

ULT	UST
And behold, a great storm happened on the sea, so that the boat was covered by the waves. But he was sleeping.	*As they were sailing a strong windstorm developed over the Sea of Galilee! Very high waves were splashing into the boat and filling it, but Jesus was asleep.*

What was Jesus doing in the boat when the great storm arose on the sea?

Jesus was sleeping when the great storm arose on the sea.

Matthew 8:26

ULT	UST
And he says to them, "Why are you cowardly, you of little faith?" Then, having gotten up, he rebuked the winds and the sea, and a great calm happened.	*Jesus answered, "You should not be so afraid. You should trust God more than you do!" Then he stood up. He scolded the wind and the water, and everything became calm.*

When the disciples woke Jesus up because they were afraid of dying, what did Jesus say to them?

Jesus said to the disciples, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?"

Matthew 8:27

ULT	UST
But the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is he, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"	*What happened impressed the apprentices. They wondered, "What kind of person is Jesus? The wind and the water do what he says!"*

Why were the disciples marveling at Jesus after there was calm?

The disciples marveled at Jesus because the winds and the sea obeyed him.

Matthew 8:28

ULT	UST
And when he had come to the other side, to the region of the Gadarenes, two men met him, being possessed by demons, coming out of the tombs, very violent, so that no one was strong enough to pass through that road.	*After that, they arrived on the other side of the Sea of Galilee, in the region where the Gadarene people lived. When they landed, two men whom demons controlled came up to Jesus. They came from the burial caves. They were strong and dangerous. Because of them, no one could travel on the road that went near the burial caves.*

What kind of men met Jesus when he came to the country of the Gadarenes?

Jesus met two demon-possessed men who were very violent.

Matthew 8:29

ULT	UST
And behold, they cried out, saying, "What to us and to you, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the set time?"	*They shouted to Jesus, "Leave us alone, you who are God's Son! You should not arrive to punish us before it is the time that God has appointed."*

What was the concern of the demons speaking through the men to Jesus?

The demons were concerned that Jesus had come to torment them before the set time.

Matthew 8:32

ULT	UST
And he said to them, "Go!" And they, having come out, went away into the pigs; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep slope into the sea, and they died in the water.	*Jesus answered, "I will allow that!" So, the demons left the men and began to control the pigs. Then, the whole herd of pigs rushed down the steep bank into the Sea of Galilee! They died there in the sea.*

What happened when Jesus cast out the demons?

When Jesus cast out the demons, they entered a herd of pigs and the pigs rushed into the sea and perished.

Matthew 8:34

ULT	UST
And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And having seen him, they begged him that he would depart from their region.	*Then many people who lived in that town went to see Jesus! When they met him, they pleaded with him to leave their area.*

What did the people beg Jesus to do when they came out of the city to meet him?

The people begged Jesus to leave their region.

Matthew 9

Matthew 9:3-5

Why did some of the scribes think that Jesus was blaspheming God?

Some of the scribes thought that Jesus was blaspheming God because Jesus told the paralyzed man that his sins were forgiven.

Matthew 9:5-6

Why did Jesus say he had told the paralytic that his sins were forgiven, instead of telling him to get up and walk?

Jesus had told the paralytic that his sins were forgiven to demonstrate that he had authority on earth to forgive sins.

Matthew 9:8

ULT	UST
Now when the crowds had seen this, they were afraid and glorified God, having given such authority to men.	*Once the large groups of people who were near Jesus saw what had happened, they felt afraid. Also, they praised God for enabling people to do such amazing things.*

Why did the people praise God when they saw the paralytic man's sins forgiven and his body healed?

They were overawed and praised God, who had given such authority to men.

Matthew 9:9

ULT	UST
And Jesus, passing on from there, saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's office, and he says to him, "Follow me." And having gotten up, he followed him.	*As Jesus was walking away from that place, he noticed a man whom people called Matthew. Matthew was sitting in the booth where the people came to pay him the taxes that the government required. Jesus said to him, "Come with me and be my apprentice!" So Matthew stood up and went with him as his apprentice.*

What was Matthew's occupation before he followed Jesus?

Matthew was a tax collector before he followed Jesus.

Matthew 9:10

ULT	UST
And it happened that he was reclining to eat in the house, and behold, many tax collectors and sinners, having come, were dining with Jesus and his disciples.	*Later, Jesus was feasting in Matthew's home. Many people who collected taxes and other sinful people arrived! They feasted with Jesus and his apprentices.*

With whom did Jesus and his disciples eat?

Jesus and his disciples ate with tax collectors and sinful people.

Matthew 9:13

ULT	UST
But having gone, learn what this is: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."	*You should study and learn from what God has said in the Scriptures: 'What I most want is that people treat each other mercifully, not that people present offerings to me.' Much like that, I am here not to invite those who think they are righteous to come to me. Rather, I invite those who know that they have sinned to come to me."*

Who did Jesus say he came to call to repentance?

Jesus said he came to call sinners to repentance.

Matthew 9:15

ULT	UST
And Jesus said to them, "The sons of the bridal chamber are not able to mourn while the bridegroom is still with them, are they? But days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.	*Jesus answered, "The friends of the bridegroom do not grieve while the wedding celebration is still going on. However, someday the bridegroom will no longer be with his friends. Then they will not eat.*

Why did Jesus say his disciples were not fasting?

Jesus said his disciples were not fasting because he was still with them.

When did Jesus say his disciples would fast?

Jesus said his disciples would fast when he was taken away from them.

Matthew 9:20-21

ULT	UST
	Now there was a woman who had been suffering for 12 years from a disease that caused continual bleeding. She thought, "Just touching Jesus' robe will cure me." So, she approached Jesus from behind, and she touched the hem of his robe.

What did the woman with severe bleeding do, and why?

The woman with severe bleeding touched the edge of Jesus' garment thinking that if she only touched his garment, she would be made well.

Matthew 9:22

ULT	UST
But Jesus, having turned and having seen her, said, "Daughter, take courage; your faith has saved you." And the woman was saved from that hour.	*After the woman touched Jesus' robe, Jesus turned around and looked at her. He said to her, "Do not worry, young woman. Because you believed that I could heal you, you are now well." At that very moment, the woman became well.*

What did Jesus say had made the woman with severe bleeding well?

Jesus said that the woman with severe bleeding had been made well by her faith.

Matthew 9:24

ULT	UST
said, "Go away, for the girl has not died, but sleeps." And they were laughing at him.	*He said to these people, "Leave! The young woman is not dead! She is only sleeping." Then, the people made fun of him for saying that.*

Why did the people laugh at Jesus when he entered the Jewish official's house?

The people laughed at Jesus because Jesus said that the girl was not dead, but sleeping.

Matthew 9:26

ULT	UST
And this report went out into all that region.	*After that, people throughout that whole area heard about what Jesus had done.*

What happened after Jesus raised the girl from the dead?

News about Jesus raising the girl from the dead spread into all that region.

Matthew 9:27

ULT	UST
And as Jesus was departing from there, two blind men followed him, crying out and saying, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"	*When Jesus left the important man's house, two men who were blind went with him. They were shouting, "You who are a descendant of King David, help us!"*

What did the two blind men keep shouting at Jesus?

The two blind men kept shouting, "Have mercy on us, Son of David"!

Matthew 9:29

ULT	UST
Then he touched their eyes, saying, "Let it be done to you according to your faith."	*After they said that, he touched their eyes. He declared, "I will do for you what you have trusted me to do."*

Jesus healed the two blind men according to what?

Jesus healed the two blind men according to their faith.

Matthew 9:34

ULT	UST
But the Pharisees were saying, "By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons."	*However, the Pharisees declared, "It is the leader of the demons who enables this man to drive out demons!"*

After Jesus healed the mute man, what accusation did the Pharisees make against him?

The Pharisees accused Jesus of driving out demons by the ruler of demons.

Matthew 9:36

ULT	UST
Now, having seen the crowds, he felt compassion for them, because they were troubled and discouraged, like sheep not having a shepherd.	*Jesus observed that the large groups of people who traveled wherever he went seemed upset and confused. They were like sheep who did not have a sheepherder to lead them and to take care of them. So, Jesus pitied them.*

Why did Jesus have compassion on the crowds?

Jesus had compassion on the crowds because they were worried and confused, and were like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:38

ULT	UST
Therefore, earnestly ask the Lord of the harvest, so that he might send out laborers into his harvest."	*So pray to God, who wants all of those people to believe, and plead with him for more people who can go and help them."*

For what did Jesus tell his disciples to pray urgently?

Jesus told his disciples to pray urgently that the Lord of the harvest send out laborers into his harvest.

Matthew 10

Matthew 10:1

ULT	UST
And having summoned his 12 disciples, he gave them authority over unclean spirits, so as to cast them out and to heal every disease and every sickness.	*Then, Jesus told his 12 apprentices to come to him. He authorized them to drive demons out of people and to cure people who were sick in any way.*

What authority did Jesus give his twelve disciples?

Jesus gave his twelve disciples authority to drive out unclean spirits, and to heal all kinds of diseases.

Matthew 10:4

ULT	UST
Simon the Cananaios, and Judas Iscariot, the one having also handed him over.	*Simon the Zealot; and Judas Iscariot, who eventually helped to arrest Jesus.*

What is the name of the disciple who would betray Jesus?

The name of the disciple who would betray Jesus was Judas Iscariot.

Matthew 10:6

ULT	UST
But go instead to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.	*Instead, go to your fellow Israelites. They are like sheep who have wandered off and need help.*

Where did Jesus send his disciples at this time?

Jesus sent his disciples only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matthew 10:9-10

Were the disciples to carry any money or extra clothes with them?

No, the disciples were not to carry any money or extra clothes with them.

Matthew 10:11

ULT	UST
But whatever city or village you enter into, find someone who is worthy in it and stay there until you go out.	*When you visit a city or town, look for someone who lives there who welcomes you. When you find such a person, stay in that person's home until you leave that area.*

Where were the disciples to stay when they went from village to village?

The disciples were to find someone worthy in the village and stay there until they left.

Matthew 10:14-15

What would be the judgment on the cities that did not receive the disciples or listen to their words?

The judgment on the cities that did not receive the disciples or listen to their words would be worse than the judgment on Sodom and Gomorrah.

Matthew 10:17-18

What did Jesus say people would do to the disciples?

Jesus said that people would deliver the disciples up to councils, whip them, and bring them before governors and kings.

Matthew 10:20

ULT	UST
For you are not the one speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.	*You can be sure of that because the Holy Spirit, whom God your Father sends, will reveal to you what to say. You will not speak for yourself.*

Who would speak through the disciples when they were delivered up?

The Spirit of the Father would speak through the disciples when they were delivered up.

Matthew 10:22

ULT	UST
And you will be hated by all because of my name, but the one having endured to the end, this one will be saved.	*Because you are my apprentices, many people will be hostile to you. However, if you persevere in being my apprentices while people harm you, God will rescue you.*

Who did Jesus say would be saved in the end?

Jesus said that those who endure to the end will be saved.

Matthew 10:24-25

How would those who hated Jesus treat Jesus' disciples?

Those who hated Jesus would also hate his disciples.

Matthew 10:28

ULT	UST
And do not be afraid of the ones killing the body but not being able to kill the soul. But instead, fear the one being able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.	*Do not be afraid of people. They can kill you physically, but they cannot kill you spiritually. Instead, you should be afraid of God. He can destroy you both spiritually and physically in hell.*

Who did Jesus say we are not to fear?

We are not to fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul.

Who did Jesus say we are to fear?

We are to fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 10:32

ULT	UST
Therefore, everyone who will confess about me before men, I will also confess about him before my Father in the heavens.	*If people tell others that they are my apprentices, then I will say to God my Father, who rules from heaven, that those people are my apprentices.*

What will Jesus do for everyone who confesses him before men?

Jesus will confess him before the Father in heaven.

Matthew 10:33

ULT	UST
But whoever denies me before men, I will also deny him before my Father in the heavens.	*However, if they tell others that they are not my apprentices, then I will say to God my Father, who rules from heaven, that those people are not my apprentices.*

What will Jesus do for everyone who denies him before men?

Jesus will deny him before the Father in heaven.

Matthew 10:34-36

What kind of divisions did Jesus say he came to bring?

Jesus said that he came to bring divisions even within households.

Matthew 10:39

ULT	UST
The one having found his life will lose it, and the one having lost his life for my sake will find it.	*People who do anything to stay alive will not truly live. However, people who are willing to die because they are my apprentices will truly live.*

What will someone find who loses his life for Jesus' sake?

Someone who loses his life for Jesus' sake will find his life.

Matthew 10:42

ULT	UST
And whoever gives to one of these little ones a cup of cold water to drink only in the name of a disciple, truly I say to you, he will certainly not lose his reward."	*As for those who offer an unimportant person cold water to drink just because they know that person is my apprentice, God will most certainly reward them. What I have said is true."*

What will someone receive who gives even a cup of cold water to an unimportant disciple?

Someone who gives even a cup of cold water to an unimportant disciple will receive his reward.

Matthew 11

Matthew 11:1

ULT	UST
And it happened that when Jesus had finished giving orders to his 12 disciples, he departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.	*So, Jesus completed instructing his 12 apprentices about what they should do. Then, he left that place in order to proclaim the good news to people in the towns throughout the area.*

What did Jesus finish before he departed to teach and preach in the cities?

Jesus finished instructing his 12 disciples before he departed.

Matthew 11:3

ULT	UST
said to him, "Are you the one coming, or should we expect another?"	*to ask Jesus, "Are you the one whom God promised would come, or should we be waiting for someone else?"*

What was the message John the Baptist sent to Jesus?

John the Baptist sent the message, "Are you the Coming One, or is there another person we should be looking for?"

Matthew 11:5

ULT	UST
The blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised, and the poor are being told the gospel.	*People who were blind are now seeing. People who could not walk are now walking. People who had skin diseases no longer have them. People who were deaf can now hear. People who were dead are alive again. I am proclaiming good news to poor people.*

What did Jesus say was happening as evidence that he was the Coming One?

Jesus said the sick were being healed, the dead were being raised, and the needy were being told the good news.

Matthew 11:6

ULT	UST
And blessed is whoever is not caused to stumble on me.”	*God will bless anyone who sees what I do and hears what I teach and continues to believe in me.”*

What did Jesus promise for those who found no occasion of stumbling in him?

Jesus promised a blessing for those who found no occasion of stumbling in him.

Matthew 11:9-10

What did Jesus say was the role John the Baptist played in his life?

Jesus said that John the Baptist was the prophesied messenger who would prepare the way before the Coming One.

Matthew 11:14

ULT	UST
and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah, the one being about to come.	*In fact, if you trust what I say, you can know that John is the one whom God promised would come, the one who is like the prophet Elijah.*

Who did Jesus say that John the Baptist was?

Jesus said that John the Baptist was Elijah.

Matthew 11:18

ULT	UST
For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’	*Similarly, when John came to you and often did not eat or drink, people rejected him and said, ‘A demon is controlling him!’*

What did that generation say about John the Baptist who came not eating bread or drinking wine?

That generation said that John the Baptist had a demon.

Matthew 11:19

ULT	UST
The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Behold a man, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom has been justified by her children."	*But when I, the Son of Man, came to you and I enjoyed food and drink, people rejected me and said, 'Look! This man eats too much food and drinks too much wine, and he associates with people who collect taxes and other sinful people!' But those who are wise themselves recognize that what John and I do is also wise."*

What did that generation say about Jesus who came eating and drinking?

That generation said that Jesus was a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and sinners.

Matthew 11:20

ULT	UST
Then he began to rebuke the cities in which most of his miracles were done, because they had not repented.	*Now people who lived in the towns where Jesus had done many powerful things did not stop doing what was wrong. So, Jesus began to scold them:*

What did Jesus declare regarding the cities where his great deeds were done, yet they had not repented?

Jesus rebuked the cities where his great deeds were, yet they had not repented.

Matthew 11:25

ULT	UST
At that time, answering, Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you concealed these things from the wise and intelligent and revealed them to little children.	*Then Jesus responded by praying, "God my Father, you are Lord over everything you have made. I praise you that you have prevented people who think they are smart from understanding things. Instead, you have revealed them to people who accept what you say as readily as little children do.*

Jesus praised the Father for concealing the kingdom of heaven from whom?

Jesus praised the Father for concealing the kingdom of heaven from the wise and understanding.

Jesus praised the Father for revealing the kingdom of heaven to whom?

Jesus praised the Father for revealing the kingdom of heaven to those who were untaught, like little children.

Matthew 11:27

ULT	UST
All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son, and to whomever the Son desires to reveal him.	*Then Jesus told the people who were there, "God, my Father, has given everything to me. Only my Father really knows me, his Son. And only I, his Son, really know my Father. But I do choose to show some people who he is.*

Who did Jesus say knows the Father?

Jesus said that he knows the Father, and anyone to whom he desires to reveal him.

Matthew 11:28

ULT	UST
Come to me, all the ones laboring and heavy burdened, and I will give you rest.	*Many of you feel tired and are struggling. Become my apprentices! I will enable you to rest.*

To whom did Jesus promise rest?

Jesus promised rest to all who labor and are heavy burdened.

Matthew 12

Matthew 12:2

ULT	UST
But the Pharisees, having seen this, said to him, "Behold, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath."	*Some Pharisees saw the apprentices picking grain. They said to Jesus, "Look! Your apprentices are working on the Jewish day of rest. Our law forbids us to do that."*

What were Jesus' disciples doing that the Pharisees complained about to him?

The Pharisees complained that Jesus' disciples were plucking heads of grain and eating them, which they believed was unlawful to do on the Sabbath.

Matthew 12:6

ULT	UST
But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here.	*However, I want you to know that there is now something even more important than the Jewish sanctuary.*

Who did Jesus say was greater than the temple?

Jesus said that he was greater than the temple.

Matthew 12:8

ULT	UST
For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."	*I say those things because I, the Son of Man, can decide what is right for people to do during the Jewish day of rest!"*

What authority does the Son of Man, Jesus, have?

The Son of Man, Jesus, is Lord of the Sabbath.

Matthew 12:10

ULT	UST
And behold, a man having a withered hand, and they questioned him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbaths?" so that they might accuse him.	*Now there was a man there who could not move his hand. The Pharisees wanted to accuse Jesus of disobeying the laws about not working on the Sabbath. So, they asked Jesus, "Does our law allow us to cure people from their diseases during Jewish days of rest?"*

What question did the Pharisees ask Jesus in the synagogue in front of the man with the dried up hand?

The Pharisees asked Jesus, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

Matthew 12:12

ULT	UST
How much more valuable, then, is a man than a sheep? Therefore, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbaths."	*Therefore, since people are more important than sheep, you should help others even more than you help sheep on Jewish days of rest. So then, the laws that God gave Moses allow people to do what is good on Jewish days of rest."*

What did Jesus say it was lawful to do on the Sabbath?

Jesus said it was lawful to do good on the Sabbath.

Matthew 12:14

ULT	UST
But having gone out, the Pharisees took counsel against him so that they might destroy him.	*Then the Pharisees left the Jewish meeting place. They started planning how they could kill Jesus.*

When the Pharisees saw Jesus heal the man with the dried up hand, what did they do?

The Pharisees went out and plotted against him and seeking how they might destroy him.

Matthew 12:18

ULT	UST
“Behold, my servant whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul was well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will announce justice to the Gentiles.	*“Consider the one who serves me, whom I selected. I love him, and what he does pleases me. I will empower him with the Holy Spirit. He will declare to the non-Jews that I do what is right.*

In Isaiah’s prophecy about Jesus, who would hear God’s judgment and have confidence in Jesus?

The Gentiles would hear God’s judgment and have confidence in Jesus.

Matthew 12:19-20

In Isaiah’s prophecy about Jesus, what would Jesus not do?

Jesus would not strive, cry aloud, break a bruised reed, or quench smoking flax.

Matthew 12:26

ULT	UST
And if Satan casts out Satan, he has been divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?	*Suppose that Satan enabled people to force out his own demons. In that case, he would be fighting against himself. So, he would soon cease to rule over the demons!*

How did Jesus respond to the accusation that he cast out demons by Beelzebub?

Jesus said that if Satan drives out Satan, then how will Satan’s kingdom stand.

Matthew 12:28

ULT	UST
But if I cast out the demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.	*Actually, the Holy Spirit enables me to force out demons. That means that God is establishing his kingdom among you.*

What did Jesus say was happening if he was driving out demons by the Spirit of God?

Jesus said that the kingdom of God had come upon them if he was driving out demons by the Spirit of God.

Matthew 12:31

ULT	UST
For this reason I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy of the Spirit will not be forgiven.	*So then, here is what I want to tell you: God will forgive many people who sin in many ways or say bad things about God or others. However, God will not forgive people who say bad things about the Holy Spirit.*

Which sin did Jesus say will not be forgiven?

Jesus said that blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven.

Matthew 12:33

ULT	UST
Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree rotten and its fruit rotten, for the tree is known by its fruit.	*You must decide either that both a tree and its fruit are healthy or that both a tree and its fruit are unhealthy. I say that because you can tell if a tree is healthy or unhealthy by what kind of fruit it produces. Similarly, you can tell what people are really like by the things that they do.*

By what is a tree known?

A tree is known by its fruit.

Matthew 12:37

ULT	UST
For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."	*In fact, God will declare that you are either innocent or guilty based on what you have said."*

By what did Jesus say the Pharisees would be justified and condemned?

Jesus said that the Pharisees would be justified and condemned by their words.

Matthew 12:39-40

What sign did Jesus say he would give his generation?

Jesus said he would give his generation the sign of Jonah, being in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.

Matthew 12:41

ULT	UST
The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.	*The people who lived in the ancient city of Nineveh stopped sinning when Jonah preached to them. And now there is something even more important than the prophet Jonah. However, you have not stopped sinning. Therefore, when God judges everyone, the people who lived in Nineveh will stand up and condemn the people who are alive right now.*

Who did Jesus say was greater than Jonah?

Jesus said that he was greater than Jonah.

Why will the men of Nineveh condemn the people of Jesus' generation?

The men of Nineveh will condemn Jesus' generation because they listened to God's word through Jonah, but Jesus' generation did not even listen to the Son of Man, who is greater than Jonah.

Matthew 12:42

ULT	UST
The Queen of the South will stand up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.	*Long ago the Queen of Sheba traveled a great distance to listen to the wise things that King Solomon said. And now there is something even more important than Solomon. However, you have not really listened to what I say. Therefore, when God judges everyone, she will stand up and condemn the people who are alive right now.*

Who did Jesus say was greater than Solomon?

Jesus said that he was greater than Solomon.

Matthew 12:43-45

How will Jesus' generation be like a man who has an unclean spirit go away from him?

Jesus' generation will be like a man who has an unclean spirit go away from him, because the unclean spirit returns with seven other spirits and the final condition of the man becomes worse than the first.

Matthew 12:48-50

Who did Jesus say are his brother, sister, and mother?

Jesus said that those who do the will of the Father are his brother, sister, and mother.

Matthew 13

Matthew 13:4

ULT	UST
And as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and the birds came and devoured them.	*As he was scattering them over the soil, some of the seeds fell on the path. Then some birds flew down and ate those seeds up.*

In Jesus' parable of the sower, what happened to the seed that fell on the wayside?

The seed that fell on the wayside was devoured by the birds.

Matthew 13:5-6

In Jesus' parable of the sower, what happened to the seed that fell on rocky ground?

The seed that fell on rocky ground immediately sprang up quickly, but was scorched by the sun and withered away.

Matthew 13:7

ULT	UST
But others fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.	*Other seeds fell onto an area full of thorny plants. These thorny plants grew quickly and crowded out the grain plants.*

In Jesus' parable of the sower, what happened to the seed that fell among the thorn plants?

The seed that fell among the thorn plants was choked by the thorn plants.

Matthew 13:8

ULT	UST
But others fell on good soil and were giving fruit, some 100, and some 60, and some 30.	*Finally, other seeds fell on fertile soil. They sprouted, and the plants produced a crop. Some plants produced 100 grains of wheat each, others produced 60 grains each, and others produced 30 grains each.*

In Jesus' parable of the sower, what happened to the seed that fell on good soil?

The seed that fell on good soil produced grain, some 100 times as much, some 60, and some 30.

Matthew 13:14

ULT	UST
And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'In hearing you will hear, but you will certainly not understand; and seeing, you will see, but you will certainly not perceive.	*What God said by speaking through the prophet Isaiah has come true for them: 'You will hear things, but you will not learn from them. You will look at things, but you will not really see them.*

Isaiah's prophecy said that the people would hear and see, but not what?

Isaiah's prophecy said that the people would hear, but would not understand; they would see, but in no way perceive.

Matthew 13:15

ULT	UST
For the heart of this people has been thickened, and with their ears they have hardly heard, and they have shut their eyes, lest they might see with their eyes, and they might hear with their ears, and they might understand with their heart and turn back, and I would heal them.'	*These people do not understand because they have become stubborn; their ears are almost deaf; and they have closed their eyes because they do not want to see. They do not want to listen or try to understand, for then they would come back to me, and I would welcome and forgive them.'*

What was wrong with the people who heard Jesus but did not understand?

The people who heard Jesus but did not understand had dull hearts, were heavy of hearing, and had closed their eyes.

Matthew 13:19

ULT	UST
Everyone hearing the word of the kingdom and not understanding, the evil one comes and snatches away what had been sown in his heart. This is what was sown beside the road.	*Some people hear the message about God's kingdom, but they do not learn from it. Then Satan comes and takes the message they heard away from their minds. These people are like the seeds that fell on the path.*

In the parable of the sower, what kind of person is the seed sown on the wayside?

The seed sown on the wayside is the person who hears the word of the kingdom but does not understand it; then the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.

Matthew 13:20-21

In the parable of the sower, what kind of person is the seed sown on the rocky ground?

The seed sown on the rocky ground is the person who hears the word and receives it with joy immediately, but stumbles immediately when persecution arises.

Matthew 13:22

ULT	UST
Now the one having been sown among the thorns, this is the one hearing the word, but the worry of this age and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.	*Other people are like the seeds that fell onto an area full of thorny plants. After they hear the message about God's kingdom, they continue to focus on things in this world and on becoming rich, even though being rich is not as helpful as they think it will be. Focusing on these things makes the message ineffective, just as thorny plants crowd out the good plants and keep them from producing a crop.*

In the parable of the sower, what kind of person is the seed sown among the thorn plants?

The seed sown among the thorn plants is the person who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word.

Matthew 13:23

ULT	UST
Now the one having been sown on the good soil, this is the one hearing the word and understanding it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, some 100, and some 60, and some 30."	*Other people are like the seeds that fell on fertile soil. When they hear the message about God's kingdom, they learn from it. They are like the plants that produced a crop. Some plants produced 100 grains of wheat each, others produced 60 grains each, and others produced 30 grains each."*

In the parable of the sower, what kind of person is the seed sown on the good soil?

The seed sown on the good soil is the person who hears the word and understands it, and then produces fruit.

Matthew 13:28

ULT	UST
But he was saying to them, 'A hostile man did this.' But the servants say to him, 'Do you therefore desire that, having gone out, we would gather them?'	*The farmer replied, 'A person who hates me planted these weed plants.' Then his servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go to the field and remove all the weeds plants?'*

In the parable of the weeds, who sowed the weeds in the field?

An enemy sowed the weeds in the field.

Matthew 13:30

ULT	UST
Permit both to grow together until the harvest, and at the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather the darnel and tie them in bundles to burn them up but gather the wheat into my barn."'"	*Allow the wheat and weed plants to grow in the field together until we begin to harvest them. Then, I will command the people who are harvesting, "Pull up the weed plants first. Collect them in groups and burn them. After that, harvest the wheat plants and store the grain in my storehouse."'"*

What instructions did the landowner give the servants about the weeds and the wheat?

The landowner told the servants to let both grow together until the harvest, and then to gather the weeds to be burned, and the wheat into the barn.

Matthew 13:31-32

In Jesus' parable of the mustard seed, what happens to the tiny mustard seed?

The mustard seed becomes a tree greater than the garden plants so that the birds nest in its branches.

Matthew 13:33

ULT	UST
He spoke to them another parable: "The kingdom of the heavens is like yeast that a woman, having taken, mixed with three seahs of flour until it was all leavened."	*Then Jesus told the people another story. He said, "Here is what God's heavenly kingdom is like: a woman measured out some yeast and mixed it with about 25 kilograms of flour. The yeast made the whole batch of dough swell up."*

How did Jesus say the kingdom of heaven was like yeast?

Jesus said that the kingdom of heaven was like yeast which was mixed with three measures of flour until it rose.

Matthew 13:37-39

In the parable of the weeds, who sows the good seed, what is the field, who is the good seed, who are the weeds, and who sowed the weeds?

The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world; the good seed are the sons of the kingdom; the weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the sower of the weeds is the devil.

Matthew 13:39

ULT	UST
and the enemy having sowed them is the devil. And the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.	*The person who hated the farmer and planted the weed seeds is like the devil. The time when the workers begin to harvest the grain is like when this time period will end. The people who are harvesting are like angels.*

In the parable of the weeds, who are the reapers and what does the harvest represent?

The reapers are the angels, and the harvest is the end of the world.

Matthew 13:42

ULT	UST
And they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth.	*Then, the angels will cast those things and people into hell, which is like a burning oven. There people will cry and sorrowfully grind their teeth.*

What happens at the end of the world to those who commit iniquity?

At the end of the world, those who commit iniquity are thrown into the furnace of fire.

Matthew 13:43

ULT	UST
Then the righteous will shine as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. The one having ears, let him hear.	*After that, the people who did what was right will live in God their Father's kingdom. They will be as glorious as the sun when it shines. You should think carefully about what you just heard me say!*

What happens at the end of the world to those who are righteous?

At the end of the world, the righteous shine forth like the sun.

Matthew 13:44

ULT	UST
The kingdom of the heavens is like a treasure hidden in a field, which, having found, a man hid. And from his joy, he goes and sells everything, as much as he has, and buys that field.	*Here is what God's heavenly kingdom is like: A man discovered a secret treasure in a field. He was very happy, but he put the treasure back into its secret place. He went home and sold everything that he owned. Then, he bought the field so that he could have the treasure in it.*

In Jesus' parable, what does the man do who finds in a field the treasure, which represents the kingdom of heaven?

The man who finds the treasure sells everything he possesses and buys the field.

Matthew 13:45-46

In Jesus' parable, what does the man do who finds the one pearl of great value, which represents the kingdom of heaven?

The man who finds the one pearl of great value sells everything that he possesses and buys it.

Matthew 13:47-48

How is the parable of the fishing net like what will happen at the end of the world?

Just as the worthless things from the net were separated from the good and thrown away, at the end of the world the wicked will be separated from the righteous and thrown into the furnace.

Matthew 13:54

ULT	UST
And having come to his hometown, he was teaching them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "From where to this one is this wisdom and these miracles?	*Then Jesus traveled to the city of Nazareth, where he had grown up. He instructed the people there when they gathered in the Jewish meeting place. What he said impressed them, and they said to each other, "We do not know how this man became so wise and powerful.*

What question did the people from his own region ask about Jesus when they heard Jesus teach?

The people asked, "Where does this man get his wisdom from, and these miracles?"

Matthew 13:57

ULT	UST
And they were being caused to stumble on him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his house."	*These people rejected Jesus. So, Jesus told them, "The only ones who do not respect people who speak for God are those from where they grew up and their own families."*

What did Jesus say happens to a prophet in his own country?

Jesus said that a prophet is without honor in his own country.

Matthew 13:58

ULT	UST
And he did not do many miracles there, because of their unbelief.	*Since the people did not trust in him, Jesus did very few powerful things in that place.*

What happened in Jesus' own region because of the people's unbelief?

Because of the people's unbelief, Jesus did not do many miracles in his own region.

Matthew 14

Matthew 14:2

ULT	UST
And he said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead, and because of this the powers work in him.”	*He told his attendants, “This man must be John the Baptizer. God has made him alive again, and that is why he does these powerful things.”*

Who did Herod think Jesus was?

Herod thought Jesus was John the Baptist risen from the dead.

Matthew 14:4

ULT	UST
For John was saying to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.”	

What had Herod done unlawfully, about which John the Baptist told him?

Herod had married his brother’s wife.

Matthew 14:5

ULT	UST
And wanting to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they were regarding him as a prophet.	*However, Herod was afraid of the large group of people who believed that John spoke for God. So, even though he wanted to have his soldiers execute John, he did not do that.*

Why did Herod not immediately put John the Baptist to death?

Herod did not immediately put John the Baptist to death because he feared the people, who regarded John as a prophet.

Matthew 14:7

ULT	UST
because of which he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked.	*So, he solemnly promised that he would give her whatever she wanted.*

What did Herod do after the daughter of Herodias danced for him on his birthday?

Herod promised with an oath to give the daughter of Herodias whatever she should ask.

Matthew 14:8

ULT	UST
Now she, having been urged beforehand by her mother, said, "Give me here, on a platter, the head of John the Baptist."	*Her mother, Herodias, had already told her what to ask for. So, she said to Herod, "I want you to cut off John the Baptizer's head and bring it to me here on a plate!"*

For what did the daughter of Herodias ask?

To please her mother, she asked for the head of John the Baptist upon a platter.

Matthew 14:9

ULT	UST
And the king was grieved, but because of the oaths and the ones reclining to eat with him, he commanded it to be given.	*King Herod was sad about what she asked for. However, because he had solemnly promised in front of all his guests to give her what she asked for, he told one of his men to do what she asked.*

Why did Herod give the daughter of Herodias her request?

Herod gave the girl her request because of his oath and because of all the people at dinner with him.

Matthew 14:14

ULT	UST
And having come out, he saw a large crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.	*When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large group of people. He pitied them, and he cured those who were sick.*

What was Jesus' reaction when he saw the large crowd following him?

Jesus had compassion on them and healed their sick.

Matthew 14:16

ULT	UST
But Jesus said to them, "They have no need to go away. You give them to eat."	*Jesus replied, "They do not need to leave to buy food. I want you to provide them with food to eat!"*

What did Jesus challenge his disciples to do for the crowd?

Jesus challenged his disciples to give the crowd something to eat.

Matthew 14:19

ULT	UST
And having commanded the crowds to recline on the grass, having taken the five loaves and the two fish, having looked up to heaven, he blessed, and having broken them, he gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds.	*Jesus told the large groups of people to sit down on the ground. He picked up the five loaves of bread and the two fish. Then he thanked God for the food. After that, he tore the bread into pieces and gave the pieces to his apprentices. They distributed them to the large groups of people.*

What did Jesus do with the five loaves and the two fish the disciples brought to him?

Jesus looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to give to the crowd.

Matthew 14:20-21

How many people ate, and how much food was left over?

About five thousand men ate plus women and children, and there were twelve baskets left over.

Matthew 14:23

ULT	UST
And having sent the crowds away, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. Now, evening having come, he was there alone.	*After he told the large groups of people to go home, he climbed to the top of a hill to pray to God by himself. When it became dark, he was on top of the hill by himself.*

What did Jesus do after he sent the crowd away?

Jesus went up on the mountain to pray by himself.

Matthew 14:24

ULT	UST
But the boat was already in the middle of the sea, being tormented by the waves, for the wind was against it.	*Meanwhile, the apprentices were on the boat in the middle of the Sea of Galilee. The wind was blowing from where they wanted to go, so many waves were striking the boat.*

What was happening with the disciples in the midst of the sea?

The disciples' boat was almost uncontrollable because of the wind and waves.

Matthew 14:25

ULT	UST
Now in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.	*Later, soon before morning, Jesus joined them. He was walking on top of the Sea of Galilee!*

How did Jesus go to the disciples?

Jesus went to the disciples by walking on the water.

Matthew 14:27

ULT	UST
But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage! It is I! Do not be afraid."	*As soon as they shouted loudly, Jesus said to them, "Do not worry! I am Jesus. Stop being afraid!"*

What did Jesus tell the disciples when they saw him?

Jesus told his disciples to be brave and to not be afraid.

Matthew 14:29

ULT	UST
And he said, "Come." And Peter, having gotten out from the boat, walked on the water to go to Jesus.	*Jesus said to Peter, "Walk to me!" So, Peter stepped out of the boat and walked on top of the water toward Jesus.*

What did Jesus tell Peter to come and do?

Jesus told Peter to come and walk on the water.

Matthew 14:30

ULT	UST
But, seeing the strong wind, he became afraid, and having begun to sink, he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"	*However, Peter realized how powerful the storm was, and he was afraid. Then he started to sink into the water. He shouted to Jesus, "My Lord, please rescue me!"*

Why did Peter begin to sink into the water?

Peter began to sink into the water when he became afraid.

Matthew 14:32

ULT	UST
And when they had gotten into the boat, the wind ceased.	*Then Jesus and Peter climbed into the boat. At that moment, the wind stopped blowing.*

What happened when Jesus and Peter went into the boat?

When Peter and Jesus went into the boat, the wind ceased blowing.

Matthew 14:33

ULT	UST
And the ones in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."	*Then the apprentices who were in the boat worshiped Jesus. They declared, "You really are God's Son!"*

What did the disciples do when they saw this?

When the disciples saw this, they worshiped Jesus and said that he was the Son of God.

Matthew 14:35

ULT	UST
And having recognized him, the men of that place sent into all that surrounding area, and they brought to him all the ones having sickness.	*The men in that region recognized Jesus. So they sent people to the nearby areas to say that Jesus had arrived. Then people from those areas brought to Jesus many others who were sick.*

What did the people do when Jesus and the disciples got to the other side of the sea?

When Jesus and the disciples got to the other side of the sea, the people brought to Jesus all who were sick.

Matthew 15

Matthew 15:4-6

What example did Jesus give of how did the Pharisees made void the word of God by their traditions?

The Pharisees prevented children from helping their parents by taking the money as a "gift given to God."

Matthew 15:7-8

What did Isaiah prophecy about the Pharisees' lips and hearts?

Isaiah prophesied that the Pharisees would honor God with their lips, but their heart would be far from God.

Matthew 15:9

ULT	UST
But they worship me in vain, teaching as doctrines commandments of men.'"	*When you worship me, it is useless. That is because you use only what humans have commanded to instruct others.'"*

Instead of teaching the word of God, what were the Pharisees teaching as doctrine?

The Pharisees were teaching as doctrines the commands of people.

Matthew 15:11

ULT	UST
What enters into the mouth does not defile the man, but what comes out from the mouth, this defiles the man."	*Whatever people eat cannot make them unclean. Rather, it is what people say that makes them unclean."*

What did Jesus say does not defile a person?

Jesus said that what a person eats does not defile a person.

What did Jesus say does defile a person?

Jesus said that what comes out of a person's mouth defiles a person.

Matthew 15:14

ULT	UST
Leave them! They are blind guides. But if a blind one guides a blind one, both will fall into a pit."	*Do not listen to them. They do not know what they should be teaching. They are like blind people who guide other blind people right into a hole in the ground."*

What did Jesus call the Pharisees, and what did he say would happen to them?

Jesus called the Pharisees blind guides and said that they would fall into a pit.

Matthew 15:19

ULT	UST
For from the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual immoralities, thefts, false testimonies, blasphemies.	*In fact, it is because of what people think and care about that they think evil things, kill others, are sexually unfaithful to their spouses, have improper sex, steal things, speak what is untrue, and say bad things about God or others.*

What kinds of things proceed from the heart, which defile a person?

From the heart proceeds evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, and insults.

Matthew 15:23

ULT	UST
But he did not answer her a word. And having approached, his disciples were begging him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us."	*However, Jesus did not say anything to her. Then his apprentices came to him and said, "This woman is bothering us by following us and calling out to you. Please tell her to go home."*

What did Jesus do at first when the Canaanite woman shouted out to him for mercy?

Jesus answered her not a word.

Matthew 15:24

ULT	UST
But he, answering, said, "I was not sent, except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."	*Jesus answered them, "God told me to go only to my fellow Israelites. They are like sheep who have wandered off and need help."*

What was Jesus' explanation of why he was not helping the Canaanite woman?

Jesus explained that he had been sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matthew 15:28

ULT	UST
Then answering, Jesus said to her, "O woman, great is your faith; let it be done for you just as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that hour.	*When he heard that, Jesus told her, "You have impressed me because you trust me very much! I will do for you what you want me to do." At that very moment, Jesus cured her daughter.*

When the Canaanite woman humbled herself, what did Jesus say to her and do for her?

Jesus said that the woman had great faith, and he granted her request.

Matthew 15:30-31

What did Jesus do for the large crowds that came to him in Galilee?

Jesus healed the mute, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

Matthew 15:34

ULT	UST
And Jesus says to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few small fish."	*Jesus asked them, "How many loaves of bread do you have with you?" They replied, "We have with us seven loaves of bread and a few little fish."*

How many loaves and fish did the disciples have to feed the crowd?

The disciples had seven loaves, and a few small fish.

Matthew 15:36

ULT	UST
he took the seven loaves and the fish, and having given thanks, he broke them and was giving them to the disciples, and the disciples to the crowds.	*He picked up the seven loaves of bread and the fish. Then he thanked God for the food. After that, he tore the bread into pieces and gave the pieces to his apprentices. They distributed them to the large group of people.*

What did Jesus do with the loaves and fish?

Jesus took the loaves and the fish, gave thanks, broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples.

Matthew 15:37

ULT	UST
And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up the remaining of the broken pieces—seven baskets full.	*Everyone ate the bread, and they all had enough to eat. Then the apprentices gathered the food that was left. They filled seven large containers with the leftovers!*

How much food was left over after everyone ate?

There were seven baskets full remaining after everyone ate.

Matthew 15:38

ULT	UST
But those eating were 4, 000 men, besides women and children.	*About 4, 000 men ate the bread, and there were women and children there too!*

How many people ate and were satisfied from the loaves and fish?

There were 4,000 men, plus women and children, who ate and were satisfied.

Matthew 16

Matthew 16:1

ULT	UST
And the Pharisees and Sadducees, having approached, testing him, asked him to show them a sign from heaven.	*Some Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus in order to investigate him. They said to him, "We want you to perform a miracle that shows that God sent you."*

What did the Pharisees and Sadducees want to see from Jesus as a test?

The Pharisees and Sadducees wanted to see a sign from heaven from Jesus.

Matthew 16:4

ULT	UST
An evil and adulterous generation seeks a sign, but a sign will not be given to it except the sign of Jonah." And having left them, he went away.	*You people who are alive right now are wicked and faithless. You want me to do a miracle that proves that God sent me. However, the only miracle you will see is a miracle like the one that happened to the prophet Jonah." Then Jesus and his apprentices departed from the Pharisees and Sadducees.*

What did Jesus say he would give the Pharisees and Sadducees?

Jesus said he would give the Pharisees and Sadducees the sign of Jonah.

Matthew 16:6

ULT	UST
Now Jesus said to them, "See and guard from the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."	*At that point, Jesus said to them, "Be alert and watch out for the yeast that the Pharisees and Sadducees use."*

Of what did Jesus tell his disciples to beware?

Jesus told his disciples to beware the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Matthew 16:12

ULT	UST
Then they understood that he had not told them to guard from the yeast of loaves, but from the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.	*After Jesus said that, the apprentices realized that he was telling them to watch out for what the Pharisees and Sadducees were teaching. He was not telling them to watch out for the yeast that people use to make bread.*

About what was Jesus actually talking when he told his disciples to beware?

Jesus was telling his disciples to beware of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Matthew 16:13

ULT	UST
Now Jesus, having come to the regions of Caesarea Philippi, asked his disciples, saying, "Who do men say the Son of Man is?"	*Sometime later, Jesus and his apprentices arrived in the area near the city of Caesarea Philippi. Then Jesus asked his apprentices, "Who do people say that I, the Son of Man, really am?"*

What question did Jesus ask his disciples when they came to Caesarea Philippi?

Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Matthew 16:14

ULT	UST
And they said, "Some, John the Baptist; and some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."	*The apprentices replied, "People say that you are one of the prophets who has come back to life. More specifically, some people say that you are John the Baptizer. Other people say that you are the prophet Elijah. Other people say that you are the prophet Jeremiah."*

Who did some people think that Jesus was?

Some people thought that Jesus was John the Baptist, or Elijah, or Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.

Matthew 16:16

ULT	UST
And answering, Simon Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."	*Simon Peter replied, "You are the Messiah! You are the Son of the only real God."*

What answer did Peter give to Jesus' question?

Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

Matthew 16:17

ULT	UST
Now answering, Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father in the heavens.	*Jesus responded, "Simon, descendant of Jonah, God my Father, who rules from heaven, has blessed you. He has made known to you what you said. In fact, no human could have made it known to you.*

How did Peter know the answer to Jesus' question?

Peter knew the answer to Jesus' question because the Father had revealed it to him.

Matthew 16:19

ULT	UST
I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens, and whatever you bind on the earth will have been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loose on the earth will have been loosed in the heavens."	*I will commission you to oversee God's heavenly kingdom. When you confirm something here on earth, God will confirm it in heaven. When you nullify something here on earth, God will nullify it in heaven."*

What authority did Jesus give to Peter on earth?

Jesus gave to Peter the keys of the kingdom, so that he could bind and loose on earth and it would be bound or loosed in heaven.

Matthew 16:21

ULT	UST
From that time Jesus Christ began to show to his disciples that it is necessary for him to go to Jerusalem and to suffer much from the elders and chief priests and scribes and to be killed and to be raised on the third day.	*From then on, Jesus the Messiah began to teach his apprentices that he had to travel to the city of Jerusalem. There, the Jewish leaders, the ruling priests, and the teachers of the Jewish law would hurt him very much and have people kill him. During the third day after he died, God would make him alive again.*

At this time, what did Jesus begin to tell his disciples plainly?

Jesus began to tell his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, suffer many things, be killed, and be raised on the third day.

Matthew 16:23

ULT	UST
But he, having turned, said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, because you are not considering the things of God, but the things of men."	*Then Jesus faced Peter. He said, "Do not try to stop me. You are behaving as Satan does! You are thinking about what humans care about instead of thinking about what God cares about. Because of that, you are trying to make me do what is wrong."*

What did Jesus tell Peter when Peter objected to what Jesus was describing would happen to him?

Jesus said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan"!

Matthew 16:24

ULT	UST
Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.	*Next, Jesus said to all his apprentices, "People who want to come with me and be my apprentices must refuse to do what they want to do. They must be willing to suffer or die, as if they were carrying their own crosses, when they come with me as my apprentices.*

What must anyone do who wants to follow Jesus?

Anyone who wants to follow Jesus must deny himself, and take up his cross.

Matthew 16:26

ULT	UST
For what will a man benefit if he gains the whole world but forfeits his life? Or what will a man give in exchange for his life?	*Suppose that some people acquire everything they could possibly want. However, they can no longer truly live. That is not worth it! People cannot acquire anything that is as valuable as truly living.*

What did Jesus say does not profit a man?

Jesus said that it does not profit a man to gain the whole world, but to forfeit his life.

Matthew 16:27

ULT	UST
For the Son of Man is about to come in the glory of his Father with his angels. And then he will repay each one according to his action.	*That is important because I, the Son of Man, will soon return with my angels. I will be as glorious as God my Father. At that time, I will justly reward or punish people for whatever they have done.*

How did Jesus say the Son of Man will come?

Jesus said the Son of Man would come in the glory of his Father with his angels.

How will the Son of Man reward every person when he comes?

The Son of Man will reward every person according to his deeds when he comes.

Matthew 16:28

ULT	UST
Truly I say to you that there are some of the ones standing here who will certainly not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."	*Some of you who are here with me will definitely see me, the Son of Man, ruling over my kingdom before you die. What I have said is true."*

Who did Jesus say would see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom?

Jesus said that some standing there with him would see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.

Matthew 17

Matthew 17:1

ULT	UST
And after six days, Jesus takes along Peter, and James, and John his brother, and brings them up onto a high mountain by themselves.	*Six days later, Jesus climbed up a tall mountain. He had Peter, James, and James' younger brother John go with him. No one else was with them.*

Who went with Jesus up on a high mountain?

Peter, James, and John went with Jesus up on a high mountain.

Matthew 17:2

ULT	UST
And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone as the sun, and his garments became white as the light.	*Then, the three apprentices saw Jesus change how he appeared. His face became as radiant as the sun. His clothes became bright white.*

What happened to Jesus' appearance on the mountain?

Jesus was transfigured so that his face shone like the sun, and his garments were as brilliant as the light.

Matthew 17:3

ULT	UST
And behold, Moses and Elijah were seen by them, talking with him.	*After that, Moses and Elijah, who were prophets from long ago, appeared to the three apprentices! These prophets were speaking to Jesus.*

Who appeared and talked with Jesus?

Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus.

Matthew 17:4

ULT	UST
And answering, Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will make here three tents, one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah."	*Peter responded by saying to Jesus, "My Lord, it is appropriate for all of us to be here. If you want me to, I will build three shelters. You, Moses, and Elijah can each use one."*

What did Peter offer to do?

Peter offered to make three tents for the three men.

Matthew 17:5

ULT	UST
While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice from the cloud, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him."	*As Peter was talking, a radiant cloud covered all of them! Then God spoke from the cloud! He declared, "This man is my Son, the one whom I love dearly. What he does pleases me. Do what he says."*

What did the voice out of the cloud say?

The voice out of the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Matthew 17:9

ULT	UST
And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man might have risen from the dead."	*While they were walking down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, "Do not tell anyone about what you just saw until I, the Son of Man, live again."*

What did Jesus command the disciples as they were coming down the mountain?

Jesus commanded the disciples to report their vision to no one until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Matthew 17:11

ULT	UST
But he, answering, said, "Elijah indeed comes and will restore all things.	*Jesus replied, "They are right that the prophet Elijah has to be here and that he will make everything as it should be.*

What did Jesus say about the teaching of the scribes that Elijah must come first?

Jesus said that Elijah will indeed come and restore all things.

Matthew 17:12-13

Who did Jesus say was the Elijah who had already come, and what had been done to him?

Jesus said John the Baptist was the Elijah who had already come, and they had done whatever they wanted to him.

Matthew 17:14-16

What had the disciples been able to do for the epileptic boy?

The disciples had not been able to cure the epileptic boy.

Matthew 17:18

ULT	UST
And Jesus rebuked it, and the demon came out from him, and the boy was healed from that hour.	*Then, Jesus commanded the demon who was controlling the man's son to stop doing so. The demon obeyed and left him. At that very moment, Jesus cured the man's son.*

What did Jesus do for the epileptic boy?

Jesus rebuked the demon, and the boy was cured from that hour.

Matthew 17:20

ULT	UST
And he says to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you had faith like a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.	*He answered, "You could not drive it out because you trust in God so little. Suppose that you trusted God even a little bit, as little as a tiny mustard seed. Then, you could tell the mountain we just walked down to go from one place to another, and it would do so. You could do anything! What I have said is true.*

Why were the disciples not able to cure the epileptic boy?

Jesus said that because of their small faith they could not cure the epileptic boy.

Matthew 17:22-23

What did Jesus tell his disciples that made them very sad?

Jesus told his disciples that he would be delivered into the hands of people who would kill him, and that he would be raised up on the third day.

Matthew 17:27

ULT	UST
But in order that we might not cause them to stumble, having gone to the sea, throw in a fishhook, and draw in the first fish having come up. And having opened its mouth, you will find a shekel. Having taken that, give it to them on behalf of me and you."	*However, we do not want to upset the people who collect taxes. So, go to the Sea of Galilee and prepare your fishing tools. Pick up the first fish that you capture. Look in its mouth, and you will see a silver coin that is worth about twice the tax. Take the coin to the people who collect taxes to pay for my tax and your tax."*

How did Peter and Jesus pay the half-shekel tax?

Jesus told Peter to go to the sea, throw in a hook, and draw in the fish that comes up first, which would have a shekel in its mouth for the tax.

Matthew 18

Matthew 18:3

ULT	UST
and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you turn and become like little children, you will certainly not enter into the kingdom of the heavens.	*Then he told them, "You need to change so that you are like young children. That is the only way to participate in God's heavenly kingdom. What I have said is true.*

What did Jesus say we must do to enter the kingdom of heaven?

Jesus said we must repent and become like little children to enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:4

ULT	UST
Therefore, whoever will humble himself like this little child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of the heavens.	*So then, consider people who make themselves less important, so that they are as unimportant as this young child. It is those people who are the most important in God's heavenly kingdom.*

Who did Jesus say is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

Jesus said that whoever humbles himself like a little child is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:6

ULT	UST
But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it is better for him that a millstone of a donkey would have been hung around his neck and he would have been sunk into the depth of the sea.	*On the other hand, suppose that an insignificant person who trusts me sinned because of certain people. God will punish those people so severely that they would prefer to have someone tie a heavy stone around their necks and drop them into the middle of the ocean.*

What happens to whoever causes a little one who believes in Jesus to sin?

Whoever causes a little one who believes in Jesus to sin would be better off if a millstone had been hung about his neck and he had been sunk into the sea.

Matthew 18:8

ULT	UST
Now if your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into life crippled or lame than, having two hands or two feet, to be thrown into the eternal fire.	*Suppose that you sinned because you touched something or went somewhere. You should never do that again, even if you have to chop off your hands or your feet to make sure of it! You should respond that drastically because it is better for you to truly live without hands or feet than to have both hands and feet but end up in hell.*

What did Jesus say we must do with anything that causes us to stumble?

Jesus said we must throw away anything that causes us to stumble.

Matthew 18:10

ULT	UST
See that you would not despise one of these little ones. For I say to you that in heaven their angels always look on the face of my Father in the heavens.	*Do not consider even one insignificant person who trusts me to be unimportant. In fact, I want you to know that the angels that protect them are in heaven. They are continually with God my Father, who rules from heaven.*

Why did Jesus say we must not despise the little ones?

We must not despise the little ones, because their angels always look on the face of the Father.

Matthew 18:12-14

How is the person who seeks the one lost sheep like the Father in heaven?

It is also not the will of the Father that one of the little ones should perish.

Matthew 18:15

ULT	UST
But if your brother sins against you, go, reprove him between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.	*Suppose that fellow believers sin against you. You should visit them and privately tell them what they did wrong. Suppose that they accept what you say. In that case, you have made things right with your fellow believers.*

If your brother sins against you, what is the first thing you should do?

First, you should go and show him his fault between you and him alone.

Matthew 18:16

ULT	UST
But if he does not listen, take with you yet one or two others, so that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word might be verified.'	*However, suppose that those fellow believers do not accept what you say. In that case, bring one or two other believers with you when you visit them again to tell them what they did wrong. That way, you are doing what Moses wrote in the law, that two or three people must confirm what someone says.*

If your brother does not listen, what is the second thing you should do?

Second, you should take with you one or two more brothers as witnesses.

Matthew 18:17

ULT	UST
But if he refuses to listen to them, speak to the church. But if he also refuses to listen to the church, let him be to you even as the Gentile and the tax collector.	*Suppose that those fellow believers reject what the people you brought with you say. In that case, tell the whole group of believers about what happened. Finally, suppose that those fellow believers reject what the group of believers says. In that case, treat those fellow believers as if they were unbelieving non-Jews or people who collect taxes. Do not treat them as fellow believers any longer.*

If your brother still does not listen, what is the third thing you should do?

Third, you should tell the matter to the church.

If your brother still will not listen, what should be done?

Finally, if he will not listen to the church, he should be treated as a Gentile and a tax collector.

Matthew 18:20

ULT	UST
For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst."	*God will do that because I am spiritually present whenever at least two or three of you come together as my apprentices."*

What did Jesus promise where two or three are gathered in his name?

Jesus promised to be in the midst of two or three gathered in his name.

Matthew 18:21-22

How many times did Jesus say we should forgive our brother?

Jesus said we should forgive our brother 70 times 7 times.

Matthew 18:24-25

What did the servant owe his master, and could he repay his master?

The servant owed his master 10,000 talents, which he could not repay.

Matthew 18:27

ULT	UST
Now, having had compassion, the master of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.	*The king pitied his servant. So, he did not require the servant to pay what he owed, and he let him go.*

Why did the master forgive the servant his debt?

The master was moved with compassion and forgave the servant his debt.

Matthew 18:30

ULT	UST
But he was not willing. Instead, having gone away, he threw him into prison until he might repay what is owed.	*However, that servant did not want to wait. When he left that place, he had someone put the other servant in jail and keep him there until he paid the money that he owed.*

What did the servant do with his fellow-servant who owed him one hundred denarii?

The servant refused to be patient and threw the fellow-servant into prison.

Matthew 18:33

ULT	UST
Was it not necessary for you also to have had mercy on your fellow slave, just as I also had mercy on you?'	*I helped you. So, you should have helped the other servant.'*

What did the master tell the servant he should have done with the fellow-servant?

The master told the servant he should have had mercy on the fellow-servant.

Matthew 18:34

ULT	UST
And having become angry, his master handed him over to the torturers until he would repay all that is owed.	*Then the king was angry. He had his men arrest and torture that servant until he paid all the money that he owed.*

What did the master then do to the servant?

The master handed the servant over to the torturers until he would pay all that was owed.

Matthew 18:35

ULT	UST
Thus also my heavenly Father will do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother out of your hearts.”	*Whenever any of you do not completely forgive a fellow believer, God my Father, who rules from heaven, will do to you what that king did to his servant.”*

What did Jesus say the Father will do if we do not forgive our brother from the heart?

Jesus said the Father will do to us like the master did to the servant if we do not forgive our brother from the heart.

Matthew 19

Matthew 19:3

ULT	UST
And Pharisees approached him, testing him, and saying whether it is lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason.	*Some Pharisees came to Jesus in order to investigate him. They asked, "Does our law allow a husband to divorce his wife whenever he wants to?"*

What question did the Pharisees ask Jesus to test him?

The Pharisees asked Jesus, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?"

Matthew 19:4

ULT	UST
But he, answering, said, "Have you not read that the one having made them from the beginning 'made them male and female,'	*Jesus replied, "You have read in the Law that God gave Moses that when God first created everything, he created people to be male and female.*

What did Jesus say had been true from the beginning of creation?

Jesus said that from the beginning of creation, God had made them male and female.

Matthew 19:5

ULT	UST
and said, 'Because of this, a man will leave his father and mother and will be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh'?	*Then God said, 'That is why men, when they marry, no longer live with their parents and instead live with their wives. Each husband and wife together become like one person.'*

Because of the way God had made them male and female, what did Jesus say a man should do?

Jesus said that a man should leave his father and mother and join to his wife.

Matthew 19:5-6

What did Jesus say happens when the husband joins to his wife?

Jesus said that when a husband joins to his wife, the two become one flesh.

Matthew 19:6

ULT	UST
So then, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God joined together, let man not separate."	*Consequently, each husband and wife are not like two different people any longer. Rather, they are like one person. Since that is true, no one should divide people whom God has united."*

What did Jesus say man should not do with what God has joined together?

Jesus said that man should not tear apart what God has joined together.

Matthew 19:7-8

Why did Jesus say Moses had commanded certificates of divorce?

Jesus said that Moses had commanded certificates of divorce because of the hardness of the Jews' hearts.

Matthew 19:9

ULT	UST
But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and the one having married one that has been divorced commits adultery."	*Now here is what I want to tell you: a man may divorce his wife only if she has had improper sex. When a man divorces his wife for any other reason and marries another woman, he disobeys what God commanded about being sexually faithful to one's spouse. Further, any man who marries a woman whose husband has divorced her also disobeys what God commanded about being sexually faithful to one's spouse."*

Who did Jesus say commits adultery?

Jesus said that whoever divorces his wife, except for fornication, and marries another commits adultery, and that a man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Matthew 19:13

ULT	UST
Then little children were brought to him so that he would lay his hands on them and would pray, but the disciples rebuked them.	*After that, some people took young children to Jesus. They wanted him to bless them by touching them and to pray for them. However, the apprentices told them to stop.*

What did the disciples do when some little children were brought to Jesus?

When some little children were brought to Jesus, the disciples rebuked them.

Matthew 19:14

ULT	UST
But Jesus said, "Permit the little children, and do not forbid them to come to me, for of the ones such as these is the kingdom of the heavens."	*However, Jesus told the apprentices, "Allow the young children to come here. Do not stop them! I say that because they and people like them are part of God's heavenly kingdom."*

What did Jesus say when he saw the little children?

Jesus said to permit the little children to come, for to such ones belongs the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 19:16-17

What did Jesus tell the young man he must do to enter into eternal life?

Jesus told the man to keep the commandments to enter into eternal life.

Matthew 19:20-21

When the young man said he had kept the commandments, what did Jesus tell him to do?

When the young man said he had kept the commandments, Jesus told him to sell what he had and give it to the poor.

Matthew 19:22

ULT	UST
But the young man, having heard the word, went away being grieved, for he was having many possessions.	*After the young man listened to what Jesus said, he felt very sad and left. He was very sad because he was rich and did not want to lose what he owned.*

How did the young man respond to Jesus' command to sell what he had?

The young man went away sorrowful because he had great possessions.

Matthew 19:26

ULT	UST
But Jesus, having looked at them, said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."	*Jesus looked directly at his apprentices. He said, "People cannot rescue themselves. However, God can do anything!"*

What did Jesus say about the possibility of a rich man entering the kingdom of heaven?

Jesus said that with people it is impossible, but that with God all things are possible.

Matthew 19:28

ULT	UST
And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you that in the renewal when the Son of Man sits on his throne of glory, you, the ones having followed me, you also will sit upon 12 thrones, judging the 12 tribes of Israel.	*Jesus replied, "Someday God will renew everything that he has made, and I, the Son of Man, will sit down to rule from my great throne. When that happens, you too, since you have come with me as my apprentices, will sit down to rule from 12 thrones, one for each of you. You will decide whether people from the 12 Israelite clans are guilty or innocent. What I have said is true.*

What reward did Jesus promise his disciples who had followed him?

Jesus promised his disciples that in the new birth, they would sit upon 12 thrones, judging the 12 tribes of Israel.

Matthew 19:30

ULT	UST
But many first will be last, and last, first.	*At that time, many people who are important right now will become unimportant. Many people who are unimportant right now will become important.*

What did Jesus say about those who are first now and those who are last now?

Jesus said that those who are first now will be last, and that those who are last now will be first.

Matthew 20

Matthew 20:1-2

How much did the landowner agree to pay the workers whom he hired early in the morning?

The landowner agreed to pay the workers hired early in the morning one denarius a day.

Matthew 20:4

ULT	UST
And to them he said, 'You also, go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.'	*He told them, 'Join the other people who are taking care of my grape vines. I will pay you a fair wage.'*

How much did the landowner say he would pay the workers whom he hired the third hour?

The landowner said he would pay them whatever is right.

Matthew 20:9

ULT	UST
And having come, the ones about the eleventh hour each received a denarius.	*Then the people who started working at about five o'clock in the afternoon came forward. The supervisor paid one coin to each of them.*

How much did the workers receive who were hired the eleventh hour?

The workers hired the eleventh hour received one denarius.

Matthew 20:11-12

What complaint did the workers have who were hired early in the morning?

They complained that they had worked the whole day, but had received the same pay as those who worked one hour.

Matthew 20:13-14

How did the landowner respond to the workers' complaint?

The landowner said he had done the workers no wrong and had paid them what belonged to them.

Matthew 20:17-19

What events did Jesus tell his disciples about in advance as they were going up to Jerusalem?

Jesus told his disciples that he would be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, condemned to death, crucified, and on the third day raised up.

Matthew 20:20-21

What request did the mother of the sons of Zebedee have for Jesus?

She wanted Jesus to command that her two sons sit at his right and left hand in his kingdom.

Matthew 20:23

ULT	UST
He says to them, "My cup you will drink. But to sit at my right hand and at my left hand is not mine to give, but for whom it has been prepared by my Father."	*Then Jesus said to them, "You will certainly suffer as I will soon suffer. However, I am not the one who chooses whom to honor by having them sit at my right side and at my left side. Rather, God my Father has already chosen who will sit in those places."*

Who did Jesus say determined who it was who would sit at his right and left hand in his kingdom?

Jesus said that the Father prepared those places for whom he chose.

Matthew 20:26

ULT	UST
It is not this way among you. Instead, whoever desires to become great among you will be your servant,	*You must not behave like that. Rather, when one of you wants to be important, that person must serve the others.*

How did Jesus say that one could be great among his disciples?

Jesus said that whoever wishes to become great must be a servant.

Matthew 20:28

ULT	UST
just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom in exchange for many."	*You should be like me, the Son of Man. I am here to serve other people. I am not here so that other people will serve me. Indeed, I am going to die in order to free many people from their sins."*

Why did Jesus say that he came?

Jesus said that he came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:30

ULT	UST
And behold, two blind men, sitting beside the road, having heard that Jesus is passing by, cried out, saying, "Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David."	*Now two men who were blind were sitting down next to the path! Someone told them, "Jesus is walking by." So, they were shouting, "Our Lord, you who are a descendant of King David, please help us!"*

What did the two blind men do who were sitting by the road when Jesus passed by?

The two blind men shouted out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us."

Matthew 20:34

ULT	UST
Now, having had compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. And immediately they saw again, and they followed him.	*Jesus pitied them. He touched their eyes. As soon as he did that, they could see. Then, they went with Jesus as his apprentices.*

Why did Jesus heal the two blind men?

Jesus healed the two blind men because he was moved with compassion.

Matthew 21

Matthew 21:2

ULT	UST
saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied up, and a colt with her. Having untied them, bring them to me.	*He commanded them, “Enter the village of Bethphage, which you see ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will see a female donkey that someone has tethered. Her colt will be next to her. Remove the tether from the female donkey and lead her and her colt to me here.*

What did Jesus say his two disciples would find in the village opposite them?

Jesus said they would find a donkey tied up, and a colt with her.

Matthew 21:4-5

What had a prophet predicted about this event?

A prophet predicted that the King would come on a donkey, and on a colt.

Matthew 21:8

ULT	UST
Now the largest crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and were spreading them on the road.	*Then, to honor Jesus, a very large group of people laid their coats down on the path in front of Jesus. Other people cut small branches down from trees and laid them down on the path too.*

What did the crowd do to the road into Jerusalem that Jesus traveled?

The most of the crowd spread their outer garments onto the road, and others spread tree branches onto the road.

Matthew 21:9

ULT	UST
Now the crowds going before him and following were crying out, saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one coming in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"	*Large groups of people walked in front of Jesus and behind him. They were shouting, "Praise this descendant of King David! May God bless him who is here to represent the Lord! May everything in heaven praise him!"*

What did the crowd shout as Jesus went?

The crowd shouted, "Hosanna to the son of David, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest."

Matthew 21:12

ULT	UST
And Jesus entered into the temple and cast out all the ones selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of the ones selling the doves.	*Later, Jesus visited the temple area. Some people were selling and buying things there. He forced them to leave. Other people were exchanging regular money for special temple money, and other people were selling small birds for people to sacrifice. Jesus flipped over their tables and chairs.*

What did Jesus do when he entered the temple of God in Jerusalem?

Jesus cast out all who bought and sold in the temple, and turned over the tables of the money-changers and seats of those who sold pigeons.

Matthew 21:13

ULT	UST
And he says to them, "It has been written, 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a 'den of robbers.'"	*Then Jesus told those people, "The prophets wrote in the Scriptures, 'People should say that my temple is a place where people pray.' However, you have turned it into 'a hideout for thieves'!"*

What did Jesus say the merchants had made the temple of God?

Jesus said that the merchants had made the temple of God a den of robbers.

Matthew 21:15-16

When the chief priests and scribes objected to what the children were shouting about Jesus, what did Jesus say to them?

Jesus quoted the prophet who said that out of the mouths of babes and nursing infants God had perfected praise.

Matthew 21:18-19

What did Jesus do to the fig tree, and why?

Jesus caused the fig tree to dry up because it had no fruit on it.

Matthew 21:20-22

What did Jesus teach his disciples about prayer from the drying up of the fig tree?

Jesus taught his disciples that if they asked in prayer while believing, they would receive.

Matthew 21:23

ULT	UST
And when he had come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people approached him teaching, saying, "By what authority do you do these things, and who gave you this authority?"	*Then Jesus visited the temple area, and he was instructing people there. The ruling priests and the Jewish leaders came to him. They asked, "In what way did someone authorize you to do what you have done? Who was it that authorized you to do these things?"*

While Jesus was teaching, about what did the chief priests and elders question him?

The chief priests and elders wanted to know by what authority Jesus did these things.

Matthew 21:25

ULT	UST
The baptism of John—from where was it? From heaven or from men?" But they were reasoning among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'For what reason then did you not believe him?'	*Who authorized John the Baptizer to baptize people? Did God authorize him from heaven, or did people authorize him?" Then the ruling priests and the Jewish leaders told each other, "Suppose that we answer that God authorized John from heaven. Then, he will tell us that we should have listened to John.*

What question did Jesus ask the chief priests and elders in return?

Jesus asked them if they thought John the Baptist's baptism was from heaven or from men.

Why did the chief priests and scribes not want to answer that John's baptism was from heaven?

They knew that Jesus would then ask them why they did not believe John.

Matthew 21:26

ULT	UST
But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the crowd, for they all regard John as a prophet."	*On the other hand, suppose that we answer that people authorized John. Then, since the large group of people believe that John spoke for God, we are afraid of how they would react."*

Why did the chief priests and scribes not want to answer that John's baptism was from men?

They feared the crowd, who held John to be a prophet.

Matthew 21:28-29

In Jesus' story of the two sons, what did the first son do when told to work in the vineyard?

The first son said he would not go, but changed his mind and went.

Matthew 21:30

ULT	UST
But, having approached the other, he said likewise. And he, answering, said, 'I will, lord,' but he did not go.	*After speaking with the older child, the man went to the younger child and told him to take care of his grape vines. His child replied, 'I will do that, my father!' However, he did not take care of the grape vines.*

What did the second son do when told to work in the vineyard?

The second son said he would go, but then did not go.

Matthew 21:31

ULT	UST
Which of the two did the will of his father?" They say, "The first." Jesus says to them, "Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and the prostitutes enter into the kingdom of God before you.	*Which of these two children did what their father wanted?" The ruling priests and the Jewish leaders answered, "The older one." Jesus replied, "Prostitutes and people who collect taxes are participating in God's kingdom before you are. What I have said is true.*

Which of the two sons did the father's will?

The first son.

Matthew 21:31-32

Why did Jesus say that tax collectors and prostitutes were entering the kingdom of God before the chief priests and scribes?

Jesus said they were entering the kingdom because they believed John, but the chief priests and scribes did not believe John.

Matthew 21:35-36

What did the vine growers do to the servants that the owner sent to get his grapes?

The vine growers beat, killed, and stoned the servants.

Matthew 21:37

ULT	UST
But afterward, he sent to them his son, saying, 'They will respect my son.'	*Finally, the man told his own son to go to them. He thought that they would treat his son well and give him his share of the grapes.*

Who did the owner finally send to the vine growers?

The owner finally sent his own son.

Matthew 21:38-39

What did the vine growers do to the person that the owner sent last?

The vine growers killed the owner's son.

Matthew 21:40-41

What did the people say the owner should then do?

The people said that the owner should destroy the first vine growers and then rent to other vine growers who would pay.

Matthew 21:42

ULT	UST
Jesus says to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'A stone that the builders rejected, this has become the head of the corner. This came about from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?	*Jesus responded, "What I have said fits with what you have read in the Scriptures: 'The people who were constructing a building refused to use a certain stone. However, that stone is now the most important one in the building. The Lord God did that, and we think it is amazing.'*

In the scriptures that Jesus then quoted, what happens to the stone which the builders reject?

The stone which the builders reject is made the cornerstone.

Matthew 21:43

ULT	UST
For this reason I say to you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and will be given to a nation producing its fruits.	*So then, here is what I want to tell you: God will stop you from participating in his kingdom. He will have a different group of people participate in his kingdom. They will do what he wants those in his kingdom to do.*

Based on the scripture Jesus quoted, what did he say would happen?

Jesus said that the kingdom of God would be taken away from the chief priests and Pharisees, and would be given to a nation that brings forth its fruits.

Matthew 21:46

ULT	UST
And seeking to seize him, they feared the crowds, because they were regarding him as a prophet.	*They wanted to arrest Jesus. However, since the large groups of people believed that Jesus spoke for God, they were afraid of how those people would react. So, they did not arrest Jesus at that time.*

Why did the chief priests and Pharisees not immediately lay hands on Jesus?

They were afraid of the crowd, because the people regarded Jesus as a prophet.

Matthew 22

Matthew 22:5-6

What did those invited to the marriage feast of the king's son do when the king's servants brought the invitation?

Some did not take the invitation seriously and went about their own business, and others laid hands on the king's servants and killed them.

Matthew 22:7

ULT	UST
But the king became angry, and having sent his soldiers, he destroyed those murderers and burned their city.	*So, the king was very upset. He told his soldiers to kill the people who killed his servants and to burn down their town.*

What did the king do to those first invited to the marriage feast?

The king sent his armies, killed those murderers, and burned their city.

Matthew 22:9-10

Who did the king then invite to the marriage feast?

The king then invited as many people as his servants could find, both bad and good.

Matthew 22:13

ULT	UST
Then the king said to the servants, 'Having bound his feet and hands, throw him out into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth.'	*After that, the king told his servants to tie the person up and cast him out of the wedding hall. He told them to punish him in a dark place, where people will cry and sorrowfully grind their teeth.*

What did the king do to the man who came to the feast without a wedding garment?

The king had him bound and thrown into the outer darkness.

Matthew 22:15

ULT	UST
Then, having gone, the Pharisees took counsel how they might entrap him in word.	*After Jesus said those things, the Pharisees left that place. They started to plan how they could cause him to make a mistake in what he said.*

What were the Pharisees trying to do to Jesus?

The Pharisees were trying to entrap Jesus in his own talk.

Matthew 22:17

ULT	UST
Therefore, tell us, what do you think? Is it lawful to give a poll tax to Caesar, or not?"	*So, please tell us how you answer this question: Does our law allow us to pay taxes to the Roman government, or does it not allow that?"*

What question did the Pharisees' disciples ask Jesus?

They asked Jesus if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not.

Matthew 22:21

ULT	UST
They say, "Caesar's." Then he says to them, "Therefore, give back the things of Caesar to Caesar, and the things of God to God."	*They replied, "It is Caesar's picture and name." Then Jesus said, "In that case, give to the Roman government what belongs to it, and give to God what belongs to him."*

How did Jesus answer the question from the Pharisees' disciples?

Jesus said to give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

Matthew 22:23

ULT	UST
On that day Sadducees, saying there is no resurrection, approached him and questioned him,	*Later that day, some Sadducees came to Jesus. They are a Jewish group that does not believe that God will make people who have died alive again. They asked Jesus,*

What belief did the Sadducees have about the resurrection?

The Sadducees believed that there was no resurrection.

Matthew 22:26-27

In the Sadducees' story, how many husbands did the wife have?

The woman had seven husbands.

Matthew 22:29

ULT	UST
But answering, Jesus said to them, "You are being led astray, not knowing the Scriptures or the power of God.	*Jesus replied, "You do not realize what the Scriptures mean or how powerful God is. So, you believe what is wrong.*

What two things did Jesus say the Sadducees did not know?

Jesus said the Sadducees did not know the scriptures nor the power of God.

Matthew 22:30

ULT	UST
For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like angels in heaven.	*Here is what I mean: after God makes people alive again, they will not get married. Instead, they will be like angels who dwell in heaven and do not get married.*

What did Jesus say about marriage in the resurrection?

Jesus said that in the resurrection, there is no marriage.

Matthew 22:32

ULT	UST
'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not a God of the dead, but of the living."	*'I am the God whom Abraham worships, the God whom Isaac worships, and the God whom Jacob worships.' It is living people who worship God, not dead people. So, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who all have died, must be alive again!"*

How did Jesus show from the scriptures that there is a resurrection?

Jesus quoted the scriptures where God says that he is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of the living.

Matthew 22:36

ULT	UST
“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”	*“Instructor, which of the laws that God gave us is the most important?”*

What question did the Pharisee lawyer ask Jesus?

The lawyer asked Jesus which is the greatest commandment in the law.

Matthew 22:37-38

What did Jesus say was the great and first commandment?

Jesus said that to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind was the great and first commandment.

Matthew 22:39

ULT	UST
Now a second is like it—‘You will love your neighbor as yourself.’	*The next most important law is similar. It is that we must care for people we know as much as we care for ourselves.*

What did Jesus say was the second commandment?

Jesus said that to love your neighbor as yourself was the second commandment.

Matthew 22:42

ULT	UST
saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They say to him, “David’s.”	*“I want you to answer a question about the Messiah. Who is his ancestor?” They replied, “His ancestor is King David.”*

What question did Jesus ask the Pharisees?

Jesus asked them whose son is the Christ.

What answer did the Pharisees give Jesus?

The Pharisees said that the Christ was the son of David.

Matthew 22:45

ULT	UST
If David therefore calls him ‘Lord,’ how is he his son?”	*So then, since King David wrote that the Messiah was his Lord, how is it possible for King David to be his ancestor?”*

What second question did Jesus then ask the Pharisees?

Jesus then asked them how David could call his son, the Christ, Lord.

Matthew 22:46

ULT	UST
And no one was able to answer him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day to question him any longer.	*The people who were there could not answer his question. In fact, after that nobody was bold enough to ask him more questions.*

What answer did the Pharisees give Jesus?

The Pharisees were not able to answer Jesus a word.

Matthew 23

Matthew 23:2-3

Since the scribes and Pharisees sat in Moses' seat, what did Jesus tell the people to do with their teaching?

Jesus told the people to do and observe the things the scribes and Pharisees taught from Moses' seat.

Matthew 23:3

ULT	UST
Therefore, everything, as much as they say to you, do and keep. But do not do according to their works, for they say and do not do.	*So then, you should do whatever they tell you to do. However, they themselves do not do what they tell you to do. So, do not act as they do.*

Why did Jesus say the people should not imitate the scribes and Pharisees' deeds?

Jesus said they should not imitate their deeds because they say things but then do not do them.

Matthew 23:5

ULT	UST
But they do all their deeds to be seen by men. For they broaden their phylacteries and they lengthen their tassels.	*Whenever they do anything, they do it so that people praise them for it. For example, when they tie boxes containing Scripture on their foreheads and arms, they make sure the boxes are large. They make the hems on their robes very long.*

For what purpose did the scribes and Pharisees do all their deeds?

The scribes and Pharisees did all their deeds to be seen by people.

Matthew 23:8-10

Who did Jesus say is our one Father, and our one teacher?

Jesus said that our one Father is him who is in heaven, and our one teacher is the Christ.

Matthew 23:12

ULT	UST
But whoever will exalt himself will be humbled, and whoever will humble himself will be exalted.	*God will cause people who think they are important to be unimportant. God will cause people who think they are unimportant to be important.*

What will God do to the one who exalts himself, and to the one who humbles himself?

God will humble the one who exalts himself, and will exalt the one who humbles himself.

Matthew 23:13-15

What name did Jesus repeatedly call the scribes and Pharisees which described their behavior?

Jesus repeatedly called the scribes and Pharisees hypocrites.

Matthew 23:15

ULT	UST
Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you go around the sea and the dry land to make one proselyte, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of Gehenna as you.	*You Pharisees and teachers of the Jewish law say that you obey God, but you really do not! You travel to many places to convert even one person to the Jewish religion. However, once you have done that, you cause that person to deserve to end up in hell as much as you do. How terrible it will be for you!*

When the scribes and Pharisees made a new convert, whose son was he?

When the scribes and Pharisees made a new convert, he was twice a son of hell as they were.

Matthew 23:16-17

Regarding being bound by oaths, what did Jesus say about the teachings of the scribes and Pharisees?

Jesus said that the scribes and Pharisees were blind guides and blind fools.

Matthew 23:23

ULT	UST
Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe the mint and the dill and the cumin, but you have neglected the weightier things of the law—justice and mercy and faith. But it was necessary to do these and those not to neglect.	*You Pharisees and teachers of the Jewish law say that you obey God, but you really do not! You give one tenth of even your herbs and spices to God. However, you fail to obey the more important commands that God gave: to do what is right, to be merciful to others, and to be faithful to God. You should do these things as well as giving a tenth of everything to God. How terrible it will be for you!*

Even though they had tithed their mint, dill, and cumin, what had the scribes and Pharisees failed to do?

The scribes and Pharisees had failed to do the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy, and faith.

Matthew 23:25-26

What had the scribes and Pharisees failed to clean?

The scribes and Pharisees had failed to clean the inside of their cup, so the outside could be clean also.

Matthew 23:28

ULT	UST
In the same way, you also on the outside appear righteous to men, but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.	*Similarly, you seem to do what is right, but really you usually do what is wrong while pretending to do what is right.*

Of what were the scribes and Pharisees full on the inside?

The scribes and Pharisees were full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Matthew 23:29-31

What had the fathers of the scribes and Pharisees done to God’s prophets?

The fathers of the scribes and Pharisees had killed God’s prophets.

Matthew 23:33

ULT	UST
Serpents, offspring of vipers, how might you escape from the judgment of Gehenna?	*You are sneaky and dangerous like poisonous snakes! You will not avoid God punishing you in hell.*

What judgment were the scribes and Pharisees going to face?

The scribes and Pharisees were going to face the judgment of hell.

Matthew 23:34

ULT	UST
For this reason, behold, I am sending to you prophets and wise ones and scribes. From them you will kill and crucify, and from them you will whip in your synagogues and pursue from city to city,	*Since you are like that, I will have people who speak for God, people who are wise, and teachers of the Jewish law go to you! You will murder some of them and kill some of them by nailing them to crosses. You will beat some of them in your meeting places. You will chase them from one town to another.*

What did Jesus say the scribes and Pharisees would do to the prophets, wise men, and scribes he would send them?

Jesus said they would kill and crucify some, whip some, and chase some from city to city.

Matthew 23:35

ULT	UST
so that might come upon you all the righteous blood being shed on the earth, from the blood of Abel the righteous to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you killed between the temple and the altar.	*So, God will consider you to be guilty for murdering everyone who did what was right here on earth but whom someone murdered. I am referring to Adam's son Abel, who did what was right, and Barachiah's son Zechariah, whom your ancestors murdered in the temple area, and everyone in between.*

As a result of their behavior, what guilt would come upon the scribes and Pharisees?

The guilt of all the righteous blood shed on the earth would come upon the scribes and Pharisees.

Matthew 23:36

ULT	UST
Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.	*God will consider you people who live in this time period to be guilty of all those murders. What I have said is true.*

To which generation did Jesus say all these things would happen?

Jesus said that to this generation all these things would happen.

Matthew 23:37

ULT	UST
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one killing the prophets and stoning the ones having been sent to her! How often I desired to gather your children the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing!	*Oh, people of Jerusalem! You killed the people who spoke for God long ago. Then you killed others whom God sent to you. You killed them by throwing stones at them. Many times I have wanted to bring you together to protect you, as a chicken brings her offspring together under her wings. However, you did not want me to do that.*

What desire did Jesus have for the children of Jerusalem, and why was it not fulfilled?

Jesus desired to gather the children of Jerusalem together, but they would not agree.

Matthew 23:38

ULT	UST
Behold, your house is left to you desolate.	*Your city will become a place where no one lives!*

How would Jerusalem's house now be left?

Jerusalem's house would now be left abandoned.

Matthew 24

Matthew 24:2

ULT	UST
But he, answering, said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, a stone upon a stone will certainly not be left here, which will not be torn down."	*He responded, "Look at all these structures! Enemies will completely destroy them. They will not leave anything standing. What I have said is true."*

What did Jesus prophesy concerning the temple in Jerusalem?

Jesus prophesied that not one stone of the temple would be left on another which would not be torn down.

Matthew 24:3

ULT	UST
Now as he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him by themselves, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what is the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"	*Later, Jesus sat down on top of the Mount of Olives. His apprentices came to him. No one else was with them. They asked him, "Please explain to us when what you have described will happen. Also, please explain to us how we can tell when you are going to return to this world and when this current time period will end."*

After hearing the prophesy about the temple, what did the disciples ask Jesus?

The disciples asked Jesus when these things would happen, and what would be the sign of his coming and the end of the world.

Matthew 24:5

ULT	UST
For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray.	*I say that because many people will meet you and say that God has authorized them as he has authorized me. They will say that they are the Messiah. By doing that, they will deceive many people.*

What action of people did Jesus say would lead many astray?

Jesus said many would come saying they are the Christ, leading many astray.

Matthew 24:6-8

What events did Jesus say would be the beginning of birth pains?

Jesus said that wars, famines, and earthquakes would be the beginning of birth pains.

Matthew 24:9-10

What did Jesus say would happen among the believers at this time?

Jesus said that the believers would suffer tribulation and be hated by the nations for the sake of his name.

Matthew 24:13

ULT	UST
But the one having endured to the end, this one will be saved.	*However, if you persevere in being my apprentices while people harm you, God will rescue you.*

Who did Jesus say would be saved?

Jesus said that the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Matthew 24:14

ULT	UST
And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.	*You, my apprentices, will proclaim the good news about God's kingdom throughout this world. That way, you will tell every group of people about me. After that, the current time period will end.*

What will happen with the gospel before the end comes?

The gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world before the end comes.

Matthew 24:15-16

What did Jesus say the believers should do when they see the abomination of desolation standing in the holy place?

Jesus said the believers should flee to the mountains.

Matthew 24:21

ULT	UST
For then will be great tribulation, such as has not happened from the beginning of the world until now, nor will ever happen.	*I say that because people will suffer very severely when what I have described happens. People have not suffered that severely since God created the world up to now, and no one will ever suffer that severely again.*

How great will the tribulation be in those days?

In those days, the tribulation will be great, greater than any from the beginning of the world.

Matthew 24:24

ULT	UST
for false Christs and false prophets will be raised up and will give great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.	

How will the false Christs and false prophets lead many astray?

The false Christs and false prophets will show great signs and wonders to lead many astray.

Matthew 24:27

ULT	UST
For, just as the lightning comes out from the east and shines as far as the west, thus will be the coming of the Son of Man.	*Here is why I say that: lightning lights up the sky from one side to the other, and everyone can see it. Similarly, when I, the Son of Man, return to this world, everyone will see it.*

What will the coming of the Son of Man look like?

The coming of the Son of Man will look like lightning shining from east to west.

Matthew 24:29

ULT	UST
But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.	*Once people suffer in the ways I have described, immediately God will cause the sun to become dark. The moon will not shine. Stars will drop down from the sky. God will disrupt the angels in heaven.*

What will happen to the sun, moon, and stars after the tribulation of those days?

The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars will fall from the sky.

Matthew 24:30

ULT	UST
And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and much glory.	*After that, people will see something in the sky that shows that I, the Son of Man, am about to act. In response, many groups of people here on earth will grieve. They will see me, the Son of Man, arriving by means of clouds. I will be powerful and very great.*

What will the tribes of the earth do when they see the Son of Man coming in power and great glory?

The tribes of the earth will mourn.

Matthew 24:31

ULT	UST
And he will send his angels with a great trumpet, and they will gather together his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the heavens to the ends of them.	*I will have an angel sound a loud trumpet. I will tell my angels to collect the people whom I have chosen. They will collect them from every place that exists.*

What sound will be heard as the Son of Man sends his angels to gather the elect?

The great sound of a trumpet will be heard when the angels gather the elect.

Matthew 24:34

ULT	UST
Truly I say to you that this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things happen.	*Most of the people who are alive right now will still be alive when what I have described happens. What I have said is true.*

What did Jesus say would not pass away until all these things have occurred?

Jesus said that this generation will not pass away until all these things have occurred.

Matthew 24:35

ULT	UST
The heaven and the earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.	*Everything that God has created will eventually change or disappear. However, what I have said will never change or disappear.*

What did Jesus say would pass away, and what would never pass away?

Jesus said that heaven and earth will pass away, but that his words will never pass away.

Matthew 24:36

ULT	UST
But concerning that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of the heavens, nor the Son, except the Father only.	*However, as for when this current time period will end, no human being knows that. The angels who dwell in heaven do not know that. Even I, the Son, do not know that. In fact, only God my Father knows that.*

Who knows when these events will occur?

Only the Father knows when these events will occur.

Matthew 24:37-39

How will the coming of the Son of Man be like the days of Noah before the Flood?

The people will be eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, knowing nothing of the coming judgment that will take them away.

Matthew 24:42

ULT	UST
Therefore, be alert, for you do not know on what day your Lord will come.	*So then, you cannot know at what moment I, your Lord, will return to this world. Because of that, you need to be ready at all times.*

What attitude did Jesus say his believers must maintain regarding his coming, and why?

Jesus said that his believers must always be ready, because they do not know what day the Lord will come.

Matthew 24:45-46

What does a faithful and wise servant do while the master is away?

A faithful and wise servant takes care of the master's household while the master is away.

Matthew 24:47

ULT	UST
Truly I say to you that he will appoint him over all his possessions.	*The master will put that servant in charge of everything that he owns. What I have said is true.*

What does the master do for the faithful and wise servant when he returns?

When he returns, the master sets the faithful and wise servant over everything that he owns.

Matthew 24:48-49

What does an evil servant do while the master is away?

An evil servant beats his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards while the master is away.

Matthew 24:51

ULT	UST
and he will cut him in two and appoint his place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and grinding of the teeth.	*The master will punish that servant severely. He will send him where he punishes people who pretend to obey but really do not. There, people will cry and sorrowfully grind their teeth.*

What does the master do with the evil servant when he returns?

When he returns, the master cuts the evil servant in pieces and sends him to where there is weeping and grinding of teeth.

Matthew 25

Matthew 25:3

ULT	UST
For the foolish, having taken their lamps, did not take oil with them.	*Here is how five of them were foolish: they each took an oil lamp, but they did not take any extra oil for their lamps.*

What did the foolish virgins not do when they went to meet the bridegroom?

The foolish virgins did not take any oil with them along with their lamps.

Matthew 25:4

ULT	UST
But the wise took oil in the containers with their lamps.	*In contrast, here is how five of them were wise: they each took an oil lamp and also some extra oil for their lamps.*

What did the wise virgins do when they went to meet the bridegroom?

The wise virgins took containers of oil along with their lamps.

Matthew 25:5-6

When did the bridegroom come, and was this the expected time?

The bridegroom came at midnight, which was later than the expected time.

Matthew 25:10

ULT	UST
But, they going away to buy, the bridegroom came, and the prepared entered with him into the wedding feast, and the door was shut.	*So, the foolish young women left to buy oil. While they were gone, the bridegroom arrived. The wise young women, who were ready to escort him, went with him to the wedding hall. Then, people closed its doors.*

What happened to the wise virgins when the bridegroom came?

The wise virgins went with the bridegroom to the marriage feast.

Matthew 25:10-12

What happened to the foolish virgins when the bridegroom came?

The foolish virgins had to go buy oil, and when they returned the door to the feast was shut for them.

Matthew 25:13

ULT	UST
Therefore, be alert, for you do not know the day nor the hour.	*So then, you cannot know at what moment I will return to this world. Because of that, you need to be ready at all times.*

What did Jesus say he wanted the believers to learn from the parable of the virgins?

Jesus said that the believers should watch, for they do not know the day or the hour.

Matthew 25:16-17

What did the servants with five and two talents do with their talents when their master went on his journey?

The servant with five talents made another five talents, and the one with two talents made another two.

Matthew 25:18

ULT	UST
But the one having received the one, having gone away, dug in the ground and hid the money of his master.	*However, the servant who had one bag of money went to bury it in the ground to keep it safe.*

What did the servant with one talent do with the talent when his master went on his journey?

The servant with one talent dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

Matthew 25:19

ULT	UST
Now after a long time, the master of those slaves comes and takes up a word together with them.	*Much later, the servants' master returned. He wanted to know what they had done with the bags of money.*

How long was the master away on his journey?

The master was away for a long time.

Matthew 25:20-21

When he returned, what did the master do for the servants who had been given five and two talents?

The master said, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" and put them in charge of many things.

Matthew 25:26-30

When he returned, what did the master do to the servant who had been given one talent?

The master said, "You wicked and lazy servant," took the one talent away from him, and threw him into the outer darkness.

Matthew 25:31-32

What will the Son of Man do when he comes and sits on his glorious throne?

The Son of Man will gather all the nations and separate the people one from another.

Matthew 25:34

ULT	UST
Then the King will say to the ones on his right, ‘Come, the ones having been blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.	*After that, I, the king, will tell the people in the area to my right, ‘You are people whom God my Father has blessed. Come with me! God will enable you to participate in the kingdom that he set up for you when he created everything.*

What will those on the King’s right hand receive?

Those on the King’s right hand receive the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world.

Matthew 25:35-36

What did those on the King’s right hand do in their lives?

Those on the King’s right hand gave food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, took in strangers, clothed the naked, cared for the sick, and visited the prisoners.

Matthew 25:41

ULT	UST
Then he will say also to the ones on his left, ‘Go from me, the ones having been cursed, into the eternal fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels.	*After that, I will tell the people in the area to my left, ‘You are people whom God has cursed. Leave me! I send you to hell, which God set up for Satan and his demons.*

What will those on the King’s left hand receive?

Those on the King’s left hand receive the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

Matthew 25:42-43

What did those on the King’s left hand not do in their lives?

Those on the King’s left hand did not give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, take in strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick, or visit the prisoners.

Matthew 26

Matthew 26:2

ULT	UST
“You know that after two days the Passover happens, and the Son of Man is handed over to be crucified.”	*“As you know, two days from now, the Passover festival will begin. At that time, somebody will help the authorities arrest me, the Son of Man. They will have people kill me by nailing me to a cross.”*

What Jewish feast did Jesus say was coming in two days?

Jesus said that the Passover was coming in two days.

Matthew 26:4

ULT	UST
And they took counsel together in order that they might seize Jesus by deceit and kill him.	*They started to plan a clever way to arrest Jesus and have others execute him.*

What were the chief priests and elders plotting at the palace of the chief priest?

They were plotting to arrest Jesus stealthily and to kill him.

Matthew 26:5

ULT	UST
But they were saying, “Not during the festival, so that a riot does not happen among the people.”	*However, they agreed that they would not act during the Passover festival. Otherwise, the people who were there in Jerusalem might riot.*

Of what were the chief priests and elders afraid?

They were afraid that if they killed Jesus during the feast, the people might riot.

Matthew 26:6-9

What was the disciples’ reaction when the woman poured the expensive ointment on Jesus’ head?

The disciples were angry and wanted to know why the ointment was not sold and the money given to the poor.

Matthew 26:12

ULT	UST
For she, putting this perfumed oil on my body, did it to prepare me for burial.	*When she poured this ointment on me, she was getting me ready for when someone buries me.*

Why did Jesus say the woman had poured the ointment on him?

Jesus said the woman had poured the ointment on him for his burial.

Matthew 26:14-15

What was Judas Iscariot paid to deliver Jesus into the hands of the chief priests?

Judas was paid 30 pieces of silver to deliver Jesus into the hands of the chief priests.

Matthew 26:21

ULT	UST
And they eating, he said, "Truly I say to you that one of you will hand me over."	*As they ate, Jesus told them, "One of you is going to help my enemies arrest me. What I have said is true."*

What did Jesus say at the evening meal about one of his disciples?

Jesus said that one of his disciples would betray him.

Matthew 26:24

ULT	UST
The Son of Man departs just as it has been written about him. But woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is handed over! It would have been good for him if that man had not been born."	*I, the Son of Man, will die. That is what you can read in the Scriptures about me. Nevertheless, how terrible it will be for the man who helps my enemies arrest me, the Son of Man. In fact, that man would be better off if he had never existed."*

What did Jesus say about the future of the one who would betray him?

Jesus said that it would be better for the man who betrays him if he had never been born.

Matthew 26:25

ULT	UST
But answering, Judas, the one handing him over, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He says to him, "You said it."	*Judas, the one who was going to help his enemies arrest him, replied, "Teacher, I will not do that!" Jesus replied, "Yes you will."*

How did Jesus answer when Judas asked if he was the one who would betray Jesus?

Jesus answered, "You have said it yourself."

Matthew 26:26

ULT	UST
Now they eating, Jesus, having taken bread and having blessed, broke it. And having given it to the disciples, he said, "Take, eat. This is my body."	*As they ate, Jesus picked up a loaf of bread. He thanked God for the loaf of bread. Then, he tore it into pieces and handed the pieces to the apprentices to eat. He said, "This bread is my body. Receive it and eat it."*

What did Jesus say when he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples?

Jesus said, "Take, eat. This is my body."

Matthew 26:28

ULT	UST
For this is my blood of the covenant that is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.	*This wine is my blood, which inaugurates the agreement God is making with you. My blood will flow from my body when my enemies kill me. That way, God will forgive the sins of many people.*

What did Jesus say about the cup he then gave to the disciples?

Jesus said that the cup was his blood of the covenant that is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Matthew 26:30-31

At the Mount of Olives, what did Jesus tell his disciples they would all do that night?

Jesus told his disciples that they would all stumble that night because of him.

Matthew 26:33-34

When Peter said he would never stumble, what did Jesus tell him he would do that night?

Jesus said that Peter would deny Jesus three times that night before the rooster crows.

Matthew 26:37-38

What did Jesus ask Peter and the two sons of Zebedee to do while he prayed?

Jesus asked them to remain there and watch with him.

Matthew 26:39

ULT	UST
And having gone a little farther, he fell on his face, praying and saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass away from me. Yet, not as I will, but as you."	*After saying that, Jesus walked a little further. Then, he kneeled down to pray. He said, "God my Father, if there is any way to do so, please prevent me from suffering terribly. However, please do what you want to do, not what I want you to do."*

What request did Jesus make to the Father in his prayer?

Jesus requested that if it were possible, to let this cup pass from him.

Matthew 26:40

ULT	UST
And he comes to the disciples and finds them sleeping, and he says to Peter, "So, were you not able to be alert with me for one hour?	*Then he returned to the three apprentices. He discovered that they were asleep. He woke them up and rebuked Peter, "It disappoints me that you men could not stay awake with me for just a short time!*

What were the disciples doing when Jesus returned from praying?

The disciples were sleeping when Jesus returned from praying.

Matthew 26:42

ULT	UST
Again, having gone away a second time, he prayed, saying, "My Father, if this is not able to pass away unless I drink it, let your will be done."	*Then Jesus walked a short distance away a second time. He prayed, "God my Father, there may be no way to prevent me from suffering terribly. So, please do what you want to do!"*

What did Jesus pray be done, no matter Jesus' own will?

Jesus prayed that the Father's will be done, no matter Jesus' own will.

Matthew 26:42-44

How many times did Jesus leave the disciples to go and pray?

Jesus left the disciples three times to go and pray.

Matthew 26:47-48

What sign did Judas give the crowd to identify Jesus as the one to seize?

Judas kissed Jesus as the sign to the crowd that Jesus was the one to seize.

Matthew 26:51

ULT	UST
And behold, one of the ones with Jesus, having stretched out his hand, drew his sword, and having struck the servant of the high priest, cut off his ear.	*Then one of the men who were with Jesus pulled his sword out of its sheath! He attacked a man who served the ruling priest, but he only cut off that man's ear.*

What did one of Jesus' disciples do when Jesus was seized?

One of Jesus' disciples drew his sword and cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest.

Matthew 26:53

ULT	UST
Or do you think that I am not able to beg my Father, and he will provide me now with more than 12 legions of angels?	*You should realize that I could ask God my Father to protect me, and he would immediately send more than 12 armies of angels to do so!*

What did Jesus say he could do if he wished to defend himself?

Jesus said that he could call upon the Father, who would send 12 legions of angels.

Matthew 26:54

ULT	UST
How then would the scriptures be fulfilled, that it is necessary to happen in this way?”	*However, if I did that, then what people wrote in the Scriptures would not come true. They wrote that what is happening to me has to occur.”*

What did Jesus say was being fulfilled by these events?

Jesus said that the Scriptures were being fulfilled by these events.

Matthew 26:56

ULT	UST
But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples, having left him, fled.	*However, as all these things have happened, what the prophets wrote has come true.” After that, all of Jesus’ apprentices deserted him and ran away.*

What did all the disciples then do?

All the disciples then left him and fled.

Matthew 26:59

ULT	UST
Now the chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin were seeking false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death.	*The ruling priests and all the rest of the Jewish council tried to find people who would say what was untrue about Jesus. That way, they could have the Roman authorities execute him.*

For what were the chief priests and the whole Council looking in order to put Jesus to death?

They were looking for false testimony against Jesus in order to put Jesus to death.

Matthew 26:63

ULT	UST
But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to him, "I make you swear by the living God that you tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God."	*Despite that, Jesus kept quiet. Then the ruling priest told him, "I want you to have the only real God guarantee that you will say truthfully whether you are the Messiah, God's Son."*

What command did the high priest give Jesus by the living God?

The high priest commanded Jesus tell them whether or not he was the Christ, the Son of God.

Matthew 26:64

ULT	UST
Jesus says to him, "You said it. But I say to you, from now you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven."	*Jesus replied, "What you have called me is right. In fact, here is what I want to tell you: From this time on, you will see me, the Son of Man, ruling powerfully with God. You will see me arriving by means of clouds."*

What was Jesus' response to the high priest's command?

Jesus said, "You have said it yourself."

What did Jesus say the high priest would see?

Jesus said the high priest would see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.

Matthew 26:65

ULT	UST
Then the high priest tore his robes, saying, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still have need of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard the blasphemy.	*When he heard that, the ruling priest was so upset that he ripped his outer garments. He said, "This man has insulted God! We certainly do not need anyone else to say anything about him. You all just heard him insult God!*

What accusation did the high priest then make against Jesus?

The high priest accused Jesus of blasphemy.

Matthew 26:67

ULT	UST
Then they spit in his face and beat him. And they slapped him,	*After that, some of the people there spit in Jesus' face to insult him. They struck him with their fists. They slapped him*

What did they do to Jesus after they accused him?

They spat in Jesus' face, beat him, and struck him with the palms of their hands.

Matthew 26:73-75

What did Peter answer the three times that someone asked him if he was with Jesus?

Peter answered that he did not know Jesus.

Matthew 26:74

ULT	UST
Then he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man!" And immediately a rooster crowed.	*After they said that, Peter asked God to punish him if he was lying. Then he solemnly promised, "I have never met that man!" As soon as he said that, a male chicken crowed.*

What happened as soon as Peter answered the third time?

As soon as Peter answered the third time, a rooster crowed.

Matthew 26:75

ULT	UST
And Peter remembered the word of Jesus that he had said: “Before a rooster crows you will deny me three times.” And having gone outside, he wept bitterly.	*Then Peter remembered what Jesus had told him. He had said, “Before male chickens crow at dawn, you will say three times that you are not my apprentice.” Peter left the area just outside the ruling priest’s house and cried very sorrowfully.*

What did Peter remember after his third answer?

Peter remembered that Jesus had said that before the rooster crows, he would deny Jesus three times.

Matthew 27

Matthew 27:2

ULT	UST
And having bound him, they led him away and handed him over to Pilate the governor.	*They had their guards tie Jesus up and take him from there to Pilate, the Roman local ruler. They wanted Pilate to condemn him.*

In the morning, where did the chief priests and elders take Jesus?

In the morning, they took him to Pilate the governor.

Matthew 27:3-5

What did Judas Iscariot do when he saw that Jesus was condemned?

Judas repented of betraying innocent blood, returned the silver, went out, and hanged himself.

Matthew 27:6-7

What did the chief priests do with the 30 pieces of silver?

They bought the Potter’s Field, in which to bury strangers.

Matthew 27:9-10

Whose prophecy did these events fulfill?

These events fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah.

Matthew 27:11

ULT	UST
Now Jesus was stood before the governor, and the governor questioned him, saying, "Are you the King of the Jews?" But Jesus said to him, "You say it."	*As for Jesus, the Jewish council had him stand in front of Pilate, the Roman local ruler. Pilate asked him, "Do you claim to be king over the Jewish people?" Jesus replied, "What you are calling me is right."*

What question did Pilate ask Jesus, and what was Jesus' answer?

Pilate asked Jesus if he was the King of the Jews, and Jesus answered, "You say so."

Matthew 27:12-14

What did Jesus answer to all the accusations of the chief priests and elders?

Jesus did not answer even one word.

Matthew 27:15-16

What did Pilate wish to do for Jesus, following the custom of the feast of Passover?

Pilate wished to have Jesus released, following the custom of the feast.

Matthew 27:19

ULT	UST
Now, he sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Nothing to you and to that righteous one, for I suffered many things today because of him by means of a dream."	*While Pilate was sitting where he did when he was deciding whether people were guilty or innocent, his wife sent a message to him: "Today I dreamed about that man, and it upset me very much. So, do not do anything with that man. He is a man who does what is right!"*

What message did Pilate's wife send to him as he was sitting on the judgment-seat?

She told Pilate to have nothing to do with that innocent man.

Matthew 27:20

ULT	UST
But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds so that they would ask for Barabbas but would destroy Jesus.	*However, the ruling priests and the Jewish leaders convinced the groups of people who were there to ask Pilate to set Barabbas free. Also, they convinced the groups of people to have Pilate execute Jesus.*

Why was Barabbas, and not Jesus, released according to the custom of the feast?

The chief priests and elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas to be released instead of Jesus.

Matthew 27:22

ULT	UST
Pilate says to them, "What then should I do with Jesus, the one called Christ?" They all say, "Let him be crucified."	*Pilate replied, "So what do you want me to do with Jesus, whom people call the Messiah?" All the people who were there replied, "Have your soldiers kill him by nailing him to a cross!"*

What did the crowd cry out that they wanted done with Jesus?

The crowd cried out that they wanted Jesus to be crucified.

Matthew 27:24

ULT	UST
But Pilate, having seen that he is benefiting nothing, but, instead, a riot is happening, having taken water, washed his hands opposite the crowd, saying, "I am innocent from the blood of this one. You will see."	*Then Pilate realized that he was not accomplishing anything by asking those questions. Rather, the group of people who were there were starting to riot. So, while they were watching, he washed his hands in water to indicate that he was not guilty. He declared, "I am not guilty of killing this man! That is your problem."*

When Pilate saw a riot was starting, what did he do?

Pilate washed his hands, said he was innocent of this innocent man's blood, and gave Jesus over to the crowd.

Matthew 27:25

ULT	UST
And answering, all the people said, "His blood be on us and on our children!"	*All the people who were there replied, "We and our children will be responsible for killing this man!"*

What did the people say when Pilate handed Jesus to them?

The people said, "May his blood be on us and our children."

Matthew 27:27-29

What did the soldiers of the governor put on Jesus?

The soldiers put a scarlet robe on him and a crown of thorns on his head.

Matthew 27:32

ULT	UST
Now coming out, they found a Cyrenean man, Simon by name. They pressed this one into service so that he would carry his cross.	*As they were on their way, they passed a man who was from the city of Cyrene. His name was Simon. The soldiers forced this man to carry the cross for Jesus.*

What was Simon of Cyrene forced to do?

Simon was forced to carry Jesus' cross.

Matthew 27:33

ULT	UST
And having come to a place called Golgotha, which is called Place of a Skull,	*Then, they arrived at a place whose name is Golgotha. That name means "Skull Place."*

Where did they go to crucify Jesus?

They went to Golgotha, which means "The Place of a Skull."

Matthew 27:35-36

What did the soldiers do after they crucified Jesus?

The soldiers cast lots to divide up Jesus' garments and then sat and watched him.

Matthew 27:37

ULT	UST
And they put above his head his charge, having been written, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."	*They wrote on a sign why they were executing Jesus. On the sign were these words: "This man is Jesus. He was king over the Jewish people." The soldiers placed the sign above Jesus' head.*

What writing did they put above Jesus' head?

They wrote, "THIS IS JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

Matthew 27:38

ULT	UST
Then two robbers are being crucified with him, one at his right and one at his left.	*After that, the soldiers nailed two bandits to crosses near Jesus. They put one bandit on one side of Jesus. They put the other bandit on the other side of Jesus.*

Who was crucified with Jesus?

Two robbers were crucified with Jesus, one on his right and one on his left.

Matthew 27:42

ULT	UST
"He saved others; he is not able to save himself. He is the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.	*"He has rescued other people. However, he cannot rescue himself! He says that he is king over the people of Israel. So, he should get down now from that cross. Then we will trust him!*

What did the people, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders challenge Jesus to do?

They all challenged Jesus to save himself and come down from the cross.

Matthew 27:45

ULT	UST
Now from the sixth hour, darkness happened over all the land until the ninth hour.	*At noon, it became dark in that whole area. It stayed dark until three o'clock in the afternoon.*

What happened from the sixth to the ninth hour?

Darkness came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour.

Matthew 27:46

ULT	UST
But about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" This is, "My God, my God, why did you forsake me?"	*At about three o'clock in the afternoon, Jesus shouted, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" That means, "My God, my God, why did you abandon me?"*

What did Jesus cry out at the ninth hour?

Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Matthew 27:50

ULT	UST
But Jesus, having cried out again with a loud voice, released his spirit.	*After that, Jesus shouted loudly again. Then, he died.*

What happened after Jesus cried out again with a loud voice?

Jesus gave up his spirit.

Matthew 27:51

ULT	UST
And behold, the curtain of the temple was split in two from top to bottom, and the earth was shaken, and the rocks were split.	*Then the drape hanging in front of the Most Holy Place in the temple ripped in half. It tore from the top down to the bottom. Also, the earth quaked, and rocks broke apart.*

What happened in the temple after Jesus died?

The curtain of the temple was split in two from the top to the bottom after Jesus died.

Matthew 27:52-53

What happened at the tombs after Jesus died?

Many saints that had fallen asleep were raised and appeared to many after Jesus died.

Matthew 27:54

ULT	UST
Now the centurion and the ones with him guarding Jesus, having seen the earthquake and the things having happened, were very afraid, saying, "Truly this was a Son of God."	*The Roman officer and his soldiers, who were making sure that Jesus died, saw the earth quaking and the other things that happened. They became extremely afraid. They declared, "This man really was God's Son."*

Seeing all these events, what was the testimony of the centurion?

The centurion testified, "Truly this was the Son of God."

Matthew 27:57-58

After he was crucified, what happened to the body of Jesus?

A rich disciple of Jesus, Joseph, asked Pilate for the body, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in his own new tomb.

Matthew 27:60

ULT	UST
and put it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And having rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, he went away.	*Then, Joseph put Jesus' body into Joseph's own fresh grave. Joseph's workers had made it by digging into a rock cliff. After that, Joseph rolled a huge flat stone to block the entrance to the grave. Then he left.*

What was placed across the door of the tomb where Jesus' body was laid?

A large stone was placed across the door of the tomb where Jesus' body was laid.

Matthew 27:62-64

Why did the chief priests and the Pharisees gather with Pilate the next day?

The chief priests and the Pharisees wanted to make sure that Jesus' tomb was secure so that no one could steal the body.

Matthew 27:65-66

What did Pilate permit them to do at the tomb?

Pilate permitted them to seal the stone and place a guard at the tomb.

Matthew 28

Matthew 28:1

ULT	UST
Now after the Sabbath, at the dawning on the first of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to watch the tomb.	*When the Sabbath ended, at dawn on Sunday morning, Mary from the town of Magdala and the other woman whose name was Mary went to observe Jesus' tomb.*

What day and time did Mary Magdalene and the other Mary go to Jesus' tomb?

As it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, they went to Jesus' tomb.

Matthew 28:2

ULT	UST
And behold, a great earthquake happened, for an angel of the Lord, having come down from heaven and having approached, rolled away the stone and was sitting on it.	*Then the earth quaked violently! That happened because an angel from the Lord descended from heaven. He went to Jesus' grave. He rolled the flat stone away from the entrance to the grave. Then, he sat down on the stone.*

How was the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb?

An angel of the Lord descended and rolled away the stone.

Matthew 28:4

ULT	UST
And the ones guarding were shaken from the fear of him and became as dead.	*The soldiers who were protecting the grave trembled because they were afraid of the angel. They were so afraid that they looked like they had died.*

What did the guards do when they saw the angel?

The guards shook with fear and became like dead men when they saw the angel.

Matthew 28:5-7

What did the angel say to the two women about Jesus?

The angel said that Jesus had risen and was going ahead of them to Galilee.

Matthew 28:8-9

What happened to the two women on their way to tell the disciples?

The women met Jesus, and they took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

Matthew 28:11-13

When the guards told the chief priests what had happened at the tomb, what did the chief priests do?

The chief priests paid the soldiers a large amount of money and told them to say that Jesus' disciples had stolen the body.

Matthew 28:17

ULT	UST
And having seen him, they worshiped, but they doubted.	*When they met him there, they worshiped him. However, they were unsure that it really was Jesus.*

What did the disciples do when they saw Jesus in Galilee?

The disciples worshiped Jesus, but some doubted.

Matthew 28:18

ULT	UST
And having approached, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "All authority was given to me in heaven and on the earth.	*Then Jesus came up to them and said, "God my Father has authorized me to rule over everything that God has created.*

What authority did Jesus say had been given to him?

Jesus said that all authority in heaven and on earth had been given to him.

Matthew 28:19

ULT	UST
Having gone, therefore, disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit;	*So then, go from here. Help all groups of people become my apprentices. Baptize them so that they belong to God the Father, me his Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

What did Jesus command his disciples to do?

Jesus commanded his disciples to go and make disciples, and to baptize them.

Into what name did Jesus tell his disciples to baptize?

Jesus told his disciples to baptize in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:20

ULT	UST
teaching them to keep everything, as much as I commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days, until the end of the age."	*Instruct them so that they do everything that I have told you to do. Finally, I will be with you at all times, even up to the point when this current time period ends."*

What did Jesus command his disciples to teach?

Jesus commanded his disciples to teach the nations to obey all the things he had commanded.

What final promise did Jesus give his disciples?

Jesus promised to be with them, even to the end of the age.

Mark

Mark 1

Mark 1:2-3

What did the prophet Isaiah predict would happen before the Lord came?

Isaiah predicted that God would send a messenger, a voice of someone calling out in the wilderness, to prepare the way of the Lord.

Mark 1:4

ULT	UST
John came, the one baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins.	*Now there was a man whose name was John. He baptized people in a desolate area. He proclaimed that people should allow him to baptize them. That would show that they were going to stop doing what was wrong. That way, God would forgive their sins.*

What did John come preaching?

John came preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:5

ULT	UST
And all the Judea region and all the Jerusalemites were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.	*Many people who lived in the region of Judea and many people who lived in the city of Jerusalem often went to listen to John. Many of these people agreed that they had sinned. Then, John baptized them in the Jordan River.*

What did the people do as they were baptized by John?

The people confessed their sins as they were baptized by John.

Mark 1:6

ULT	UST
And John was clothed with camel hair and a leather belt around his waist, and he was eating locusts and wild honey.	*John wore rough clothes that he made out of camel's hair. He fastened around his waist a belt that he made from animal skin. He ate grasshoppers and honey that he found in that desolate area.*

What did John eat?

John ate locusts and wild honey.

Mark 1:8

ULT	UST
I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."	*I use water to baptize you. However, he will give you the Holy Spirit, which will be like baptizing you."*

With what did John say the one coming after him would baptize?

John said the one coming after him would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Mark 1:10

ULT	UST
And immediately, coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens being split open and the Spirit coming down on him like a dove.	*As soon as John baptized him, Jesus waded out of the Jordan River. Then, he saw God opening the way from heaven. He saw that the Holy Spirit, who looked like a small bird, was descending from heaven to him.*

What did Jesus see as he came up out of the water after being baptized by John?

After being baptized, Jesus saw the heavens split open and the Spirit descend on him as a dove.

Mark 1:11

ULT	UST
And a voice came out of the heavens, "You are my beloved Son. With you, I am well pleased."	*Then God spoke from heaven, "You are my Son, the one whom I love dearly. What you do pleases me."*

What did the voice from heaven say after Jesus was baptized?

The voice from heaven said, "You are my beloved Son; I am very pleased with you."

Mark 1:12

ULT	UST
And immediately, the Spirit casts him out into the wilderness.	*As soon as that happened, the Holy Spirit sent Jesus into a desolate area.*

Who drove Jesus out into the wilderness?

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness.

Mark 1:13

ULT	UST
And he was in the wilderness 40 days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were serving him.	*Jesus stayed for 40 days in that desolate area with the animals that lived there. During that time, Satan tried to make Jesus sin. Also, angels took care of Jesus.*

How long was Jesus in the wilderness, and what happened to him there?

Jesus was in the wilderness 40 days, and he was tempted by Satan there.

Mark 1:15

ULT	UST
and saying, "The time has been fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe in the gospel."	*He declared, "This is the moment when God is about to establish his kingdom here. Stop doing what is wrong! Trust the good news!"*

What message did Jesus preach?

Jesus preached that the kingdom of God was near, and that people must repent and believe in the gospel.

Mark 1:16

ULT	UST
And passing beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, net-casting into the sea, for they were fishermen.	*One day, Jesus was walking next to the Sea of Galilee. He saw a man whose name was Simon and that man's younger brother, whose name was Andrew. They earned money by catching and selling fish. When Jesus saw them, they were using nets to try to catch fish.*

What was the occupation of Simon and Andrew?

Simon and Andrew were fishermen.

Mark 1:17

ULT	UST
And Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."	*Jesus told them, "Come with me and be my apprentices. I will teach you how to gather people to be my apprentices, just as you have been gathering fish."*

What did Jesus say he would make Simon and Andrew become?

Jesus said he would make Simon and Andrew fishers of men.

Mark 1:19

ULT	UST
And having gone on a little farther, he saw James, the son of Zebedee, and John, his brother, and they were mending the nets in the boat.	*Then Jesus walked a short distance next to the sea. He saw a man whose name was James and that man's younger brother, whose name was John. They were sons of a man whose name was Zebedee. When Jesus saw them, they were preparing their fishing tools in a boat.*

What was the occupation of James and John?

James and John were fishermen.

Mark 1:22

ULT	UST
And they were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as having authority and not as the scribes.	*The way that Jesus taught impressed the people who were there. It impressed them because Jesus did not teach as the teachers of the Jewish law did. Rather, he taught them like someone whom God had authorized to do so.*

Why did Jesus' teaching astonish the people in the synagogue?

Jesus' teaching astonished the people because Jesus taught as one with authority.

Mark 1:24

ULT	UST
saying, "What to us and to you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"	*"Jesus from the town of Nazareth, leave us alone! You must be here to punish us. I realize who you are. You are the special one whom God has set apart!"*

What title did the unclean spirit in the synagogue give Jesus?

The unclean spirit in the synagogue gave Jesus the title of the Holy One of God.

Mark 1:28

ULT	UST
And the hearing of him immediately went out everywhere into the whole surrounding region of Galilee.	*And so, throughout the whole region of Galilee, people kept talking about what Jesus had done.*

What happened with the news about Jesus?

The news about Jesus went out everywhere.

Mark 1:30

ULT	UST
Now the mother-in-law of Simon was lying down, being sick with a fever, and immediately they speak to him concerning her.	*Meanwhile, Simon's mother-in-law was resting in bed because she had a fever. As soon as Jesus arrived, the people there told him that she was sick.*

When they went into Simon's house, who did Jesus heal?

When they went into Simon's house, Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law.

Mark 1:32-34

What happened when it was evening?

When it was evening, the people brought all who were sick or possessed by demons, and Jesus healed them.

Mark 1:35

ULT	UST
And in the morning, while it was still very dark, having gotten up, he went out and went away to a desolate place, and there he was praying.	*Jesus woke up early the next morning, before sunrise. He left the house and walked to a place where no one lived. He prayed to God there.*

What did Jesus do before the sun rose?

Before the sun rose, Jesus went out to a solitary place and prayed there.

Mark 1:38-39

What did Jesus tell Simon he had come to do?

Jesus said that he had come to preach in the surrounding towns.

Mark 1:40-41

What attitude did Jesus have toward the leper who begged Jesus to be healed?

Jesus had pity on the leper and healed him.

Mark 1:44

ULT	UST
And he says to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a testimony to them."	*"Do not tell anyone what just happened. Instead, go and show yourself to a priest so that he can examine you and see that you no longer have the skin disease. Also, present what Moses required you to offer to become ceremonially clean again. This will prove to the community that you no longer have the skin disease."*

What did Jesus tell the leper to do, and why?

Jesus told the leper to go offer the sacrifices according to what Moses commanded. It would serve the community as a testimony that he was healed.

Mark 2

Mark 2:4

ULT	UST
And not being able to bring him to him because of the crowd, they removed the roof where he was, and having dug it out, they lower the mat where the paralytic was lying.	*However, because of how many people were there, they could not carry the man close to Jesus. So, they went up on the flat roof of the house and dug a hole through it. Then, they lowered the man down as he was lying on his sleeping pad.*

What did the four men do who were carrying the paralyzed man?

The men removed the roof of the house and lowered the paralyzed man to Jesus.

Mark 2:5

ULT	UST
And Jesus, having seen their faith, says to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven."	*Jesus perceived that these people believed that he could heal the man. So, he said to the man who could not move, "Young man, I forgive you for your sins!"*

What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man?

Jesus said, "Child, your sins are forgiven."

Mark 2:6-7

Why did some of the scribes object to what Jesus had said?

Some of the scribes reasoned that Jesus had blasphemed because only God can forgive sins.

Mark 2:10-12

How did Jesus demonstrate that he had authority on earth to forgive sins?

Jesus told the paralyzed man to take up his bed and go to his house, and the man did.

Mark 2:13-14

What was Levi doing when Jesus told Levi to follow him?

Levi was sitting at the tax-collecting place when Jesus called him.

Mark 2:15-16

At Levi's house, what was Jesus doing that offended the Pharisees?

Jesus was dining with the sinful people and tax collectors.

Mark 2:17

ULT	UST
And having heard, Jesus says to them, "The ones being healthy do not have need of a physician, but the ones having sickness. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."	*Jesus learned what they said. He told them, "People who are well do not need a doctor. Rather, people who are sick need a doctor. I am here not to invite those who think they are righteous to come to me. Rather, I invite those who know that they have sinned to come to me."*

Who did Jesus say he had come to call?

Jesus said he had come to call sinful people.

Mark 2:18

ULT	UST
And the disciples of John and the Pharisees were fasting, and they come and say to him, "For what reason do the disciples of John and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?"	*One day, the Pharisees and the apprentices of John the Baptizer were abstaining from eating in order to please God. Meanwhile, some people visited Jesus. They asked him, "The apprentices of John the Baptizer and the apprentices of the Pharisees are abstaining from eating in order to please God. However, your apprentices do not do so. Why not?"*

What question did some people ask Jesus about fasting?

They asked Jesus why his disciples did not fast when John's disciples and the Pharisees' disciples did fast.

Mark 2:19

ULT	UST
And Jesus said to them, "The sons of the bridal chamber are not able to fast while the bridegroom is still with them, are they? As much time as they have the bridegroom with them, they are not able to fast.	*Jesus answered, "The friends of the bridegroom do not abstain from eating while the wedding celebration is still going on. Indeed, they continue to eat as long as the wedding celebration continues.*

How did Jesus explain why his disciples were not fasting?

Jesus said that while the bridegroom is still with the wedding attendants, they cannot fast.

Mark 2:23-24

What did Jesus' disciples do in some fields on the Sabbath which offended the Pharisees?

Jesus' disciples picked heads of grain and ate them on the Sabbath.

Mark 2:25-26

What example did Jesus give of someone who needed and ate bread normally forbidden for them?

Jesus gave the example of David who, out of need, ate the bread of the presence, normally reserved for the priests.

Mark 2:27

ULT	UST
And he was saying to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.	*Then Jesus told the Pharisees, "God did not create humans because of the Jewish day of rest. Rather, he created the Jewish day of rest because of humans.*

For whom did Jesus say the Sabbath was made?

Jesus said the Sabbath was made for people.

Mark 2:28

ULT	UST
Therefore, the Son of Man is Lord, even of the Sabbath.”	*So then, I, the Son of Man, can decide what is right for people to do even during the Jewish day of rest!”*

What authority did Jesus claim for himself?

Jesus said that he was Lord also of the Sabbath.

Mark 3

Mark 3:1-2

Why were they watching Jesus on the Sabbath in the synagogue?

They were watching Jesus to see if he would heal on the Sabbath, so they could accuse him.

Mark 3:4

ULT	UST
And he says to them, "Is it lawful on the Sabbaths to do good or to do harm; to save a life or to kill?" But they were keeping silent.	*Then Jesus told the Pharisees, "You know that the laws that God gave Moses allow people to do what is good and to rescue people on Jewish days of rest. They do not allow people to do what is wrong and to kill people on Jewish days of rest." However, the Pharisees did not respond to him.*

What question did Jesus ask the people about the Sabbath?

Jesus asked the people if it was lawful to do good, or to do harm on the Sabbath.

How did the people respond to Jesus' question?

The people were silent.

Mark 3:5

ULT	UST
And having looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their heart, he says to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored.	*So Jesus stared at them angrily. Because they stubbornly refused to listen to him, he became very sad. Then Jesus commanded the man, "Extend the hand that you cannot move!" The man extended his hand, and he could move it again.*

What then was Jesus' attitude toward them?

Jesus became angry with them.

Mark 3:6

ULT	UST
And having gone out, the Pharisees immediately were making counsel with the Herodians against him so that they might destroy him.	*Then the Pharisees left the Jewish meeting place. As soon as they left, they met with some people who supported King Herod. Together, they started planning how they could kill Jesus.*

What did the Pharisees do when Jesus healed the man?

The Pharisees went out and plotted to put Jesus to death.

Mark 3:7-8

How many people followed Jesus as he went to the sea?

A great crowd followed Jesus.

Mark 3:11

ULT	UST
And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they were falling down before him and crying out, saying, "You are the Son of God."	*Also, when demons saw Jesus, they caused the people whom they controlled to kneel down in front of Jesus and yell, "You are the Son of God!"*

What did the demons cry out when they saw Jesus?

The demons cried out that Jesus was the Son of God.

Mark 3:14-15

How many men did Jesus appoint as apostles, and what were they to do?

Jesus appointed 12 apostles who were to be with him, preach, and have authority to cast out demons.

Mark 3:19

ULT	UST
and Judas Iscariot, who also handed him over.	*Finally, he chose Judas Iscariot. He was the one who helped Jesus' enemies arrest him.*

Who was the apostle that would betray Jesus?

The apostle that would betray Jesus was Judas Iscariot.

Mark 3:21

ULT	UST
And the ones from him, having heard, went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."	*Jesus' relatives heard about what was happening. They thought that Jesus was insane. So, they traveled from the town of Nazareth to where Jesus was to force him to return with them.*

What did Jesus' family think about the crowds and the events surrounding Jesus?

Jesus' family thought that he was out of his mind.

Mark 3:22

ULT	UST
And the scribes having come down from Jerusalem were saying, "He has Beelzebul" and "By the ruler of the demons he casts out the demons."	*Now some teachers of the Jewish law arrived from Jerusalem. They were telling people, "Beelzebul controls this man. In fact, it is the leader of the demons who enables him to force demons out of people!"*

What accusation did the scribes make against Jesus?

The scribes accused Jesus of driving out demons by the ruler of demons.

Mark 3:23-24

What was Jesus' response to the scribes' accusation?

Jesus responded that no kingdom divided against itself can stand.

Mark 3:28-29

What sin did Jesus say cannot be forgiven?

Jesus said that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit cannot be forgiven.

Mark 3:33-35

Who did Jesus say were his mother and brothers?

Jesus said that his mother and brothers were those who do the will of God.

Mark 4

Mark 4:1

ULT	UST
And again, he began to teach beside the sea, and the largest crowd is gathered to him. As a result, having gotten into a boat, he sat down on the sea, and the whole crowd was on the land beside the sea.	*Sometime later, Jesus again started to instruct people while he was next to the Sea of Galilee. A very large group of people assembled to hear him. Because there were so many people, he got into a boat on the sea and sat down to teach. All the people stood on the shore, by the water.*

Why did Jesus get into a boat to teach?

Jesus got into a boat to sit and teach because a very large crowd had gathered around him.

Mark 4:4

ULT	UST
And it happened that as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and the birds came and devoured it.	*As he was scattering them over the soil, some of the seeds fell on the path. Then some birds flew down and ate those seeds up.*

What happened to the seeds sown on the road?

The birds came and devoured them.

Mark 4:6

ULT	UST
And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and because it had no root, it withered.	*Then, the sun shone on the new plants and dried them up. Then, because they did not have good roots, the plants died.*

What happened to the seeds sown on the rocky ground when the sun rose?

They withered away because they had no root.

Mark 4:7

ULT	UST
And other fell into the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it did not give fruit.	*Other seeds fell onto an area full of thorny plants. These thorny plants grew quickly and crowded out the grain plants. So, the grain plants did not produce a crop.*

What happened to the seeds sown among thorn plants?

The thorn plants choked them.

Mark 4:8

ULT	UST
And others fell on the good soil, and it was giving fruit, growing up and being increased, and one was bearing 30, and one, 60, and one, 100."	*Finally, other seeds fell on fertile soil. They grew quickly, and they produced a crop. Some plants produced 30 grains of wheat each, others produced 60 grains each, and others produced 100 grains each."*

What happened to the seeds sown in the good soil?

The seeds produced grain, yielding 30, 60, and some, 100 times what was planted.

Mark 4:11

ULT	UST
And he was saying to them, "To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to those, the ones outside, everything is in parables,	*He replied, "God has revealed to you hidden things about his kingdom. However, I use only stories to instruct people who are not my apprentices.*

What did Jesus say was given to the Twelve, but not to those outside?

Jesus said the mystery of the kingdom of God was given to the Twelve, but not to those outside.

Mark 4:14

ULT	UST
The sower sows the word.	*In the story that I told you, the seeds that the farmer planted represent the good news.*

In Jesus' parable, what is the seed?

The seed is the word of God.

Mark 4:15

ULT	UST
Now these are the ones beside the road, where the word is being sown, but whenever they have heard it, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.	*Some people are like the seeds that fell on the path. They hear the good news. However, as soon as they hear it, Satan comes and makes them forget the message that they heard.*

What does the seed sown on the road represent?

It represents those who hear the word, but immediately Satan takes it away.

Mark 4:16-17

What does the seed sown on the rocky ground represent?

It represents those who hear the word with joy, but when persecution comes, they stumble.

Mark 4:18-19

What does the seed sown among thorn plants represent?

It represents those who hear the word, but the cares of the world choke the word.

Mark 4:20

ULT	UST
And those are the ones sown on the good soil, who hear the word and receive it and bear fruit —one, 30, and one, 60, and one, 100."	*Finally, other people are like the seeds that fell on fertile soil. When they hear the good news, they believe it. They are like the plants that produced a crop. Some plants produced 30 grains of wheat each, others produced 60 grains each, and others produced 100 grains each."*

What does the seed sown in the good soil represent?

It represents those who hear the word, receive it, and produce fruit.

Mark 4:22

ULT	UST
For it is not hidden except so that it might be revealed, nor has it become secret except so that it might come into visibility.	*Here is what I mean: some things are secret, but that is only because God will eventually let everyone know about them.*

What did Jesus say would happen to the hidden and secret things?

Jesus said that the hidden and secret things would be brought into the light.

Mark 4:26-27

In what way is the kingdom of God like a man who casts his seed upon the ground?

The man casts the seed, and it grows, but he does not know how, then when the harvest is ripe he gathers it.

Mark 4:30-32

In what way is the kingdom of God like a mustard seed?

The mustard seed begins as the smallest of seeds, yet grows into a great plant where many can make their nests.

Mark 4:35-37

What happened as the disciples and Jesus crossed the lake?

A great storm began, threatening to fill the boat with water.

Mark 4:38

ULT	UST
And he himself was in the stern, sleeping on the cushion. And they wake him up and say to him, "Teacher, is it not a concern to you that we are perishing?"	*Meanwhile, Jesus was in the back part of the boat. He was asleep, with his head on a pillow. The apprentices woke him up and told him, "Instructor! We are going to die. You should be paying attention!"*

What was Jesus doing at this time in the boat?

Jesus was sleeping.

What question did the disciples ask Jesus?

The disciples asked Jesus if he cared that they were about to die.

Mark 4:39

ULT	UST
And awaking, he rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.	*Then Jesus got up. He scolded the wind. He told the water, "Become still!" The wind stopped blowing, and everything became calm.*

What did Jesus then do?

Jesus rebuked the wind and calmed the sea.

Mark 4:41

ULT	UST
And they feared a great fear and were saying to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"	*The apprentices became very afraid. They kept asking each other, "Who could Jesus be? The wind and the water do what he says!"*

After Jesus did this, what was the response of the disciples?

The disciples were filled with great fear and wondered who Jesus was, that the wind and sea obeyed him.

Mark 5

Mark 5:1-2

Who met Jesus when they came to the region of the Gerasenes?

A man with an unclean spirit met Jesus.

Mark 5:4

ULT	UST
because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles had been shattered, and no one was strong enough to subdue him.	*In the past, they had frequently tied him up with metal chains and bonds. However, he always snapped the metal chains and broke apart the bonds. He was so strong that nobody could overpower him.*

What had happened when people tried to restrain this man with chains?

When people tried to restrain this man with chains, he tore the chains apart.

Mark 5:7

ULT	UST
And crying out with a loud voice, he says, "What to me and to you, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I make you swear by God, do not torment me."	

What title did the unclean spirit give Jesus?

The unclean spirit called Jesus the Son of the Most High God.

Mark 5:8

ULT	UST
For he was saying to him, "Come out from the man, unclean spirit."	

What did Jesus say to the unclean spirit in the man?

Jesus said, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit."

Mark 5:9

ULT	UST
And he was asking him, "What is your name?" And he says to him, "My name is Legion, for we are many."	*Then Jesus asked the man, "What do people call you?" He replied, "People call me 'Thousands.' They call me that because there are many of us demons in this man."*

What was the name of the unclean spirit?

The unclean spirit's name was Legion, because there were many.

Mark 5:13

ULT	UST
And he permitted them, and having come out, the unclean spirits entered into the pigs, and the herd—about 2, 000—rushed down the steep slope into the sea and were drowned in the sea.	*Jesus allowed them to do that. So, the demons left the man and began to control the pigs. Then, the herd of pigs rushed down the steep bank into the Sea of Galilee! There were about 2, 000 of them, and they drowned there in the sea.*

What happened when Jesus cast out the unclean spirit from the man?

The spirits came out and entered a herd of pigs, which ran down a steep hill and drowned in the lake.

Mark 5:15

ULT	UST
And they come to Jesus and see the one being demon-possessed, sitting, clothed and being sound-minded—the one that had had the legion—and they were afraid.	*When they arrived where Jesus was, they saw the man whom the thousands of demons had controlled. He was sitting down, he had clothes on, and he was thinking normally. So, they realized how powerful Jesus must be, and they became afraid.*

After the unclean spirit was cast out, what was the condition of the man?

The man was sitting with Jesus, clothed and in his right mind.

Mark 5:17

ULT	UST
And they began to beg him to depart from their region.	*Then the people who were there started to urge Jesus to leave their area.*

What did the people of the region ask Jesus to do?

The people asked Jesus to leave their region.

Mark 5:19

ULT	UST
And he did not permit him, but he says to him, "Go to your house, to your people, and report to them as much as the Lord has done for you and had mercy on you."	*However, Jesus did not allow the man to go with him. Instead, he told him, "Go home to your friends and family. Tell them about everything that the Lord God has done for you and how he has helped you."*

What did Jesus tell the man who had lived in the tombs to now do?

Jesus told the man to tell his people what the Lord had done for him.

Mark 5:22-23

What request did Jairus, the synagogue leader, make of Jesus?

Jairus asked Jesus to come with him to lay hands on his daughter, who was near death.

Mark 5:25

ULT	UST
And a woman, being with a flow of blood for 12 years,	*Now there was a woman in the crowd who had been suffering for 12 years from a disease that caused continual bleeding.*

What was the problem with the woman who touched Jesus' cloak?

The woman had suffered with a discharge of blood for 12 years.

Mark 5:28

ULT	UST
For she was saying, “If I touch just his clothes, I will be saved.”	

Why did the woman touch Jesus’ cloak?

The woman thought that if she just touched Jesus’ clothes, she would be healed.

Mark 5:30

ULT	UST
And immediately Jesus, having realized in himself the power having gone out from him, having turned around in the crowd, was saying, “Who touched my clothes?”	*As soon as she touched his robe, Jesus recognized that someone had benefited from how powerful he was. So, in the middle of the large group of people, he spun around and asked, “Which of you touched my clothing?”*

What did Jesus do when the woman touched his cloak?

Jesus knew that power had gone out from him so he asked who touched his clothes.

Mark 5:32

ULT	UST
And he was looking around to see the one having done this.	*However, Jesus kept trying to see the person who had touched his clothes.*

What did Jesus do after the woman touched his cloak?

Jesus looked around to see who had touched him.

Mark 5:34

ULT	UST
But he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you. Depart in peace and be healed from your affliction.”	*Jesus replied, “Young woman, because you believed that I could heal you, you are now well. Now go on your way, and may God make you peaceful. You will not be sick in that way again.”*

When the woman told Jesus all the truth, what did Jesus say to her?

Jesus told her that her faith had made her well, and to go in peace.

Mark 5:35

ULT	UST
He still speaking, they come from the synagogue ruler, saying, "Your daughter died. Why trouble the teacher further?"	*While Jesus was still talking with that woman, some messengers arrived from the house of Jairus, the leader of the Jewish meeting place. They told Jairus, "Your daughter is dead. You should not continue to ask the instructor to help."*

What was the condition of Jairus' daughter when Jesus arrived at the house?

Jairus' daughter was dead.

Mark 5:36

ULT	UST
But Jesus, having overheard the word being spoken, says to the synagogue ruler, "Do not fear. Only believe."	*Jesus listened to what the messengers said. Then, he told Jairus, "You should stop being afraid! You just need to trust that I can help your daughter."*

What did Jesus tell Jairus at this time?

Jesus told Jairus to not be afraid, but to just believe.

Mark 5:37

ULT	UST
And he did not allow anyone to accompany him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.	*Then Jesus took only Peter, James, and James' younger brother John with him. He did not allow anyone else to come with them.*

Which disciples went with Jesus into the room where the child was?

Peter, James, and John went with Jesus into the room.

Mark 5:40

ULT	UST
And they were laughing at him. But he, having cast them all out, takes along the father of the child and the mother and the ones with him, and he enters where the child was.	*The people made fun of him for saying that. However, Jesus made all of them leave the house. Then, he went to where the young woman was. He took with him the young woman's father and mother as well as Peter, James, and John.*

What did the people in the house do when Jesus said Jairus' daughter was only sleeping?

The people laughed at Jesus when he said that Jairus' daughter was only sleeping.

Mark 5:42

ULT	UST
And immediately the little girl rose up and was walking (for she was 12 years), and they were immediately astonished with great amazement.	*As soon as Jesus said that, the young woman became alive again, stood up, and walked around (in fact, she was 12 years old). That greatly impressed everyone who was there.*

When the child got up and walked, how did the people react?

The people were greatly overcome and astonished.

Mark 6

Mark 6:2

ULT	UST
And a Sabbath having come, he began to teach in the synagogue. And the many ones hearing him were astonished, saying, "From where to this one are these things, and what is the wisdom that has been given to this one, and such miracles happening by his hands?	*When it was the Jewish day of rest, he started to instruct the people there when they gathered in the Jewish meeting place. What they heard him say impressed the many people who were there. They said to each other, "We do not know how this man is able to do what he does. We do not know how he is so wise and does such powerful things.*

Why were the people of Jesus' home town shocked about him?

The people did not know from where he got his teachings, his wisdom, and his miracles.

Mark 6:4

ULT	UST
And Jesus was saying to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his house."	*So, Jesus told them, "The only ones who do not respect people who speak for God are those from where they grew up, their clans, and their own families."*

Where did Jesus say a prophet is without honor?

Jesus said a prophet is without honor in his home town, among his relatives, and in his own household.

Mark 6:6

ULT	UST
And he was amazed because of their unbelief. And he was going around the villages in a circle teaching.	*How little the people trusted him surprised Jesus. After that, Jesus traveled through the small towns in that area, and he instructed the people there.*

What amazed Jesus about the people in his home town?

Jesus was amazed by the unbelief of the people in his home town.

Mark 6:7

ULT	UST
And he calls the Twelve and began to send them out two by two, and he was giving them authority over the unclean spirits,	*One day, Jesus told his 12 representatives to come to him. He told them that he was going to have them travel around in groups of two. He authorized them to force demons out of people.*

What authority did Jesus give the Twelve as he sent them out?

Jesus gave the Twelve authority over unclean spirits.

Mark 6:8-9

ULT	UST
	He told them to wear sandals and to bring a walking stick. However, he instructed them not to pack anything else to bring with them, including food, a traveler's bag, money, or an extra shirt.

What did the Twelve take with them on their journey?

The Twelve took a staff, sandals, and one tunic.

Mark 6:11

ULT	UST
And whatever place does not receive you nor listen to you, going out from there, shake off the dust that is under your feet for a testimony against them."	*Whenever people in a certain place do not welcome you or listen to you, you should leave that place. As you are going, shake the dust from that place off your feet to warn them that God will punish them."*

What did Jesus tell the Twelve to do if a place did not receive them?

Jesus told the Twelve to shake off the dust under their feet as a testimony against them.

Mark 6:14-15

Who did the people suppose Jesus was?

The people supposed that Jesus was John the Baptizer or Elijah or a prophet.

Mark 6:18

ULT	UST
For John was saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have the wife of your brother."	

What had John the Baptizer told Herod he was doing unlawfully?

John had told Herod it was unlawful for Herod to marry his brother's wife.

Mark 6:20

ULT	UST
for Herod was fearing John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and he was keeping him safe, and having heard him, he was much perplexed, and he was listening to him gladly.	

How did Herod react when he heard John preach?

Herod became upset when he heard John preach, but he was still glad to hear him.

Mark 6:23

ULT	UST
And he swore to her, "If you ask me, I will give it to you, up to half of my kingdom."	*Further, he solemnly promised, "You can even ask for half of what I rule over. I will still give you whatever you request!"*

What oath did Herod swear to Herodias?

Herod swore that she could have whatever she asked of him, up to half of his kingdom.

Mark 6:25

ULT	UST
And immediately, having entered in with haste to the king, she requested, saying, "I desire that you would give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter."	*As soon as her mother said that, the young woman hurried back to King Herod. She told him, "I want you to cut off John the Baptizer's head right now and bring it to me on a plate!"*

For what did Herodias ask?

Herodias asked for the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.

Mark 6:26

ULT	UST
And the king, having become deeply grieved because of his oaths and the ones reclining to eat with him, did not want to refuse her,	*King Herod was sad about what she asked for. However, because he had solemnly promised in front of all his guests to give her what she asked for, he decided to do what she requested.*

How did Herod react to Herodias' request?

Herod became very sorry but did not refuse her request, because of the oaths he had made in front of his guests.

Mark 6:33

ULT	UST
And they saw them leaving, and many knew, and they ran there together on foot from all the cities, and they arrived before them.	*Now people noticed them sailing away. Many of those people realized that it was Jesus and his apprentices. So, they left all their towns and ran to where Jesus and his apprentices were sailing. They got there before Jesus and his apprentices did!*

What happened when Jesus and the apostles tried to go away by themselves to rest?

Many people recognized them and ran to arrive there before Jesus and the apostles.

Mark 6:34

ULT	UST
And having come out, he saw a large crowd, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep not having a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.	*When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw a large group of people. He noticed that they were like sheep who did not have a sheepherder to lead them and to take care of them. So, he pitied them and started to instruct them about many things.*

What was Jesus' attitude toward the crowd that was waiting for them?

Jesus had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Mark 6:37

ULT	UST
But he, answering, said to them, "You give them to eat." And they say to him, "Having gone away, might we buy loaves of 200 denarii and give them to them to eat?"	*Jesus replied, "I want you to provide them with food to eat!" They responded, "Surely you do not want us to go and spend 200 coins to buy enough loaves of bread to provide these people with food!"*

When asked by Jesus, what did the disciples think they would have to do to feed the people?

The disciples thought they would have to go and buy 200 denarii worth of bread.

Mark 6:38

ULT	UST
But he says to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go. See." And having known, they say, "Five, and two fish."	*Then Jesus asked his apprentices, "How many loaves of bread do you have? Find out!" Once they had found out how many they had, they told Jesus, "We have five loaves of bread and two fish."*

What food did the disciples already have with them?

The disciples already had five loaves and two fish with them.

Mark 6:41

ULT	UST
And having taken the five loaves and the two fish, having looked up to heaven, he blessed and broke the loaves into pieces and was giving them to his disciples so that they might set them before them, and he divided the two fish among all.	*He picked up the five loaves of bread and the two fish. Then he thanked God for the food. After that, he tore the bread into pieces and gave the pieces to his apprentices. That way, they could serve them to the people who were there. He similarly had his apprentices serve the two fish to everyone who was there.*

What did Jesus do as he took the loaves and fish?

As he took the loaves and fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples.

Mark 6:43

ULT	UST
And they took up the broken pieces, the fillings of 12 baskets, and from the fish.	*Then the apprentices gathered what was left of the bread and fish. They filled 12 large containers with the leftovers!*

How much food was left after everyone ate?

There were 12 baskets of bread, and pieces of fish left after everyone ate.

Mark 6:44

ULT	UST
And the ones having eaten the loaves were 5, 000 men.	*There were about 5, 000 men who ate the bread and fish.*

How many men had been fed?

There were 5,000 men that had been fed.

Mark 6:48

ULT	UST
And having seen them being tormented as they rowed—for the wind was against them—and about the fourth watch of the night, he comes to them, walking on the sea, and he was wishing to pass by them.	*Now the wind was blowing from where the apprentices wanted to go, so they were struggling to row the boat across the Sea of Galilee. Jesus noticed that. So, soon before morning, he joined them. He was walking on top of the Sea of Galilee! He planned to walk right past them.*

How did Jesus come to the disciples on the lake?

Jesus came to the disciples walking on the lake.

Mark 6:50

ULT	UST
for they all saw him and were troubled. But immediately he spoke with them and says to them, “Take courage! It is I! Do not be afraid!”	

What did Jesus tell the disciples when they saw him?

Jesus told the disciples to be brave and to not be afraid.

Mark 6:52

ULT	UST
For they did not understand about the loaves, but their heart was having been hardened.	*They reacted that way because they did not realize what it meant when Jesus fed the large group of people with the loaves of bread. In fact, they stubbornly refused to understand it.*

Why did the disciples not understand about the miracle of the loaves?

The disciples did not understand about the miracle of the loaves because their minds were slow to understand.

Mark 6:55

ULT	UST
they ran throughout that whole region, and they began to carry on their mats the ones having sickness where they were hearing that he is.	*Those people hurried to all the places within that region. Whenever people in those places learned that Jesus was in a specific place, they started to bring there on sleeping pads many other people who were sick.*

What did the people of the region do when they recognized Jesus?

The people brought the sick on stretchers to Jesus wherever they heard he was coming.

Mark 6:56

ULT	UST
And wherever he was entering into villages or into cities or into fields, they were placing the ones being sick in the marketplaces, and they were begging him so that they might even touch the edge of his garment, and as many as touched it were being healed.	*Jesus visited many villages, towns, and farms. Wherever he visited, people put those who were sick in the open areas. These people who were sick asked Jesus to allow them just to touch the hem of his robe. Everyone who did so became healthy.*

What happened to those who just touched the fringe of Jesus' garment?

Those who just touched the fringe of Jesus' garment were healed.

Mark 7

Mark 7:2

ULT	UST
And having seen some of his disciples, that they eat loaves with defiled hands, that is, unwashed —	*Then, they noticed that some of Jesus' apprentices did not cleanse their hands before eating food. So, their hands were unclean when they ate the food.*

What were some of Jesus' disciples doing that offended the Pharisees and scribes?

Some of the disciples were eating with unwashed hands.

Mark 7:3-4

Whose tradition was it that hands, cups, pots, and copper vessels be washed before eating?

It was the tradition of the elders that hands, cups, pots, and copper vessels be washed before eating.

Mark 7:8-9

What did Jesus say to the Pharisees and scribes about their teaching on the issue of washing?

Jesus said that the Pharisees and scribes taught the rules of men while abandoning the commandment of God.

Mark 7:11-13

How did the Pharisees and scribes void the commandment of God which says to honor your father and mother?

They voided God's commandment by telling people to give to them as Corban the money that would have helped their father and mother.

Mark 7:15

ULT	UST
there is nothing from outside the man, entering into him, that is able to defile him; but the things that come out from the man are the things defiling the man.	*Whatever people eat cannot make them unclean. Rather, it is what people do and say that makes them unclean.*

What did Jesus say does not defile a person?

Jesus said that nothing from outside of a person can defile him when it enters into him.

What did Jesus say defiles a person?

Jesus said that what comes out of a person defiles him.

Mark 7:18-19

What did Jesus say does not defile a person?

Jesus said that nothing from outside of a person can defile him when it enters into him.

Mark 7:19

ULT	UST
because it does not go into his heart, but into the stomach, and passes out into the latrine (cleansing all foods)?"	*In fact, what people eat does not become part of what they think. Rather, it simply goes into their stomachs. Eventually, their bodies expel what they ate into toilets." So, Jesus was implying that no food is unclean.*

What kinds of foods did Jesus declare to be clean?

Jesus declared all foods to be clean.

Mark 7:20-23

What did Jesus say defiles a person?

Jesus said that what comes out of a person defiles him.

Mark 7:21-22

What are three things that Jesus said can come out of a person to defile him?

Jesus said that evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, and folly can come out of a person to defile him.

Mark 7:25-26

Was the woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit a Jew or a Greek?

The woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit was a Greek.

Mark 7:28

ULT	UST
But she answered and says to him, "Yes, Lord, and the little dogs under the table eat from the crumbs of the children."	*The woman replied, "My Lord, what you say is correct. However, dogs lying nearby do eat leftovers from the children's food. What I am asking you to do is like those leftovers."*

How did the woman respond when Jesus told her that it was not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs?

The woman said that even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.

Mark 7:29-30

What did Jesus do for the woman?

Jesus cast the demon out of the woman's daughter.

Mark 7:33-34

When the man who was deaf and had a speech impediment was brought to Jesus, what did he do to heal him?

Jesus put his fingers in the man's ears, spit and touched his tongue, then looked to heaven and said, "Open!"

Mark 7:36

ULT	UST
And he commanded them so that they would tell it to no one. But as much as he commanded them, the more abundantly they were proclaiming it.	*After that, Jesus ordered the people who were nearby not to tell anyone about what he had done. However, every time he ordered them not to do so, they told even more people about what he had done.*

What did the people do when Jesus told them to tell no one about his healings?

The more Jesus commanded them to be quiet, the more they talked about it.

Mark 8

Mark 8:1-2

What concern did Jesus state about the great crowd that had been following him?

Jesus stated that he was concerned the great crowd had nothing to eat.

Mark 8:5

ULT	UST
And he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven."	*Then Jesus asked them, "How many loaves of bread do you have with you?" They replied, "We have with us seven loaves of bread."*

How many loaves did the disciples have with them?

The disciples had seven loaves with them.

Mark 8:6

ULT	UST
And he commands the crowd to recline on the ground, and having taken the seven loaves, having given thanks, he broke them and was giving them to his disciples so that they might set them before them, and they set them before the crowd.	*Then Jesus told the large group of people to sit down on the ground. He picked up the seven loaves of bread. Then he thanked God for the food. After that, he tore the bread into pieces and gave the pieces to his apprentices. That way, they could serve them to the large group of people, which they did.*

What did Jesus do with the disciples' loaves?

Jesus gave thanks, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to serve.

Mark 8:8

ULT	UST
And they ate and were satisfied, and they took up the remaining of the broken pieces—seven baskets.	*The people ate the food, and they had enough to eat. Then the apprentices gathered the food that was left. They filled seven large containers!*

How much food remained after everyone had eaten?

There were seven baskets of food remaining after everyone had eaten.

Mark 8:9

ULT	UST
Now there were about 4, 000, and he sent them away.	*About 4, 000 people were there. Then Jesus told them to go home.*

How many people ate and were satisfied?

There were about 4,000 men who ate and were satisfied.

Mark 8:11

ULT	UST
And the Pharisees came out and began to argue with him, seeking from him a sign from heaven, testing him.	*Some Pharisees came to Jesus and started to debate with him. They wanted to investigate him, so they asked him to perform a miracle that showed that God had sent him.*

To test him, what did the Pharisees want Jesus to do?

The Pharisees wanted Jesus to give them a sign from heaven.

Mark 8:15

ULT	UST
And he was commanding them, saying, "See, watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod."	*While they were sailing, Jesus ordered the apprentices, "Make sure that you guard against the yeast that the Pharisees use and the yeast that Herod uses."*

About what did Jesus warn his disciples concerning the Pharisees?

Jesus warned his disciples to be on guard against the yeast of the Pharisees.

Mark 8:16

ULT	UST
And they were reasoning with each other that they have no loaves.	*Then the apprentices told each other that they had very little food.*

About what did the disciples think Jesus was talking?

The disciples thought Jesus was talking about the fact that they had forgotten to bring bread.

Mark 8:19

ULT	UST
When I broke the five loaves for the 5, 000, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They say to him, "12."	*When I tore five loaves of bread into pieces and used them to feed 5, 000 people, you gathered what was left of the food. How many large containers did you fill with the leftovers?" The apprentices replied, "We filled 12 large containers."*

Jesus reminded his disciples that what had happened when Jesus had broken five loaves?

Jesus reminded them that when he had broken five loaves, 5,000 people had been fed and 12 baskets full of broken pieces had been taken up.

Mark 8:23

ULT	UST
And having taken hold of the hand of the blind man, he led him out from the village. And having spit into his eyes, having laid his hands on him, he was asking him, "Do you see anything?"	*So, Jesus took one of the blind man's hands. He brought the blind man outside the town. Then Jesus spat saliva onto the man's eyes, and Jesus touched him. After that, he asked the man, "Can you see anything?"*

What two things did Jesus first do to the blind man in order to restore his sight?

Jesus first spat on his eyes and laid his hands upon him.

Mark 8:25

ULT	UST
Then he again laid his hands upon his eyes, and he looked intently and was restored, and he was seeing everything clearly.	*After that, Jesus again touched the blind man's eyes. When the man looked around carefully, he could see everything properly. Jesus had cured him!*

What third thing did Jesus do to the blind man in order to completely restore his sight?

Jesus laid his hands upon his eyes again.

Mark 8:28

ULT	UST
But they said to him, saying, "John the Baptist, and others, Elijah, but others, one of the prophets."	*The apprentices replied, "People say that you are one of the prophets who has come back to life. More specifically, some people say that you are John the Baptizer. Other people say that you are the prophet Elijah."*

Who were the people saying that Jesus was?

The people were saying that Jesus was John the Baptizer, Elijah, or one of the prophets.

Mark 8:29

ULT	UST
And he was questioning them, "But who do you say that I am?" And answering, Peter says to him, "You are the Christ."	*Then Jesus asked them, "As for you, who do you say that I really am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah!"*

Who did Peter say that Jesus was?

Peter said that Jesus was the Christ.

Mark 8:31

ULT	UST
And he began to teach them that it is necessary for the Son of Man to suffer many things and to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and to be killed and to rise up after three days.	*After that, Jesus started to instruct his apprentices about what had to happen to him, the Son of Man. People would hurt him very much. The Jewish leaders, the ruling priests, and the teachers of the Jewish law would refuse to listen to him. Then, people would kill him. Three days after he died, he would live again.*

About what future events did Jesus begin to teach his disciples clearly?

Jesus taught his disciples that the Son of Man must suffer, be rejected, be killed, and be raised after three days.

Mark 8:33

ULT	UST
But Jesus, having turned and having looked at his disciples, rebuked Peter and says, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not considering the things of God, but the things of men."	*Jesus turned around and looked at his other apprentices. Then he scolded Peter, "Do not try to stop me. You are behaving as Satan does! You are thinking about what humans care about instead of thinking about what God cares about."*

What did Jesus say when Peter began to rebuke him?

Jesus said to Peter, "Get behind me Satan! You do not care for the things of God, but for the things of people."

Mark 8:34

ULT	UST
And having summoned the crowd along with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.	*Then Jesus told his apprentices and the large group of people to come to him. He told them, "People who want to come with me and be my apprentices must refuse to do what they want to do. They must be willing to suffer or die as if they were carrying their own crosses when they come with me as my apprentices.*

What did Jesus say anyone who wants to follow him must do?

Jesus said that anyone who wants to follow him must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Jesus.

Mark 8:36

ULT	UST
For what does it benefit a man to gain the whole world and to forfeit his life?	*Suppose that some people acquire everything they could possibly want. However, they can no longer truly live. That is not worth it!*

What did Jesus say about a person's desire to gain the things of the world?

Jesus said, "What does it profit a person to gain the whole world and then forfeit his life?"

Mark 8:38

ULT	UST
For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."	*The men and women who are alive right now sin often and do not remain faithful. As they live among those men and women, some people consider it shameful to say that they believe in me and what I say. Then I, the Son of Man, will consider it shameful to say that those people belong to me. That will happen when I return with the angels whom God has set apart. At that time, I will be as glorious as God my Father."*

What did Jesus say he would do concerning those who are ashamed of him and his words?

Jesus said that at his coming he would be ashamed of those who were ashamed of him and his words.

Mark 9

Mark 9:1

ULT	UST
And he was saying to them, "Truly, I say to you that there are some of the ones standing here who will certainly not taste death until they see the kingdom of God having come with power."	*Then Jesus told his apprentices and the large group of people, "Some of you who are here with me will definitely see God powerfully establish his kingdom before you die. What I have said is true!"*

Who did Jesus say would see the kingdom of God coming with power?

Jesus said that some standing there with him would not die before they saw the kingdom of God coming with power.

Mark 9:2-3

What happened to Jesus when Peter, James, and John went up a high mountain with him?

Jesus was transfigured and his garments became radiantly brilliant.

Mark 9:4

ULT	UST
And Elijah with Moses were seen by them, and they were talking with Jesus.	*After that, Elijah and Moses, who were prophets from long ago, appeared to the three apprentices! These prophets were speaking to Jesus.*

Who was talking with Jesus on the mountain?

Elijah and Moses were talking with Jesus.

Mark 9:7

ULT	UST
And a cloud appeared, overshadowing them, and there was a voice from the cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."	*Then a cloud covered all of them! God spoke from the cloud, "This man is my Son, the one whom I love dearly. Do what he says."*

On the mountain, what did the voice from the cloud say?

The voice said, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Mark 9:9

ULT	UST
And they coming down from the mountain, he ordered them so that they would relate to no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.	*While they were walking down the mountain, Jesus told them that they should not tell anyone about what they had just seen until he, the Son of Man, had become alive again.*

What did Jesus command the disciples about what they had seen on the mountain?

Jesus commanded them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Mark 9:11-13

What did Jesus say about Elijah's coming?

Jesus said that Elijah does come first to restore all things, and that Elijah had already come.

Mark 9:17-18

What were the disciples unable to do for the father and his son?

The disciples were unable to drive out the evil spirit from the father's son.

Mark 9:22

ULT	UST
And it has often thrown him both into fire and into waters in order that it might destroy him, but if you are able to do anything, help us, having compassion on us."	*The demon also frequently makes him fall into fires and bodies of water in order to kill him. So, if you can do so, please pity us and help us!"*

Into what did the evil spirit throw the boy to try to destroy him?

The evil spirit threw the boy into the fire or into the waters to try to destroy him.

Mark 9:23-24

How did the father respond when Jesus said all things are possible for the one who believes?

The father responded, "I believe! Help my unbelief!"

Mark 9:28-29

Why were the disciples unable to cast out the mute and deaf spirit in the boy?

The disciples were unable to cast out the spirit, because it could not be cast out except by prayer.

Mark 9:31

ULT	UST
for he was teaching his disciples and saying to them, "The Son of Man is being handed over into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And having been killed, he will rise up after three days."	*Jesus did not want people to know where they were because he was instructing his apprentices. He told them, "Somebody will help my enemies arrest me, the Son of Man. They will have people kill me. Then, three days after I die, I will live again."*

What did Jesus tell his disciples would happen to him?

Jesus told them he would be put to death, then after three days he would rise again.

Mark 9:33-34

What were the disciples arguing about along the way?

The disciples were arguing about who among them was the greatest.

Mark 9:35

ULT	UST
And having sat down, he called the Twelve together and says to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he will be last of all and a servant of all."	*Then Jesus sat down. He called his 12 representatives to come close to him, and then he said to them, "If anyone wants God to consider him to be the most important person of all, he must consider himself to be the least important person of all, and he must serve everyone else."*

Who did Jesus say is first?

Jesus said that he is first who is servant of all.

Mark 9:36-37

When someone receives a little child in Jesus' name, who are they also receiving?

When someone receives a little child in Jesus' name, they are also receiving Jesus and the one who sent Jesus.

Mark 9:42

ULT	UST
And whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to stumble, it is better for him instead if a millstone of a donkey is put around his neck and he has been thrown into the sea.	*On the other hand, suppose that an insignificant person who trusts me sinned because of certain people. God will punish those people so severely that they would prefer to have someone tie a heavy stone around their necks and cast them into the ocean.*

What would be better for someone who causes a little one who believes in Jesus to stumble?

It would be better for that one if a millstone were tied around his neck and he was thrown into the sea.

Mark 9:47

ULT	UST
And if your eye causes you to stumble, throw it out. It is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than, having two eyes, to be thrown into Gehenna,	*Suppose that you sinned because you looked at something. You should never do that again, even if you have to remove your eyes to make sure of it! You should respond that drastically because it is better for you to participate in God's kingdom with only one eye than to have both eyes but end up in hell.*

What did Jesus say to do with your eye if it causes you to stumble?

Jesus said to tear out your eye if it causes you to stumble.

Mark 9:48

ULT	UST
where their worm does not end, and the fire is not quenched.	*In that place maggots feed on the people there forever, and the fires never go out.*

What did Jesus say happens in hell?

Jesus said that in hell the worm does not die, and the fire is not put out.

Mark 10

Mark 10:2

ULT	UST
And having approached, the Pharisees were questioning him whether it is lawful for a husband to divorce a wife, testing him.	*Then some Pharisees came to Jesus and asked him, "Does our law allow a husband to divorce his wife?" They asked that in order to investigate him.*

What question did the Pharisees ask Jesus in order to test him?

The Pharisees asked Jesus if it was lawful for a husband to divorce his wife.

Mark 10:4

ULT	UST
And they said, "Moses permitted him to write a certificate of divorce and to divorce her."	*They answered, "Moses allowed each husband to give his wife a document that states that he is divorcing her. Then, he could divorce her."*

What commandment had Moses given the Jews concerning divorce?

Moses had allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and then send his wife away.

Mark 10:5

ULT	UST
But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart, he wrote this commandment to you.	*Jesus told them, "Moses knew that you were unwilling to obey. That is why he included in the Law what you just said.*

Why had Moses given the Jews this commandment concerning divorce?

Moses had given this commandment to the Jews because of their hard hearts.

Mark 10:6

ULT	UST
But from the beginning of creation, ‘He made them male and female.’	*However, when God first created everything, as you can read in the Scriptures, he created people to be male and female.*

To what event in history did Jesus refer when telling the Pharisees about God’s original design for marriage?

Jesus referred to the creation of male and female at the beginning when telling about God’s original design for marriage.

Mark 10:7-8

What did Jesus say the two people, the man and his wife, become when they are married?

Jesus said that the two become one flesh.

Mark 10:9

ULT	UST
Therefore, what God joined together, let man not separate.”	*Since that is true, no one should divide people whom God has united.”*

What did Jesus say about what God joins together in marriage?

Jesus said that what God joins together, let no man tear apart.

Mark 10:13-14

What was Jesus’ reaction when the disciples rebuked those bringing little children to him?

Jesus was angry with the disciples and told them to permit the little children to come to him.

Mark 10:15

ULT	UST
Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will certainly not enter into it."	*You must be like young children when you welcome God's kingdom. That is the only way to participate in God's kingdom. What I have said is true."*

How did Jesus say the kingdom of God must be received in order to enter it?

Jesus said the kingdom of God must be received as a little child in order to enter it.

Mark 10:19

ULT	UST
You know the commandments—do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not testify falsely, do not defraud, honor your father and mother."	*But to answer your question, you know what God commanded: Do not murder others. Do not be sexually unfaithful to your spouse. Do not steal things. Do not speak what is untrue. Do not cheat people. Treat your parents respectfully."*

What did Jesus first tell the man he must do to inherit eternal life?

Jesus told the man he must not kill, not commit adultery, not steal, not testify falsely, not defraud, and must honor his father and mother.

Mark 10:21

ULT	UST
But Jesus, having looked at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack; go, sell as much as you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."	*Then, Jesus looked at the man and cared for him. He said to the man, "There is one thing that you have not yet done. Go home and sell what you own. Give that money to poor people. If you do that, God will reward you in heaven. Then, come with me as my apprentice."*

What additional commandment did Jesus then give the man?

Jesus then commanded the man to sell at that he had and to follow him.

Mark 10:22

ULT	UST
But he, having become downcast at this word, went away being grieved, for he was having many possessions.	*However, the man was rich and did not want to lose what he owned. So, he was upset by what Jesus said. He felt very sad and left.*

How did the man react when Jesus gave him this commandment, and why?

The man was sorrowful and walked away, for he had many possessions.

Mark 10:23-25

Who did Jesus say had great difficulty entering the kingdom of God?

Jesus said that the rich had great difficulty entering the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:26-27

How did Jesus say even a rich person could be saved?

Jesus said that with people it is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

Mark 10:29-30

What did Jesus say anyone would receive who had left house, family, and lands for Jesus' sake?

Jesus said they would receive a hundred times as much in this world, with persecutions, and eternal life in the world to come.

Mark 10:32

ULT	UST
Now they were on the way, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going ahead of them. And they were amazed, but the ones following behind were afraid. And having taken the Twelve aside again, he began to tell them the things being about to happen to him:	*Sometime later, Jesus and his apprentices were walking toward the city of Jerusalem. Jesus was walking ahead of them, which impressed them. However, the rest of the people with them were afraid. Then Jesus again spoke to his 12 representatives privately. He started to tell them about what people were going to do to him.*

On what road were Jesus and the disciples traveling?

Jesus and the disciples were traveling on the road going up to Jerusalem.

Mark 10:33-34

What did Jesus tell his disciples would happen to him in Jerusalem?

Jesus told his disciples that he would be condemned to death and delivered over to the Gentiles.

Mark 10:35-37

What request did James and John make to Jesus?

James and John requested to sit on Jesus' right and left hand with him in glory.

Mark 10:39

ULT	UST
And they said to him, "We are able." But Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am being baptized, you will be baptized.	*They told Jesus, "Yes, we are willing to do those things." Then Jesus told them, "You will certainly suffer as I will soon suffer. People will certainly hurt you as they will soon hurt me.*

What did Jesus say that James and John would endure?

Jesus said that James and John would endure the cup Jesus would drink, and the baptism with which Jesus would be baptized.

Mark 10:40

ULT	UST
But to sit at my right hand or at my left hand is not mine to give, but for whom it has been prepared."	*However, I am not the one who chooses whom to honor by having them sit at my right side or at my left side. Rather, God has already chosen who will sit in those places."*

Did Jesus grant the request of James and John?

No. Jesus said that the seats at his right and left hand were not his to give.

Mark 10:42

ULT	UST
And having summoned them, Jesus says to them, "You know that the ones considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.	*So, Jesus told his apprentices to come to him. He said to them, "You understand that the people whom the non-Jews allow to govern them dominate them. Further, important people among them control everyone else.*

How did Jesus say the rulers of the Gentiles treat their subjects?

Jesus said that the rulers of the Gentiles dominate their subjects.

Mark 10:43-44

How did Jesus say those who wish to be great among the disciples must live?

Jesus said those who wish to be great among the disciples must be servant of all.

Mark 10:48

ULT	UST
And many were rebuking him, so that he would be silent, but he was crying out much more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"	*Many people were scolding him to keep him quiet. However, he shouted even more loudly, "You who are a descendant of King David, please help me!"*

What did the blind man Bartimaeus do when many rebuked him, telling him to be quiet?

Bartimaeus cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Mark 10:52

ULT	UST
And Jesus said to him, "Go. Your faith has saved you." And immediately he saw again, and he was following him on the road.	*Jesus told him, "You can go on your way. Because you believed that I could heal you, you are now well." As soon as Jesus said that, Bartimaeus could see again. Then, he began to walk with Jesus.*

What did Jesus say had healed Bartimaeus of his blindness?

Jesus said that Bartimaeus' faith had healed him.

Mark 11

Mark 11:2

ULT	UST
and says to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately, entering into it, you will find a colt tied up, on which no one of men has yet sat. Untie it and bring it here.	*He instructed them, "Enter the village of Bethphage, which you see ahead of you. As soon as you enter it, you will see a young donkey that someone has tethered. It is an animal that no one has ever ridden. Remove the tether from the young donkey and lead it to me here.*

What did Jesus send two of his disciples to do in the village opposite them?

Jesus sent them to bring a colt to him that had never been ridden.

Mark 11:5-6

What happened when the disciples untied the colt?

Some people asked the disciples what they were doing, so they spoke to the people as Jesus told them, and the people let them go their way.

Mark 11:8

ULT	UST
And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others, branches, having cut them from the fields.	*Then, to honor Jesus, many people laid their coats down on the path in front of Jesus. Other people cut down leafy plants that were growing in nearby farms and laid them down on the path too.*

What did the people spread on the road as Jesus rode on the colt?

On the road the people spread their garments and branches they had cut from the fields.

Mark 11:10

ULT	UST
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”	*The kingdom that our ancestor King David ruled is now here again! May God bless it! May everything in heaven praise God!”*

What coming kingdom were the people shouting about as Jesus rode toward Jerusalem?

The people were shouting that the kingdom of their father David was coming.

Mark 11:11

ULT	UST
And he entered into Jerusalem, into the temple; and having looked around at everything, the hour already being late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.	*Then Jesus went into the city of Jerusalem and he visited the temple area. He examined everything that was there. After that, because it was evening, he and his 12 representatives returned to the village of Bethany.*

What did Jesus do when he entered the temple area?

Jesus looked around and then went out to Bethany.

Mark 11:14

ULT	UST
And answering, he said to it, “May no one any longer eat fruit from you to eternity.” And his disciples heard it.	*Jesus responded by saying to the fig tree, “No one will eat figs that they pick from you ever again.” The apprentices listened to him say that.*

What did Jesus do when he saw the fig tree with no fruit on it?

Jesus said to the fig tree, “No one will ever eat fruit from you.”

Mark 11:15-16

What did Jesus do when he entered the temple area this time?

Jesus cast out the sellers and purchasers and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple.

Mark 11:17

ULT	UST
And he was teaching them and saying, “Has it not been written, ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations’? But you have made it a ‘den of robbers.’”	*Then Jesus instructed those people, “You know that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures, ‘People should say that my temple is a place where all groups of people pray.’ However, you have turned it into ‘a hideout for thieves’!”*

What did Jesus say the temple was supposed to be, according to Scripture?

Jesus said that the temple was supposed to be a house of prayer for all the nations.

What did Jesus say the chief priests and scribes had made the temple?

Jesus said they had made the temple a den of robbers.

Mark 11:18

ULT	UST
And the chief priests and the scribes heard this, and they were seeking how they might destroy him, for they were fearing him, for all the crowd was being amazed at his teaching.	*What Jesus taught impressed the large group of people. Because of that, when the ruling priests and the teachers of the Jewish law learned what Jesus had said and done, they became afraid of him. So, they planned how they might have someone execute Jesus.*

What were the chief priests and scribes trying to do to Jesus?

The chief priests and scribes were trying to kill Jesus.

Mark 11:20

ULT	UST
And passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree having withered from the roots.	*The next morning, Jesus and his apprentices walked past the same fig tree that they had passed the previous morning. The apprentices noticed that it had completely died.*

What happened to the fig tree to which Jesus had spoken?

The fig tree to which Jesus had spoken withered away to its roots.

Mark 11:24

ULT	UST
Because of this, I say to you, everything, as much as you pray and request, believe that you have received it, and it will be to you.	*Because that is true, here is what I want to tell you. Trust that God will give you whatever you ask him for, and he will give it to you.*

What did Jesus say about everything we ask for in prayer?

Jesus said that everything we ask for in prayer, believe that we have received it, and it will be ours.

Mark 11:25

ULT	UST
And when you stand praying, if you have something against anyone, forgive so that your Father in the heavens may also forgive you your trespasses.	*Further, suppose that when you are praying, you remember that someone has offended you. You should forgive them. That way, God your Father, who rules from heaven, will also forgive you when you sin against him.*

What did Jesus say we must do so that the Father in heaven will also forgive you?

Jesus said we must forgive whatever we have against anyone so that the Father will also forgive us.

Mark 11:27-28

In the temple, what did the chief priests, scribes, and elders want to know from Jesus?

They wanted to know by what authority he did the things he was doing.

Mark 11:29-30

What question did Jesus ask the chief priests, scribes, and elders?

Jesus asked them if John’s baptism was from heaven or from men.

Mark 11:31

ULT	UST
And they were reasoning with each other, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'For what reason then did you not believe him?'	*Then the ruling priests, the teachers of the Jewish law, and the other Jewish leaders told each other, "Suppose that we answer that God authorized John from heaven. Then, he will tell us that we should have listened to John.*

Why did the chief priests, scribes, and elders not want to answer that John's baptism was from heaven?

They did not want to give this answer because Jesus would ask why they did not believe John.

Mark 11:32

ULT	UST
But should we say, 'From men'?" (They were afraid of the crowd, for they all held that John really was a prophet.)	*On the other hand, we cannot answer that people authorized John." They said that because they knew that the large group of people believed that John had truly spoken for God, which made them afraid of how the large group of people would react.*

Why did the chief priests, scribes, and elders not want to answer that John's baptism was from men?

They did not want to give this answer because they feared the people, who all believed that John was a prophet.

Mark 12

Mark 12:1

ULT	UST
And he began to speak to them in parables: “A man planted a vineyard and put a hedge around it and dug a pit for a winepress and built a watchtower and rented it out to farmers and went abroad.	*Then Jesus started to tell a story to the ruling priests, the teachers of the Jewish law, and the other Jewish leaders. He said, “A certain man planted a vineyard. He built a fence around it in order to protect it. He made a stone tank to collect the grape juice that they would press out of the grapes. He also built a tower for someone to sit in to guard his vineyard. He rented the vineyard to some people who would take care of it, and he left to travel to a different country.*

After building and leasing the vineyard, what did the owner do?

After building and leasing the vineyard, the owner went away on a journey.

Mark 12:5

ULT	UST
And he sent another, and that one they killed, and many others—beating some and killing others.	*After that, the man told another servant to go to the people who were taking care of the vineyard. However, they killed this servant. After that, the man sent many other servants. However, they beat up some of them and killed the others.*

What did the vine dressers do to the many servants that the owner sent to receive the fruit of the vineyard?

The vine dressers beat some and killed some of the many servants.

Mark 12:6

ULT	UST
Having one more, a beloved son, he sent him to them last, saying, 'They will respect my son.'	*Finally, the man still had only one other person with him, his son, whom he loved very much. So, the man told his son to go to them last of all. He thought that they would treat his son well and give him his share of the grapes.*

Who did the owner send last to the vine dressers?

The owner sent his beloved son last.

Mark 12:8

ULT	UST
And having seized him, they killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.	*So, they grabbed the man's son and murdered him. Then, they dragged his corpse outside the vineyard.*

What did the vine dressers do with the one sent last by the owner?

The vine dressers seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard.

Mark 12:9

ULT	UST
What then will the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the farmers and will give the vineyard to others.	*I will tell you how the man who owned the vineyard will act. He will arrive at the vineyard, and he will kill the people who were taking care of the vineyard. Then, he will arrange for other people to take care of it.*

What will the owner of the vineyard do to the vine dressers?

The owner of the vineyard will come and destroy the vine dressers and give the vineyard to others.

Mark 12:10

ULT	UST
And have you not read this scripture? ‘A stone that the builders rejected, this has become the head of the corner.	*What I have said fits with this scripture that you have read: ‘The people who were constructing a building refused to use a certain stone. However, that stone is now the most important one in the building.*

In the scripture, what happens to the stone which the builders rejected?

The stone which the builders rejected has been made the cornerstone.

Mark 12:14

ULT	UST
And having come, they say to him, “Teacher, we know that you are truthful, and it is not a concern to you about anyone, for you do not look at the face of men, but you teach the way of God on the basis of truth. Is it lawful to give a poll tax to Caesar, or not? Should we give, or should we not give?”	*When they arrived where Jesus was, they said to him, “Instructor, we realize that you say what is true. You do not pay attention to how important or powerful people are. So, you do not care about what other people think. Further, you truthfully instruct people about what God wants them to do. So, we want to ask you this: Does our law allow us to pay taxes to the Roman government, or does it not allow that? Should we pay the taxes, or should we not pay them?”*

What question did the Pharisees and some of the Herodians ask Jesus?

They asked him if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not.

Mark 12:17

ULT	UST
And Jesus said to them, “The things of Caesar, give back to Caesar, and the things of God, to God.” And they were marveling at him.	*Then Jesus told them, “So then, give to the Roman government what belongs to it and give to God what belongs to him.” What Jesus said impressed the Pharisees and the people who supported King Herod.*

How did Jesus answer their question?

Jesus said they should give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and give to God the things that are God’s.

Mark 12:18

ULT	UST
And Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, come to him and were questioning him, saying,	*After that, some Sadducees approached Jesus. They are a Jewish group that does not believe that God will make people who have died alive again. They asked Jesus,*

In what did the Sadducees not believe?

The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection.

Mark 12:22

ULT	UST
And the seven did not leave seed. Last of all, the woman also died.	*In this way, each of the seven brothers married the woman but died before they had children. Finally, the woman died too.*

In the story told by the Sadducees, how many husbands did the woman have?

The woman had seven husbands.

Mark 12:23

ULT	UST
In the resurrection, when they rise again, of which of them will she be a wife? For the seven had her as wife."	*So, of those brothers, whose wife will she be when God makes people alive again? We ask because she got married to all seven brothers at different times."*

What question did the Sadducees ask Jesus about the woman?

They asked which of the men would be the woman's husband in the resurrection.

Mark 12:24

ULT	UST
Jesus said to them, "Are you not being led astray because of this, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God?	*Jesus replied, "You do not realize what the Scriptures mean or how powerful God is. Because of that, you believe what is wrong!*

What reason did Jesus give the Sadducees for their error?

Jesus said that the Sadducees did not know the scriptures nor the power of God.

Mark 12:25

ULT	UST
For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like angels in the heavens.	*Here is what I mean: when God makes people alive again, they will not get married. Instead, they will be like angels who dwell in heaven and do not get married.*

What was Jesus' answer to the Sadducees' question about the woman?

Jesus said that in the resurrection, men and women will not marry, but will be like angels.

Mark 12:26-27

How did Jesus show from the scriptures that there is a resurrection?

Jesus quoted from the book of Moses, where God says that he is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, all whom must then be still alive.

Mark 12:29-30

What commandment did Jesus say is most important?

Jesus said that to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength is the most important commandment.

Mark 12:31

ULT	UST
The second is this, 'You will love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."	*Here is the next most important law: 'You must care for people you know as much as you care for yourselves.' No other laws are more important than these two laws!"*

What commandment did Jesus say is second?

Jesus said that to love your neighbor as yourself is the second commandment.

Mark 12:35-37

What question did Jesus ask about the Christ?

Jesus asked how David could call the Christ Lord when the Christ is the son of David.

Mark 12:38-40

What did Jesus tell the people to beware of concerning the scribes?

Jesus said that the scribes desire to be honored by men, but they devour widows' houses and make long prayers for people to see.

Mark 12:44

ULT	UST
For all put in from the things abounding to them, but she, from her poverty, put in everything, as much as she had, her whole life."	

Why did Jesus say that the poor widow had put in more than all who contributed to the offering box?

Jesus said she had contributed more because she gave out of her poverty while the others gave out of their abundance.

Mark 13

Mark 13:2

ULT	UST
And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? A stone upon a stone will certainly not be left here, which will certainly not be torn down."	*Jesus replied, "Look at these impressive structures! Enemies will completely destroy them. They will not leave anything standing."*

What did Jesus say would happen to the wonderful stones and buildings of the temple?

Jesus said that not one stone would be left on another.

Mark 13:4

ULT	UST
"Tell us, when will these things be? And what is the sign when all these things are about to be completed?"	*"Please explain to us when what you have described will happen. Also, please explain to us how we can tell when everything that you have described is about to happen."*

What question did the disciples then ask Jesus?

The disciples asked Jesus when these things would happen, and what would be the sign.

Mark 13:5-6

About what did Jesus say the disciples must be careful?

Jesus said the disciples must be careful that no one lead them astray.

Mark 13:7-8

What did Jesus say would be the beginnings of birth pains?

Jesus said the beginning of birth pains would be wars, rumors of wars, earthquakes, and famines.

Mark 13:9

ULT	UST
But you, watch yourselves! They will hand you over to councils, and in synagogues you will be beaten, and you will be made to stand before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony to them.	*Make sure that you are ready for what people will do to you. They will arrest you and accuse you in front of groups of important people. They will beat you in the Jewish meeting places. Because you are my apprentices, people will accuse you before local rulers and kings. That way, you will tell those rulers about me.*

What did Jesus say would happen to the disciples?

Jesus said that the disciples would be delivered to councils, beaten in synagogues, and would stand before governors and kings as a testimony.

Mark 13:10

ULT	UST
And first, it is necessary for the gospel to be proclaimed to all the nations.	*Indeed, my apprentices must preach the good news to all groups of people before what I have said about the temple will happen.*

What did Jesus say must happen first?

Jesus said the gospel must be preached to all the nations first.

Mark 13:12

ULT	UST
And brother will hand over brother to death, and a father, his child, and children will rise up against parents and put them to death.	*During this time, men will have someone arrest their own brothers, and they will ask the judge to execute them. Fathers will do the same thing to their own children. Children will rebel against their parents and cause them to die.*

What did Jesus say would happen between family members?

Jesus said that one family member would deliver up another family member to death.

Mark 13:13

ULT	UST
And you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one having endured to the end, this one will be saved.	*Because you are my apprentices, many people will be hostile to you. However, if you persevere in being my apprentices while people harm you, God will rescue you.*

Who did Jesus say would be saved?

Jesus said that whoever endures to the end would be saved.

Mark 13:14

ULT	UST
But when you see the abomination of desolation standing where he should not be" (let the one reading understand), "then let the ones in Judea flee to the mountains,	*At some point, you will realize that the detestable thing that destroys is where it does not belong." (Anyone who is reading this should know what Jesus meant.) "When you realize that, those of you who are in the region of Judea should escape to the hilly areas nearby.*

What did Jesus say those in Judea should do when they see the abomination of desolation?

Jesus said that those in Judea should flee to the mountains when they see the abomination of desolation.

Mark 13:20

ULT	UST
And if the Lord did not shorten the days, no flesh would be saved. But because of the elect whom he chose, he shortened the days.	*Suppose that the Lord God were to allow what I have described to continue. In that case, nobody would survive. However, because of the people whom he has chosen to belong to him, God will not allow what I have described to continue.*

What did Jesus say the Lord would do for the sake of the elect, so that they would be saved?

Jesus said the Lord would shorten the days of tribulation for the sake of the elect.

Mark 13:22

ULT	UST
For false Christs and false prophets will be raised up and will give signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect.	

Who did Jesus say would arise to deceive people?

Jesus said that false Christs and false prophets would arise to deceive people.

Mark 13:24-25

What will happen to the lights and powers in the heavens after the tribulation of those days?

The sun and moon will be darkened, the stars will fall from the sky. The powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Mark 13:26

ULT	UST
And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with much power and glory.	*After that, people will see me, the Son of Man, arriving by means of clouds. I will be very powerful and great.*

What will the people see in the clouds?

They will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Mark 13:27

ULT	UST
And then he will send the angels and he will gather together his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven.	*After that, I will tell the angels to collect the people whom I have chosen. They will collect them from every place that exists.*

What will the Son of Man do when he comes?

The Son of Man will gather his elect from the ends of the earth and the sky.

Mark 13:30

ULT	UST
Truly I say to you that this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things happen.	*Most of the people who are alive right now will still be alive when what I have described happens. What I have said is true.*

What did Jesus say would not pass away until all of these things occurred?

Jesus said that this generation would not pass away until all of these things occurred.

Mark 13:31

ULT	UST
The heaven and the earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.	*Everything that God has created will eventually change or disappear. However, what I have said will never change or disappear.*

What did Jesus say would never pass away?

Jesus said that his words would never pass away.

Mark 13:32

ULT	UST
But concerning that day or the hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, except the Father.	*However, as for when I will return to this world, no human being knows that. The angels who dwell in heaven do not know that. Even I, the Son, do not know that. Only God my Father knows that.*

When did Jesus say all these things would happen?

Jesus said that no one knows the day or hour except the Father.

Mark 13:33

ULT	UST
Watch! Stay awake and pray, for you do not know when the time is.	*So, you do not know at what moment I will return to this world. Because of that, you need to make sure that you are ready. You need to focus and pray.*

What command did Jesus give his disciples regarding when the time is?

Jesus told his disciples to be alert, watch and pray.

Mark 13:35

ULT	UST
therefore, stay alert, because you do not know when the lord of the house is coming—whether evening or midnight or at rooster crowing or at morning—	*So then, I am like the man who owned that house. You cannot know at what moment I will return to this world. It might be at sunset or at midnight. It might be very early in the morning or after sunrise. Because of that, you need to be ready at all times.*

What command did Jesus give his disciples regarding his coming?

Jesus told his disciples to be stay alert as they await his coming.

Mark 13:37

ULT	UST
But what I say to you I say to all: Stay alert!”	*I am telling you that you need to be ready at all times. In fact, I am telling that to all people!”*

What command did Jesus give his disciples regarding his coming?

Jesus told his disciples to be alert and watch.

Mark 14

Mark 14:1

ULT	UST
Now the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread was in two days, and the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how, having seized him by deceit, they might kill him.	*At that time, it was only two days until the Passover festival, which was the first day of the Celebration of Unleavened Bread. The ruling priests and the teachers of the Jewish law were planning a clever way to arrest Jesus and have people execute him.*

What were the chief priests and scribes considering how to do?

They were considering how to stealthily arrest Jesus and then kill him.

Mark 14:2

ULT	UST
For they were saying, "Not during the festival, so that there will not be a riot of the people."	*They were planning something clever because they agreed that they would not act during the festival period. Otherwise, the people who were there in Jerusalem might riot.*

Why did the chief priests and scribes not want to act during the Feast of Unleavened Bread?

They were worried that a riot would arise among the people.

Mark 14:3

ULT	UST
And he being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, he reclining to eat, a woman came, having an alabaster jar of very precious perfumed oil of pure nard. Having broken the jar, she poured it on his head.	*Now Jesus was in the village of Bethany. He was in the home of Simon, who used to have a skin disease. While Jesus was feasting there, a woman arrived. She brought with her a stone jar that contained nard, a very valuable, fragrant ointment. She shattered the jar and poured the ointment on Jesus' head.*

What did a woman do to Jesus at the house of Simon the leper?

A woman broke a vial of costly liquid and poured it on Jesus' head.

Mark 14:5

ULT	UST
For this perfumed oil was able to be sold for more than 300 denarii and given to the poor.” And they were scolding her.	*She could have sold this fragrant ointment for at least 300 coins! Then, she could have given that money to poor people.” So, they rebuked her.*

For what were some rebuking the woman?

Some were rebuking the woman for not selling the perfume and giving the money to the poor.

Mark 14:8

ULT	UST
What she had, she did. She anticipated to anoint my body for burial.	*This woman used what she possessed to do something for me. When she poured this ointment on me, she was preparing me ahead of time for when someone buries me.*

What did Jesus say the woman had done for him?

Jesus said the woman had anointed his body for burial.

Mark 14:9

ULT	UST
And truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, also what she did will be spoken in remembrance of her.”	*In every place where my apprentices proclaim the good news, they will also tell what this woman just did. That way, people will remember her. What I have said is true.”*

What promise did Jesus make about what the woman had done?

Jesus promised that wherever the gospel was preached in the whole world, what the woman had done would be spoken of in memory of her.

Mark 14:10

ULT	UST
And Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went away to the chief priests so that he might hand him over to them.	*Then Judas Iscariot visited the ruling priests to talk about helping them arrest Jesus. He was one of the 12 men whom Jesus had chosen to represent him.*

Why did Judas Iscariot go away to the chief priests?

Judas Iscariot went away to the chief priests so that he might deliver Jesus to them.

Mark 14:12-15

How did the disciples find the place where they would all eat the Passover?

Jesus told them to go into the city and follow a man carrying a pitcher of water, and then ask him where the guest room was that they would use to eat the Passover.

Mark 14:18

ULT	UST
And they reclining to eat, and eating, Jesus said, "Truly I say to you that one of you, one eating with me, will hand me over."	*Then, they began to feast. As they ate, Jesus told them, "One of you is going to help my enemies arrest me. This person is eating with me right now! What I have said is true."*

What did Jesus say as they were reclining at the table and eating?

Jesus said that one of the disciples eating with him would betray him.

Mark 14:20

ULT	UST
And he said to them, "It is one of the Twelve, the one dipping with me into the bowl.	*Jesus responded, "One of you 12 men whom I have chosen to represent me will do that. It is one of you who is sharing food from this dish with me.*

Which disciple did Jesus say would betray him?

Jesus said that the disciple dipping bread with him in the bowl would betray him.

Mark 14:21

ULT	UST
For the Son of Man departs just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man through whom the Son of Man is handed over! It would have been good for him if that man had not been born."	*I say that because I, the Son of Man, will die. That is what you can read in the Scriptures about me. Nevertheless, how terrible it will be for the man who helps my enemies arrest me, the Son of Man. In fact, that man would be better off if he had never existed."*

What did Jesus say about the destiny of the disciple who betrayed him?

Jesus said that it would have been better for him if he had not been born.

Mark 14:22

ULT	UST
And they eating, having taken bread, having blessed, he broke it and gave it to them and said, "Take. This is my body."	*Then, as they ate, Jesus picked up a loaf of bread. He thanked God for the loaf of bread. He tore it into pieces and handed the pieces to the apprentices to eat. He said, "This bread is my body. Receive it."*

What did Jesus say as he gave the disciples the broken bread?

Jesus said, "Take this. This is my body."

Mark 14:24

ULT	UST
And he said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many.	*Then Jesus told them, "This wine is my blood, which inaugurates the agreement God is making with you. My blood will flow from my body when my enemies kill me. That will help many people.*

What did Jesus say as he gave the disciples the cup?

Jesus said, "This is my blood of the covenant, the blood that is poured out for many."

Mark 14:25

ULT	UST
Truly I say to you that I will certainly not any longer drink from the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."	*I will no longer drink any more wine until the time when I drink it again when we participate together in God's kingdom. What I have said is true."*

When did Jesus say he would again drink of this fruit of the vine?

Jesus said he would again drink of this fruit of the vine on the day when he drank it anew in the kingdom of God.

Mark 14:27

ULT	UST
And Jesus says to them, "You all will be caused to stumble, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'	*Then Jesus told them, "God had Zechariah write in the Scriptures, 'I will kill the one who is like a shepherd. Then, the people who are like sheep will flee.' So, all of you will reject me!*

At the Mount of Olives, what did Jesus predict about his disciples?

Jesus predicted that his disciples would all fall away because of him.

Mark 14:30

ULT	UST
And Jesus says to him, "Truly I say to you that today—this night—before a rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times."	*Jesus replied, "During this day, tonight, before a male chicken crows two times, you will say three times that you are not my apprentice! What I have said is true."*

What did Jesus tell Peter after Peter said he would never fall away?

Jesus told Peter that before the rooster crowed twice, Peter would deny Jesus three times.

Mark 14:32-34

What did Jesus tell his three disciples to do while he prayed?

Jesus told them to remain there and watch.

Mark 14:35

ULT	UST
And having gone a little farther, he fell to the ground and was praying that, if it is possible, the hour might pass from him.	*After saying that, Jesus walked a little further. Then, he kneeled down to pray. He asked God to prevent him from experiencing what was about to happen, if there was any way to do so.*

For what did Jesus pray?

Jesus prayed that this hour might pass from him.

Mark 14:36

ULT	UST
And he was saying, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. But not what I will, but what you."	*He prayed, "Abba (which means Father), you are able to do anything. Please prevent me from suffering terribly. However, please do what you want to do, not what I want you to do."*

What was Jesus willing to accept as an answer to his prayer to the Father?

Jesus was willing to accept whatever the Father's will was for him.

Mark 14:37

ULT	UST
And he comes and finds them sleeping, and he says to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not able to be alert for one hour?	*Then he returned to the three apprentices. He discovered that they were asleep. He woke them up and told Peter, "Simon, it disappoints me that you were asleep. You could not stay awake for even a short time!*

What did Jesus find when he returned to the three disciples?

Jesus found the three disciples sleeping.

Mark 14:40

ULT	UST
And having come again, he found them sleeping, for their eyes were weighed down, and they did not know what they might answer him.	*Then he returned a second time to the three apprentices. He discovered that they, because they were so sleepy, had fallen asleep again. They did not know how to respond to him when he woke them up.*

What did Jesus find the second time he returned from praying?

Jesus found the three disciples sleeping.

Mark 14:41

ULT	UST
And he comes the third time and says to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough! The hour has come. Behold, the Son of Man is handed over into the hands of the sinners.	*After Jesus walked away and prayed again, he returned a third time to the three apprentices. He woke them up and told them, "It disappoints me that you continue to sleep! You have slept enough. The time when I will suffer is beginning! Someone is about to help sinful people arrest me, the Son of Man.*

What did Jesus find the third time he returned from praying?

Jesus found the three disciples sleeping.

Mark 14:44-45

What sign did Judas give to show the guards which person was Jesus?

Judas kissed Jesus to show which person was Jesus.

Mark 14:48-49

What did Jesus say was being done in his arrest to fulfill scripture?

Jesus said that scripture was being fulfilled because they came to arrest him like a robber, with swords and clubs.

Mark 14:50

ULT	UST
And having left him, they all fled.	*Then all the apprentices deserted Jesus and ran away.*

What did those with Jesus do when Jesus was arrested?

Those with Jesus left him and fled.

Mark 14:51-52

What did a young man who was following Jesus do when Jesus was arrested?

The young man left his linen garment there and ran away naked.

Mark 14:53-54

Where was Peter as Jesus was taken to the high priest?

Peter sat among the guards, near a fire to keep warm.

Mark 14:55-56

What was wrong with the testimony against Jesus given to the Council?

The testimony against Jesus was false and did not agree.

Mark 14:61

ULT	UST
But he was silent and did not answer anything. Again the high priest was questioning him and says to him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"	*Despite that, Jesus kept quiet. Then the ruling priest asked him another question. He asked, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the God whom we praise?"*

What question did the high priest ask Jesus about who Jesus was?

The high priest asked Jesus if he was the Christ, the son of the Blessed.

Mark 14:62

ULT	UST
And Jesus said, "I am; and you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming with the clouds of heaven."	*Jesus replied, "That is who I am. You will see me, the Son of Man, ruling powerfully with God. You will see me arriving by means of clouds."*

What was Jesus' answer to the high priest's question?

Jesus answered by saying, "I am."

Mark 14:64

ULT	UST
You have heard the blasphemy. What is evident to you?" And they all condemned him to be deserving of death.	*You have heard him insult God! What do you think we should do?" The whole Jewish council agreed that he was guilty and that someone should execute him because of what he had said.*

Hearing Jesus' answer, of what did the high priest say Jesus was guilty?

The high priest said that Jesus was guilty of blasphemy.

Mark 14:65

ULT	UST
And certain ones began to spit on him and to blindfold his face and to beat him and to say to him, "Prophesy!" And the officers received him with slaps.	*Then some of them started to spit on Jesus to insult him. They covered his eyes and then struck him with their fists. They demanded, "Speak for God!" When the servants led Jesus away, they slapped him.*

What did they do to Jesus after condemning him as one who deserved death?

They spit on him, struck him, and beat him.

Mark 14:66-68

What was Peter's answer to the servant girl who said that Peter was with Jesus?

Peter answered that he did not know or understand about what the girl was talking.

Mark 14:71

ULT	UST
And he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man whom you are talking about."	*Then Peter started to ask God to punish him if he was lying. He solemnly promised, "I have never met the man about whom you are speaking!"*

What was Peter's response when he was asked a third time if he was one of Jesus' disciples?

Peter swore and put himself under curses that he did not know Jesus.

Mark 14:72

ULT	UST
And immediately a rooster crowed a second time, and Peter remembered the word that Jesus said to him: "Before a rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times," and having broken down, he was weeping.	*As soon as he said that, a male chicken crowed for a second time. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had told him. He had said, "Before a male chicken crows two times, you will say three times that you are not my apprentice." Then Peter became very upset. He cried.*

What happened after Peter answered the third time?

After Peter answered the third time, the rooster crowed a second time.

What did Peter do after he heard the rooster?

After he heard the rooster, Peter broke down and wept.

Mark 15

Mark 15:1

ULT	UST
And immediately in the morning, having made counsel, the chief priests with the elders and scribes and the entire Sanhedrin, having bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.	*As soon as it was morning, the entire Jewish council, including the ruling priests, the other Jewish leaders, and the teachers of the Jewish law, planned what to do with Jesus. They had their guards tie Jesus up and take him from there to Pilate, the Roman local ruler. They wanted Pilate to condemn him.*

Early in the morning, what did the chief priests do with Jesus?

Early in the morning, they bound Jesus and handed him over to Pilate.

Mark 15:5

ULT	UST
But Jesus no longer answered anything, so as to amaze Pilate.	*However, Jesus did not respond anymore. How Jesus was acting greatly impressed Pilate.*

While the chief priests were presenting many charges against Jesus, what amazed Pilate about Jesus?

Pilate was amazed that Jesus no longer answered him.

Mark 15:6

ULT	UST
Now at the festival, he was releasing to them one prisoner whom they were requesting.	*It is important to know that during the festival period, Pilate usually set free one person who was in jail. He set free whomever the people who were in the city of Jerusalem chose.*

What did Pilate usually do for the crowd at the time of the feast?

Pilate usually released to the crowd one prisoner they requested at the time of the feast.

Mark 15:10

ULT	UST
For he knew that the chief priests had handed him over because of envy.	*Pilate asked that question because he realized that the ruling priests had arrested Jesus and brought him to Pilate because they were jealous of Jesus.*

Why did Pilate want to release Jesus to the crowd?

Pilate knew that it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him.

Mark 15:11

ULT	UST
But the chief priests stirred up the crowd so that he would release Barabbas to them instead.	*However, the ruling priests convinced the large group of people to ask Pilate to free Barabbas rather than Jesus.*

Who did the crowd cry out to be released?

The crowd cried out for Barabbas to be released.

Mark 15:12-13

What did the crowd say should be done with the King of the Jews?

The crowd said that the King of the Jews should be crucified.

Mark 15:17

ULT	UST
and put on him a purple robe and place on him, having woven it together, a crown of thorns,	*They clothed Jesus with a purple robe, the kind that kings wear. Also, they took some branches with thorns and laced them together to make a crown. They put it on Jesus' head.*

How did the cohort of soldiers dress Jesus?

The soldiers put a purple robe on Jesus and put on him a twisted crown of thorns.

Mark 15:21

ULT	UST
And they press into service a certain passerby, Simon, a Cyrenean (the father of Alexander and Rufus), coming from the country, so that he might carry his cross.	*Meanwhile, a man was walking nearby. He had left the farm areas and was entering the city of Jerusalem. He was from the city of Cyrene, and his name was Simon. His sons were Alexander and Rufus. The soldiers forced this man to carry the cross for Jesus.*

Who carried Jesus' cross?

A passerby, Simon of Cyrene, was forced to carry Jesus' cross.

Mark 15:22

ULT	UST
And they bring him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, "Place of a Skull."	*The soldiers took Jesus to a place that people called Golgotha. That name means "Skull Place."*

What was the name of the place where the soldiers brought Jesus to crucify him?

The name of the place was Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull.

Mark 15:24

ULT	UST
And having crucified him, also they divide his garments, casting a lot for them, who would take what.	*After nailing Jesus to the cross, the soldiers split up his clothes by gambling for them. They did that to determine which piece of clothing each soldier would get.*

What did the soldiers do with Jesus' garments?

The soldiers cast lots for Jesus' garments.

Mark 15:26

ULT	UST
And this was the inscription of his charge, having been written: "The King of the Jews."	*The soldiers wrote on a sign why they were executing Jesus. Here is what they wrote: "The king over the Jewish people."*

What charge against Jesus did the soldiers write on the sign?

The soldiers wrote "The King of the Jews" on the sign.

Mark 15:29-30

What did those who passed by challenge Jesus to do?

Those who passed by challenged Jesus to save himself and get down from the cross.

Mark 15:31-32

What did the chief priests say Jesus should do so they would believe?

The chief priests said that Jesus should come down from the cross so they would believe.

Mark 15:32

ULT	UST
Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross so that we might see and might believe," and the ones having been crucified with him were reviling him.	*He claims to be the Messiah and the king over the people of Israel. So, he should get down now from that cross! That way, when we watch him do that, we will accept what he says." The two men whom the soldiers had nailed to crosses near Jesus also insulted him.*

What titles did the chief priests use for Jesus as they mocked him?

The chief priests called Jesus the Christ and the King of Israel.

Mark 15:33

ULT	UST
And the sixth hour having come, darkness happened over the whole land until the ninth hour.	*When it was noon, it became dark in that whole area. It stayed dark until three o'clock in the afternoon.*

What happened at the sixth hour?

At the sixth hour, darkness came over the whole land.

Mark 15:34

ULT	UST
And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, my God, why did you forsake me?"	*At three o'clock in the afternoon, Jesus shouted, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" That means, "My God, my God, why did you abandon me?"*

What did Jesus cry out at the ninth hour?

Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Mark 15:37

ULT	UST
And Jesus, having let out a loud voice, expired.	*After that, Jesus shouted loudly. Then he stopped breathing and he died.*

What did Jesus do before he died?

Jesus cried out with a loud voice before he died.

Mark 15:38

ULT	UST
And the curtain of the temple was split in two from top to bottom.	*And then the drape hanging in front of the Most Holy Place in the temple ripped in half; it tore from the top to the bottom.*

What happened in the temple when Jesus died?

The curtain of the temple was split in two from top to bottom when Jesus died.

Mark 15:39

ULT	UST
Now the centurion, having stood by opposite him, having seen that he expired in this way, said, “Truly this man was a Son of God.”	*There was a Roman officer standing there in front of Jesus. He observed how Jesus stopped breathing and died. He exclaimed, “This man really was God’s Son!”*

What did the centurion testify when he saw how Jesus died?

The centurion testified that truly this man was the Son of God.

Mark 15:42

ULT	UST
And evening already having come, because it was the Day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath,	

On what day did Jesus die?

Jesus died on the day before the Sabbath.

Mark 15:43-46

What did Joseph of Arimathea do after Jesus died?

Joseph of Arimathea took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb, rolling a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

Mark 16

Mark 16:1-2

When did the women go to Jesus' tomb to anoint his body?

The women went to the tomb on the first day of the week when the sun came up.

Mark 16:4

ULT	UST
And having looked up, they see that the stone has been rolled away, for it was extremely large.	*When they arrived, they looked at the grave and noticed that someone had already rolled the flat stone to open the entrance to the grave. And that flat stone was huge!*

How did the women enter the tomb even though there had been a very large stone at the entrance?

Someone had rolled away the very large stone from the entrance.

Mark 16:5

ULT	UST
And having entered into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.	*Then, the three women walked into the grave, where they saw a young man. He was wearing a white robe and was sitting down to their right. What they saw startled them!*

What did the women see when they entered the tomb?

The women saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side.

Mark 16:6

ULT	UST
But he says to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus, the Nazarene, the one having been crucified. He was raised up! He is not here. Behold, this is the place where they put him.	*The young man told them, “Do not let what you see startle you! I know that you are looking for the body of Jesus from the town of Nazareth. He was the one whom soldiers killed by nailing him to a cross. God has made him alive again! He is no longer in this grave. Look at where people placed his body.*

What did the young man say about Jesus?

The young man said that Jesus was risen and was not there.

Mark 16:7

ULT	UST
But go, say to his disciples and to Peter, ‘He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he said to you.’”	*Now depart to his apprentices and tell them, especially Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of them to the region of Galilee. Tell them that Jesus will meet them there, which is what Jesus already told them.”*

Where did the young man say the disciples would meet Jesus?

The young man said the disciples would meet Jesus in Galilee.

Mark 16:9

ULT	UST
[Now having arisen early in the morning on the first of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.	*[When Jesus lived again early on Sunday morning, Mary from the town of Magdala was the first person to see him. Jesus had forced seven demons out of her.*

To whom did Jesus first appear after his resurrection?

Jesus first appeared to Mary Magdalene.

Mark 16:11

ULT	UST
And those ones, having heard that he lives and was seen by her, did not believe.	*So, the apprentices learned that Jesus was alive and that Mary had seen him. However, they did not accept what she said.*

How did Jesus' disciples respond when Mary told them she had seen Jesus alive?

The disciples did not believe.

Mark 16:13

ULT	UST
And those ones, having gone away, reported it to the rest, but they did not believe those ones.	*Then, the two apprentices went back to Jerusalem. They told the other apprentices what had happened, but the others did not accept what the two apprentices said.*

How did Jesus' disciples respond when two other people told them they had seen Jesus alive?

The disciples did not believe.

Mark 16:14

ULT	UST
Now later, he appeared to the Eleven, they reclining to eat, and he rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe the ones having seen him, having been raised from the dead.	*Sometime later, Jesus revealed himself to his 11 representatives while they were eating. Because they had not accepted it when people told them that they had seen Jesus after God made him alive again, Jesus scolded them. He told them that they should not have stubbornly refused to accept what those people said.*

When he appeared to the disciples, what did Jesus say to them about their unbelief?

Jesus rebuked the disciples for their unbelief.

Mark 16:15

ULT	UST
And he said to them, "Having gone into all the world, preach the gospel to all the creation.	*Then he told them, "Visit every place and proclaim the good news to every person!*

What command did Jesus give the disciples?

Jesus commanded the disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel.

Mark 16:16

ULT	UST
The one having believed and having been baptized will be saved, but the one not having believed will be condemned.	*God will rescue all people who trust in me and who have someone baptize them. However, God will punish all people who do not trust in me.*

Who did Jesus say would be saved?

Jesus said those who believed and were baptized would be saved.

Who did Jesus say would be condemned?

Jesus said those who did not believe would be condemned.

Mark 16:17-18

What signs did Jesus say would go with those who believed?

Jesus said those who believed would cast out demons, would speak in new languages, would not be hurt by anything deadly, and would heal others.

Mark 16:19

ULT	UST
After he spoke to them, the Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.	*After the Lord Jesus said that to his apprentices, God brought him up into heaven. There, Jesus sat down to rule with God the Father.*

What happened to Jesus after he spoke to the disciples?

After he spoke to the disciples, Jesus was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

Mark 16:20

ULT	UST
Now those ones, having gone out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.]	*As for the apprentices, they left Jerusalem and proclaimed the good news in every place. The Lord Jesus helped them and enabled them to perform miracles. That way, people could see that the good news was true. May it be so!]*

What did the disciples then do?

The disciples then left and preached everywhere.

What did the Lord then do?

The Lord then worked with the disciples and confirmed the word with miraculous signs.

Luke

Luke 1

Luke 1:2

ULT	UST
just as the ones having been from the beginning eyewitnesses and servants of the word handed them down to us,	*They have been recording what the people who saw these things happen told us about them. Those people were there from the time when everything first started happening, and they have been sharing the story ever since.*

Who were the “eyewitnesses” that Luke mentions?

The “eyewitnesses” were the ones who were with the apostles from the beginning of Jesus’ ministry.

What did some of the eyewitnesses do after they saw what Jesus did?

They wrote down an account or story of what Jesus did.

Luke 1:4

ULT	UST
so that you might know the certainty concerning the things that you have been taught.	*I want you to know that what people have told you about Jesus is true.*

Why did Luke decide to write his own account of what Jesus said and did?

He wanted Theophilus to know the certainty concerning the things he had been taught.

Luke 1:6

ULT	UST
And they were both righteous in front of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord.	*God considered that both of them were righteous because they always obeyed everything that the Lord had commanded.*

Why did God consider Zechariah and Elizabeth to be righteous?

God considered them to be righteous because they walked blamelessly in his commandments.

Luke 1:7

ULT	UST
But they did not have a child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in their days.	*But they did not have any children, because Elizabeth had been unable to bear children. And now she and her husband were too old to have children.*

Why did Zechariah and Elizabeth have no children?

They did not have children because Elizabeth was unable to bear a child. Now she and Zechariah were very old.

Luke 1:8

ULT	UST
And it happened that in his performing as priest before God, in the order of his division,	*The time came for Zechariah's group of priests to take its turn serving in Jerusalem. So Zechariah was there working as a priest for God.*

What work was Zechariah doing before God?

Zechariah was serving as a priest.

Luke 1:9

ULT	UST
according to the custom of the priesthood, he came up by lot to enter into the temple of the Lord to burn incense.	*The priests chose Zechariah to go into the Lord's temple and burn incense there. They chose him in their usual way, by casting lots to determine whom God wanted to perform a particular task.*

What did Zechariah do in the temple?

He burned incense to God.

Luke 1:10

ULT	UST
And the whole crowd of the people was praying outside at the hour of the incense offering.	*When it was time to burn the incense, many people were praying in the courtyard outside the temple.*

What did the people do while Zechariah was in the temple?

The people stayed outside the temple and were praying.

Luke 1:11

ULT	UST
Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense.	*Just then, an angel of the Lord came to Zechariah. He stood at the right side of the altar where he was burning incense.*

Who appeared to Zechariah while he was in the temple?

An angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah in the temple.

Luke 1:12

ULT	UST
And Zechariah was troubled, having seen him, and fear fell on him.	*When Zechariah saw the angel, he became agitated and terrified.*

How did Zechariah act when he saw the angel?

When Zechariah saw the angel, he was troubled and became very afraid.

Luke 1:13

ULT	UST
But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will call his name John.	*But the angel said to him, "There is no reason to be afraid of me, Zechariah. You have been praying, and God is going to answer your prayer. Your wife Elizabeth will give birth to a son for you. Give him the name John.*

What did the angel say to Zechariah?

The angel told Zechariah not to be afraid and that his wife Elizabeth would have a son. His son's name would be John.

Luke 1:16

ULT	UST
And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God.	*Your son will persuade many of the Israelites to stop sinning and to start obeying the Lord their God again.*

What did the angel say John would do for the sons of Israel?

The angel said John would turn the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God.

Luke 1:17

ULT	UST
And he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of fathers back to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."	*Your son will go in advance of the Lord and he will be powerful in his spirit like the prophet Elijah was. He will cause parents to love their children again. He will cause many people who do not obey God to want to obey him and to live wisely and righteously. He will do this so that the Lord's people will be ready for him when he comes."*

What kind of people would John's deeds make ready?

John's deeds would make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Luke 1:19

ULT	UST
And answering, the angel said to him, "I am Gabriel, the one standing before God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news.	*Then the angel replied to him, "I am Gabriel! I stand in God's presence! God sent me to tell you this good news about what will happen to you.*

What was the angel's name and where did he normally stay?

The angel's name was Gabriel and he normally stood in the presence of God.

Luke 1:20

ULT	UST
And behold, you will be silent and not able to speak until that day when these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time."	*Now listen! What I have told you will certainly happen at the time that God has decided. But since you did not believe my message, God will keep you from talking. You will not be able to speak until the day that your son is born!"*

What did the angel say would happen to Zechariah because he did not believe the angel's words?

Zechariah would not be able to speak until the child was born.

Luke 1:27

ULT	UST
to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David, and the name of the virgin was Mary.	*God sent him there to speak to a virgin whose name was Mary. Her parents had promised that she would marry a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David.*

Sixth months after Elizabeth's conception, who was Gabriel sent by God to see?

He was sent to a virgin named Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, a descendant of David.

Luke 1:31

ULT	UST
And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will call his name Jesus.	*Now listen. You will become pregnant, and you will give birth to a son. Give him the name Jesus.*

What did the angel say would happen to Mary?

The angel said that Mary would become pregnant and bear a son, whom she would call Jesus.

Luke 1:33

ULT	UST
And he will reign over the house of Jacob to eternity, and there will be no end of his kingship."	*He will always be the king over the people of Israel. He will rule over them forever!"*

What would the child do?

The child would reign over the descendants of Jacob forever, and there would be no end to his kingdom.

Luke 1:35

ULT	UST
And answering, the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one being born will be called the Son of God.	*The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you. The power of God Most High will be like a shadow falling on you. So the baby you give birth to will be holy. He will be the Son of God.*

How did the angel say this would happen since Mary was a virgin?

The angel said that the Holy Spirit would come upon Mary and the power of the Most High would overshadow her.

The angel said that this holy child would be whose son?

The angel said that the child would be called the Son of God.

Luke 1:37

ULT	UST
For every word will not be impossible for God."	*So you see, God can do anything!"*

What did the angel say is not impossible for God?

Every word is not impossible for God.

Luke 1:41

ULT	UST
And it happened that, when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby in her womb leaped, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.	*As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary greet her, the baby inside Elizabeth suddenly moved. Immediately the Holy Spirit inspired Elizabeth to speak.*

When Mary greeted Elizabeth, what did Elizabeth's baby do?

The baby leaped in her womb for joy.

Luke 1:42

ULT	UST
And she exclaimed in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.	*She exclaimed loudly to Mary, "God has blessed you more than he has blessed any other woman, and he has blessed the baby you will bear!*

Who did Elizabeth say was blessed?

Elizabeth said that Mary and her baby were blessed.

Luke 1:54

ULT	UST
He has helped Israel his servant, to remember his mercy,	

Why did God help his servant Israel?

God remembered his mercy.

Luke 1:59

ULT	UST
And it happened that, on the eighth day, they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to call him after the name of his father, Zechariah.	*Eight days later, people gathered together for the ceremony to circumcise the baby to show that he belonged to God. This was also the time to give the baby a name. The people wanted to name the baby Zechariah because that was his father's name.*

On the day of circumcision, what would they normally have named Elizabeth's son?

Normally, they would name him Zechariah, after his father.

Luke 1:63

ULT	UST
And asking for a writing tablet, he wrote, saying, "His name is John." And they all were astonished.	*So he signaled that they should give him a tablet to write on. When they gave him one, he wrote on it, "His name is John." This amazed all of the people who were there!*

What did Zechariah write when asked what the name of the child should be?

Zechariah wrote "His name is John."

Luke 1:64

ULT	UST
Then immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue, and he spoke, blessing God.	*Immediately, Zechariah was able to speak again, and he began praising God.*

What happened to Zechariah immediately after he wrote the child's name?

Immediately after he wrote the child's name, Zechariah spoke and praised God.

Luke 1:66

ULT	UST
And all the ones having heard stored in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child become?" For indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.	*Everyone who heard about these things kept thinking about them. They thought, "Certainly this child will grow up to be someone very special!" They thought this because they could see that the Lord was present in his life in a powerful way.*

Because of all these events, what did everyone realize about the child?

They realized that the hand of the Lord was with him.

Luke 1:68

ULT	UST
"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited and has accomplished redemption for his people.	*"Praise the Lord, the God whom we people of Israel worship, because he has come to set us, his people, free.*

What had God now accomplished that caused Zechariah to praise God?

God had now accomplished redemption for his people.

Luke 1:77

ULT	UST
to give the knowledge of salvation to his people through forgiveness of their sins,	*You will tell God's people that he wants to save them by forgiving their sins.*

What was it Zechariah prophesied that his child John would help the people to know?

John would help the people know how they could be saved through the forgiveness of their sins.

Luke 1:80

ULT	UST
And the child was growing and was being strengthened in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.	*Over time, Zechariah and Elizabeth's baby boy grew up and became spiritually strong. Then he went to live in a desolate region. He was still living there when he began to preach publicly to God's people, Israel.*

Where did John grow up and live until he began to appear publicly?

John grew up and lived in the wilderness.

Luke 2

Luke 2:3

ULT	UST
And everyone was traveling to register himself, each one to his own city.	*So everyone had to go to his family's hometown to register.*

Where did the people go to be registered for the census?

The people went to their own town to be registered.

Luke 2:4

ULT	UST
And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David.	

Why did Joseph go to Bethlehem with Mary to be registered there?

Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem because Joseph was a descendant of David.

Luke 2:7

ULT	UST
And she delivered her firstborn son, and she wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.	

When Mary gave birth to her son, where did she place him?

When the child was born, Mary placed him in a manger.

Luke 2:8

ULT	UST
And there were shepherds in that area, staying in the open and keeping watch over their flock at night.	*There were some shepherds camping out in the open country near Bethlehem that night. They were there taking care of their sheep.*

What were the shepherds doing that night?

They were staying in the open and keeping watch over their flocks.

Luke 2:9

ULT	UST
And an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they feared a great fear.	*Suddenly they saw an angel from the Lord standing in front of them. A glorious light from the Lord shone all over them. They became very afraid.*

How did the shepherds react when they saw the angel?

The shepherds were very afraid.

Luke 2:11

ULT	UST
For today has been born for you in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!	*They will rejoice because today, in Bethlehem, King David's hometown, the person was born who will save you from your sins! He is the Messiah, the Lord!*

What good news did the angel give to the shepherds?

The angel told the shepherds that the Savior had been born, the one who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:15

ULT	UST
And it happened that, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let us indeed go over as far as Bethlehem, and let us see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."	*When the angels left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "We should go right now to Bethlehem and see this wonderful thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about!"*

What did the shepherds decide to do after the angels left them?

The shepherds decided to go to Bethlehem to see the child that had been born.

Luke 2:16

ULT	UST
And they went hastening and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby, lying in the manger.	*So they went quickly, and when they had found the place where Mary and Joseph were staying, they saw the baby lying in a feeding place for animals.*

What did the shepherds find in Bethlehem?

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

Luke 2:21

ULT	UST
And when eight days had been fulfilled to circumcise him, then his name was called Jesus, which he had been called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.	*On the eighth day after the baby was born, they circumcised him and gave him the name Jesus. This was the name that the angel had told them to give him even before Mary had become pregnant with him.*

When was Jesus circumcised?

Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth.

Luke 2:22

ULT	UST
And when the days of their purification had been fulfilled, according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord	*Mary and Joseph waited the number of days that the law of Moses required for her to become ceremonially clean again after having a baby. Then they brought him to Jerusalem so that they could dedicate him to the Lord in the temple.*

Why did Joseph and Mary bring the baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem?

They brought him to the temple to present him to the Lord and to offer a sacrifice that was commanded in the Law of Moses.

Luke 2:26

ULT	UST
And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.	*The Holy Spirit had previously revealed to him that before he died, the Lord would send the Messiah and he would get to see him.*

What did the Holy Spirit reveal to Simeon?

The Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon that he would not die before he saw the Lord's Christ.

Luke 2:32

ULT	UST
A light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory to your people Israel."	*He will be like a light that will reveal your truth to the other nations. He will show how glorious your plan is for Israel, your people."*

What did Simeon say that Jesus would do for the Gentiles and for Israel?

Simeon said that Jesus would be a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory to God's people, Israel.

Luke 2:35

ULT	UST
and a sword will also pierce your own soul—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."	*As for you, the cruel things that people will do to him will make you so sad that it will feel as if a sword is piercing through your very soul. But this is necessary so that he can reveal the secret thoughts of many people."*

What did Simeon say would happen to Mary as a result of Jesus?

Simeon said that a sword would pierce her own soul.

Luke 2:38

ULT	UST
And coming up at that very hour, she began giving thanks to God and speaking about him to all the ones waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.	*At that same time, Anna approached Joseph and Mary and the baby. Anna began thanking God for the baby. Afterwards, she kept speaking about Jesus to many other people who were also expecting God to send the Messiah who would set the people of Israel free.*

What did the prophetess Anna do when she came up to Mary, Joseph, and Jesus?

Anna began to thank God and to talk about the child to everyone.

Luke 2:40

ULT	UST
And the child grew and was strengthened, being filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.	*As the child grew up, he became strong and very wise, and God was present in his life.*

What happened to the child Jesus after he returned to Nazareth?

Jesus grew and became strong, increasing in wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

Luke 2:44

ULT	UST
But thinking that he was with the group of travelers, they went a day's journey and they sought him among their relatives and friends.	*They thought that he was with the other people who were traveling with them. But after walking for one day, they started to look for him among their relatives and friends.*

Why did Jesus' parents not realize he had stayed behind in Jerusalem during the Festival of the Passover?

They did not realize because they assumed that he was in the group that was traveling with them.

Luke 2:46

ULT	UST
And it happened that, after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers and listening to them and asking them questions.	*Three days after Mary and Joseph had left Jerusalem, they found Jesus at the temple. He was sitting among the Jewish religious teachers. He was listening to them teach and he was asking them questions.*

Where did his parents find Jesus and what was he doing?

His parents found him in the temple, sitting in the middle of the teachers and listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:49

ULT	UST
And he said to them, "Why is it that you were searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in the things of my Father?"	*He said to them, "I am surprised that you needed to search for me. I thought you would know that I needed to be at my Father's house, learning about him."*

What did Jesus answer when Mary said to him that they had been anxiously searching for him?

"Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?"

Luke 2:51

ULT	UST
Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was subjected to them. But his mother kept all these things in her heart.	*Then he returned with them to Nazareth, and he always obeyed them. His mother kept thinking deeply about all the things that had happened.*

What was Jesus' attitude toward his parents when they returned to Nazareth?

He was subjected to them.

Luke 2:52

ULT	UST
And Jesus was increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.	*As the years passed, Jesus continued to become wiser, and he grew taller. God and people continued to approve of him more and more.*

As Jesus grew up, what kind of young man was he?

He grew in wisdom and stature, and increased in favor with God and people.

Luke 3

Luke 3:3

ULT	UST
And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins.	*John traveled all around the area near the Jordan River. He kept announcing to the people who came to hear him, "If you want God to forgive your sins, you must reject wrong ways of living. Then I will baptize you!"*

What message did John preach throughout the region around the Jordan River?

John preached a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:4

ULT	UST
As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "A voice of one calling out in the wilderness, 'Make ready the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.	*When John preached like this, the words came true that the prophet Isaiah wrote on a scroll long ago: "In the desolate place, someone will be calling out to the people: 'Prepare yourselves to receive the Lord! Make yourselves ready for when he comes!'*

For whom did John say he was making ready the way?

John said he was making ready the way of the Lord.

Luke 3:8

ULT	UST
Therefore, produce fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say within yourselves, 'We have Abraham as father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children for Abraham from these stones.	*You need to do the things that show that you have truly rejected your previous sinful way of living! And do not even begin to say to yourselves, 'Certainly God will not punish us, because we are descendants of Abraham!' That does not impress God. Let me assure you, God could turn these stones into descendants of Abraham!*

What did John tell the people to do instead of trusting in the fact that Abraham was their father?

John told them to produce fruits that come from repentance.

Luke 3:9

ULT	UST
But indeed, the ax is already set against the root of the trees. So, every tree not producing good fruit is chopped down and thrown into a fire."	*You are like fruit trees that do not produce good fruit. God is like a man who is positioning the head of his axe at the base of those trees, ready to chop them down and throw them into the fire. God is ready to punish you like that if you continue sinning."*

What did John say happens to the tree that does not produce good fruit?

John said that it is chopped down and thrown into the fire.

Luke 3:13

ULT	UST
So he said to them, "Collect nothing more than what you have been ordered."	*He said to them, "Do not collect more money from the people than the Roman government tells you to collect!"*

What did John tell the tax collectors they must do to show true repentance?

John said that they must not collect more money than they were ordered to collect.

Luke 3:16

ULT	UST
John answered, saying to them all, "I indeed baptize you with water, but one more powerful than I is coming, of whom I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire,	*But John said to all of them, "I am not the Messiah. He is coming, and he is far greater than I am. He is so great that I am not worthy even to be like the slave who would untie the straps of his sandals when he comes in the house! When I baptized you, I used only water. But when the Messiah comes, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit, who will judge and purify you.*

John told the people that he baptized with water. With what did he say that someone was coming would baptize?

John said someone was coming who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Luke 3:19

ULT	UST
But Herod the tetrarch, having been rebuked by him concerning Herodias, the wife of his brother, and concerning all the evil things that Herod had done,	*John even rebuked King Herod for all of the many evil things that Herod had done. But when John rebuked Herod for marrying his brother's wife, Herodias, while his brother was still alive,*

Why did John rebuke Herod?

John rebuked Herod because Herod had married his own brother's wife and had done many other evil things.

Luke 3:20

ULT	UST
added even this to them all: He locked John up in prison.	*Herod did another evil thing. He had his soldiers put John in prison.*

Who put John into prison?

Herod put John into prison.

Luke 3:21

ULT	UST
And it happened that when all the people were being baptized, Jesus also was baptized and, as he was praying, heaven was opened,	*But before Herod did that, while John was still baptizing many people, John also baptized Jesus. Afterwards, while Jesus was praying, the sky opened.*

What happened right away after John baptized Jesus?

After John baptized Jesus, the heavens opened up.

Luke 3:22

ULT	UST
and the Holy Spirit in bodily form came down on him like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son. With you I am well pleased."	*Then the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, came down and landed on Jesus. Then God spoke to Jesus from heaven. He said, "You are my Son, the one whom I love dearly. I am very pleased with you!"*

Who came down from heaven after John baptized Jesus?

The Holy Spirit came down on Jesus like a dove.

What did the voice from heaven say?

The voice from heaven said, "You are my beloved son. I am very pleased with you."

Luke 3:23

ULT	UST
And Jesus himself was beginning about 30 years old, being the son (as it was assumed) of Joseph, of Heli,	*At that time Jesus began his work for God. He was about 30 years old. This is Jesus' lineage: People considered Jesus to be the son of Joseph. Joseph was the son of Heli.*

About how old was Jesus when he began to teach?

Jesus was about 30 years old when he began to teach.

Luke 4

Luke 4:1

ULT	UST
Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,	*After John baptized him, Jesus came back out of the Jordan River. The Holy Spirit was fully empowering him. Then the Holy Spirit led him into the wilderness.*

Who led Jesus into the wilderness?

The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.

Luke 4:2

ULT	UST
for 40 days being tempted by the devil. And he did not eat anything during those days, and he was hungry when they were completed.	*Jesus was in the wilderness for 40 days. While he was there, the devil kept tempting him. During that entire time, Jesus did not eat anything. So when the 40 days were over, he was very hungry.*

How long did the devil tempt Jesus in the wilderness?

The devil tempted Jesus in the wilderness for 40 days.

Luke 4:3

ULT	UST
Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, speak to this stone so that it might become bread."	*Then the devil said to Jesus, "If you really are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread for you to eat!"*

What did the devil challenge Jesus to do with the stones on the ground?

The devil told Jesus to turn the stones into bread.

Luke 4:4

ULT	UST
And Jesus answered to him, "It is written, 'Man will not live on bread alone.'"	*Jesus replied, "No, I will not do that, because the Scriptures say, 'People need more than just food in order to live.'"*

What was Jesus' response to the devil?

Jesus said that it was written that man shall not live on bread alone.

Luke 4:5

ULT	UST
Then he led him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in an instant of time.	*Then the devil took Jesus up to the top of a high mountain and showed him all the nations of the world in an instant.*

What did the devil show to Jesus from a high place?

The devil showed Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world.

Luke 4:7

ULT	UST
So then, if you will bow in worship before me, it will all be yours."	*All you have to do is bow down and worship me. Then I will let you rule them all!"*

What did the devil want Jesus to do?

The devil wanted Jesus to bow down before him.

Luke 4:8

ULT	UST
But answering, Jesus said to him, "It is written, 'You will worship the Lord your God, and you will serve only him.'"	*But Jesus replied, "No, I will not worship you, because the Scriptures say, 'You must only worship the Lord your God. He is the only one you may serve!'"*

What was Jesus' response to the devil?

Jesus said that it was written that you must worship the Lord your God, and you must serve him only.

Luke 4:9

ULT	UST
Then he led him to Jerusalem and set him on the highest point of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here.	*Then the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem. He set him on the highest part of the temple and said to him, "If you really are the Son of God, jump down from here.*

What did the devil tell Jesus to do when he took him to the highest point of the temple?

He told Jesus to jump down from there.

Luke 4:12

ULT	UST
But answering, Jesus said to him, "It is said, 'You will not test the Lord your God.'"	*But Jesus replied, "No, I will not do that, because the Scriptures also say: 'Do not test the Lord your God'."*

What was Jesus' response to the devil?

Jesus said that it was written that you must not test the Lord your God.

Luke 4:13

ULT	UST
And having finished every temptation, the devil went away from him until an opportune time.	*Then, after the devil had finished trying to tempt Jesus in all of these ways, the devil left Jesus to wait until another time when he could try to tempt Jesus again.*

What did the devil do after Jesus refused to jump from the temple?

The devil left Jesus until another time.

Luke 4:17

ULT	UST
And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him and, opening the scroll, he found the place where it was written,	*Jesus wanted to read some of the words that the prophet Isaiah had spoken long ago. So he asked for the scroll that contained these words, and a synagogue attendant handed it to him. Jesus unrolled the scroll and found the place from which he wanted to read. He read these words:*

From which book of the scriptures did Jesus read when he stood up in the synagogue?

Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah.

Luke 4:21

ULT	UST
Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your ears."	*He began to teach them by saying, "I have made this Scripture passage come true right now, as you heard me read it."*

What did Jesus say was being fulfilled on that day?

Jesus said that the scripture he had just read from Isaiah was being fulfilled that day.

Luke 4:24

ULT	UST
But he said, "Truly I say to you that no prophet is accepted in his hometown.	*Then he said, "It is certainly true that the people in a prophet's own hometown do not accept that he is a prophet.*

What kind of reception did Jesus say a prophet receives in his own country?

Jesus said that no prophet is accepted in his own country.

Luke 4:26

ULT	UST
But Elijah was sent to none of them except to Zarephath in Sidon, to a widow woman.	*And yet God did not send Elijah to help any of the widows in Israel. Instead, God sent him to the town of Zarephath near the city of Sidon, to help a non-Israelite widow there.*

In Jesus' first example to the people in the synagogue, where did God send Elijah to help someone?

God sent Elijah to Zarephath, near the city of Sidon, to help a widow woman.

Luke 4:27

ULT	UST
And there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet, but none of them were cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."	*There were also many lepers in Israel during the time when the prophet Elisha lived. But Elisha did not heal any of them. Instead, he healed only Naaman, a non-Israelite man from the country of Syria."*

From what country was the person God had Elisha help in Jesus' second example to the people in the synagogue?

God had Elisha help Naaman, who was from Syria.

Luke 4:28

ULT	UST
And all in the synagogue were filled with rage, having heard these things.	*When all the people in the Jewish meeting place heard him say those things, they became very angry.*

How did the people in the synagogue respond when they heard these examples from Jesus?

They were filled with rage.

Luke 4:29

ULT	UST
And rising up, they drove him out of the town, and they led him to the edge of the hill on which their town was built, so as to throw him off.	*So they stood up, grabbed Jesus, and dragged him out of the city. They took him to the edge of the cliff outside of their city in order to throw him off of the cliff and kill him.*

How did the people in the synagogue try to kill Jesus?

They planned to throw him off the cliff on which their town was built.

Luke 4:30

ULT	UST
But he, passing through the midst of them, went on his way.	*But Jesus simply walked through the crowd and went away.*

How did Jesus avoid being killed by the people from the synagogue?

Jesus walked right through their midst.

Luke 4:34

ULT	UST
“Ha! What to us and to you, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”	*“Aah! Jesus, from Nazareth! What do you want with us? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are! You are the Holy One from God!”*

In the synagogue, what did the demon speaking through the man know about Jesus?

The demon said that he knew Jesus was the Holy One of God.

Luke 4:36

ULT	UST
And astonishment came upon everyone, and they were talking to one another, saying, “What is this word, that he commands the unclean spirits with authority and power, and they come out?”	*All of the people in the Jewish meeting place were amazed. Many of them said to each other, “We have never seen anything like this! His words are so powerful! He commands the evil spirits as if they must obey him, and when he commands them, they come out of people!”*

How did the people react after Jesus cast out the demon?

The people were astonished and kept talking about it with one another.

Luke 4:40

ULT	UST
And as the sun was setting, everyone having ones being sick with various diseases brought them to him and, laying his hands on each of them, he was healing them.	*When the sun was setting, which ended the Jewish day of rest, many people whose friends or relatives were sick with various diseases brought them to Jesus. He put his hands on each one of them and healed them.*

What did Jesus do for the sick who were brought to him?

Jesus laid his hands on each of them and healed them.

Luke 4:41

ULT	UST
And demons also were coming out from many, crying out, and saying, "You are the Son of God!" But he was rebuking them, not permitting them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ.	*As Jesus put his hands on the sick people, evil spirits also came out from many of them. As the evil spirits came out, they shouted to Jesus, "You are the Son of God!" But he commanded those evil spirits not to tell people about him, because they knew that he was the Messiah.*

What did the demons say as they were cast out, and why did Jesus not let them speak?

The demons said that Jesus was the Son of God, and Jesus did not let them speak because they knew he was the Christ.

Luke 4:43

ULT	UST
But he said to them, "It is necessary for me to proclaim the gospel about the kingdom of God also to other cities, because for this I was sent."	*But Jesus said to them, "I must also tell people in other cities the good news that they can have God rule their lives, because that is what God sent me here to do."*

What did Jesus say was the reason he was sent?

Jesus said he was sent to preach the gospel about the kingdom of God to many cities.

Luke 5

Luke 5:4

ULT	UST
Then when he stopped speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."	*After he finished teaching them, he said to Simon, "Take the boat out to deeper water and let your nets down into the water to catch some fish."*

After using Simon's boat as a place to teach the people, what did Jesus ask Simon to do with his boat?

Take the boat out to deeper water and let his nets down into the water to catch some fish.

Luke 5:5

ULT	UST
But answering, Simon said, "Master, we worked through the entire night and caught nothing, but at your word, I will let down the nets."	*Simon replied, "Master, we worked hard through the whole night and yet we did not catch any fish. But I will let down the nets again because you told me to."*

Even though Peter had caught nothing the previous night, what did he do?

He obeyed and let down the nets.

Luke 5:6

ULT	UST
And having done this, they caught a very large number of fish, and their nets began to break.	*So Simon and his crew let down their nets and they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.*

What happened when they let down the nets?

They gathered so many fish that their nets began to break.

Luke 5:8

ULT	UST
But Simon Peter, having seen it, he fell down at the knees of Jesus, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord."	*Seeing this, Simon Peter bowed down before Jesus and said, "Please leave me, because I am a sinful man, Lord."*

What did Simon then want Jesus to do? Why?

Simon wanted Jesus to go away from him because Simon knew that he (Simon) was a sinful man.

Luke 5:10

ULT	UST
and likewise also James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."	*James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners, were just as amazed. But Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid! Until now you gathered in fish, but from now on you will gather in people to become my disciples."*

What did Jesus say to Simon about his future work?

Jesus said that from now on Simon would be catching men.

Luke 5:15

ULT	UST
But the word about him spread even more, and large crowds came together to hear him and to be healed from their sicknesses.	*But instead even more people heard about how Jesus had healed the man. As a result, large crowds came to hear Jesus teach and to have him heal them from their sicknesses.*

At this time, who was coming to hear Jesus teach and to be healed of their sicknesses?

Large crowds of people were coming to Jesus.

Luke 5:20

ULT	UST
And having seen their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you."	*When Jesus perceived that they believed that he could heal the man, he said to him, "Friend, I forgive your sins!"*

What did Jesus say to the paralyzed man whose friends let him down through the housetop?

Jesus told him that his sins were forgiven him.

Luke 5:21

ULT	UST
And the scribes and the Pharisees began to debate, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who is able to forgive sins except God alone?"	*The teachers of the law and the Pharisees began to think to themselves, "This man insults God by saying that! Nobody except God can forgive sins!"*

Why did the scribes and the Pharisees think that this statement was blasphemy?

They said Jesus' words were blasphemy because God alone can forgive sins.

Luke 5:24

ULT	UST
But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on the earth to forgive sins,"—he said to the one that had been paralyzed—"I say to you, get up, and picking up your mat, go to your house."	*But I want you to know that God has given me, the Son of Man, authority to forgive people on earth their sins. To demonstrate that, I will also tell this man to get up." Then he said to the man who was paralyzed, "To you I say, get up, pick up your sleeping pad, and go home!"*

What authority on earth did Jesus demonstrate that he had when he healed the paralytic man in this way?

Jesus healed the man so they would know that he had authority on earth to forgive sins.

Luke 5:32

ULT	UST
I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."	*Similarly, I did not come from heaven to invite those who think they are righteous to come to me. On the contrary, I came to invite those who know that they are sinners to turn from their sinful behavior and come to me."*

When Jesus was eating and drinking at Levi's house, what did Jesus say that he came to do?

He came to call sinners to repentance.

Luke 5:35

ULT	UST
But days will indeed come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them. Then, in those days, they will fast."	*But some day the bridegroom will no longer be with his friends. Then, at that time, they will abstain from food."*

When did Jesus say that his disciples would fast?

Jesus said his disciples would fast after he (Jesus) was taken away from them.

Luke 5:36

ULT	UST
Then he also spoke a parable to them. "No one, having torn a piece of cloth from a new garment, puts it onto an old garment. But if not, the new will tear, and the old will not match the piece that is from the new.	*Then Jesus gave other examples to explain what he meant. He said, "People never tear a piece of cloth from a new garment and attach it to an old garment to mend it. If they did that, they would ruin the new garment by tearing it, and the piece of cloth from the new garment would not match the old garment.*

In Jesus' parable, what will happen if a new piece of cloth is used to mend an old garment?

The new will tear, and the old will not match the piece that is from the new.

Luke 5:37

ULT	UST
And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. But if not, the new wine will burst the wineskins, and it will be spilled out, and the wineskins will be destroyed.	*And no one puts newly squeezed wine into old skin bags to store it. If anyone did that, the skin bags would tear open because they would not stretch when the new wine fermented and expanded. Then the skin bags would become useless, and the wine would also become useless because it would spill out.*

In Jesus' second parable, what will happen if new wine is put into old wine skins?

A. the new wine will burst the wineskins, and it will be spilled out, and the wineskins will be destroyed.

Luke 5:38

ULT	UST
But one must put new wine into new wineskins.	*On the contrary, new wine must be put into new skin bags.*

What did Jesus say must be done to keep new wine properly?

New wine must be put into fresh wine skins.

Luke 6

Luke 6:1

ULT	UST
And it happened that, on a Sabbath he was going through grainfields, and his disciples were picking and eating the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands.	*One Sabbath day, as Jesus and his disciples were walking through some grain fields, the disciples picked some heads of grain. They rubbed them in their hands to separate the grain from the husks. Then they ate the grain.*

What were Jesus' disciples doing on the Sabbath that the Pharisees said was against the law?

They were picking heads of grain, rubbing them between their hands, and eating the grain.

Luke 6:5

ULT	UST
And he said to them, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath."	*Jesus also said to them, "I, the Son of Man, have the authority to determine what is right for people to do on the Sabbath!"*

What title did Jesus claim for himself that gave him the authority to say what was lawful to do on the Sabbath?

Jesus claimed the title, Lord of the Sabbath.

Luke 6:11

ULT	UST
But they were filled with rage and they were talking to each other about what they might do to Jesus.	*But the religious leaders were very angry, and they discussed with one another about what they could do to get rid of Jesus.*

When Jesus healed the man with the shriveled hand on the Sabbath, how did the scribes and Pharisees react?

They were filled with rage and talked about what they might do to Jesus.

Luke 6:13

ULT	UST
And when day came, he called his disciples, and he chose 12 from them, whom he also named apostles:	*The next day he called all his disciples to come to him. From among them he chose 12 men and made them his representatives.*

What name did Jesus give to the 12 men that he chose on the mountain?

Jesus called them “apostles.”

Luke 6:20

ULT	UST
And he, having lifted up his eyes upon his disciples, said, “Blessed are the poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.	*Then he looked at his disciples and said, “It is very good for you who are poor, because God is ruling you.*

What kind of people did Jesus say are blessed?

Those who are poor are blessed.

Luke 6:21

ULT	UST
Blessed are the ones being hungry now, for you will be fed. Blessed are the ones weeping now, for you will laugh.	*It is very good for you who are hungry now, because God will give you everything you need. It is very good for you who are grieving now, because God will someday make you laugh with joy.*

What kind of people did Jesus say are blessed?

Those who are weeping are blessed.

Luke 6:22

ULT	UST
Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man.	*It is very good when other people hate you, when they reject you and insult you and say that you are bad because you follow me, the Son of Man.*

What kind of people did Jesus say are blessed?

Those who are hated, insulted, and rejected because of the Son of Man are blessed.

Luke 6:23

ULT	UST
Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. For their fathers did according to the same things to the prophets.	*When that happens, rejoice! Jump up and down because you are so happy! Keep in mind that God is going to give you a great reward in heaven! Do not forget that the ancestors of the people who are treating you this way did similar things to God's prophets long ago.*

According to Jesus, why should such people rejoice and leap for joy?

They should rejoice because they will have a great reward in heaven.

Luke 6:27

ULT	UST
But I say to you, the ones listening, love your enemies and do good to the ones hating you.	*But I say this to each of you who are listening to what I say: Love your enemies, not only your friends! Do good things for those who hate you!*

How did Jesus say his disciples should treat their enemies and those who hate them?

They should love their enemies and do good to those who hate them.

Luke 6:35

ULT	UST
But love your enemies and do good to them, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind toward the ungrateful and evil.	*Instead, love your enemies! Do good things for them! Lend to them, and do not expect them to pay anything back! Then God will give you a great reward. And you will be children of God the Most High, since God is kind even to people who are unthankful and wicked.*

What is the Most High Father's attitude toward unthankful and evil people?

He is kind and merciful toward them.

Luke 6:42

ULT	UST
How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck of wood that is in your eye,' you yourself not seeing the log in your eye? You hypocrite! First take out the log from your eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck of wood that is in the eye of your brother.	*You should not tell another believer, 'Friend, let me help you correct your faults,' when you have not dealt with your own faults yet. If you do that, you are a hypocrite! You should first stop committing your own sins. That will be like removing a large plank from your own eye. Then, as a result, you will have the spiritual insight you need to help others get rid of the smaller faults that are like little specks in their eyes.*

Before removing the speck from our brother's eye, what did Jesus say we must do?

First, we must remove the log from our own eyes so that we can see clearly to take the spec out of our brother's eye.

Luke 6:45

ULT	UST
The good man from the good treasure of his heart produces what is good, and the evil man from evil produces what is evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.	*Good people do good things because they think good things. Evil people do evil things because they think evil things. This is because people speak and act based on what they are thinking about."*

What comes forth from the good treasure in a good man's heart?

From the good treasure of a good man's heart, what comes forth is good.

What does an evil man produce?

An evil man produces what is evil.

Luke 6:47

ULT	UST
Everyone coming to me and hearing my words, and doing them, I will show you what he is like.	*Let me tell you what people are like who come to me, hear my teachings, and obey them.*

What does Jesus say the person who hears and does Jesus' words is like?

He is like a man who builds a house on the solid rock, so that his house survives the flood.

Luke 6:49

ULT	UST
But the one having heard and not having done, he is like a man having built a house on the ground without a foundation, against which the torrent of water flowed, and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great.”	*But some people who hear my teachings do not obey them. They are like a person who built a house on top of the ground without digging a foundation first. When the floodwaters came, it collapsed immediately. The waters destroyed that house completely.”*

What is the person like who hears Jesus’ words and does not obey them?

He is like a man who builds a house without a foundation, so that it collapses when the flood comes.

Luke 7

Luke 7:3

ULT	UST
And having heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come so that he might save his servant.	*When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to Jesus to ask him to come and heal his slave.*

What did the centurion first ask Jesus to do when he sent the Jewish elders to Jesus?

He asked Jesus to come and heal his slave.

Luke 7:6

ULT	UST
And Jesus went with them. But he already not being far away from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, because I am not worthy that you might enter under my roof.	*So Jesus went with them to the officer's house. When he was almost there, the officer sent some friends to give this message to Jesus: "Lord, do not go to the trouble of coming here, since I am not worthy to have you come into my house.*

Why did the centurion then send friends to tell Jesus that he did not have to come to the house?

The centurion said he was not worthy that Jesus should come to his house.

Luke 7:7

ULT	UST
Therefore I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But speak with a word and let my servant be healed.	*That is why I did not feel that I was worthy to come to you in person. I knew that you could heal my dear slave just by speaking a command.*

How did the centurion then want Jesus to heal the slave?

The centurion then wanted Jesus to heal the slave by just saying a word.

Luke 7:9

ULT	UST
And Jesus, having heard this, marveled at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith."	*When Jesus heard what the officer had said, he was amazed at him. Then he turned to the crowd that was with him and said, "Let me tell you, I have not met any Israelite who trusts me as much as this Gentile does!"*

What did Jesus say about the faith of the centurion?

Jesus said that not even in Israel had he found anyone with such faith.

Luke 7:13

ULT	UST
And having seen her, the Lord felt compassion for her, and said to her, "Do not weep."	*When Jesus saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not cry!"*

What was Jesus' attitude toward the widow whose only son had died?

He was moved with compassion.

Luke 7:16

ULT	UST
Then fear seized all of them, and they were glorifying God, saying, "A great prophet has been raised among us" and "God has visited his people."	*Everyone there was awestruck. They praised God and said to each other, "A great prophet has come among us!" and "God has come to care for his people!"*

What did the people say about Jesus after he raised the widow's son from the dead?

They said that a great prophet had been raised among them, and that God had visited his people.

Luke 7:22

ULT	UST
And answering, he said to them, "Having gone, report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind see again, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor are being told the gospel.	*So he answered those two men, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard. People who were blind are now seeing. People who were lame are now walking. People who had skin diseases no longer have them. People who were deaf can now hear. People who were dead have come back to life. I am proclaiming good news to poor people."*

How did Jesus demonstrate to John's disciples that he was the one who was coming?

Jesus healed the blind, lame, lepers, and deaf, and he raised the dead.

Luke 7:26

ULT	UST
But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.	*Then what did you go out there to see? A prophet? Yes, that is who John is! But I tell you that John is more significant than an ordinary prophet.*

What did Jesus say that John was?

Jesus said John was much more than a prophet.

Luke 7:30

ULT	UST
But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)	*But the Pharisees and the experts in the Jewish law, whom John had not baptized, rejected God's will for them.*

What did the Pharisees and the experts in Jewish law do to themselves when they refused to be baptized by John?

They rejected God's purpose for themselves.

Luke 7:33

ULT	UST
For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’	*Similarly, when John came to you and did not eat ordinary food or drink wine, you rejected him and said, ‘A demon is controlling him!’*

What accusation was made against John the Baptizer because he did not eat bread or drink wine?

They said, “He has a demon.”

Luke 7:34

ULT	UST
The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Behold, a man, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’	*But when the Son of Man came to you and he ate ordinary food and drank wine as others do, then you rejected him and said, ‘Look! This man eats too much food and drinks too much wine, and he associates with tax collectors and other sinners!’*

What accusation was made against Jesus because he came eating and drinking?

They said, “He is a gluttonous man and a drunkard.”

Luke 7:38

ULT	UST
and stood behind him near his feet, weeping. She began to wet his feet with her tears, and she was wiping them with the hair of her head and kissing his feet and anointing them with the perfumed oil.	*As Jesus was reclining to eat, the woman stood behind him at his feet. She was crying, and her tears fell on Jesus’ feet. She continually wiped his feet with her hair. She kept kissing them and anointing them with the perfume.*

What did the woman of the city do to Jesus in the Pharisee’s house?

She wet Jesus’ feet with her tears, wiped them with her hair, kissed his feet, and anointed his feet with perfumed oil.

Luke 7:47

ULT	UST
Therefore I say to you, her sins, the many, have been forgiven—for she loved much. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little."	*So I tell you that God has forgiven her many sins, and that is why she loves me very much. But a person who thinks that God has only had to forgive him for a few sins will love me only a little bit."*

What did Jesus say was the reason the woman loved much?

She loved much because her sins, which were many, have been forgiven.

Luke 7:49

ULT	UST
And those reclining with him to eat began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"	*Then those who were eating with him said among themselves, "Who is this man who says that he can even forgive sins?"*

How did those reclining at the table react when Jesus told the woman that her sins were forgiven?

They asked, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

Luke 8

Luke 8:3

ULT	UST
and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's manager; and Susanna; and many others; who were ministering to them out of their possessions.	*Another of these women was Joanna. She was the wife of Chuza, who was a manager for King Herod. These women also included Susanna and many others. They were using their own money to support Jesus and his disciples.*

What did a large group of women do for Jesus and his disciples?

The women served them from their own possessions.

Luke 8:11

ULT	UST
And the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.	*Now, this is what the story means: The seeds represent what God wants people to understand.*

In Jesus' parable, what is the seed that is sown?

The seed is the word of God.

Luke 8:12

ULT	UST
And the ones along the path are the ones having heard, but then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so they may not believe and be saved.	*The seeds that fell on the pathway show what happens when people understand the message from God only superficially. This makes it easy for the devil to come and take that message away from their minds. As a result, they do not believe it, and so God does not save them.*

Who are the seeds that fall by the wayside, and what happens to them?

They are people who hear the word, but then the devil comes and takes it away so that they may not believe and be saved.

Luke 8:13

ULT	UST
And the ones on the rock are the ones, when they hear, receive the word with joy. But they have no root; they believe for a time, and in a time of testing they go away.	*The seeds that fell on the rocky ground show what happens when people hear the message from God and receive it joyfully, but they do not commit themselves seriously. They only believe for a short time. As soon as difficult things happen to them, they stop trusting in God.*

Who are the seeds that fall on the rocky ground, and what happens to them?

They are people who receive the word with joy, but then fall away during a time of testing.

Luke 8:14

ULT	UST
And the ones having fallen among the thorns, these are the ones having heard, but as they go on their way, they are choked by worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and they do not produce mature fruit.	*The seeds that fell among the thorny plants show what happens to some other people who hear the message from God. As they go on in life, they allow the worries, riches, and pleasures of this life to occupy all their attention. As a result, they do not become spiritually mature.*

Who are the seeds that fall among the thorns, and what happens to them?

They are people who hear the word, but then it is choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and they do not produce mature fruit.

Luke 8:15

ULT	UST
But the ones on the good soil, these are the ones who, having heard the word with an honest and good heart, hold it securely and bear fruit with endurance.	*But the seeds that fell on the fertile ground show what happens when people hear the message about God and accept it with great sincerity. They make a firm commitment, and because they keep this commitment, they become spiritually mature.*

Who are the seeds that fall on the good ground, and what happens to them?

They are people who hear the word, hold onto it, and produce fruit with endurance.

Luke 8:21

ULT	UST
But answering, he said to them, “My mother and my brothers are those hearing and doing the word of God.”	*But he replied to them, “Those who hear the message from God and obey it are as dear to me as my mother and my brothers.”*

Who did Jesus say are his mother and brothers?

Jesus said that the people who hear the word of God and obey it are his mother and brothers.

Luke 8:25

ULT	UST
Then he said to them, “Where is your faith?” Then having become afraid, they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?”	*Then he said to them, “You acted as if you had no faith!” The disciples were alarmed and amazed because of what had just happened. They kept asking each other, “Who could Jesus be? He is able to command even the winds and the waves, and they obey him.”*

What did the disciples say when Jesus calmed the winds and water?

They said, “Who is this that commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?”

Luke 8:29

ULT	UST
For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out from the man. For many times it had seized him, and he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard, and breaking his bonds, he would be driven by the demon into the wilderness.	*The man said this because Jesus had just commanded the evil spirit to come out of him. In the past, people had bound him with chains and shackles and kept a close watch on him. Even so, many times the evil spirit would suddenly seize him by force. Then the man would break free, and the demon would make him go out into deserted places.*

What did the demons cause the man from the region of the Gerasenes to do?

They made him live without clothes in the tombs, they made him break chains and shackles, and they often drove him into the wilderness.

Luke 8:33

ULT	UST
Then the demons, having come out from the man, entered into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep slope into the lake and was drowned.	*So the demons left the man and entered the pigs, and the herd of pigs rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.*

Where did the demons go after Jesus commanded them to leave the man?

The demons entered into a herd of pigs, which rushed into the lake and drowned.

Luke 8:39

ULT	UST
“Return to your house and describe all that God has done for you.” So he went on his way, proclaiming throughout the whole city all that Jesus had done for him.	*“No, go back to your home and tell everyone how much God has done for you!” So the man went away and told people throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.*

What did Jesus tell the man to go and do?

Jesus told him to go to his house and describe all that God had done for him.

Luke 8:48

ULT	UST
Then he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”	*And Jesus said to her, “My dear woman, because you believed that I could heal you, you are now well. Now go on your way, and may God’s peace be with you.”*

According to Jesus, what had caused the woman with bleeding to be healed?

She was healed because of her faith in Jesus.

Luke 8:55

ULT	UST
And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately, and he ordered something to be given to her to eat.	*And immediately she came back to life and she got up. Jesus told them to give her something to eat.*

What did Jesus do at Jairus’ house?

Jesus raised Jairus’ daughter from the dead.

Luke 9

Luke 9:2

ULT	UST
and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.	*He sent them out to announce the good news about how God would rule as king. He told them to heal people who were sick.*

What did Jesus send the Twelve out to do?

Jesus sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Luke 9:7

ULT	UST
And Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead,	*Herod, the ruler over the district of Galilee, heard about everything that was happening, and he was perplexed. Some people were saying that John the Baptizer had become alive again.*

Why was Herod perplexed when he heard about what was happening?

He was perplexed because some said that John the Baptizer had risen from the dead.

Luke 9:8

ULT	UST
and by some that Elijah had appeared, but by others that one of the ancient prophets had risen.	*Other people were saying that the prophet Elijah had appeared again. Still others were saying that one of the other prophets from long ago had become alive again.*

Who else did people think might be causing the things that were happening?

Some said Elijah had appeared, and some said an ancient prophet had risen.

Luke 9:13

ULT	UST
But he said to them, "You give them to eat." But they said, "There are not more than five loaves and two fish with us—unless we go and buy food for all these people."	*But he said to them, "You must give them something to eat!" They replied, "All we have are five small loaves of bread and two small fish. We could never go buy enough food for all these people!"*

What food did the disciples have to feed the crowd?

They had five loaves of bread and two fish.

Luke 9:14

ULT	UST
(For there were about 5, 000 men.) Then he said to his disciples, "Have them recline to eat in groups of about 50 each."	*They said this because there were about 5, 000 men there. Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have the people sit down in groups. Put about 50 people in each group."*

How many men were following Jesus in the crowd that was in the desert place?

About 5000 men were in the crowd.

Luke 9:16

ULT	UST
Then having taken the five loaves and the two fish, having looked up to heaven, he blessed them and broke them into pieces, and he was giving them to the disciples to set before the crowd.	*Then Jesus took the five loaves of bread and the two fish. He looked up toward heaven and praised God for them. Then he divided the bread and fish into pieces and gave them to the disciples for them to distribute to the people.*

What did Jesus do with the five loaves and two fish?

He looked up to heaven, blessed them, broke them into pieces, and gave them to the disciples to give to the crowd.

Luke 9:17

ULT	UST
And they all ate and were satisfied, and what was left over to them was picked up—12 baskets of broken pieces.	*They all ate, and everyone had enough to eat. Then the disciples collected the leftover pieces of food, which filled 12 baskets!*

How many baskets of leftover food were there?

There were 12 baskets full of leftover food.

Luke 9:20

ULT	UST
Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Then Peter answering said, "The Christ of God."	*He asked them, "What about you? Who do you say that I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah, who has come from God."*

When Jesus asked the disciples who he was, what did Peter answer?

He said, "The Christ from God."

Luke 9:23

ULT	UST
Then he said to them all, "If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.	*Then he said to them all, "If any one of you wants to be my disciple, you must not do only what you want to do. Rather, every day you must be willing to suffer, even to the point of giving up your life. That is how to be my disciple.*

Jesus said that if anyone wants to come after him, he must do what?

He must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Jesus.

Luke 9:29

ULT	UST
And it happened that, as he was praying, the appearance of his face became different, and his clothing flashed white like lightning.	*While he was praying, the appearance of his face became very different, and his clothes began to shine brightly.*

What happened to Jesus' appearance on the mountain?

The appearance of his face became different, and his clothing flashed as bright as lightning.

Luke 9:30

ULT	UST
And behold, two men began talking with him, who were Moses and Elijah,	*All at once, two prophets from long ago were there talking with Jesus. They were Moses and Elijah.*

Who appeared with Jesus?

Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus.

Luke 9:35

ULT	UST
And there was a voice from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, the chosen one; listen to him."	*God's voice spoke to them from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him!"*

What did the voice say from the cloud that overshadowed them?

The voice said, "This is my Son, the one who is chosen; listen to him."

Luke 9:39

ULT	UST
And behold, a spirit seizes him and he suddenly cries out, and it throws him into convulsions with foam. And it departs from him with difficulty, crushing him.	*Here is what is happening. An evil spirit suddenly seizes him and causes him to scream. It shakes him violently and causes him to foam at the mouth. This spirit hardly ever leaves my child and, when it does, it injures him severely.*

Before Jesus cast out the demon, what did it cause the man's son to do?

The demon caused him to cry out and have convulsions with foam.

Luke 9:44

ULT	UST
“You put these words in your ears: For the Son of Man is about to be handed over into the hands of men.”	*“Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you, because someone will soon hand me, the Son of Man, over to my enemies.”*

What statement did Jesus make to the disciples that they did not understand?

He said, “The Son of Man would be handed over into the hands of men.”

Luke 9:48

ULT	UST
and said to them, “Whoever receives this child in my name, receives me, and whoever receives me, receives the one having sent me. For the one being least among you all, he is great.”	*He said to them, “If someone welcomes a little child like this one because of me, it is the same as welcoming me. And if someone welcomes me, it is the same as welcoming God, who sent me. Remember that those among you who seem to be the least important are the ones whom God considers to be most important.”*

Who did Jesus say is the one who is great among the disciples?

The one who is least among them is the one who is great.

Luke 9:51

ULT	UST
And it happened that, when the days of his being taken up were being fulfilled, then he set his face to go to Jerusalem.	*When it was getting close to the time when God would take him back up to heaven, Jesus firmly resolved to go to Jerusalem.*

As the days were approaching when Jesus would go up to heaven, what did he do?

He set his face to go to Jerusalem.

Luke 9:62

ULT	UST
But Jesus replied, “No one, having put his hand on a plow, yet looking to the things behind, is fit for the kingdom of God.”	*Jesus said to him, “Anyone who is like a farmer who tries to plow his field while looking behind him is not able to serve God as his ruler.”*

To be fit for the kingdom of God, what must a person not do once he has “put his hand to the plow”?

That person must not look back.

Luke 10

Luke 10:4

ULT	UST
Do not carry a money bag, nor a sack, nor sandals, and greet no one on the road.	*Do not bring along any money. Do not bring a lot of things with you in a pack. Do not bring extra shoes. Do not stop and talk with people along the way.*

What did Jesus tell the 70 not to carry with them?

He told them not to carry a money bag, a sack, or sandals.

Luke 10:9

ULT	UST
and heal the sick in it, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come close to you.’	*Heal the people in that city who are sick. Tell everyone, ‘You are seeing close up what it will be like when God rules everywhere as king.’*

What did Jesus tell the 70 to do in each city?

He told them to heal the sick and to say to the people, “The kingdom of God has come close to you.”

Luke 10:12

ULT	UST
I say to you that on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that city.	*I want you to know that at the time when God judges everyone, God will punish the people of that town even more severely than the wicked people who lived long ago in the city of Sodom!*

If a city did not receive those whom Jesus sent to them, what would the judgment be like for that city?

It would be worse for them than the judgment on Sodom.

Luke 10:20

ULT	UST
Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subjected to you, but rejoice that your names are written in the heavens."	*But do not only rejoice that the evil spirits must obey you. You should rejoice even more that God has written your names in heaven, because that means you will be with God forever."*

When the 70 returned and reported with joy that they were able to cast out demons, what did Jesus say to them?

He said, "Rejoice that your names are written in the heavens."

Luke 10:21

ULT	UST
At that hour he rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you concealed these things from the wise and intelligent and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for thus it was well-pleasing before you.	*Right then, the Holy Spirit gave Jesus great joy. He said, "God my Father, you are Lord over everything in heaven and on earth. I praise you that you have prevented people who think they are smart from understanding things. Instead, you have revealed them to people who accept your truth as readily as little children do. Yes, Father, you have done that because it pleased you to do so.*

To whom did Jesus say it was well-pleasing to the Father to reveal the kingdom of God?

It was well-pleasing to the Father to reveal the kingdom of God to those who are untaught, like infants.

Luke 10:27

ULT	UST
And answering, he said, "You will love the Lord your God from your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole strength and with your whole mind, and your neighbor as yourself."	*The man replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as much as you love yourself."*

According to Jesus, what does the Jewish law say a person must do to inherit eternal life?

You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.

Luke 10:31

ULT	UST
Then by coincidence a certain priest was going down on that road, and having seen him, he passed by on the other side.	*It happened that a Jewish priest was going along that road. When he saw that man, instead of helping him, he passed by on the other side of the road.*

In Jesus' parable, what did the Jewish priest do when he saw the half-dead man on the road?

He passed by on the other side of the road.

Luke 10:32

ULT	UST
And likewise a Levite also, having come to the place and having seen him, passed by on the other side.	*Similarly, a Levite who worked in God's temple also came to that place and saw the man. But he too passed by on the other side of the road.*

What did the Levite do when he saw the man?

He passed by on the other side of the road.

Luke 10:34

ULT	UST
And having approached, he bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then, having put him on his own animal, he brought him to an inn and took care of him.	*He went over to him and put some olive oil and wine on his wounds to help heal them. He wrapped strips of cloth around the wounds. Then he put the man on his own donkey and brought him to an inn and took care of him.*

What did the Samaritan do when he saw the man?

He bound up his wounds, put him on his animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

Luke 10:37

ULT	UST
And he said, "The one having shown mercy to him." Then Jesus said to him, "You go and do likewise."	*The teacher of the law replied, "The one who acted mercifully toward him." Jesus said to him, "That is correct. So you should go and act like that toward anyone who needs your help."*

After telling the parable, what did Jesus tell the teacher of the Jewish law to go and do?

Go and show mercy like the Samaritan in the parable.

Luke 10:39

ULT	UST
And she had a sister called Mary, and she was sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening to his word.	*Her sister, whose name was Mary, sat near Jesus' feet and listened to what he was teaching.*

What did Mary do at the same time?

She sat at Jesus' feet and listened to him.

Luke 10:40

ULT	UST
But Martha was distracted with much service, and coming up, she said, "Lord, are you not concerned that my sister has left me alone to serve? Therefore, speak to her so that she might help me."	*But Martha was worrying about preparing the meal for all of them. She went to Jesus and said, "Lord, my sister has left me to prepare everything by myself. You must know that is not fair. Please tell her to help me!"*

How did Martha act when Jesus came to her house?

She was distracted with her serving.

Luke 10:42

ULT	UST
but one thing is necessary. For Mary has chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from her.”	*But the one thing that is really important is to listen to what I am teaching. Because Mary has chosen the best thing to do, I will not tell her to do something else.”*

Who did Jesus say had chosen the better thing to do?

He said that Mary had chosen the good part that would not be taken away from her.

Luke 11

Luke 11:3

ULT	UST
Give us our daily bread each day.	*Please give us the food we need each day.*

What did Jesus want his disciples to pray would happen to the Father's name?

He wanted them to pray that the Father's name would be made holy.

Luke 11:4

ULT	UST
And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone owing us. And do not bring us into temptation.'"	*Please forgive us for the wrong things that we have done. We ourselves will forgive people for the wrong things they have done to us. Help us to not sin when something tempts us.'"*

As we ask God to forgive our sins, what should we do about other people who sin against us?

We should forgive them just as God has forgiven us.

Luke 11:8

ULT	UST
I say to you, even if he does not get up to give it to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence, rising up, he will give to him as much as he needs.	*I tell you, he may not want to get up and give his friend any food just because he is his friend. But if he keeps on asking, the man inside will certainly get up and give him everything he needs.*

In Jesus' parable, why did the man get up and give his friend bread at midnight?

Because of his friend's persistence.

Luke 11:13

ULT	UST
Therefore, if you being evil know to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father from heaven give the Holy Spirit to the ones asking him?"	*Even though you people are sinful, you still know how to give good gifts to your children. So it is even more certain that your Father in heaven will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."*

What will the Father in heaven give to those who ask him?

He will give them the Holy Spirit.

Luke 11:15

ULT	UST
But some of them said, "By Beelzebul, the ruler of demons, he casts out the demons."	*But some of them said, "It is Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, who enables this man to force out demons!"*

When they saw him drive out demons, what did some accuse Jesus of doing?

They accused him of driving out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of demons.

Luke 11:20

ULT	UST
But if I cast out the demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.	*I must actually be forcing out demons by the power of God. This means that God has begun to rule over you."*

By what power did Jesus answer that he drove out demons?

He said he drove out demons by the finger of God.

Luke 11:26

ULT	UST
Then it goes and takes along seven other spirits more evil than itself and they having entered, it resides there. And the last things of that man become worse than the first things."	*Then this evil spirit goes and gets seven other spirits that are even more evil than it is. They all enter that person and begin living in him. That person's condition was bad before, and it becomes even worse."*

If an unclean spirit leaves a man but then later returns, what will be the final condition of the man?

The final condition of that man will be worse than the first condition.

Luke 11:28

ULT	UST
But he said, "Rather, blessed are the ones hearing the word of God and keeping it."	*Then he replied, "God is even more pleased with those who hear his message and obey it!"*

When the woman cried out, blessing Jesus' mother, who did Jesus say was blessed?

Those who hear the word of God and keep it are blessed.

Luke 11:32

ULT	UST
The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.	*The people who lived in the ancient city of Nineveh turned from their sinful ways when Jonah preached to them. And now I, who am greater than Jonah, have come and preached to you. But you have not turned from your sinful ways. Therefore, at the time when God judges all people, the people who lived in Nineveh will stand up and condemn the people who are living now.*

Jesus said that he was greater than which two Old Testament men?

He is greater than Solomon and Jonah.

Luke 11:39

ULT	UST
But the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the bowl, but the inside of you is full of greed and evil.	*Jesus said to him, "You Pharisees wash the outside of cups and dishes before you eat, but within yourselves you are very greedy and wicked.*

What did Jesus say the Pharisees were filled with on the inside?

He said they were full of greed and evil.

Luke 11:42

ULT	UST
But woe to you Pharisees, because you tithe the mint and the rue and every garden herb, but you neglect the justice and the love of God. But it was necessary to do these and those not to neglect.	*But how terrible it will be for you Pharisees! You carefully give to God a tenth of all you have, including even the herbs that you grow in your gardens. But then you do not show God's love or fairness toward others. You should make sure that you do that, in addition to giving to God.*

What did Jesus say the Pharisees neglected?

They neglected justice and the love of God.

Luke 11:46

ULT	UST
But he said, "Woe also to you lawyers! For you burden men with burdens difficult to carry, but you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.	*But Jesus responded, "How terrible it will also be for you who are teachers of the Jewish laws! I say this because you tell people to follow so many rules, yet you will not do even the smallest thing to help them.*

What did Jesus say the teachers of the law were doing to other men?

They were burdening men with burdens difficult to carry, but not touching those burdens themselves.

Luke 11:50

ULT	UST
that the blood of all the prophets having been shed from the foundation of the world may be required from this generation,	*As a result, the people living at this time will be punished for the murder of all the prophets whom people have killed since the world was created.*

For what did Jesus say this generation would be held responsible?

They would be held responsible for all the blood of the prophets shed since the foundation of the world.

Luke 11:54

ULT	UST
lying in wait for him to trap something from his mouth.	*They kept listening for him to say something wrong so that they could accuse him of false teaching.*

What did the scribes and Pharisees do after hearing Jesus' words?

They were lying in wait to trap him in his words.

Luke 12

Luke 12:3

ULT	UST
Therefore, whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed upon the housetops.	*Someday people will hear publicly everything you have said privately. Someday someone will shout for everyone to hear what you have whispered in your room.*

According to Jesus, what will happen to everything you say in darkness?

It will be heard in the light.

Luke 12:5

ULT	UST
But I will show you whom to fear. Fear the one, after he has killed, having authority to throw into Gehenna. Yes, I say to you, fear him.	*I will tell you whom you should truly be afraid of. You should be afraid of God. Not only does he have the right to cause people to die, he also has the right to throw them into hell afterward! Yes, I tell you, God is the one you should truly be afraid of!*

Who did Jesus say that you should fear?

You should fear the one who, after he has killed us, has authority to throw you into hell.

Luke 12:8

ULT	UST
But I say to you, everyone who confesses about me before men, the Son of Man will also confess about him before the angels of God,	*I tell you also that if people tell others that they are my disciples, then I, the Son of Man, will say to God's angels that those people are my disciples.*

What will Jesus do for everyone who confesses Jesus' name before men?

Jesus will confess that person before the angels of God.

Luke 12:15

ULT	UST
Then he said to them, "See and keep yourselves from all covetousness, because one's life is not in the abounding to him of his possessions."	*Then he said to the whole crowd, "Be careful not to be greedy in any way! What matters about a person's life is not how many things he owns."*

According to Jesus, of what does our life not consist?

Our life does not consist in the abundance of our possessions.

Luke 12:18

ULT	UST
And he said, 'I will do this: I will take down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will gather all of my grain and good things.	*Then he thought to himself, 'I know what I will do! I will tear down my grain bins and build larger ones! Then I can store all my grain and other things in the big new bins.*

In Jesus' parable, what was the rich man going to do because his fields yielded abundantly?

He was going to take down his barns and build bigger ones, and store all his grain and goods there.

Luke 12:19

ULT	UST
And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many good things lying in store for many years. Relax, eat, drink, be merry."'	*Then I will say to myself, "Now I have stored up enough things to last many years. So I will take life easy. I will eat and drink and be happy"'*

What did the rich man tell himself to do since he had much grain stored up?

He told himself to relax, eat, drink, and be merry.

Luke 12:20

ULT	UST
But God said to him, 'Foolish one, this night they are demanding your soul from you, and what you have prepared, whose will it be?'	*But God said to him, 'You foolish man! Tonight you will die! Then all the things you have saved up for yourself will belong to someone else, not to you!'"*

What did God say to the rich man?

He said, "Foolish man, tonight your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"

Luke 12:31

ULT	UST
But seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.	*Instead, concentrate on what you can do for the kingdom of God. When you do, you can trust God to provide everything you need.*

Instead of being anxious about the things of life, what did Jesus say we should do?

We should seek the kingdom of God.

Luke 12:33

ULT	UST
Sell your possessions and give alms. Make for yourselves purses that do not wear out—unfailing treasure in the heavens, where thief does not come near, nor moth destroy.	*So sell the things you own and give the money to people who need food or clothing or a place to live. Get yourselves wallets that do not wear out. I mean store up treasure in heaven where it will always be safe. There no thief can steal anything and no moths will destroy your clothing.*

Where did Jesus say our treasure should be?

Our treasures should be in the heavens.

Luke 12:37

ULT	UST
Blessed are those servants whom the master will find watching when he comes. Truly I say to you that he will gird himself and have them recline to eat, and he will come and serve them.	*It will be very good for those servants if they are awake when their master returns. Let me tell you this: He will reward them by dressing like a servant, telling them to sit down, and serving them a meal.*

According to Jesus, which servants of God are blessed?

Those are blessed who are found watching when Jesus comes.

Luke 12:40

ULT	UST
You also be ready, because in that hour you do not think, the Son of Man comes."	*So be ready, because I, the Son of Man, will come again at a time when you do not expect me."*

Do we know the hour when Jesus will come?

No, he will come when we do not expect him.

Luke 12:46

ULT	UST
the master of that slave will come on a day that he does not expect and at an hour that he does not know, and he will cut him in two and appoint his place with the unfaithful.	*If he does that, his master might return at a time when the servant does not expect him. Then his master will punish him severely and assign him a place with those who do not serve him faithfully.*

What happens to the servant who abuses the other servants and is not ready for his master's return?

The master will cut him in two and appoint a place for him with the unbelievers.

Luke 12:48

ULT	UST
But the one not having known and having done things worthy of blows will be beaten little. But everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required from him, and to whom much has been provided, even more will be asked of him.	*But every servant who did not know what his master wanted him to do, and then did something wrong, will only get a mild punishment. The master will expect much from all servants to whom he has given much. And the master will expect even more from servants whom he has entrusted with many responsibilities.*

What is required of those to whom much is given?

Much is required of them.

Luke 12:52

ULT	UST
For from now on there will be five in one house divided—three against two and two against three.	*Be prepared, because this is what is going to happen. In a family of five people, some will believe in me and some will not. Three family members will join together against the other two.*

According to Jesus, what kind of divisions will he bring on the earth?

There will be people in the same house divided against each other.

Luke 12:58

ULT	UST
For as you are going with your adversary to a magistrate, make an effort on the way to be released from him so that he might not drag you to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.	*Here is one thing you should do. You should try to settle things with someone who has accused you while you are still on the way to the court. If he forces you to go to the judge, the judge could decide that you are guilty and turn you over to the court officer. Then that officer will put you in prison.*

According to Jesus, what should we do before we go with our adversary before the magistrate?

We should make an effort to be released from our obligation before we arrive at the magistrate.

Luke 13

Luke 13:3

ULT	UST
No, I say to you. But if you do not repent, you will all perish in the same way.	*I assure you, that was not the reason! Instead, God will similarly punish all of you if you do not turn from your sinful behavior.*

Did the Galileans who were killed by Pilate suffer in this way because they were more sinful than the other Galileans?

No, they were not more sinful.

Luke 13:8

ULT	UST
But answering, he says to him, 'Master, leave it this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure.	*But the gardener replied, 'Sir, leave it here for another year. I will dig around it and fertilize it.*

In Jesus' parable, what did the servant want to do with the fig tree that did not bear fruit?

He wanted to dig around it and put manure on it so that it might bear fruit.

Luke 13:9

ULT	UST
If it indeed bears fruit in the coming one ... but if not, you will cut it down!'"	*If it has figs on it next year, we can allow it to keep growing! But if it does not bear any fruit by then, you can cut it down.'"*

What would the servant do with the fig tree if it still did not bear fruit after he put manure on it for a year?

If it still did not bear fruit, his master would cut it down.

Luke 13:11

ULT	UST
and behold, a woman having a spirit of weakness for 18 years, and she was bent over and was not able to straighten up to the complete.	*There was a woman there whom an evil spirit had crippled for 18 years. She was always bent over. She could not stand up straight.*

In the synagogue, what had caused the woman to be bent over for eighteen years?

A spirit of weakness had caused her to be bent over and unable to stand up straight.

Luke 13:14

ULT	UST
But answering, the synagogue ruler, being indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the crowd, "There are six days on which it is necessary to work. Therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the day of the Sabbath."	*But the leader of the synagogue was angry because Jesus had healed her on the Jewish rest day. So he said to the people, "There are six days each week on which our laws permit people to work. If you need healing, those are the days to come to the synagogue for someone to heal you. Do not come on our day of rest!"*

Why was the synagogue ruler indignant when Jesus healed the woman?

He was angry because Jesus had healed the woman on the Sabbath.

Luke 13:15

ULT	UST
But the Lord answered him and said, "Hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it away to drink?	*Then Jesus replied to him, "You and your fellow religious leaders are hypocrites! Each of you also works on the day of rest sometimes! For example, you untie your ox or donkey to lead it from the stall to a place where it can drink water.*

How did Jesus show that the synagogue ruler was a hypocrite?

Jesus reminded him that he would untie his animal on the Sabbath to allow it to drink, yet he was indignant when Jesus released the woman on the Sabbath.

Luke 13:19

ULT	UST
It is like a mustard seed that a man took and threw into his garden, and it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the sky nested in its branches."	*It is like a tiny mustard seed that a man planted in his field. It grew until it became big, like a tree. It was so big that birds built nests in its branches."*

How is the kingdom of God like a mustard seed?

The kingdom of God starts small like a seed, but then grows into something very large.

Luke 13:24

ULT	UST
"Struggle to enter through the narrow door, because many, I say to you, will seek to enter, but will not be able.	*"You need to try hard to enter, because it is very difficult. I tell you that many people will try to get in, but they will not be able to.*

When asked if many would be saved, what did Jesus answer?

He said, "Struggle to enter through the narrow door, because many will seek to enter and will not be able."

Luke 13:28

ULT	UST
In that place, there will be wailing and the grinding of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you are thrown outside.	*Then Jesus continued by saying, "You will see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the distance. All the prophets who lived long ago will also be there where God rules everything as king. But you will be outside, crying and grinding your teeth in sorrow!*

What will the people do who are thrown outside and are not able to enter God's kingdom?

They will wail and grind their teeth.

Who be in the kingdom of God?

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the prophets, and many from the east, west, north, and south will be in the kingdom.

Luke 13:33

ULT	UST
Nevertheless, it is necessary for me to journey today, and tomorrow, and the following day, for it is not possible for a prophet to perish outside of Jerusalem.	*But I must also continue my trip to Jerusalem during the coming days, since the Jewish leaders have always acted as if it is not appropriate to kill a prophet in a place other than Jerusalem.*

Where did Jesus say a prophet must be killed?

It is not possible for a prophet to be killed anywhere but in Jerusalem.

Luke 13:34

ULT	UST
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one killing the prophets and stoning the ones having been sent to her! How often I desired to gather your children the way a hen her own brood under her wings, and you were not willing!	*Oh, people of Jerusalem! You killed the prophets who lived long ago. Then you killed others whom God sent to you. You killed them by throwing stones at them. Many times I have wanted to gather you together to protect you, as a hen gathers her young chicks under her wings. But you did not want me to do that.*

What did Jesus desire to do with the people of Jerusalem?

He desired to gather them the way a hen gathers her brood of chicks.

How did the people of Jerusalem respond to Jesus' desire for them?

They were not willing to be gathered by Jesus.

Luke 13:35

ULT	UST
Behold, your house is left to you. And I say to you, you will certainly not see me until it comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one coming in the name of the Lord.'"	*Now look! God will no longer protect you, people of Jerusalem. I will also tell you this: I will enter your city only once more. After that, you will not see me until the time when I return, and then you will say about me, 'May God bless this man who comes with God's authority!'"*

What did Jesus prophesy about Jerusalem and its people?

Their house was abandoned, and they would not see Jesus again until they said, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

Luke 14

Luke 14:3

ULT	UST
And answering, Jesus spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?”	*Jesus asked the experts in Jewish law and the Pharisees who were present, “Is it permitted in the law to heal people on the day of rest, or not?”*

What did Jesus ask the experts in the Jewish law and the Pharisees?

He asked them if it was lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not.

Luke 14:4

ULT	UST
But they kept silent. And, taking hold of him, he healed him and sent him away.	*They did not reply. So Jesus put his hands on the man and healed him. Then he told him he could go.*

What was the experts’ and Pharisees’ answer to Jesus?

They kept silent.

Luke 14:5

ULT	UST
And he said to them, “Of which of you will a son or an ox fall into a well, and he will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?”	*And he said to the others there, “If one of you had a son or an ox that fell into a well on the day of rest, you would pull him out immediately.”*

How did Jesus show that the experts and Pharisees were hypocrites?

Jesus reminded them that they would help their own son or ox that fell into a well on the Sabbath.

Luke 14:11

ULT	UST
For everyone exalting himself will be humbled, and the one humbling himself will be exalted.”	*For God will humble those who exalt themselves, and he will exalt those who humble themselves.”*

What did Jesus say will happen to whoever exalts himself?

The one who exalts himself will be humbled.

What did Jesus say will happen to whoever humbles himself?

The one who humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 14:14

ULT	UST
and you will be blessed, because they do not have to repay you. For it will be repaid to you in the resurrection of the righteous.”	*If you do that, God will reward you, because they will not be able to repay you. You can be sure that God will pay you back at the time when he causes righteous people to become alive again.”*

According to Jesus, how will a person be rewarded who invites the poor, crippled, lame, and blind into their home?

They will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.

Luke 14:18

ULT	UST
And they all from one began to excuse themselves. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I have need to go out to see it. I ask you, have me excused.’	*But when the servant did that, all of the people whom he had invited began to say why they could not come. The first man to whom the servant went said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go there and see it. Please ask your master to forgive me for not coming!’*

In Jesus’ parable of the dinner, what did the people do who were originally invited?

They began to make excuses about why they could not come to the dinner.

Luke 14:21

ULT	UST
And the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then becoming angry, the master of the house said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'	*So the servant returned to his master and reported what everyone had said. The owner of the house was angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and alleys of the city and find poor and crippled and blind and lame people, and bring them here into my house!'*

Who did the master then invite to his dinner?

He invited the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.

Luke 14:24

ULT	UST
For I say to you that none of those men that had been invited will taste of my supper.'"	*Moreover I tell you this, those men whom I invited first will not get to enjoy my feast, because they refused to come.'"*

What did the master then say about those who were first invited to his dinner?

He said that none of them would taste his dinner.

Luke 14:26

ULT	UST
"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters and also even his own life, he is not able to be my disciple.	*"If anyone comes to me who loves his father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters more than he loves me, he can not be my disciple. He must even love me more than he loves his own life!*

According to Jesus, what must his disciples do?

They must hate their own family and life in order to be Jesus' disciple.

Luke 14:27

ULT	UST
Whoever does not carry his cross and come after me is not able to be my disciple.	*Whoever does not carry his own cross and does not obey me cannot be my disciple.*

According to Jesus, what else must his disciples do?

Each disciple must carry his own cross and come after Jesus in order to be his disciple.

Luke 14:28

ULT	UST
For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost—whether he has for completion?	*After all, if one of you wanted to build a tower, you would first sit down and determine how much it would cost. That way you would know whether you had enough money to finish it.*

In Jesus' example about what it requires to follow him, what must a person do first who desires to build a tower?

That person must count the cost.

Luke 14:33

ULT	UST
In the same way, then, every one of you who does not renounce all the things that he himself possesses is not able to be my disciple.	*So, similarly, if any one of you does not first decide that you are willing to give up all that you have, you cannot be my disciple."*

According to Jesus, what must his disciples do?

They must renounce everything that they possess.

Luke 14:35

ULT	UST
It is useful neither for the soil nor for the manure pile. They throw it outside. The one having ears to hear, let him hear."	*If salt does not taste salty anymore, it is no longer any good even for the soil or the manure heap. People just throw it away. You should think carefully about what you just heard me say!"*

If salt loses its taste, what is done with it?

It is thrown away.

Luke 15

Luke 15:4

ULT	UST
“Which man among you, having 100 sheep and having lost one of them, does not leave the 99 in the wilderness and go after the lost one until he finds it?	*“Suppose that one of you had 100 sheep and you lost one of them. Certainly you would leave the 99 other sheep in the wilderness and go search for the lost sheep until you had found it.*

In Jesus’ parable, what does the shepherd do who loses one of his 100 sheep?

He leaves the other 99 and goes and finds the lost sheep.

Luke 15:5

ULT	UST
And having found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.	*When you found it, you would joyfully put it on your shoulders to carry it home.*

In Jesus’ parable, what does the shepherd do when he finds his lost sheep?

He brings it back, rejoicing.

Luke 15:8

ULT	UST
Or what woman, having ten drachmas, if she loses one drachma, would not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she has found it?	*Or suppose that a woman had ten valuable silver coins but lost one of them. Certainly she would light a lamp and sweep the floor and search carefully until she found it.*

In Jesus’ parable, what does the woman do who loses one of her ten silver coins?

She diligently searches until she finds it.

Luke 15:9

ULT	UST
And having found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice together with me, for I have found the drachma that I lost.'	*When she found it, she would call together her friends and neighbors and say to them, 'Be very happy with me, because I have found the coin that I lost!'*

In Jesus' parable, what does the woman do when she finds her lost silver coin?

She rejoices with her friends and neighbors.

Luke 15:10

ULT	UST
In the same way, I say to you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner repenting."	*I tell you that, in a similar way, there is much joy among the angels of God when one sinner repents from his sins."*

What happens in heaven when one sinner repents?

There is joy before the angels of God.

Luke 15:12

ULT	UST
and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of the wealth that falls to me.' And he distributed his livelihood to them.	*One day the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me now the share of your property that I would otherwise have received when you died.' So the father divided his property between his two sons.*

In Jesus' parable, what request did the younger son make to his father?

He asked his father to immediately give him the wealth that he would inherit.

Luke 15:13

ULT	UST
And after not many days, having gathered everything together, the younger son went to a distant country, and there he wasted his wealth, living recklessly.	*Only a few days later, the younger son gathered together all that he owned and traveled to a country far away. There in that country he spent all his money foolishly in wasteful, immoral living.*

What did the younger son do with his inheritance?

He wasted the money by living recklessly.

Luke 15:15

ULT	UST
And he went and attached himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed pigs.	*So he went to a man who lived in that country and asked him to hire him. So the man sent him out to his fields to feed his pigs.*

After his money was gone, what did the younger son do in order to live?

He hired himself out to feed another man’s pigs.

Luke 15:18

ULT	UST
I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.	*So I will leave here and go back to my father. I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against God and against you.*

When he began to think clearly, what did the younger son decide to do?

He decided to go and confess his sin to his father.

Luke 15:19

ULT	UST
I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired servants.”’	*I do not deserve to have you consider me your son any more. Please let me work for you as one of your hired servants.”’*

What did the younger son plan to ask his father to do for him?

He decided ask his father to hire him as one of his servants.

Luke 15:20

ULT	UST
And having gotten up, he went to his own father. But he being still far away, his father saw him and felt compassion, and he ran, fell upon his neck, and kissed him.	*So he left there and started traveling back to his father's house. But while he was still a great distance from the house, his father saw him and felt deep compassion for him. He ran to his son and embraced him and kissed him on the cheek.*

What did the father do when he saw the younger son coming back home?

His father was moved with compassion, ran to him, and hugged and kissed him.

Luke 15:22

ULT	UST
But the father said to his servants, 'Quickly, bring the first robe and clothe him, and put a ring on his hand, and sandals on his feet.	*But his father said to his servants; 'Go quickly and bring my best robe and put it on my son. Also put a ring on his finger and shoes on his feet!*

What did the father quickly do for the younger son?

The father gave him a robe, a ring, and sandals.

Luke 15:23

ULT	UST
And bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate!	*And bring the calf that we have fattened for a special occasion and kill it, so that we can eat it and celebrate!*

How did the father celebrate the return of his younger son?

The father had the servants kill the fattened calf so they could eat and celebrate.

Luke 15:28

ULT	UST
But he became angry and was not willing to go in, and his father came out and entreated him.	*But the older brother was angry and did not want to join the celebration. So his father came out and pleaded with him to come in.*

What was the older son's reaction when he was told about the feast for the younger son?

He was angry and would not go in to the feast.

Luke 15:29

ULT	UST
But answering, he said to his father, 'Behold, for so many years I am slaving for you, and I have never disregarded your command, and you never gave a young goat to me so that I might celebrate with my friends,	*But he replied to his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have worked as hard as a slave for you. I have always obeyed everything you told me to do. But you have never given me so much as a young goat that I could use to host a feast for my friends.*

What was the older son's complaint to his father?

The older son complained that he had followed his father's rules, but had never been given a goat to have a feast with his friends.

Luke 15:31

ULT	UST
But he said to him, 'Child, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.	*But his father said to him, 'My son, you are always with me, and all that I own is yours.*

What was the father's response to the older son?

He said, "Child, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours."

Luke 15:32

ULT	UST
But it was proper to celebrate and to rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead, and lived, and he had been lost, and was found.’”	*But it is right for us to celebrate and rejoice, because it is as though your brother was dead and is alive again! It is as though he was lost and we have him found again!’”*

Why did the father say it was proper to have a feast for the younger son?

It was proper to feast because the younger son had been lost and was found.

Luke 16

Luke 16:1

ULT	UST
And he also said to the disciples, "There was a certain rich man who had a manager, and he was reported to him as wasting his possessions.	*Jesus also said to his disciples, "Once there was a rich man who had a household manager. One day someone informed the rich man that the manager was doing such a bad job that the rich man was losing lots of money.*

What report did the rich man hear about his manager?

He heard that the manager was wasting the rich man's possessions.

Luke 16:5

ULT	UST
And having summoned each one of the debtors of his master, he said to the first one, 'How much do you owe to my master?'	*So he asked everyone who owed his master money to come to him one by one. He asked the first one, 'How much do you owe my master?'*

What did the manager do just before he was forced to leave his job?

He summoned each one of his master's debtors.

Luke 16:6

ULT	UST
And he said, '100 baths of olive oil.' Then he said to him, 'Take your bill and, sitting down, quickly write 50.'	*The man replied, '3, 000 liters of olive oil.' The manager said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down, and quickly change it to 1, 500 liters!'*

What did the manager do for his master's first debtor?

He allowed him to reduced his debt.

Luke 16:7

ULT	UST
Then to another he said, ‘And you, how much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘100 cors of wheat.’ He says to him, ‘Take your bill, and write 80.’	*He said to another man, ‘How much do you owe?’ The man replied, ‘1, 000 baskets of wheat.’ The manager said to him, ‘Take your bill and change it to 800 baskets!’*

What did the manager do for his master’s second debtor?

He also allowed him to reduced his debt.

Luke 16:8

ULT	UST
And the master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the sons of this age are shrewder than the sons of the light in their own generation.	*When the master heard what his manager had done, he praised the dishonest manager for being so clever. The truth is, the people who belong to this world are more clever than the people who belong to God in how they relate to those around them.*

What was the rich man’s response to his manager’s actions?

He praised the manager because he had acted shrewdly.

Luke 16:9

ULT	UST
And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails, they may welcome you into the eternal dwellings.	*I tell you, use the money you have in this world to make friends for yourselves. Then when that money is gone, those friends will welcome you into their homes, which will last forever.*

What did Jesus tell others to do based on this story?

He said, “Make friends for yourselves by means of worldly wealth, so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal dwellings.”

Luke 16:10

ULT	UST
The one who is faithful in very little is also faithful in much, and the one who is unrighteous in very little is also unrighteous in much.	*People who faithfully manage small amounts of money will also be honest with much greater amounts. People who are dishonest in the way they manage small amounts of money will also be dishonest with much greater amounts.*

What did Jesus say about the person who is faithful with very little?

The person will also be faithful with much.

Luke 16:13

ULT	UST
No servant is able to serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and will love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and will despise the other. You are not able to serve God and wealth."	*No servant is able to serve two different masters at the same time. If he tried to do that, he would hate one of them and love the other one, or he would be loyal to one of them and despise the other one. You cannot devote your life to serving God if you are also devoting your life to acquiring money and other material possessions."*

Jesus said we cannot serve two masters. To what two masters was he referring?

We must choose between serving God and serving wealth.

Luke 16:16

ULT	UST
The Law and the Prophets were until John. From then on, the kingdom of God is proclaimed as good news, and everyone is forcing their way into it.	*The laws that God gave Moses and the things that the prophets wrote were in effect until John the Baptizer came. Since then, I have been preaching the good news about how God will rule as king. Many people are accepting my message and are very eagerly trying to become part of the kingdom of God.*

Since John, the kingdom of God is proclaimed as good news. What two things were in effect before John?

The Law and the Prophets were until John.

According to Jesus, what is now being preached?

The gospel of the kingdom of God is now being preached.

Luke 16:18

ULT	UST
Everyone divorcing his wife and marrying another commits adultery, and the one marrying one that has been divorced from a husband commits adultery.	*Any man who divorces his wife and marries another woman is committing adultery, and any man who marries a woman whose husband has divorced her is also committing adultery."*

According to Jesus, what sin is committed by one who divorces his wife and marries another?

The one who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery.

Luke 16:22

ULT	UST
Then it happened that the poor man died, and he was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. Then the rich man also died and was buried,	*Eventually the poor man died. Then the angels took him to be with his ancestor Abraham. The rich man also died, and people buried his body.*

In Jesus' story, where did the beggar Lazarus go after he died?

The poor man Lazarus was carried by angels to Abraham's bosom.

Luke 16:23

ULT	UST
and in Hades, lifting up his eyes, being in torment, he sees Abraham from afar, and Lazarus in his bosom.	*In the place of the dead, the rich man was suffering great pain. He looked up and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus sitting very close to Abraham.*

What happened to the rich man after he died?

He was tormented in Hades.

Luke 16:24

ULT	UST
And crying out, he said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame.’	*So the rich man shouted, ‘Father Abraham, I am suffering very much in this fire! So please pity me and send Lazarus here so that he can dip his finger in water and touch my tongue to cool it!’*

What was the first request that the rich man made to Abraham?

He asked Abraham to send Lazarus to bring him a little water because he was suffering greatly in the flame.

Luke 16:26

ULT	UST
And with all these things, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that the ones wanting to cross from here to you may not be able, nor may they go across from there to us.’	*Besides that, God has placed a huge ravine between you and us. So those who want to go from here to you there are not able to. Furthermore, no one can cross from there to where we are, either.’*

What was Abraham’s answer to the rich man?

He said there was a great chasm between them that no one could cross.

Luke 16:27

ULT	UST
Then he said, ‘I beg you then, Father, that you would send him to the house of my father—	*Then the rich man said, ‘If that is so, Father Abraham, I ask you to send Lazarus to my family home.*

What was the second request that the rich man made to Abraham?

He asked Abraham to send Lazarus to the house of his father.

Luke 16:28

ULT	UST
for I have five brothers—in order that he might warn them, so that they may not also come to this place of torment.'	*I have five brothers who live there. Tell him to warn them so that they do not also come to this place where we suffer great pain!'*

Why did the rich man want Lazarus to go to the house of his father?

He wanted Lazarus to warn his brothers about Hades.

Luke 16:29

ULT	UST
But Abraham says, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them listen to them.'	*But Abraham replied, 'No, I will not do that because your brothers have what Moses and the prophets wrote long ago. They should obey what they wrote!'*

What was Abraham's answer to the rich man?

He said the rich man's brothers have Moses and the prophets, and they could listen to them.

Luke 16:31

ULT	UST
But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.'"	*Abraham said to him, 'So they would not obey what Moses and the prophets wrote. Then it would not help even if someone from among the people who have died went and warned them. They would still not believe that they should turn from their sinful behavior.'"*

Abraham said that if they would not listen to Moses and the prophets, what else would not persuade them?

They would not be persuaded even if someone rose from the dead.

Luke 17

Luke 17:4

ULT	UST
And if he sins against you seven times in the day, and seven times returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you will forgive him."	*Even if he sins against you seven times in one day, if he comes to you each time and says, 'I am sorry for what I did,' you must continue forgiving him."*

What did Jesus say we must do if our brother sins against us seven times in a day and returns seven times saying, "I repent"?

We must forgive him each time.

Luke 17:10

ULT	UST
Thus also you, when you have done all the things commanded to you, say, 'We are worthless servants. We have done what we ought to do.'"	*Similarly, when you have done everything that God has told you to do, you should say, 'We are only God's servants. We do not deserve to have you thank us. We have only done the things that he told us to do.'"*

As servants, what should we say after we have done everything commanded us by our Master?

We should say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what we ought to do."

Luke 17:12

ULT	UST
And as he entered into a certain village, ten leprous men, who stood at a distance met him	*As Jesus entered a village, ten lepers came toward him, but they stood at some distance away.*

Whom did Jesus meet when entering a village in the borderlands of Samaria and Galilee?

He met ten lepers.

Luke 17:13

ULT	UST
and they lifted up their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."	*They called out, "Jesus, Master, please have pity on us!"*

What did the ten lepers say to Jesus?

They said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."

Luke 17:14

ULT	UST
And having seen them, he said to them, "Go show yourselves to the priests." And it happened that, as they went away, they were cleansed.	*When Jesus saw them, he said to them, "Go and have the priests examine you." So they went, and on the way, their leprosy disappeared.*

What did Jesus tell the lepers to do?

He told them to go and show themselves to the priests.

What happened to the lepers as they went to the priests?

They were cleansed.

Luke 17:15

ULT	UST
Then one of them, having seen that he had been healed, returned, glorifying God with a loud voice.	*Then one of them, when he saw that he no longer had leprosy, went back, praising God loudly.*

How many of the ten lepers returned to thank Jesus?

Only one returned.

Luke 17:16

ULT	UST
And he fell on his face at his feet, giving thanks to him. And he was a Samaritan.	*He came to Jesus and he lay down on the ground with his face at Jesus' feet, and he thanked him. This man was a Samaritan.*

Where was the leper from who returned to thank Jesus?

He was from Samaria.

Luke 17:21

ULT	UST
Neither will they say, 'Behold, here!' or 'There!' For behold, the kingdom of God is within you."	*People will not be able to say, 'Look! God is ruling here!' or 'God is ruling there!' Contrary to what you think, God has already begun to rule within you."*

When asked about the coming of the kingdom, where did Jesus say the kingdom of God is?

He said that the kingdom of God is within them.

Luke 17:24

ULT	UST
for just as the lightning flashing from a place under the sky shines to a place under the sky, thus will be the Son of Man.	*For when the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, everyone can see it. Similarly, when I, the Son of Man, come back again, everyone will see me.*

What did Jesus say it will be like in his day, when he appears again?

It will be like the lightning flashing from one part of the sky to another.

Luke 17:25

ULT	UST
But first it is necessary for him to suffer many things and to be rejected by this generation.	*But before that happens, I must suffer in many ways, and people will reject me.*

What did Jesus say must happen before he returns?

He must suffer many things and be rejected by that generation.

Luke 17:27

ULT	UST
They were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage— until that day Noah entered into the ark and the flood came and destroyed them all.	*At that time people ate and drank as usual, and they got married as usual, up until the day when Noah and his family entered the big boat. But then the flood came and destroyed all those who were not in the boat.*

What were the people doing in the days of Noah?

They were eating, drinking, marrying, and giving in marriage, unaware that the day of destruction had come.

Luke 17:37

ULT	UST
And answering, they say to him, "Where, Lord?" So he said to them, "Where the body is, there also the vultures will be gathered together."	*His disciples said to him, "Lord, where will this happen?" He replied to them, "Wherever there is a dead body, the vultures will gather to eat it."*

What example from nature did Jesus use to answer his disciples' question, "Where, Lord?"?

Jesus used the example of a dead body and vultures. He said that where there is a body, there the vultures gather together.

Luke 18

Luke 18:1

ULT	UST
Then he spoke a parable to them to show that it was necessary for them always to pray and not to become discouraged,	*Jesus told his disciples another story to teach them that they should pray continually and not become discouraged if God did not immediately answer their prayers.*

What did Jesus want to teach his disciples about prayer from this story?

He wanted to teach them that they should always pray and not become discouraged.

Luke 18:3

ULT	UST
And there was a widow in that city, and she was coming to him, saying, 'Vindicate me against my opponent.'	*There was a widow in that city who kept coming to that judge, saying, 'Please get justice for me against the man who is opposing me in court.'*

What did the widow keep asking for from the unjust judge?

She asked for justice against her opponent.

Luke 18:5

ULT	UST
yet because this widow causes me trouble, I will vindicate her, so that she will not beat me up by coming to the end.'"	*But this widow keeps bothering me! So I will judge her case and make sure she is treated fairly. I am concerned that if I do not do that, she will exhaust me by continually coming to me!'"*

After a while, what did the unjust judge say to himself?

He said, "Because this widow causes me trouble, I give her justice, so that she will not wear me out by coming continually."

Luke 18:8

ULT	UST
I say to you that he will do the vindication of them quickly. Nevertheless, the Son of Man having come, will he indeed find faith on the earth?"	*I tell you, God will quickly bring about justice for his chosen ones! Nevertheless when I, the Son of Man, come back to earth, there will still be many people who do not believe in me."*

What did Jesus want to teach his disciples about how God answers prayer?

He wanted to teach them that God will bring justice to those who cry out to him.

Luke 18:9

ULT	UST
Then he also spoke this parable to some of the ones having become confident in themselves that they were righteous and disdaining others:	*Then Jesus also told the following story to some people who thought they were righteous and who looked down on other people.*

What was the Pharisees' attitude about their own righteousness and about other people?

They thought they were more righteous than other people.

Luke 18:10

ULT	UST
"Two men went up into the temple to pray—the one a Pharisee, and the other a tax collector.	*He said, "Two men went up to the temple in Jerusalem to pray. One of the men was a Pharisee. The other man was someone who collected taxes from the people for the Roman government.*

In Jesus' story, which two men went up into the temple to pray?

A Pharisee and a tax collector went up into the temple to pray.

Luke 18:11

ULT	UST
The Pharisee, standing, was praying these things about himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of men—robbers, unrighteous, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.	*The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself in this way, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like other people. Some steal money from others. Some treat others unjustly. Some commit adultery. I do not do any of those things. And I am certainly not like this sinful tax collector who cheats people!*

What was the Pharisee's attitude about his own righteousness and about other people?

He thought he was not sinful like other people.

Luke 18:13

ULT	UST
But the tax collector, standing at a distance, did not even want to lift up his eyes toward heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, have mercy on me, the sinner.'	*But the tax collector stood far away from the other people in the temple courtyard. He would not even look up toward heaven. Instead, he beat on his chest and said, 'O God, please forgive me, because I am a terrible sinner!'"*

What was the tax collector's prayer to God in the temple?

He prayed, "God, be merciful to me, the sinner."

Luke 18:14

ULT	UST
I say to you, this one went down to his house justified rather than that one. For everyone exalting himself will be humbled, but the one humbling himself will be exalted."	*Then Jesus said, "I tell you that as they left to go home, God had forgiven the tax collector, but God had not forgiven the Pharisee. This is because God will humble everyone who exalts himself, and God will exalt everyone who humbles himself."*

Which man went back to his house justified before God?

The tax collector was justified before God.

Luke 18:16

ULT	UST
But Jesus summoned them, saying, "Permit the little children to come to me, and do not forbid them. For of such is the kingdom of God.	*But Jesus called for the children to be brought to him. He said, "Let the little children come to me! Do not stop them, because it is humble and trusting people like these children who let God rule their lives.*

To whom did Jesus say that the kingdom of God belongs?

He said it belongs to those who are as children.

Luke 18:22

ULT	UST
But Jesus, hearing, said to him, "One thing is still lacking to you. Sell everything, as much as you have, and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in the heavens; and come, follow me."	*When Jesus heard him say that, he replied to him, "You still need to do one more thing. Sell all that you own. Then give the money to people who have very little to live on. The result will be that you will have spiritual riches in heaven. Then come and be my disciple!"*

What one thing did Jesus ask the ruler (the one who had obeyed God's commandments from his youth) to do?

Jesus asked him to sell all that he had and to distribute to the poor.

Luke 18:23

ULT	UST
But he, hearing these things, became deeply grieved, for he was very rich.	*The man became very sad when he heard that, because he was extremely rich.*

How did the ruler respond to Jesus' statement and why?

He became extremely sad, for he was very rich.

Luke 18:30

ULT	UST
who will by no means not receive much more in this time, and in the age that is coming, eternal life."	*will receive in this life many times as much as they left behind and, in the coming age, they will receive everlasting life."*

What did Jesus promise those who have left earthly things for the sake of the kingdom of God?

Jesus promised them much more in this world, and eternal life in the age to come.

Luke 18:32

ULT	UST
For he will be given over to the Gentiles, and he will be mocked, and will be mistreated, and will be spit on.	*This will happen when my enemies turn me over to the authorities who are not Jews. They will mock me, treat me with disdain, and spit on me.*

According to Jesus, what had the Old Testament prophets written about the Son of Man?

That he would be handed over to the Gentiles, mocked and shamefully treated.

Luke 18:33

ULT	UST
And having whipped him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise."	*They will whip me and then they will kill me. But two days later I will become alive again."*

What had the Old Testament prophets written that the Son of Man would do on the third day?

They wrote that he would rise again on the third day.

Luke 18:38

ULT	UST
And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me."	*He shouted, "Jesus, you who are descended from King David, have pity on me!"*

What did the blind man by the road cry out to Jesus?

He said, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me."

Luke 18:43

ULT	UST
And immediately he saw again, and he was following him, glorifying God. And all the people, seeing this, gave praise to God.	*Immediately he was able to see. And he went with Jesus, praising God. And when all the people there saw this, they also praised God.*

How did the people respond after seeing the blind man healed?

They glorified and praised God.

Luke 19

Luke 19:2

ULT	UST
And behold a man, called Zacchaeus by name, and he was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.	*There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was in charge of collecting taxes, and he was very rich.*

Who climbed up a tree to see Jesus, and what was his occupation?

The person who climbed the tree was Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich.

Luke 19:7

ULT	UST
And having seen this, they all complained, saying, "He has gone in to lodge with a sinful man."	*But the people who saw Jesus go there grumbled, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a real sinner!"*

What complaint did everyone make when Jesus went to Zacchaeus' house?

They said, "Jesus has gone in to be a guest with a sinful man."

Luke 19:9

ULT	UST
Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham.	*Jesus said to him, "Today God has saved this household, because this man has shown that he is a true descendant of Abraham.*

What did Jesus say about Zacchaeus after Zacchaeus announced his gifts to the poor?

He said, "Today salvation has come to this house."

Luke 19:11

ULT	UST
And as they were listening to these things, he proceeded to speak a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and they thought that the kingdom of God was about to appear immediately.	*The people were listening to everything Jesus said. He was getting close to Jerusalem, and he knew that the people had a wrong idea. They thought he would begin to rule as king over God's people as soon as he got to Jerusalem. So Jesus decided to tell them another story to correct that idea.*

What did the people expect would happen when Jesus reached Jerusalem?

They thought that the kingdom of God would appear immediately.

Luke 19:12

ULT	UST
Therefore he said, "A certain well-born man journeyed to a distant country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return.	*He said, "A prince was preparing to go to a distant country so that a higher king could give him the right to rule over the country where he lived. After he received it, he would come back to rule his people.*

In Jesus' parable, where was the nobleman going to travel?

He was going to a far country to receive a kingdom, and then he would return.

Luke 19:17

ULT	UST
And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you were faithful in very little, be having authority over ten cities.'	*He said to this man, 'You are a good servant! You have done very well! Because you have faithfully taken care of a small amount of money, I will give you ten cities to rule over.'*

What did the nobleman do for the servant who had been faithful and had earned ten more minas?

The nobleman gave him authority over ten cities.

Luke 19:19

ULT	UST
So he also said to this one, ‘And you be over five cities.’	*He also said to that servant, ‘Well done! I will put you over five cities.’*

What did the nobleman do for the servant who had been faithful and had made five more minas?

He gave them authority over five cities.

Luke 19:21

ULT	UST
for I feared you, because you are a harsh man. You take up what you did not put down, and you reap what you did not sow.’	*I was afraid that you would take everything I earned. I know you are a hard man who takes things from others that do not really belong to you. You are like a farmer who harvests grain that another farmer has planted.’*

What kind of man did the wicked servant think the nobleman was?

He knew the nobleman was a demanding man.

Luke 19:24

ULT	UST
And he said to the ones standing by, ‘Take the mina away from him and give it to the one having the ten minas.’	*Then the king said to those who were standing near, ‘Take the money from him and give it to the servant who made ten times as much!’*

What did the nobleman do with the wicked servant?

He took away the wicked servant’s mina.

Luke 19:27

ULT	UST
But these enemies of mine, the ones not having wanted me to reign over them, bring them here and kill them before me.’”	*Now, as for those enemies of mine who did not want me to rule over them, bring them here and execute them while I am watching!’”*

What did the nobleman do with those who did not want him to reign over them?

The nobleman had them killed in front of him.

Luke 19:30

ULT	UST
saying, "Go into the village opposite, in which, entering, you will find a colt tied up, on which no one of men has ever sat. Having untied it, bring it here.	*He told them, "Go to the village just ahead of you. As you enter it, there you will see a young donkey tied up that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it to me.*

What kind of animal did Jesus ride on as he went into Jerusalem?

He rode on a donkey colt on which no one had ever sat.

Luke 19:38

ULT	UST
saying, "Blessed is the king coming in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"	*They were saying things like, "May God bless our king who comes with God's authority! May there be peace between God in heaven and us his people, and may everyone praise God!"*

What did the crowd cry out as Jesus approached the Mount of Olives?

They cried out, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Luke 19:40

ULT	UST
And answering, he said, "I say to you that if these were silent, the stones would cry out."	*He replied, "I tell you this: If these people were silent, the stones themselves would shout to praise me!"*

What did Jesus say would happen if the people did not cry out rejoicing?

He said that the stones would cry out.

Luke 19:41

ULT	UST
And as he approached, having seen the city, he wept over it,	*When Jesus came near to Jerusalem and saw the city, he cried about its people.*

What did Jesus do as he drew near to the city?

He wept over it.

Luke 19:44

ULT	UST
And they will dash you to the ground and your children within you. And they will not leave stone upon stone in you because you did not know the time of your visitation."	*They will break through the walls and destroy them and the rest of the city. They will kill all of you. They will completely demolish everything. All this will happen because you did not recognize the time when God came to save you!"*

What did Jesus then prophesy would happen to the people and the city?

He said that enemies would smash the city to the ground and that not one stone would be left upon another.

Luke 19:47

ULT	UST
And he was teaching each day in the temple. And the chief priests and the scribes and the first of the people were seeking to destroy him,	*Each day during that week, Jesus was teaching people at the temple. The chief priests, the teachers of religious laws, and other Jewish leaders were trying to find a way to kill him.*

Who wanted to kill Jesus as he was teaching in the temple?

The chief priests and the scribes and the leaders of the people wanted to kill Jesus.

Luke 19:48

ULT	UST
And they were not finding something that they might do, for all the people were hanging on him listening.	*But they did not find any way to do it, because very many people were eager to hear him.*

Why could they not kill him at this time?

They could not kill him because the people were listening to him intently.

Luke 20

Luke 20:4

ULT	UST
The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men?”	*about John baptizing people: Did God command him to baptize or did humans command him?”*

When the Jewish leaders asked Jesus by what authority he taught, what question did Jesus ask them?

He asked, “Was the baptism of John from heaven, or from men?”

Luke 20:5

ULT	UST
Then they reasoned with each other, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say, ‘For what reason did you not believe him?’	*They discussed this among themselves. They said, “If we answer, ‘God commanded him,’ then he will say, ‘So why did you not believe him?’*

If they answered, “from heaven,” what did the Jewish leaders think that Jesus would say to them?

The Jewish leaders thought that Jesus would say, “Then why did you not believe John?”

Luke 20:6

ULT	UST
But if we say, ‘From men,’ the whole people will stone us, for it is persuaded that John was a prophet.”	*But if we say, ‘It was only humans who told him to baptize,’ the people will stone us to death, because most of them believe that John was a prophet whom God sent.”*

If they answered, “from men,” what did they think that the people would do to them?

They thought that the people would stone them.

Luke 20:11

ULT	UST
And he proceeded to send another servant, but they, beating him and treating him shamefully, sent that one also away empty.	*Later, the owner sent another servant, but they also beat and shamed that servant. They sent him away without any grapes.*

In Jesus' parable, what did the vine dressers do when the lord sent his servants to get the fruit of the vineyard?

They beat the servants, treated them shamefully, and sent them away empty-handed.

Luke 20:13

ULT	UST
So the lord of the vineyard said, 'What should I do? I will send my beloved son. Perhaps they will respect him.'	*So the owner of the vineyard said to himself, 'What should I do now? I will send my son, whom I love very much. They will probably respect him.'*

Finally, who did the lord send to the vine dressers?

He sent his beloved son.

Luke 20:15

ULT	UST
And having thrown him out of the vineyard, they killed him. What then will the lord of the vineyard do to them?	*So they dragged him outside the vineyard, and they killed him. I will tell you what the owner of the vineyard will do to them!*

What did the vine dressers do when the son came to the vineyard?

They threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

Luke 20:16

ULT	UST
He will come and destroy these farmers and will give the vineyard to others." But having heard this, they said, "May it not be!"	*He will come and kill those people who were taking care of the vineyard. Then he will arrange for other people to take care of it." When the people listening to Jesus heard this, they said, "May a situation like this never happen!"*

What will the lord of the vineyard do to those vine dressers?

He will come and kill those vine dressers and give the vineyard to others.

Luke 20:19

ULT	UST
And the scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him in that hour, and they feared the people, for they knew that he spoke this parable against them.	*The chief priests and the teachers of the Jewish laws realized that he was accusing them when he told the story about those wicked people. So they immediately tried to find a way to arrest him. But they did not arrest him, because they were afraid of what the people would do if they did so.*

Against whom did Jesus tell this parable?

He told this parable against the scribes and the chief priests.

Luke 20:25

ULT	UST
And he said to them, "Therefore give back the things of Caesar to Caesar, and the things of God to God."	*He said to them, "In that case, give to the government what belongs to it, and give to God what belongs to him."*

How did Jesus answer the question about whether or not it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar?

He said to give the things of Caesar to Caesar, and the things of God to God.

Luke 20:27

ULT	UST
Then some of the Sadducees, the ones saying there is no resurrection, having approached, questioned him,	*After that, some Sadducees came to Jesus. Their group of Jews taught that no one would rise from the dead. They also intended to ask Jesus a challenging question.*

What event did the Sadducees not believe in?

They did not believe in the resurrection of the dead.

Luke 20:34

ULT	UST
And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage.	*Jesus replied to them, "In this world, men marry women, and parents give daughters in marriage to men.*

What did Jesus say about marriage in this world?

In this age, people marry and give in marriage.

Luke 20:35

ULT	UST
But the ones having been considered worthy to obtain that age and the resurrection that is from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.	*But the people whom God will consider worthy of being in heaven when he brings them back to life after they have died will not marry.*

What did Jesus say about marriage after the resurrection?

After the resurrection of the dead, those people do not marry or give in marriage.

Luke 20:37

ULT	UST
But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.	*Now that I have answered your question about marriage, I will show from Scripture that God does make people alive again after they have died. Even Moses wrote about this. In the place where he describes meeting God at the burning bush, he records how the Lord called himself 'the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' God would not have said that if he had not made those men alive again and he were not still their God.*

What Old Testament story did Jesus recall to prove the truth of the resurrection?

He recalled the story of Moses and the bush, in which Moses calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.

Luke 20:42

ULT	UST
For David himself says in the book of Psalms, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand,	*Consider that David himself wrote in the Book of Psalms about the Messiah, 'God said to my Lord, "Sit here next to me on my right side, in that position of great honor.*

What did the Lord say to David's Lord in the Psalms?

The Lord said to David's Lord, "Sit at my right hand."

Luke 20:47

ULT	UST
They devour the houses of widows, and for a pretext they pray at length. These will receive greater condemnation."	*They also steal all the property of widows. But to make other people think that they are righteous, they pray for a long time in public. God will condemn them strictly for what they have done."*

Behind their outwardly righteous actions, what wicked things were the scribes doing?

They were devouring widows' houses, and pretentiously making long prayers.

How did Jesus say these scribes would be judged?

He said that they will receive a greater condemnation.

Luke 21

Luke 21:4

ULT	UST
For all these put in the gifts from the things abounding to them. But she, from her poverty, put in all the life that she had."	*Let me tell you why that is true. All those rich people gave a lot of money, but it was extra money that they did not really need. But this widow, who is very poor, gave all the money that she had, even though she really did need it to live on."*

Why did Jesus say that the poor widow put more into the treasury than all of the others?

Jesus said this because she had very little and gave it all, while the others had a great deal and their giving was not a sacrifice.

Luke 21:6

ULT	UST
"These things that you are looking at, days will come in which stone upon stone will not be left, which will not be torn down."	*"Let me tell you what is going to happen to these things that you are admiring. Someday your enemies will demolish them entirely."*

What did Jesus say would happen to the temple in Jerusalem?

He said that it would be torn down and not one stone would be left on another.

Luke 21:7

ULT	UST
So they questioned him, saying, "Teacher, when therefore will these things be? And what will be the sign when these things are about to happen?"	*Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things happen? And what will show that these things are about to take place?"*

What two questions did the people ask Jesus about the temple?

They asked, "When will these things happen, and what will be the sign that they are about to happen?"

Luke 21:8

ULT	UST
Then he said, “Be careful that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time has come near.’ Do not go after them.	*Jesus replied, “Do not let anyone mislead you. For many people will come and each will claim to be me. Each will say about himself, ‘I am the Messiah!’ They will also say, ‘The time is almost here when God will rule as king!’ Do not believe what they are saying!*

Jesus warned that many deceivers will come. What will these deceivers say?

They will say, “I am he,” and “The time is approaching.”

Luke 21:10

ULT	UST
Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.	*Various people groups will attack each other, and the people of different kingdoms will fight each other.*

What did Jesus say would happen before the end?

There will be wars between nations and kingdoms.

Luke 21:11

ULT	UST
There will be both great earthquakes, and famines and plagues in various places. There will be both terrifying events and great signs from heaven.	*And in various places there will be great earthquakes. There will also be famines and terrible diseases. Many things will happen that will cause people to be very afraid. People will see strange things in the sky that will show that something very important is going to happen.*

What terrible events did Jesus say would happen before the end?

There will be earthquakes, famines, plagues, and great signs from heaven.

Luke 21:13

ULT	UST
It will turn out for you for a testimony.	*That will be a time for you to tell them the truth about me.*

What opportunity will the persecution of believers create?

It will create an opportunity for their testimony.

Luke 21:16

ULT	UST
But you will be handed over even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put to death some of you.	*And even your parents and brothers and sisters and other relatives and friends will betray you, and they will kill some of you.*

Who will hate Jesus' followers?

Parents, brothers, relatives, and friends will hate them.

Luke 21:20

ULT	UST
But when you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.	*When you see armies surround the city of Jerusalem, then you will know that they will soon destroy that city.*

What event would indicate that Jerusalem's destruction is near?

When Jerusalem is surrounded by armies, its destruction is near.

Luke 21:21

ULT	UST
Then let the ones in Judea flee to the mountains, and let the ones in the midst of it leave, and let the ones in the fields not enter into it.	*At that time those of you who are in other places in the province of Judea must escape to the mountains. And those of you who are in this city must leave. Those of you who are in the nearby countryside must not come into the city.*

What did Jesus tell people to do who saw that the destruction of Jerusalem was near?

He told them to flee to the mountains, to leave the city, and to not enter the city.

Luke 21:22

ULT	UST
For these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all the things that have been written.	*You should run away because God will punish the city of Jerusalem at this time. When he does that, what God has said in the Scriptures about this will come true.*

What did Jesus call the days of the destruction of Jerusalem?

He called them the days of vengeance, to fulfil all the things written.

Luke 21:24

ULT	UST
And they will fall by the mouth of the sword, and they will be led captive into all the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled by the nations until the times of the nations are fulfilled.	*Many of them will die because soldiers will kill them with their weapons. Their enemies will take others as prisoners and send them to many places around the world. The Gentiles will control the city of Jerusalem for as long as God allows."*

How long will Jerusalem be trampled by the Gentiles?

Jerusalem will be trampled by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Luke 21:25

ULT	UST
And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and distress of nations on the earth in perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.	*"At this time, strange things will happen to the sun, the moon, and the stars. And on earth, people groups will become very frightened. They will be as afraid as they would be in a roaring ocean with huge waves.*

What signs did Jesus say would precede his coming with power and great glory?

He said there would be signs in the sun, moon, and stars, and distress of the nations on the earth.

Luke 21:30

ULT	UST
When they already sprout, seeing for yourselves you know that the summer is already near.	*When you see that their leaves are sprouting, you know that it is the beginning of summer.*

What example did Jesus give of how his listeners knew when a season had come?

He said that when they see the leaves of the fig tree sprouting, they know that summer is near.

Luke 21:33

ULT	UST
The heaven and the earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.	*You may think of the sky and the land as permanent. They are not, but my words are permanent.*

What did Jesus say will pass away?

He said that heaven and earth will pass away.

What will never pass away?

Jesus' words will never pass away.

Luke 21:34

ULT	UST
But pay attention to yourselves, so that your hearts may not be burdened with hangover and drunkenness, and everyday worries, and that sudden day may come upon you	*Be very careful to control yourselves. If you get drunk, your minds will not be alert afterwards. And if you worry about day-to-day matters, you will become distracted. Then you will not be paying attention to the signs I have told you about, and I will surprise you when I return.*

What did Jesus warn his listeners not to do since that day will come suddenly?

He warned them to not let their hearts become burdened with debauchery, drunkenness, and the worries of life.

Luke 21:36

ULT	UST
But stay awake in every time, praying, so that you may be strong enough to escape all these things that are about to happen, and to stand before the Son of Man."	*So you must be always ready for my coming. Pray that you will be able to stay faithful to me as you experience these difficult things that I have been talking about. That way I, the Messiah, will declare you innocent when I come to judge the world."*

What did Jesus warn his listeners to do since that day will come suddenly?

He warned them to be alert and praying.

Luke 22

Luke 22:1

ULT	UST
And the Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was coming near.	*It was now almost time for the Celebration of Unleavened Bread, which people also called the Passover.*

At this time, which Jewish feast was approaching?

The feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching.

Luke 22:6

ULT	UST
And he agreed and was seeking an opportunity to hand him over to them away from the crowd.	*So Judas agreed, and then he started looking for a way to help them capture Jesus where the crowd would not see it.*

In what circumstances was Judas looking for an opportunity to deliver Jesus to the chief priests?

He was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus when he was away from the crowd.

Luke 22:12

ULT	UST
And that one will show you a large upper room, furnished. Prepare it there."	*He will show you a large room that is on the upper floor of the house. It will be all ready for entertaining guests. Prepare the meal for us there."*

Where did Jesus and the disciples eat the Passover meal?

They ate it in a large, furnished upper room in Jerusalem.

Luke 22:16

ULT	UST
For I say to you that I will certainly not eat it until when it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."	*I tell you, the next time I eat it will be when God gives it its deepest meaning when he rules everywhere as king."*

When did Jesus say he would eat the Passover meal again?

He said he would eat the Passover meal again when it was fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

Luke 22:19

ULT	UST
And having taken bread, having given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in my remembrance."	*Then he took some bread and thanked God for it. He broke it into pieces and gave it to them to eat. As he did so, he said, "This bread is my body, which I am about to sacrifice for you. Do this again later to honor me."*

What did Jesus say when he broke the bread and gave it to the disciples?

He said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Luke 22:20

ULT	UST
And the cup in the same way after the supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.	*In the same way, after they had eaten the meal, he took the cup of wine and said, "This is the new covenant that I will make using my own blood, which will flow out of my wounds for you when I die.*

What did Jesus say when he gave the cup to the disciples?

He said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Luke 22:22

ULT	UST
For the Son of Man indeed goes according to what has been determined. But woe to that man through whom he is handed over!”	*I say this because I, the Son of Man, will indeed die in the way that God has planned. But how terrible it will be for the man who hands me over to my enemies!”*

Was it God’s plan that Jesus be betrayed?

Yes, God had determined that Jesus would be betrayed.

Luke 22:23

ULT	UST
And they began to discuss among themselves about which of them therefore might be the one going to do this.	*Then they all began to ask each other which of them would actually be prepared to betray Jesus.*

Did the disciples know who was about to betray Jesus?

No, the disciples had no idea who would betray Jesus.

Luke 22:26

ULT	UST
But you be not thus. Instead, let the greater among you become like the younger. And the one leading like the one serving.	*But you should not be like those rulers! Instead, the most honored people among you should act as if they were the least honored ones. Anyone who leads must act like a servant.*

What did Jesus say the greatest among his disciples should do?

He said the greatest among them should be like the youngest.

Luke 22:27

ULT	UST
For who is greater, the one reclining to eat or the one serving? Is it not the one reclining to eat? But I am in the midst of you as one serving.	*For you know that the important person is the one who eats at the table, not the servant who brings the food. But I, your leader, have been setting an example for you by serving you while I have been among you*

How did Jesus live among his disciples?

He lived among them as one who serves.

Luke 22:30

ULT	UST
so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the 12 tribes of Israel.	*You will sit and eat and drink with me when I become king. In fact, you will sit on thrones and judge the people of the 12 tribes of Israel."*

Where did Jesus promise his disciples they would sit?

He said they would sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Luke 22:34

ULT	UST
But he said, "I say to you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today before you deny three times that you know me."	*Jesus replied, "Peter, I want you to know that this night, before the rooster crows, you will say three times that you do not know me!"*

What did Jesus predict that Peter would do?

He said that Peter would deny that he knew Jesus three times before the rooster would crow.

Luke 22:37

ULT	UST
For I say to you, this that is written must be accomplished in me, ‘And he was reckoned with the lawless.’ For indeed the thing concerning me has an accomplishment.”	*I tell you this because what a prophet wrote about me in the Scriptures must take place: ‘People treated him like a criminal.’ Everything the Scriptures say about me is going to happen.”*

What written prediction about Jesus was being fulfilled in these events?

The written prediction about Jesus that was being fulfilled is the one that says, “And he was reckoned with the lawless.”

Luke 22:40

ULT	UST
And having come to the place, he said to them, “Pray not to enter into temptation.”	*When Jesus came with his disciples to the place where he often spent the night, he said to them, “Pray that God will help you not to sin when you are tempted.”*

On the Mount of Olives, for what did Jesus tell his disciples to pray?

He wanted them to pray that they would not enter into temptation.

Luke 22:42

ULT	UST
saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Yet, let not my will, but yours, happen.”	*He said, “Father, if you are willing, please allow me not to experience the terrible things that are about to happen. But do not do what I want. Do what you want.”*

On the Mount of Olives, what did Jesus pray?

He prayed, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless not my will, but yours, be done.”

Luke 22:45

ULT	UST
And having risen up from the prayer, having come to the disciples, he found them sleeping from the sorrow.	*When Jesus got up from praying, he returned to his disciples. He discovered that they were sleeping. They were very sad and this had made them tired.*

What were the disciples doing when Jesus returned from praying?

They were sleeping.

Luke 22:48

ULT	UST
But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"	*But Jesus said to him, "Judas, how dare you use a kiss to hand me, the Son of Man, over to my enemies!"*

How did Judas betray Jesus in front of the crowd?

He betrayed Jesus with a kiss.

Luke 22:51

ULT	UST
But answering, Jesus said, "Allow up to this!" And touching his ear, he healed him.	*But Jesus said, "Do not do any more of that!" Then he touched the servant where he had been wounded and healed him.*

What did Jesus do with the man whose ear was cut off?

He touched his ear, and healed him.

Luke 22:53

ULT	UST
I being with you each day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the authority of the darkness."	

Where did Jesus say he was daily with the chief priests?

He said he had been in the temple each day.

Luke 22:54

ULT	UST
Now having seized him, they led him away and brought him into the house of the high priest. But Peter was following from a distance.	*The Jewish leaders and soldiers seized Jesus and led him away. They brought him to the high priest's house. Peter followed them from a safe distance far behind.*

After seizing him, where did the crowd take Jesus?

The crowd took him to the house of the high priest.

Luke 22:57

ULT	UST
But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him."	*But he denied it, saying, "Young lady, I do not know him!"*

What did Peter say when a certain maid said that Peter had been with Jesus?

He said, "Woman, I do not know him."

Luke 22:60

ULT	UST
But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying." And immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed.	*But Peter said, "Mister, that is not true!" Immediately a rooster crowed, while Peter was still speaking.*

What happened immediately after Peter denied knowing Jesus for the third time?

A rooster crowed immediately after he denied knowing Jesus.

Luke 22:62

ULT	UST
And going outside, he wept bitterly.	*And he went out of the courtyard and cried with great sorrow.*

What did Peter do after Jesus looked at him?

He went outside and wept bitterly.

Luke 22:63

ULT	UST
And the men holding him were mocking and beating him.	*The men who were guarding Jesus made fun of him and beat him.*

What did the men guarding Jesus do to him?

They mocked and beat him.

Luke 22:64

ULT	UST
And having blindfolded him, they were questioning him, saying, "Prophesy! Who is the one having hit you?"	*They put a blindfold on him so he could not see and then took turns hitting him. They said to him, "Show us that you are a prophet! Tell us who just hit you!"*

How did the men guarding Jesus mock him?

They blindfolded him and asked him who it was that hit him.

Luke 22:67

ULT	UST
saying, "If you are the Christ, tell us." But he said to them, "If I told you, you would certainly not believe;	*There they said to him, "If you are the Messiah, tell us!" But he replied, "If I say that I am the Messiah, you will not believe me.*

The council demanded that Jesus tell them if he is the Christ. What did Jesus say that they would not do if he did tell them?

He said that they would certainly not believe.

Luke 22:71

ULT	UST
And they said, “Why do we still have need of testimony? For we ourselves have heard from his own mouth.”	*Then they said to each other, “We ourselves have heard him say that he is equal to God! And so we certainly do not need any more people to testify against him on a charge of blasphemy!”*

Why did the council say that they did not need witnesses to prove that Jesus claimed to be the Christ?

They said they did not need more witnesses because they had heard Jesus, from his own mouth, claim that he was the Christ.

Luke 23

Luke 23:2

ULT	UST
And they began to accuse him, saying, "We found this one perverting our nation and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar and saying that he himself is Christ, a king."	*They accused him in front of Pilate. They said, "We have seen this man causing trouble by misleading our people. He has been telling them to not pay the taxes that Caesar, the Roman emperor, has imposed. Also, he has been saying that he is the Messiah, a king!"*

What accusations against Jesus did the Jewish leaders make to Pilate?

They said that Jesus was perverting the nation, forbidding tribute to Caesar, and saying that he was the Christ, a king.

Luke 23:4

ULT	UST
Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no cause in this man."	*Then Pilate said to the chief priests and to the crowd, "This man is not guilty of any crime."*

After questioning Jesus, what did Pilate say about him?

He said, "I find no cause in this man."

Luke 23:8

ULT	UST
And Herod, having seen Jesus, rejoiced greatly, for he had been desiring to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign happen by him.	*When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, because he had wanted to see Jesus for a long time. This was because Herod had heard many things about Jesus, and he wanted to see him perform a miracle.*

Why did Herod want to see Jesus?

Herod wanted to see Jesus do some sign.

Luke 23:9

ULT	UST
Then he questioned him in many words, but he answered him nothing.	*So he asked Jesus many questions, but Jesus did not reply to any of them.*

How did Jesus answer Herod's questions?

He answered Herod nothing.

Luke 23:14

ULT	UST
and said to them, "You brought this man to me as turning the people away, and behold, I, having examined him before you, found nothing in this man as cause for what you are accusing against him.	*He said to them, "You brought this man to me, saying that he has been leading the people to revolt. But I want you to know that after examining him while you were listening, I conclude that he is not guilty of doing any of the things you said he did.*

When Jesus was returned to Pilate, what did Pilate say about Jesus to the crowd?

He said he found nothing in Jesus of the cause which they were charging against him.

Luke 23:18

ULT	UST
But they cried out all together, saying, "Take away this one, but release to us Barabbas!"	*But the whole crowd shouted together, "Put this man to death! Set Barabbas free for us instead!"*

Who did the crowd want Pilate to release from prison for the Passover feast?

They wanted him to release Barabbas, a criminal.

Luke 23:21

ULT	UST
But they were shouting, saying, "Crucify, crucify him."	*But they kept on shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"*

What did the crowd shout should be done to Jesus?

They shouted, "Crucify, crucify him."

Luke 23:22

ULT	UST
Then he spoke to them a third time, "For what evil did this one do? No cause for death have I found in him. Therefore, having punished him, I will release him."	*Pilate then spoke to the crowd a third time. "No! He has not committed any crime! He has not done anything for which he deserves to die. So I will have my soldiers whip him, and then I will set him free."*

For the third time, what did Pilate tell the crowd about Jesus?

Pilate said, "No cause for death have I found in him."

Luke 23:23

ULT	UST
But they were insisting with loud voices, demanding for him to be crucified, and their voices prevailed.	*But the people in the crowd kept shouting to insist that Pilate execute Jesus on a cross. Finally, because they continued to shout so loudly, they persuaded Pilate.*

Why did Pilate finally grant the crowd's demand to crucify Jesus?

He granted their request because they were insisting with loud voices.

Luke 23:26

ULT	UST
And as they led him away, seizing Simon, a certain Cyrenean coming from the country, they put the cross on him, to carry behind Jesus.	*Now there was a man named Simon, who was from the city of Cyrene in Africa. He was coming into Jerusalem from the countryside. As the soldiers were leading Jesus away, they grabbed hold of Simon. They took from Jesus the cross that they had made him carry, and they put it on Simon's shoulders. They told him to carry it and follow behind Jesus.*

Who carried Jesus' cross and followed behind Jesus?

Simon of Cyrene carried Jesus' cross.

Luke 23:28

ULT	UST
But turning to them, Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.	*But instead of accepting their sympathy, Jesus turned to these women and said, "You women of Jerusalem, do not weep for me! Instead, weep over the terrible things that are going to happen to you and your children!*

For whom did Jesus say the women of Jerusalem should weep instead of for him?

Jesus said that they should weep for themselves and their children.

Luke 23:32

ULT	UST
And others, two criminals, were also being led away with him to be put to death.	*Two other men, who were criminals, were also walking with Jesus to the place where the Romans would execute them.*

Who was crucified with Jesus?

Two criminals were crucified with Jesus.

Luke 23:35

ULT	UST
And the people stood by watching, and the rulers were also ridiculing him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."	*Many people stood nearby, watching. They were making fun of Jesus. The Jewish leaders did the same thing. They said, "He saved other people! If God has really chosen him to be the Messiah, he should save himself!"*

Since Jesus claimed to be the Christ, what did the people, the soldiers and one of the criminals all challenge Jesus to do?

They challenged him to save himself.

Luke 23:38

ULT	UST
And there was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."	*On the cross above his head, the soldiers also fastened a sign that stated, "This is the King of the Jews."*

What was written on a sign over Jesus?

On the sign was written, "This is the King of the Jews."

Luke 23:42

ULT	UST
And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."	*Then he said to Jesus, "Jesus, please think about me and treat me well when you begin to rule as king!"*

What request did the second criminal make to Jesus?

He said, "Remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Luke 23:43

ULT	UST
And he said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."	*Jesus replied, "I want you to know that today you will be with me in paradise!"*

What promise did Jesus make to the second criminal?

He said, "Today you will be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:44

ULT	UST
And it was already about the sixth hour, and darkness happened over the whole land until the ninth hour.	*By then it was about noontime. But it became dark throughout that whole area until three o'clock in the afternoon.*

What miraculous event occurred immediately before Jesus' death?

Darkness came over the whole land for three hours.

Luke 23:45

ULT	UST
The sun failed, and the curtain of the temple was split in the middle.	*There was no light from the sun. And the thick curtain that closed off the Most Holy Place in the temple split into two pieces.*

What miraculous events occurred immediately before Jesus' death?

The sun failed, and the curtain of the temple was torn in the middle.

Luke 23:47

ULT	UST
Now the centurion, having seen the thing having happened, was glorifying God, saying, "Truly this man was righteous."	*When the centurion who was commanding the soldiers saw what happened, he said, "Indeed, this man did nothing wrong!" What he said honored God.*

What did the centurion say about Jesus after Jesus' death?

He said, "Certainly this man was righteous."

Luke 23:52

ULT	UST
This one, having approached Pilate, asked for the body of Jesus.	*Joseph went to Pilate and asked Pilate to permit him to take Jesus' body and bury it. Pilate gave him permission,*

What did Joseph of Arimathea ask Pilate to give him?

He asked Pilate for the body of Jesus.

Luke 23:53

ULT	UST
And having taken it down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and put him in a hewn tomb where no one ever had lain.	*So Joseph took Jesus' body down from the cross. He wrapped it in a linen cloth. Then he put Jesus' body in a burial chamber that someone had cut into a rock cliff. No one had ever put a body in that chamber before.*

What did Joseph of Arimathea do with Jesus' body?

He laid Jesus' body in a new tomb.

Luke 23:54

ULT	UST
And it was the Day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was dawning.	*This happened on the day when the Jewish people got ready for their day of rest. It was soon going to be sunset, the start of the Sabbath.*

What day was about to begin when Jesus was buried?

The Sabbath Day was about to begin.

Luke 23:56

ULT	UST
Then, having returned, they prepared spices and ointments. And on the Sabbath they rested, according to the commandment.	*Then the women went back to where they were staying in order to prepare spices and ointments to put on Jesus' body. However, they stopped working when the Sabbath began, just as the Jewish law required.*

What did the women who had been with Jesus do on the Sabbath?

They rested, according to God's commandment.

Luke 24

Luke 24:1

ULT	UST
Now on the first of the week, deeply at dawn, they came to the tomb, bringing spices that they had prepared.	*Very early in the morning on Sunday, those women went to the burial chamber. They brought with them the spices that they had prepared to put on the body of Jesus.*

When did the women come to the tomb of Jesus?

They came very early on the first day of the week.

Luke 24:2

ULT	UST
And they found the stone having been rolled away from the tomb,	*When they arrived, they discovered that somebody had rolled away the stone that had been closing off the entrance to the burial chamber.*

What did the women find had happened at the tomb?

They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb.

Luke 24:3

ULT	UST
but having entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.	*They went into the burial chamber, but the body of Jesus was not there!*

What did the women find inside the tomb?

They found that the body of Jesus was not there.

Luke 24:6

ULT	UST
He is not here, but he was raised up! Remember how he spoke to you, still being in Galilee,	*He is not here. No, he has come back to life! Recall that while he was still with you in Galilee, he said to you,*

What did the two men in dazzling apparel (angels) say had happened to Jesus?

They told the women that Jesus had risen.

Luke 24:11

ULT	UST
And these words seemed before them like nonsense, and they disbelieved them.	*But they thought this report was foolishness, so they did not believe the women.*

What was the apostles' reaction when the women told of their experience at the tomb?

These words seemed before them like nonsense, and they disbelieved them.

Luke 24:12

ULT	UST
But Peter, having risen up, ran to the tomb, and having stooped down, he sees only the linen cloths. So he went away to his home, wondering what had happened.	*However, Peter decided to see whether the story was true. He ran to the burial chamber. He stooped down and looked inside. He saw the linen cloths in which Jesus' body had been wrapped, but Jesus was not there. So he left the tomb, puzzling over what had happened.*

What did Peter see when he looked in the tomb?

Peter saw the linen cloths lying by themselves.

Luke 24:16

ULT	UST
But their eyes were being held so as not to recognize him.	*But God prevented them from realizing that it was Jesus.*

Why did the two disciples going to Emmaus not recognize Jesus when Jesus joined them?

Their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

Luke 24:21

ULT	UST
But we were hoping that he was the one going to redeem Israel. But indeed also with all these things, he is spending this third day since these things happened.	*We were hoping that he was the one who would free us Israelites from our enemies! But this does not seem possible now, since three days have passed since the Romans executed him.*

While Jesus was alive, what were the disciples hoping he would do?

They were hoping that he would redeem Israel.

Luke 24:27

ULT	UST
And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he explained to them the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures.	*Then Jesus explained to them all the things that the Scriptures said about himself. He started with what Moses wrote, and then he explained what all the prophets had written.*

What did Jesus explain to the two men from the scriptures?

He explained what the scriptures said concerning himself.

Luke 24:31

ULT	UST
Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he became invisible from them.	*And then God enabled them to recognize him. But immediately he disappeared!*

What happened to the two disciples when Jesus blessed the bread, broke it, and gave it to them?

Their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

Luke 24:36

ULT	UST
And as they were saying these things, he himself stood in the midst of them and said to them, "Peace to you."	*As they were saying that, Jesus himself suddenly appeared among them. He said to them, "May God give you peace!"*

What did Jesus say first when he appeared to the disciples in Jerusalem?

He said, "Peace to you."

Luke 24:39

ULT	UST
See my hands and my feet, that I myself am. Touch me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see me having."	*Look at the wounds in my hands and my feet! That way you can be sure that it is really I myself. Ghosts do not have bodies, as you see that I have, and you can touch me to prove that my body is real."*

How did Jesus prove that he was not just a spirit?

He invited the disciples to touch him, and he showed them his hands and feet.

Luke 24:45

ULT	UST
Then he opened their mind to understand the Scriptures, and he said to them,	*Then he enabled them to understand the things that the Scriptures said about him. He said to them,*

How were the disciples then able to understand the scriptures?

Jesus opened their minds to understand the scriptures.

Luke 24:47

ULT	UST
and repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.	*The Scriptures also say that those who believe in the Messiah would go and announce on his behalf that God will forgive people who stop sinning. I want you to do this, starting here in Jerusalem and going to every people group in the world.*

What did Jesus say should be proclaimed to all the nations?

Jesus said that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed to all the nations.

Luke 24:49

ULT	UST
And I am sending upon you the promise of my Father. But you stay in the city until you put on power from heaven."	*And I am going to send the Holy Spirit to you, as my Father promised. But you must stay in this city until God gives you the power of the Holy Spirit."*

For what did Jesus tell the disciples to wait?

He told them to wait until they are clothed with power from on high.

Luke 24:51

ULT	UST
And it happened that, while he was blessing them, he separated from them and was carried up into heaven.	*As he was doing that, he left them and went up to heaven.*

What happened to Jesus as he blessed the disciples near Bethany?

He was carried up into heaven.

Luke 24:53

ULT	UST
and they were through all in the temple, blessing God.	*Each day they went to the temple and spent time worshiping God there.*

Where did the disciples then spend their time, and what did they do?

They were continually in the temple, blessing God.

John

John 1

John 1:1

ULT	UST
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.	*The Word existed before the universe existed. The Word was with God. The Word also was God.*

What was in the beginning?

In the beginning was the Word.

What was the Word?

The Word was God.

John 1:1-2

Who was the Word with?

The Word was with God.

John 1:3

ULT	UST
All things came into being through him, and without him came into being not one thing that has come into being.	*God made everything through him. God made every single thing in the universe with him.*

Was anything made without the Word?

All things were made through him, and without him there was not one thing made that has been made.

John 1:4

ULT	UST
In him was life, and the life was the light of men.	*The Word gives eternal life, and that eternal life is God's good and true light that he revealed to humans.*

What was in the Word?

In him was life.

John 1:6

ULT	UST
There was a man—having been sent from God—his name was John.	*God sent a man named John who was known as John the Baptizer.*

What was the name of the man sent from God?

His name was John.

John 1:7

ULT	UST
He came as a witness in order that he might testify about the light, so that all might believe through him.	*He came in order to declare to people about Jesus, who is the light. He declared this so that everyone might trust in the light by means of his testimony.*

What did John come to do?

He came as a witness to testify about the light, that all might believe through him.

John 1:8-11

Did the world know or receive the light John came to testify about?

The world did not know the light John came to testify about, and that light's own people did not receive him.

John 1:12

ULT	UST
But as many as received him, he gave to them the authority to become children of God, to the ones believing in his name,	*But to everyone who accepted him and trusted in him he gave the right to become God's children.*

What did the light do for those who believed on his name?

To those who believed on his name he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:13

ULT	UST
the ones not born from bloods, nor from the will of the flesh, nor from the will of a man, but from God.	*These children of God were not spiritually born by means of normal human birth, nor by human desire, nor by the desire of their fathers. Rather, they were spiritually born by God.*

How could those who believed on his name become children of God?

They could become children of God by being born by God.

John 1:14

ULT	UST
And the Word became flesh and dwelled among us, and we beheld his glory, glory as of the One and Only from the Father, full of grace and truth.	*The Word became a real human being and temporarily lived here where we live. We have seen him display his glorious nature. That is the glorious nature of the Unique Son who came from the Father. He fully possesses God's kind acts and true teachings.*

Is there or was there any other person like the Word, who came from the Father?

No! The Word is the only unique person who came from the Father.

John 1:16

ULT	UST
For from his fullness we have all received even grace after grace.	*We know the Word fully possesses God's kind acts and true teachings because all of us have benefited from what he fully possesses, having benefited from one kind act after another.*

What have we received from the fullness of this one John testified about?

From his fullness we have all received free gift after free gift.

John 1:17

ULT	UST
For the law was given through Moses. Grace and truth came about through Jesus Christ.	*This is because God gave his laws to the Israelites by Moses. But God's kind acts and true message came into full existence by Jesus the Messiah.*

What came through Jesus Christ?

Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 1:18

ULT	UST
No one has seen God at any time. The One and Only God, the one being in the bosom of the Father, that one has made him known.	*No one has ever seen God. But Jesus, the Unique One, is God. He is close to God the Father, and he himself has revealed the Father.*

Who has seen God at any time?

No man has seen God at any time.

Who has made God known to us?

The one who is in the bosom of the Father has made him known to us.

John 1:22-23

Who did John say he was when asked by the priests and Levites from Jerusalem?

He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Make the way of the Lord straight,' just as Isaiah the prophet said."

John 1:29

ULT	UST
The next day he sees Jesus coming to him and says, “Behold, the Lamb of God, the one taking away the sin of the world!	*The day after that happened, John saw Jesus coming toward him. Then he said to the people, “Look! He is the Lamb of God! He will sacrifice himself to forgive the sins of the people in this world.*

What did John say when he saw Jesus coming to him?

He said, “Look, there is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

John 1:31

ULT	UST
And I did not know him, but so that he might be revealed to Israel, because of this, I came baptizing in water.”	*I did not know who he was at first. Nevertheless, I have been baptizing people with water for the very purpose of revealing him to the people of Israel.”*

Why did John come baptizing with water?

He came baptizing with water so that Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, could be revealed to Israel.

John 1:32-33

What was the sign that revealed Jesus as the son of God to John?

The sign was that on whoever John saw the Spirit descending and remaining, that one is the one who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.

John 1:37

ULT	UST
And his two disciples heard him speaking, and they followed Jesus.	*Then John’s two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.*

What did two of John’s disciples do when they heard John call Jesus “the lamb of God”?

They followed Jesus.

John 1:40

ULT	UST
One of the two having heard from John and having followed him was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter.	*One of those two disciples who had heard what John had said and followed Jesus was Andrew. He was Simon Peter's brother.*

What is the name of one of the two who heard John speak and then followed Jesus?

The name of one of the two is Andrew.

John 1:41

ULT	UST
This one first finds his own brother Simon and says to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated "Christ").	*Andrew first went and found his brother Simon. When he came to him, he said, "We have found the Messiah!" (Messiah is "Christ" in the Greek language.)*

What did Andrew tell his brother Simon about Jesus?

Andrew told Simon, "We have found the Messiah."

John 1:42

ULT	UST
He brought him to Jesus. Jesus, having looked at him, said, "You are Simon, the son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated "Peter").	*Andrew took Simon to Jesus. When Jesus looked at Peter, he said, "You are Simon. Your father's name is John. From now on your name will also be Cephas" (which means "rock" in Aramaic and is "Peter" in Greek).*

What did Jesus say Simon would be called?

Jesus said Simon would be called "Cephas" (which means "Peter").

John 1:44

ULT	UST
Now Philip was from Bethsaida, from the city of Andrew and Peter.	*Philip was from the city of Bethsaida in Galilee. This is also the city that Andrew and Peter were from.*

What was the city of Andrew and Peter?

The city of Andrew and Peter was Bethsaida.

John 1:49

ULT	UST
Nathaniel replied to him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are King of Israel!"	*Then Nathaniel declared, "Teacher, you must be the Son of God! You are the King of Israel whom we have been waiting for!"*

What did Nathaniel say about Jesus?

Nathaniel said, "Rabbi, you are the son of God! You are the King of Israel."

John 1:51

ULT	UST
And he says to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."	*Then Jesus said to him, "I am telling you the truth: Just like the vision your ancestor Jacob long ago saw, you will see heaven opened up, and you will see God's angels going up and coming down on me, the Son of Man."*

What did Jesus say Nathaniel would see?

Jesus told Nathaniel he would see the heavens opened, and all the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

John 2

John 2:1-2

Who was at the wedding in Cana of Galilee?

Jesus, his mother, and his disciples were at the wedding in Cana of Galilee.

John 2:3-5

Why did the mother of Jesus tell Jesus, “They have no wine”?

She told this to Jesus because she expected the he would do something about the situation.

John 2:7-8

What two things did Jesus tell the servants to do?

He first told them to fill the water pots with water. Then he told the servants to take some of the “water” to the head waiter.

John 2:10

ULT	UST
and says to him, “Every man serves the good wine first, and the cheaper wine when they have become drunk. You have kept the good wine until now.”	*Then he told the bridegroom, “Everyone serves the best wine first and serves the cheap wine later, when the guests have drunk a lot and can not tell the difference. However, you have saved the best wine until now.”*

What did the head waiter say after he tasted the water that had become wine?

The head waiter said, “Every man places first the good wine and then the cheaper wine when men are drunk. But you have kept the fine wine until now.”

John 2:11

ULT	UST
This beginning of the signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.	*That was the first of the miraculous signs that Jesus did. He did it in the town of Cana, which is in the region of Galilee. There he showed how great he is. So his disciples trusted in him.*

What was the response of Jesus' disciples on seeing this miraculous sign?

Jesus' disciples believed in Jesus.

John 2:14

ULT	UST
And he found in the temple the ones selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting there.	*There in the temple courtyard he saw men selling cattle, sheep, and pigeons for those making sacrifices there. He also saw men sitting at tables, exchanging money for temple money.*

What did Jesus find when he went to the temple in Jerusalem?

He found money changers and those that sold oxen, sheep and pigeons.

John 2:15

ULT	UST
And having made a whip from cords, he drove them all out from the temple, and the sheep and the oxen, and he scattered the coins of the money changers and overthrew their tables.	*So Jesus made a whip from some braided leather strips, and he used it to drive all those people out from the temple along with the sheep and the cattle. He also scattered the coins of the moneychangers on the ground and flipped their tables over.*

What did Jesus do to the sellers and money changers?

He made a whip of cords and drove all of them out from the temple, including both the sheep and the oxen. He also poured out the money changers' money and overthrew their tables.

John 2:16

ULT	UST
And to the ones selling pigeons, he said, "Take these things away from here. Do not make the house of my Father a house of commerce."	*He told those who were selling pigeons, "Take these pigeons out of here! Do not turn my Father's house into a marketplace!"*

What did Jesus say to the pigeon sellers?

He said, "Take these things away from here. Stop making my father's house a marketplace."

John 2:18

ULT	UST
Then the Jews responded and said to him, "What sign do you show us, since you are doing these things?"	*The Jewish leaders then responded by asking Jesus, "What miracle can you do for us to prove that you have authority from God to do these things that you are doing?"*

How did the Jewish authorities respond to Jesus' actions in the temple?

They asked Jesus, "What sign will you show us, since you are doing these things?"

John 2:19

ULT	UST
Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."	*Jesus replied to them, "If you destroy this temple, then in three days I will rebuild it."*

How did Jesus answer the Jewish authorities?

He answered them by saying, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

John 2:21

ULT	UST
But that one was speaking about the temple of his body.	*However, the temple Jesus was speaking about was his own body, not the temple building.*

What temple was Jesus referring to?

Jesus was speaking of the temple of his body.

John 2:23

ULT	UST
Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, at the festival, many believed in his name, seeing his signs that he was doing.	*At a later time, when Jesus was in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, during the days of the celebration, many people trusted in him because they saw the miracles he kept on doing.*

Why did many believe in Jesus' name?

They believed because they saw all the miraculous signs he did.

John 2:24-25

Why would Jesus not trust himself to the people?

He would not trust himself to the people because he knew all people, what was in mankind, and because he did not need anyone to testify concerning mankind.

John 3

John 3:1

ULT	UST
Now there was a man from the Pharisees, Nicodemus was his name, a ruler of the Jews.	*Now there was a man named Nicodemus. He was a member of a strict Jewish religious group called the Pharisees. He was a member of the highest Jewish governing council.*

Who was Nicodemus?

Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a member of the Jewish Council.

John 3:2

ULT	UST
This one came to him at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you have come from God as a teacher, for no one is able to do these signs that you do unless God is with him."	*He visited Jesus at night. He said to Jesus, "Teacher, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. We know this because no one can do these miracles you are doing unless God is helping him."*

What did Nicodemus testify to Jesus?

Nicodemus told Jesus, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

John 3:3-4

What did Jesus tell Nicodemus that confused and perplexed Nicodemus?

Jesus told Nicodemus that one had to be born again in order to enter the kingdom of God.

John 3:4

ULT	UST
Nicodemus says to him, "How is a man able to be born, being an old man? He is not able to enter a second time into the womb of his mother and to be born, is he?"	*Then Nicodemus said to him, "How can a person be born again when he is old? No one can enter his mother's womb and be born a second time!"*

What questions did Nicodemus ask that let us know that Jesus' statements confused and perplexed Nicodemus?

Nicodemus said, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

John 3:10

ULT	UST
Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?	*Jesus answered him, "You are an important religious teacher among the people of Israel, so you should understand what I am saying!*

How did Jesus rebuke Nicodemus?

He rebuked Nicodemus by saying, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

John 3:13

ULT	UST
And no one has ascended into heaven except the one having descended from heaven—the Son of Man.	*I, the Son of Man, am the only one who has gone up to heaven, and I am the only one who has come down to earth from heaven.*

Who has ascended into heaven?

No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

John 3:14-15

Why must the Son of Man be lifted up?

He must be lifted up so that all who believe in him may have everlasting life.

John 3:16

ULT	UST
For God so loved the world, that he gave his One and Only Son, so that everyone believing in him would not perish but would have eternal life.	*This is because God loved the world's people in this way, so that he gave his Unique Son in order that anyone who trusts in his Son would not die but would live forever.*

How did God show he loved the world?

He showed his love by giving his Only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:17

ULT	UST
For God did not send the Son into the world so that he might condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him.	*This is true because God did not send me, his Son, into the world in order to declare the world's people guilty. Rather, God sent me in order to save the world's people by me.*

Did God send his son to condemn the world?

No. God sent his son so that the world should be saved through his son.

John 3:19

ULT	UST
Now this is the judgment: that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light, for their deeds were evil.	*Now God's judicial ruling is as follows: the one who is the light entered the world, but people loved evil instead of him, because they do evil deeds.*

Why do men fall under judgment?

Men fall under judgment because light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

John 3:20

ULT	UST
For everyone doing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, so that his deeds might not be exposed.	*They love the darkness because every person who continually does evil deeds hates the one who is the light and will never come to him. They avoid the light so that the light might not reveal what they do.*

Why wo not those who do evil come into the light?

Those who do evil hate the light and will not come into it, because they do not want their deeds exposed.

John 3:21

ULT	UST
But the one doing the truth comes to the light, so that his deeds might be revealed, that they have been worked in God."	*But the person who continually does true deeds comes to the one who is the light so that the light might show everyone what he does and so that everyone might know that God was helping him do these deeds."*

Why do those who practice the truth come into the light?

They come into the light so that their deeds may be clearly seen and to make known that their deeds have been brought about in obedience to God.

John 3:30

ULT	UST
It is necessary for that one to increase, but for me to decrease.	*Jesus, the bridegroom, must become more influential, and I, the bridegroom's friend, must become less influential.*

What did John say would happen to Jesus' ministry compared to John's ministry?

John said, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

John 3:33

ULT	UST
The one having received his testimony has set his seal that God is true.	*However, whoever believes what Jesus says has verified that God is truthful.*

What did those who accepted the testimony of the one from above, from heaven, confirm?

They confirmed that God is true.

John 3:35

ULT	UST
The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.	*God the Father loves the Son and has given him authority over everything.*

What has the Father given into the hand of the Son?

He has given all things into the Son’s hand.

John 3:36

ULT	UST
The one believing in the Son has eternal life, but the one disobeying the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”	*Whoever trusts in God’s Son will live forever with him in heaven. Whoever does not obey the Son of God will never have eternal life. Rather, God will continually be furious with him.”*

What do those who believe in the Son have?

They have eternal light.

What happens to those who disobey the Son?

They will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on them.

John 4

John 4:1-3

When did Jesus leave Judea and depart for Galilee?

Jesus left Judea and departed for Galilee after he knew the Pharisees had heard that he was making and baptizing more disciples than John.

John 4:5

ULT	UST
Then he comes to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.	*Next, they arrived at a city named Sychar in the region of Samaria. Sychar was near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph a long time ago.*

Where did Jesus come to on his way to Galilee?

He came to a Samaritan town called Sychar.

John 4:7

ULT	UST
A woman from Samaria comes to draw water. Jesus says to her, "Give me to drink,"	*A Samaritan woman came out to the well to lower a bucket on a rope to pull up some water. Jesus said to her, "Please give me some water to drink."*

Who came to Jacob's well while Jesus was there?

A Samaritan woman came there to draw water.

What did Jesus first say to the Samaritan Woman?

He said to her, "Give me some water to drink."

John 4:8

ULT	UST
for his disciples had gone away into the city so that they might buy food.	*He said this because his disciples had left him by himself and had gone into the city in order to buy food.*

Where were Jesus' disciples?

They had gone away into town to buy food.

John 4:9

ULT	UST
Then the Samaritan woman says to him, "How do you, being a Jew, ask from me to drink, being a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not have dealings with Samaritans.)	*And the Samaritan woman said to Jesus, "I am surprised that you, a Jew, are asking me, a woman from Samaria, for a drink." (She said this because Jews usually would not have anything to do with Samaritans.)*

Why was the Samaritan woman surprised that Jesus would talk to her?

She was surprised because Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans.

John 4:10

ULT	UST
Jesus answered and said to her, "If you had known the gift of God and who is the one saying to you, 'Give me to drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."	*Jesus replied to her, "If you had known the gift that God wants to give you, and if you had known who I am who is requesting a drink from you, you would have asked me for a drink, and I would have given you living water."*

What does Jesus say to turn the conversation to the things of God?

Jesus tells her that if she had known the gift of God and who was talking to her, she would have asked, and he would have given her living water.

John 4:11

ULT	UST
The woman says to him, "Sir, you do not have a vessel and the well is deep. From where then do you have the living water?	*The woman replied, "Sir, you do not have a bucket with which to draw the water up out of the well, and this well is deep. Since you can not get the water out of this well, where did you get this living water from?*

What statement does the woman make to indicate she does not understand the spiritual nature of Jesus' comments?

The woman replied, "Sir, you do not have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where would you get that living water?"

John 4:14-15

What does Jesus tell the woman about the water that he will give?

Jesus tells the woman that those who drink the water he gives will never thirst again, and the water will become a fountain of water springing up into eternal life.

John 4:15

ULT	UST
The woman says to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I might not thirst and might not come here to draw water."	*The woman said to Jesus, "Sir, please give me some of this water in order that I may never become thirsty again or have to come to this well to draw water again."*

Why does the woman now want this water that Jesus offers?

She wants the water so she will not get thirsty and will not have to come to the well to draw water.

John 4:16

ULT	UST
He says to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."	*Jesus told her, "Go get your husband and bring him here."*

Jesus then changes the subject of conversation. What does he tell the woman?

Jesus tells her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here."

John 4:17

ULT	UST
The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus says to her, "You have rightly said, 'I do not have a husband,'	*The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus told her, "You are right in saying that you have no husband,*

How does the woman answer Jesus when he tells her to call her husband?

The woman tells Jesus she has no husband.

John 4:18

ULT	UST
for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband. This you have said is true."	*because you have had not one, but five, husbands, and the man you are currently living with is not your husband. What you have said about not having a husband is true."*

What does Jesus say about the woman which he could not know by natural means?

He tells her she has had five husbands and the man she now has is not her husband.

John 4:20

ULT	UST
Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship."	*Our ancestors worshiped God right here on this mountain, but you Jews say that we must worship God at your temple in Jerusalem."*

What controversy does the woman bring up to Jesus concerning worship?

She bring up a controversy about where is the proper place to worship.

John 4:23-24

What does Jesus tell the woman about the kind of worshipers the Father seeks?

Jesus tells her God is a Spirit, and true worshipers must worship God in spirit and in truth.

John 4:25-26

What does Jesus say to the woman when she tells Jesus that when Messiah (Christ) comes, he will declare everything to them?

Jesus tells her that he is the Messiah (Christ).

John 4:28-29

What did the woman do after her conversation with Jesus?

The woman left her water pot, went back to town, and said to the people, “Come see a man who told me all things that I ever did. This could not be the Christ, could it?”

John 4:30

ULT	UST
They went out from the town and came to him.	*Those men left the city and came to Jesus.*

What did the town’s people do after they heard the woman’s report?

They left the town and came to Jesus.

John 4:34

ULT	UST
Jesus says to them, “My food is that I might do the will of the one having sent me and might complete his work.	*Jesus told them, “This is what sustains me: It is to do what my Father—who sent me—wants and to complete my Father’s work.*

What does Jesus say his food is?

Jesus said his food was to do the will of the one who sent him and to complete his work.

John 4:36

ULT	UST
The one harvesting receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that the one sowing and the one harvesting might rejoice together.	*The one who harvests these crops receives payment and collects fruit, which is people receiving life forever in heaven. The result is that those who sow the seed and those who reap the harvest will be glad together.*

What is the benefit of harvesting?

The harvester receives wages and gathers fruit for everlasting life, so that he who sows and he who harvests may rejoice together.

John 4:39

ULT	UST
Now many of the Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the report of the woman, testifying, "He told me all things that I have done."	*Now many Samaritans who lived in the city of Sychar trusted in Jesus because of what the woman had told them. She said, "He told me so many things that I have done."*

Why did many Samaritans in that city to believe in Jesus?

The woman's report caused many Samaritans in that city to believe in Jesus.

John 4:42

ULT	UST
And they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your speech, for we ourselves have heard, and we know that this one is truly the Savior of the world."	*The townspeople told the woman, "We believe in Jesus now, but not just because of what you told us about him. We believe because we have heard his message for ourselves. Now we know that this man truly is the one who saves the believers in the world from their sins."*

What did many of those Samaritans believe about Jesus?

They said that they now knew that Jesus was indeed the Savior of the world.

John 4:45

ULT	UST
When therefore he came into Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all the things, as much as he had done in Jerusalem at the festival, for they had also gone to the festival.	*Since this is true, when he arrived in the region of Galilee many of the people there merely welcomed him because they had seen all the amazing things he had done in Jerusalem during the recent Passover celebration, which they also had gone to.*

When Jesus came into Galilee, why did the Galileans welcome him?

They welcomed him because they had seen all the things that he had done in Jerusalem at the festival.

John 4:46-47

After Jesus left Judea and returned to Galilee, who came to Jesus, and what did he want?

A certain royal official whose son was sick came to Jesus, imploring him to come down and heal his son.

John 4:48

ULT	UST
Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you would see signs and wonders, you would certainly not believe."	*Jesus then told him, "You people will only trust in me as the Messiah if you see me perform wonderful miracles!"*

What did Jesus tell the royal official about signs and wonders?

Jesus told him people would not believe unless they saw signs and wonders.

John 4:50

ULT	UST
Jesus says to him, "Go. Your son lives." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went away.	*Jesus told him, "Go home. Your son will live." The man trusted what Jesus told him, and he started to go back home.*

What did the royal official do when Jesus did not go with him but told him, "Go; your son lives"?

The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

John 4:53

ULT	UST
Then the father realized that it was at that hour in which Jesus had said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself and his whole household believed.	*And the boy's father recognized that his son had recovered at the exact time that Jesus had told him that his son would live. So this same man, along with everyone who lived in his house, trusted in Jesus.*

What was the result after the father of the sick child was told that his son was living and that the fever had left him the day before at the seventh hour, at the same hour Jesus had told him, "Your son lives."?

The result was the royal official and his whole household believed.

John 5

John 5:2

ULT	UST
Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, in Hebrew being called Bethesda, having five roofed porches.	*There is a place called the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem, which is one of the gates going into the city. There is a pool beside that gate which people called Bethesda in the language used by the Jews. Next to the pool are five porches with roofs.*

What was the name of the pool in Jerusalem by the sheep gate that had five roofed porticos?

That pool was called Bethesda.

John 5:3-4

Who was at Bethesda?

A great number of people who were sick, blind, lame, or paralyzed were lying in the porticos of Bethesda.

John 5:5-6

At Bethesda, who did Jesus ask, “Do you want to be well?”?

Jesus asked a certain man who had been an invalid for 38 years and who had been lying there a long time.

John 5:7

ULT	UST
The sick one replied to him, "Sir, I do not have a man so that, when the water is stirred up, he might put me into the pool. But as I am going into it, another goes down before me."	*The ill man answered him, "Sir, I do not have anyone who can put me into the pool when an angel stirs the water. By the time I can put myself into the pool, someone else has already gone down into the pool and been healed before me, so that I cannot be healed."*

What was the sick man's response to Jesus' question, "Do you want to be well?"?

The sick man replied, "Sir, I do not have anyone, when the water is stirred up, to put me into the pool. When I am trying, another steps down before me."

John 5:8-9

What happened when Jesus said to the sick man, "Get up, take up your mat, and walk"?

Immediately the man was healed, took up his bed, and walked.

John 5:10

ULT	UST
So the Jews said to the one healed, "It is the Sabbath and not permitted for you to carry your bed."	*Because it was the Jewish day for rest, the Jewish leaders said to the man whom Jesus had healed, "Today is a day for rest. You are not allowed to carry your mat on this day, because it is work."*

Why did it upset the Jewish leaders when they saw the sick man walking with his bed (mat)?

It upset them because it was a Sabbath, and they said the man was not permitted to carry his mat on the Sabbath.

John 5:14

ULT	UST
After these things, Jesus finds him in the temple and said to him, "Behold, you have become healthy! No longer sin, so that something worse might not happen to you."	*Later, Jesus found the man whom he had healed in the temple and told him, "Look, you are well now! Do not sin anymore, so that nothing worse than your previous illness might happen to you."*

What did Jesus say to the sick man he had healed after Jesus found him in the temple?

Jesus told him, "See, you have become well! Do not sin any more, lest something worse happens to you."

John 5:15

ULT	UST
The man went away and announced to the Jews that Jesus is the one having made him healthy.	*That man went away and told the Jewish leaders that the man who had healed him was Jesus.*

What did the healed man do after Jesus told him to stop sinning?

The man went and told the Jewish leaders that it was Jesus who had made him well.

John 5:17

ULT	UST
But he replied to them, "My Father is working even now, and I am working."	*Jesus gave this answer to them, "God, my Father, is working today, so I am also working."*

How did Jesus respond to the Jewish leaders who persecuted him because he was doing these things (healing) on the Sabbath?

Jesus told them, "My Father is working even now, and I, too, work."

John 5:18

ULT	UST
Because of this, therefore, the Jews sought even more to kill him, because he not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God his own Father, making himself equal to God.	*As a consequence of him saying this, the Jewish leaders were trying to kill Jesus even more than they had tried before. They wanted to kill him because he was not only disobeying their rules for the day for rest but also because he was claiming that he was equal with God by saying that God was his own Father.*

Why did Jesus' statement to the Jewish leaders make them want to kill Jesus?

This happened because Jesus not only broke the Sabbath (in their minds), but also called God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

John 5:19

ULT	UST
Therefore, Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son is able to do nothing from himself except only what he would see the Father doing, for whatever that one would do, these things also the Son does in the same way.	*Because of these accusations Jesus replied to the Jewish leaders, "I am telling you people the truth: I, the Son, can do nothing on my own authority. I can only do what I perceive that God, the Father, is doing. Whatever the Father does, I, the Son, also do.*

What did Jesus do?

He did what he saw the Father doing.

John 5:20

ULT	UST
For the Father loves the Son and he shows him everything that he himself does, and he will show him greater works than these so that you might be amazed.	*This is true because the Father loves me, the Son, and makes known to me everything that he is doing. The Father will also make known to me miraculous deeds that will be even greater than the miracles that I have already done in order that you might be astonished by them.*

What would the Father do so that the Jewish leaders would be amazed?

The Father would show the Son greater things than these so that the Jewish leaders would be amazed.

John 5:22-23

Why did the Father give all judgment to the Son?

The Father gave all judgment to the Son so that all may honor the Son even as they honor the Father.

John 5:23

ULT	UST
so that all will honor the Son just as they honor the Father. The one not honoring the Son does not honor the Father having sent him.	*The Father did this in order that everyone would honor me, the Son, in the same way that they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor me cannot honor my Father, who sent me.*

What happens if you do not honor the Son?

If you do not honor the Son, you do not honor the Father who sent him.

John 5:24

ULT	UST
Truly, truly, I say to you that the one hearing my word and believing the one having sent me has eternal life and does not come into judgment, but he has passed from death to life.	*I am telling you people the truth: Anyone who accepts and obeys my teachings and trusts God who sent me lives forever with me in heaven, and God does not judge him as guilty. Instead, that person has gone from being spiritually dead to being spiritually alive.*

What happens if you believe Jesus' word and believe in the Father who sent him?

If so, you have eternal life and will not be condemned, but have passed out of death into life.

John 5:26

ULT	UST
For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to the Son to have life in himself,	*This is true because as the Father is able to make people alive, in the same way he has also given me, the Son, the ability to make people alive.*

What has the Father given the Son concerning life?

The Father has given to the Son to have life in himself.

John 5:28-29

What will happen when all who are in the tombs hear the Father's voice?

They will come forth. Those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

John 5:30

ULT	UST
I am able to do nothing from myself. Just as I hear, I judge, and my judgment is righteous because I do not seek my own will but the will of the one having sent me.	*I can do nothing on my own. I judge according to what I hear from the Father, and I judge in a just manner. I judge justly because I do not try to do what I want. Rather, I do what my Father, who has sent me, wants.*

Why is Jesus' judgment righteous?

His judgment is righteous because he is not seeking his own will but the will of the Father who sent him.

John 5:36

ULT	UST
But I have the testimony that is greater than that of John: for the works that the Father has given me so that I would accomplish them—the very works that I do—testify about me that the Father has sent me.	*However, the witness that I give about myself is even greater than the witness John gave about me. This is because this witness is the miraculous works that God the Father has allowed me to do. These very works that I am doing are proof that the Father has sent me.*

What testimony, greater than John's, did Jesus have by which to prove he was sent from the Father?

The works that Jesus did testified that he was sent from the Father.

John 5:37

ULT	UST
And the Father having sent me has himself testified about me. You have neither heard his voice nor have seen his form at any time.	*Furthermore, my Father who sent me is the very one who has given testimony about me. None of you have ever heard him speak or seen what he looks like.*

Who had not heard the Father's voice nor seen his form at any time?

The Jewish leaders had neither heard his voice nor seen his form at any time.

John 5:39

ULT	UST
You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life, and these are the ones testifying about me,	*You carefully study the Scriptures because you believe that by studying them you will be able to live forever in heaven. It is those very Scriptures that declare who I am.*

Why did the Jewish leaders search the scriptures?

They searched them because they thought that in them they had eternal life.

Who do the scriptures testify about?

The scriptures testify concerning Jesus.

John 5:44

ULT	UST
How are you able to believe, receiving glory from one another, and are not seeking the glory that is from the only God?	*You cannot possibly trust in me when you are honoring each other instead of desiring the one and only God to honor you!*

Who were the Jewish leaders not seeking praise from?

They were not seeking the praise that comes from the only God.

John 5:45

ULT	UST
Do not think that I myself will accuse you before the Father. The one accusing you is Moses, in whom you have hoped.	*Do not think that I am the one who will accuse you before my Father. Moses, the very person you have hoped would defend you, is actually the person who will accuse you.*

Who was going to accuse the Jewish leaders before the Father?

Moses was going to accuse the Jewish leaders before the Father.

John 5:46-47

What does Jesus say the Jewish leaders would do if they believed Moses?

He says the Jewish leaders would believe in Jesus if they believed Moses, because Moses wrote concerning Jesus.

John 6

John 6:1

ULT	UST
After these things, Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (of Tiberias).	*After those things happened, Jesus crossed over to the opposite side of the Sea of Galilee, which some people also call the Sea of Tiberias.*

What was another name for the Sea of Galilee?

The Sea of Galilee was also called the Sea of Tiberias.

John 6:2

ULT	UST
Now a great crowd was following him because they were seeing the signs that he was doing on the ones being sick.	*A large crowd followed him because they had seen the miraculous signs he was performing, that is, healing people who were very ill.*

Why was a great crowd following Jesus?

They followed him because they were seeing the signs that Jesus was doing on those who were sick.

John 6:4-5

What did Jesus see after he sat down on the mountainside with his disciples and looked up?

He saw a great crowd coming to him.

John 6:5-6

Why did Jesus ask Philip, “Where are we going to buy bread so that these may eat?”?

Jesus said this to test Philip.

John 6:7

ULT	UST
Philip answered him, "200 denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, so that each one might receive a little."	*Philip replied to him, "If we had the money that a man can earn in 200 days of work, it would not be enough money to buy bread to give each person in this crowd even a little piece to eat."*

What was Philip's response to Jesus' question, "Where are we going to buy bread so that these may eat?"?

Philip said, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be sufficient for each one to have even a little."

John 6:8-9

What was Andrew's response to Jesus' question, "Where are we going to buy bread so that these may eat?"?

Andrew said, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these among so many?"

John 6:10

ULT	UST
Jesus said, "Make the men sit down." (Now there was a lot of grass in the place.) So the men sat down, about 5, 000 in number.	*Jesus told his disciples to make the people sit down. Thus about 5, 000 men sat down. (There was a lot of grass in that place for them to sit down on.)*

About how many men were there in that place?

There were about 5,000 men there.

John 6:11

ULT	UST
Then Jesus took the loaves, and having given thanks, he gave them to the ones reclining to eat; likewise also with the fish, as much as they wanted.	*Jesus then took the little loaves of barley bread, and he thanked God for the food. Then he and his disciples gave the loaves to the people who were sitting on the grass in order to eat. He did the same with the two fish. The people ate all the fish and bread that they wanted to eat.*

What did Jesus do with the loaves and the fish?

Jesus took the loaves and after giving thanks, he distributed to those who were sitting. He distributed the fish in the same way.

How much did the people get to eat?

They got as much as they wanted to eat.

John 6:13

ULT	UST
So they gathered them up and filled 12 baskets of broken pieces from the five barley loaves which were left over by the ones having eaten.	*Thus his disciples collected the pieces, and they filled 12 large baskets with the broken pieces that the people had left over from the five little loaves of barley bread.*

How much bread was picked up after the meal?

The disciples filled 12 baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves—the pieces left over from those who had eaten.

John 6:14-15

Why did Jesus withdraw again up the mountain by himself?

Jesus withdrew because he realized the people, after seeing the sign he did (feeding of the 5,000), were about to come and seize him by force and make him king.

John 6:18

ULT	UST
A strong wind was blowing, and the sea was being aroused.	*Because the wind was blowing strongly, it was causing the sea to be very turbulent.*

What happened to the weather after the disciples got into a boat and started out for Capernaum?

A strong wind began to blow and the sea started getting rough.

John 6:19

ULT	UST
Then, having rowed about 25 or 30 stadia, they see Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were frightened.	*After Jesus' disciples had rowed the boat around four-and-a-half or five-and-a-half kilometers out into the sea, they saw Jesus walking on the water and approaching the boat. They were terrified!*

Why did the disciples begin to be afraid?

They were afraid because they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat.

John 6:20

ULT	UST
But he says to them, "It is I! Do not be afraid."	*Jesus told them, "It is I, Jesus! Stop being afraid!"*

What did Jesus say to the disciples that made them willing to receive him into the boat?

Jesus said to them, "It is I! Do not be afraid."

John 6:26

ULT	UST
Jesus replied to them and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me not because you saw signs, but because you ate from the bread loaves and were filled.	*Jesus replied, “I am telling you the truth: You are not looking for me because you saw the miraculous signs that I performed. Rather, you are looking for me only because you ate until you were full of the loaves of bread that I gave you.*

What did Jesus say was the reason the crowd was seeking him?

Jesus said they were seeking him not because they saw signs, but because they ate some of the loaves and were filled.

John 6:27

ULT	UST
Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life which the Son of Man will give you, for God the Father has set his seal on this one.”	*Stop working for food that will soon spoil! Instead, work for the food that will bring you life forever in heaven! That food is the bread that I, the Son of Man, will give you. I alone can give it to you because God my Father approves of me.”*

What did Jesus tell the crowd they should and should not work for?

Jesus told them to stop working for the food that perishes, but work for the food that endures to everlasting life.

John 6:29

ULT	UST
Jesus replied and said to them, “This is the work of God: that you would believe in the one whom that one has sent.”	*Jesus answered them, “The work that God wants you to do is this: Trust in me, the one whom he has sent.”*

How did Jesus define the work of God for the crowd?

Jesus told the crowd, “This is the work of God: that you believe in the one whom he has sent.”

John 6:35

ULT	UST
Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. The one coming to me will certainly not hunger, and the one believing in me will certainly not ever thirst.	*Jesus told the crowd, "Like food sustains physical life, I am the bread that gives eternal life. Unlike with food or drink, anyone who trusts in me will surely be satisfied forever.*

What does Jesus say is the bread of life?

Jesus says that he is the bread of life.

John 6:37

ULT	UST
Everyone whom the Father gives me will come to me, and the one coming to me I will certainly not throw out.	*All the people my Father gives to me will come and be my disciples, and I will surely never drive away any of them.*

Who will come to Jesus?

All whom the Father gives to Jesus will come to him.

John 6:39-40

What is the will of the Father who sent Jesus?

The Father's will is that Jesus should lose none that the Father has given him and that everyone who sees the son and believes in him should have eternal life; and Jesus will raise him up on the last day.

John 6:44

ULT	UST
No one is able to come to me unless the Father having sent me would draw him, and I will raise him up on the last day.	*Only those whom my Father, who sent me, causes to come and be my disciples are able to do so. I myself will make those people who come to me alive again on the last day when I judge everyone.*

How can a man come to Jesus?

A man can only come to Jesus if his Father draws him.

John 6:46

ULT	UST
Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the one being from God—he has seen the Father.	*No one has seen God my Father other than me. I am the one who came from God. I alone have seen him.*

Who has seen the Father?

Only he who is from God has seen the Father.

John 6:51

ULT	UST
I am the living bread that has come down from heaven. If anyone eats from this bread, he will live into eternity. Now my flesh is also the bread that I will give for the life of the world."	*I truly am this bread that gives eternal life and came down out of heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever with me in heaven. My body is also this bread. I will give up my body for the sake of the eternal life of everyone in the world."*

What is the bread that Jesus will give for the life of the world?

The bread that Jesus will give for the life of the world is his own flesh.

John 6:53

ULT	UST
Therefore, Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you would eat the flesh of the Son of Man and would drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves.	*So Jesus told them: "I am telling you the truth: You must eat the flesh of me, the Son of Man, and drink my blood. If you do not do these things, then you will never have eternal life.*

What do you have to do to have life within yourself?

In order to have life within yourself, you must eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood.

John 6:56

ULT	UST
The one eating my flesh and drinking my blood remains in me, and I in him.	*Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood will be united with me, and I will be united with them.*

How can we remain in Jesus and Jesus remain in us?

If we eat his flesh and drink his blood, we will remain in Jesus and he in us.

John 6:57

ULT	UST
Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so the one eating me, he will also live because of me.	*My Father makes everyone alive. He has sent me here, and I can make people alive because he has enabled me to do so. In the same way, those who feed on me will live forever because of what I will do for them.*

Why does Jesus live?

Jesus lives because of the Father.

John 6:60

ULT	UST
Then many of his disciples, having heard, said, "This word is hard; who is able to listen to it?"	*After they heard what he had said, many of Jesus' disciples said, "What he is teaching is difficult to accept. Indeed, no one can accept it!"*

How did many of Jesus' disciples respond after hearing Jesus teaching about eating his flesh and drinking his blood?

When the disciples heard this teaching, many of them said, "This is a difficult teaching; who can accept it?"

John 6:64

ULT	UST
But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who are the ones not believing and who is the one that will be betraying him.	*Nevertheless, some of you do not believe what I have said.” (Jesus said this because he knew since he began his work who would not believe him and who would eventually betray him.)*

What did Jesus know about people from the beginning?

Jesus knew from the beginning who the ones were who would not believe and who it was who would betray him.

John 6:67-68

When Jesus asked the Twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?”, who answered and what did he say?

Simon Peter answered him and said, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life, and we have believed and come to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

John 6:70-71

Who did Jesus mean when he said one of the Twelve was a devil?

Jesus spoke of Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, for it was he, being one of the Twelve, who would betray Jesus.

John 7

John 7:1

ULT	UST
And after these things, Jesus traveled about in Galilee, for he did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him.	*After those things happened, Jesus walked around in the region of Galilee because he did not want to walk around in the region of Judea. He avoided Judea because the Jewish leaders there were trying to find a way to kill him.*

Why was Jesus not willing to go into Judea?

He was not willing to go there, because the Jews wanted to kill him.

John 7:3-4

Why did the brothers of Jesus urge him to go to Judea to the Festival of Shelters?

They urged him to go so that Jesus' disciples could see the deeds he was doing and so that the world would know.

John 7:6

ULT	UST
Jesus therefore says to them, "My time is not yet come, but your time is always ready.	*Because they did not believe in him, Jesus told them, "This is not the right time for me to go to Jerusalem, but you can go there whenever you want.*

What reason did Jesus give for not going to the festival?

Jesus told his brothers his time had not yet come, and his time had not yet been fulfilled.

John 7:7

ULT	UST
The world is not able to hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that the works of it are evil.	*No one in the world can hate you. However, everyone hates me because I declare that they do evil deeds.*

Why does the world hate Jesus?

Jesus said the world hated him because he testifies about the world that its deeds are evil.

John 7:10

ULT	UST
But when his brothers had gone up to the festival, then he also went up, not publicly, but as in secret.	*However, a few days after his brothers left for the festival, he also went, but he did so secretly.*

When and how did Jesus go up to the festival?

Jesus went up after his brothers had gone up to the festival, but he went in private, not publicly.

John 7:12

ULT	UST
And there was much murmuring among the crowds about him. Some were saying, "He is good." But others were saying, "No, but he leads the crowd astray."	*The crowds were quietly speaking a lot about Jesus. Some people said, "He is a good man!" But others said, "No! He deceives the crowd!"*

What did the people in the crowd say about Jesus?

Some said, "He is a good man." Others said, "No, he leads the crowds astray."

John 7:13

ULT	UST
However, no one was speaking openly about him, because of the fear of the Jews.	*Nevertheless, the people were afraid of the Jewish leaders, so they did not speak about Jesus in public.*

Why did no one speak openly about Jesus?

It was for fear of the Jews that no one spoke openly about Jesus.

John 7:14

ULT	UST
Now the festival already being half over, Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach.	*About halfway through the Shelters celebration, Jesus entered the temple courtyard and started teaching the people there.*

When did Jesus go up into the temple and begin teaching?

When the festival was half over, Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching.

John 7:17

ULT	UST
If anyone desires to do his will, he will know about this teaching, whether it is from God, or I speak from myself.	*If anyone wants to do what God wants, then that person will know that what I am teaching has come from God and not only by my own authority.*

How did Jesus say one could know whether his teaching came from God or whether Jesus was speaking from himself?

Jesus said if anyone wished to do the will of the person who sent Jesus, he would know about this teaching, whether it came from God or not.

John 7:18

ULT	UST
The one speaking from himself seeks his own glory, but the one seeking the glory of the one having sent him, this one is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him.	*Anyone who speaks on his own authority only wants to glorify himself. However, anyone who wants to glorify the person who sent him speaks the truth and acts righteously.*

What did Jesus say about the one who seeks the glory of the one who sent him?

Jesus said that person is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

John 7:19

ULT	UST
Did not Moses give you the law? Yet none of you does the law. Why do you seek to kill me?"	*Moses did indeed give you laws from God. None of you completely obeys those laws. Since that is true, why are you trying to kill me for supposedly disobeying those same laws that you do not obey?"*

According to Jesus, who does the law?

Jesus said none of you does the law.

John 7:23

ULT	UST
If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses might not be broken, why are you angry with me because I made a man completely healthy on the Sabbath?	*Since you sometimes circumcise someone on the day for rest in order to avoid disobeying the law of Moses, you should not be angry with me for doing a good work like healing someone on that day!*

What is Jesus' argument for healing on the Sabbath?

Jesus' argument was: You will circumcise a man on the Sabbath so that the law of Moses is not broken. Then why are you angry with me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath.

John 7:24

ULT	UST
Do not judge according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment."	*Stop judging me according to what you have seen! Rather, judge me according to what God says is right."*

How did Jesus tell the people to judge?

Jesus told them not to judge according to appearance, but to judge righteously.

John 7:27

ULT	UST
But we know where this one is from. But when the Christ would come, no one knows where he is from."	*But this man cannot be the Messiah! We know where this man came from, but when the Messiah comes, no one will know where he is from."*

What was one of the arguments the people made for not believing Jesus was the Christ?

The people said they knew where Jesus came from, but they said when Christ comes, no one will know where he comes from.

John 7:32

ULT	UST
The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things about him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers so that they might arrest him.	*Some of the Pharisees overheard them quietly speaking these things about Jesus. Then they and the ruling priests sent temple guards to arrest him.*

Who sent officers to arrest Jesus?

The chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest Jesus.

John 7:35-36

Did the Jews understand what Jesus meant when he said, “Yet a little while am I still with you, and then I go to him who sent me. You will seek me but will not find me; where I go, you will not be able to come.”?

By their conversation among themselves, they indicated that they did not understand Jesus’ statement.

John 7:37-39

What was Jesus referring to when he said, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, from within him will flow rivers of living water”?

Jesus said this about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him would receive.

John 7:45-46

How did the officers answer the chief priests and Pharisees who said to them, “Why did you not bring him (Jesus)?”?

The officers answered, “No man has ever spoken like this before.”

John 7:50-51

How did Nicodemus answer the Pharisees when the Pharisees asked the officers sent to arrest Jesus, "Have you also been led astray? Have any of the rulers believed in him, or any of the Pharisees?"?

Nicodemus said to the Pharisees, "Does our law judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he does?"

John 8

John 8:2-3

While Jesus was teaching the people in the temple, what did the scribes and Pharisees do?

They brought in a woman caught in the act of adultery and placed her in their midst and asked Jesus what he had to say about her (to judge her).

John 8:4-6

Why did the scribes and Pharisees really bring this woman to Jesus?

They really brought this woman to Jesus in order to trap Jesus so that they might have something to accuse him about.

John 8:7

ULT	UST
But when they continued asking him questions, he stood up and said to them, "Let the blameless one among you throw a stone at her first."	*While they continued to question him, he got up and told them, "Let the one among you who has never sinned throw the first stone at her and lead the rest to kill her!"*

What did Jesus say to the scribes and Pharisees after they kept asking Jesus about the woman caught in adultery?

Jesus said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

John 8:9

ULT	UST
But each of the Jews went out, beginning with the oldest, so that they all went out, and he was left alone, with the woman being in the midst.	*After he did this, those Jewish leaders who were questioning him started walking away, one by one. The older ones left first and then the younger ones. Then only Jesus was there with the woman in the midst of the people.*

What did the people do after Jesus spoke to them about who should be the first to throw a stone at the woman caught in adultery?

After Jesus spoke, they went out one by one, beginning from the eldest and ending with the last.

John 8:11

ULT	UST
And she said to him, "No one, Lord." And he said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, from now sin no longer."]	*The woman replied, "There is no one, sir." Then Jesus said, "I do not condemn you to be punished either. Leave, and from now on do not sin like this anymore!"]*

What did Jesus tell the woman (caught in adultery) to do?

Jesus told her to go her way and to sin no more from then on.

John 8:13

ULT	UST
Then the Pharisees said to him, "You testify about yourself; your testimony is not true."	*The Pharisees then told him, "You are the only witness for yourself! Since the law of Moses requires at least two witnesses, what you say cannot be true!"*

What was the Pharisees complaint after Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in the darkness but will have the light of life"?

The Pharisees complained that Jesus was bearing witness about himself and that his witness was not true.

John 8:17-18

How did Jesus defend his witness as being true?

Jesus said that in their law it is written that the testimony of two men is true. He then stated that he and the Father who sent him both bear witness about Jesus.

John 8:23-24

On what did Jesus base his statement about the Pharisees that they would die in their sins?

Jesus based that statement on his knowledge of them, that they were from below, and he was from above. They were of this world and he was not of this world.

John 8:24

ULT	UST
Therefore, I said to you that you will die in your sins. For unless you believe that I am, you will die in your sins."	*Because of this I told you that you will die without God forgiving you for all the sins that you have committed. This will certainly happen unless you trust that I am God, as I say I am."*

How could the Pharisee escape dying in their sins?

Jesus said they would die in their sins unless they believed "that I am."

John 8:26-27

What things did Jesus say to the world?

Jesus said to the world the things he heard from the Father.

John 8:29

ULT	UST
And the one having sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to him."	*My Father, who sent me, is always with me. He has never abandoned me, because I always do only the things that delight him."*

Why did the Father who sent Jesus stay with him and not leave him alone?

The Father was with Jesus and did not leave him alone because Jesus always did the things that were pleasing to the Father.

John 8:31

ULT	UST
Then Jesus said to the Jews having believed in him, "If you remain in my word, you are truly my disciples;	*Jesus then told the Jews who now believed that he was the Messiah, "If you obey what I teach you, then you are my genuine disciples.*

How did Jesus say the Jews who had believed in him could know they were truly his disciples?

They could know they were truly Jesus' disciples by remaining in his word.

John 8:33

ULT	UST
They replied to him, "We are the seed of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone; how can you say, 'You will be free'?"	*They answered him, "We are the descendants of Abraham. We have never been anyone's slaves! Why do you say that we need to be free?"*

What did the Jews that believed Jesus think Jesus was referring to when he said, "… and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."?

Those Jews thought Jesus was speaking of being slave of, or in bondage to, men.

John 8:34

ULT	UST
Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that everyone committing sin is a slave of sin.	*Jesus replied, "I am telling you the truth: Anyone who sins is controlled by his sinful desires like a slave is controlled by his master.*

What was Jesus referring to when he said, "and you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free"?

Jesus was referring to being set free from being slaves of sin.

John 8:37

ULT	UST
I know that you are the seed of Abraham, but you seek to kill me, because my word has no place in you.	*I know that you are Abraham's physical descendants. However, you are trying to kill me because you refuse to trust what I say.*

What is the reason, according to Jesus, the Jews sought to kill Jesus?

They sought to kill Jesus because his word had no place in them.

John 8:39-40

Why did Jesus say these Jews were not Abraham's children?

Jesus said they were not Abraham's children because they did not do the works of Abraham. Instead, they sought to kill Jesus.

John 8:42

ULT	UST
Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would have loved me, for I came from God and am here; for neither have I come from myself, but that one sent me.	*Jesus told them, "If God were your Father, which he is not, you would love me because I came from him and have come to this world. This is true because I did not come on my own authority. Rather, I came because God sent me.*

When these Jews say they have one Father, God, how does Jesus refute them?

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would have loved me, for I came from God and am here; for neither have I come from myself, but that one sent me."

John 8:44

ULT	UST
You are from your father, the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. That one was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he would speak a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of it.	*You belong to your father, the devil, and you desire to do what he desires. He has been murdering people since the time people first sinned. He has rejected what is true, because he never speaks those true things. Whenever he lies, he is doing what is natural for him to do, because he is a liar. He is even the origin of lying.*

Who does Jesus say is the father of these Jews?

Jesus says their father is the devil.

What did Jesus say about the devil?

Jesus said that the devil was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When the devil speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature because he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:47

ULT	UST
He who is from God hears the words of God; because of this you do not hear, because you are not from God."	*Those who belong to God accept and obey what he has said. Since this is true, you do not accept and obey what God has said, because you do not belong to God."*

Who hears the words of God?

He who is from God hears the words of God.

John 8:51

ULT	UST
Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will certainly not see death into eternity."	*I am telling you the truth: Anyone who obeys my teaching will surely never die!"*

What does Jesus say will happen if anyone keeps Jesus' word?

If anyone keeps Jesus' word, he will never see death.

John 8:52

ULT	UST
The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham and the prophets died; but you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will certainly not taste death into eternity.'	*The Jews opposing Jesus said to him, "Now we are sure that a demon is controlling you! Abraham and the prophets died long ago! Yet you say that anyone who obeys your teaching will surely never die!*

Why did the Jews say Jesus had a demon?

They said this because Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

John 8:52-53

Why did the Jews think Jesus' statement about never seeing death was outlandish?

They thought this because they were thinking of the physical death of the body. Even Abraham and the prophets died (their physical bodies).

John 8:58

ULT	UST
Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham came into existence, I am."	*Jesus told them, "I am telling you the truth: I was God before Abraham was born!"*

What statements does Jesus make to say that he was alive before Abraham?

Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I AM."

John 9

John 9:2

ULT	UST
And his disciples asked him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this one or his parents, so that he might be born blind?”	*His disciples asked him, “Teacher, whose sin caused this man to be blind when he was born? Did this man or his parents sin?”*

What is the assumption made by the disciples as to why the man was born blind?

The disciples are assuming that the reason the man was born blind is because either the man or his parents had sinned.

John 9:3

ULT	UST
Jesus answered, “Neither did this one sin, nor his parents, but so that the works of God might be revealed in him.	*Jesus replied, “It was neither the sin of this man nor the sin of his parents that caused him to be blind when he was born. Rather, he was blind when he was born so that I might show people the miraculous works God will do in him.*

What does Jesus say is the reason the man was born blind?

Jesus says the man was born blind so that the works of God should be revealed in him.

John 9:6-7

What did Jesus do and say to the blind man?

Jesus spit on the ground, made some mud and anointed the man’s eyes with the mud.

John 9:7

ULT	UST
And he said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam," (which is translated "Sent"). So he went away and washed and came back seeing.	*Then Jesus said to the blind man, "Go and wash the mud off in the pool of Siloam!" ("Siloam" means "sent" in Aramaic). So the man left and washed the mud off in that pool. Then he went home when he was able to see.*

What happened after the blind man washed in the pool of Siloam?

He came back seeing.

John 9:9

ULT	UST
Some said, "It is he." Others said, "Not at all, but that one is like him." He kept saying, "It is me."	*Some people said, "Yes, he is that man." Other people said, "No, but he just looks like that man." However, the man himself said, "Yes, I am the man who was blind!"*

What did the man testify when a dispute arose as to whether or not he was the man born blind who used to sit and beg?

The man testified that he was the blind beggar.

John 9:13

ULT	UST
They bring him, the one formerly blind, to the Pharisees.	*Some of the people there took the man who used to be blind to some of the Pharisees.*

What did the people do who were with the formerly blind beggar?

They took the man to the Pharisees.

John 9:14

ULT	UST
(Now it was a Sabbath on the day Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.)	*(Now the day when Jesus made the mud with his saliva and enabled the man to see was the Jewish day for rest.)*

When did the healing take place?

The healing of the blind man took place on the Sabbath.

John 9:15

ULT	UST
Then again the Pharisees also began asking him how he received his sight. But he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."	*Then the Pharisees questioned the man for a second time. This time as well, they asked him about how he was now able to see. He told them, "The man placed mud on my eyes, and I washed it off, and now I am able to see for the first time."*

What did the Pharisees ask the formerly blind man?

They asked him how he had received his sight.

John 9:16

ULT	UST
Then some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God because he does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How is a man, a sinner, able to do such signs?" And there was a division among them.	*Some of the Pharisees then said, "We know that this man has not come from God, because he does not follow the rules for the Jewish day for rest." Some other Pharisees said, "Surely a sinful man could not do the kinds of miraculous signs that this man does!" So the Pharisees disagreed with each other regarding who Jesus was.*

What was the division that arose among the Pharisees?

Some Pharisees said Jesus was not from God because he did not keep the Sabbath (he healed on the Sabbath) and some of the Pharisees said how could a man that is a sinner do such signs.

John 9:17

ULT	UST
Therefore, they ask the blind man again, "What do you say about him, since he opened your eyes?" And he said, "He is a prophet."	*So the Pharisees asked the blind man again, "What do you say about this man, since you say that he is the one who enabled you to see?" The man said, "He must be a prophet."*

What did the formerly blind man say about Jesus when asked?

The formerly blind man said, "He is a prophet."

John 9:18

ULT	UST
Therefore, the Jews did not believe about him that he was blind and received his sight until they called the parents of him having received sight.	*Because the man believed that Jesus was a prophet, the Jewish leaders did not believe that the man had been blind and then became able to see until after they summoned the man's parents in order to question them.*

Why did the Jews call in the parents of the blind man that had received his sight?

They called in the man's parents because they still did not believe the man was the one that had been blind.

John 9:20

ULT	UST
So his parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.	*His parents replied, "We are certain that this man is our son. We are also certain that he was blind when he was born.*

What did the parents of the man testify concerning their son?

The parents testified that the man was indeed their son and that he had been born blind.

John 9:21

ULT	UST
But how he now sees, we do not know, or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he has full maturity. He will speak for himself."	*Nevertheless, we do not know how he is able to see at this time. We also do not know who enabled him to see. Ask him. He is old enough to speak on his own behalf."*

What did the man's parents say they did not know?

They said they did not know how he could now see, or who opened his eyes.

John 9:22

ULT	UST
His parents said these things because they were afraid of the Jews. For the Jews had already agreed that if anyone would confess him as the Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.	*(The Jewish leaders had previously agreed among themselves that they would ban anyone who declared that Jesus was the Messiah from entering the Jewish meeting place. Because of this, the man's parents were afraid of them and told them those things.)*

Why did the man's parents say, "He is an adult. Ask him"?

They said this because they were afraid of the Jews. For the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be the Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

John 9:24

ULT	UST
Therefore, for a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner."	*So the Jewish leaders summoned for a second time the man who had been blind. They told him, "Glorify God by speaking only the truth! We ourselves are certain that this man who you say healed you is sinful."*

What did the Pharisees say to the formerly blind man when they called him in the second time?

They said, "Give glory to God. We know this man (Jesus) is a sinner."

John 9:25

ULT	UST
Then that one replied, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I know: that being blind, now I see."	*The man whom Jesus healed replied, "I do not know if he is sinful or not. One thing I do know is that I used to be blind, but now I can see."*

What was the formerly blind man's response to the Pharisees when they called Jesus a sinner?

He replied, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know: Once I was blind, and now I see."

John 9:27

ULT	UST
He answered them, “I have told you already, and you did not listen! Why do you want to listen again? You do not want to become his disciples also, do you?”	*He replied, “I have already told you the answers to those questions, but you did not listen to what I said. Why do you want me to tell you again? Could it be that you also desire to become his disciples?”*

What questions did the formerly blind man ask the Pharisees?

The formerly blind man said, “Why do you want to hear it again? You do not want to become his disciples too, do you?”

John 9:31

ULT	UST
We know that God does not hear sinners, but if someone is devout and does his will, he hears this one.	*We are certain that God does not respond to the prayers of sinful people. Rather, he responds to the prayers of people who worship him and who do what he wants them to do.*

When the Pharisees reviled the man, what did the formerly blind man say everyone knew?

The formerly blind man said that everyone knew God does not listen to sinners.

John 9:34

ULT	UST
They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and you are teaching us?” And they put him out.	*The Jewish leaders replied to him, “You were born blind entirely as a result of your parents’ sins! How dare you teach us!” Then they banned him from the Jewish meeting place.*

How did the Pharisees respond to the blind man’s retort?

They rebuked the man he was born in sin and yet he dared to teach them. Then they cast the man out of the synagogue.

John 9:35

ULT	UST
Jesus heard that they had put him out, and having found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"	*Jesus heard that the Jewish leaders had banned the man he had healed from the Jewish meeting place. When he searched for him and found him, he asked him, "Do you trust the Son of Man?"*

What did Jesus do when he heard the formerly blind man had been cast out of the synagogue?

Jesus went looking for the man and found him.

John 9:35-36

What did Jesus say to the formerly blind man after Jesus found him?

Jesus asked the man if he believed in the Son of Man, and then he told the formerly blind man that he (Jesus) was the Son of Man.

John 9:38

ULT	UST
Now he said, "Lord, I believe" and he worshiped him.	*The man said, "Lord, I trust that you are the Son of Man." Then he went down on his knees and worshiped Jesus.*

How did the formerly blind man respond when told that Jesus was the Son of Man?

The formerly blind man told Jesus he believed, and he worshiped Jesus.

John 9:41

ULT	UST
Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin, but now you say, 'We see.' Your sin remains."	*Jesus replied, "If you recognized that you are spiritually blind, you would not be guilty of sin. However, because you claim to perceive God's truth, like someone who sees, you are still guilty of your sin."*

What did Jesus say about the sins of the Pharisees?

Jesus told them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin. However, now you say, 'We see.' So your sin remains."

John 10

John 10:1

ULT	UST
“Truly, truly, I say to you, the one not entering through the gate into the sheep pen but climbing up some other way, that one is a thief and a robber.	*“I am telling you the truth: Anyone who enters into the sheep pen by any way other than the pen’s gate is a thief or bandit who has come to steal the sheep.*

According to Jesus, who is a thief and a robber?

He who does not enter by the gate into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way, that man is a thief and a robber.

John 10:2

ULT	UST
But the one entering through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.	*The man who enters the sheep pen through the gate is the shepherd who takes care of the sheep.*

Who enters the sheepfold by the gate?

He who enters the sheepfold by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

John 10:3-4

Why do the sheep follow the shepherd when he calls them?

They follow the shepherd because they know his voice.

John 10:5

ULT	UST
Now they will certainly not follow a stranger, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”	*His sheep will never follow someone whom they do not know. Rather, they will run away from him because they do not recognize the voices of people they do not know.”*

Will the sheep follow a stranger?

No. The sheep will not follow a stranger.

John 10:7-8

What were all those who came before Jesus came?

All those who came before Jesus came were thieves and robbers, and the sheep did not listen to them.

John 10:9

ULT	UST
I am the gate. If anyone enters through me, he will be saved, and he will go in and go out and will find pasture.	*I myself am the gate to heaven. God will save from eternal punishment anyone who comes to him by trusting in me. Whoever trusts in me will be like a sheep who walks around safely and finds food.*

Jesus said he was the gate. What happens to those who enter through that gate?

Those who enter through Jesus, the gate, will be saved; they will go in and out and will find pasture.

John 10:11

ULT	UST
I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.	*I myself am like a good shepherd. The good shepherd is willing to die in order to protect and to save his sheep, and so am I willing to die for my disciples.*

What does the good shepherd, Jesus, do for his sheep?

Jesus, the good shepherd, lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:16

ULT	UST
And I have other sheep that are not from this sheep pen. It is necessary for me to bring them also, and they will hear my voice and there will be one flock, one shepherd.	*There are also sheep that belong to me and are from a different sheep pen. They are people who are not Jews. I must also bring them to myself. They will respond to what I say, and all those who belong to me will be united as one flock, and I will be their one shepherd.*

Does Jesus have another sheep fold, and if so, what will happen to them?

Jesus said he had other sheep that were not of that fold. He said he must bring them, and they would hear his voice so that there would be one flock and one shepherd.

John 10:17

ULT	UST
Because of this the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I might take it up again.	*My Father loves me because I will willingly die in order that I may make myself alive again.*

Why does the Father love Jesus?

The Father loves Jesus because Jesus lays down his life that he may take it up again.

John 10:18

ULT	UST
No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down from myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. I received this command from my Father."	*Nobody is forcing me to die. Rather, I myself choose to die. I have authority to willfully die and I have authority to make myself alive again. That is the work my Father has commanded me to do."*

Does someone take Jesus' life away?

No. He lays if down of himself.

Where did Jesus get the authority to lay down his life and to take it again?

Jesus received this command from his Father.

John 10:19-21

What did the Jews say because of Jesus' words?

Many said, "He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to him?" Others said, "These are not the statements of one possessed with a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"

John 10:24

ULT	UST
Then the Jews surrounded him and began saying to him, "How long are you taking away our life? If you are the Christ, tell us openly."	*The Jewish leaders gathered around Jesus and said, "How long will you keep us wondering about who you are? If you are the Messiah, then tell us plainly so that we can know."*

What did the Jews say to Jesus when they surrounded him in the Temple in Solomon's porch?

They said, "How long will you hold us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

John 10:25-26

How did Jesus reply to the Jews in Solomon's porch?

Jesus said he had already told them (that he was the Christ) and they did not believe him because they were not his sheep.

John 10:28

ULT	UST
And I give them eternal life, and they will certainly not perish into eternity, and no one will snatch any of them from my hand.	*I enable them to live forever with God in heaven. No one can ever destroy them, and no one can ever take them away from me.*

What does Jesus say about his care and protection of his sheep?

Jesus said he gives his sheep eternal life, they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of his hand.

John 10:29

ULT	UST
My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them from the hand of the Father.	*My Father gave them to me. He is greater than anyone, and no one is able to take them away from him.*

Who gave the sheep to Jesus?

The Father gave the sheep to Jesus.

Is anyone greater than the Father?

No. The Father is greater than all others.

John 10:33

ULT	UST
The Jews answered him, "We are not stoning you for a good work, but for blasphemy, and because you, a man, are making yourself God."	*The Jewish leaders replied, "We do not want to kill you with stones because you did a good deed. Rather, we want to kill you because you blaspheme God by claiming to be God even though you are just a man!"*

Why did the Jews take up stones to stone Jesus?

Because they believed Jesus was blaspheming and making himself God even though he was a man.

John 10:34-36

What is Jesus' defense against the charge of blasphemy?

Jesus defends himself by saying, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods'"? If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken), do you say about him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, "You are blaspheming," because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"

John 10:37-38

What does Jesus tell the Jews to do in order to determine whether to believe him or not?

Jesus tell the Jews to look at his works. If Jesus is not doing the works of his Father, do not believe him.

John 10:38

ULT	UST
But if I am doing them, even if you do not believe me, believe in the works so that you might know and might understand that the Father is in me, and I in the Father."	*However, because I am doing these miraculous deeds, you should trust what these deeds reveal about me even though you do not trust me. You should do that in order to learn and comprehend that my Father and I are completely united."*

What does Jesus say the Jews could know and understand if they would believe in the works that Jesus did?

Jesus said they could know and understand that the Father is in Jesus and that Jesus is in the Father.

John 10:39

ULT	UST
Therefore, they were seeking to seize him again, but he went away out of their hand.	*Because he said these things, the Jewish leaders tried again to arrest Jesus, but he got away from them.*

What was the response of the Jews to Jesus statement about the Father being in Jesus and Jesus being in the Father?

The Jews tried again to seize Jesus.

John 10:40

ULT	UST
And he went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John first was baptizing, and he stayed there.	*Then Jesus went back over on the east side of the Jordan River. He went to the place where John the Baptizer had baptized people at the beginning of his ministry. Jesus stayed there for a while.*

Where did Jesus go after this event?

Jesus went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first.

John 10:41-42

What did many people who came to Jesus say and do?

They kept saying, “John indeed did no sign, but all that John said about this one was true.” Many people believed in Jesus there.

John 11

John 11:1-2

Who was this Lazarus? And who was Mary?

Lazarus was a man from Bethany. His sisters were Mary and Martha. It was the same Mary who would anoint the Lord with myrrh and wipe his feet with her hair.

John 11:4

ULT	UST
But having heard it, Jesus said, "This sickness is not to death but for the glory of God so that the Son of God may be glorified by it."	*When Jesus heard about Lazarus' illness, he said, "This illness will not end in Lazarus' death. Rather, the purpose of this illness is to reveal how great God is. Lazarus became ill in order that the illness may reveal how great I, the Son of God, am."*

What did Jesus say about Lazarus and his sickness when Jesus heard he was sick?

Jesus said, "This sickness is not to end in death, but it is instead for the glory of God so that the Son of God may be glorified in it."

John 11:6

ULT	UST
Therefore, when he heard that he was sick, he then indeed stayed two days in the place where he was.	*So when Jesus heard that Lazarus was ill, he deliberately remained where he was for two more days.*

What did Jesus do when he heard Lazarus was sick?

Jesus stayed two more days in the place where he was.

John 11:8

ULT	UST
The disciples say to him, "Rabbi, right now the Jews are seeking to stone you, and you are going back there again?"	*His disciples said, "Teacher, the Jewish leaders in Judea currently want to kill you with stones! You surely should not return there again!"*

What did Jesus' disciples say when he told them, "Let us go to Judea again."?

The disciples said to Jesus, "Rabbi, the Jews were only now trying to stone you, and are you going back there again?"

John 11:9

ULT	UST
Jesus answered, "Are there not 12 hours in the day? If someone walks in the daytime, he does not stumble, because he sees by the light of this world.	*Jesus replied, "You know that there are 12 hours of daylight. The person who walks during the daytime will walk safely because the light allows him to see where he is going.*

What did Jesus say about walking in the day?

Jesus said if someone walks in the daytime, he will not stumble because he sees by the daylight.

John 11:10

ULT	UST
But if someone walks at night, he stumbles because the light is not in him."	*However, when a person walks during the night, he will stumble because there is no light to allow him to see where he is going."*

What did Jesus say about walking in the night?

If someone walks at night, he will stumble because the light is not in him.

John 11:12-13

In what way did the disciples think that Lazarus had fallen asleep?

The disciples thought Lazarus had fallen asleep to rest.

John 11:13

ULT	UST
(Now Jesus had spoken about his death, but those ones thought that he is speaking about the sleep of slumber.)	*(Jesus was actually speaking about Lazarus' death, but his disciples thought that he was talking about actual sleep.)*

What did Jesus mean when he said Lazarus had fallen asleep?

When Jesus said Lazarus had fallen asleep, he was speaking of Lazarus' death.

John 11:15

ULT	UST
And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."	*And I rejoice that I was not there when he died. I let this happen so that you may trust in me. This is for your benefit. Rather than staying here, let us go to where he is."*

Why was Jesus glad that he was not there when Lazarus died?

Jesus said, "I am glad for your sakes, that I was not there, so that you may believe."

John 11:16

ULT	UST
Therefore, Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, so that we may die with him."	*So Thomas, whom they called "The Twin," said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go with the Teacher in order that we may die with him."*

What did Thomas think would happen if they went back to Judea?

Thomas thought they would all die.

John 11:17

ULT	UST
Therefore, having come, Jesus found him having already been in the tomb for four days.	*So when Jesus arrived in the village of Bethany, he learned that people had already put Lazarus' dead body in a tomb four days before then.*

How long had Lazarus been in the tomb when Jesus came?

Lazarus had been in the tomb four days.

John 11:20

ULT	UST
Then Martha, when she heard, "Jesus is coming," went to meet him, but Mary was sitting in the house.	*When Martha heard someone say that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him. Mary did not go with her but stayed in the house.*

What did Martha do when she heard Jesus was coming?

When Martha heard Jesus was coming, she went and met him.

John 11:22

ULT	UST
But even now, I know that whatever you would ask from God, God will give to you."	*However, even now that he is dead I am certain that God will do for you whatever you ask him to do."*

What did Martha think God would do for Jesus?

Martha said, "Even now, I know that whatever you ask from God, he will give to you."

John 11:24

ULT	UST
Martha says to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."	*Martha told him, "I am certain that my brother will live again when God raises all dead people on the last day when he judges everyone."*

When Jesus said to Martha, "Your brother will rise again," what was her response to Jesus?

She said to Jesus, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

John 11:25-26

What did Jesus say would happen to those who believe in him?

Jesus said that whoever believes in Jesus, though he die, yet he will live; and whoever lives and believes in Jesus will never die.

John 11:27

ULT	UST
She says to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, coming into the world."	*Martha told him, "Yes, I do, Lord! I do indeed believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God. You are the one whom God promised would come into this world."*

What was Martha's testimony about who Jesus is?

Martha said to Jesus, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

John 11:29

ULT	UST
Now when she heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.	*When Mary heard what her sister said, she rose quickly and went out to meet Jesus.*

Where was Mary going?

Mary was going to meet Jesus.

John 11:31

ULT	UST
Then the Jews being with her in the house and comforting her, having seen that Mary got up quickly and went out, followed her, having thought that she was going to the tomb so that she might weep there.	*The Jewish people who were comforting Mary in her house saw her rise quickly and go outside, so they followed her. They thought that she was going to the tomb where they had buried Lazarus in order to grieve there.*

When Mary got up quickly and went out, what did the Jews who were with her think and do?

The Jews who were in the house with Mary supposed she was going to the tomb to weep there, so they followed her.

John 11:33-35

What seems to have prompted Jesus to groan in the spirit and be troubled and weep?

Jesus groaned in the spirit was troubled and wept after he saw Mary weeping and the Jews who came with her weeping.

John 11:36

ULT	UST
Then the Jews said, "Behold how much he loved him!"	*So the Jewish people who were with Mary said among themselves, "See how much he loved Lazarus!"*

What did the Jews conclude when they saw Jesus weeping?

They concluded that Jesus loved Lazarus.

John 11:39

ULT	UST
Jesus says, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the one that had died, says to him, "Lord, he will already stink, for it is four days."	*Jesus said, "Remove the rock from the cave's entrance." However, Lazarus' sister Martha told him, "Lord, by this time his body will smell bad because he died four days ago."*

What was Martha's objection to Jesus' command to take away the stone from the mouth of the cave where they had laid Lazarus?

Martha said, "Lord, by this time the body will stink, for he has been dead four days."

John 11:40

ULT	UST
Jesus says to her, "Did I not say to you that, if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"	*Jesus told her, "I surely told you that if you trusted me, you would see how great God is!"*

What is Jesus' reply to Martha's objection to taking away the stone?

Jesus said to Martha, "Did I not say to you that, if you believed, you would see the glory of God."

John 11:41

ULT	UST
Therefore, they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you heard me.	*So some people removed the rock from the cave's entrance. Jesus looked up toward heaven and said, "Father, I thank you for listening to me.*

What did Jesus do immediately after the stone was taken away from the cave?

Jesus lifted up his eyes and prayed aloud to his Father.

John 11:42

ULT	UST
Now I have known that you always hear, but because of the crowd that is standing around I spoke, so that they may believe that you sent me."	*I know that you always listen to me. Nevertheless, I said that for the sake of the people standing here. I said this in order that they might be confident that you sent me."*

Why did Jesus pray aloud and say what he said to his Father?

He prayed aloud and said what he did because of the crowd that was standing around him, so that they might believe that the Father had sent him.

John 11:44

ULT	UST
The dead man came out, his feet and hands having been bound with cloths, and his face having been bound with a cloth. Jesus says to them, "Untie him, and let him go."	*The man who had died came out of the tomb! The people who prepared him for burial had wrapped his feet and hands with strips of cloth and had wrapped a cloth around his face. So Jesus told the people standing there, "Take off the strips of cloth that bind him. Allow him to go."*

What happened when Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"?

The dead man came out, bound hand and foot with burial cloths, and his face was bound about with a cloth.

John 11:45-46

What was the response of the Jews when they saw Lazarus come out of the cave?

Many of the Jews, when they saw what Jesus did, believed in him, but some went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

John 11:50

ULT	UST
You do not consider that it is better for you that one man would die for the people, and the whole nation would not perish.”	*You do not realize that it would be much better for you to have one man die on behalf of the people than let the Romans kill all of the Jewish people.”*

In the council meeting of the chief priests and Pharisees, what did Caiaphas prophesy?

Caiaphas said it was expedient for them that one man should die for the people rather than that the whole nation should perish.

John 11:53

ULT	UST
Therefore, from that day they plotted so that they might put him to death.	*So in the days following the day that Caiaphas prophesied, the Jewish council made plans to kill Jesus.*

From that day onward, what did the council plan?

They planned how to put Jesus to death.

John 11:54

ULT	UST
Therefore, Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but he departed from there into the country near the wilderness, into a town called Ephraim. There he stayed with the disciples.	*Because of that, Jesus no longer traveled around publicly among his Jewish opponents. Instead, he left Jerusalem and went to a town called Ephraim that is in the region near the desolate area. He remained there with his disciples for a while.*

What did Jesus do after he raised Lazarus?

Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but he departed from Bethany into the country near to the wilderness into a town called Ephraim. There he stayed with his disciples.

John 11:57

ULT	UST
Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given an order so that if anyone might know where he was, he should report it so that they might seize him.	*Some time earlier the Jewish ruling priests and the Pharisees had made a command that anyone who found out where Jesus was must report his location to them so that they could arrest him.*

What order did the chief priests and Pharisees issue?

They gave an order that if anyone knew where Jesus was, he should report it so that they might seize him.

John 12

John 12:1

ULT	UST
Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.	*Jesus arrived in the village of Bethany six days before the Jewish Passover celebration began. Bethany was the village where Lazarus dwelled. He was the man whom Jesus made alive again after he had died.*

When did Jesus come back to Bethany?

He came to Bethany six days before the Passover.

John 12:3

ULT	UST
Then Mary, having taken a litra of perfumed oil of very precious pure nard, anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. Now the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfumed oil.	*Mary then took a bottle that contained about half a liter of very expensive perfume, which was pure oil from nard plants, and she poured it out on Jesus' feet and then wiped his feet with her hair. The pleasant scent of the perfume filled the entire house.*

What did Mary do at the supper which had been made for Jesus?

Mary took a litra of perfume made of very precious pure nard, anointed the feet of Jesus with it, and wiped his feet with her hair.

John 12:4-6

Why did Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples, complain that the perfume should have been sold and the money given to the poor?

Judas said this not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief: He had charge of the money bag and would take some of what was in it for himself.

John 12:7-8

How did Jesus defend Mary's use of the perfume (nard)?

Jesus said, "Allow her to keep what she has for the day of my burial. The poor you will always have with you; but you will not always have me."

John 12:9

ULT	UST
Then a large crowd of the Jews learned that he is there, and they came, not only for Jesus, but also so that they might see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.	*A large crowd of Jews heard that Jesus was in Bethany, so they went there. They came not only because Jesus was there, but also because they wanted to see Lazarus. He was the man whom Jesus made alive again after he had died.*

Why did a large crowd gather in Bethany?

They came for Jesus' sake and also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

John 12:10-11

Why did the chief priests want to put Lazarus to death?

They wanted to put Lazarus to death because it was on account of him that many of the Jews went away and believed on Jesus.

John 12:13

ULT	UST
took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet him and cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one coming in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel."	*So they cut branches off of palm trees and went out to the road to welcome him as he came into the city. They were shouting, "Please, save us! May God bless the one who comes with his authority. That one is the King of Israel!"*

What did the crowd at the festival do when they heard Jesus was coming?

They took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet him and cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel."

John 12:14-15

What prophecy about Jesus was fulfilled as Jesus entered the city on a donkey?

The prophecy that Zion's King would come, sitting on the young of a donkey was fulfilled.

John 12:17-18

Why did the crowd at the festival go out to meet Jesus?

They went out to meet Jesus because they had heard from eye witnesses that Jesus had called Lazarus out of the tomb and had raised him from the dead.

John 12:23

ULT	UST
Now Jesus answers them, saying, "The hour has come so that the Son of Man might be glorified.	*Jesus answered Philip and Andrew, "It is now the time for God to show everyone how great I, the Son of Man, am.*

What did Jesus say initially after Andrew and Philip told Jesus some Greeks wanted to see him?

Jesus answered them and said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."

John 12:24

ULT	UST
Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat, having fallen into the earth, dies, it remains by itself; but if it would die, it bears much fruit.	*I am telling you the truth: My life is like a seed. Unless a seed of wheat is planted in the ground and dies, it will only be one seed. But if it dies in the ground, then it will grow and produce much wheat.*

What did Jesus say would happen to a grain of wheat if it fell into the earth and died?

Jesus said that if it died it would bear much fruit.

John 12:25

ULT	UST
The one loving his life loses it, but the one hating his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.	*Anyone who wants to keep on living more than be my disciple will die, but anyone who wants to be my disciple more than to keep on living in this sinful world will keep his life forever.*

What did Jesus say would happen to the one who loves his life and to the one who hates his life in this world?

Jesus said the one who love his life will lose it, but the one who hates his life in this world will keep it for everlasting life.

John 12:26

ULT	UST
If anyone would serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there will my servant also be. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.	*Anyone who wants to serve me must be my disciple. My servant will be with me in heaven. My Father will honor anyone who serves me.*

How will God treat anyone who serves Jesus?

The Father will honor him.

John 12:28

ULT	UST
Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have both glorified it, and I will glorify it again."	*Father, show how great you are!" Then God spoke from heaven, "I have already shown how great I am; I will do it again!"*

What happened when Jesus said, "Father, glorify your name"?

A voice came out of heaven and said, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."

John 12:30

ULT	UST
Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for me, but for you.	*Jesus replied to them, "The voice that you heard was God's voice. He did not speak for my benefit, but for yours!*

What did Jesus say was the reason for the voice out of heaven?

Jesus said that the voice was not for his own sake, but for the Jews.

John 12:31

ULT	UST
Now is the judgment of this world: Now will the ruler of this world be thrown out.	*Now is the time for God to judge the people in this world. Now is the time when he will throw out Satan, who is the one who rules this world.*

What did Jesus say was going to happen now?

Jesus said, "Now is the judgment of this world: Now will the prince of this world be thrown out."

John 12:32-33

Why did Jesus say, "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself"?

Jesus said this to signify by what manner of death he would die.

John 12:34-35

When the crowd asked about what he had said, did Jesus directly answer them?

No. he did not answer their questions directly.

John 12:35-36

What did Jesus say about the light?

Jesus said, "Yet a little longer is the light among you. Walk while you have the light …" He also said, "While you have the light, believe in the light so that you may become sons of light."

John 12:37-38

Why did the people not believe in Jesus?

They did not believe so that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he said: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

John 12:39-40

Why were the people not able to believe in Jesus?

They were not able to believe because as Isaiah said, "He has blinded their eyes, and he has hardened their hearts; otherwise they would see with their eyes and would perceive with their hearts, and would turn, and I would heal them."

John 12:41

ULT	UST
Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke about him.	*Isaiah wrote that long ago, because he saw how great Jesus is and spoke concerning him.*

Why did Isaiah say these things?

He said these things because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him.

John 12:42-43

Why did the rulers who did believe in Jesus not admit it?

They would not admit it, because they were afraid of the Pharisees and did not want to be banned from the synagogue. They loved the praise that comes from people more than the praise that comes from God.

John 12:44-45

What statement does Jesus make about himself and his Father?

Jesus said, "The one who believes in me, believes not only in me but also in him who sent me, and the one who sees me sees him who sent me."

John 12:47

ULT	UST
And if anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I have not come so that I might judge the world, but so that I might save the world.	*I do not condemn anyone who listens to my teachings but refuses to obey them, because I did not come into this world in order to condemn the people in the world. Rather, I came into this world in order to save them from being punished for their sins.*

What did Jesus say he had come into the world to do?

Jesus said he came to save the world.

John 12:48

ULT	UST
The one rejecting me and not receiving my words has one judging him. The word which I have spoken, this will judge him on the last day.	*Anyone who rejects me and does not accept and obey my teachings will be condemned according to the very teachings I have spoken. On the last day when God judges everyone, God will judge that person on the basis of my teachings.*

What will judge those who reject Jesus and do not receive his words?

The word that Jesus has spoken will judge those who reject him on the last day.

John 12:49

ULT	UST
For I did not speak from myself, but the Father himself, having sent me, has given me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.	*This will happen because I did not speak on my own authority. Rather, my Father himself, who sent me, commanded me regarding what I should say and how I should say it.*

Did Jesus speak of his own accord?

No. The Father who sent Jesus commanded him what he should say and speak.

John 12:50

ULT	UST
And I know that his command is eternal life. Therefore, what I say, just as the Father has spoken to me, thus I speak."	*I am certain that what my Father has commanded me to say is what people must believe in order to live forever in heaven. So I say exactly what my Father has told me to say."*

Why did Jesus say to the people just what the Father had said to him?

Jesus did this because he knew his Father's command is life everlasting.

John 13

John 13:1

ULT	UST
Now before the Festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come so that he might depart from this world to the Father. Having loved his own in the world, he loved them to the end.	*On the day before the Passover celebration would begin, Jesus knew that it was the time for him to leave this world and to return to his Father. He always loved his disciples who were with him in this world, and he loved them to the uttermost.*

How long did Jesus love his own?

He loved them to the end.

John 13:2

ULT	UST
And supper happening, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, so that he might betray him,	*When Jesus and his disciples were having their evening meal, the devil had already caused Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to think that he should help the Jewish leaders arrest Jesus.*

What had the devil done to Judas Iscariot?

The devil had put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus.

John 13:3

ULT	UST
knowing that the Father had given all things to him, into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God,	*Jesus knew that his Father had given him complete power and authority over everything, and he also knew that he came from God and would soon return to God.*

What had the Father given to Jesus?

The Father gave all things over into the hands of Jesus.

Where had Jesus come from and where was he going?

Jesus had come from God and was going back to God.

John 13:4-5

What did Jesus do when he rose from supper?

He laid aside his outer clothing, took a towel and wrapped it around himself, poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel.

John 13:8

ULT	UST
Peter says to him, "You may certainly not wash my feet into eternity." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me."	*Peter said, "You will surely never wash my feet!" Jesus replied to him, "If I do not wash you, then you will not inherit God's blessings with me."*

What did Jesus say when Peter objected to having his feet washed by Jesus?

Jesus said, "If I do not wash you, you can have no part with me."

John 13:11

ULT	UST
(For he knew the one betraying him; because of this he said, "Not all are clean.")	*(Jesus said this about being spiritually clean, because he knew who was going to help the Jewish leaders arrest him. That is the reason he said, "Not all of you are clean.")*

Why did Jesus say to his disciples, "Not all of you are clean"?

Jesus said this because he knew who would betray him.

John 13:14-15

Why did Jesus wash the disciples feet?

Jesus washed the disciples feet to give the disciples an example so that they should do for each other as he did for them.

John 13:16

ULT	UST
Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one having sent him.	*I am telling you the truth: Just as a servant is not more important than his master, nor is a messenger more important than the person who has sent him, you are not more important than me.*

Is the servant greater than his master or the one sent greater than the one who sent him?

The servant is not greater than his master and the one sent is not greater than the one who sent him.

John 13:18

ULT	UST
I am not speaking about all of you; I know whom I have chosen—but so that the scripture might be fulfilled: 'The one eating bread with me lifted up his heel against me.'	*I am not saying that all of you will be blessed. I know well the people whom I have chosen to be my disciples. However, what is about to happen must take place in order that what a prophet wrote in scripture can come true: 'The one who shared a meal with me as a friend has opposed me.'*

Who lifted up his heel against Jesus?

The one who ate Jesus' bread lifted up his heel against him.

John 13:19

ULT	UST
From this moment I tell you, before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe that I am.	*From now on I am telling you what will happen before it happens in order that, when it does happen, you may trust that I am God.*

Why did Jesus tell his disciples, "Not all of you are clean" and "He who eats my bread lifted up his heel against me"?

Jesus told them this before it happened so that when it did happen, they might believe he is the I AM.

John 13:20

ULT	UST
Truly, truly, I say to you, the one receiving whomever I might send receives me, and the one receiving me receives the one having sent me."	*I am telling you the truth: Whoever accepts the one I send out also accepts me; and whoever accepts me also accepts my Father who sent me."*

Who will you receive if you receive whomever Jesus sends?

If you receive whomever Jesus sends, you will receive Jesus, and you also receive the one who sent Jesus.

John 13:24

ULT	UST
Therefore, Simon Peter motioned to this one to ask, "Who is it about whom he is speaking?"	*Simon Peter made a gesture to him to indicate that he should ask Jesus which disciple he was talking about.*

When Jesus told his disciples that one of them would betray him, what did Simon Peter do?

Simon Peter motioned to the disciple whom Jesus loved and said, "Tell us who it is of whom he is speaking."

John 13:26

ULT	UST
Jesus answered, "It is that one to whom I, having dipped the piece of bread, will hand it over and give it to him." Then having dipped the bread, he gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot.	*Jesus replied, "It is the man to whom I will give this piece of bread after I dip it in the bowl." Then he dipped the bread in the bowl and gave it to Judas, Simon Iscariot's son.*

How did Jesus respond when the disciple whom Jesus loved asked Jesus who was going to betray Jesus?

Jesus answered, "He it is for whom I will dip the piece of bread and give it to him." Then Jesus dipped the bread and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

John 13:27

ULT	UST
And after the bread, Satan then entered into him. Therefore, Jesus says to him, "What you are doing, do quickly."	*As soon as Judas took the piece of bread from Jesus, Satan took control of him. Jesus then told him, "Do quickly what you have planned to do."*

What happened to Judas and what did he do after Jesus gave Judas the bread?

After Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him, and he went out immediately.

John 13:30

ULT	UST
Therefore, having received the bread, he went out immediately. Now it was night.	*So after Judas took the bread from Jesus, he immediately went out. (It was night.)*

What happened to Judas and what did he do after Jesus gave Judas the bread?

After Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him and he went out immediately.

John 13:31

ULT	UST
Therefore, when he had gone out, Jesus says, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.	*So after Judas left, Jesus said, "Now God has shown people how great I, the Son of Man, am. I have also shown people how great God is.*

How was God going to be glorified?

God was going to be glorified in the Son of Man. When the Son of Man was glorified, that glorified God.

John 13:33

ULT	UST
Little children, I am with you for still a short time. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, 'Where I go, you are not able to come.' Now I also say this to you.	*You whom I love as though you were my children, I will be with you only a little while longer. Then you will look for me, but it will be just like I told the Jewish leaders and am telling you now: You will not be able to come to the place where I am going.*

Did Simon Peter understand where Jesus was going when Jesus told them, "Where I am going, you cannot come"?

No, Simon Peter did not understand, because he asked Jesus, "Lord, where are you going?"

John 13:34

ULT	UST
I give to you a new commandment, so that you would love one another; just as I have loved you, so also you would love one another.	*I now give you this new command in order that you might love each other: You must love each other in the same way that I have loved you.*

What new commandment did Jesus give his disciples?

The new commandment was that they should love one another as Jesus had loved them.

John 13:35

ULT	UST
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another."	*If you love each other, everyone who sees that love will know that you are my disciples."*

What did Jesus say would happen if his disciples obeyed the commandment to love one another?

Jesus said that by them obeying this commandment, all people would know that they were his disciples.

John 13:38

ULT	UST
Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster may certainly not crow before which you will deny me three times.”	*Jesus replied, “You are not really willing to die for me! I am telling you the truth: You will surely say three times that you do not know me before the rooster crows in the morning!”*

How did Jesus answer when Simon Peter said, “I will lay down my life for you”?

Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the rooster will not crow before you have denied me three times.”

John 14

John 14:1-3

Why should the hearts of the disciples not be troubled?

Their hearts should not be troubled because Jesus is going to prepare a place for them, and Jesus will come again to receive them to himself so that where Jesus is they may be also.

John 14:2

ULT	UST
In the house of my Father are many dwelling places. But if not, I would have told you, for I am going to prepare a place for you.	*There are many places for people to dwell where my Father dwells. If that were not true, I would have told you so, because I will go there to prepare a place for you to dwell.*

What is in the Father's house?

There are many dwelling places in the Father's house.

John 14:3

ULT	UST
And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.	*And after I go there to prepare a place for you to dwell, I will return and take you to be with me, in order for you also to be with me where I am.*

What was Jesus going to do for the disciples?

Jesus was going to prepare a place for them and then come back for them.

John 14:6

ULT	UST
Jesus says to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me.	*Jesus told him, “I am how people can go there. I am the one who reveals what is true about God, and the one who gives eternal life to people. The only way people can come to my Father is by trusting me.*

What is the only way to come to the Father?

The only way to come to the Father is through Jesus.

John 14:8

ULT	UST
Philip says to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.”	*Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, let us see the Father and that will satisfy us!”*

What does Philip tell Jesus to do that would be enough for the disciples?

Philip says to Jesus, “Lord show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.”

John 14:10

ULT	UST
Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak from myself, but the Father remaining in me is doing his work.	*You surely must believe that I and my Father are completely united! I did not speak all that I have spoken to you on my own. Rather, my Father who is united with me is working his own miraculous works through me.*

Is Jesus speaking to the disciples of his own accord?

Jesus is not speaking of his own accord. Instead, it is the Father living in him who is doing the Father’s work.

John 14:11

ULT	UST
Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. But if not, believe because of the works themselves.	*Trust me when I say that I and my Father are completely united! Otherwise, if you are not going to trust what I say, at least trust me on account of all the miraculous works that you have seen me do.*

If for no other reason, why does Jesus say the disciples should believe that Jesus is in the Father and the Father is in Jesus?

Jesus says they should believe this if for no other reason then because of Jesus' very works.

John 14:12

ULT	UST
Truly, truly, I say to you, the one believing in me, the works that I do, he also will do, and he will do greater than these, because I am going to the Father.	*I am telling you the truth: Whoever trusts in me will also do the miraculous works that I do. He will do even greater works than those I do, because I am going to my Father.*

Why does Jesus say the disciples will be able to do even greater works than he did?

Jesus says the disciples will do even greater works because Jesus is going to the Father.

John 14:13

ULT	UST
And whatever you ask in my name, this I will do so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.	*I will do anything that you request as my representative. I will do this in order that I, his Son, might show how great my Father is.*

Why will Jesus do whatever the disciples ask in his name?

Jesus will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:15

ULT	UST
If you love me, you will keep my commandments,	*If you really love me, you will obey everything that I have commanded you.*

What does Jesus say you will do if you love him?

Jesus says you will keep his commandments if you love him.

John 14:17

ULT	UST
the Spirit of Truth whom the world is not able to receive, because it does not see him nor know him. You know him, for he remains with you and will be in you.	*He is the Holy Spirit who declares what is true about God. The unbelieving people in the world cannot accept him, because they do not see him or know him. You disciples know this Spirit because he dwells with you, and he will later dwell in you.*

What does Jesus call the other comforter that the Father will give to be with the disciples forever?

Jesus calls him the Spirit of Truth.

Why can the world not receive the Spirit of Truth?

The world cannot receive the Spirit of Truth, because it does not see him or know him.

Where does Jesus say the Spirit of Truth will be?

Jesus said the Spirit of Truth would remain with and be in the disciples.

John 14:21

ULT	UST
The one having my commandments and keeping them, this is the one loving me, and the one loving me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and I will show myself to him."	*Whoever knows and obeys what I command truly loves me. And my Father loves whoever loves me. I will love that person too, and I will reveal myself to that person."*

What will happen to whoever has Jesus' commandments and keeps them?

Those people will be loved by Jesus and his Father and Jesus will show himself to those people.

John 14:26

ULT	UST
Now the Helper—the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything, and he will remind you of everything that I said to you.	*But my Father will send the Holy Spirit in my place. He is the one who will help you. He will teach you all of God's truth that you need to know. He will also cause you to remember all the things that I have told you.*

What will the Helper, the Holy Spirit, do when the Father sends him?

The Helper, the Holy Spirit, will teach the disciples all things and bring to their remembrance all the Jesus said to them.

John 14:28

ULT	UST
You heard that I said to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I am.	*You heard me tell you that I am going away and will later return to you. If you really loved me, you would rejoice that I am returning to my Father in heaven, because he is superior to me.*

Why should the disciples have rejoiced that Jesus was going away?

Jesus said they should rejoice because Jesus was going to the Father, for the Father is greater than Jesus.

John 14:30

ULT	UST
I will no longer speak many things with you, for the ruler of the world is coming. And he has nothing in me,	*I will not be able to talk with you much longer, because Satan, the one who rules this world, is coming. But he has no control over me.*

What reason does Jesus give for saying he will not speak much more with the disciples?

The reason Jesus gives is that the prince of this world is coming.

John 15

John 15:1

ULT	UST
“I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer.	*“I am like a genuine vine that grows fruit. My Father is like a gardener who takes care of it.*

Who is the true vine?

Jesus is the true vine.

Who is the vine grower?

The Father is the vine grower.

John 15:2

ULT	UST
Every branch in me not bearing fruit, he takes it away; and every one that bears fruit, he prunes it so that it might bear more fruit.	*My Father cuts off and removes every branch that seems to be part of me but does not produce fruit. As for every branch that produces fruit, he cleans it by pruning it so that it may produce even more fruit.*

What does the Father do with the branches who are in Christ?

The Father takes away the branches that bear no fruit, and he prunes every branch that bears fruit so that it may bear more fruit.

John 15:3

ULT	UST
You are already clean through the word that I have spoken to you.	*You are like branches that have already been cleaned by pruning because of the teaching that I have told you before.*

Why are the disciples clean?

They are clean because of the message Jesus spoke to them.

John 15:5

ULT	UST
I am the vine; you are the branches. The one remaining in me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for without me you can do nothing.	*I am like the vine; you are like the branches. If you stay united with me and I stay united with you, you will produce a lot of fruit. This is true because you cannot do anything without my help.*

Who are the branches?

We are the branches.

What must we do to bear fruit?

In order to bear fruit you must remain in Jesus.

John 15:6

ULT	UST
If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown outside like a branch and is dried up, and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned up.	*As for anyone who does not stay united with me, that person is like a branch that the gardener cuts off and throws away. After such branches dry up, the gardener's workers pick them up and throw them into a fire and burn them up.*

What happens if you do not remain in Jesus?

If anyone does not remain in Jesus, he is thrown away like a branch, dries up, and is burnt up.

John 15:7

ULT	UST
If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, ask whatever you desire, and it will be done for you.	*If you stay united with me and obey what I have taught you, you can request anything from God that you want, and he will grant your request.*

What must we do so that whatever we ask will be done for us?

We must remain in Jesus and his word must remain in us. Then we may ask whatever we wish, and it will be done for us.

John 15:8

ULT	UST
My Father was glorified in this, that you would bear much fruit and you would be my disciples.	*You show people how great my Father is by producing a lot of fruit and being my disciples.*

What are two ways the Father is glorified?

The Father is glorified when we bear much fruit and when we are disciples of Jesus.

John 15:10

ULT	UST
If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept the commandments of the Father and remain in his love.	*If you obey what I have commanded you, you will be acting in a way that is appropriate for those whom I love, just like I have obeyed what my Father has commanded me, and I act in a way that is appropriate for someone whom he loves.*

What must we do to remain in the love of Jesus?

We must keep his commandments.

John 15:13

ULT	UST
No one has greater love than this—that he would lay down his life for his friends.	*No one has greater love than a person who is willing to die for his friends.*

What is the greatest love a person can have?

No one has greater love than this, that he should lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:14

ULT	UST
You are my friends if you do what I command you.	*You are really my friends if you keep doing what I have commanded you to do.*

How do we know if we are Jesus' friends or not?

We are friends of Jesus if we do the things he commanded us.

John 15:15

ULT	UST
No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, for all the things I heard from my Father, I have made known to you.	*I am not going to call you my servants any longer, because a servant does not understand what his master is doing. I now call you friends, because I have made you understand everything that my Father has told me.*

Why did Jesus call the disciples his friends?

He called them friends, for he made known to them all the things that he heard from his Father.

John 15:19

ULT	UST
If you were from the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not from the world, but I chose you from the world, on account of this the world hates you.	*If you were part of the people who oppose God in the world, those unbelievers would love you as they love their own. However, I chose you to come out from among them. The people who oppose God in the world detest you because you are not part of them.*

Why does the world hate those who follow Jesus?

The world hates those who follow Jesus because they are not of this world and because Jesus chose them out of the world.

John 15:24

ULT	UST
If I had not done the works that no one else did among them, they would have no sin, but now they have both seen and hated both me and my Father.	*If I had not performed miraculous works among them that no one else has ever done, they would not be guilty of sin. Yet, as it is, they have seen these works and detest me. They also detest my Father.*

What did Jesus do so that the world has no excuse for their sin?

The world has no excuse for their sin because Jesus came and did among them the works that no one else did.

John 15:26-27

Who will bear witness about Jesus?

The Helper, that is the Spirit of Truth, would bear witness about Jesus.

John 15:27

ULT	UST
But you also testify because you are with me from the beginning.”	*You also must tell everyone about me, because you have been with me since the very first days when I began my work.”*

Why would the disciples bear witness about Jesus?

They would bear witness about Jesus because they had been with him from the beginning.

John 16

John 16:1

ULT	UST
“I have spoken these things to you so that you might not fall away.	*I told you about these things that will happen so that you would continue trusting in me when they do happen.*

Why did Jesus speak these things to the disciples?

Jesus spoke these things to them so that they should not be made to stumble.

John 16:3

ULT	UST
And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me.	*They will do such things because they have never known who I really am, nor who my Father is.*

Why will people put the disciples of Jesus out of the synagogues and kill some of them?

They will do this because they have not known the Father or Jesus.

John 16:4

ULT	UST
But I have spoken these things to you so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you about them. But I did not tell you these things in the beginning, because I was with you.	*I have told you about these things that will happen in order that when they happen, you will remember that I told you they would happen. I did not tell you about them in the very first days when I began my work, because I was with you then.*

Why did Jesus not tell the disciples about these things in the beginning?

Jesus did not tell them in the beginning because he was with them.

John 16:7

ULT	UST
But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I would go away. For if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.	*Nevertheless, I now tell you true information: It is better for you that I leave than that I stay. This is true because if I do not leave, then the one who will help you will not come to you. However, If I go away, then I will send him to you.*

Why is it better for Jesus to go away?

It is better for Jesus to go away because the Comforter will not come to them unless Jesus goes away; but if Jesus goes away, Jesus will send the Comforter to them.

John 16:8

ULT	UST
And having come, that one will reprove the world about sin and about righteousness and about judgment—	*When that one who will help comes, he will convict people in the world of the sins they have committed. He will convict them of not being righteous, and he will convict them that God will judge them.*

Regarding what will the Comforter convict the world?

The Comforter will convict the world regarding sin, righteousness, and judgment.

John 16:13

ULT	UST
But when that one, the Spirit of Truth, comes, he will guide you into the whole truth, for he will not speak from himself, but he will say whatever he will hear, and he will announce to you the things coming.	*When the Holy Spirit, who declares what is true about God, comes, he will enable you to understand all the truth you need to know. He can do so because he will not speak from his own authority. Rather, he will say whatever he hears from God, and he will tell you ahead of time about things that will happen.*

What will the Spirit of Truth do for the disciples when he comes?

He will guide the disciples into all truth; for he will not speak from himself; but whatever things he hears, he will say those things and will declare to them the things that are to come.

John 16:14

ULT	UST
That one will glorify me, because he will take from the things of mine, and he will announce it to you.	*The Holy Spirit will show how great I am by telling you what he has heard from me.*

How will the Spirit of Truth glorify Jesus?

He will glorify Jesus by taking things of Jesus and declaring them to the disciples.

John 16:15

ULT	UST
Everything, as much as the Father has, is mine. Therefore, I said that he will take from the things of mine and he will announce it to you.	*Everything my Father has belongs to me. That is why I said that the Holy Spirit will tell you what he has heard from me.*

What will the Spirit of Truth do with the things of Jesus?

The Spirit of Truth will take the things of Jesus and announce them to the disciples.

John 16:17-18

What sayings of Jesus did the disciples not understand?

They did not understand when Jesus said, “In a little while, you will see me no more; after a little while again, you will see me,” and when he said, “Because I go to the Father.”

John 16:20

ULT	UST
Truly, truly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will be glad. You will be grieved, but your sorrow will become joy.	*I am telling you the truth: You will cry and mourn, but the people who oppose God in the world will rejoice. You will be very sad, but you will change from being sad to being joyful.*

What will happen to the disciples’ sorrow?

It will be turned to joy.

John 16:22

ULT	UST
And so you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your heart will be glad, and no one takes away your joy from you.	*In the same way, although you are sad at this time, I will see you again, and you will rejoice, and no one will stop you from rejoicing.*

What will happen to cause the disciples to rejoice?

They will see Jesus again, and their hearts will rejoice.

John 16:24

ULT	UST
Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive so that your joy may be fulfilled.	*Up to now you have not requested anything from my Father as my representatives. Request anything from my Father and you will receive whatever you request. God will give it to you in order that you may be joyful to the greatest degree.*

Why does Jesus tell the disciples to ask and receive?

Jesus says to do this so that their joy may be full.

John 16:27

ULT	UST
for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.	*because my Father himself loves you because you love me and trust that I came here from God.*

For what reason does the Father himself love the disciples of Jesus?

The Father loves the disciples because the disciples loved Jesus and believed that he came from the Father.

John 16:28

ULT	UST
I came from the Father, and I have come into the world. Again, I am leaving the world, and I am going to the Father."	*I came from my Father and entered this world. Again I tell you that I will leave this world and go back to my Father."*

Where did Jesus come from and where was he going?

Jesus came into the world from the Father and was going to leave the world and return to the Father.

John 16:32

ULT	UST
Behold, an hour is coming—and has come—that you might be scattered, each one to his own, and you might leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.	*Look! There will soon be a time, and that time will be very soon, when others will scatter you everywhere. Each of you will go to his own home, and you will leave me by myself. However, I will not be by myself, because my Father is always with me.*

What did Jesus say the disciples would do at that hour?

Jesus said the disciples would be scattered, everyone to his own possessions, and they would leave Jesus all alone.

Who was still going to be with Jesus after the disciples left him alone?

The Father was still going to be with Jesus.

John 16:33

ULT	UST
I have spoken these things to you so that you might have peace in me. In the world you have troubles, but have courage. I have conquered the world."	*I have told you all these things that will happen in order that you may feel peaceful because you are united with me. In this world you will be afflicted, but be brave! I have defeated the people who oppose God in the world!"*

Why did Jesus tell the disciples to be encouraged even though in the world they would have troubles?

Jesus told them to be encouraged because he had overcome the world.

John 17

John 17:2

ULT	UST
since you gave him authority over all flesh so that everyone whom you have given him, he would give to them eternal life.	*Please do this because you gave me authority over all people in order that I might enable all those whom you chose to come to me to live forever with me in heaven.*

Why did the Father give Jesus authority over all flesh?

The Father did this so that Jesus would give eternal life to all whom the Father have given him.

John 17:3

ULT	UST
Now this is eternal life, that they would know you, the only true God, and the one you sent, Jesus Christ.	*This is what it means to live forever: to know you, who are the only real God, and to know me, Jesus the Messiah, the one whom you have sent into the world.*

What is eternal life?

Eternal life is knowing the Father, the only true God, and him whom he has sent, Jesus Christ.

John 17:4

ULT	UST
I glorified you on the earth, having completed the work that you have given me so that I might do it.	*I have shown everyone how great you are while I have been on the earth. I did this by finishing the work that you assigned me to do.*

How did Jesus glorify God on the earth?

He did this by accomplishing the work that the Father gave him to do.

John 17:5

ULT	UST
And now, Father, glorify me along with yourself with the glory that I had with you before the world was made.	*Father, at this time show how great I am in your presence with the same greatness that I had in your presence before the time we created the world.*

What glory does Jesus want?

He wants the glory he had with the Father before the world was created.

John 17:6

ULT	UST
I revealed your name to the men whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.	*I have shown who you really are to the men whom you have given me from among the people in the world. They belonged to you and you have given them to me. They have obeyed your teaching.*

To whom did Jesus reveal the Father's name?

Jesus revealed the Father's name to the people the Father gave to Jesus from the world.

John 17:8

ULT	UST
for I have given them the words that you gave me, and they received them and truly knew that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.	*They know this because I have told them the teachings that you told me. They themselves accepted those teachings, and they are certain that I came from you, and they believe that you sent me here.*

How did those people the Father gave to Jesus respond to Jesus' words?

They received Jesus' words and truly knew that Jesus came from the Father and they believed that the Father sent Jesus.

John 17:9

ULT	UST
I ask on behalf of them. I do not ask on behalf of the world, but on behalf of whom you have given me, for they are yours.	*I am praying for them. I am not praying for the people who oppose you in the world. Rather, I am praying for those people whom you gave me, because they belong to you.*

Who does Jesus say he is not praying for?

Jesus says he is not praying for the world.

John 17:11

ULT	UST
And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me so that they would be one, just as we are.	*I will not stay in this sinful world any longer. However, my disciples are staying in it. I will soon return to you. My Father, who is set apart, keep them safe by your same power that you gave to me, in order that they may be united in the same way that we are united.*

In brief, what does Jesus ask the Father to do for those the Father has given to Jesus?

Jesus asks the Father to keep them in the Father's name so they may be one just as the Father and Son are one.

John 17:12

ULT	UST
While I was with them, I kept them in your name that you have given me. And I protected them, and not one of them perished, except for the son of destruction, so that the scripture would be fulfilled.	*During the time that I have been with them, I have kept them safe by your same power that you gave to me. I have guarded them, and only one of them will be eternally ruined. He is the one whom you had destined to be eternally ruined in order that the scriptures would come true.*

While Jesus was in the world, what did Jesus do for those the Father had given to him?

Jesus protected them, so that none perished.

John 17:15

ULT	UST
I do not ask that you would take them away from the world, but that you would keep them from the evil one.	*I am not requesting that you take my disciples out of this sinful world. Rather, I am requesting that you keep them safe from being harmed by Satan, the evil one.*

In brief, what does Jesus ask the Father to do for those the Father has given to Jesus?

Jesus asks the Father to keep them from the evil one.

John 17:19

ULT	UST
And for their sakes I have sanctified myself, so that they themselves may also be sanctified in truth.	*I set myself apart as a sacrifice on their behalf in order that they also may set themselves apart to serve you by knowing and living according to what is true."*

Why did Jesus sanctify himself?

Jesus sanctified himself so that those the Father gave him might also be sanctified in truth.

John 17:20

ULT	UST
But I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of the ones believing in me through their word,	*Now I am praying not only for these disciples here, but I am praying also for those people who will trust in me by means of what my disciples say.*

For whom else does Jesus pray?

Jesus prays for people who will believe in him through the word of those who followed him at that time.

John 17:21

ULT	UST
that they would all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also would be in us so that the world would believe that you have sent me.	*I pray that they may all be united in the same way that you, my Father, and I are completely united. I pray that they may also be united to us in order that the people in the world might know that you sent me here.*

What does Jesus ask the Father to do for those the Father has given to Jesus?

Jesus asks the Father to keep them in the Father's name so they may be one, for them to be one in both Jesus and the Father so that the world would believe God sent Jesus.

John 17:23

ULT	UST
I in them, and you in me so that they may be made complete as one so that the world may know that you sent me and you loved them just as you loved me.	*This means that I am united with them, and you are united with me. I have done this in order that they may be completely united together in order that the people in the world may know that you sent me here and that you love the people who trust in me in the same way that you love me.*

How does the Father love those he gave to Jesus?

The Father loves them even as he loved Jesus.

John 17:24

ULT	UST
Father, the one you have given me, I desire that they also may be with me where I am, in order to see my glory, which you gave me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.	*"My Father, I want these people whom you have given to me to be with me where I will be in heaven in order that they can see how glorious I am. You made me glorious because you have loved me from before the time when we created the universe.*

What does Jesus ask the Father to do for those the Father has given to Jesus?

Jesus asks that his followers may be with him where he is, to see his glory.

John 17:26

ULT	UST
And I made your name known to them, and I will make it known so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”	*I have made them know who you are. I will continue to do so in order that they may love others like you love me and in order that I may be united with them.”*

Why did and will Jesus make the Father’s name known to those the Father has given to him?

Jesus did and will make it known so that the love with which the Father loved Jesus may be in them and that Jesus may be in them.

John 18

John 18:1

ULT	UST
Having spoken these things, Jesus went out with his disciples across the brook of the Kidron, where there was a garden into which he and his disciples entered.	*After Jesus finished praying, he left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side of the valley they entered into a grove of olive trees.*

After Jesus spoke these words, where did he go?

He went with his disciples across the Kidron brook to a garden, and he entered it.

John 18:2

ULT	UST
Now Judas, the one betraying him, also knew the place, for Jesus often gathered there with his disciples.	*Judas is the one who was about to help Jesus' opponents arrest him. He knew the place where Jesus was because Jesus often went there with his disciples.*

How did Judas know about the garden?

He knew about it because Jesus often went there with his disciples.

John 18:3

ULT	UST
So Judas, leading the cohort of soldiers and officers from the chief priests and from the Pharisees, comes there with lanterns and torches and weapons.	*So Judas brought to that grove a group of Roman soldiers and some temple guards who had been sent by the ruling priests and Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lamps, and weapons.*

Who else came to the garden with lanterns, torches and weapons?

Judas, leading a group of soldiers and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, also came to the garden.

John 18:4

ULT	UST
Then Jesus, knowing all the things happening to him, having gone out, asked them, "Whom do you seek?"	*Because Jesus knew what was going to happen to him, he went forward and asked the soldiers and temple guards, "Who are you looking for?"*

What did Jesus ask this group of people in the garden?

Jesus asked them, "For whom are you looking?"

John 18:6

ULT	UST
So when he said to them, "I am," they went backward and fell to the ground.	*When Jesus told them, "I am that person," they stepped back and involuntarily fell down to the ground.*

What happened when the group of people said they were looking for Jesus of Nazareth and Jesus responded, "I am"?

The soldiers and others with them went backward and fell to the ground.

John 18:8-9

Why did Jesus say, "I told you that I am he; so if you are looking for me, let these others go"?

Jesus said this so that the word might be fulfilled that he said: "Of those whom you have given me, I lost not one."

John 18:10-11

What did Jesus tell Peter after Peter cut off the ear of Malchus, the servant of the high priest?

Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. The cup that the Father has given me, should I not drink it?"

John 18:13

ULT	UST
And they led him first to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.	*Then they took him to Annas first, because he was Caiaphas's father-in-law, and Caiaphas was the high priest that year.*

After the group of soldiers, their captain and the officers of the Jews seized Jesus, where did they take him?

They first took Jesus to Annas.

Who was Annas?

Annas was the father-in-law to Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.

John 18:16

ULT	UST
But Peter was standing at the door outside, so the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the female doorkeeper, and he brought Peter in.	*However, Peter had to stay outside at the door. Therefore, that disciple who knew the high priest went out again and spoke to the servant girl who was watching the door. Then he was allowed to bring Peter into the courtyard.*

How did Peter get into the courtyard of the high priest?

Another disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the woman servant who was guarding the door, and he brought in Peter.

John 18:17,25-26

Who asked Peter if he was a disciple of Jesus?

The woman guarding the door to the courtyard, the people standing around the fire of coals and one of the servants of the high priest, who was a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, all asked Peter if he was with Jesus or a disciple of Jesus.

John 18:19-21

In brief how did Jesus answer when the high priest asked Jesus about his disciples and his teaching?

Jesus said he spoke openly to the world in public. He told the chief priest to ask those who heard him about what he said.

John 18:24

ULT	UST
Then Annas sent him, tied up, to Caiaphas the high priest.	*Then Annas sent Jesus to Caiaphas, the other high priest, while his hands were still tied.*

After Annas questioned Jesus where did he send Jesus?

Annas sent Jesus to Caiaphas the high priest.

John 18:27

ULT	UST
Peter then denied it again, and immediately a rooster crowed.	*Peter then again denied that he had been with Jesus. A rooster crowed immediately after he did that.*

What happened immediately after Peter denied being associated with Christ for the third time?

Immediately after the third time Peter denied being associated with Christ, the rooster crowed.

John 18:28

ULT	UST
Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the governor's palace. (Now it was early in the morning, and they did not enter into the governor's palace so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover.)	*The Jewish leaders then brought Jesus from Caiaphas' house to the headquarters of Pilate, the Roman governor. (It was early morning. The Jewish leaders did not enter Pilate's headquarters because Pilate was not a Jew. If they entered a non-Jew's home, they thought they would defile themselves and be unable to eat the Passover celebration meal.)*

Why did those who took Jesus to the Praetorium not enter it?

They did not enter the Praetorium so that they might not be defiled and so that they might eat the Passover.

John 18:29-30

How did Jesus' accusers answer Pilate when he asked them, "What accusation are you bringing against this man?"?

They answered and said to him, "If this man were not an evil doer, we would not have delivered him up to you."

John 18:31

ULT	UST
Therefore, Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death."	*So Pilate told them, "You yourselves take him and judge him by your own law." The Jewish leaders replied, "We want to execute him, but your Roman law prevents us from doing that."*

Why did the Jews take Jesus to Pilate instead of punishing Jesus themselves?

The Jews wanted to kill Jesus, but it was not lawful for them to put any man to death without permission from the Roman authorities (Pilate).

John 18:33-35

What did Pilate ask Jesus?

Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

John 18:36

ULT	UST
Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my servants would fight so that I would not be handed over to the Jews. But now my kingdom is not from here."	*Jesus replied, "The kingdom that I rule over does not belong to this sinful world. If it did, my servants would have fought in order to prevent the Jewish leaders from arresting me. But, as it is, the kingdom that I rule over does not belong to this sinful world."*

What did Jesus tell Pilate about Jesus' kingdom?

Jesus told Pilate that his kingdom is not part of this world and does not come from here.

John 18:37

ULT	UST
Pilate then said to him, “So then, are you a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, so that I would bear witness to the truth. Everyone being from the truth hears my voice.”	*Then Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus replied, “You yourself say so. This is why I was born into this world: I came in order to tell people what is true about God. Everyone who believes what is true about God accepts and obeys what I say.”*

For what purpose was Jesus born?

Jesus was born to be a king and to bear witness to the truth.

John 18:38

ULT	UST
Pilate says to him, “What is truth?” And having said this, he went out again to the Jews and says to them, “I find no guilt in him.	*Pilate said to him, “Nobody knows what is really true!” After Pilate said that, he went outside and talked to the Jewish leaders again. He told them, “I have found no evidence that this man has broken a law.*

What is Pilate’s judgment about Jesus after talking with him?

Pilate said to the Jews, “I find no guilt in this man.”

John 18:39-40

When Pilate offered to release Jesus, what did the Jews cry out to Pilate?

The Jews cried out again and said, “Not this man, but Barabbas.”

John 19

John 19:2-3

What did the soldiers do to Jesus after Pilate had Jesus whipped?

The soldiers twisted thorns together to make a crown, put it on Jesus' head, and dressed him in a purple garment. They came to him and said, "Hail, king of the Jews!" and they struck him with their hands.

John 19:4

ULT	UST
Pilate went out again and says to them, "See, I am bringing him out to you so that you might know that I find no guilt in him."	*Pilate came outside again and said to the Jewish leaders, "Look, I am about to bring him out to you in order that you can know that I have found no evidence that this man has broken a law."*

Why did Pilate bring Jesus out to the people again?

Pilate brought Jesus out to the people so that they would know that Pilate found no guilt in Jesus.

John 19:5

ULT	UST
Then Jesus went out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. And he says to them, "Behold the man!"	*So Jesus came out. He was wearing the crown made of branches with thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to the Jewish leaders, "Look, here is the man!"*

What was Jesus wearing when Pilate brought him back out to the people?

Jesus was wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment.

John 19:6

ULT	UST
Therefore, when the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate says to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him."	*When the ruling priests and temple guards saw Jesus, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate told them, "You yourselves take him and crucify him! As for me, I have found no evidence that this man has broken a law."*

What did the chief priests and the officers say when they saw Jesus?

They cried out and said, "Crucify him, crucify him!"

John 19:7-8

What did the Jews say that made Pilate even more afraid?

The Jews told Pilate, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die because he made himself the Son of God."

John 19:9

ULT	UST
and he entered into the governor's palace again and says to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.	*He entered his headquarters once more and commanded the soldiers to bring Jesus back inside. Then he asked Jesus, "Where did you come from?" However, Jesus did not answer his question.*

What did Jesus say when Pilate asked Jesus, "From where do you come?"?

Jesus gave Pilate no answer.

John 19:11

ULT	UST
Jesus answered him, "You do not have any authority over me, except for what has been given to you from above. Therefore, the one having handed me over to you has a greater sin."	*Jesus replied to him, "The only power you have over me is the power that God has given you. So the man who brought me to you has committed a worse sin than you are committing."*

Who did Jesus say gave Pilate power over Jesus?

Jesus said, "You would have no power against me, unless it had been given you from above."

John 19:12

ULT	UST
At this, Pilate was seeking to release him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you release this one, you are not a friend of Caesar. Everyone making himself a king speaks against Caesar."	*From that moment on, Pilate kept trying to release Jesus. However, the Jewish leaders cried out, "If you release this man, you are not loyal to Caesar! Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar."*

Although Pilate wanted to release Jesus, what did the Jews say that prevented him?

The Jews cried out saying, "If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."

John 19:15-16

What was the last thing the chief priests said before Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified?

The chief priests said, "We have no king but Caesar."

John 19:17-18

Where did they crucify Jesus?

They crucified Jesus at Golgotha, which means "The Place of a Skull."

John 19:18

ULT	UST
They crucified him there, and with him two others, on this side and on that side, and Jesus in the middle.	*The soldiers crucified him at that place. They also crucified two other men with him. One man was on either side of Jesus, so that Jesus was between them.*

Was Jesus the only one crucified there that day?

No. Two other men, one on each side of Jesus, were crucified with him.

John 19:19

ULT	UST
Now Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross. Now on it was written: JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS.	*Pilate also ordered someone to write a notice on a board and fasten it to Jesus' cross. That person wrote on it, "Jesus from Nazareth, the King of the Jews."*

What did Pilate write on the sign that was put on the cross of Jesus?

On the sign he wrote, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

John 19:20

ULT	UST
Therefore, many of the Jews read this title, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. And it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.	*Many Jewish people read this notice because the place where the soldiers crucified Jesus was close to the city of Jerusalem and because someone wrote the notice in three languages, which were the languages spoken by Jews, Romans, and Greeks.*

In what languages was the sign on Jesus' cross written?

The sign was written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek.

John 19:23

ULT	UST
Then, when the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four shares—a share for each soldier—and the tunic. Now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top.	*After the soldiers had put Jesus on the cross, they took his clothes and divided them into four equal parts, one part was for each soldier. However, they kept his tunic separate. The weaver had woven this tunic from top to bottom from one piece of cloth that did not have any seams.*

What did the soldiers do with Jesus' garments?

The soldiers divided up Jesus' garments into four parts, a part for each soldier. But they cast lots to see who would get Jesus' shirt, which was without seams.

John 19:23-24

Why did the soldiers do what they did with Jesus' garments?

This happened so that the Scripture might be fulfilled that said, "They divided my garments among themselves."

John 19:24

ULT	UST
Therefore, they said to each other, "We should not tear it, but instead we should cast lots for it, whose it will be." This happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled which says, "They divided my garments among themselves and cast lots for my clothing." Therefore, the soldiers did this.	*So the soldiers said to each other, "Let us not tear this tunic. Instead, let us decide who will keep it by gambling and giving it to the winner." That occurred in order to make this scripture come true: "They divided my clothes among them. They gambled for my clothing." That is why the soldiers did those things.*

What did the soldiers do with Jesus' garments?

The soldiers divided up Jesus' garments into four parts, a part for each soldier. But they cast lots to see who would get Jesus' shirt, which was without seams.

John 19:25-26

Who was standing near the cross of Jesus?

Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, Mary Magdalene, and the disciple whom Jesus loved were standing near the cross of Jesus.

John 19:26

ULT	UST
Then Jesus, having seen his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, says to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"	*When Jesus saw his mother standing there and the disciple John whom Jesus loved standing near her, he told his mother, "Madam, here is the one who will take care of you like a son would."*

What did Jesus tell his mother when he saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing nearby?

Jesus told her, "Woman, see, here is your son!"

John 19:27

ULT	UST
Then he says to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.	*Next, he said to John, "Here is the one whom you will take care of like you would your own mother!" From that moment, John took her to live in his own home.*

What did the disciple Jesus loved do after Jesus told him, "See, here is your mother!"?

From that hour the disciple Jesus loved took Jesus' mother to his own home.

John 19:28

ULT	UST
After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been completed, so that the scripture might be completed, says, "I thirst."	*A little while later, because Jesus knew that he had already done everything that God had sent him to do, and in order to make another prophecy in scripture come true, he said, "I am thirsty!"*

Why did Jesus say, "I am thirsty"?

Jesus said this in order to make the scriptures come true.

John 19:29-30

What did Jesus do after he had taken the vinegar from the sponge that was held up to his mouth?

After taking the vinegar, Jesus said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

John 19:31

ULT	UST
Then the Jews, because it was a day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross during the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was an especially important day), asked Pilate that their legs would be broken and they would be taken away.	*The Jewish leaders then asked Pilate to order his soldiers to break the legs of the three men on crosses so that the men would die more quickly and take away their bodies in order that the bodies would not remain on the crosses during the Jewish day for rest. They asked this because it was the day when the Jewish people prepared for the Passover celebration and the day for rest, and leaving dead bodies on crosses during those days violated Jewish law. (Since the next day was also the day for rest, it was a very important day.)*

Why did the Jews want Pilate to break the legs of the executed men?

It was the Preparation, and in order that the bodies should not remain on the cross during the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was an important day), the Jews asked Pilate that the legs of the executed men be broken so they would die quickly and that their bodies might be taken down.

John 19:33

ULT	UST
But having come to Jesus, as they saw that he had already died, they did not break his legs.	*However, when they came to Jesus, they saw that he was dead already. So they did not break his legs.*

Why did the soldiers not break Jesus' legs?

They did not break Jesus' legs, because they saw he was already dead.

John 19:34

ULT	UST
However, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.	*Instead, one of the soldiers stabbed Jesus' side with a spear, and right away blood and water poured out of the wound.*

What did the soldiers do to Jesus after they saw that he was already dead?

One of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, so that blood and water came out.

John 19:35

ULT	UST
And the one that had seen this has testified, and his testimony is true. And that one knows that he speaks the truth so that you would also believe.	*(I, John, am the one who saw this happen and have testified about it and what I have testified is true. I am certain that I am saying what is true; I say it in order that you may trust in Jesus as well.)*

Why did the one who saw all these things concerning the crucifixion of Jesus bear witness to them?

That one bore witness to these events so that you also may believe.

John 19:36-37

Why were the legs of Jesus not broken and why was Jesus pierced with a spear?

These things came about so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “Not a single bone of him will be broken.” and again, “They will look on him whom they pierced.”

John 19:38

ULT	UST
Now after these things, Joseph from Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus (but secretly for fear of the Jews), asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. And Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.	*After these things happened, Joseph, who was a man originally from the city of Arimathea, asked Pilate to allow him to take away Jesus' body. He did this because he was one of Jesus' disciples. However, he did not tell anyone that, because he was afraid of the other Jewish leaders. Pilate allowed Joseph to take away Jesus' body, so Joseph went and did so.*

Who came and asked to take away the body of Jesus?

Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus.

John 19:39

ULT	UST
Now Nicodemus also came—the one having come to him at first at night—bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about 100 litras in weight.	*Nicodemus also came. He was the man who had once come and spoken with Jesus at night. He brought a mixture of myrrh and aloe spices to prepare Jesus' body for burial. Those spices weighed about 33 kilograms.*

Who came with Joseph of Arimathea to take away the body of Jesus?

Nicodemus came with Joseph of Arimathea.

John 19:40-41

What did Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus do with the body of Jesus?

They wrapped Jesus' body in linen cloths with spices. Then they laid Jesus' body in a new tomb which was in a garden.

John 20

John 20:1

ULT	UST
Now early on the first of the week, being still dark, Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb and sees the stone having been rolled away from the tomb.	*Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb where they had buried Jesus. She saw that someone had moved the stone away from the entrance to the tomb.*

When did Mary Magdalene come to the tomb?

She came to the tomb very early on the first day of the week.

What did Mary Magdalene see when she got to the tomb?

She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb.

John 20:2

ULT	UST
Therefore, she runs and comes to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and she says to them, "They took away the Lord from the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."	*So she ran to where Simon Peter and the other disciple, John, whom Jesus loved, were staying. She told them, "Some people have removed the Lord Jesus' body from the tomb, and we do not know where they have put it!"*

What did Mary Magdalene say to the two disciples?

She told them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

John 20:3-4

What did Simon Peter and the other disciple do after they heard what Mary Magdalene said?

They both went to the tomb.

John 20:6-7

What did Simon Peter see in the tomb?

Peter saw the linen cloths lying there. The cloth that had been on his head was not lying with the linen cloths but was folded up in its place by itself.

John 20:8

ULT	UST
So then the other disciple, the one having first arrived at the tomb, also went in, and he saw and believed.	*Then John, that other disciple who had reached the tomb before Peter, went inside as well. He saw these things and believed that Jesus had become alive again.*

What was the response of the other disciple to what he saw in the tomb?

He saw and believed.

John 20:12

ULT	UST
And she sees two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet of where the body of Jesus had lain.	*She saw two angels wearing white clothing. They were sitting on the place where people had laid Jesus' body. One angel was sitting on the place where Jesus' head had been. The other angel was sitting on the place where Jesus' feet had been.*

What did Mary see when she stooped and looked into the tomb?

She saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the foot, where the body of Jesus had lain.

John 20:13

ULT	UST
And those ones say to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She says to them, "Because they took away my Lord, and I do not know where they put him."	*They asked her, "Madam, why are you crying?" She told them, "I am crying because some people have removed my Lord Jesus' body from this tomb, and I do not know where they have put it!"*

What did the angels say to Mary?

They asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

John 20:14

ULT	UST
Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and she did not know that it was Jesus.	*After she said that, she turned around and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she did not recognize him.*

When Mary turned around, what did she see?

She saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

John 20:15

ULT	UST
Jesus says to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, thinking that he is the gardener, says to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you put him, and I will take him away."	*He asked her, "Madam, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" She thought that the man speaking to her was the gardener, so she told him, "Sir, if you have carried Jesus' body away, tell me where you have put it. I will take it and bury it again."*

Who did Mary think Jesus was?

She thought he was the gardener.

John 20:16

ULT	UST
Jesus says to her, "Mary." Having turned, she says to him in Hebrew, "Rabboni" (which means "Teacher").	*Jesus called her by name, saying, "Mary!" She turned toward him again and said to him, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher" in the language spoken by the Jews).*

When did Mary recognize Jesus?

She recognized Jesus when he said her name, "Mary."

John 20:17

ULT	UST
Jesus says to her, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet gone up to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I go up to my Father and your Father, and my God and your God.’”	*Jesus told her, “Stop clinging to me, because I have not yet returned to heaven to be with my Father. Go to the disciples, my brothers, and tell them that I am about to return to heaven to be with my God and Father, who is also your God and Father.”*

Why did Jesus tell Mary not to hold on to him?

Jesus told her not to hold on to him because he had not yet ascended to the Father.

What did Jesus tell Mary to say to his brothers?

Jesus told her to say to his brothers, that he will ascend to his Father and their Father, and his God and their God.

John 20:18

ULT	UST
Mary Magdalene comes, telling the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and that he said these things to her.	*Mary Magdalene went to Jesus’ disciples and told them, “I have seen the Lord Jesus!” She also told them what Jesus had told her.*

What did Mary Magdalene do after she saw the stone rolled away from the tomb?

She ran and told the other disciples Jesus’ message for them.

John 20:19

ULT	UST
Then, being evening on that day, the first of the week, and the doors of where the disciples were having been closed for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and says to them, “Peace to you.”	*On the evening of that same Sunday, the disciples had locked the doors of the place where they were staying, because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Jesus suddenly arrived and stood among them. He told them, “May God give you peace!”*

What happened where the disciples were on the evening of the first day of the week?

Jesus came and stood in the midst of them.

John 20:20

ULT	UST
And having said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced, having seen the Lord.	*After he said this, he showed his disciples the wounds that were in his hands and side. They were very happy when they saw the Lord Jesus!*

What did Jesus show the disciples?

He showed them his hands and his side.

John 20:21

ULT	UST
Then he said to them again, "Peace to you. Just as the Father has sent me, so I send you."	*Jesus then told them a second time, "May God give you peace! I am sending you into the world just like my Father sent me."*

What did Jesus tell the disciples that he would do?

Jesus said he was sending the disciples just as his Father had sent him.

John 20:22-23

What did Jesus say to his disciples after he breathed on them?

He told them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whoever's sins you forgive, they are forgiven for them; whoever's sins you keep back, they are kept back."

John 20:24

ULT	UST
But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.	*Thomas, one of Jesus' 12 representatives, whom they called "The Twin," was not there among his other disciples while Jesus was there among them.*

Which one of the disciples was not present with the other disciples when they saw Jesus?

Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with the other disciples when Jesus came.

John 20:25

ULT	UST
Then the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails and put my finger into the mark of the nails and put my hand into his side, I will certainly not believe."	*The other disciples told Thomas, "We have seen the Lord Jesus!" However, he told them, "I will only believe you if I see the holes in his hands that were caused by nails and put my fingers in them and if I put my hand into the wound on his side that was made by a spear."*

What did Thomas say it would take for him to believe that Jesus was alive?

Thomas said he would have to see the print of the nails in Jesus' hands and put his fingers into the nail prints and put his hand into Jesus' side before he would believe.

John 20:26

ULT	UST
And after eight days his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Jesus comes, the doors having been closed, and stood in their midst, and said, "Peace to you."	*Eight days later, Jesus' disciples were again inside a house, and this time Thomas was with them. Although they had locked the doors, Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, "May God give you peace!"*

When did Thomas see Jesus?

Eight days later, while the doors were shut, Thomas was with the other disciples when Jesus came and stood among them.

John 20:27

ULT	UST
Then he says to Thomas, "Place your finger here and see my hands. And reach out your hand and put it into my side. And do not be unbelieving, but believing."	*Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger into the holes here, and see the holes in my hands, and put out your hand, and place it in the wound in my side! Stop doubting that I became alive again. Rather, believe that it is true!"*

What did Jesus tell Thomas to do?

Jesus told Thomas to reach with his finger and see Jesus' hands and reach with his hand and put it into Jesus' side. Jesus then told Thomas not to be faithless, but believe.

John 20:28

ULT	UST
Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God."	*Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!"*

What did Thomas say to Jesus?

Thomas said, "My Lord and my God."

John 20:29

ULT	UST
Jesus says to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are the ones not having seen, and having believed."	*Jesus told him, "Now you believe that I have become alive again because you see me. God surely blesses those who have not seen me but yet believe that I have become alive again."*

Who did Jesus say was blessed?

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:30

ULT	UST
Then Jesus also did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which have not been written in this book,	*Now Jesus also did many other miraculous signs while his disciples were with him, but I did not write about them in this book.*

Did Jesus do other signs that were not written in the book?

Yes, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples that were not written in the book of John.

John 20:31

ULT	UST
but these things have been written so that you would believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and so that believing, you would have life in his name.	*Nevertheless, I have written about the signs in this book in order that you may trust that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. I also wrote about these things in order that, by trusting that Jesus is the Messiah, you may have eternal life through him.*

Why were the signs written in the book?

They were written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and so that as you believe, you may have life in his name.

John 21

John 21:1

ULT	UST
After these things, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. Now in this manner he showed himself:	*After those things happened, Jesus appeared again to his disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, which is also known as the Sea of Galilee. This is how he appeared to them:*

Where were the disciples when Jesus showed himself to them again?

The disciples were at the Sea of Tiberias when Jesus showed himself to them again.

John 21:2

ULT	UST
they were together—Simon Peter and Thomas called Didymus and Nathaniel from Cana of Galilee and the sons of Zebedee and two others from his disciples.	*Simon Peter, Thomas (whom they called "The Twin"), Nathaniel (who was from Cana, which is a town in the region of Galilee), the sons of Zebedee (James and John), and two of Jesus' other disciples were together.*

Which disciples were at the Sea of Tiberias?

Simon Peter, Thomas, called Didymus, Nathaniel from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two of Jesus' other disciples were at the Sea of Tiberias.

John 21:3

ULT	UST
Simon Peter says to them, "I am going fishing." They say to him, "We also are coming with you." They went out and got into a boat, but they caught nothing during that night.	*Simon Peter told the other disciples with him, "I am going to catch some fish." They told him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat and fished, but they did not catch any fish that night.*

What were these disciples doing?

These disciples had gone fishing but had caught nothing all night.

John 21:6

ULT	UST
But he said to them, "Throw the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." Therefore, they threw the net and did not have the strength to draw it in, because of the large number of fish.	*He told them, "Throw your net off the right side of the boat and you will catch some fish." So they did so, and they caught so many fish that they were not able to pull the net into the boat.*

What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?

Jesus told the disciples to cast their net on the right side of the boat and they would catch some fish.

What happened when the disciples cast their net?

They could not draw in their net because there were so many fish in it.

John 21:7

ULT	UST
Then that disciple whom Jesus loved says to Peter, "It is the Lord." Therefore, Simon Peter, having heard that it was the Lord, put on his outer garment (for he was undressed), and threw himself into the sea.	*I, the disciple whom Jesus loved, then told Peter, "It is the Lord Jesus!" So when Simon Peter heard this, he put on his coat (he had taken it off to work) and jumped into the water to swim to the shore.*

What did Simon Peter do when the disciple Jesus loved said, "It is the Lord"?

He tucked up his outer garment about himself and threw himself into the sea.

John 21:8

ULT	UST
But the other disciples came in the boat (for they were not far from the land, but about 200 cubits away), dragging the net of the fish.	*The rest of the disciples who had been fishing came to the shore in the boat, while pulling the net full of fish behind the boat. (They were not far from the shore, only 90 meters away.)*

What did the other disciples do?

The other disciples came in the boat, pulling the net full of fish.

John 21:10

ULT	UST
Jesus says to them, "Bring some of the fish that you just caught."	*Jesus told them, "Bring over here some of those fish that you have just caught!"*

What did Jesus tell the disciples to do with some of the fish that they had caught?

Jesus told the disciples to bring some of the fish they had just caught.

John 21:14

ULT	UST
This was already the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples, having been raised from the dead.	*(This was the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after God had caused him to become alive again.)*

How many times had Jesus now shown himself to the disciples since he had risen?

This was the third time Jesus had now shown himself to the disciples since he had risen.

John 21:15

ULT	UST
Then when they ate breakfast, Jesus says to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He says to him, "Yes Lord, you know that I love you." He says to him, "Feed my lambs."	*When they finished eating breakfast, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these others love me?" Peter replied to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus told him, "Take care of those who trust in me."*

After breakfast, what was the first thing Jesus asked Simon Peter?

Jesus asked Simon Peter if Simon loved Jesus more than these.

John 21:17

ULT	UST
He says to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he says to him, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus says to him, "Feed my sheep.	*Jesus asked him a third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was sad because Jesus asked him three times if he loved him. Peter replied to him, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus told him, "Take care of those who trust in me.*

How did Simon Peter answer Jesus the third time Jesus asked Peter if he loved Jesus?

The third time he was asked, Peter responded, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

The third time Peter responds to Jesus' question, "Do you love me?" what does Jesus tell Peter to do?

The third time, Jesus told him, "Feed my sheep."

John 21:18

ULT	UST
Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you become old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not want."	*I am telling you the truth: When you were young, you put your own clothes on, and you walked wherever you wanted to go. However, when you are old, you will extend your hands away from your body, and someone else will put clothes on you and take you where you do not want to go."*

What did Jesus tell Simon Peter was going to happen to him when Simon became old?

Jesus told Simon Peter that when he became old, he would stretch out his hands and another person would clothe him and carry him where he did not wish to go.

John 21:19

ULT	UST
Now he said this, indicating with what manner of death he will glorify God. And having said this, he says to him, "Follow me."	*(Jesus said this to indicate how Peter would die in order to show people how great God is). Then Jesus told him, "Come be my disciple!"*

Why did Jesus tell Peter what was going to happen to Peter when he became old?

Jesus said this in order to signal by what kind of death Peter would glorify God.

John 21:21

ULT	UST
Therefore, having seen him, Peter says to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this one?"	*So when Peter saw John, he asked Jesus, "Lord, what is going to happen to this man?"*

What did Simon Peter ask Jesus concerning the disciple that Jesus loved?

Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, what will this man do?"

John 21:22

ULT	UST
Jesus says to him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me."	*Jesus said to him, "If I want him to continue living until I return, that is not your concern! As for you, continue to be my disciple!"*

How did Jesus respond to Peter's question, "Lord, what will this man do?"?

Jesus told Peter, "You follow me."

John 21:24

ULT	UST
This is the disciple testifying about these things and the one having written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.	*I, John, am the disciple who is testifying about all these things, and I have written them down in this book. We know that what I have testified is true.*

Who wrote this book and to what does he bear witness?

The disciple Jesus loved wrote this book and bears witness that the events described in the book are true.

Acts

Acts 1

Acts 1:1

ULT	UST
I made the first account, O Theophilus, about all that Jesus began both to do and to teach,	*Dear Theophilus, In the first book that I wrote for you, I told about many of Jesus' actions and teachings.*

To whom did Luke address this book?

Luke addressed this book to Theophilus.

Acts 1:3

ULT	UST
to whom also, after he had suffered, he presented himself living with many proofs, appearing to them for 40 days and speaking things concerning the kingdom of God.	*Even though the Romans executed Jesus on a cross, God made him alive again. Jesus then went to his Representatives and other disciples and proved to them in many convincing ways that he truly was alive again. He met with them at different times over a period of 40 days. He talked with them about how God would rule the lives of people everywhere.*

What did Jesus do for forty days after his suffering?

Jesus appeared alive to his apostles, saying things about the kingdom of God.

Acts 1:4

ULT	UST
And meeting together with them, he commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to await the promise of the Father, "which you heard from me,	*One time while Jesus was with his disciples, he told them, "I want you to stay here in the city of Jerusalem and wait until God our Father sends his Spirit to you. As I told you, he promised that he would do that.*

For what did Jesus command his apostles to wait?

Jesus told his apostles to wait for the promise of the Father.

Acts 1:5

ULT	UST
that John indeed baptized with water, but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit after these not many days."	*John baptized people in water, but within a few days God is going to baptize you in the Holy Spirit."*

With what would the apostles be baptized in a few days?

The apostles would be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:7

ULT	UST
But he said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons that the Father has set by his own authority.	*He replied to them, "You do not need to know when that will happen. God my Father alone has decided when he will make me king."*

When the apostles wanted to know the timing of the restoration of the kingdom, how did Jesus answer them?

Jesus told them that it was not for them to know the time.

Acts 1:8

ULT	UST
But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."	*But when the Holy Spirit comes to you, he will enable you to tell people about me powerfully. You will do this here in the city of Jerusalem. You will do it in the nearby regions of Judea and Samaria. But you will also do it all over the world.*

What did Jesus tell the apostles they would receive from the Holy Spirit?

Jesus said the apostles would receive power.

Where did Jesus say the apostles would be his witnesses?

Jesus said the apostles would be witnesses in Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:9

ULT	UST
And having said these things, as they were looking, he was raised up, and a cloud hid him from their eyes.	*After he said that, he started to rise up into heaven while they watched. But then a cloud blocked their view so that they could no longer see him.*

How did Jesus depart from his apostles?

Jesus was raised up and a cloud hid him from their eyes.

Acts 1:11

ULT	UST
And they said, "Men, Galileans, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, the one having been taken up from you into heaven, thus will come, the way you saw him going into heaven."	*One of the angels said, "You men who come from Galilee, you do not need to look up at the sky any longer! Someday this same Jesus, whom God took from you up into heaven, will come back to earth. He will return in the same way that you just now saw him go up to heaven."*

How did the angels say that Jesus would return again to the earth?

The angels said that Jesus would return in the same way he went into heaven.

Acts 1:14

ULT	UST
They all were continuing unanimously in prayer, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus and with his brothers.	*All these men prayed together regularly and frequently. Others who prayed with them included the women who had traveled with Jesus; Mary, who was Jesus' mother; and his younger brothers.*

What were the apostles, the women, Mary, and Jesus' brothers doing in the upper chamber?

They were diligently praying.

Acts 1:16

ULT	UST
“Men, brothers, it was necessary for the scripture to be fulfilled that the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, the one having become a guide to the ones arresting Jesus.	*“You who believe as I do, there are words that King David wrote in the Scriptures long ago that had to happen as he said they would. The Holy Spirit, who knew that Judas would show Jesus’ enemies where to find him and arrest him, inspired David to write those words.*

What had been fulfilled in the life of Judas, who betrayed Jesus?

The scripture had been fulfilled by Judas.

Acts 1:18

ULT	UST
(Now indeed this one bought a field from the wage of unrighteousness, and having become prostrate, he burst open in the middle, and all his entrails were poured out.	*This is how Judas died. The Jewish leaders gave Judas money for betraying Jesus. He used that money to buy a field and he went to that field to kill himself because he felt so badly about what he had done to Jesus. As he killed himself, his body landed with such force on that field that his abdomen burst open and all his intestines spilled out.*

What happened to Judas after he received the money for betraying Jesus?

Judas bought a field, fell head first, his body burst wide open, and all his bowels poured out.

Acts 1:20

ULT	UST
“For it is written in the book of Psalms, ‘Let his habitation become desolate, and let not one dwelling be in it,’ and ‘Let another take his overseership.’	*Peter also said, “What happened to Judas is like what we read in the book of Psalms: ‘May his home become empty, with no one living in it.’ These other words in the Psalms also refer to him: ‘Let someone else take over his work as a leader.’”*

In the book of Psalms, what did it say should happen with Judas’ position of leadership?

The Psalms said that Judas’ position of leadership should be fulfilled by someone else.

Acts 1:21-22

What were the requirements for the man who would take Judas' position of leadership?

The man taking the position must have accompanied the apostles from the time of the baptism of John, and must have witnessed the resurrection of Jesus.

Acts 1:24-26

How did the apostles determine which of the two candidates should take Judas' position?

The apostles prayed that God reveal His choice, and then they cast lots.

Acts 1:26

ULT	UST
And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias, and he was chosen together with the 11 apostles.	*Then they cast lots to choose between the two of them. The lot indicated that Matthias was the one to replace Judas. So he became a Representative along with the 11 others.*

Who was then numbered with the eleven apostles?

Matthias was then numbered with the eleven apostles.

Acts 2

Acts 2:1

ULT	UST
And when the day of Pentecost was completely filled, they were all together to the same.	*On the day when the Jews were celebrating the Pentecost festival, the believers were all together in one place in the city of Jerusalem.*

On what Jewish festival day were all the disciples together?

The disciples were together on the day of Pentecost.

Acts 2:4

ULT	UST
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit was giving them to speak out.	*Then the Holy Spirit empowered all of the believers. They began to speak in languages they had never learned. The Spirit was making it possible for them to do that fluently.*

When the Holy Spirit came into the house, what did the disciples begin to do?

The disciples began to speak with other languages.

Acts 2:5

ULT	UST
Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, godly men, from every nation of those under heaven.	*At that time many Jews were staying in Jerusalem to celebrate the Pentecost festival. They were Jewish people who sincerely worshiped God. They had come from many different countries around the world.*

At this time in Jerusalem, from where had godly Jews come?

The godly Jews had come from every nation under heaven.

Acts 2:6

ULT	UST
And when this sound happened, the multitude came together and was confused, because each one was hearing them speaking in his own language.	*When they heard this loud noise, a large crowd of these Jews gathered at the place where the believers were. The people in the crowd were amazed because they were each hearing the believers speak in their own languages.*

Why was the multitude confused when they heard the disciples speaking?

The multitude was confused because everyone heard them speaking in his own language.

Acts 2:11

ULT	UST
both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we are hearing them speaking in our languages the great things of God."	*They include native Jews as well as non-Jews who have chosen to believe and practice what Jews believe. And others of us are from the island of Crete and from the region of Arabia. And yet we can hear these people speaking in all our different languages about the mighty works that God has done!"*

About what were the disciples speaking?

The disciples were telling about the mighty works of God.

Acts 2:13-15

What did some who were mocking the disciples think?

Some mocked and thought they were full of new wine.

Acts 2:16-20

What did Peter say was being fulfilled at this time?

Peter said the prophecy of Joel was being fulfilled that said God would pour out his Spirit upon all flesh.

Acts 2:21

ULT	UST
And it will be, everyone who may call on the name of the Lord will be saved.”’	*But even though I am coming to judge and punish sin, I will save all those who repent and ask me to forgive their sins.’”*

In Joel’s prophecy, who are the ones that will be saved?

Those who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Acts 2:22

ULT	UST
Men, Israelites, hear these words: Jesus the Nazarene was a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in the midst of you, as you yourselves know.	*Peter continued speaking. He said, “You Israelites, listen to me! When Jesus from Nazareth lived among you, God proved to you that he had sent him by enabling him to do many amazing miracles. These showed that he was from God. You yourselves know that this is true.*

How was Jesus’ ministry authenticated by God?

Jesus’ ministry was authenticated by the mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him.

Acts 2:23

ULT	UST
This one, given up by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you killed by the hand of the lawless, having fastened,	*Even though you knew that, you urged people who do not obey God’s law to take action to kill Jesus. They did that by nailing him to a cross. However, God had already planned for that to happen, and he knew what the results would be, so he allowed it.*

Whose plan was it that Jesus be crucified?

Jesus was crucified by God’s determined plan.

Acts 2:25-27

In the Old Testament, what did King David prophesy about God’s Holy One?

King David said that God would not allow his Holy One to see decay.

Acts 2:30

ULT	UST
Therefore, being a prophet and having known that God had sworn to him with an oath to set from the fruit of his loins upon his throne,	*So we know that King David was not talking about himself in this psalm. Instead, he was a prophet, and he knew that God promised to him that one of his descendants would become king after him.*

What promise had God made to King David about his descendants?

God had promised King David that one of his descendants would sit upon his throne.

Acts 2:31

ULT	UST
having foreseen this, he spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see decay.	*A long time ago, David knew what God would do. He said that God would cause Jesus the Messiah to live again after he died. God would not allow him to remain in a grave. God would not even let him be dead long enough for his body to begin to decompose.*

In the Old Testament, what did King David prophesy about God's Holy One?

King David said that God would not allow his Holy One to see decay.

Acts 2:32

ULT	UST
This Jesus, God has raised up, of which we all are witnesses.	*After this man Jesus had died, God made him alive again. All of us who are standing here before you can testify to this. We all saw him alive after he had died.*

Who was God's Holy One who did not see decay and would sit upon the throne?

Jesus was the prophesied Holy One and King.

Acts 2:36

ULT	UST
Therefore, let all the house of Israel know certainly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."	*Peter ended by saying, "So I want every Israelite to know definitely that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, this same Jesus whom you had nailed to a cross and killed."*

Peter preached that God had now given Jesus what two titles?

God had made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

Acts 2:37

ULT	UST
And hearing this they were pierced in the heart, and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men, brothers, what should we do?"	*When the people heard what Peter said, they knew they had done wrong. The people asked him and the other Representatives, "Can you men tell us what God wants us to do?"*

When the multitude heard Peter's preaching, what was their response?

The multitude asked what they should do.

Acts 2:38

ULT	UST
Then Peter said to them, "Repent and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.	*Peter answered them, "Each of you should turn away from your sinful behavior. If you now believe in what Jesus, the Messiah, has done for you, we will baptize you, showing that God has forgiven your sins, and he will give you his Holy Spirit.*

What did Peter tell the multitude to do?

Peter told the multitude to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins.

Acts 2:39

ULT	UST
For the promise is to you and to your children and to all those being at a distance, as many as the Lord our God may call.”	*You will receive the Holy Spirit because God has promised to give him to you and to your children and to all others whom the God we worship leads to have faith in Jesus. That includes all those who live far away from here.”*

For whom did Peter say was God’s promise?

Peter said God’s promise was for the multitude, their children, and all who were far off.

Acts 2:41

ULT	UST
Therefore, having received his word, they were baptized, and about 3, 000 souls were added in that day.	*So the people who believed Peter’s message received baptism. There were about 3, 000 of them who joined the group of believers that day.*

How many people were baptized that day?

About three thousand people were baptized.

Acts 2:42

ULT	UST
And they were continuing in the teaching of the apostles and in fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers.	*They continually obeyed what the Representatives taught. They met many times together with the other believers, and they ate a meal and prayed together every day.*

In what did the baptized people continue?

They continued in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers.

Acts 2:44-45

What did those who believed do to help those in need?

They sold their property and possessions and distributed them to all, as anyone had need.

Acts 2:46

ULT	UST
and, continuing unanimously every day in the temple and breaking bread in each house, they were sharing food with exultation and sincerity of heart,	*Every day they kept gathering to worship together in the temple courtyard, and then they would have meals together in their homes. They ate together happily and with genuine affection.*

Where were the believers meeting at this time?

The believers were meeting in the Temple.

Acts 2:47

ULT	UST
praising God and having favor with the whole people, and each day the Lord was adding the ones being saved to the same.	*As they did so, they kept praising God, and the other people who lived in Jerusalem greatly respected them. As those things were happening, every day the Lord Jesus saved more people and those people joined with the other believers.*

Who was adding day by day to the group of believers?

The Lord added day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 3

Acts 3:2

ULT	UST
And a certain man, being lame from the womb of his mother, was being carried, whom each day they placed at the gate of the temple that is called Beautiful to ask for alms from those going into the temple,	*There was a man there who had not been able to walk from the time he was born. He was sitting by the Beautiful Gate at the entrance to the temple area. People carried him there every day so that he could ask those who were going into the temple area to give him some money.*

Who did Peter and John see on their way into the Temple?

Peter and John saw a man lame from birth who begged at the Temple door.

Acts 3:6

ULT	UST
But Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not possess, but what I have, this I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk."	*Then Peter said to him, "I do not have any money, but I will do what I can do for you. I heal you by the power of Jesus the Messiah, that man who came from the city of Nazareth. So get up and walk!"*

What did Peter not give to the man?

Peter did not give to the man silver and gold.

Acts 3:7

ULT	UST
And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.	*Then Peter grasped the man's right hand and helped him to stand up. The man realized immediately that his feet and ankles were going to be strong enough to support him.*

What did Peter do for the man?

Peter gave the man the ability to walk.

Acts 3:8

ULT	UST
And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God.	*So the man jumped the rest of the way up by himself and started walking! He went into the temple area with Peter and John, leaping for joy and praising God as he walked!*

How did the man react to what Peter gave him?

The man entered the Temple walking, leaping, and praising God.

Acts 3:10

ULT	UST
And they recognized him, that he was the one sitting for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.	*They recognized that he was the man who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate that led into the temple area and ask people for money! So all the people there were greatly amazed that he could now walk.*

How did the people react who saw the man in the Temple?

The people were filled with wonder and amazement.

Acts 3:15

ULT	UST
and you killed the Originator of Life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.	*So you are responsible for the death of Jesus, the one who gives people life. But God brought him back to life after he died. We can testify that we saw Jesus many times after he became alive again.*

What did Peter remind the people they had done with Jesus?

Peter reminded the people that they had killed Jesus.

Acts 3:16

ULT	UST
And by faith in his name, this one whom you see and know, his name has made strong. And the faith that is through him has given to him this complete health in the presence of all of you.	*You recognize this man whom you see standing here. He is the man who used to beg for alms at the Beautiful Gate. He is now strong enough to stand on his own because he believed in what Jesus could do. Yes, it is because he trusted in Jesus that he is now completely healthy. All of you saw this happen.*

What did Peter say had made the man well?

Peter said that faith in Jesus' name had made the man well.

Acts 3:19

ULT	UST
Repent, therefore, and turn back for your sins to be wiped away,	*So stop living sinful lives and ask God to help you do what pleases him. Then God will completely forgive you for sinning against him.*

What did Peter tell the people to do?

Peter told the people to repent.

Acts 3:21

ULT	UST
whom it is necessary for heaven to receive until the times of the restoration of all things, about which God spoke from the age through the mouth of his holy prophets.	*Jesus will certainly stay in heaven until the time when God causes all that he created to become new. Long ago God promised to do that, and he chose holy prophets to tell that to people.*

Peter said that the heavens would receive Jesus until what time?

Peter said that until the time of restoration of all things, Jesus would be received in the heavens.

Acts 3:22

ULT	UST
Moses indeed said, ‘The Lord our God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You will listen to him according to everything—whatever he may speak to you.	*For example, the prophet Moses said this about the Messiah: ‘The Lord our God will make one of you Israelites a prophet like me. You must do everything he tells you to do.*

What did Moses say about Jesus?

Moses said that the Lord God would raise up a prophet like himself to whom the people would listen.

Acts 3:23

ULT	UST
But it will be that every soul that does not listen to that prophet will be destroyed from the people.’	*Those who do not do what that prophet tells them will no longer belong to God’s people. God will destroy them.’”*

What will happen to every person who does not listen to Jesus?

The person who does not listen to Jesus will be completely destroyed.

Acts 3:25

ULT	UST
You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed will all the families of the earth be blessed.’	*What the prophets said long ago applies to you today. And the solemn agreement that God made to bless our ancestors also extends to you, their descendants. He said to Abraham about the Messiah, ‘I will bless all the people groups on the earth as a result of what your descendant will do.’*

Of what Old Testament covenant promise did Peter remind the people?

Peter reminded the people that they were sons of the covenant God made with Abraham when God said, “In your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”

Acts 3:26

ULT	UST
God, having raised up his Servant, sent him to you first, blessing you by turning each of you from your wickedness.”	*So when God sent Jesus to the earth as the Messiah, he had him come to you Israelites first. God intended for the Messiah to bless you by getting you to stop doing things that were wrong.”*

How did God desire to bless the Jews?

God desired to bless the Jews by sending Jesus to them first to turn them from their wickedness.

Acts 4

Acts 4:2

ULT	UST
greatly troubled because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection that is from the dead.	*These men were very angry because these two men were teaching the people. They were telling the people that what God did for Jesus shows that God causes people to live again after they die.*

What were Peter and John teaching the people in the Temple?

Peter and John were teaching about Jesus and his resurrection from the dead.

Acts 4:3

ULT	UST
And they laid hands on them and put them in custody until the next day, since it was already evening.	*So these men arrested Peter and John and put them in jail. They did this because it was already evening, and the Jewish council would have to wait until the next day to question them.*

How did the rulers of the Temple, the priests, and the Sadducees react to Peter and John's teaching?

They arrested Peter and John and put them in jail.

Acts 4:4

ULT	UST
But many of the ones having heard the word believed, and the number of the men became about 5, 000.	*However, many people who had heard Peter speak put their faith in Jesus. The number of men who believed in Jesus increased to about 5, 000.*

How did the people react to Peter and John's teaching?

Many people believed, about five thousand.

Acts 4:10

ULT	UST
let it be known to you all and to all the people of Israel that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this one this man stands before you healthy.	*So we want this whole council and all the other Israelites to know what has happened. This man is able to stand before you because Jesus from Nazareth, the Messiah, healed him. You were responsible for the Romans executing Jesus by nailing him to a cross. But God brought Jesus back to life after they executed him.*

By what power or in what name did Peter say he had healed the man in the Temple?

Peter said that in the name of Jesus Christ he had healed the man in the Temple.

Acts 4:12

ULT	UST
And there is no salvation in anyone else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."	*So you should no longer reject him, because only Jesus can save us. For God has given us no other person in the world who can save us from the guilt of our sins!"*

What did Peter say was the only way by which we may be saved?

Peter said that there is no other name except Jesus by which we may be saved.

Acts 4:14

ULT	UST
But seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in opposition.	*They also saw the man who had become able to walk again standing there with Peter and John. So they were not able to say anything to contradict them.*

Why could the Jewish leaders say nothing against Peter and John?

The leaders could say nothing because the man who had been healed was standing with Peter and John.

Acts 4:18

ULT	UST
And summoning them, they commanded them neither to speak nor to teach at all in the name of Jesus.	*So the Jewish leaders told the guards to bring them into the room again. After the guards had done so, they told them both that they were completely forbidden to speak or teach about Jesus.*

What did the Jewish leaders command Peter and John not to do?

The Jewish leaders commanded Peter and John not to speak or teach about Jesus.

Acts 4:20

ULT	UST
For we are not able not to speak what we have seen and heard."	*But as for us, we cannot obey you. We will not stop telling people about what we saw Jesus do and what we heard him teach."*

How did Peter and John answer the Jewish leaders?

Peter and John said that they could not help but speak about the things they had seen and heard.

Acts 4:29-30

What did the believers ask for from God in response to the warnings from the Jewish leaders?

The believers asked for boldness to speak the word, and for signs and wonders to be done in Jesus' name.

Acts 4:31

ULT	UST
And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they were speaking the word of God with boldness.	*When the believers had finished praying, the place where they were meeting started to shake. The Holy Spirit gave them all power to tell people about Jesus as God had commanded, and they did that with great courage.*

What happened after the believers finished their prayer?

After the believers finished their prayer, the place they were gathered was shaken, they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Acts 4:32

ULT	UST
Now the multitude of the ones having believed was one in heart and soul. And not one said that any of the things that were to him was his own, but everything was common to them.	*Those in the group of people who believed in Jesus were in complete agreement about what they believed and what they wanted. Not one of them said that he was the sole owner of anything. Instead, they shared what they had with one another.*

How were the needs of the believers provided for?

The believers had all things in common, and those who owned property sold it and gave the money to be distributed according to need.

Acts 4:34-35

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Acts 4:36

ULT	UST
Then Joseph, called Barnabas by the apostles (which, being translated, is Son of Encouragement), a Levite from Cyprus by birth,	*Now there was a man named Joseph who belonged to the tribe of Levi and who came from the island of Cyprus. The Representatives called him Barnabas. In the language of the Jews, that name means a person who always encourages others.*

What was the new name, meaning the "Son of Encouragement," given to the man who sold his field and gave the money to the apostles?

The new name given to Joseph, who sold his field and gave the money to the apostles, was "Barnabas."

Acts 5

Acts 5:1-2

What sin did Ananias and Sapphira commit?

Ananias and Sapphira lied, saying that they were giving the entire sale price of their property, but actually only giving a part of the sale price.

Acts 5:3-4

To whom did Peter say Ananias and Sapphira had lied?

Peter said that Ananias and Sapphira had not lied to men, but to the Holy Spirit.

Acts 5:5

ULT	UST
And hearing these words, Ananias, falling down, expired, and great fear came upon all the ones having heard.	*When Ananias heard the things Peter told him, he immediately fell down dead. And everyone who learned about Ananias' death felt a great awe for God.*

What was God's judgment on Ananias?

God killed Ananias.

Acts 5:10

ULT	UST
And immediately she fell down at his feet and expired. And having come in, the young men found her dead, and carrying her out, they buried her beside her husband.	*Immediately Sapphira fell down dead right in front of Peter. Just then the young men came back in. When they saw that she had also died, they carried her body out and buried it next to her husband's body.*

What was God's judgment on Sapphira?

God killed Sapphira.

Acts 5:11

ULT	UST
And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all the ones hearing these things.	*All the believers in Jerusalem felt a great awe for God because of what had happened to Ananias and Sapphira. Everyone else who heard about these things also felt great awe for God.*

What was the reaction of the church and all who heard about Ananias and Sapphira?

Great fear came upon the church and all who heard about Ananias and Sapphira.

Acts 5:15-16

What were some people doing to have the sick healed?

Some were carrying the sick into the streets so Peter's shadow might fall on them, and others brought the sick from other towns to Jerusalem.

Acts 5:17-18

How did the Sadducees react to all of the sick being healed in Jerusalem?

The Sadducees were filled with jealousy and put the apostles in jail.

Acts 5:19

ULT	UST
But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the prison, bringing them out, and said,	*The high priest and his allies kept them in jail overnight so that they could question them in the morning. But that night an angel from the Lord God opened the jail doors and led all the Representatives outside. Then the angel told them,*

How did the apostles get out of jail?

An angel came and opened the doors of the jail and let them out.

Acts 5:23

ULT	UST
saying, "We found the prison shut in all security and the guards standing at the doors, but having opened, we found no one inside."	*"We saw that the jail doors were very safely locked and that the guards were keeping watch in front of the doors. But when we opened the doors and went in to get those men, none of them were inside the jail."*

What did the officers of the high priest find when they went to the jail?

The officers found the jail securely shut, but no one inside.

Acts 5:26

ULT	UST
Then the captain, going with the officers, brought them back, not with violence, for they feared the people, lest they stone them.	*So the officer in charge of the temple guards went to the temple courtyard with the officers. They brought the Representatives back to the council room. But they did not treat them roughly. They were afraid that if they did that, the people would try to kill them by throwing stones at them.*

Why did the officers bring the apostles back to the high priest and council without violence?

The officers feared that the people might stone them.

Acts 5:29

ULT	UST
But answering, Peter and the apostles said, "It is necessary to obey God rather than men.	*But Peter, speaking for himself and the other Representatives, replied, "We have to obey what God commands us to do, not what you people tell us to do!*

When questioned about why they were teaching in Jesus' name when they had been charged not to, what did the apostles say?

The apostles said, "It is necessary to obey God rather than men."

Acts 5:30

ULT	UST
The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you killed, having hung him on a tree.	*You are the ones who killed Jesus by nailing him to a cross! But God, whom our ancestors worshiped, caused Jesus to live again after he died.*

Who did the apostles say was responsible for killing Jesus?

The apostles said that the high priest and council members were responsible for killing Jesus.

Acts 5:33

ULT	UST
But having heard this, they were furious and wanted to kill them.	*When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they became so angry with the Representatives that they wanted to kill them.*

How did the council members react to the statement that they were responsible for killing Jesus?

The council members were furious and wanted to kill the apostles.

Acts 5:38-39

What was Gamaliel's advice to the council?

Gamaliel advised the council to leave the men alone.

Acts 5:39

ULT	UST
but if it is from God, you will not be able to destroy them, lest you may even be found God-opposers." And they were persuaded by him.	*But if God has commanded them to do these things, you will not be able to stop them. You may even discover that you are working against God!" The other members of the council accepted what Gamaliel said.*

What did Gamaliel warn the council they might end up doing if they tried to overthrow the apostles?

Gamaliel warned the council that they might end up fighting against God.

Acts 5:40

ULT	UST
And summoning the apostles, having beaten them, they commanded them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and they released them.	*They told the temple guards to bring in the Representatives and beat them. So the guards brought them into the council room and beat them. Then the council members commanded them not to speak to people about Jesus any more, and they let them go.*

What did the council finally do with the apostles?

The council beat them and commanded them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

Acts 5:41

ULT	UST
Therefore, they indeed were going out from the face of the Sanhedrin rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name.	*So they left the council chamber. As they did, they even rejoiced that God had honored them by allowing people to treat them badly because they were testifying to Jesus.*

How did the apostles react to the treatment they received from the council?

The apostles rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for Jesus' name.

Acts 5:42

ULT	UST
And every day, in the temple and in each house, they did not cease teaching and proclaiming the gospel—Jesus is the Christ.	*Every day after that, they went to the temple area and to various people's houses, and they continued teaching people and telling them that Jesus is the Messiah.*

What did the apostles do every day after their meeting with the council?

The apostles preached and taught every day that Jesus is the Christ.

Acts 6

Acts 6:1

ULT	UST
Now in those days, when the disciples were multiplying, a complaint by the Hellenists happened against the Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving.	*During that time, many more people were becoming believers. The Greek-speaking Jews began to complain about the Aramaic-speaking Jews because the widows among them were not receiving their fair share of food every day.*

What complaint arose from the Grecian Jews against the Hebrews?

The Grecian Jews complained that their widows were being overlooked in the daily food distribution.

Acts 6:3

ULT	UST
So brothers, choose from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this task.	*So, fellow believers, carefully choose seven men from among you, men whom you know the Spirit of God directs and who are very wise. Then we will instruct them to do this work.*

Who chose the seven men to take care of the business of food distribution?

The disciples (brothers) chose the seven men.

What were the qualifications for being chosen as one of the seven men?

The seven men had to be of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom.

Acts 6:4

ULT	UST
But we will continue in prayer and in the ministry of the word."	*As for us, we will keep on using our time to pray and to proclaim the news about Jesus."*

In what would the apostles continue?

The apostles would continue in prayer and in the ministry of the word.

Acts 6:6

ULT	UST
They brought them before the apostles, and having prayed, they placed their hands upon them.	*The believers brought these seven men to the Representatives, who prayed for those men. As they prayed, they placed their hands on the men's heads to show that they approved of them to do that work.*

What did the apostles do when the believers brought the seven men before them?

The apostles prayed and placed their hands upon the seven men.

Acts 6:7

ULT	UST
So the word of God kept spreading, and the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly, and a large crowd of the priests became obedient to the faith.	*More and more people were hearing the news about Jesus. The number of people in Jerusalem who believed in Jesus was increasing greatly. Among them were very many Jewish priests. They put their trust in Jesus as the Messiah and so they began to live in the way he said they should.*

What was happening with the disciples in Jerusalem?

The number of disciples was greatly increasing, and it was including a great number of the priests.

Acts 6:10

ULT	UST
But they were not able to stand against the wisdom and the Spirit by whom he spoke.	*But they were not able to prove that what he said was wrong, because God's Spirit enabled him to speak very wisely.*

Who was winning the debates between the unbelieving Jews and Stephen?

The unbelieving Jews could not stand against the wisdom and Spirit with which Stephen spoke.

Acts 6:14

ULT	UST
For we have heard him say that this Jesus the Nazarene will destroy this place and change the customs that Moses handed down to us."	*What we mean is that we have heard him say that this Jesus from the town of Nazareth will destroy the temple here in Jerusalem and will tell us to obey different customs from the ones that Moses taught our ancestors."*

What accusation did the false witnesses make against Stephen to the council?

The false witnesses claimed that Stephen said Jesus would destroy this place and change the customs of Moses.

Acts 6:15

ULT	UST
And looking intently at him, everyone sitting in the Sanhedrin saw his face as the face of an angel.	*All the people in the council room stared at Stephen and saw that his face resembled the face of an angel.*

When the council looked at Stephen, what did they see?

They saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Acts 7

Acts 7:2

ULT	UST
Then he said, "Men, brothers and fathers, listen to me: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, even before he lived in Haran;	*Stephen replied, "Fellow Jews and respected leaders, please listen to me! The glorious God whom we worship appeared to our forefather Abraham while he was still living in the region of Mesopotamia, before he moved to the city of Haran.*

Stephen began to review the history of the Jewish people beginning with God's promise to whom?

Stephen began his history by talking about God's promise to Abraham.

Acts 7:5

ULT	UST
But he did not give him an inheritance in it—not even a footstep. But he promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him—although he did not have a child.	*At that time God did not give Abraham any land to own here, not even a small plot of this land. But God promised that later he would give this land to him and his descendants, and that it would always belong to them. However, at that time Abraham did not have any children who would inherit it.*

What was God's promise to Abraham?

God promised land to Abraham and his descendants.

Why did God's promise to Abraham seem impossible to fulfill?

God's promise seemed impossible because Abraham had no children.

Acts 7:6

ULT	UST
But God spoke to him like this, that his seed would be a stranger in a foreign land, and that they would enslave him and treat him badly for 400 years.	*Later God told Abraham, 'Your descendants will go and live in a foreign country. They will live there for four hundred years. During that time, the rulers will mistreat your descendants and force them to work as slaves.*

What did God say would first happen to Abraham's descendants for 400 years?

God said Abraham's descendants would be slaves in a foreign land for 400 years.

Acts 7:8

ULT	UST
And he gave him the covenant of circumcision, and so he fathered Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac, Jacob; and Jacob, the 12 patriarchs.	*Then God commanded that every male in Abraham's household and all of his male descendants should be circumcised to show that they all belonged to God. Later Abraham's son, Isaac, was born, and when Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him. Later Isaac had a son named Jacob. Jacob was the father of the 12 men whom we Jews call the patriarchs, our forefathers.*

What covenant did God give to Abraham?

God gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision.

Acts 7:9

ULT	UST
And the patriarchs, envying Joseph, sold him into Egypt. But God was with him	*You know that Jacob's older sons became jealous because their father favored their younger brother Joseph. So they sold him to merchants who took him to Egypt, where he became a slave. But God took care of Joseph.*

How did Joseph become a slave in Egypt?

His brothers were jealous of him and sold him into Egypt.

Acts 7:10

ULT	UST
and he rescued him from all his afflictions, and he gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he appointed him governor over Egypt and all his household.	*God protected him whenever people caused him to suffer. He enabled Joseph to be wise, and he caused Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to think well of Joseph. So Pharaoh appointed him to rule over Egypt and to look after all of Pharaoh's property.*

How did Joseph become governor over Egypt?

God gave Joseph favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh.

Acts 7:12-13

What did Jacob do when there was famine in Canaan?

Jacob sent his sons to Egypt because he heard there was grain there.

Acts 7:14

ULT	UST
Then, sending them back, Joseph summoned Jacob, his father, and all his relatives, in souls 75.	*Joseph sent his brothers back home to tell their father Jacob that Joseph wanted him and his entire family to come to Egypt. At that time Jacob's family consisted of 75 people.*

Why did Jacob and his relatives move to Egypt?

Joseph sent his brothers to tell Jacob to come to Egypt so he could provide them with food during the famine.

Acts 7:17

ULT	UST
And as the time of the promise that God had sworn to Abraham approached, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt,	*Our ancestors had become very numerous by the time God was about to rescue them from Egypt. That is what God had promised Abraham he would do.*

What happened to the number of Israelites in Egypt as the time promised to Abraham drew near?

The number of Israelites in Egypt grew and multiplied.

Acts 7:19

ULT	UST
He, exploiting our people, mistreated our fathers, to make their babies exposed, in order not to keep them alive.	*That king tried to get rid of our ancestors in cruel ways. He oppressed them and caused them to suffer greatly. He even commanded them to abandon their newborn babies outside their homes so that the babies would die.*

How did the new king of Egypt try to reduce the number of Israelites?

The new king of Egypt forced the Israelites to cast out their infants so they would not survive.

Acts 7:21

ULT	UST
But when he was exposed, the daughter of Pharaoh took him up and raised him for herself as a son.	*Then they had to abandon him outside the house. But Pharaoh's daughter found him and cared for him as her own son.*

How did Moses survive being thrown out?

Pharaoh's daughter took Moses and raised him as her own son.

Acts 7:22

ULT	UST
And Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and works.	*The Egyptians taught Moses the many things that they had learned. When he grew up, he spoke and did things powerfully.*

How was Moses educated?

Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians.

Acts 7:24

ULT	UST
And seeing a certain one being mistreated, he defended him and made vengeance for the one being oppressed, striking the Egyptian:	*He saw an Egyptian mistreating one of the Israelites. So he went over to help the Israelite man. He avenged him by killing the Egyptian.*

When he was 40 years old, what did Moses do when he saw an Israelite being mistreated?

Moses defended the Israelite and struck the Egyptian.

Acts 7:29

ULT	UST
Then Moses ran away at this word, and he became a foreigner in the land of Midian, where he fathered two sons.	*When Moses heard that, he fled from Egypt to the land of Midian. He lived there for some years. He got married, and he and his wife had two sons.*

To where did Moses flee?

Moses fled to Midian.

Acts 7:30

ULT	UST
And 40 years having been filled, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush.	*One day forty years later, the Lord God came to Moses in the form of an angel. This was in the desert near Mount Sinai. He appeared in the flames of a bush that was on fire.*

When Moses was 80 years old, what did Moses see?

Moses saw an angel in a flame of fire in a bush.

Acts 7:34

ULT	UST
I have certainly seen the oppression of my people who are in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and I have come down to rescue them. And now come, let me send you to Egypt.'	*I have seen clearly how the people of Egypt are continually causing my people to suffer. I have heard my people when they groan because of it. So I am taking action to rescue them from Egypt. Now get ready, because I am going to send you back to Egypt.'*

Where did the Lord command Moses to go, and what was God going to do there?

The Lord commanded Moses to go to Egypt, because God was going to rescue the Israelites.

Acts 7:36

ULT	UST
This one led them out, doing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and at the Red Sea, and in the wilderness during 40 years.	*Moses is the one who led our ancestors out from Egypt. He did many kinds of miracles in Egypt, at the Sea of Reeds, and during the forty years that the Israelite people lived in the wilderness.*

How long did Moses lead the Israelites in the wilderness?

Moses led the Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years.

Acts 7:37

ULT	UST
This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, 'God will raise up a prophet like me for you from your brothers.'	*This Moses is the one who said to the Israelite people, 'God will cause another man from among your own people to be a prophet like me for you.'*

What did Moses prophesy to the Israelites?

Moses prophesied to the Israelites that God would raise up a prophet like him from among their brothers.

Acts 7:41

ULT	UST
So they made an image of a calf in those days and brought a sacrifice to the idol and rejoiced in the works of their hands.	*When the Israelites rejected Moses, they made an image that looked like a calf. Then they offered sacrifices to honor that idol. They sang and danced to worship something that they themselves had made.*

How did the Israelites turn their hearts back to Egypt?

The Israelites made a calf of gold and sacrificed to the idol they had made.

Acts 7:42

ULT	UST
But God turned away and abandoned them to serve the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the prophets, 'You did not offer slain beasts and offerings to me for 40 years in the wilderness, did you, O house of Israel?	*So God stopped correcting them. He left them to worship the stars in the sky. This agrees with what one of the prophets wrote: God said, 'You Israelite people repeatedly killed animals and offered them to me with grain as sacrifices during those forty years that you were in the wilderness. But you certainly were not truly offering them to me!*

How did God respond to the Israelites turning away from him?

God turned from the Israelites and gave them up to serve the host of heaven.

Acts 7:43

ULT	UST
And you took up the tabernacle of Molech and the star of your god Rephan— the images that you made to worship them— and I will remove you beyond Babylon.'	*On the contrary, you carried with you the tent that contained the idol representing the god Molech that you worshiped. You also carried with you the image of the star called Rephan. Those were idols that you had made, and you worshiped them instead of me. So I will cause you to be taken away far from your homes to regions even farther than the country of Babylon.'*

To where did God say he would carry away the Israelites?

God said he would carry the Israelites away even beyond Babylon.

Acts 7:44-45

In the wilderness, what did God command the Israelites to build, which they later carried into the land?

In the wilderness, the Israelites built the tabernacle of the testimony.

Acts 7:45

ULT	UST
which also our fathers, having received it in turn, brought in with Joshua in the possessing of the nations that God drove out from the face of our fathers, until the days of David,	*Later on, other ancestors of ours carried that tent with them when Joshua led them into this land. That was during the time when they took this land for themselves, when God forced the people who previously lived here to leave. So the Israelites were able to possess this land. The tent remained in this land and was still here when King David ruled.*

Who drove out the nations ahead of the Israelites?

God drove out the nations ahead of the Israelites.

Acts 7:46

ULT	UST
who found favor before God, and he asked to find a dwelling for the house of Jacob.	*David pleased God, and he asked God to let him build a temple where he and all of our Israelite people could worship God.*

Who asked to build a dwelling place for God?

David asked to build a dwelling place for God.

Acts 7:47

ULT	UST
However, Solomon built the house for him.	*But instead, God told David's son Solomon to build a temple where people could worship him.*

Who actually built a house for God?

King David's son Solomon built a house for God.

Acts 7:49

ULT	UST
‘Heaven is my throne, and the earth is the footstool for my feet. What kind of house will you build for me?’ says the Lord, ‘or what is the place for my rest?	

Where does the Most High have his throne?

The Most High has heaven as his throne.

Acts 7:51

ULT	UST
O stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit! As your fathers, also you.	*You people are disobedient to God, as if you did not even know God! You are exactly like your ancestors! You always resist the Holy Spirit, just as they did!*

What did Stephen accuse the people of always doing, just as their forefathers had done?

Stephen accused the people of resisting the Holy Spirit.

Acts 7:52

ULT	UST
Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed the ones foretelling about the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become,	*Your ancestors caused every prophet to suffer. They even killed those who long ago announced that the Messiah would come, the one who always did what pleased God. And the Messiah has come! He is the one whom you recently turned over to his enemies and insisted that they kill him!*

Concerning the Righteous One, of what did Stephen say the people were guilty?

Stephen said the people had betrayed and murdered the Righteous One.

Acts 7:54

ULT	UST
Now hearing these things, they were cut to their hearts, and they ground their teeth at him.	*When the Jewish council members and others there heard all that Stephen said, they became very angry. They were grinding their teeth together because they were so angry at him!*

How did the council members respond to Stephen's accusations?

The council members were cut to the heart and ground their teeth at Stephen.

Acts 7:55-56

What did Stephen say he saw as he looked up into heaven?

Stephen said he saw Jesus standing on the right hand of God.

Acts 7:57-58

What did the council members then do to Stephen?

The council members rushed upon him, threw him out of the city, and stoned him.

Acts 7:58

ULT	UST
And throwing him outside the city, they stoned him. And the witnesses laid aside their outer garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.	*They dragged him outside the city of Jerusalem and started to throw stones at him to kill him. The people who were accusing him took off their outer garments in order to throw stones more easily. They put these garments on the ground next to a young man whose name was Saul so that he could guard them.*

Where did the witnesses lay down their outer clothes during the stoning of Stephen?

The witnesses laid their outer clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

Acts 7:60

ULT	UST
But having put down his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And having said this, he fell asleep.	*Then Stephen knelt down and cried out loud, "Lord, do not punish them for this sin!" After he had said this, he died.*

What was the last thing Stephen asked for before he died?

Stephen asked God not to hold this sin against the people.

Acts 8

Acts 8:1

ULT	UST
And Saul was agreeing with his execution. And on that day a great persecution began against the church that was in Jerusalem, and they all were scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.	

What did Saul think about Stephen's stoning?

Saul was in agreement with Stephen's death.

What began on the day Stephen was stoned?

A great persecution against the church in Jerusalem began on the day Stephen was stoned.

What did the believers in Jerusalem do?

The believers in Jerusalem became scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, thus spreading the faith to new areas.

Acts 8:6

ULT	UST
And the crowds were paying attention unanimously to the things being spoken by Philip when they heard them and saw the signs that he was doing.	*Many people there heard Philip speak and saw the miraculous things that he was doing. So they all paid close attention to what he was saying.*

Why did the people of Samaria pay attention to what Philip said?

The people paid attention when they saw the signs that Philip did.

Acts 8:9-11

Why had the people of Samaria paid attention to Simon?

The people had paid attention when they saw his acts of sorcery.

Acts 8:13

ULT	UST
And Simon himself also believed and, having been baptized, he was continuing with Philip. And seeing great signs and works happening, he marveled.	*Though the people had been worshiping him, Simon too believed Philip's message and received baptism. He began to accompany Philip constantly. He was continually amazed by the great miracles he saw Philip doing. These things showed that Philip was speaking the truth.*

When Simon heard Philip's message, what did he do?

Simon also believed and was baptized.

Acts 8:17

ULT	UST
Then they were laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.	*Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

What happened when Peter and John laid hands on the believers in Samaria?

The believers in Samaria received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:18-19

What offer did Simon make to the apostles?

Simon offered the apostles money in exchange for the power to give the Holy Spirit by the laying on of hands.

Acts 8:23

ULT	UST
For I see you being in the gall of bitterness and the bond of unrighteousness."	*You are in spiritual danger! I perceive that you are extremely jealous of us and that a continual desire to do evil is controlling you."*

After Simon made this offer to the apostles, what did Peter say was his spiritual condition?

Peter said that Simon was in the poison of bitterness and the bonds of sin.

Acts 8:26

ULT	UST
Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south on the road going down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is desert.)	*While Peter and John were returning to Jerusalem, the Lord sent an angel to Philip. Even though so many Samaritans were becoming believers in Jesus, that angel told him, "Get ready and go south along the road that goes from Jerusalem to the city of Gaza." That road is in a desert area.*

What did an angel tell Philip to do?

An angel told Philip to go south to the desert road toward Gaza.

Acts 8:27-28

Who did Philip meet?

Philip met a eunuch from Ethiopia, a man of great authority who had come to worship at Jerusalem.

Acts 8:30

ULT	UST
So having run to him, Philip heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and he said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"	*So Philip ran over to the carriage. He heard the official reading what the prophet Isaiah had written. He asked the man, "Do you understand what you are reading?"*

What question did Philip ask the man, who he heard reading the prophet Isaiah?

Philip asked the man, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

Acts 8:31

ULT	UST
And he said, “For how would I be able, unless someone will guide me?” And he invited Philip to sit with him, having come up.	*He answered Philip, “No, I cannot possibly understand it if there is no one to explain it to me.” Then the man said to Philip, “Please come up and sit beside me.” So Philip got into the carriage.*

What did the man ask Philip to do?

The man asked Philip to come up into the chariot with him and explain what he was reading.

Acts 8:32

ULT	UST
Now the passage of Scripture that he was reading was this: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, thus he does not open his mouth.	*The part of the Scriptures that the official was reading was this: “People will lead him away to kill him as they lead a sheep to the place where they are going to kill it. He will be silent, as a lamb stands silently while someone cuts off its wool.*

What happens to the person being described in the scripture from Isaiah that was being read?

The person is led as a sheep to the slaughter, but does not open his mouth.

Acts 8:34

ULT	UST
And answering, the eunuch said to Philip, “I beg of you, about whom is the prophet saying this—about himself, or about some other?”	*The official asked Philip about what he was reading, “Tell me, who was the prophet writing about? Was he writing about himself, or about someone else?”*

What question did the man ask Philip about the scripture he was reading?

The man asked Philip if the prophet was speaking about himself or about some other person.

Acts 8:35

ULT	UST
And Philip, opening his mouth and beginning with this scripture, proclaimed Jesus to him.	*So Philip replied to him. He began with that Scripture passage, and he told him the good news about Jesus.*

Who did Philip say was the person in the scripture from Isaiah?

Philip explained that the person in the scripture from Isaiah was Jesus.

Acts 8:38

ULT	UST
And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.	*So the official told the driver to stop the carriage. Then both Philip and the official went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.*

What did Philip then do to the man?

Philip and the eunuch both went into the water and Philip baptized him.

Acts 8:39

ULT	UST
And when they came up from the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him anymore, for he went on his way rejoicing.	*When they came up out of the water, suddenly the Spirit of the Lord took Philip away. The official never saw Philip again. Even so, the official continued going very happily along the road.*

What happened to Philip when he came out of the water?

When Philip came out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord took Philip away.

What did the eunuch do when he came out of the water?

When the eunuch came out of the water, he went on his way rejoicing.

Acts 9

Acts 9:1-2

What did Saul ask the high priest in Jerusalem for permission to do?

Saul asked for letters of authority so that he could travel to Damascus, bind and bring back any who belonged to the Way.

Acts 9:3

ULT	UST
And as he was traveling, it happened that he came near to Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven surrounded him;	*While Saul and those with him were traveling, they were approaching Damascus. Suddenly a brilliant light from heaven shone around Saul.*

As Saul neared Damascus, what did he see?

As Saul neared Damascus, he saw a light out of heaven.

Acts 9:4

ULT	UST
and, falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"	*Immediately he fell onto the ground. Then he heard the voice of someone say to him, "Saul, Saul, stop trying to hurt me!"*

What did the voice say to Saul?

The voice said, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me."

Acts 9:5

ULT	UST
And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting;	*Saul asked him, "Lord, who are you?" He replied, "I am Jesus, whom you are hurting.*

When Saul asked who was speaking to him, what was the answer?

The answer was, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting."

Acts 9:8

ULT	UST
And Saul rose up from the ground, but his eyes being opened, he was seeing nothing. But leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus.	*Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could not see anything. So the men with him took him by the hand and led him into Damascus.*

When Saul arose from the ground, what had happened to him?

When Saul arose, he could see nothing.

Acts 9:8-9

What did Saul do for three days in Damascus?

Saul did not eat or drink for three days.

Acts 9:11-12

What did the Lord tell Ananias to do?

The Lord told Ananias to go and lay hands on Saul, so that Saul would receive his sight.

Acts 9:13-14

What concern did Ananias express to the Lord?

Ananias was concerned because he knew Saul had come to Damascus to arrest everyone who called upon the Lord’s name.

Acts 9:15

ULT	UST
But the Lord said to him, "Go, for this is to me an instrument of choosing, to carry my name before the nations, and also kings, and the sons of Israel;	*But Jesus told Ananias, "Go visit Saul! Do what I say, because I have chosen him to serve me. I want him to speak about me to non-Jewish people and their leaders and to the Israelite people.*

What mission did the Lord say he had for Saul as his chosen instrument?

The Lord said Saul would carry the Lord's name before the Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.

Acts 9:16

ULT	UST
for I will show him how much it is necessary for him to suffer for my name."	*I myself will tell him that he must often suffer in order to tell people about me."*

Did the Lord say Saul's mission would be easy or difficult?

The Lord said that Saul would suffer greatly for the cause of the Lord's name.

Acts 9:18-19

After Ananias laid hands on Saul, what happened?

After Ananias laid hands on Saul, Saul received his sight, was baptized, and ate.

Acts 9:20

ULT	UST
And immediately in the synagogues he proclaimed Jesus, that this is the Son of God.	*Right away he began to preach about Jesus in the Jewish synagogues. He told the people there that Jesus is the Son of God.*

What did Saul immediately begin to do?

Saul immediately began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying that Jesus is the Son of God.

Acts 9:25

ULT	UST
But his disciples, taking him by night, let him down through the wall, lowering him in a basket.	*So some of those whom he had led to believe in Jesus took him one night to the high stone wall that surrounded the city. They used ropes to lower him in a large basket through an opening in the wall. In this way he escaped from Damascus.*

When the Jews finally planned to kill Saul, how did he escape?

When the Jews planned to kill him, Saul escaped at night by being let down through the wall in a basket.

Acts 9:26

ULT	UST
And having come to Jerusalem, he was attempting to join the disciples, but they were all fearing him, not believing that he was a disciple.	*When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to meet with the other believers there. However, almost all of them continued to be afraid of him. They were not convinced that he had become a believer.*

When Saul came to Jerusalem, how did the disciples receive him?

In Jerusalem, the disciples were afraid of Saul because they did not know he had truly become a believer.

Acts 9:27

ULT	UST
But taking hold of him, Barnabas brought him to the apostles and told them how he had seen the Lord on the road and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus.	*But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He explained to the apostles how, while Saul was traveling along the road to Damascus, he had seen Jesus, who had spoken to him there. He also told them how Saul had preached boldly about Jesus to people in Damascus.*

Who then brought Saul to the apostles and explained what had happened to Saul in Damascus?

Barnabas brought Saul to the apostles and explained what had happened to Saul in Damascus.

Acts 9:28

ULT	UST
And he was with them coming in and going out in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord.	*So Saul began to meet with the apostles and other believers throughout Jerusalem. He spoke boldly to the people there about Jesus.*

What did Saul do in Jerusalem?

Saul spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 9:31

ULT	UST
Then the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria was having peace; being built up and journeying in the fear of the Lord and in the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, it was multiplying.	*Since no one was persecuting them anymore, the believers throughout the entire regions of Judea, Galilee, and Samaria were able to live peacefully. The Holy Spirit was strengthening them and encouraging them. They were honoring the Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit was leading many other people to become believers.*

After Saul was sent away to Tarsus, what was the condition of the church in Judea, Galilee, and Samaria?

The church in Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up, growing in numbers.

Acts 9:33-35

What happened in Lydda that caused everyone there to turn to the Lord?

In Lydda, Peter spoke to a paralyzed man who was healed by Jesus.

Acts 9:40

ULT	UST
But Peter, having put them all out and having put down his knees, prayed, and having turned to the body, he said, "Tabitha, arise!" Then she opened her eyes and, seeing Peter, she sat up.	*But Peter sent them all out of the room so that he could pray. Then he got down on his knees and prayed. Then, turning toward her body, he said, "Tabitha, stand up!" Immediately she opened her eyes and, when she saw Peter, she sat up.*

What happened in Joppa that caused many people to believe in the Lord?

Peter prayed for a dead woman named Tabitha, who was raised back to life.

Acts 10

Acts 10:1-2

What kind of man was Cornelius?

Cornelius was a devout man who feared God, was generous, and was always praying to God.

Acts 10:4

ULT	UST
But he, staring at him and having become terrified, said, "What is it, lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have gone up for a memorial offering before God.	*Cornelius stared at the angel and became terrified. Then he asked fearfully, "Sir, what do you want?" The angel answered him, "You have been praying regularly to God. You often give money to help poor people. Those things have been like an offering to God, and he has noticed them.*

What did the angel say had caused God to be reminded about Cornelius?

The angel said that Cornelius' prayers and gifts to the poor had reminded God about Cornelius.

Acts 10:5

ULT	UST
And now, send men to Joppa and summon a certain Simon who is called Peter.	*So now command some men to go to Joppa. Tell them to bring back a man named Simon whose other name is Peter.*

What did the angel tell Cornelius to do?

The angel told Cornelius to send men to Joppa to bring Peter back to the home of Cornelius.

Acts 10:11-12

On the next day, what did Peter see while he was praying and in a trance on the housetop?

Peter saw a large sheet filled with all kinds of animals, things that crawled, and birds.

Acts 10:13

ULT	UST
And a voice came to him: "Peter, arising, kill and eat."	*Then he heard God say to him, "Go ahead, Peter, kill some of these and eat them."*

As Peter saw the vision, what did a voice say to him?

A voice said to Peter, "Rise, Peter, kill and eat."

Acts 10:14

ULT	UST
But Peter said, "Not at all, Lord; for I have never eaten anything common and unclean."	*But Peter replied, "Lord, surely not! I have never eaten anything that our Jewish law says is unacceptable to you or that we must not eat!"*

What was Peter's response to the voice?

Peter refused, saying he had never eaten anything defiled and unclean.

Acts 10:15

ULT	UST
And the voice came to him again, for a second time: "What God has cleansed, you, do not make common."	*Then Peter heard God talk to him a second time. He said, "I am God, so if I have made something acceptable to eat, do not say that it is not acceptable to eat!"*

What did the voice say to Peter after this?

The voice said, "What God has cleansed, do not call defiled."

Acts 10:20

ULT	UST
But arising, go down and go with them, not hesitating, because I have sent them."	*So do not be reluctant. Go downstairs and go with them! Do not think that you should not go with them, because I have sent them here!"*

What did the Spirit tell Peter to do when the men from Cornelius arrived at the house?

The Spirit told Peter to go down and go with them.

Acts 10:22

ULT	UST
And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, a man righteous and fearing God and attested by the whole nation of the Jews, was directed by a holy angel to summon you to his house and to hear words from you."	*They replied, "Cornelius, who is a Roman army officer, sent us here. He is a good man who worships God. All of the Jewish people who know about him speak well of him. An angel from God told Cornelius, 'Have some men to go to Joppa and get Simon Peter. Bring him to your house and listen to what he has to say.'"*

What did the men from Cornelius expect Peter to come and do in Cornelius' house?

The men from Cornelius expected Peter to come and give a message in Cornelius' house.

Acts 10:26

ULT	UST
But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Arise! I too am a man myself."	*But Peter grasped Cornelius by the hand and lifted him to his feet. He said, "Stand up! Do not bow down and worship me! I myself am only human, like you!"*

What did Peter say when Cornelius bowed down at Peter's feet?

Peter told Cornelius to stand up, for he was only a man.

Acts 10:28

ULT	UST
And he was saying to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to associate or to visit with a foreigner, but God has shown me not to call any man common or unclean.	*Then Peter said to them, "You all know that we Jews think we are disobeying our laws if we associate with people who are not Jews or visit them in their homes. However, God has shown me in a vision that I should not say that God only accepts people who are Jews.*

What was Peter doing that was previously not allowed for Jews, and why was he now doing it?

Peter was associating with people from another nation, because God had shown him that he should not call any man defiled or unclean.

Acts 10:35

ULT	UST
Instead, in every nation the one fearing him and working righteousness is acceptable to him.	*Instead, from every people group he accepts everyone who honors him and who does what pleases him.*

Who did Peter say is acceptable to God?

Peter said that anyone who fears God and does righteous deeds is acceptable to God.

Acts 10:38

ULT	UST
Jesus, the one from Nazareth, how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all the ones being oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.	*You know that God gave his Holy Spirit to Jesus, the man from the town of Nazareth, and gave him the power to do miracles. You also know how Jesus went to many places, doing good deeds. Whenever he met people whom the devil was causing to suffer, he healed them. It was God who enabled Jesus to do those things."*

What message about Jesus had the people in Cornelius' house already heard?

The people had already heard that Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit and with power, and that he had healed all who were oppressed, for God was with him.

Acts 10:40-41

What did Peter announce had happened to Jesus after his death, and how did Peter know this?

Peter announced that God had raised up Jesus on the third day, and that Peter had eaten with Jesus after his resurrection.

Acts 10:42

ULT	UST
And he commanded us to announce to the people and to testify that he is the one chosen by God as a Judge of the living and the dead.	*Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and tell them that God has chosen him to judge everyone one day. He will judge those who are still alive and those who have died before that day.*

What did Peter say Jesus had commanded them to preach to the people?

Jesus had commanded them to preach that Jesus had been chosen by God to be the Judge of the living and the dead.

Acts 10:43

ULT	UST
To this one all the prophets bear witness, that everyone believing in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."	*All the prophets who wrote about him long ago told the people about him. They wrote that if anyone believed in him, God would forgive whatever sins they had done, because of what this man, Jesus, would do for them."*

What did Peter say everyone would receive who believes in Jesus?

Peter said that everyone who believes in Jesus would receive the forgiveness of sins.

Acts 10:44

ULT	UST
While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all the ones listening to his word.	*While Peter was still speaking about Jesus, suddenly the Holy Spirit came to all those people from other nations who were listening to the message.*

What happened to the people who were listening to Peter while Peter was still speaking?

The Holy Spirit fell on all those who were listening to Peter.

Acts 10:45

ULT	UST
And the faithful from the circumcision—as many as had come with Peter—marveled, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out also on the Gentiles.	*The Jewish believers who had come with Peter from Joppa were amazed that God had so kindly given the Holy Spirit to people from all different nations too.*

Why were the believers who belonged to the circumcision group amazed?

The believers who belonged to the circumcision group were amazed because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out also on the Gentiles.

Acts 10:46

ULT	UST
For they heard them speaking in languages and praising God. Then Peter responded,	*The Jewish believers knew that God had done that because they were hearing those people speak in other languages to tell how great God is. Then Peter said,*

What were the people doing which demonstrated that the Holy Spirit had fallen on them?

The people were speaking in other languages and praising God, which demonstrated that the Holy Spirit had fallen on them.

Acts 10:48

ULT	UST
And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay for several days.	*Then Peter told Cornelius and his guests that they should receive baptism as believers in Jesus the Messiah. Peter and the believers who had come with him from Joppa baptized all of them. After they had received baptism, Cornelius invited Peter to stay with them for several days. So he and the other Jewish believers did that.*

After seeing that the people had received the Holy Spirit, what did Peter command be done with them?

Peter commanded that the people be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 11

Acts 11:1

ULT	UST
Now the apostles and the brothers being throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.	*The apostles and other believers who lived in various towns in the province of Judea heard that some non-Jewish people had also believed the message of God about Jesus.*

What news did the apostles and brothers in Judea hear?

The apostles and brothers in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

Acts 11:2-3

What criticism against Peter did those of the circumcision group in Jerusalem have?

Those in the circumcision group criticized Peter for eating with the Gentiles.

Acts 11:15

ULT	UST
But as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as also on us in the beginning.	*While I was speaking to them, the Holy Spirit suddenly came to them just as he came to us during the Pentecost festival.*

What evidence did Peter present to demonstrate that God had accepted the Gentiles?

Peter presented the fact that the Holy Spirit had come upon the Gentiles just as the Spirit had fallen upon the Jews in the beginning.

Acts 11:18

ULT	UST
And having heard these things, they became quiet and glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has given repentance unto life."	*After those Jewish believers heard what Peter said, they stopped criticizing him. Instead, they praised God. They said, "It is clear that God has accepted non-Jews so they too can have everlasting life if they turn from their sinful behavior."*

What was the conclusion of those in the circumcision group when they heard Peter's explanation?

They praised God and concluded that God had given repentance for life to the Gentiles also.

Acts 11:19

ULT	UST
Then indeed the ones having been scattered from the persecution having happened over Stephen spread to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except only to Jews.	*After Stephen died, people started persecuting the other believers in Jerusalem. So many of them left and went to other places. Some of them went to the land of Phoenicia. Some went to the island of Cyprus. Others went to the city of Antioch in Syria. In those places. They told people the good news about Jesus. But most of them told only other Jewish people.*

What did most of the believers who were scattered after Stephen's death do?

Most of the scattered believers told the message about Jesus only to Jews.

Acts 11:20-21

What happened when some of the scattered believers preached the Lord Jesus to Greeks?

When they preached the Lord Jesus to Greeks, a great number believed.

Acts 11:22-23

What did Barnabas from Jerusalem tell the believing Greeks in Antioch?

Barnabas encouraged the Greeks to remain with the Lord with all their heart.

Acts 11:26

ULT	UST
And having found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it happened to them that for even a whole year they were gathered together with the church and taught a considerable crowd. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.	*After Barnabas found Saul, he brought him back to Antioch to help teach the believers there. Barnabas and Saul met regularly with the church there for a whole year. They taught large numbers of people about Jesus. The people of Antioch were the first people who called the disciples of Jesus "Christians."*

How long did Barnabas and Saul spend at the church in Antioch?

Barnabas and Saul spent an entire year at the church in Antioch.

What name did the disciples first receive in Antioch?

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

Acts 11:28

ULT	UST
And one of them, Agabus by name, having arisen, signified through the Spirit that a great famine was about to occur over the whole world. This happened upon Claudius.	*One of them whose name was Agabus stood up in order to speak. God's Spirit enabled him to prophesy that there would soon be a severe shortage of food in many countries. (This shortage happened when Claudius was the Roman emperor.)*

What did Agabus the prophet predict would happen?

Agabus predicted that a great famine would occur over all the world.

Acts 11:29-30

How did the disciples respond to Agabus' prophecy?

The disciples sent help to the brothers in Judea by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

Acts 12

Acts 12:2

ULT	UST
And he killed James, the brother of John, with the sword.	*He commanded a soldier to cut off the head of the apostle James, the older brother of the apostle John. So the soldier did that.*

What did Herod the king do to James, the brother of John?

Herod the king killed James, the brother of John, with the sword.

Acts 12:3-4

What did Herod the king do to Peter?

Herod arrested and put Peter in prison, intending to bring him to the people after the Passover.

Acts 12:5

ULT	UST
So indeed Peter was being kept in the prison, but prayer was being made earnestly to God for him by the church.	*So for several days Peter stayed in prison. But the other believers in their group in Jerusalem were urgently praying to God, asking him to help Peter.*

What was the assembly doing for Peter?

The assembly was earnestly praying for Peter.

Acts 12:8-10

How did Peter get past the first and second guard and out of the gate of the prison?

Peter followed an angel past the guards, and then the gate opened by itself.

Acts 12:13-14

When Peter arrived at the house where the believers were praying, who answered the door and what did she do?

A servant girl Rhoda answered the door and reported that Peter was standing at the door, but she did not open the door.

Acts 12:15

ULT	UST
But they said to her, "You are insane!" But she was insisting that it was thus. So they were saying, "It is his angel."	*But they said to her, "You must be crazy!" But she continued to say that it was really true. They kept responding, "No, it cannot be Peter. It is probably his angel."*

How did the believers first react to her report?

At first they thought Rhoda was insane.

Acts 12:17

ULT	UST
And having motioned to them with his hand to be silent, he described how the Lord had led him out from the prison. And he said, "Report these things to James and the brothers." And having gone out, he went to another place.	*Peter waved his hand to get them to be quiet. Then he told them exactly how the Lord God had let him out of the prison. He also said, "Tell James, the leader of our group, and our other fellow believers what has happened." Then Peter left and went away somewhere else.*

After telling the believers what had happened to him, what did Peter tell them to do?

Peter told them to report these things to James and the brothers.

Acts 12:19

ULT	UST
And Herod, having searched for him and not having found him, having questioned the guards, ordered them to be put to death. And having gone down from Judea to Caesarea, he was staying there.	*Then Herod heard about it. So he commanded soldiers to search for Peter, but they did not find him. Then Herod questioned the soldiers who had been guarding Peter. But the soldiers had no good explanation for what had happened. So Herod commanded them to be executed, which was how the Romans punished guards whose prisoners escaped. Afterwards, Herod went from the province of Judea to the city of Caesarea, where he stayed for some time.*

What happened to the men that had been guarding Peter?

The men were put to death after Herod had questioned them.

Acts 12:22

ULT	UST
And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!"	*Those who were listening to him shouted repeatedly, "King Herod speaks so well that he must be a god, not a man!"*

What did the people shout as Herod gave his speech?

The people shouted, "This is the voice of a god, not of a man"!

Acts 12:23

ULT	UST
And immediately an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give the glory to God, and having become worm-eaten, he died.	*Herod accepted the praise of the people instead of telling them they should praise God. So while the people were still praising Herod, the Lord God sent an angel to punish him. That angel punished him severely: Worms ate him and he died.*

What happened to Herod after his speech, and why?

Because Herod did not give glory to God, an angel struck him, and he was eaten by worms and died.

Acts 12:24

ULT	UST
But the word of God was increasing and was being multiplied.	*The believers continued telling God's message to people in many places, and the number of people who believed in Jesus was continually increasing.*

What was happening with the word of God during this time?

The word of God grew and multiplied during this time.

Acts 12:25

ULT	UST
Then Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem, having completed their service, bringing with them John, called Mark.	*Barnabas and Saul finished delivering the money to help the Jewish believers in the province of Judea. They returned to the city of Jerusalem. They brought John, whose other name was Mark, with them.*

Who did Barnabas and Saul bring with them?

Barnabas and Saul brought John Mark with them.

Acts 13

Acts 13:2

ULT	UST
And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Separate, then, Barnabas and Saul to me for the work to which I have called them."	*While the believers in Antioch were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit spoke to them. He said, "I want you to let Barnabas and Saul serve me in a particular way. I want you to send them on a special mission that I have chosen them to do."*

What was the assembly in Antioch doing when the Holy Spirit spoke to them?

The assembly in Antioch was worshiping the Lord and fasting when the Holy Spirit spoke to them.

What did the Holy Spirit tell them to do?

The Holy Spirit told them to set apart Barnabas and Saul to do the work to which the Spirit was calling them.

Acts 13:3

ULT	UST
Then, having fasted and prayed, and having laid their hands on them, they released them.	*So the believers fasted and prayed some more. Then they put their hands on Barnabas and Saul to show that they approved of them going on this special mission. Then they sent them off to do what the Holy Spirit had commanded.*

What did the assembly do after hearing from the Holy Spirit?

The assembly fasted, prayed, laid hands on Barnabas and Saul, and sent them off.

Acts 13:5

ULT	UST
And having arrived in Salamis, they were proclaiming the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they also had John as an assistant.	*While they were in Salamis, they went to the Jewish meeting places. There they proclaimed the message God had told them to share about Jesus. John Mark went with them and was helping them.*

When Barnabas and Saul went to Salamis, who also was with them?

In Salamis, John Mark was with them as their assistant.

Acts 13:6-7

Who was Bar-Jesus?

Bar-Jesus was a Jewish false prophet who associated with the proconsul.

Acts 13:7

ULT	UST
who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus—an intelligent man. Summoning Barnabas and Saul, he sought to hear the word of God.	*He was often in the company of the governor of the island, Sergius Paulus, who was a sensible man. The governor sent someone to ask Barnabas and Saul to come to him because he wanted to hear what God had told them to say.*

Why did the proconsul summon Barnabas and Saul?

The proconsul summoned Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God.

Acts 13:9

ULT	UST
But Saul, also Paul, being filled with the Holy Spirit, staring at him intently,	*Saul was using his Roman name, Paul, because he was visiting a Roman official. The Holy Spirit gave Paul boldness and insight. He looked steadily at the sorcerer.*

What was another name by which Saul was known?

Saul was also known as Paul.

Acts 13:11

ULT	UST
And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a mist and darkness fell upon him, and going around, he was seeking someone to lead him by the hand.	*Right now the Lord God is going to punish you! You will become blind and you will not even be able to see the sun until God decides to let you see again." At once Elymas could no longer see clearly. Then he could not see at all. He wandered around, searching for someone to take him by the hand and lead him.*

What did Paul say would happen to Bar-Jesus because he tried to turn the proconsul against the faith?

Paul told Bar-Jesus that he would be blind for a time.

Acts 13:12

ULT	UST
Then the proconsul, having seen the thing having happened, believed, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.	*When Sergius Paulus saw what had happened to Elymas, he believed in Jesus. The truth and power of what Paul and Barnabas were teaching about Jesus amazed him.*

How did the proconsul react when he saw what happened to Bar-Jesus?

The proconsul believed.

Acts 13:13

ULT	UST
Now having put to sea from Paphos, the ones around Paul came to Perga of Pamphylia. But John, withdrawing from them, returned to Jerusalem.	*After that, Paul and the people with him traveled by sailboat from Paphos to the city of Perga in the province of Pamphylia. At Perga, John Mark left them and returned to his home in Jerusalem.*

What did John Mark do when Paul and his friends set sail to Perga?

John Mark left Paul and his friends and returned to Jerusalem.

Acts 13:15

ULT	UST
And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue leaders sent to them, saying, "Men, brothers, if any word of exhortation for the people is in you, speak."	*Someone read aloud from what Moses had written in the books of the Law. Next someone read from what the prophets had written. Then the leaders of the Jewish meeting place sent a message to Paul and Barnabas. They said, "Fellow Jews, if one of you wants to speak to the people here to encourage them, please speak to us now."*

Where in Antioch of Pisidia was Paul asked to speak?

In Antioch of Pisidia, Paul was asked to speak in the Jewish synagogue.

Acts 13:17

ULT	UST
The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and exalted the people when they sojourned in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm he led them out of it.	*God, whom we Israelites worship, chose our ancestors to be his people. He caused them to become very numerous while they were foreigners living in Egypt. Then God did powerful things to lead them out of slavery there.*

In Paul's speech, who does Paul say God chose in the past?

In Paul's speech, Paul said that God chose Israel.

Acts 13:23

ULT	UST
From the seed of this one, according to promise, God brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus,	*"God brought one of David's descendants, Jesus, to us Israelite people to save us. This is what he had promised David and our other ancestors that he would do.*

From the offspring of whom did God bring Israel a Savior?

God brought Israel a Savior from the seed of King David.

Acts 13:24-25

Who did Paul say had prepared the way for the coming Savior?

Paul said that John the Baptist had prepared the way for the coming Savior.

Acts 13:27

ULT	UST
For the ones living in Jerusalem and their rulers, not recognizing this one and condemning him, fulfilled the voices of the prophets being read on every Sabbath.	*The people living in Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus. They heard someone read from the writings of the prophets in their synagogues on every Sabbath day. But they did not understand what the prophets were saying. And so what the prophets predicted long ago came true when they condemned Jesus to death.*

How did the people and rulers in Jerusalem fulfill the prophets' messages?

The people and rulers in Jerusalem fulfilled the prophets' messages by condemning Jesus to death.

Acts 13:31

ULT	UST
who was seen for many days by the ones having come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who now are his witnesses to the people.	*For many days he repeatedly appeared to his disciples who had come along with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. Those who saw him are telling the people about him now."*

Who were now Jesus' witnesses to the people?

The people who saw Jesus after he was raised from the dead were now his witnesses.

Acts 13:33

ULT	UST
that God has completely fulfilled this for our children, raising up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are my Son; today I have fathered you.'	*God has kept that promise for us who are their descendants, and also for you who are not Jews, by making Jesus alive again. It is just like what David wrote in the second Psalm, when God was speaking about sending his Son: 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.'*

How had God shown that he had kept his promises made to the Jews?

God showed that he had kept his promises to the Jews by raising up Jesus from the dead.

Acts 13:35

ULT	UST
For in another place he also says: ‘You will not allow your Holy One to see decay.’	*That is why, in another psalm, David also says: ‘You, God, will not allow the body of your Messiah to decay.’*

What did God promise to the Holy One in one of the psalms?

God promised that the Holy One would not see decay.

Acts 13:38

ULT	UST
So let it be known to you, men, brothers, that through this one release of sins is proclaimed to you and from everything of which you were not able to be justified in the law of Moses.	*“So, fellow Israelites and other friends, we want you to know that God is promising to forgive your sins as a result of what Jesus has done. You could not become right with God by obeying the laws that Moses wrote because there were many laws that you were not able to obey.*

What did Paul proclaim for everyone who believes in Jesus?

Paul proclaimed the forgiveness of sins for everyone who believes in Jesus.

Acts 13:40-41

What warning did Paul also give his listeners?

Paul warned his listeners not to be like those spoken of in the prophets who hear the announcement of God’s work but do not believe it.

Acts 13:44

ULT	UST
And on the next Sabbath, almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the word of the Lord.	*On the next Sabbath day, most of the people in Antioch came to the Jewish meeting place to hear Paul and Barnabas speak about Jesus.*

In Antioch, who came to hear the word of the Lord on the next Sabbath?

Almost the whole city came to hear the word of the Lord on the next Sabbath.

Acts 13:45

ULT	UST
But seeing the crowds, the Jews were filled with jealousy, and they were speaking against the things being said by Paul, blaspheming.	*The leaders of the Jews saw the large crowds of people that were coming to hear Paul and Barnabas. This made them extremely jealous. So they began to contradict the things that Paul was saying. They also insulted him.*

How did the Jews react when they saw the crowds?

The Jews were filled with jealousy and spoke against Paul's message, insulting him.

Acts 13:46

ULT	UST
And Paul and Barnabas, speaking boldly, said, "It was necessary for the word of God to be spoken to you first. Since you reject it and judge yourselves not worthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.	*Then, speaking very boldly, Paul and Barnabas said to those Jewish leaders, "We had to speak the message from God about Jesus to you Jews first before we proclaim it to non-Jews, because God commanded us to do that. But you are rejecting God's message. By doing that, you have shown that you are not worthy of everlasting life. Therefore, we are leaving you, and now we will go to the non-Jewish people to tell them the message from God.*

What did Paul say the Jews were doing with the word of God spoken to them?

Paul said that the Jews were rejecting the word of God spoken to them.

Acts 13:48

ULT	UST
But hearing this, the Gentiles were rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.	*When the non-Jewish people heard those words, they rejoiced. They praised God for the message about Jesus. All of the non-Jewish people whom God had chosen for everlasting life put their trust in Jesus.*

What was the Gentiles' reaction when they heard that Paul was turning to them?

The Gentiles were glad and praised the word of the Lord.

How many of the Gentiles believed?

As many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

Acts 13:50

ULT	UST
But the Jews stirred up the influential worshiping women and the principal ones of the city and aroused a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and they threw them out from their boundaries.	*However, some leaders of the Jews talked to some important women who worshiped with them. They also talked to the most important men in the city. The Jewish leaders persuaded the non-Jewish city leaders to try to stop Paul and Barnabas. So those non-Jewish people led many citizens against Paul and Barnabas, and they made them leave their region.*

What did the Jews then do to Paul and Barnabas?

The Jews stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas and threw them out of the city.

Acts 13:51

ULT	UST
But they, having shaken off the dust of their feet against them, went to Iconium.	*As the two apostles were leaving, they shook the dust off their feet. This was to show those leaders that God had rejected them and would punish them. Then they left the city of Antioch and went to the city of Iconium.*

What did Paul and Barnabas do before they went on to the city of Iconium?

Paul and Barnabas shook off the dust from their feet against those in the city of Antioch who had thrown them out.

Acts 14

Acts 14:1-2

What did the disbelieving Jews in Iconium do after a multitude believed Paul and Barnabas' preaching?

The disbelieving Jews stirred up the minds of the Gentiles and made them bitter against the brothers.

Acts 14:3

ULT	UST
But indeed they stayed there for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who was testifying to the word of his grace by granting signs and wonders to happen by their hands.	*But Paul and Barnabas spent a long time there speaking boldly about Jesus. Jesus enabled them to do many miracles. In this way, he showed people the truth of the message that God saves us even though we do not deserve it.*

How did God give evidence about the message of his grace?

God gave evidence about the message of his grace by granting signs and wonders to be done by the hands of Paul and Barnabas.

Acts 14:5-7

Why did Paul and Barnabas leave Iconium?

Some Gentiles and Jews attempted to persuade their leaders to mistreat and stone Paul and Barnabas.

Acts 14:8-10

What did Paul do that caused an uproar in Lystra?

Paul healed a man who was crippled from birth.

Acts 14:11-13

What did the people of Lystra want to do for Paul and Barnabas?

The people wanted to offer sacrifices through the priest of Zeus to Paul and Barnabas.

Acts 14:14-15

How did Barnabas and Paul respond to what the people wanted to do for them?

Barnabas and Paul tore their clothing, went into the crowd, and cried out saying that the people should turn from these useless things to a living God.

Acts 14:17

ULT	UST
and yet he did not leave himself without witness: doing good, giving you rains from the sky and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and gladness."	*Even so, God showed you non-Jewish people that he is a good God. He sent rain to make your crops grow. He gave you plenty of food so that you could enjoy your lives."*

How had God not left himself without witness in the past?

God had given the nations rain and fruitful seasons, filling their hearts with food and gladness.

Acts 14:18

ULT	UST
And saying these things they barely restrained the crowds, so that they did not sacrifice to them.	*Paul and Barnabas said all these things to the people. Even so, it was very difficult for them to keep the people from sacrificing those bulls to worship them.*

What did the people of Lystra want to do for Paul and Barnabas?

The people wanted to offer sacrifices to Paul and Barnabas.

Acts 14:19

ULT	UST
But Jews from Antioch and Iconium came and, having persuaded the crowds and having stoned Paul, they were dragging him out of the city, thinking him to have died.	*Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and convinced many of the people of Lystra that Paul had not been telling them the truth. The people who believed what those Jews said became angry with Paul. They let those Jews throw stones at him until he fell to the ground. They all thought that he was dead, so they dragged him outside the city and left him lying there.*

What did the crowds at Lystra later do to Paul?

The crowds at Lystra later stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, thinking he was dead.

Acts 14:20

ULT	UST
But as the disciples surrounded him, arising, he entered into the city, and the next day he went with Barnabas to Derbe.	*But some of the believers in Lystra came and stood around Paul, where he was lying on the ground. Suddenly Paul stood up! He went back into the city with the believers. The next day, Paul and Barnabas left the city of Lystra and traveled to the city of Derbe.*

What did Paul do as the disciples were standing around him?

Paul got up and re-entered the city.

Acts 14:22

ULT	UST
strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, "It is necessary for us to enter into the kingdom of God through many afflictions."	*In each place, they urged the believers to keep trusting Jesus. They told the believers, "We suffer many hardships in this world when we are allowing God to rule over us."*

Through what did Paul say the disciples must enter into the kingdom of God?

Paul said the disciples must enter into the kingdom of God through many sufferings.

Acts 14:23

ULT	UST
And having appointed elders for them by church, having prayed with fasting, they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had believed.	*Paul and Barnabas chose leaders for each congregation. Before they left each place, they gathered the believers together and spent some time praying and fasting. Then they entrusted the leaders and other believers to Jesus, in whom they had believed, in order that he would care for them.*

What did Paul and Barnabas do in every assembly of believers before they departed?

In every assembly, Paul and Barnabas appointed elders, prayed with fasting, and entrusted the believers to the Lord.

Acts 14:27

ULT	UST
And having arrived and having gathered the church together, they were reporting how much God had done with them and that he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles.	*When they arrived in the city of Antioch, they called the believers together. Then Paul and Barnabas told them all that God had helped them to do. Specifically, they told them how God had enabled many non-Jewish people to believe in Jesus.*

What did Paul and Barnabas do when they returned to Antioch?

When they returned to Antioch, they gathered the church and reported all the things that God had done with them and how he had opened a door of faith for the Gentiles.

Acts 15

Acts 15:1

ULT	UST
And certain ones coming down from Judea were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised in the custom of Moses, you are not able to be saved."	*But then some Jewish believers from the province of Judea arrived in Antioch. They started telling the non-Jewish believers there, "You must receive circumcision to show that you belong to God, as Moses commanded in the laws that he received from God. If you do not do that, God will not save you."*

What did certain men from Judea come and teach the brothers?

Certain men from Judea taught that unless the brothers were circumcised, they could not be saved.

Acts 15:2

ULT	UST
And no little dispute and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them having happened, they appointed Paul and Barnabas and certain others from among them to go up to the apostles and elders in Jerusalem about this question.	*Paul and Barnabas had a big argument with those Jews. They could not settle their disagreement, so the believers at Antioch sent Paul and Barnabas and some of the other believers to Jerusalem. That way they could discuss this issue with the apostles and other leaders there.*

How did the brothers decide this question should be resolved?

The brothers decided that Paul, Barnabas, and certain others should go to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders with this question.

Acts 15:3

ULT	UST
Therefore indeed the ones having been sent out by the church were passing through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles and producing great joy in all the brothers,	*After the believers in Antioch had sent Paul, Barnabas, and the others on their way, they traveled through the provinces of Phoenicia and Samaria. When they stopped at different places along the way, they told the believers in those places that many non-Jews were putting their trust in Jesus. When the believers heard this, they rejoiced greatly.*

Passing through Phoenicia and Samaria, what news did Paul and his companions announce?

Paul and his companions announced the conversion of the Gentiles.

Acts 15:5

ULT	UST
But certain ones from the sect of the Pharisees, having believed, stood up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them and command them to keep the law of Moses."	*But some of the Jewish believers who were Pharisees stood up to get the attention of the other believers. They said to them, "The non-Jews who have believed in Jesus must receive circumcision. We must also tell them to obey the laws that God gave to Moses."*

Which group among the believers thought that the Gentiles must be circumcised and must keep the law of Moses?

The group of Pharisees believed that the Gentiles must be circumcised and must keep the law of Moses.

Acts 15:8-9

What did Peter say that God had given to and done for the Gentiles?

Peter said that God had given the Gentiles the Holy Spirit and had made their hearts clean by faith.

Acts 15:11

ULT	UST
But we believe ourselves to be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, according to the way they also."	*We are confident that God saves us Jews from our sins because of what the Lord Jesus did for us. And we are confident that God will save in the same way those non-Jews who believe in Jesus."*

How did Peter say that both Jews and Gentiles are saved?

Peter said that both Jews and Gentiles are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 15:12

ULT	UST
And the whole crowd kept silent and was listening to Barnabas and Paul describing how many signs and wonders God had worked among the Gentiles through them.	*After Peter had spoken, Barnabas and Paul told about the many great miracles that God had enabled them to do among the non-Jewish people. The miracles showed that God had accepted these non-Jews. The people who heard Barnabas and Paul tell about these miracles were so fascinated that all they did was listen. None of them said anything.*

What did Paul and Barnabas report to the assembly?

Paul and Barnabas reported the signs and wonders God had worked among the Gentiles.

Acts 15:16-17

What did the prophecy which James quoted say that God would rebuild, and who would it include?

The prophecy said that God would rebuild the fallen tent of David, and that it would include the Gentiles.

Acts 15:20

ULT	UST
but to write to them to abstain from the pollution of idols and sexual immorality and the strangled and blood.	*Instead, we should write a letter to them about only a few things. They should not eat meat that people have offered to idols. They should not have sexual relations with someone to whom they are not married. They should not eat meat from animals that people have strangled to kill them for butchering. They should not eat or drink any blood.*

What commands did James suggest be given to the Gentile converts?

James suggested that the Gentile converts be commanded to keep from idols, from fornication, from what is strangled, and from blood.

Acts 15:28

ULT	UST
For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us for no greater burden to be laid upon you than these necessary things:	*We believe that the Holy Spirit has shown us that we should not require you to obey all of the Jewish laws. That would be difficult and unnecessary. Instead, we only require you to obey the following instructions:*

In the letter written to the Gentiles, who is said to be in agreement with the conclusion of giving the Gentiles only a few necessary commands?

The writers of the letter and the Holy Spirit are said to be in agreement with the conclusions.

Acts 15:31

ULT	UST
And having read it, they rejoiced at the encouragement.	*When the believers there read the letter, they were glad, because its message encouraged them.*

What was the response of the Gentiles when they heard the letter from Jerusalem?

The Gentiles rejoiced because of the encouragement in the letter.

Acts 15:35

ULT	UST
But Paul and Barnabas were staying in Antioch, teaching and proclaiming the word of the Lord, with many others also.	*However, Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch. There they and many others taught the believers and shared the good news about Jesus.*

What did Paul and Barnabas do as they stayed in Antioch?

Paul and Barnabas taught and preached the word of the Lord.

Acts 15:36

ULT	UST
Then after some days, Paul said to Barnabas, "Returning, then, let us visit the brothers in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, how they are."	*After a while Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the believers in every city where we previously proclaimed the good news about Jesus. That way we can find out how well they are continuing to believe in and obey Jesus."*

What did Paul tell Barnabas he wanted to do?

Paul told Barnabas that he wanted to return and visit the brothers in every city they had proclaimed the word of the Lord.

Acts 15:39

ULT	UST
And a dispute happened, so as for them to be separated from each other and for Barnabas, taking Mark with him, to sail away to Cyprus.	*Paul and Barnabas strongly disagreed with each other about whether they should bring John Mark with them. So they separated from each other. Barnabas went on a journey of his own and took Mark with him. They sailed on a ship to the island of Cyprus.*

Why did Paul and Barnabas separate and travel in different directions?

There was a sharp disagreement between them about whether to bring John Mark with them, so that they separated from each other.

Acts 16

Acts 16:3

ULT	UST
Paul wanted this one to go out with him and, taking him, he circumcised him because of the Jews being in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.	*Paul wanted to take Timothy with him when he went to other places, so he arranged for someone to circumcise Timothy. Paul did that so that the Jews who lived in those other places would accept Timothy. Those Jews knew that Timothy's non-Jewish father would not have circumcised him.*

What did Paul do with Timothy before they traveled together, and why?

Paul circumcised Timothy because the Jews in those parts knew Timothy's father was a Greek.

Acts 16:4

ULT	UST
And as they were going through the cities, they were delivering to them to keep the decrees that had been decided by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem.	*So Timothy went with Paul and Silas, and they traveled to many other towns. In each town they encouraged the believers to do what the apostles and elders in Jerusalem had told them to do.*

What instructions did Paul deliver to the churches on their way?

Paul delivered the instructions that had been written by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. Those instructions were to keep the decrees decided by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem.

Acts 16:9

ULT	UST
And a vision appeared to Paul by night: A man, a certain Macedonian, was standing and calling him and saying, "Coming over into Macedonia, help us."	*That night God gave Paul a vision in which he saw a man from the province of Macedonia. That man was begging Paul, "Come across the sea to Macedonia and help us!"*

How did Paul know God was calling him to preach the gospel in Macedonia?

Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia calling him to come over and help them.

Acts 16:13

ULT	UST
And on the day of the Sabbath, we went outside the gate by a river, where we thought a place of prayer to be. And having sat down, we spoke to the women having come together.	*On the Sabbath day we went outside the city gate and walked down to the river. Since there was no synagogue in the city, we knew that Jewish people would gather to pray at a place like that. When we arrived, we saw some women who had gathered to pray. So we sat down and began to tell them about Jesus.*

On the Sabbath, why did Paul go to the river outside the gate of Philippi?

Paul thought there would be a place of prayer there.

Acts 16:14

ULT	UST
And a certain woman, Lydia by name, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, worshiping God, was listening, whose heart the Lord opened to pay attention to the things being said by Paul.	*A woman whose name was Lydia was one of the women who was listening to Paul. She was from the city of Thyatira, She was a merchant who sold luxurious purple cloth. She believed in the God of Israel and worshiped him. The Lord God enabled her to understand what Paul was saying, and she trusted in Jesus.*

What did the Lord do for Lydia as Paul spoke?

The Lord opened Lydia’s heart to pay attention to the things which were spoken by Paul.

Acts 16:15

ULT	UST
And when she was baptized, and her household, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, entering into my house, stay.” And she persuaded us.	*Paul baptized Lydia and the others who lived in her house. Then she said to us, “If you recognize that I believe sincerely in Jesus, please come to my house and stay there.” So we accepted her invitation and stayed at her house.*

Who was baptized after Paul spoke by the river?

Lydia and her household were baptized after Paul spoke.

Acts 16:16

ULT	UST
And it happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a certain young female slave having a Python spirit met us, who, divining, was bringing much gain to her masters.	*Another day, as we were going to the place where people gathered to pray, we met a young woman who was a slave. An evil spirit was giving her the power to tell what would happen to people in the future. People paid a lot of money to the men who were her owners so that she would tell them what was going to happen to them.*

How did the young woman with a spirit make money for her masters?

She made money for her masters by fortunetelling.

Acts 16:17-18

What did Paul do after the young woman had followed him for many days?

Paul turned and commanded the spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ, to come out of her.

Acts 16:21

ULT	UST
and they are proclaiming customs that are lawful for us neither to accept nor to practice, being Romans."	*They are teaching that we should do things that our Roman laws do not allow us to do!"*

What accusation did the young woman's masters bring against Paul and Silas?

They accused Paul and Silas of teaching things that are not lawful for Romans to receive or observe.

Acts 16:22-24

What punishment did Paul and Silas receive from the magistrates?

They were beaten with rods, thrown into prison, and put in the stocks.

Acts 16:25

ULT	UST
But around midnight, Paul and Silas, praying, were singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.	*About midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and praising God by singing songs. The other prisoners were listening to them.*

What were Paul and Silas doing around midnight in the prison?

They were praying and singing hymns to God.

Acts 16:26

ULT	UST
And suddenly a great earthquake happened, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened, and the chains of all were unfastened.	*Suddenly there was a very strong earthquake that shook the whole jail. As soon as the earthquake struck, it caused all of the doors of the jail to open and all of the chains that fastened the prisoners to fall off.*

What happened that caused the jailer to prepare to kill himself?

There was an earthquake, all the prison doors were opened, and everyone's chains were unfastened.

Acts 16:30

ULT	UST
and having brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what is necessary for me to do in order to be saved?"	*Then he brought Paul and Silas out of the jail. He asked them, "Sirs, I want God to save me. What do I need to do?"*

What question did the jailer ask Paul and Silas?

The jailer asked Paul and Silas, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Acts 16:31

ULT	UST
And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."	*They answered, "If you put your trust in Jesus as your Lord, God will save you. God will also save everyone in your family if they trust in Jesus."*

What answer did Paul and Silas give the jailer?

Paul and Silas answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your house."

Acts 16:33

ULT	UST
And taking them at that hour of the night, he washed them from the blows, and he was baptized immediately—he and all the ones of him.	*The jailer washed their wounds, even though it was the middle of the night. Then right away Paul and Silas baptized him and everyone in his family.*

Who was baptized that night?

The jailer and all his household were baptized that night.

Acts 16:37-38

What caused the magistrates to be afraid after they sent word to let Paul and Silas go?

The magistrates were afraid because they realized that they had publicly beaten two uncondemned Roman citizens, an act which was against Roman law.

Acts 16:40

ULT	UST
So going out from the prison, they came to Lydia. And seeing the brothers, they exhorted them and went out.	*After Paul and Silas left the prison, they went to Lydia's house. There they met with her and the other believers. They encouraged the believers to continue trusting in the Lord Jesus. Then Paul, Silas, and Timothy left the city of Philippi. I, Luke, remained there for some time.*

After the magistrates asked them to leave the city, what did Paul and Silas do?

Paul and Silas went to the house of Lydia, encouraged the brothers, and then departed from Philippi.

Acts 17

Acts 17:1-2

Arriving in Thessalonica, where did Paul go first to speak from the Scriptures about Jesus?

Paul went to the synagogue of the Jews first to speak from the Scriptures about Jesus.

Acts 17:3

ULT	UST
fully opening them and demonstrating that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ."	*Paul showed very clearly that in the Scriptures the prophets wrote that the Messiah would have to die but then become alive again. He said, "I am telling you about Jesus. This man is the Messiah."*

What did Paul show was necessary from the Scriptures?

Paul showed it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise again from the dead.

Acts 17:7

ULT	UST
whom Jason and all these men have welcomed. They are acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king, Jesus."	*and this man Jason has invited them to stay at his house. These other men whom we have brought to you are also friendly with them. They are all disloyal to Caesar our king. They say that another person, whose name is Jesus, is the real king!"*

What accusation was made against Paul and Silas to the city officials?

Paul and Silas were accused of acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there was another king, Jesus.

Acts 17:10

ULT	UST
But the brothers immediately sent away both Paul and Silas by night to Berea, who, having arrived, went into the synagogue of the Jews.	*So that same night, the believers sent Paul and Silas out of Thessalonica to the town of Berea. When Paul and Silas arrived there, they went to the Jewish meeting place.*

Where did Paul and Silas go when they arrived in Berea?

Paul and Silas went into the synagogue of the Jews.

Acts 17:11

ULT	UST
Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, who received the word with all readiness, examining the Scriptures each day, whether these things might be so.	*Most of the Jews in Thessalonica had not been willing to listen to God's message. But the Jews who lived in Berea were very willing to listen. They listened carefully to the message about Jesus. Every day they read the Scriptures for themselves to find out whether what Paul said about Jesus was true.*

What did the Bereans do when they heard Paul's message?

The Bereans received the word and examined the Scriptures to see if what Paul said was so.

Acts 17:13-14

Why did Paul have to leave Berea?

Paul had leave Berea because the Jews of Thessalonica stirred up the crowds in Berea.

Acts 17:17

ULT	UST
So indeed he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the ones worshiping and in the marketplace every day with the ones meeting him.	*So Paul went to the Jewish meeting place and talked about Jesus with the Jews there. He also spoke with the Greeks who had accepted what Jews believe. He also went every day to the open area of the city and had conversations with the people he met there.*

Where did Paul go when he arrived in Athens?

Paul went to the Jewish synagogue and the marketplace to reason from the Scriptures.

Acts 17:19-20

Where was Paul brought to explain his teaching further?

Paul was brought to the Areopagus to explain his teaching further.

Acts 17:23

ULT	UST
For passing through and observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, 'To an Unknown God.' What therefore you worship not knowing, this I announce to you.	*I say that because, while I was walking through your city, I saw the things that you worship, I even saw an altar on which someone had carved these words: THIS HONORS A GOD WHOM WE DO NOT KNOW. So now let me tell you about that God whom you worship but whom you do not know.*

Which altar in Athens did Paul find, which he wanted to explain to the people?

Paul found an altar with the inscription, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD, which he wanted to explain to the people.

Acts 17:25

ULT	UST
Neither is he cared for by hands of men, needing anything, himself giving life and breath and all things to all.	*He does not need to have people do anything for him. He is the one who makes people alive. He gives them everything they need.*

What did Paul say the God who made everything gives to people?

Paul said the God who made everything gives people life and breath and everything else.

Acts 17:26

ULT	UST
And from one he made every nation of men to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed seasons and the boundaries of their habitation,	*In the beginning, God created one couple, and from them God produced all the people groups that now live everywhere on the earth. God determined where and when each people group would live.*

From what did God make every nation of people?

From one man God made every nation of people.

Acts 17:27

ULT	UST
to seek God, if perhaps they might feel around for him and find him, yet indeed not being far from each one of us.	*He wanted people to realize that they need him. Then maybe they would look for him and find him. People will find God if they sincerely look for him, because he is very close to each one of us.*

How far did Paul say God was from anyone?

Paul said that God was not far from anyone.

Acts 17:29

ULT	UST
Therefore, being offspring of God, we ought not to consider the Divine to be similar to gold or silver or stone—images of the skill and imagination of man.	*Therefore, because we are God's children, we should not think that God is like an idol that a person would design and make out of gold, silver, or stone.*

How did Paul say we should not think of God?

Paul said that we should not think of God like gold, silver, or stones, sculptured by man.

Acts 17:30

ULT	UST
Therefore God, having indeed overlooked the times of ignorance, now to men commands everyone everywhere to repent,	*In the past, people did not know what God wanted them to do. So God did not punish them for what they did. But now God commands all people everywhere to stop doing wrong things.*

What does God now call all men everywhere to do?

God now calls all men everywhere to repent.

Acts 17:31

ULT	UST
because he has set a day in which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he has appointed, having provided assurance to all, having raised him from the dead."	*God tells us that on a day that he has chosen, he is going to judge all of us justly. God will have Jesus, the man he has chosen, do the judging. God has made sure that we understand this by making Jesus alive again after he died."*

For what has God set a certain day?

God has set a certain day when Jesus will judge the world in righteousness.

What proof has God given that Jesus has been chosen as the judge of the world?

God has proven that Jesus has been chosen as the judge of the world by raising him from the dead.

Acts 17:32

ULT	UST
Now hearing of the resurrection of the dead, some indeed mocked, but others said, "We will hear you also again concerning this."	*When the philosophers heard Paul say that a man had become alive again after he had died, some of them laughed at him. But others asked him to come back and tell them about it another day.*

What did some do when they heard Paul speak about the resurrection of the dead?

Some mocked Paul when they heard him speak about the resurrection of the dead.

Acts 17:34

ULT	UST
But certain men, being joined to him, believed, among whom were even Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman, Damaris by name, and others with them.	*However, some of the people went with Paul and believed the message about Jesus. Among those who believed in Jesus was a man named Dionysius who was a member of the council. Also, there were a woman named Damaris and some other people with them who believed.*

Did any believe what Paul had said?

Yes, certain men and a woman believed Paul, and others with them.

Acts 18

Acts 18:3

ULT	UST
and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and was working, for they were tentmakers by trade.	*Aquila and Priscilla made tents to earn money. Paul also made tents. So he stayed with them and they worked together.*

What work did Paul do to support himself?

Paul worked as a tentmaker to support himself.

Acts 18:5

ULT	UST
But when both Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was constrained by the word, to the Jews solemnly attesting Jesus to be the Christ.	*When Silas and Timothy arrived from the region of Macedonia, Paul felt strongly that he should devote all of his time to proclaiming the good news. So he kept telling the Jews sincerely that Jesus was the Messiah.*

What did Paul testify to the Jews in Corinth?

Paul testified to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ.

Acts 18:6

ULT	UST
But as they were opposing and insulting him, shaking out his garments, he said to them, "Your blood be upon your head! I am clean! From now on I will go to the Gentiles."	*But the Jews argued with Paul and said bad things about him. So he shook the dust off his clothes to show that he wanted to have nothing to do with them any more. He said to them, "If God punishes you, it is your responsibility! I have done everything I could to show you the truth! From now on I will talk to people who are not Jewish!"*

When the Jews rejected Paul, what did he do?

Paul told the Jews their blood was on their own head, and then he went to the Gentiles.

Acts 18:9-10

What encouragement did Paul receive from the Lord in Corinth?

The Lord told Paul to continue speaking, for no one would harm him there.

Acts 18:12-13

What accusation did the Jews bring to the governor against Paul?

The Jews accused Paul of teaching people to worship contrary to the law.

Acts 18:15

ULT	UST
but if the questions are about word and names and your law, you will see yourselves. I do not want to be a judge of these things."	*However, you are only complaining about things that Paul has been saying. You are arguing about who deserves what name. These are disputes about your own Jewish laws. So you must settle this yourselves. These are not the kind of things that deserve my attention!"*

How did the governor respond to the accusations of the Jews against Paul?

The governor said that he did not wish to be a judge of matters involving the Jewish law.

Acts 18:18-19

Which husband and wife traveled with Paul to Ephesus?

Aquila and Priscilla traveled with Paul to Ephesus.

Acts 18:22

ULT	UST
And having come down to Caesarea, having gone up and having greeted the church, he went down to Antioch.	*When the ship came to the city of Caesarea, Paul got off. He went from there to Jerusalem and visited with the believers there. Then he returned to the city of Antioch, where he had begun his trip.*

What were the first two places Paul went after he left Ephesus?

After he left Ephesus, Paul traveled to greet the church at Jerusalem and then he went to Antioch.

Acts 18:25

ULT	UST
He had been taught the way of the Lord, and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, knowing only the baptism of John.	*Other believers had taught Apollos how Jesus wanted people to live. He enthusiastically taught those things correctly to the people in Ephesus. However, he was not teaching everything about Jesus. He only knew that John the Baptizer had said to repent and receive baptism to get ready for Jesus the Messiah.*

What teaching did Apollos understand accurately, and in what teaching did he need more instruction?

Apollos understood the things concerning Jesus accurately, but he knew only the baptism of John.

Acts 18:26

ULT	UST
And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but hearing him, Priscilla and Aquila took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.	*Apollos went to the Jewish meeting place and told the people there the things he had learned about Jesus. When Priscilla and Aquila heard what he taught, they asked him to come to their home. There they taught him more about Jesus.*

What did Priscilla and Aquila do for Apollos?

Priscilla and Aquila became friends with Apollos and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

Acts 18:28

ULT	UST
For he was powerfully refuting the Jews in public, showing Jesus to be the Christ by the Scriptures.	*The leaders of the Jews were denying that Jesus was the Messiah. But as many other people listened, Apollos showed convincingly that they were wrong. He did that by proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah.*

What was Apollos able to do with his eloquent speech and knowledge of the Scriptures?

Apollos was able to publicly overwhelm the Jews, showing that Jesus was the Christ.

Acts 19

Acts 19:2

ULT	UST
And he said to them, "If you received the Holy Spirit, having believed?" But they said to him, "No, we have not even heard if there is a Holy Spirit."	*He asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed God's message?" They answered, "No, we did not. We have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."*

What had the disciples that Paul met in Ephesus not heard about when they believed?

The disciples had not heard about the Holy Spirit.

Acts 19:4

ULT	UST
But Paul replied, "John baptized a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus."	*Paul said, "John's baptism was a sign that people were giving up their evil thoughts and deeds and wanting to obey God. But John also told people that the Messiah would soon appear and that they should believe in him. He was talking about Jesus."*

John's baptism was a baptism of what?

John's baptism was a baptism of repentance.

On whom had John told the people to believe?

John had told the people to believe on the one who would come after him, Jesus.

Acts 19:5

ULT	UST
And having heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.	*When those men heard that, they believed in Jesus as the Messiah. Paul then baptized them because they believed.*

In what name did Paul then baptize the disciples from Ephesus?

Paul baptized them in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 19:6

ULT	UST
And Paul having laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and they were speaking in languages and prophesying.	*After that, Paul placed his hands on their heads one by one, and each of them received the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gave them power to speak in languages that they had not learned. They also spoke messages that the Holy Spirit gave them.*

What happened to the men after they were baptized and Paul laid hands on them?

The Holy Spirit came on them and they spoke in other languages and prophesied.

Acts 19:9

ULT	UST
But when some were being hardened and disobeying, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, departing from them, he separated the disciples, reasoning each day in the school of Tyrannus.	*But some of the Jews would not believe the message and did not want to hear it any more. In front of everyone in the synagogue, they said bad things about believing in Jesus. So Paul left them and took the believers with him to meet every day in a large room where a man whose name was Tyrannus usually taught people.*

What did Paul do when some of the Jews in Ephesus began to speak evil of the way of Christ?

Paul withdrew with the believers and began to speak in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.

Acts 19:12

ULT	UST
so that even handkerchiefs or aprons from his skin were taken to the sick and their illnesses departed from them, and the evil spirits came out.	*If those who were sick could not come to Paul, people would take pieces of cloth that Paul had touched and place them on the sick people. When they did this, the sick people would become well and the evil spirits would leave them.*

What special miracles did God do by the hands of Paul?

When handkerchiefs and aprons were taken from Paul, they healed the sick and drove out evil spirits.

Acts 19:16

ULT	UST
And the man in whom was the evil spirit, leaping on them, overpowering them both, prevailed against them, so that they fled from that house naked and wounded.	*After the evil spirit said that, suddenly it made the man jump on them. He knocked down these two sons of Sceva and hurt them. He tore off their clothes and wounded them. They ran out of the house to save their lives.*

What happened when seven Jewish exorcists tried to cast out an evil spirit in the name of Jesus?

The evil spirit beat up the exorcists and they fled naked and wounded.

Acts 19:19

ULT	UST
And many of the ones practicing the magical arts, bringing together their books, were burning them before everyone. And they calculated the value of them, and they found it to be five myriad pieces of silver.	*Now many of the believers had been sorcerers. They took their scrolls that told about spells and curses and burned them in a place where everyone could see them. The believers added up how much the scrolls were worth. They were worth 50, 000 silver coins.*

In Ephesus, what did many who practiced magical arts do?

Many who practiced magical arts in Ephesus burned their books in the sight of everyone.

Acts 19:21

ULT	UST
Now when these things were fulfilled, Paul determined in the Spirit to travel to Jerusalem, passing through Macedonia and Achaia, saying, "After I have been there, it is necessary for me also to see Rome."	*And after all of this happened, the Holy Spirit led Paul to decide to go to Jerusalem. Paul planned to visit the believers in the regions of Macedonia and Achaia first. He said, "After I have been to Jerusalem, I must also go to Rome."*

Where did Paul say he would go after he went to Jerusalem?

Paul said he would go to Rome after he went to Jerusalem.

Acts 19:26

ULT	UST
And you see and hear that not only in Ephesus but in almost all of Asia this Paul, having persuaded, has removed a considerable crowd, saying that the things coming into being through hands are not gods.	*But you know very well that Paul has led many people in Ephesus not to buy the statues that we make. In fact, the people from many other towns in our province no longer want to buy what we make. Paul tells people that the gods that we make are not gods and that we should not worship them.*

What concerns did the silversmith Demetrius express to the other workmen?

Demetrius was concerned that Paul was teaching people that the things being made with hands are not gods, and that the temple of their goddess Diana might be considered worthless.

Acts 19:28-29

How did the people react to Demetrius' concerns?

The people became angry and cried out saying that Diana was great, filling the whole city with confusion.

Acts 19:30-31

Why did Paul not address the crowd, even though he wanted to?

The disciples and some local officials did not allow Paul to speak to the crowd because the crowd was in such a frenzy.

Acts 19:38

ULT	UST
Therefore indeed, if Demetrius and the craftsmen with him have a word against anyone, the courts are being conducted and there are proconsuls; let them accuse one another.	*If Demetrius and his fellow workmen want to accuse anyone of doing anything bad, they should do it in the right way. The courts are in session. There are judges present whom the government has appointed. They can present their case before the judges in court.*

What did the town clerk tell the people to do instead of rioting?

The town clerk told the people to bring their accusations to the courts.

Acts 19:40

ULT	UST
For indeed we are in danger of being accused of rioting concerning the today, there being no cause about which we will be able to give an account concerning this disorder.”	*You should really not have rushed here shouting, because the Roman government may accuse us of having a riot today. If the rulers ask me what you were all shouting about, I will not know how to answer them. There was no good reason for it.”*

In what danger did the town clerk say the people were?

The town clerk said that the people were in danger of being accused for being disorderly, and that there was no reason that could be given as an explanation.

Acts 20

Acts 20:3

ULT	UST
And having stayed three months there, a plot by the Jews happening against him being about to sail to Syria, it happened that he returned of a resolution through Macedonia.	*Paul then stayed in Greece for three months. He planned to return to Syria by ship. But he heard that some of the Jews there were planning to kill him as he traveled. So he decided to travel by land. Once again he went through Macedonia.*

What caused Paul to change his plans and return through Macedonia instead of sailing for Syria?

Paul changed his plans because the Jews had formed a plot against him as he was about to sail for Syria.

Acts 20:7

ULT	UST
And on the first of the week, we having been gathered together to break bread, Paul was speaking with them. Being about to depart the next day, he was thus continuing the word until midnight.	*While we were in Troas, we gathered together on the first day of the week to share a meal with the other believers. We met on that day because it was the day when Jesus became alive again after he died. Paul was planning to leave Troas the next day, so when he spoke to the believers, he spoke for a long time. He kept speaking until midnight.*

On what day of the week did Paul and the believers gather to break bread?

On the first day of the week Paul and the believers gathered to break bread.

Acts 20:9-10

What happened to the young man who fell out of the window while Paul was speaking?

The young man fell from the third story and was picked up dead, but Paul stretched himself out on him and he came back to life.

Acts 20:16

ULT	UST
For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that it would not happen to him to lose time in Asia, for he was hurrying, if it might be possible for him, to be in Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost.	*Paul did not want to have a delay in Asia. So he had decided we should go to Miletus, south of Ephesus and past its harbor. He was trying to travel quickly because he wanted to arrive in Jerusalem, if possible, by the time of the Pentecost festival, and it was almost time for that festival.*

Why was Paul hurrying toward Jerusalem?

Paul was hurrying toward Jerusalem to be there for the day of Pentecost.

Acts 20:18-21

About what did Paul testify both Jews and Greeks from the time he set foot in Asia?

Paul said he testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus.

Acts 20:23

ULT	UST
except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me by city, saying that chains and afflictions await me.	*But I do know that in each city I have visited, the Holy Spirit has told me that in Jerusalem people will put me in prison and will cause me to suffer.*

About what was the Holy Spirit witnessing to Paul in every city as he traveled toward Jerusalem?

The Holy Spirit was witnessing to Paul that chains and sufferings awaited him.

Acts 20:24

ULT	UST
But of no word do I consider my life valuable to myself, so as to finish my race and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to attest the gospel of the grace of God.	*But I do not care even if people kill me, so long as I am first able to finish the work that the Lord Jesus has told me to do. He told me to tell people the good news that God saves us by doing for us what we do not deserve.*

What ministry had Paul received from the Lord Jesus?

Paul's ministry was to bear witness to the gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 20:26-27

Why did Paul say he was innocent of the blood of any man?

Paul said he was innocent of their blood because he had declared to them the whole will of God.

Acts 20:28

ULT	UST
Guard yourselves and all the flock among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers to shepherd the church of God, which he obtained through his own blood.	*You leaders must continue to believe and obey God's message, and you must also help all the other believers to do the same. The Holy Spirit has given you the responsibility of caring for them. Jesus died on the cross to make those who believe in him his own special people.*

What did Paul command the Ephesian elders to do carefully after his departure?

Paul commanded the elders to shepherd the flock carefully.

Acts 20:30

ULT	UST
Even from you yourselves, men will arise speaking perverted things in order to draw away the disciples after them.	*Even some leaders from your own group will start teaching believers the wrong things. They will teach those wrong things to try to get disciples of their own.*

What did Paul say would happen among the Ephesian elders after his departure?

Paul said that some of the elders would say corrupt things in order to draw away disciples after themselves.

Acts 20:32

ULT	UST
And now I am entrusting you to God and to the word of his grace being able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all the ones having been sanctified.	*“And now as I leave you, I ask God to protect you and help you to keep believing the message that he saves us by doing for us what we do not deserve. If you continue believing that message, it will make you strong, and God will give you the good things that he has promised to all of those who belong to him.*

To whom did Paul entrust the Ephesian elders?

Paul entrusted the Ephesian elders to God.

Acts 20:34-35

What example did Paul set for the Ephesians regarding work?

Paul worked for his own needs and the needs of those with him.

Acts 20:38

ULT	UST
grieving mostly at the word that he had spoken, that they were going to see his face no more. Then they escorted him to the ship.	*They were very sad because he had said that they would never see him again. Then they all went with him to the ship.*

What made the Ephesian elders sad most of all?

The Ephesian elders were sad most of all because Paul had said they would never see his face again.

Acts 21

Acts 21:4

ULT	UST
And having found the disciples, we stayed there seven days, who were saying to Paul through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem.	*But we learned where the believers in Tyre lived, so we went and stayed with them for seven days. God's Spirit revealed to some of the believers that Paul would suffer if he went to Jerusalem. So they encouraged Paul not to go there.*

What did the disciples in Tyre say to Paul through the Spirit?

The disciples said to Paul through the Spirit that he should not set foot in Jerusalem.

Acts 21:9

ULT	UST
Now to this one were four daughters, virgins, prophesying.	*Now he had four daughters who were not married. Each of them frequently spoke messages that the Holy Spirit gave them.*

What do we know about Philip the preacher's children?

Philip had four virgin daughters that prophesied.

Acts 21:11

ULT	UST
And having come to us and having taken the belt of Paul, having bound his own feet and hands, he said, "The Holy Spirit says these things: 'Thus will the Jews in Jerusalem bind the man of whom is this belt, and they will deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"	*Coming over to where we were, he removed the belt from Paul's waist. He tied his own feet and hands with it. Then he said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'The Jewish leaders in Jerusalem will tie up the hands and feet of the owner of this belt like this. Then they will ask the non-Jewish people to arrest him as a criminal.'"*

What did Agabus the prophet say to Paul?

Agabus told Paul that the Jews in Jerusalem would tie up Paul and hand him over to the Gentiles.

Acts 21:13

ULT	UST
Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."	*But Paul replied, "Please stop crying and trying to discourage me from going! You should not cry, because I am willing to go to prison and also to die in Jerusalem because I serve the Lord Jesus."*

What did Paul say when everyone begged him not to go up to Jerusalem?

Paul said that he was ready to be tied up and to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

Acts 21:18

ULT	UST
And on the next day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present.	*Then, the next day, Paul and the rest of us went to speak with James. He was the main leader of the group of believers in Jerusalem. All of the other leaders were also there.*

With whom did Paul meet when he arrived in Jerusalem?

Paul met with James and all the elders.

Acts 21:21

ULT	UST
And they have been told about you that you teach all the Jews among the Gentiles apostasy from Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children, nor to walk in the customs.	*But people have told our fellow Jewish believers that when you are with non-Jews, you tell the Jewish believers who live among them that they should stop obeying the laws of Moses. People say that you tell those Jewish believers not to circumcise their sons and not to practice our other customs. We do not believe that they are telling the truth about you.*

What accusation was being made by the Jews against Paul?

The Jews were accusing Paul of teaching the Jews who lived among the Gentiles to abandon Moses.

Acts 21:24

ULT	UST
Taking these men, be purified with them and pay the expenses for them, so that they will shear their heads, and then everyone will know that there is nothing in the things they have been told about you, but that you conform, also keeping the law yourself.	*Go with these men to the temple courts and do the ceremonies that are necessary for you and for them to be able to worship in the temple. Then, when it is time for them to offer the sacrifices that they need to offer because they have made these vows, pay for what they offer. After that, they can shave their heads to show that they have done what they promised God they would do. When people see you in the courts of the temple with those men, they will know that what people have told them about you is not true. Instead, they will know that you obey all our Jewish laws.*

Why did James and the elders want Paul to purify himself with the four men who had made a vow?

They wanted everyone to know that Paul as a Jew also lived so as to keep the law.

Acts 21:25

ULT	UST
But concerning the Gentiles having believed, having judged, we sent that they should guard the idol-sacrificed and blood and the strangled and sexual immorality."	*Now as for the non-Jewish believers, we elders here in Jerusalem talked about which of our laws they should obey. We wrote them a letter telling them what we decided. We wrote that they should not eat meat that people have offered as a sacrifice to any idol. They should not eat any blood. They should not eat meat from animals that people have killed by strangling them. We also told them that they should not have sexual relations with someone to whom they are not married."*

What did James say the Gentiles who believed should do?

James said the Gentiles should keep themselves from things sacrificed to idols, from blood, from what is strangled, and from fornication.

Acts 21:28

ULT	UST
shouting, “Men, Israelites, help! This is the man teaching all everywhere against the people and the law and this place. And he has even both brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.”	*They shouted, “Fellow Israelites, come and help us to punish this man! This is the one who is teaching people wherever he goes that the Jewish people are not special. He teaches people that they should no longer obey the laws of Moses and that they do not need to respect this temple. He has even brought non-Jews here into the court of our temple, causing this holy place to become polluted!”*

What accusations did some Jews from Asia make against Paul in the temple?

The Jews accused Paul of teaching against the law and defiling the temple by bringing Greeks into it.

Acts 21:30-31

After making these accusations, what did the Jews do to Paul?

The Jews dragged Paul out of the temple and tried to kill him.

Acts 21:33

ULT	UST
Then, approaching, the commander took hold of him and commanded him to be bound with two chains, and he was asking who he might be and what he had done.	*Then the commander came to where Paul was and took hold of him. He commanded soldiers to fasten a chain to each of Paul’s arms. Then he asked the people in the crowd, “Who is this man, and what has he done?”*

What did the chief captain of the guard do when he heard that Jerusalem was in an uproar?

The chief captain laid hold on Paul and had him bound with two chains, asking who he was and what he had done.

Acts 21:36

ULT	UST
For the multitude of the people was following, shouting, "Take him away!"	*The commander knew that Paul was in danger because the crowd that was following the soldiers kept shouting, "Kill him! Kill him!"*

What was the crowd shouting as the soldiers carried Paul into the fortress?

The crowd was shouting, "Away with him!"

Acts 21:39

ULT	UST
But Paul said, "I am a Jewish man, a Tarsian of Cilicia, a citizen of a not undistinguished city. And I ask of you, allow me to speak to the people."	*Paul said in reply, "I am a Jew. I was born in Tarsus, which is an important city in the province of Cilicia. I request that you let me speak to the people."*

What request did Paul make to the chief captain?

Paul requested that he be allowed to speak to the people.

Acts 21:40

ULT	UST
And when he allowed, Paul, standing on the steps, motioned with his hand to the people. And when a deep silence happened, he spoke in the Hebrew language, saying,	*Then the commander permitted Paul to speak. So Paul stood on the steps that led up to the fortress. He motioned with his hand for the crowd to be quiet. And after the people in the crowd became very quiet, Paul spoke to them in their own Hebrew language.*

In what language did Paul speak to the people of Jerusalem?

Paul spoke in Hebrew to the people of Jerusalem.

Acts 22

Acts 22:2

ULT	UST
And when they heard that he was speaking to them in the Hebrew language, they granted more quietness. And he said,	*When the crowd of people heard Paul speaking to them in their own Hebrew language, they became even quieter and listened. Then Paul said to them,*

When the crowd heard Paul speaking in Hebrew, what did they do?

When the crowd heard Paul speaking in Hebrew, they became quiet.

Acts 22:3

ULT	UST
“I am a Jewish man, born in Tarsus of Cilicia but educated in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, instructed according to the strictness of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God, as you all are today,	*“I am a Jew, as are all of you. I come from the city of Tarsus in the province of Cilicia, but I grew up here in Jerusalem. When I was young, I learned the laws that Moses gave to our ancestors. Gamaliel was my teacher, and he taught me very accurately. I have obeyed those laws because I have wanted to obey God. I am sure that all of you here also obey those laws.*

Where was Paul educated, and who was his teacher?

Paul was educated in Jerusalem, and Gamaliel was his teacher.

Acts 22:4

ULT	UST
who persecuted this Way unto death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women,	*That is why I tried to arrest those who believed the message of God about Jesus. I even looked for ways to kill them. Whenever I found men or women who believed the message, I arrested them and had the authorities put them in jail.*

How had Paul treated those who were following the Way?

Paul had persecuted to death those who were following the Way, and had delivered them into prison.

Acts 22:7

ULT	UST
And I fell to the ground and I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’	*The light was so bright that I fell to the ground. Then I heard the voice of someone speaking to me from up in the sky. It said, ‘Saul! Saul! Stop doing things to hurt me!’*

What did the voice from heaven say to Paul as he neared Damascus?

The voice from heaven said, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”

Acts 22:8

ULT	UST
And I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And he said to me, ‘I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.’	*And I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ He replied, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, the one you are hurting.’*

Who was Paul persecuting?

Paul was persecuting Jesus of Nazareth.

Acts 22:11

ULT	UST
And as I was not seeing clearly because of the glory of that light, being led by the hand by the ones being with me, I came into Damascus.	*After that, I could not see, because that bright light had caused me to become blind. So the men who were with me took me by the hand and led me to Damascus.*

Why could Paul no longer see?

Paul could no longer see because of the brightness of the light that he saw as he neared Damascus.

Acts 22:12-13

How was Paul’s sight restored?

A devout man named Ananias came and stood by Paul and said, “Brother Saul, look up.”

Acts 22:16

ULT	UST
And now, why are you delaying? Arising, be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'	*So please do not delay! Let me baptize you right now. Pray to the Lord Jesus and ask God to forgive you for your sins!'"*

What did Ananias tell Paul to arise and do, and why?

Ananias told Paul to arise and be baptized to wash away his sins.

Acts 22:18

ULT	UST
And I saw him saying to me, 'Hurry and go away in haste from Jerusalem, because they will not accept your testimony about me.'	*In my vision I saw Jesus as he said to me, 'Leave Jerusalem quickly, because the people here will not believe what you tell them about me!'*

When Jesus spoke to Paul in the temple, how did he say the Jews would react to Paul's testimony about him?

Jesus said that the Jews would not accept Paul's testimony about him.

Acts 22:21

ULT	UST
But he said to me, 'Go, because I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'"	*But Jesus said to me, 'Leave Jerusalem, because I am going to send you far away from here to tell non-Jews about me!'"*

To whom did Jesus then send Paul?

Jesus sent Paul to the Gentiles.

Acts 22:23

ULT	UST
And as they were shouting and casting off their outer garments, and throwing dust into the air,	*And while they were shouting, they took off their robes and threw dirt into the air.*

How did the people react when they heard Paul speaking about the Gentiles?

The people shouted and threw off their garments, throwing dust in the air.

Acts 22:25

ULT	UST
But when they stretched him out for the whips, Paul said to the centurion standing by, "If it is lawful for you to scourge a man Roman and uncondemned?"	*Then they stretched his arms out and tied them so that they could whip him on his back. But Paul said to the officer near him, "You will be acting unlawfully if you whip me. I am a Roman citizen, and no one has declared me guilty of anything!"*

What question did Paul ask the centurion just before Paul was to be scourged?

Paul asked if it was lawful for him to be scourged as an uncondemned Roman citizen.

Acts 22:28

ULT	UST
And the commander answered, "I bought this citizenship with a large sum of money." But Paul said, "But I indeed was born."	*Then the commander said, "I too am a Roman citizen. I paid a lot of money to become a Roman citizen." But Paul said, "I have been a Roman citizen for my whole life."*

How had Paul become a Roman citizen?

Paul had been born a Roman citizen.

Acts 22:30

ULT	UST
And on the next day, wanting to know the certain, why he was being accused by the Jews, he released him and commanded the chief priests and all the Sanhedrin to assemble. And having brought down Paul, he placed him among them.	*The commander still wanted to know for sure why the Jews were accusing Paul. So the next day he told the soldiers to take the chains off Paul. He also called the chief priests and the other council members to meet. Then he brought Paul down the stairway to the temple courts. He took him to where the council was meeting and told him to stand in front of them.*

What did the chief captain do when he learned that Paul was a Roman citizen?

The chief captain untied Paul's bonds, and ordered the chief priests and all the council to meet, placing Paul in their midst.

Acts 23

Acts 23:1-2

Why did the high priest command those who stood by Paul to strike him on the mouth?

The high priest was angry because Paul said he had lived before God in all good conscience.

Acts 23:6

ULT	UST
Then Paul, realizing that one part was Sadducees and the other Pharisees, shouted in the Sanhedrin, "Men, brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged."	*Now Paul knew that some of the council members were Sadducees and others were Pharisees. So he called out in the council hall, "My fellow Jews, I am a Pharisee. My ancestors have been Pharisees as well. You have put me on trial here because I am sure that one day God will cause those who have died to live again."*

For what reason did Paul say he was being judged before the council?

Paul said he was being judged because of his confidence in the resurrection.

Acts 23:7-8

Why did an argument begin in the council when Paul gave his reason for being judged?

An argument began because the Pharisees say there is a resurrection, but the Sadducees say there is no resurrection.

Acts 23:10

ULT	UST
And when a great argument happened, the chiliarch, fearing lest Paul be torn apart by them, ordered the soldiers to go down to seize him from the midst of them and to bring him into the fortress.	*Then the Pharisees and Sadducees became very violent with one another. The commander became concerned that they would hurt Paul badly. So he told soldiers to come down from the fortress into the temple courtyard. He told them to take Paul away from the council members and bring him up into the barracks.*

Why did the chief captain take Paul from the council to the fortress?

The chief captain feared that Paul would be torn to pieces by the council members.

Acts 23:11

ULT	UST
But on the following night, the Lord, having stood beside him, said, "Be courageous, for as you have attested the things concerning me in Jerusalem, so it is necessary also for you to testify in Rome."	*That night, Paul saw Jesus come and stand near him. Jesus said to him, "Be brave! You have told people here in Jerusalem about me. I will protect you so that you can tell people in Rome about me too."*

What promise did the Lord give Paul the following night?

The Lord told Paul not to fear, because he would bear witness in Rome as he had in Jerusalem.

Acts 23:12-13

What pact concerning Paul did some Jewish men make?

About 40 Jewish men made a pact that they would not eat or drink until they had killed Paul.

Acts 23:14-15

What was the plan the 40 Jewish men presented to the chief priests and elders?

They asked the chief priests and elders to have Paul brought to the council so they could kill Paul before he arrived.

Acts 23:16

ULT	UST
But hearing the ambush, the son of the sister of Paul, going and entering into the fortress, reported it to Paul.	*But the son of Paul's sister heard what they were planning to do, so he went into the fortress and told Paul.*

How did Paul learn about the plan of the 40 Jewish men?

Paul's sister's son heard of the plan and told Paul.

Acts 23:23-24

How did the chief captain respond when he learned the plan of the 40 Jewish men?

The chief captain ordered a large guard to take Paul safely to Felix the governor at the third hour of the night.

Acts 23:29

ULT	UST
whom I found being accused about questions of their law but having no accusation worthy of death or chains.	*I listened while they asked this man questions and he answered them. The accusations they made against him had to do with their Jewish laws. But Paul has not disobeyed any of our Roman laws. So our officials should not execute him or even put him in prison.*

In his letter to Felix the governor, what did the chief captain say about the accusations against Paul?

The chief captain said Paul did not deserve death or imprisonment, but that the accusations were about questions concerning Jewish law.

Acts 23:35

ULT	UST
he said, “I will hear you fully when your accusers may also come,” commanding him to be guarded in the palace of Herod.	*Then the governor said, “When the people who have accused you arrive, I will listen to what each of you says and then I will judge your case.” Then he commanded his soldiers to guard Paul in the palace that King Herod the Great had built.*

When did Felix the governor say he would hear Paul’s case?

Felix said he would hear Paul’s case when Paul’s accusers arrived.

Where was Paul kept until his trial?

Paul was kept in Herod’s palace until his trial.

Acts 24

Acts 24:5

ULT	UST
For having found this man a pest and one inciting rebellion among all the Jews throughout the world and a leader of the sect of the Nazarenes,	*Now we can assure you that this man causes trouble wherever he goes. He encourages all the Jews to rebel against you Romans. He leads a radical group within Judaism. The members of that group call themselves the Nazarenes.*

Of what sect did Tertullus say Paul was a leader?

Tertullus said Paul was a leader of the Nazarene sect.

Acts 24:5-6

What accusations did the orator Tertullus bring against Paul?

Tertullus accused Paul of causing the Jews to rebel and of desecrating the temple.

Acts 24:12

ULT	UST
and they found me neither in the temple arguing with anyone, nor causing a rebellion of the crowd, not in the synagogues, and not throughout the city,	*No one can say truthfully that they saw me arguing with anyone in the temple courts, because I did not do that. No one can say truthfully that they saw me causing people to riot in any Jewish synagogue or causing trouble anywhere else in Jerusalem, because I did not do that.*

What did Paul say he had done in the temple, synagogues, and city?

Paul said he had not argued with anyone and had not stirred up a crowd.

Acts 24:14

ULT	UST
But I confess this to you, that according to the Way that they call a sect, thus I serve the fathers' God, being faithful to all the things according to the law and the things written in the Prophets,	*But I admit to you that this is true: I live as Jesus taught us to live. They claim that makes me different from other Jews, but that is how I obey the God whom our Jewish ancestors worshiped. I also believe everything that Moses wrote in the laws that God gave him and everything that the prophets wrote in their books.*

To what did Paul say he was faithful?

Paul said he was faithful to all that is in the law and the writings of the prophets and that he served God according to the Way they call a sect.

Acts 24:15

ULT	UST
having a hope in God that these themselves also accept, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous.	*I believe, just as these men also believe, that some day God will cause everyone who has died to live again. God will do this both for those who were good and for those who were wicked.*

What hope did Paul share with the Jews accusing him?

They shared the same confidence in God about the coming resurrection of the righteous and unrighteous dead.

Acts 24:17

ULT	UST
Now after many years I came to my nation bringing alms and offerings,	*Let me tell you why I was in Jerusalem. After I had been in other places for several years, I returned there to bring some money to help my fellow Jews who were poor. While I was there, I also offered sacrifices in the temple courtyard.*

Why did Paul say he had come to Jerusalem?

Paul said he had come to bring help to his nation and gifts of money.

Acts 24:18

ULT	UST
in which they found me in the temple, having been cleansed, not with a crowd, nor with an uproar.	*Some Jews from Asia saw me offering those sacrifices in the temple courtyard. I had completed the ritual that allowed me to worship God there. There was no crowd with me. I was not causing anyone to riot.*

What did Paul say he was doing in the temple when he was found by certain Jews from Asia?

Paul said he was in a purification ceremony when he was found.

Acts 24:22

ULT	UST
Then Felix, knowing more accurately the things concerning the Way, adjourned them, saying, "When Lysias the chiliarch may come down, I will decide the things concerning you,"	*Now Felix already knew much about the group people called the Way, and so he stopped the trial. He said to the Jewish leaders, "Later, when Commander Lysias comes here, I will decide this case."*

About what was the governor Felix well informed?

The governor Felix was well informed about the Way.

When did Felix say he would decide Paul's case?

Felix said he would decide Paul's case when Lysias the commander came from Jerusalem.

Acts 24:24-25

After some days, about what did Paul tell Felix?

Paul told Felix about faith in Christ Jesus, righteousness, self-control, and the coming judgment.

Acts 24:25

ULT	UST
But as he was reasoning about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix, becoming frightened, answered, "Go away for now, but having found time, I will summon you,"	*Paul talked about what God wants people to do in order to please him. Paul also explained how people should control how they act. Paul said that there would be a time when God would judge all people. Felix became afraid after hearing those things. So he said to Paul, "That is all I want to hear now. But when I have time, I will ask you to come to me again."*

How did Felix react after he heard Paul?

Felix became fearful, and he asked Paul to go away for the present time.

Acts 24:27

ULT	UST
But two years being fulfilled, Felix received a successor, Porcius Festus, and wanting to gain favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul bound.	*This went on for about two years. Then a man named Porcius Festus replaced Felix as the governor. And since Felix wanted to please the Jewish leaders, he left Paul in prison.*

After two years, why did Felix leave Paul still under guard when the new governor came?

Felix left Paul imprisoned because he wanted to gain favor with the Jews.

Acts 25

Acts 25:3

ULT	UST
requesting a favor against him, that he might summon him to Jerusalem, making an ambush to kill him along the way.	*They asked Festus to help them pursue their case against Paul. They asked him to order his soldiers to bring Paul to trial in Jerusalem. But they were really planning to attack him on the road and kill him.*

What favor did the chief priest and the prominent Jews ask of Festus?

They asked Festus to call Paul to Jerusalem so that they could kill Paul along the way.

Acts 25:4-5

What did Festus tell the chief priest and the prominent Jews to do?

Festus told them to go to Caesarea, where Festus was going, and that they could accuse Paul there.

Acts 25:9

ULT	UST
But Festus, wanting to lay down a favor for the Jews, answering Paul, said, "Are you willing, having gone up to Jerusalem, to be judged before me there about these things?"	*Festus, however, wanted to please the Jewish leaders. So he asked Paul, "Are you willing to travel to Jerusalem so that I can judge your case there?"*

While judging Paul's case in Caesarea, what question did Festus ask Paul?

Festus asked Paul if he wanted to go up to Jerusalem and be judged there.

Why did Festus ask Paul this question?

Festus asked Paul this question because he wanted to gain favor with the Jews.

Acts 25:10

ULT	UST
But Paul said, "I am standing before the judgment seat of Caesar, where it is necessary for me to be judged. I have done no harm to the Jews, as you also know very well.	*But Paul replied, "No, right now you are judging me, and you represent the Emperor. This is the right place for my trial. I have done nothing wrong to the Jewish people. You know that is the truth.*

What was Paul's response to Festus' question?

Paul said that he stood before the judgment seat of Caesar where he must be judged.

Acts 25:12

ULT	UST
Then Festus, having spoken with the council, answered, "To Caesar you have appealed, to Caesar you will go!"	*Festus conferred with the officials who advised him. Then he told Paul, "You have asked Caesar to try your case, and so I will send you to Caesar."*

What did Festus decide to do with Paul's case?

Festus decided that since Paul had called upon Caesar, then he would go to Caesar.

Acts 25:16

ULT	UST
to whom I replied that the custom of the Romans is not to give any man as a favor before the one being accused may have the accusers by face and receive an opportunity of a defense concerning the accusation.	*But I told them that when people accuse someone of a serious crime, we Romans do not condemn that person just to satisfy the accusers. Instead, we allow him to meet in person with his accusers and defend himself against what they say about him.*

What did Festus say was the legal custom with the Romans regarding people charged with crimes?

Festus said that the Romans gave the accused person an opportunity to face his accusers and to make a defense against the charges.

Acts 25:19

ULT	UST
Instead, they were having certain disputes with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, having died, whom Paul asserted to be alive.	*Instead, they argued with him about what Jews should believe. They also argued about a man whose name was Jesus. He had died, but Paul said he was alive.*

What charges did Festus say the Jews had brought against Paul?

Festus said that the charges involved certain disputes about their religion and about a certain Jesus who was dead, but whom Paul claimed to be alive.

Acts 25:26

ULT	UST
about whom I do not have anything definite to write to the lord. Therefore I have brought him before you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that, the examination having happened, I might have something that I might write.	*But I do not know exactly what to write to the emperor about him. That is why I have brought him here to speak to all of you, and especially to you, King Agrippa. You can question him. Then I will know what to write to the emperor.*

Why did Festus bring Paul to speak before King Agrippa?

Festus wanted King Agrippa to help him write something logical about Paul's case to the Emperor.

Acts 25:27

ULT	UST
For it seems unreasonable to me, sending a prisoner and not to signify the charges against him."	*After all, it makes sense that when I send a prisoner to the emperor in Rome, I should say exactly what wrong things people say he has done."*

What did Festus say would be unreasonable for him to do as he sent Paul to the Emperor?

Festus said it would be unreasonable for him to send Paul to the Emperor without stating the charges against him.

Acts 26

Acts 26:3

ULT	UST
especially you being an expert in all the customs and controversies among the Jews. So I ask you to hear me patiently.	*I am especially fortunate because you know so much about the customs of us Jews and the questions that we argue about. So please listen to me as I tell my whole story.*

Why was Paul happy to be able to make his defense before King Agrippa?

Paul was happy to be able to make his defense before King Agrippa because Agrippa was an expert in all the Jewish customs and questions.

Acts 26:5

ULT	UST
knowing me from the beginning, if they wished to testify, that according to the strictest sect of our religion I lived as a Pharisee.	*They have known me since I was young. They could tell you, if they were willing, that as a Pharisee, I obeyed the most rigid customs of our religion very carefully.*

How did Paul live from his youth in Jerusalem?

Paul lived as a Pharisee, a very strict sect of Judaism.

Acts 26:6-8

What promise of God does Paul say both he and the Jews are hoping to reach?

Paul says that he and the Jews are hoping to reach the promise of the resurrection.

Acts 26:9-11

Before his conversion, what was Paul doing against the name of Jesus of Nazareth?

Paul was locking up many saints in prison, was approving when they were killed, and was chasing them to foreign cities.

Acts 26:13

ULT	UST
in the middle of the day, along the road, I saw, O King, a light from heaven, beyond the brightness of the sun, shining around me and the ones traveling with me.	*While I was on my way there, O King, I saw a bright light in the sky. Even though it was around noon, this light was even brighter than the sun! It shone all around me and also around those who were traveling with me.*

What did Paul see on his way to Damascus?

Paul saw a light from heaven that was brighter than the sun.

Acts 26:14

ULT	UST
And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against a goad.'	*We all fell to the ground. Then I heard the voice of someone speaking to me in the Hebrew language. He said, 'Saul, Saul, you should not be fighting against me. You are harming yourself, like an animal that is kicking against a sharp prod.'*

What did Paul hear on his way to Damascus?

Paul heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

Acts 26:15

ULT	UST
And I said, 'Who are you, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.	*Then I said, 'Please tell me who you are.' And the person who was speaking to me said, 'I am Jesus! I am the one you are fighting against.*

Who was speaking to Paul on the way to Damascus?

Jesus was speaking to Paul on the way to Damascus.

Acts 26:16-17

What did Jesus appoint Paul to be?

Jesus appointed Paul to be a servant and witness to the Gentiles.

Acts 26:18

ULT	UST
to open their eyes to turn from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, for them to receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among the ones having been sanctified by faith in me.'	*I want you to help them recognize who I really am. I want you to help them to live in a way that pleases God. I want them to know that God can make them free from the devil's influence. I want them to know that God will forgive their sins. I want them to receive the good things that people whom God saves because they believe in me will have forever.'*

What did Jesus say he wanted the Gentiles to receive?

Jesus said he wanted the Gentiles to receive the forgiveness of sins and the inheritance from God.

Acts 26:20

ULT	UST
but first to the ones in Damascus and also in Jerusalem and the whole region of Judea and to the Gentiles I declared to repent and turn to God, doing deeds worthy of repentance.	*First, I spoke to the Jews in Damascus. Then I spoke to the Jews in Jerusalem and in the countryside of Judea. I also spoke to the non-Jews there. I told them that they should stop sinning and ask God to help them live in the right way. I told them they should do things that showed they had stopped sinning.*

What two things does Paul say he preached everywhere he went?

Paul says that he preached that the people should repent and turn to God, doing deeds worthy of repentance.

Acts 26:22-23

What did the prophets and Moses say would happen?

The prophets and Moses said that the Christ must suffer, be raised from the dead, and proclaim light to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles.

Acts 26:24-25

What did Festus think of Paul after he heard Paul's defense?

Festus thought that Paul was insane.

Acts 26:28-29

What was Paul's desire for King Agrippa?

Paul desired that King Agrippa would become a Christian.

Acts 26:31-32

What conclusion did Agrippa, Festus, and Bernice reach regarding the accusations against Paul?

They agreed that Paul had done nothing worthy of death or bonds, and that he could have been freed if he had not appealed to Caesar.

Acts 27

Acts 27:3

ULT	UST
And on the next day, we came down to Sidon, and Julius, treating Paul kindly, allowed him, going to his friends, to receive their care.	*The next day we arrived at the city of Sidon. There Julius treated Paul generously. He gave him permission to go see his friends in Sidon so they could help him with whatever he needed.*

How did the centurion Julius treat Paul at the beginning of the journey to Rome?

Julius treated Paul kindly and allowed him to go to his friends and receive their care.

Acts 27:7-8

Which island did Paul's ship sail around with difficulty?

The ship sailed around the island of Crete with difficulty.

Acts 27:10-11

Why did Julius the centurion not follow Paul's warning about the dangers of continuing to sail?

Julius did not follow Paul's warning because he paid more attention to the owner of the ship.

Acts 27:14

ULT	UST
But after not long, a tempestuous wind called Eurakylon rushed down from it.	*After a little while, however, a stormy wind blew down from the island. It was the kind of wind that the sailors called the Northeast Wind.*

After a gentle start to the voyage, what wind began to beat down on the ship?

After a gentle start, a wind called the northeaster began to beat down on the ship.

Acts 27:20

ULT	UST
But neither sun nor stars appearing for many days, and no small storm lying upon us, all hope for us to be saved was finally being taken away.	*But the wind continued to blow very strongly against the ship. The sky was always full of dark clouds so that the sailors could not see the sun or the stars to navigate. After all this we lost hope that we would even survive.*

After many days, what hope was abandoned by the crew of the ship?

After many days, the crew abandoned any hope that they should be saved.

Acts 27:23-24

What message did an angel of God give Paul concerning the people on the voyage?

The angel told Paul that he and all the sailors would survive.

Acts 27:27

ULT	UST
And when the fourteenth night happened, as we were being driven about in the Hadria, around the middle of the night the sailors were suspecting some land to be approaching them.	*Now on the fourteenth night after the storm began, the storm was still blowing the ship across the open sea. At about midnight, the sailors thought that the ship was getting close to land.*

At midnight on the fourteenth night, what did the sailors think was happening to the ship?

The sailors thought the ship was approaching some land.

Acts 27:30

ULT	UST
But as the sailors were seeking to flee from the ship, and as they had lowered the lifeboat into the sea on a pretext as if intending to lower anchors from the bow,	*Some of the sailors were planning to escape from the ship. They did not want anyone to know what they planned to do. So they pretended that they needed to put the lifeboat in the water so they could use it to lower some anchors from the ship's front.*

What were the sailors looking for a way to do?

The sailors were looking for a way to abandon the ship.

Acts 27:31

ULT	UST
Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, "If these do not stay in the ship, you are not able to be saved."	*But Paul said to the Roman officer and the soldiers, "If the sailors do not stay in the ship, you will not survive."*

What did Paul tell the centurion and the soldiers about the sailors?

Paul told the centurion and the soldiers that unless the sailors stayed on the ship, the centurion and soldiers could not be saved.

Acts 27:33

ULT	UST
And until day was about to come, Paul was urging them all to take food, saying, "Anxiously waiting for a fourteenth day today, you are continuing fasting, having eaten nothing.	*Just before dawn, Paul encouraged everyone on the ship to eat something. He said, "For the past 14 days you have been waiting and watching and not eating anything.*

When daylight was coming on, what did Paul urge everyone to do?

Paul urged everyone to take some food.

Acts 27:39-41

How did the crew decide to get the ship to the beach, and what happened?

The crew decided to get the ship to the beach by sailing directly toward the beach, but the bow of the ship became stuck on the ground and the stern began to break up.

Acts 27:42

ULT	UST
Now the plan of the soldiers was that they would kill the prisoners, lest any, swimming away, might escape.	*The soldiers wanted to kill all the prisoners so that none of them could swim away and escape.*

What were the soldiers going to do with the prisoners at this time?

The soldiers were going to kill the prisoners so none of them could escape.

Acts 27:43

ULT	UST
But the centurion, wanting to save Paul, stopped their plan, and he commanded the ones being able to swim to depart first to the land, jumping overboard,	*But the Roman officer wanted to save Paul. So he stopped the soldiers from killing the prisoners. Instead, he commanded everyone who could swim to jump off the ship first into the water and swim to shore.*

Why did the centurion stop the plan of the soldiers?

The centurion stopped the plan of the soldiers because he wanted to save Paul.

Acts 27:44

ULT	UST
and the rest, some on planks, and some on certain things from the ship, and in this way it happened that all were brought safely to the land.	*Then he told the ones who could not swim to hold onto something that would float and drift toward the shore. Some held onto wooden boards that the waves had broken loose from the ship. Some held onto articles from the ship that would float. We did what he said, and in that way all of us made it safely to the shore.*

How did all of the people on the ship come safely to land?

Those who could swim jumped overboard first, and the rest followed on planks or other things from the ship.

Acts 28

Acts 28:2

ULT	UST
And the barbarians were offering no ordinary benevolence to us, for, lighting a fire because of the impending rain and because of the cold, they welcomed us all.	*The people who lived there took care of us very generously. It was cold and it was starting to rain. So they lit a fire and invited all of us to come and warm ourselves.*

How did the native people on the island of Malta treat Paul and the crew of the ship?

The people treated them with not just ordinary kindness.

Acts 28:4

ULT	UST
And as the barbarians saw the creature hanging from his hand, they were saying to one another, "This man is certainly a murderer, whom, having been saved from the sea, Justice has not permitted to live."	*Now the people from the island saw the snake dangling from Paul's hand. They said to each other, "This man has probably murdered someone. He has escaped from drowning in the sea. But the goddess Justice is punishing him anyway. He will die from this snake bite."*

What did the people think when they saw the viper hanging from Paul's hand?

The people thought that Paul was a murderer who, by justice, was not being permitted to live.

Acts 28:6

ULT	UST
But they were expecting him to begin to be inflamed or suddenly to fall down dead. But as they watched for a long time and saw nothing unusual happening to him, turning themselves around, they said he was a god.	*Still, some of the people of the island expected that Paul's body would soon swell up because of the snake bite. Others thought he would suddenly fall down and die. But they waited a long time and did not see either of those things happen to him. So the people decided they had been wrong about who Paul was. They said to one another, "This man is not a murderer. He must be a god, because that snake bite would have killed any human being!"*

What did the people think when they saw Paul was not killed by the viper?

The people thought that Paul was a god.

Acts 28:8-9

What happened after Paul healed the father of Publius, the chief man of the island?

The rest of the people on the island who were sick also came and were healed.

Acts 28:11

ULT	UST
And after three months, we put to sea in an Alexandrian ship with a Dioscouri figurehead having wintered at the island.	*We stayed on Malta for a total of three months. Then we left on a ship that had spent the winter there. The ship was from Alexandria and was going to Italy. On the front of the ship there were carved images of the twin gods whose names were Castor and Pollux.*

How long did Paul and the crew remain on the island of Malta?

Paul and the crew remained on the island of Malta for three months.

Acts 28:15

ULT	UST
From there, the brothers, having heard the things about us, came to a meeting with us as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns, whom seeing, Paul, thanking God, took courage.	*Some fellow believers in Rome had heard that we were coming and they came to meet us. Some of them met us at the place on the Appian Road whose name was the Market. Others met us at the place whose name was the Three Inns. When Paul saw those believers, he thanked God and felt brave.*

What did Paul do when he saw the brothers from Rome who had come to meet him?

When he saw the brothers, Paul thanked God and took courage.

Acts 28:16

ULT	UST
And when we entered into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself with the soldier guarding him.	*After we arrived in Rome, the authorities there permitted Paul to live in a home rather than in prison. But a soldier was always there to guard him.*

What were Paul's living arrangements in Rome as a prisoner?

Paul was allowed to live by himself with a soldier who was guarding him.

Acts 28:20

ULT	UST
Therefore for this reason I summoned you, to see and to speak with you. For on account of the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain."	*So I asked you to come here so that I could tell you why I am a prisoner. It is because I believe in what we Jews confidently expect that God will do for us."*

For what reason did Paul tell the Jewish leaders in Rome he had been chained?

Paul told the Jewish leaders in Rome he had been chained because of the hope of Israel.

Acts 28:22

ULT	UST
But we value to hear from you what you think, for concerning this sect, it is known to us that it is spoken against everywhere."	*But we would appreciate you telling us what you think about this group that you belong to. Please tell us, because we are aware that in many places people are speaking against it."*

What did the Jewish leaders in Rome know about the sect of the Christians?

The Jewish leaders in Rome knew that the sect was spoken against everywhere.

Acts 28:23

ULT	UST
And having appointed a day for him, more came to him at his lodging, to whom he was explaining, testifying about the kingdom of God and persuading them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and the Prophets from morning until evening.	*So they decided that they would come back on another day. On that day, even more people than before came to where Paul was staying to hear Paul speak. Paul explained many things to them. He talked about how God would rule everyone. He also talked about how various places in the Scriptures foretold that Jesus would come. Paul talked for that entire day with the people who had come to his house.*

When the Jewish leaders came again to Paul at his dwelling place, what did Paul try to do from morning until evening?

Paul tried to persuade them about Jesus, from both the law of Moses and from the prophets.

Acts 28:24

ULT	UST
And while some were convinced by the things being said, others still did not believe.	*Paul was able to persuade some of those Jews that the things he said about Jesus were true. But some others would not believe that they were true.*

What was the response of the Jewish leaders to Paul's presentation?

Some of the Jewish leaders were convinced, while others did not believe.

Acts 28:26

ULT	UST
saying, 'Go to this people and say, "By hearing you will hear but you will not understand at all, and seeing you will see but you will not perceive at all."	*He said, 'Go to the people of Israel and say to them: "You seem to be listening but you never really understand what God is saying. You seem to be looking but you never really recognize the things that God is doing."*

What did the final scripture quoted by Paul say about the Jewish leaders who did not believe?

The final scripture Paul quoted said that those who did not believe would not understand nor perceive what they heard and saw.

Acts 28:28

ULT	UST
Therefore, let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles, and they will hear."	*Therefore, you should know that God is offering to save the non-Jews, and many of them will accept his offer."*

Where did Paul say God's message of salvation had been sent, and what would be the response?

Paul said that God's message of salvation had been sent to the Gentiles, and they would listen.

Acts 28:31

ULT	UST
proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching the things about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, without hindrance.	*He preached about how God would rule over everyone. He also taught people about the Lord Jesus the Messiah. He spoke about these things very openly. No one tried to stop him.*

What did Paul do while a prisoner in Rome?

Paul preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

Who stopped Paul from preaching and teaching while he was a prisoner in Rome for two years?

The phrase “without hindrance” means that no one stopped him.

Romans

Romans 1

Romans 1:1-2

By what means had God promised the gospel before Paul’s time?

God had promised the gospel before by his prophets in the holy Scriptures.

Romans 1:3

ULT	UST
concerning his Son—the one having been born from a seed of David according to the flesh,	*This good news is about God’s Son. He was born a natural descendant of David.*

According to the flesh, God’s Son was born out of which descendants?

According to the flesh, God’s Son was born out of the descendants of David.

Romans 1:4

ULT	UST
the one having been designated the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection of dead ones—Jesus Christ our Lord,	*In accordance with the Holy Spirit, God powerfully demonstrated that Jesus is his Son by causing him to live again after he had died. God's Son is Jesus the Messiah, who is our Lord.*

By what event was Jesus Christ declared to be the Son of God?

Jesus Christ was declared to be the Son of God by the resurrection from the dead.

Romans 1:5

ULT	UST
through whom we received grace and apostleship for obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, for the sake of his name,	*Jesus favored us who represent him and authorized us to represent him on his behalf in order that all the nations would obey God by trusting in Jesus the Messiah.*

For what purpose did Paul receive grace and apostleship from Christ?

Paul received grace and apostleship for obedience of faith among all the nations.

Romans 1:8

ULT	UST
First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ concerning all of you, because your faith is being proclaimed in the whole world.	*Now, the first thing I want to tell you, is that I am constantly thanking my God through Jesus the Messiah for all of you believers in the Messiah. I thank him because people throughout the known world are proclaiming how you trust in Jesus.*

For what does Paul thank God concerning the believers in Rome?

Paul thanks God because their faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world.

Romans 1:11

ULT	UST
For I long to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gracious gift to strengthen you,	*I pray for this because I deeply desire to see you in person in order to share some kind of gracious gift with you from the Holy Spirit in order to help you become spiritually stronger.*

Why does Paul desire to see the believers in Rome?

Paul desires to see them in order to give them some spiritual gift in order to strengthen them.

Romans 1:13

ULT	UST
Now I do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, that I often intended to come to you (but I was hindered until now), so that I might have some fruit among you also, just as also among the rest of the Gentiles.	*My fellow believers, I certainly want you to know that I planned to visit you many times. But God has prevented me from visiting you until the present time. I planned to visit you in order to lead some people to believe in Christ among you as well, just like how I have also done so among the other nations.*

Why had Paul been unable to visit the believers in Rome until now?

Paul had been unable to visit because he was hindered until now.

Romans 1:16

ULT	UST
For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to all the ones believing, both to the Jew first and to the Greek.	*I would gladly do this because I am deeply honored to proclaim the good news because it is the powerful way that God uses to save anyone who believes it. This is true for both the Jews who first heard the good news and then everyone else.*

What does Paul say the gospel is?

Paul says the gospel is the power of God for salvation for every one who believes.

Romans 1:17

ULT	UST
For the righteousness of God is revealed in it from faith to faith, just as it is written, "But the righteous one will live by faith."	*This is true because whenever people proclaim the good news, they reveal how God makes people righteous, which is entirely through trusting in the Messiah. This is what the prophet Habakkuk meant when he wrote in the Scriptures, "But the person whom God makes righteous will live forever by trusting in God."*

What scripture does Paul quote concerning how the righteous will live?

Paul quotes the scripture, "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 1:18-19

What do the ungodly and unrighteous do even though that which is known about God is visible to them?

The ungodly and unrighteous hold back the truth even though that which is known about God is visible to them.

Romans 1:20

ULT	UST
For his invisible qualities, both his eternal power and divine nature, are clearly seen from the creation of the world, being understood by the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.	*This is true because people can clearly perceive those things about God that they cannot see with their eyes. These things are how powerful God is and the fact that he is God. People could perceive these things since the time God created the universe. The things that God has made have understood these things. For this reason, people cannot excuse themselves from acknowledging that God exists.*

How are the unseen things about God clearly visible?

The unseen things about God are clearly visible through the created things.

What characteristics of God are clearly visible?

God's everlasting power and divine nature are clearly visible.

Romans 1:21

ULT	UST
For having known God, they did not glorify him as God, nor did they give him thanks. Instead, they became futile in their thoughts, and their senseless heart was darkened.	*People cannot excuse themselves because they do not honor him as God, even though they know that he exists. They also refuse to thank him. In contrast, they think about worthless things, and they are unable to understand spiritual things.*

What happens to the thoughts and hearts of those who do not glorify God nor give him thanks?

Those who do not glorify God nor give him thanks become foolish in their thoughts and their hearts are darkened.

Romans 1:24

ULT	UST
Therefore, God gave them over to the lusts of their hearts for uncleanness, to dishonor their bodies among themselves;	*Consequently, God lets these people do the lustful things that they desire to do, so that they become spiritually impure and they disgrace their bodies with one another by doing sexually immoral acts.*

What does God do to those who exchange his glory for the images of perishable men and animals?

God gives them over to the lusts of their hearts for uncleanness, for their bodies to be dishonored among themselves.

Romans 1:26-27

For what dishonorable passions do these women and men burn in their lust?

The women burn in their lust for one another, and the men burn in their lust for one another.

Romans 1:28

ULT	UST
And just as they did not approve of having God in their full awareness, God gave them over to a disapproved mind, to do the things that are not proper,	*As these people thought that acknowledging God was worthless, God let their minds become worthless. As a result, they do inappropriate things.*

What does God do to those who do not approve of having him in their awareness?

God gives them up to a disapproved mind, to do those things that are not proper.

Romans 1:29

ULT	UST
filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, and malice, they are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and evil intent. They are gossips,	*These people are completely controlled by all kinds of unrighteous, wicked, covetous, and malicious thoughts. They are completely willing to be jealous, take another's life, argue, deceive, and commit evil deeds against others. They reveal secrets about others.*

What are some of the characteristics of those who have a depraved mind?

Those who have a depraved mind are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and evil intentions.

Romans 1:32

ULT	UST
Who, having fully known the righteous decree of God, that the ones practicing such things are worthy of death, they not only do these things, but they also give consent to the ones practicing them.	*These people fully understand that God has righteously declared that people who keep doing such inappropriate things deserve to die spiritually. Nevertheless, they not only keep on doing those inappropriate things, but they even happily approve of people who do such things!*

What do those with a depraved mind understand about God's requirements?

Those with a depraved mind understand that those who practice such things are worthy of death.

Even though those with a depraved mind understand God's requirements, what do they do anyway?

They do unrighteous things anyway, and approve of those who practice them.

Romans 2

Romans 2:1

ULT	UST
Therefore, you are without excuse, O man—everyone judging—for in that which you judge the other you condemn yourself; for you, the one judging practice the same things.	*Consequently, any one of you who judges another person cannot excuse yourself at all when God condemns you. This is because you are actually condemning yourself when you judge someone else, since you who judge someone else do the exact same things that they do!*

Why are some people without excuse in their judging?

Some people are without excuse in their judging because what they judge in another they practice themselves.

Romans 2:2

ULT	UST
Now we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against the ones practicing such things.	*Certainly, we acknowledge that God will correctly judge those people who continue doing such inappropriate things.*

How does God judge when he judges those who practice unrighteousness?

God judges according to truth when he judges those who practice unrighteousness.

Romans 2:4

ULT	UST
Or do you scorn the wealth of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?	*You who despise how abundantly kind, tolerant, and patient God is must certainly know that God's kind acts are meant to cause you to repent.*

What are God's patience, kindness, and goodness meant to do?

God's patience, kindness, and goodness are meant to lead a person to repentance.

Romans 2:5

ULT	UST
But according to your hardness and unrepentant heart, you are storing up for yourself wrath on the day of wrath and of the revelation of the righteous judgment of God,	*Instead, because you are stubborn and refuse to repent, you are causing God to punish you even more severely. This will happen when God punishes sinners and reveals how justly he judges.*

What are those with hard, unrepentant hearts toward God storing up for themselves?

Those with hard, unrepentant hearts are storing up for themselves wrath on the day of God's righteous judgment.

Romans 2:7

ULT	UST
Indeed, eternal life to the ones, according to endurance of good work, seeking glory and honor and incorruptibility,	*Living eternally is how God repays those people who keep striving for God to glorify, honor, and preserve them forever. They do this by persisting in doing what is good.*

What do those receive who have done consistent, good actions?

Those who have done consistent, good actions will receive eternal life.

Romans 2:8-9

What do those receive who obey unrighteousness?

Those who obey unrighteousness receive wrath and anger.

Romans 2:12

ULT	UST
For as many as have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and as many as have sinned with the law will be judged by the law.	*We know this about God, because he will punish forever all people who sin without knowing the laws that God gave the Jews even though they do not know those laws. At the same time, God will judge according to his laws whoever sins while knowing those laws.*

How does God show no partiality in his judgment between Jew and Greek?

God shows no partiality, because those who sin, either Jew or Greek, will perish.

Romans 2:13

ULT	UST
For the hearers of the law are not righteous with God, but the doers of the law will be justified.	*God will judge everyone who sins because God does not make righteous those people who only hear his laws. Rather, God will make righteous those people who obey his laws.*

Who is justified before God?

The doers of the law are justified before God.

Romans 2:14

ULT	UST
For when Gentiles, the ones not having the law, do by nature the things of the law, they, not having the law, are a law to themselves,	*God will judge everyone who sins because whenever nations which do not know the laws that God gave the Jews naturally obey rules from those laws, they prove that they know laws within their minds even though they do not know God's laws.*

How do Gentiles show that they do are a law to themselves?

Gentiles show that they are a law to themselves when, by nature, they do the things of the Law.

Romans 2:21

ULT	UST
then you, the one teaching another, do you not teach yourself? You, the one preaching not to steal, do you steal?	*So even though you Jews have convinced yourself that these things are true, you should teach yourselves to do what you teach others to do because you do not do those things! You keep telling others that they should not steal, but you steal!*

What challenge does Paul give to those Jews who rest upon the law and teach others?

Paul challenges them that if they teach others the law, they should also teach themselves.

Romans 2:21-22

Which sins does Paul mention that the Jewish teachers of the Law should stop doing?

Paul mentions the sins of stealing, adultery, and the robbery of temples.

Romans 2:23-24

Why is the name of God dishonored among the Gentiles because of the Jewish teachers of the law?

God's name is being dishonored because the Jewish teachers of the law are transgressing the law.

Romans 2:25

ULT	UST
For circumcision indeed benefits if you practice the law, but if you are a transgressor of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.	*You Jews who have sinned will be judged because, being circumcised only benefits you if you obey the laws God gave you. However, if you disobey those laws, being circumcised does not benefit you at all.*

How does Paul say a Jewish person's circumcision can become uncircumcision?

Paul says that a Jewish person's circumcision can become uncircumcision if that person is a violator of the law.

Romans 2:26

ULT	UST
If, then, the uncircumcision keeps the requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be considered as circumcision?	*So then, if uncircumcised people obey what God requires in the laws he gave the Jews, God will regard those uncircumcised people as being circumcised.*

How does Paul say that a Gentile person's uncircumcision can be considered circumcision?

Paul says that a Gentile person's uncircumcision can be considered circumcision if that person keeps the requirements of the law.

Romans 2:28-29

Who does Paul say is a true Jew?

Paul says that a true Jew is a Jew inwardly, with a circumcision of the heart.

Romans 2:29

ULT	UST
but the Jew in secret is, and circumcision is of the heart in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose the praise is not from men but from God.	*Rather, a true Jew is one by means of something that people cannot see. True circumcision happens in a person's mind and the Holy Spirit does it. Obeying the written rules God gave the Jews cannot do it. God commends a true Jew, but other people do not.*

From whom does a true Jew receive praise?

A true Jew receives praise from God.

Romans 3

Romans 3:1-2

What is first of all among the advantages of the Jew?

First of all among the advantages of the Jew is that they were entrusted with revelation from God.

Romans 3:4

ULT	UST
May it never be! Instead, let God be true, but every man a liar. Just as it is written, "So that you might be justified in your words and you will prevail when you are judged."	*Then I would say, "Of course not!" On the contrary, God is always truthful, but everyone else is not. This is what David meant when he wrote in the Scriptures, "The result of my sin is that people will acknowledge that you, God, are right when you speak and victorious when people try to judge you."*

Even though every man is a liar, what is God found to be?

Even though every man is a liar, God is found to be true.

Romans 3:5-6

Because God is righteous, what is he able to do?

Because God is righteous, he is able to judge the world.

Romans 3:8

ULT	UST
And not (just as we are blasphemed and just as some affirm us to say), "Let us do the evil things, so that the good things may come"?—whose judgment is just.	*And if this is true, then you should just tell us to act wickedly in order that good things can happen!" (This is exactly what some people say falsely about me and claim that I say. It is right for God to condemn people who speak and act this way!)*

What comes on those who say, "Let us do evil, that good may come"?

Judgment comes on those who say, "Let us do evil, that good may come."

Romans 3:9-10

What is written in the Scriptures about the righteousness of all, both Jews and Greeks?

It is written that there is none righteous, not one.

Romans 3:11

ULT	UST
There is none who understands. There is none who seeks out God.	*“No one thinks wisely. No one is even trying to know God!*

According to what is written, who understands and seeks out God?

According to what is written, none understands and none seeks out God.

Romans 3:20

ULT	UST
because not any flesh will be justified by works of law before him; for full awareness of sin is through law.	*This is true because God will not make anyone righteous with himself simply because they obey the laws he gave the Jews. This is so because those laws only make people aware of how sinful they are.*

Who will be justified by the works of the law?

No flesh will be justified by the works of the law.

What comes through the law?

The full awareness of sin comes through the law.

Romans 3:21

ULT	UST
But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been made visible, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets;	*But now God has revealed how he makes people righteous. Becoming righteous is not related to obeying the laws God gave the Jews. Yet, in what they wrote in the Scriptures Moses and the prophets testify about how God makes people righteous.*

By what witnesses has a righteousness without the law now been made known?

By the witnesses of the Law and the Prophets has a righteousness without the law now been made known.

Romans 3:22

ULT	UST
but the righteousness of God is through faith in Jesus Christ for all the ones believing, for there is no distinction.	*How God makes people righteous is by trusting in Jesus the Messiah. God will make all types of people righteous if they trust in Jesus. This is because God does not distinguish between different types of people.*

What is the righteousness without the law that has now been made known?

The righteousness without the law is the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe.

Romans 3:24

ULT	UST
being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus;	*God makes these sinful people righteous as a gift because he is so kind. People receive this gift from God when God unites them to Jesus the Messiah, who redeemed them from being punished for being sinful.*

How is a person justified before God?

A person is justified before God freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:25

ULT	UST
whom God presented as a propitiation through faith in his blood for a demonstration of his righteousness, because of the overlooking of the sins that happened previously	*God offered Jesus as the one who atones for everyone's sins. People are rescued from being punished for being sinful by trusting in his sacrificial death. God did this in order to show how God makes people righteous. This happened because God disregarded people's sinful acts that they had previously done.*

For what purpose did God provide Christ Jesus?

God provided Christ Jesus as a propitiation through faith in his blood.

Romans 3:26

ULT	UST
in the forbearance of God, for the demonstration of his righteousness at this present time, so that he could be just and justifying the one who is from faith in Jesus.	*God did this because he is so tolerant. God also did this in order to show how he makes people righteous during our time. This is for the purpose of showing that God is righteous and that he makes people righteous if they trust in Jesus.*

What did God show by all that happened through Jesus Christ?

God showed that he is the one who justifies anyone because of faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:28

ULT	UST
For we reckon a man to be justified by faith apart from works of the law.	*Indeed, we Jewish Christians consider people to become righteous by trusting in Jesus the Messiah. Being righteous is not related to doing those things that God commanded in the laws he gave the Jews."*

What role do the works of the law have in justification?

A person is justified by faith totally apart from the works of the law.

Romans 3:30

ULT	UST
if, indeed, God is one, who will justify the circumcision by faith and the uncircumcision through the same faith.	*This is true because there is certainly only one God for all people. He will make righteous both the Jews who trust in Jesus and the non-Jewish people who trust in Jesus."*

How does God justify the circumcised Jew and the uncircumcised Gentile?

God justifies both by faith.

Romans 3:31

ULT	UST
Do we then nullify the law through the same faith? May it never be! Instead, we uphold the law.	*You Jews might say, "Then surely we make the laws God gave us invalid by trusting in Jesus!" So I would say, "Of course not! On the contrary, we confirm that what God said in those laws is valid."*

What do we do with the law through faith?

We uphold the law through faith.

Romans 4

Romans 4:2

ULT	UST
For if Abraham was justified by works, he has a boast, but not before God.	*This must be true because if Abraham became righteous based on doing the things that God commanded in his laws, then he could brag about it." On the contrary, I would say that Abraham could not possibly boast about it to God!*

What would have given Abraham reason to boast?

Abraham would have had reason to boast if he had been justified by works.

Romans 4:3

ULT	UST
For what does the scripture say? "And Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."	*I say this because, Moses surely tells us in the Scriptures, "Abraham trusted in God, and God considered Abraham to be righteous because he trusted in him."*

What do the scriptures say about how Abraham was justified?

The scripture says that Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.

Romans 4:5

ULT	UST
Now to the one not working, but believing on the one justifying the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.	*By contrast, when a person does not obey the laws God gave the Jews, but trusts in the God who can make unrighteous people righteous, God considers him to be righteous because he trusted in him.*

What kind of people does God justify?

God justifies the people who trust in him.

Romans 4:6-8

According to David, in what way is a man blessed by God?

According to David, blessed is the man whose sins are forgiven and whose sins are not counted by the Lord.

Romans 4:9-10

Was Abraham's faith counted as righteousness before or after he was circumcised?

Abraham's faith was counted as righteousness before he was circumcised.

Romans 4:11-12

Abraham is the father of which groups of people?

Abraham is the father of all who believe, both the physically uncircumcised and the circumcised.

Romans 4:13

ULT	UST
For the promise to Abraham or to his seed that he would be heir of the world was not through the law but through the righteousness of faith.	*This is true because when God promised Abraham and those who descend from him that the whole world would belong to him, God did not promise this because Abraham obeyed the laws God gave the Jews. Rather, God promised this because God had made Abraham righteous because Abraham trusted in him.*

What promise was given to Abraham and his descendants through the righteousness of faith?

It was promised to Abraham and his descendants that they would be heirs of the world.

Romans 4:14

ULT	UST
For if the heirs are from the law, the faith has been emptied, and the promise has been nullified.	*This is true because, if people could inherit what God promised Abraham by obeying the laws he gave the Jews, then trusting in God would become useless! What God promised would also become invalid.*

What would be true if the promise to Abraham had come through the law?

If the promise had come through the law, then faith would be empty and the promise not true.

Romans 4:16

ULT	UST
For this reason it is by faith, in order that it may be according to grace, so that the promise might be certain to all the seed—not only to the one from the law, but also to the one from the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all,	*This is why what God promised comes by trusting in him in order to show how kind he is. God was so kind in order that he could secure what he promised to everyone who has spiritually descended from Abraham. Those who have spiritually descended from Abraham are not only those Jews who obey the laws God gave them, but also those who trust in God as Abraham did. Abraham is the spiritual ancestor of all of us who trust in God.*

For what reasons is the promise given by faith?

The promise is given by faith so that it is by grace, and so that it is sure.

Romans 4:17

ULT	UST
just as it is written, “I have appointed you the father of many nations,” in the presence of God whom he trusted, the one making the dead ones live and calling the things not existing as existing;	*(This is exactly what God said in the Scriptures about Abraham: “I have chosen you to be a spiritual ancestor for numerous people groups.”) God considers Abraham to be our spiritual ancestor. Abraham trusted God. God is the one who causes dead people to become alive again. He also commands things that do not exist to exist, then they exist.*

What two things does Paul say God does?

Paul says that God gives life to the dead and calls things that do not exist into existence.

Romans 4:18

ULT	UST
who against hope believed on the basis of hope so that he might become the father of many nations according to what was said, "So will your seed be."	*Abraham trusted in God by hoping in God despite what seemed hopeless. As a result, he became the spiritual ancestor for numerous people groups. This happened just as God had promised him in the Scriptures: "The people who descend from you will become as numerous as the stars in the sky."*

How did Abraham respond to God's promise even with these outward circumstances?

Abraham confidently trusted God and did not hesitate in unbelief.

Romans 4:18-19

What outward circumstances made it difficult for Abraham to believe God's promise that he would be the father of many nations?

When God made the promise to Abraham, Abraham was about a hundred years old and Sarah's womb was dead.

Romans 4:20

ULT	UST
But toward the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but was strengthened in the faith, having given glory to God,	*Indeed, Abraham did not faithlessly doubt what God had promised. On the contrary, God empowered Abraham to continue trusting in him while Abraham was glorifying God.*

How did Abraham respond to God's promise even with these outward circumstances?

Abraham confidently trusted God and did not hesitate in unbelief.

Romans 4:23-24

For whom was the account of Abraham written?

The account of Abraham was written for his benefit and also for our benefit.

Romans 4:25

ULT	UST
who was given up for the sake of our trespasses and was raised for the sake of our justification.	*God allowed people to kill Jesus because we sinned against God. God also caused Jesus to become alive again in order to make us righteous.*

What do we believe God has done for us?

We believe God has raised Jesus from the dead, who was delivered up for our sins and raised for our justification.

Romans 5

Romans 5:1

ULT	UST
Therefore, having been justified by faith, let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,	*Consequently, we should live peacefully with God by means of what our Lord Jesus the Messiah did for us because we have become righteous by trusting in Jesus.*

What do believers have because they are justified by faith?

Because they are justified by faith, believers have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:3-4

What are three things that suffering produces?

Suffering produces endurance, character, and hope.

Romans 5:8

ULT	UST
But God demonstrates his own love toward us, in that, we still being sinners, Christ died for us.	*However, God shows his own love towards we believers by this fact: while we were still sinful, Jesus the Messiah died for our benefit!*

How does God demonstrate his love toward us?

God demonstrates his love toward us, because while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:9

ULT	UST
Much more then, having now been justified by his blood, we will be saved through him from the wrath.	*Consequently, since the Messiah's sacrificial death has already made us righteous, it is even more certain that he will rescue us when God finally punishes sinners!*

Being justified by Christ's blood, from what are believers saved?

Being justified by Christ's blood, believers are saved from the wrath of God.

Romans 5:10

ULT	UST
For if, being enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.	*Indeed, God's Son Jesus died to reconcile us to God while we were still his enemies. Therefore, since Jesus has already reconciled us to God, it is even more certain that he will rescue us when God punishes sinners because he is alive again!*

What relationship do unbelievers have with God before they are reconciled to God through Jesus?

Unbelievers are enemies of God before they are reconciled to God through Jesus.

Romans 5:12

ULT	UST
For this reason, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and through sin, death, so also death spread to all men, because of which all sinned.	*So then, sin started existing in the world because one man sinned, and living things started to die because he sinned. In the same way, everyone started dying as well, because everyone sins.*

What happened because of one man's sin?

Because of the sin of one man, sin entered into the world, death entered through sin, and death spread to all people.

Romans 5:14

ULT	UST
Nevertheless, death ruled from Adam until Moses, even over the ones not having sinned in the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one coming.	*However, everyone died from the time of the first man Adam until the time of Moses. Even those people died who did not sin by violating the same command God gave to Adam. Adam is like the person who would come later.*

Who was the one man through whom sin entered the world?

Adam was the one man through whom sin entered the world.

Romans 5:15

ULT	UST
But not like the trespass, so also is the gracious gift. For if by the trespass of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gift by grace that is of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many!	*But what God has kindly given us is not the same as how Adam rejected God's command. In fact, it is true that many people died because the one man Adam rejected God's command. But how kind God is and that which God kindly gives through the one man Jesus the Messiah extend to many people and are much greater!*

How is God's free gift different than Adam's sins?

By Adam's sin many died, but the grace of God and his free gift through Christ abounds to many.

Romans 5:16

ULT	UST
And the gift is not as through one who sinned. For indeed, the judgment from one, to condemnation, but the gracious gift from many trespasses, to justification.	*Yet, what God gives is not like what happened because the one man Adam sinned. This is true because, in fact, God judged everyone after the sinful thing that Adam did, which resulted in God condemning everyone. By contrast, what God kindly gave people after they rejected his commands many times resulted in God making them righteous.*

What resulted from Adam's sin, and what resulted from God's free gift?

The judgment of condemnation resulted from Adam's sin, but justification resulted from God's free gift.

Romans 5:17

ULT	UST
For if, by the trespass of the one, death ruled through the one, how much more will the ones receiving the abundance of the grace and the gift of the righteousness rule in life through the one, Jesus Christ.	*Indeed, since everyone died because the one man Adam rejected God's command, it is even more certain that those people who accept how abundantly kind God is and are those people whom he makes righteous will live in control of themselves. This will happen because of what Jesus the Messiah has done.*

What ruled from Adam's sin, and what ruled through God's gift of righteousness?

Death ruled from Adam's sin, and those who receive God's gift rule through the life of Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:19

ULT	UST
For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one will the many be made righteous ones.	*Indeed, in the same way that people became sinful because the one man Adam disobeyed God, in the same way many people will become righteous because the one man Jesus obeyed God.*

What were many made through Adam's disobedience, and what will many be made through the obedience of Christ?

Many were made sinners through Adam's disobedience, and many will be made righteous through the obedience of Christ.

Romans 5:20

ULT	UST
Now the law slipped in so that the trespass might increase. But where the sin increased, the grace abounded even more	*Yet God added his laws in order that people might reject his commands even more. Nevertheless, whenever people began to sin even more, then even more God showed how kind he is!*

Why did the law come in alongside?

The law came alongside in order that the trespass might increase.

What abounded more than the trespass?

God's grace abounded more than the trespass.

Romans 6

Romans 6:1-2

Should believers continue in sin so that God's grace may abound?

May it never be.

Romans 6:3

ULT	UST
Or do you not know that as many as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?	*You surely know that God unites to the Messiah Jesus whomever someone baptizes, and it is as if that baptized person also died with the Messiah!*

Into what were people baptized who were baptized into Christ Jesus?

People baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into Christ's death.

Romans 6:4

ULT	UST
We were buried, then, with him through the baptism into his death so that just as Christ was raised from dead ones through the glory of the Father, so also we in newness of life might walk.	*So, by being baptized as if we died with the Messiah, it is like God buried us in the tomb with Jesus. This is so in order that, just as God the Father's glorious power caused the Messiah to become alive again after he had died, in the same way, we too can live a new way of living.*

What should believers do since Christ was raised from the dead?

Believers should walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:5

ULT	UST
For if we have become planted together in the likeness of his death, we will also certainly become part of the resurrection;	*Indeed, since we share in what resembles Jesus dying, we will surely also share in God making us alive again.*

In what two ways are believers united to Christ through baptism?

Believers are united to Christ in his death and resurrection.

Romans 6:6

ULT	UST
knowing this, that our old man was crucified together with him in order that the body of sin might be nullified, for it to no longer enslave us to the sin.	*We know that God also did away with our former sinful way of living when people crucified Jesus. He did this in order to totally remove the way sin controls us, so that we no longer have to live sinfully.*

What was done for us so that we should no longer be slaves to sin?

Our old man was crucified with Christ so that we should no longer be slaves to sin.

Romans 6:9

ULT	UST
knowing that Christ, having been raised from dead ones, no longer dies; death no longer is lord over him.	*We know that the Messiah can never die again, because God caused him to become alive again after he had died. Nothing can ever cause the Messiah to die again!*

How do we know that death no longer rules over Christ?

We know that death no longer rules over Christ because Christ has been raised from the dead.

Romans 6:10

ULT	UST
For that which he died, he died to sin once and never again. But what he lives, he lives to God.	*This is because when Jesus died, he only had to die that one time only in order to remove the way sin controls people. Now that he is alive again, he lives in order to glorify God.*

How many times did Christ die to sin, and for how many people did he die?

Christ died to sin once for all.

Romans 6:10-11

How should a believer think of himself with respect to sin?

A believer should think of himself as dead to sin.

For whom does a believer live his life?

A believer lives his life for God.

Romans 6:13

ULT	UST
And do not keep presenting your members as tools of unrighteousness to sin. But present yourselves to God, as living from dead ones, and your members as tools of righteousness to God.	*Do not use your body parts in order to do unrighteous things or to sin. Instead, live in order to do what God wants you to do, like people whom God caused to live again after they had died. Also, use your body parts in order to do righteous things to glorify God.*

To whom should a believer present the members of his body, and for what purpose?

A believer should present the members of his body to God as tools of righteousness.

Romans 6:14

ULT	UST
For sin must not be lord over you, for you are not under law, but under grace.	*Indeed, do not allow your desire to sin to control you because the laws God gave the Jews do not control you. Instead, how kind God is controls you.*

What does a believer live under, which allows him to rule over sin?

A believer lives under grace, which allows him to rule over sin.

Romans 6:18-19

What is the end result for a person who makes himself a servant of God?

The end result of a person who makes himself a servant of God is righteousness.

Romans 6:22

ULT	UST
But now, having been freed from sin and having been enslaved to God, you have your fruit leading to sanctification, and the outcome is eternal life.	*But now that you trust in Jesus, God has freed you from living sinfully and has caused you to serve him the way slaves would serve him. Therefore, you receive what is beneficial, which results in you living like God's people should live. Indeed, living in that way will eventually result in you living eternally.*

Slaves of God have their fruit for what purpose?

Slaves of God have their fruit for sanctification.

Romans 6:23

ULT	UST
For the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.	*I say this because living sinfully causes those who do so to die eternally, but God graciously causes those who are united to our Lord, the Messiah Jesus, to live eternally.*

What is the wages of sin?

The wages of sin is death.

What is the free gift of God?

The free gift of God is eternal life.

Romans 7

Romans 7:1

ULT	UST
Or do you not know, brothers (for I am speaking to those knowing the law), that the law is lord of the man for as long as he lives?	*My fellow Jewish believers, you are well-aware that the laws God gave the Jews must be obeyed by Jewish people throughout their whole lives. (I know that you are well-aware of this fact, because I am speaking to people who are familiar with the laws God gave the Jews.)*

How long does the law control a person?

The law controls a person for as long as he lives.

Romans 7:2

ULT	UST
For the married woman remains bound by law to the living husband, but if the husband dies, she has been released from the law of the husband.	*For instance, according to the laws God gave the Jews, a married woman must remain married to her husband as long as he lives. However, if her husband dies, God's law no longer requires her to remain married to him.*

How long is a married woman bound by the law of marriage?

A married woman is bound by the law of marriage until her husband dies.

Romans 7:3

ULT	UST
So then, the husband being alive, if she becomes married to another husband, she will be titled an adulteress. But if the husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress, having become married to another husband.	*Therefore, if she marries another man while her husband is alive, according to God's law she will be an adulterous woman. However, if her husband dies, she no longer has to obey what God's law requires of those who are married. As a result, she would not be an adulterous woman if she married another man.*

What may a woman do once she is free from the law of marriage?

Once she is free from the law of marriage, a woman may marry another man.

Romans 7:4

ULT	UST
So then, my brothers, you yourselves were also made dead to the law through the body of Christ so that you might become married to another, to the one having been raised from dead ones, in order that we might produce fruit for God.	*So, my fellow Jewish believers, by means of the Messiah dying on the cross the laws God gave the Jews no longer control you. God did this in order to unite you to the Messiah, as if you were marrying a new husband. He is the person whom God made alive again after he had died. God did this in order that we may do things that please him.*

How are believers made dead to the law?

Believers are made dead to the law through the body of Christ.

Having been made dead to the law, what are believers able to do?

Having been made dead to the law, believers are able to be joined to Christ.

Romans 7:7

ULT	UST
What then will we say? Is the law sin? May it never be! But I would not have known sin, if not through the law. For I would not have known the covetousness unless the law said, "You will not covet."	*Someone might say, "If what you have said is true, then surely the laws God gave the Jews are sinful!" Then I would say, "Of course not!" On the contrary, without the laws God gave the Jews, I would never have become aware of what it means to sin. For instance, if God did not say in his laws, "You must not covet," I would never have become aware of what it means to covet.*

What function does the law perform?

The law makes sin known.

Is the law sin?

No, the law is not sin.

Romans 7:8

ULT	UST
But sin, having taken opportunity through the commandment, produced all covetousness in me. For apart from law, sin is dead.	*However, since I am sinful, I wanted to covet in many ways because I knew that God commanded us not to covet. This is because if the laws God gave the Jews did not exist, living sinfully would cease.*

What does sin do through the commandment of the law?

Sin, through the commandment of the law, brings about every lust in a person.

Romans 7:12

ULT	UST
So then, the law is indeed holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.	*So the laws God gave the Jews are worthy of God and what God has commanded is worthy of God, just, and good.*

Is the law holy?

The law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous, and good.

Romans 7:13

ULT	UST
Therefore, did what is good become death to me? May it never be! But sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin through what is good, producing death in me so that through the commandment, sin might become sinful beyond measure.	*So, God's laws, which are good, surely did not cause me to die spiritually! Of course not! Rather, living sinfully did so. This happened so that God's good laws would reveal how sinful it is to live sinfully. This also happened so that what God commands would reveal that living sinfully is utterly sinful.*

What does Paul say sin does to him?

Paul says that sin, through the law, brings about death in him.

Romans 7:16

ULT	UST
But if what I do not want, this I do, I agree with the law that it is good.	*Now because I do what I do not want to do, this proves that I agree with the laws God gave the Jews. I also testify that they are good laws.*

What causes Paul to agree with the law that the law is good?

When Paul does that which he does not want, then he agrees with the law that the law is good.

Romans 7:17

ULT	UST
But now no longer I myself produce it, but the sin living in me!	*This means that now I am no longer the one who causes me to do these sinful things. Rather, my wanting to live sinfully causes me to do them.*

What is causing him to do the things that Paul does, but does not wish to do?

Sin that lives in Paul causes him to do the things that he does not wish to do.

Romans 7:18

ULT	UST
For I know that there does not live in me, (that is, in my flesh), good. For the wanting is present in me, but the producing of the good is not.	*Indeed, I am aware that I am not good at all. In other words, my sinful self is not good at all. This is true because, even though I really want to do what is good, I am unable to do so.*

What lives in Paul's flesh?

No good thing lives in Paul's flesh.

Romans 7:21

ULT	UST
I find, then, this law in me, the one wanting to do good, that evil is present in me.	*Consequently, I realized that a principle exists: I keep on doing evil things, even though I really want to do good things.*

What principle does Paul find at work in him?

Paul finds the principle in him that he wants to do what is good, but evil is actually present in him.

Romans 7:22

ULT	UST
For I delight in the law of God with the inner man.	*This is true because the laws God gave the Jews make my mind rejoice.*

What attitude does Paul's inner man have toward the law of God?

Paul's inner man rejoices in the law of God.

Romans 7:23

ULT	UST
But I see a different law in my members fighting against the law of my mind and taking me captive by the law of the sin that exists in my members.	*Yet, I notice another principle that controls what I do with my body parts. This principle conflicts with the other principle that my mind accepts. It also controls me, making me its prisoner by means of the principle that I tend to live sinfully. Living sinfully controls what I do with my body parts.*

What principle does Paul find active in the members of his body?

In the members of his body, Paul finds the principle of sin taking him captive.

Romans 7:24-25

Who will deliver Paul from his body of death?

Paul gives thanks to God for his deliverance through Jesus Christ.

Romans 8

Romans 8:2

ULT	UST
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus set you free from the law of sin and death.	*This is true because the principle that pertains to the life-giving Holy Spirit has caused you believers to no longer be controlled by the principle that causes people to sin and die eternally. It did this by uniting you with the Messiah Jesus.*

What has made Paul free from the law of sin and death?

The principle of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made Paul free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:3

ULT	UST
For what the law was unable to do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God did, having sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for the sake of sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,	*Indeed, God accomplished what the laws he gave the Jews could not accomplish, because they could not prevent people from living sinfully. Through the crucifying of his Son's body, God removed how sinning controls people. He did this by sending his own Son Jesus to the world in a human body that was like the bodies of sinful people. God sent his Son in order to remove that which causes man to sin.*

Why was the law unable to set people free from the principle of sin and death?

The law was unable because it was weak through the flesh.

Romans 8:4-5

Those who walk according to the Spirit set their minds on what?

Those who walk according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

Romans 8:7

ULT	UST
because the mindset of the flesh is hostility toward God, for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not able to do so.	*This is true because people who focus on living sinfully are God's enemies. This is because they do not voluntarily obey the laws God gave the Jews; they are incapable of doing so.*

What is the flesh's relationship to God and the law?

The flesh is hostile toward God and is not able to be subject to the law.

Romans 8:9

ULT	UST
However, you yourselves are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, since indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. But if someone does not have the Spirit of Christ, this one is not of him.	*By contrast, you believers are not those whom living sinfully controls. Rather, you are those whom the Holy Spirit controls because God's Spirit really does reside within you. But if some person does not possess Jesus the Messiah's Spirit, this person does not belong to the Messiah.*

What are people lacking who do not belong to God?

People who do not belong to God lack the Spirit of Christ living in them.

Romans 8:11

ULT	UST
If indeed the Spirit of the one having raised Jesus from dead ones lives in you, the one having raised Christ Jesus from dead ones will also make alive your mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.	*The Holy Spirit does indeed reside within you. He came from God, who caused Jesus to become alive again after he had died. Since this is true, God, who caused the Messiah Jesus to become alive again after he had died, will also cause your physical bodies to become alive again by his Spirit. This Spirit resides within you.*

How does God give life to the believer's mortal body?

God gives life to the believer's mortal body through his Spirit, who lives in the believer.

Romans 8:14

ULT	UST
For as many as are being led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.	*This is because those people whom God's Spirit guides are God's spiritual children.*

How are the sons of God led to live?

The sons of God are led by the Spirit of God.

Romans 8:15

ULT	UST
For you did not receive again a spirit of slavery leading to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father!"	*Indeed, God has not given you believers an enslaved mind to terrify you, such as you had before. Rather, God has given you the Holy Spirit to spiritually adopt you as his children. It is the Holy Spirit who enables us to cry out, "Abba, my Father!"*

How is a believer included into God's family?

A believer is included into God's family by adoption.

Romans 8:17

ULT	UST
Now if children, then also heirs: both heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if indeed we suffer together with him so that we may also be glorified together with him.	*Since we are God's spiritual children, we are also those who will inherit blessings from God. We inherit blessings from God himself and also together with the Messiah Jesus. This is true only if we keep suffering together with the Messiah in order for God to also glorify us together with the Messiah.*

As children of God, what other benefit do believers receive in God's family?

As children of God, believers are also heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

Romans 8:18-19

Why are the sufferings of the present time to be endured by believers?

The sufferings of the present time are to be endured so that believers may be glorified with Christ when the sons of God are revealed.

Romans 8:21

ULT	UST
that also the creation itself will be freed from the slavery of the decay into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.	*that God would also enable what he created to stop decaying and let it freely experience the same glorious status that belongs to his spiritual children.*

At the present time, under what kind of slavery is the creation?

At the present time, the creation is under the slavery of decay.

Into what will the creation be delivered?

The creation will be delivered into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

Romans 8:23-25

How are believers to wait for the redemption of the body?

Believers are to wait with confidence and patience for the redemption of the body.

Romans 8:26-27

What does the Spirit himself do to help in the saints' weakness?

The Spirit himself intercedes in behalf of the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:28

ULT	UST
And we know that for the ones loving God, God works all things together for good, for the ones being called according to his purpose.	*We are certain that God makes all things that happen to benefit those who love him. They are the people whom God called because he previously planned to do so.*

How does God work all things together for those who love God and are called according to his purpose?

God works all things together for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:29

ULT	UST
Because those whom he foreknew, he also predestined to be a similar form to the image of his Son so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.	*This is because those whom God chose in advance, he also decided in advance to make resemble his Son Jesus. God did these things in order for his Son Jesus to have first place among many spiritual siblings.*

What is the destiny that God has predetermined for those whom he foreknew?

God has predestined those whom he foreknew to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Romans 8:30

ULT	UST
Now those whom he predestined, these he also called. And those whom he called, these he also justified. And those whom he justified, these he also glorified.	*Certainly, the people whom God chose in advance to become his people, he also summoned to become his people. And those people whom God summoned to become his people, he also made righteous. And those people whom God made righteous, he will also make glorious.*

What else did God do for those he predestined?

Those he predestined, God also called, justified, and glorified.

Romans 8:32

ULT	UST
He who indeed did not spare his own Son, but gave him up on behalf of us all, how will he not also with him freely give us all things?	*God did not even spare his own Son, Jesus. On the contrary, God handed him over to die for the sake of us all. So God surely will also graciously give us, along with Jesus, every blessing!*

How do believers know that God will freely give them all things?

Believers know that God will freely give them all things because God gave up his own Son on behalf of all believers.

Romans 8:34

ULT	UST
Who is the one condemning? Christ Jesus is the one having died—but more than that, having been raised, who also is at the right hand of God—the one also interceding on our behalf.	*Surely no one can condemn God's people! This is because the Messiah Jesus is the one who died. Furthermore, he is the one whom God made alive again. He is also at the place of highest honor next to God, and he even pleads for our sake.*

What is Christ Jesus doing at the right hand of God?

Christ Jesus is interceding on behalf of the saints at the right hand of God.

Romans 8:37

ULT	UST
But in all these things we are more than conquerors through the one having loved us.	*However, he who loved us enables us to completely overcome all of these things that might happen to us.*

How are believers more than conquerors over tribulation, persecution, or even death?

Believers are more than conquerors through the one who loved them.

Romans 8:39

ULT	UST
nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.	*or what is above us, or what is below us, or anything else that God created—can stop God from loving us! God loves us because we are united to the Messiah Jesus, our Lord!*

What is Paul convinced that no created thing can do to the believer?

Paul is convinced that no created thing can separate the believer from the love of God.

Romans 9

Romans 9:3

ULT	UST
For I could wish myself to be accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race according to the flesh;	*I do so because I truly wish that God would curse me and completely alienate me from Jesus the Messiah for my fellow kinsmen to be saved! They are physically related to me.*

What would Paul be willing to do for the sake of his brothers according to the flesh, the Israelites?

Paul would be willing to be cursed by God for the sake of his brothers.

Romans 9:4

ULT	UST
who are Israelites, of whom is the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the law-giving, and the service, and the promises;	*These kinsmen of mine are the Israelites. They are those whom God spiritually adopted. God allowed them to experience how glorious he is. God made covenants with them. God gave them his laws. God gave them the way to worship him. God also made promises to them.*

What do the Israelites have in their history?

The Israelites have adoption, the glory, the covenants, the law, the worship of God, and the promises.

Romans 9:6-7

What does Paul say is not true about everyone in Israel and all of Abraham's descendants?

Paul says that not everyone in Israel truly belongs to Israel, and not all of Abraham's descendants are truly his children.

Romans 9:8

ULT	UST
That is, the children of the flesh, these are not children of God. But the children of the promise are considered as seed.	*In other words, the people who only physically descended from Abraham are not God's spiritual children. Rather, those who became God's spiritual children as a result of what God promised are regarded as Abraham's true spiritual offspring.*

Who are not counted as the children of God?

The children of the flesh are not counted as the children of God.

Who are counted as the children of God?

The children of the promise are counted as the children of God.

Romans 9:10-12

What was the cause behind the statement given to Rebecca, "The older will serve the younger," before her children were born?

The purpose of God according to choice was the cause behind the statement given to Rebecca.

Romans 9:14-16

What is the cause behind God's gifts of mercy and compassion?

The cause behind God's gifts of mercy and compassion is God's choice.

Romans 9:16

ULT	UST
So then, it is not of the one willing, nor of the one running, but of God, the one having mercy.	*Therefore, who receives God's mercy does not depend on how much someone desires to receive it. Who receives God's mercy also does not depend on how much effort someone exerts. Rather, it depends on what God wants. He is the one who is merciful.*

What is not the cause behind God's gifts of mercy and compassion?

The cause behind God's gifts of mercy and compassion is not the will or actions of the person receiving the gifts.

Romans 9:20

ULT	UST
O man, who indeed are you, the one answering against God? The one molded will not say to the one having molded it, "Why did you make me this way?" will it?	*Then I would say, "You mere human! You who argue with God are truly not worthy to do so! Who God has made surely must not say to God who made him, 'You should not have made me to be like this!'"*

What is Paul's reply to those who would question if God is righteous because he finds fault in men?

Paul replies, "Who are you who answers against God?"

Romans 9:22

ULT	UST
But what if God, willing to demonstrate his wrath and to make his power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction;	*Now, you should surely not argue with God because he very patiently endured those people whom he would punish and had prepared to destroy eternally. He endured them because he wanted to show how angry he is and to reveal how powerful he is.*

What did God do with those prepared for destruction?

God endured with much patience those prepared for destruction.

Romans 9:23

ULT	UST
and so that he might make known the wealth of his glory upon vessels of mercy, which he prepared beforehand for glory—	*God also endures those whom he will punish in order to reveal how abundantly glorious he is to those people to whom he will be merciful. God has previously arranged to glorify these people eternally.*

What did God do with those prepared for glory?

God made known to them the riches of his glory.

Romans 9:24

ULT	UST
even us whom he called, not only from the Jews, but also from the Gentiles?	*We are also among those people to whom God is merciful and whom God has summoned. God summons people from among Jewish people and even from among non-Jewish people.*

From which peoples has God called those on whom he is having mercy?

God has called from both Jews and Gentiles those on whom he is having mercy.

Romans 9:27

ULT	UST
But Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "Though the number of the sons of Israel might be as the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved,	*Indeed, elsewhere in the Scriptures Isaiah shouts out about the people of Israel, "Even though there were as many Israelites as there are grains of sand along the seashore, God will refrain from punishing only a few of them.*

From all the children of Israel, how many will be saved?

From all the children of Israel, a remnant will be saved.

Romans 9:30

ULT	UST
What then will we say? That the Gentiles, who are not pursuing righteousness, obtained righteousness, but righteousness that is by faith.	*Since these things are true, we should surely say that although the nations are not trying to be righteous, they became righteous. However, they became righteous by trusting God.*

How did the Gentiles, who were not pursuing righteousness, attain it?

The Gentiles attained it through the righteousness by faith.

Romans 9:32

ULT	UST
Why? Because it was not by faith, but as by works. They stumbled over the stone of stumbling,	*The reason why the people of Israel could not become righteous is that they did not try to become righteous by trusting God. Instead, they tried to become righteous by working for it. Because of this the Messiah offended them when he came. It is as if the Messiah is a stone that causes them to trip.*

Why did Israel, although pursuing a law of righteousness, not arrive at it?

Israel did not arrive at it because they pursued it by works, and not by faith.

Romans 9:32-33

Over what did the Israelites stumble?

The Israelites stumbled over the stone of stumbling and the rock of offense.

Romans 9:33

ULT	UST
just as it is written, “Behold, I place in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, and the one believing on it will not be ashamed.”	*This is what God meant when he had Isaiah write in the Scriptures, “Pay attention! I am placing in Jerusalem someone who is like a stone that trips people and a rock that offends people. But God will not humiliate anyone who trusts in that person.”*

What happens to those who do not stumble, but believe?

Those who do not stumble, but believe, will not be ashamed.

Romans 10

Romans 10:1

ULT	UST
Brothers, the good pleasure of my heart and my prayer to God is on behalf of them for salvation.	*My fellow believers, I strongly desire that God will save the Israelites. I also pray for him to save them!*

What is Paul's desire for his brothers, the Israelites?

Paul's desire is for the Israelites' salvation.

Romans 10:3

ULT	UST
For not knowing about the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, they did not submit themselves to the righteousness of God.	*This is because they are not aware of how God makes people righteous, and they try to make themselves righteous. This is why they refuse to subject themselves to the way God makes people righteous.*

What are the Israelites seeking to establish?

The Israelites are seeking to establish their own righteousness.

Of what do the Israelites not know?

The Israelites do not know of God's righteousness.

Romans 10:4

ULT	UST
For Christ is the completion of the law for righteousness for everyone who believes.	*They were wrong to try to make themselves righteous, because Jesus the Messiah has ended the laws that God gave the Jews. Christ did this in order for God to make righteous anyone who trusts in Jesus.*

What has Christ done with respect to the law?

Christ is the fulfillment of the law for righteousness for everyone who believes.

Romans 10:8

ULT	UST
But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart." This is the word of faith, which we proclaim.	*However, Moses also said this in the Scriptures about people becoming righteous by trusting in God, "You can easily know what God said. You can proclaim it and know it personally." This refers to what God said about trusting in him. This is what we believers in the Messiah keep announcing.*

Where is the word of faith which Paul is proclaiming?

The word of faith is near, in the mouth and in the heart.

Romans 10:9

ULT	UST
For if with your mouth you confess, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from dead ones, you will be saved.	*What we keep announcing is that God will save any of you who verbally acknowledges that Jesus is the Lord over all things and personally trusts that God made Jesus become alive again after he had died.*

What does Paul say a person does to be saved?

Paul says a person must acknowledge with the mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in the heart that God raised him from the dead.

Romans 10:13

ULT	UST
For "all, whoever calls on the name of the Lord, will be saved."	*Indeed, Joel wrote in the Scriptures, "God will save all people who call out to the Lord to save them."*

Everyone who does what will be saved?

Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.

Romans 10:14-15

What does Paul say is the series of steps which brings the good news to a person, so he can call on the name of the Lord?

Paul says that first a preacher is sent and the good news is heard and believed so that a person can call on the name of the Lord.

Romans 10:17

ULT	UST
So this faith is by hearing, and this hearing through the word of Christ.	*So then, a person can only trust in Jesus by hearing about him. And a person can only hear about Jesus through hearing the message that is about the Messiah.*

What is heard which brings faith?

The word of Christ is heard, which brings faith.

Romans 10:18

ULT	UST
But I say, "Did they certainly not hear?" Yes, indeed. "Their sound went out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."	*However, this is what I say, "The Jews most definitely heard the message!" It is a fact. As David wrote in the Scriptures, "The heavenly bodies are like witnesses and everyone throughout the entire world could hear what they said."*

Did Israel hear the gospel?

Yes, Israel heard the gospel.

Romans 10:19

ULT	UST
But I say, “Did Israel certainly not know?” First Moses says, “I myself will provoke you to jealousy by a non-nation; by means of a senseless nation, I will provoke you to anger.”	*This is also what I say, “The people of Israel most definitely understood the message!” God first said through Moses in the Scriptures, “I will personally make you envious and angry by using a nation that does not belong to me and does not even know me.”*

How did God say he would provoke Israel to jealousy?

God said he would provoke Israel to jealousy by appearing a nation that had not known him.

Romans 10:21

ULT	UST
But to Israel he says, “The whole day I stretched out my hands to a disobedient and contradictory people.”	*However, God told the people of Israel in the Scriptures, “I am always inviting you to know me, but you constantly disobey and oppose me!”*

What did God find when he reached out to Israel?

When God reached out to Israel, he found a disobedient and resistant people.

Romans 11

Romans 11:1

ULT	UST
I say then, God did not reject his people, did he? May it never be! For I myself also am an Israelite, from the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.	*Since these things are true, this is what I say, "God certainly has not rejected his people, the Israelites!" Of course not! I know this is true because I too am one of the Israelites. I descended from Abraham. More specifically, I descended from the tribe that descended from Benjamin.*

Has God then rejected the Israelites?

May it never be!

Romans 11:5

ULT	UST
In the same way, then, at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.	*So, similarly, at this time some faithful Israelites also remain. This is because God has graciously chosen them to remain.*

Does Paul say if there are any faithful Israelites remaining, and if so, how have they been preserved?

Paul says that there is a remnant remaining that has been preserved because of the choice of grace.

Romans 11:7

ULT	UST
What then? The thing Israel diligently seeks, this it did not obtain, but the elect obtained, and the rest of them were hardened,	*So this is what we should conclude: Although the people of Israel keep trying to make themselves righteous, they cannot do so. Instead, those whom God graciously chose from them became righteous. But God made stubborn those people of Israel whom he did not graciously choose.*

Who among the Israelites obtained salvation, and what happened to the rest?

The chosen among the Israelites obtained salvation, and the rest were hardened.

Romans 11:8

ULT	UST
just as it is written: “God gave them a spirit of dullness, eyes not to see, and ears not to hear, until this very day.”	*This is exactly what God meant when he wrote in the Scriptures, “God caused the people of Israel to not think properly. Until this present day, God has made them completely unable to understand how to become righteous.”*

What did the spirit of dullness given by God do to those who received it?

The spirit of dullness made their eyes unable to see and their ears unable to hear.

Romans 11:11

ULT	UST
I say then, “They did not stumble so that they might fall, did they?” May it never be! Instead, by their transgression, this salvation is to the Gentiles, in order to provoke them to jealousy.	*Since these things are true, this is what I say, “The Jewish people were certainly not offended in order that God would completely reject them!” Of course not! Rather, God saves non-Jewish people because the Jewish people disobeyed him. This happened in order for God to make the Jewish people envious of non-Jewish people who know him.*

What good has happened because of Israel’s refusal to receive the gospel?

Salvation has come to the Gentiles.

What effect will the salvation of the Gentiles have on the Israelites?

The salvation of the Gentiles will provoke the Israelites to jealousy.

Romans 11:13-17

In Paul’s analogy of the olive tree root and the wild branches, who is the root and who are the wild branches?

The root is Israel, and the wild branches are the Gentiles.

Romans 11:18

ULT	UST
do not boast over the branches. But if you boast, you yourself do not support the root, but the root, you.	*Therefore, you non-Jewish people who trust in Jesus must not boast against the Jewish people whom God removed, even though they are like broken off branches! If you do boast, you must realize that you indeed do not sustain the Jewish people. Rather, they sustain you, as the root sustains the branches!*

What attitude does Paul say the wild branches must avoid?

Paul says the wild branches must avoid the attitude of boasting over the natural branches that were broken off.

Romans 11:20-21

What warning does Paul give the wild branches?

Paul warns the wild branches that if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare the wild branches if they fall into unbelief.

Romans 11:23-24

What can God do with natural branches if they do not continue in their unbelief?

God can graft back into the olive tree natural branches that do not continue in their unbelief.

Romans 11:25

ULT	UST
For I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, in order that you might not be wise in yourselves, that a partial hardening has occurred in Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;	*I say this because I really want you, my non-Jewish fellow believers, to know what God had previously hidden from people, so that you do not become arrogant. God had previously hidden from people the fact that some of the people of Israel will stubbornly oppose him until all the non-Jewish people God has chosen have joined his people.*

How long will the partial hardening of Israel last?

The partial hardening of Israel will last until the completion of the Gentiles comes in.

Romans 11:28-29

Despite their disobedience, why do the Israelites continue to be loved by God?

The Israelites continue to be loved by God because of the ancestors and because the call of God is unchangeable.

Romans 11:30-32

What have both Jew and Gentile been shown to be by God?

Both Jew and Gentile have been shown to be disobedient.

What has God shown to the disobedient?

God has shown mercy to the disobedient, both Jew and Gentile.

Romans 11:33-34

Who is able to search God's judgments and give him advice?

No person can search God's judgments and give him advice.

Romans 11:36

ULT	UST
For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory to the ages. Amen.	*No one can do these things, because everything came from God, exists by God, and exists for God. I pray that everyone will glorify him forever. May this truly be so!*

What are the three ways all things are related to God?

All things are from God, through God, and to God.

Romans 12

Romans 12:1

ULT	UST
I urge you therefore, brothers, by the compassions of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well-pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service.	*So then, considering everything that I have told you, I exhort you fellow believers, based on how compassionate God is: Devote yourselves to God, as if you were living animals someone offers to God. Be holy and please God. Doing so is the reasonable way for you to serve God.*

What is the spiritual service to God for a believer?

A believer's spiritual service is to present himself a living sacrifice to God.

Romans 12:2

ULT	UST
And do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of the mind, so that you can approve what is the good and well-pleasing and perfect will of God.	*Do not change yourselves to be like the sinful people who live at the current time. Rather, let God change the way you behave by changing the way you think in order that you can test and prove what God wants you to do. God wants you to do what is good, pleasing, and flawless.*

What does a transformed mind in the believer enable him to do?

A transformed mind enables a believer to know what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:3

ULT	UST
For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you to not think more highly of himself than what he ought to think, but to think with sound mind, as God has distributed to each one a measure of faith.	*Indeed, based on how God has kindly authorized me to represent him, I am telling every one of you to not think you are better than you really are. Rather, think properly about yourselves, according to the amount of trusting in God that God has apportioned to each one of you.*

How should a believer not think of himself?

A believer should not think of himself more highly than he ought to think.

Romans 12:4-5

How are the many believers related to each other in Christ?

The many believers are one body in Christ, and individually members of each other.

Romans 12:6

ULT	UST
But we have different gracious gifts according to the grace given to us: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith;	*Yet we believers in the Messiah have received different spiritual abilities in accordance with what God has kindly given to us. If God has enabled you to prophesy, then prophesy in accordance with the amount of trusting in God that God has apportioned to you.*

What should each believer do with the gifts God has given him?

Each believer should exercise his gifts according to the proportion of his faith.

Romans 12:10

ULT	UST
in brotherly love, affectionate to one another; in honor, outdoing one another;	*Be affectionate toward each other in regard to loving fellow believers. Be the first to honor other fellow believers.*

How should believers treat one another?

Believers should be affectionate to one another and respect one another.

Romans 12:13

ULT	UST
in the needs of the saints, sharing; pursuing the hospitality.	*Share what you have to provide what God's people need. Find opportunities to welcome others into your home.*

How should believers respond to the needs of the saints?

Believers should share in the needs of the saints.

Romans 12:14

ULT	UST
Bless the ones persecuting you; bless and do not curse;	*Ask God to bless the people who mistreat you. Ask God to bless them rather than curse them.*

How should believers respond to those who persecute them?

Believers should bless, and not curse, those who persecute them.

Romans 12:16

ULT	UST
thinking the same thing toward one another, not thinking the high things, but accepting the lowly ones. Do not be wise in yourselves;	*Be as concerned for each other as you are for yourselves. Do not think arrogantly about yourselves. Rather, associate with humble people. Do not be arrogant.*

How should believers treat lowly people?

Believers should accept lowly people.

Romans 12:18

ULT	UST
if possible, what is from you, living at peace with all men;	*Live peacefully with everyone whenever it is possible for you to do so.*

As much as is possible, what should believers seek with all people?

As much as is possible, believers should seek peace with all people.

Romans 12:19

ULT	UST
not avenging yourselves, beloved, but give way to God's wrath, for it is written, "'Vengeance is for me; I will repay,' says the Lord."	*Fellow believers whom I love, do not retaliate when people do something evil against you. Rather, let God punish them. I say this because Moses wrote in the Scriptures, "The Lord says, 'I will retaliate when people do something evil against you. I will punish them according to what they have done.'"*

Why should believers not avenge themselves?

Believers should not avenge themselves, because vengeance belongs to the Lord.

Romans 12:21

ULT	UST
Do not be overcome by the evil, but overcome the evil with the good.	*In other words, do not let what is evil defeat you by causing you to do what is evil. Rather, defeat what is evil by doing what is good.*

How should believers overcome evil?

Believers should overcome evil with good.

Romans 13

Romans 13:1

ULT	UST
Let every soul be subject to governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and the existing authorities are appointed by God.	*Every one of you must submit yourselves to those whom God has authorized to govern you. This is because no one can govern unless God authorizes them to do so. God has instituted the existing governments.*

From where do earthly authorities get their authority?

Earthly authorities are appointed by God and get their authority from God.

Romans 13:2

ULT	UST
So then, the one resisting that authority has opposed the command of God, and the ones who have opposed it will bring judgment on themselves.	*So people who resist those whom God has authorized to govern are opposing what God has commanded. God will punish those people who oppose those whom he has authorized to govern.*

What will those receive who oppose the earthly authority?

Those who oppose the earthly authority will receive judgment upon themselves.

Romans 13:3

ULT	UST
For rulers are not a terror to the good deed, but to the evil deed. Now do you want to not fear the authority? Do the good, and you will have praise from it,	*Indeed, the people who rule are not supposed to terrify those people who do what is good. Rather, they are supposed to terrify those people who do what is evil. If you do not want to fear those whom God authorizes to rule, then do what is good and those who rule will commend you for doing so.*

What does Paul tell believers to do so that they can be unafraid of the ruling authority?

Paul tells believers to do what is good so that they can be unafraid of the ruling authority.

Romans 13:4

ULT	UST
for he is a servant of God to you for the good. But if you do the evil, fear; for he does not carry the sword in vain, for he is a servant of God, an avenger for wrath on the one practicing the evil.	*This is because the people whom God authorizes to rule serve God for your benefit. But if you do what is evil, you should be afraid, because God has authorized those people who rule to punish people for a good reason. Indeed, those people who rule serve God by avenging what is evil in order to punish anyone who practices what is evil.*

What authority has God given rulers in order to suppress evil?

God has given rulers the authority to carry the sword and to punish the one who does evil.

Romans 13:6

ULT	UST
For because of this you pay taxes also; for they are servants of God, persisting in this very thing.	*Indeed, you also pay taxes because of these things. You also pay taxes because those people whom God authorizes to rule serve God. They devote themselves to serving by governing.*

What authority has God given rulers regarding money?

God has given rulers the authority to require payment of taxes.

Romans 13:8

ULT	UST
Owe nothing to no one, except to love one another, for the one loving his neighbor has fulfilled the law.	*Do not owe anything to anyone. Rather, continue to love other people who believe in the Messiah as if you owe it to them. Do this because someone who loves another person accomplishes what God required in the laws he gave the Jews.*

What is the one thing Paul says believers should owe to others?

Paul says that believers should owe love to others.

How does a believer fulfill the law?

A believer fulfills the law by loving his neighbor.

Romans 13:9

ULT	UST
For this: “You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet,” and if any other commandment, it is summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”	*This is true because God commanded these things in his laws when he said, “Do not have sexual relations with someone whom you did not marry. Do not murder. Do not rob people. Do not lust for what belongs to other people.” You could summarize anything else that God commands in the laws he gave the Jews with this other thing God commanded: “Love other people in the same way you love yourself.”*

Which commandments does Paul list as part of the law?

Paul lists the commandments to not commit adultery, not kill, not steal, and not covet as part of the law.

Romans 13:10

ULT	UST
Love for a neighbor does not work evil. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.	*When you love other people, you do not do evil things to them. This is why loving other people accomplishes what God required in the laws he gave the Jews.*

How does a believer fulfill the law?

A believer fulfills the law by loving his neighbor.

Romans 13:12

ULT	UST
The night advanced, and the day has come near. Let us therefore put off the works of the darkness, and let us put on the weapons of the light.	*In the same way that the night ends just before the day begins, the time of this sinful world is almost over, and Jesus will return soon. So, we must stop doing what is evil, which is like what people do when it is dark. Instead, we must oppose what is evil by doing what is good, which is like a soldier puts on his armor to fight the enemy during the day.*

What does Paul say believers should put aside, and put on?

Paul says believers should put aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Romans 13:13

ULT	UST
Let us walk decently, as in the day, not in drunken celebrations or drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and uncontrolled lust, not in strife and jealousy.	*We must behave appropriately, as if it were daytime and people could see what we do. We must not celebrate drunkenly or get drunk at all. We must not do any unrestrained sexually immoral acts at all. We must not quarrel with others or be jealous of others.*

In what activities are believers not to walk?

Believers are not to walk in wild celebrations, drunkenness, sexual immorality, uncontrolled lust, strife, or jealousy.

Romans 13:14

ULT	UST
But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no forethought with regard to desires of the flesh.	*Rather than doing those things, act like the Lord Jesus the Messiah would act. Do not concern yourselves with anything that is related to what your sinful self wants to do.*

What should be the believer’s attitude toward the lusts of the flesh?

The believer should make no provision for the lusts of the flesh.

Romans 14

Romans 14:2

ULT	UST
One person believes to eat anything, but the one being weak eats vegetables.	*There are some people who are convinced that they can eat any kind of food. But the immature believer in the Messiah thinks that they can only eat vegetables.*

What kind of food does a person with stronger faith eat, and what does a person with weaker faith eat?

A person who is stronger in faith eats anything, but a person who is weaker in faith eats only vegetables.

Romans 14:3

ULT	UST
Let the one eating not despise the one not eating, and let the one not eating not judge the one eating. For God has accepted him.	*The believer in the Messiah who eats every kind of food must not scorn his fellow believer who does not eat every kind of food. The believer in the Messiah who does not eat every kind of food also must not judge his fellow believer who eats every kind of food. This is because God has welcomed both of them.*

What attitude should believers who differ on what they eat have toward one another?

Believers who differ on what they eat should not despise or judge each other.

Romans 14:3-4

Who has received both the one who eats anything and the one who eats only vegetables?

God has received both the one who eats anything and the one who eats only vegetables.

Romans 14:5

ULT	UST
Indeed, one person judges day from day, but another person judges every day alike. Let each one be fully convinced in his own mind.	*Some people consider certain days to be special, while other people consider all days to be the same. Each person must be completely certain that what they do honors God.*

What other issue does Paul mention as being an issue of personal conviction?

Paul mentions as an issue of personal conviction whether one day is valued over another or all days are valued equally.

Romans 14:7-8

For what do believers live and die?

Believers live and die for the Lord.

Romans 14:10

ULT	UST
But you, why do you judge your brother? And you also, why do you despise your brother? For we will all present ourselves before the judgment seat of God.	*As for you, those of you who judge your fellow believers must not do so! You also must not scorn your fellow believers! Do not do these things because one day God will judge all of us who believe in the Messiah.*

Where will all believers ultimately stand?

All believers will ultimately stand before the judgment seat of God.

Romans 14:13

ULT	UST
Therefore, let us no longer judge one another, but rather judge this: to not place a stumbling block for the brother or a trap.	*So we must stop judging other believers. Instead, we must resolve not to do anything that could tempt our fellow believers to sin.*

What attitude should a brother have toward another brother on issues of personal conviction?

A brother should not place a stumbling block or a snare for another brother on issues of personal conviction.

Romans 14:14

ULT	UST
I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean by itself, except to the one considering anything to be unclean, for that one it is unclean.	*I am absolutely convinced by the Lord Jesus that no food is inherently sinful for believers in the Messiah to eat. If someone regards some food as sinful to eat, then it is only sinful for that person to eat it.*

Paul is persuaded in the Lord Jesus that which foods are unclean?

Paul is persuaded that no foods are unclean.

Romans 14:17

ULT	UST
For the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.	*Do not do this, because eating and drinking do not characterize God's kingdom. Rather, being righteous, peaceful, and joyful through the Holy Spirit characterizes God's kingdom.*

About what is the kingdom of God?

The kingdom of God is about righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Romans 14:21

ULT	UST
It is good not to eat meat, nor to drink wine, nor anything by which your brother stumbles [or is offended or becomes weak].	*It is better not to eat any meat, or drink any wine, or do anything that could tempt your fellow believer to sin, [or that could offend that person or cause that person to remain spiritually immature].*

What does Paul say a brother should do in the presence of another brother who does not eat meat or drink wine?

Paul says it is good if the brother does not eat meat or drink wine in the presence of the other brother.

Romans 14:23

ULT	UST
But the one passing judgment is condemned if he eats, because it is not from faith. And all that is not from faith is sin.	*By contrast, God judges someone who considers eating certain foods to be sinful and eats those foods. This is because that person did not act according to what that person believes is right. A person who does anything that is not according to what that person believes is right is sinning.*

What is the result if a person does not act from faith?

Whatever actions are not taken from faith are sin.

Romans 15

Romans 15:1-2

What attitude should believers with strong faith have toward those with weak faith?

Believers with strong faith should bear the weaknesses of those with weak faith, in order to build them up.

Romans 15:3

ULT	UST
For even Christ did not please himself. Instead, just as it is written, “The insults of the ones insulting you fell on me.”	*For instance, not even the Messiah Jesus pleased himself! Rather, he lived to please others. This is what David meant when he wrote in the Scriptures about the Messiah saying to God, “When people insult you, they also insult me!”*

Who is the example Paul uses of one who did not live to please himself, but served others?

Christ did not live to please himself, but served others.

Romans 15:4

ULT	UST
For whatever was previously written was written for our own instruction, in order that through the patience and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we would have the hope.	*Indeed, the prophets previously wrote everything in the Scriptures in order to teach us. They also wrote the Scriptures in order to make us confident through what the Scriptures say that helps us endure and encourages us.*

What was one of the purposes of the Scriptures written previously?

The Scriptures written previously were written for our instruction.

Romans 15:5

ULT	UST
Now may the God of patience and of encouragement grant you to think the same with each other according to Christ Jesus,	*I pray that our patient and encouraging God will allow you to live harmoniously with each other the way the Messiah Jesus did.*

What does Paul desire for the believers through their exercise of patience and encouragement with each other?

Paul desires that the believers be of the same mind with each other.

Romans 15:8-9

Who is the example Paul uses of one who lived to serve others?

Christ lived to served others.

Romans 15:10-11

What do the scriptures say the Gentiles will do because of God's mercy toward them?

The scriptures say the Gentiles will rejoice and praise the Lord.

Romans 15:13

ULT	UST
Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that you might abound in this hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.	*I pray that the God who makes people confident will cause you to feel exceedingly joyful and peaceful by trusting in him! I pray that God will do this in order for you to be exceedingly confident by the Holy Spirit enabling you.*

What does Paul say the believers will be able to do by the power of the Holy Spirit?

The believers will be filled with joy and peace, and will abound in hope.

Romans 15:16

ULT	UST
in order for me to be a servant of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, serving as a priest the gospel of God so that the offering of the Gentiles might become well-pleasing, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.	*God did this in order for me to serve the Messiah Jesus among non-Jewish people by preaching the good news from God as if I were a priest. I do this in order for the non-Jewish people who trust in Jesus to be like something offered to God that pleases him, and that the Holy Spirit has set apart for him.*

What gift did God give Paul, which is Paul's mission?

Paul's mission is to be a servant of Christ Jesus sent to the Gentiles.

Romans 15:18-19

By what means has Christ worked through Paul to bring about the obedience of the Gentiles?

Christ has worked through Paul by word and action, by the power of signs and wonders, and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:20-21

Where does Paul desire to proclaim the gospel?

Paul desires to proclaim the gospel where Christ is not known by name.

Romans 15:24

ULT	UST
whenever I travel to Spain, I indeed hope, passing through, to see you, and to be sent ahead there by you, if I might first be satisfied for a while by you.	*So whenever I go to the province of Spain, I truly expect to visit you while passing through Rome. I also expect you to help me continue my journey to Spain after I first enjoy being with you for some time.*

Where does Paul plan to travel that will also allow him to come to Rome?

Paul plans to travel to Spain, which will also allow him to come to Rome.

Romans 15:25

ULT	UST
But now I am traveling to Jerusalem, ministering to the saints.	*Yet, at the present time I am going to Jerusalem in order to serve God's people there.*

Why is Paul now going to Jerusalem?

Paul is now going to Jerusalem to serve the believers there.

Romans 15:27

ULT	UST
For they were pleased, and they are obligated to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are obligated also to minister to them in material things.	*In fact, those believers were glad, and they should help the poor believers in Jerusalem. This is because the non-Jewish believers have spiritually benefited from the Jewish believers. So, the non-Jewish believers should also serve the Jewish believers by providing what they physically need.*

Why does Paul say the Gentile believers owe the Jewish believers material things?

The Gentiles believers owe the Jewish believers material things because the Gentile believers have shared in the spiritual things of the Jewish believers.

Romans 15:31

ULT	UST
so that I might be delivered from the disobedient ones in Judea, and so that my service that is for Jerusalem might be acceptable to the saints;	*Pray that God will rescue me from the Jews in the province of Judea who do not believe in Jesus. Pray also that God's people in Jerusalem will accept the money that I give them for the poor believers there.*

From whom does Paul wish to be delivered?

Paul wishes to be delivered from those who are disobedient in Judea.

Romans 16

Romans 16:1-2

What has sister Phoebe become to Paul?

Sister Phoebe has become a helper of Paul and of many others.

Romans 16:4

ULT	UST
who for the sake of my life laid down their own neck, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles;	*They risked the Romans executing them in order to save my life. Both I and all the groups of believers among the nations are thankful for them.*

What have Prisca and Aquila done for Paul in the past?

Prisca and Aquila have risked their lives for Paul in the past.

Romans 16:5

ULT	UST
and the church based in their house. Greet Epaenetus my beloved, who is the firstfruits of Asia for Christ.	*Also, say hello to the group of believers that meets in the home of Priscilla and Aquila. Say hello to Epaenetus, whom I love. He is the first person from the province of Asia Minor to believe in the Messiah Jesus.*

Where is one place the believers are meeting in Rome?

The believers in Rome are meeting in the house of Prisca and Aquila.

Romans 16:7

ULT	UST
Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners who are prominent among the apostles, who also have been in Christ before me.	*Say hello to Andronicus and Junia. They are my fellow Jews, and we were in prison together. Those whom Jesus sent to represent him know them very well. God united them to the Messiah before he did so to me.*

What experience have Andronicus and Junias shared with Paul in the past?

Andronicus and Junias have been fellow prisoners with Paul in the past.

Romans 16:16

ULT	UST
Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.	*Say hello to each other in a loving way. All of the groups of believers who belong to the Messiah in this area say hello to you!*

How do the believers greet one another?

The believers greet one another with a holy kiss.

Romans 16:17

ULT	UST
Now I urge you, brothers, to watch out for the ones causing divisions and traps, contrary to the teaching that you have learned, and turn away from them.	*My fellow believers, I exhort you to look out for the people who are causing believers to argue with each other and tempting them to sin, which contradicts what we have taught you. Stay away from them!*

What does Paul tell the believers to do with those causing divisions and stumbling?

Paul tells the believers to turn away from those causing divisions and stumbling.

Romans 16:17-18

What are some doing, which is causing divisions and stumbling?

Some are going beyond the teaching they have learned, deceiving the hearts of the innocent.

Romans 16:19

ULT	UST
For your obedience reaches to everyone. I rejoice, therefore, over you, but I want you to be wise as to the good, but innocent as to the evil.	*I tell you these things because believers in many places have heard about how you obey God. As a result, I am overjoyed because of you! But I also desire that you act wisely with regard to what is good and remain innocent with regard to what is bad.*

What attitude does Paul want the believers to have toward good and evil?

Paul wants the believers to be wise to that which is good, and innocent to that which is evil.

Romans 16:20

ULT	UST
Now the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet with haste. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.	*The God who makes us peaceful will quickly make you victorious over Satan, as if you were tramplinghim under your feet! I pray that our Lord Jesus the Messiah will be gracious to you!*

What will the God of peace be doing soon?

The God of peace will soon be crushing Satan under the believers' feet.

Romans 16:22

ULT	UST
I, Tertius, the one having written this epistle, greet you in the Lord.	*I am Tertius, and I am writing this letter as Paul dictates it to me. I say hello to you as a fellow believer in the Lord Jesus.*

Who actually wrote down this epistle?

Tertius actually wrote down this epistle.

Romans 16:23

ULT	UST
Gaius, the host for me and for the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the steward of the city, greets you, and Quartus the brother.	*Gaius says hello to you. He hosts me and the whole group of believers who meet here. Erastus controls the money for this city. He and Quartus, our fellow believer, say hello to you.*

What occupation does the believer Erastus have?

Erastus is the treasurer of the city.

Romans 16:25-26

What revelation that had been kept secret from long ago is Paul now preaching?

Paul is now preaching the revelation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Romans 16:26

ULT	UST
but now having been revealed, and through the prophetic writings, according to the command of the eternal God, to the obedience of faith, to all the nations, having been made known,	*However, now God has revealed that mysterious plan. He has made it known through his prophets who wrote about it in the Scriptures. They did this according to what the God who lives forever commanded in order that all the nations would obey God by trusting in Jesus the Messiah.*

For what purpose is Paul preaching?

Paul is preaching for the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles.

1 Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1

1 Corinthians 1:1

ULT	UST
Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes the brother,	*I, Paul, write this letter to you, and Sosthenes our fellow believer is with me. God chose to send me to represent the Messiah Jesus, because that is what God wanted.*

Who called Paul and what was he called to be?

Jesus Christ called Paul to be an apostle.

1 Corinthians 1:3

ULT	UST
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.	*May God, who is our Father, and the Lord Jesus the Messiah continue to be kind to you and make you peaceful.*

What does Paul desire the church at Corinth to receive from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ?

Paul desires that they may have grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:5

ULT	UST
For in everything you were made rich in him, in all word and all knowledge,	*When I say that God has acted kindly towards you, I mean that he has abundantly blessed you by uniting you to the Messiah in every area of your lives, including whatever you say and whatever you know.*

How has God made the church at Corinth rich?

God has made them rich in every way, in all speech and with all knowledge.

1 Corinthians 1:7

ULT	UST
so that you do not lack in any gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,	*God has done these things for you so that you are completely equipped spiritually during this time when you confidently expect our Lord Jesus the Messiah to return.*

What did the church at Corinth not lack?

They did not lack any spiritual gift.

1 Corinthians 1:8

ULT	UST
who will also confirm you to the end, blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.	*Just as he proved our message to be true, God will also prove your trust in the Messiah true until your earthly lives end. Because of this, he will judge you not guilty when our Lord Jesus the Messiah returns to earth.*

Why will God strengthen the church at Corinth to the end?

He will do this so that they will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:10

ULT	UST
Now I urge you, brothers, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing and that there might not be divisions among you, but that you might be joined together in the same mind and in the same purpose.	*My fellow believers, as one whom our Lord Jesus the Messiah has authorized, I appeal to you, asking that all of you agree with one another. I ask that you do not split up into rival groups but that you reconcile with each other by agreeing in what you think and by agreeing in what you decide to do.*

What does Paul urge the Church at Corinth to do?

Paul urges them to all agree and for there to be no divisions among them and that they be joined together with the same mind and by the same purpose.

1 Corinthians 1:11

ULT	UST
For it was made clear to me concerning you, my brothers, by those of Chloe, that there are factions among you.	*I appeal to you because some members of Chloe's household have talked to me about you, my fellow believers. They said that you quarrel among yourselves.*

What did Chloe's people report to Paul?

Chloe's people reported to Paul that factions had developed among the people of the church at Corinth.

1 Corinthians 1:12

ULT	UST
Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ."	*What I am talking about is how many of you are claiming that you belong to Paul's group, for example, or that you belong to Apollos' group, or that you belong to Cephas' group, or that you belong to the Messiah's group.*

What did Paul mean by factions?

Paul meant this: Each one of you says, "I am with Paul," or "I am with Apollos," or "I am with Cephas," or "I am with Christ."

1 Corinthians 1:14-15

Why does Paul thank God that he baptized none of them except Crispus and Gaius?

Paul thanks God for this because this would give them no occasion to say that they were baptized into Paul's name.

1 Corinthians 1:17

ULT	UST
For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to proclaim the gospel—not with wise speech so that the cross of Christ would not be emptied.	*The reason I baptized so few of you is that the Messiah did not commission me to baptize people. Rather, he commissioned me to proclaim the good news. I do this without using words that are wise by human standards. That way, I do not destroy the power of the message about the Messiah dying on the cross.*

What did Christ send Paul to do?

Christ sent Paul to preach the gospel.

1 Corinthians 1:18

ULT	UST
For the word of the cross is foolishness to the ones perishing, but to us, the ones being saved, it is the power of God.	*I do not use wise words, because the message that I proclaim about the death of the Messiah on the cross sounds foolish to people who are bringing destruction on themselves. However, God works powerfully in this message for us whom he is rescuing.*

What is the message of the cross to those who are dying?

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are dying.

What is the message of the cross among those whom God is saving?

It is the power of God among those whom God is saving.

1 Corinthians 1:20

ULT	UST
Where is the wise person? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God turned the wisdom of the world into foolishness?	*So then, wise people are not really wise, and experts are not really experts, and people who are good at arguing are not really good at it, as they all belong to the current world system. In fact, God has shown that what seems to be wise in this current world is not wise at all.*

Into what has God turned the wisdom of the world?

God has turned the wisdom of the world into foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:21

ULT	UST
For since in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God was pleased to save the ones believing through the foolishness of the preaching.	*Here is how God has done this. Just as God wisely chose, unbelievers did not get to know God by means of their wise thinking. So, God decided to rescue those who have faith in the Messiah by means of the foolish message that believers proclaim.*

Why did it please God to save those who believe through the foolishness of preaching?

It pleased God to do this because the world in its wisdom did not know God.

1 Corinthians 1:26

ULT	UST
For consider your calling, brothers, that not many were wise according to the flesh, not many were powerful, and not many were of noble birth.	*For proof that this is so, think about the fact that God chose you the way you are, fellow believers. From a human perspective, most of you did not think wisely, do powerful deeds, or belong to important families.*

How many who were wise by human standards or powerful or of noble birth did God call?

God did not call many who were like that.

1 Corinthians 1:27

ULT	UST
But God chose the foolish things of the world in order that he might shame the wise, and God chose the weak things of the world in order that he might shame the strong,	*Rather, God decided to use what seems foolish to humans to humble those who think wisely. God decided to use what seems weak to humans to humble those people and things that act powerfully.*

Why did God choose the foolish things of the world and what is weak in the world?

He did this to shame the wise and to shame what is strong.

1 Corinthians 1:28-29

What did God do so that no one would have reason to boast before him?

God chose what is low and despised in the world and even things that are regarded as nothing.

1 Corinthians 1:30

ULT	UST
But because of him, you are in Christ Jesus, who was made for us wisdom from God, righteousness, and also sanctification and redemption,	*It is God who has united you to the Messiah Jesus. By working through the Messiah, God has made us wise. He has declared us innocent, chosen us to be his own people, and delivered us from evil powers.*

Why were the believers in Christ Jesus?

They were in Christ Jesus because of what God did.

What did Christ Jesus become for us?

He became for us wisdom from God—our righteousness, holiness, and redemption.

1 Corinthians 1:31

ULT	UST
so that, just as it is written, "Let the one boasting, boast in the Lord."	*So, because God is the one who does all these things, we should do what the prophet Jeremiah wrote: "If people want to say great things about something, they should say those great things about the Lord."*

If we are going to boast, in whom should we boast?

Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 2

1 Corinthians 2:1

ULT	UST
And I, brothers, having come to you, did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the mystery of God.	*My fellow believers, I also acted according to this pattern when I visited you and told you about what God has now revealed to us. I did not speak in more powerful ways than others do. I did not argue in wiser ways than others do.*

In what manner did Paul come to the Corinthians when he proclaimed the mystery of God?

Paul did not come with elegant speech or wisdom when he proclaimed the mystery of God.

1 Corinthians 2:2

ULT	UST
For I decided not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.	*I did this because I chose to speak and act as if the only things I understood while I was with you were Jesus the Messiah and how he died on the cross.*

What did Paul decide to know when he was among the Corinthians?

Paul decided to know nothing except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5

Why was Paul's word and his proclamation done with the demonstration of the Spirit and of power rather than with persuasive words of wisdom?

This was so that their faith might not be in the wisdom of humans, but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:7

ULT	UST
Instead, we speak the wisdom of God that has been hidden in a mystery that God predestined before the ages for our glory,	*No, we speak wisely because we proclaim the things that God has revealed to us. God concealed these things until now, although he had already decided to do them before he created anything. He has done all of this so that he might honor us.*

What wisdom did Paul and those with him speak?

They spoke God's wisdom hidden in mystery–the hidden wisdom that God predestined before the ages for our glory.

1 Corinthians 2:8

ULT	UST
which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.	*The people who rule right now did not know about these wise things. You can tell that they did not know, because they killed our glorious Lord on the cross.*

If the rulers of Paul's time had known God's wisdom, what would they not have done?

If those rulers had known God's wisdom, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 2:10

ULT	UST
For God revealed them to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the deep things of God.	*God has made these things known to us by the power of God's Spirit. God works by the power of his Spirit because God's Spirit explores all people and things. He even explores things about God that are very difficult to understand.*

How did Paul and those with him know God's wisdom?

God revealed those things to them through the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:11

ULT	UST
For who among men knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man that is within him? So also, no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.	*You can tell that God's Spirit explores everything about God, because everyone knows that only each human being understands everything about himself or herself. In the same way, only God's Spirit understands everything about God.*

Who knows the deep things of God?

Only the Spirit of God knows the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:12

ULT	UST
But we did not receive the spirit of the world, but the Spirit from God, so that we might know the things freely given to us by God.	*We did indeed receive the Spirit who comes from God. We did not receive a spirit that belongs to the current world. We received God's Spirit in order that we might understand everything that God has done for us.*

What is one reason that Paul and those with him received the Spirit who is from God?

They received the Spirit who is from God so that they might know the things freely given to them by God.

1 Corinthians 2:14

ULT	UST
But the natural person does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he is not able to understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.	*Now, people who do not have God's Spirit reject the things that God's Spirit gives and teaches. They reject these things, because they think that they are foolish. They cannot know about the things that God's Spirit gives and teaches, because only people who have God's Spirit can judge rightly about them.*

Why cannot the unspiritual person receive or know the things that belong to the Spirit of God?

The unspiritual person cannot receive them because they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2:16

ULT	UST
“For who has known the mind of the Lord—who will instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.	*This fits with what the scripture says: “No human knows what the Lord is thinking. No human can teach him about anything.” We, however, can think the same things that the Messiah is thinking.*

Whose mind did Paul say the ones who believed in Jesus have?

Paul said they have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 3

1 Corinthians 3:3

ULT	UST
For you are still fleshly. For where there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly and walking according to men?	*I know that you are not ready for complex teachings, because you are still people who think only in human ways. Some of you are jealous of each other, and some of you are fighting with each other. When you do these things, it proves that you are people who think only in human ways and who act only in human ways.*

Why did Paul say the Corinthian believers were still fleshly?

Paul said they were still fleshly because jealousy and strife existed among them.

1 Corinthians 3:5

ULT	UST
Who then is Apollos? And who is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave to each one.	*You need to realize that Apollos and I, Paul, are just people who serve the Messiah. Each of us does what the Lord has assigned us to do. When we told you about the Messiah, you trusted in him, not in us.*

Who were Paul and Apollos to the Corinthians?

They were servants through whom the Corinthians came to believe in Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:7

ULT	UST
So then, neither the one planting nor the one watering is anything, but God is the one causing the growth.	*You can see that the person who first proclaims the good news to people is not important. The person who proclaims even more about the good news to people is not important. These people are like those who plant the seeds and those who water the plants, since they too are not important. Instead, it is God who is important, because he enables people to believe in and understand the good news. In the same way, he is important because he causes the plants to grow.*

Who gives the growth?

God gives the growth.

1 Corinthians 3:11

ULT	UST
for no one is able to lay a foundation other than the one being laid, that is, Jesus Christ.	*No one can put a foundation in the ground if another person has already put it in the ground. So also, no one else can first proclaim the good news to you, because I already did that. What I proclaimed to you is what Jesus the Messiah accomplished. This message about Jesus is like the foundation of a house.*

What is the foundation?

Jesus Christ is the foundation.

1 Corinthians 3:11-13

What will happen to the work of someone who builds on the foundation of Jesus Christ?

His work will be revealed in daylight and in fire.

1 Corinthians 3:13

ULT	UST
the work of each one will become evident, for the day will display it; for it is revealed in fire, and the fire itself will test of what sort is the work of each one.	*On the day when the Messiah returns to judge everyone, he will reveal what kind of work each person has done. The quality of the materials that builders use to construct a building becomes clear when the building catches on fire. In a similar way, a judgment like fire will occur on the day when the Messiah returns. This judgment will show the quality of what those who proclaim more about the gospel have taught.*

What will the fire do to a person's work?

The fire will test the work, revealing the quality of what each one has done.

1 Corinthians 3:14

ULT	UST
If anyone's work that he built will remain, he will receive a reward;	*Any builders who constructed a building that survives a fire gain honor and money. In the same way, God will honor and reward all those who teach more about the good news in a way that God accepts when he judges everyone.*

What will a person receive if their work survives the fire?

That person will receive a reward.

1 Corinthians 3:15

ULT	UST
if anyone's work will be burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, but as though through fire.	*Any builders who constructed a building that fire consumes lose respect and money. However, the builders do not die in the fire, but they escape from the flames. In the same way, when he judges everyone, God will not honor or reward all those who teach more about the good news in a way that God does not accept. However, God will still accept these teachers despite the wrong things that they have taught.*

What will happen to the person whose work is burned up?

That person will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, as though escaping through fire.

1 Corinthians 3:16

ULT	UST
Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and the Spirit of God lives in you?	*You need to remember that you are like God's temple in Jerusalem because God is present among you like he was present in the temple. You need to remember that you are like a house in which God's Spirit lives because he is always present with you.*

Who are we and what lives in us as believers in Jesus Christ?

We are God's temple, and the Spirit of God lives in us.

1 Corinthians 3:17

ULT	UST
If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy that person. For the temple of God is holy, which you are.	*God will act against any person who acts against his temple. This is because God's temple belongs to him alone. Since you are like God's temple, God will act against any person who acts against you.*

What will happen if anyone destroys God's temple?

God will destroy the person who destroys God's temple.

1 Corinthians 3:18

ULT	UST
Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks he is wise in this age, let him become a "fool," that he may become wise.	*Do not believe what is not true about yourselves. You who consider yourselves to be wise according to human standards should become foolish according to human standards. In this way, you will really become wise people.*

What does Paul say to him who thinks he is wise in this age?

Paul says, "…let him become a "fool," that he may become wise."

1 Corinthians 3:20

ULT	UST
And again, "The Lord knows the reasonings of the wise, that they are futile."	*Further, the author of a psalm wrote, "The Lord is aware of everything that wise people plan, and he knows that these plans will not succeed."*

What does the Lord know about the reasonings of the wise?

The Lord knows the reasonings of the wise are futile.

1 Corinthians 3:21-23

Why does Paul tell the Corinthian believers to stop boasting about people?

He told them to stop boasting, "For all things are yours," and because, "… you are Christ's, and Christ is God's".

1 Corinthians 4

1 Corinthians 4:1

ULT	UST
In this manner let a man regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.	*I want people to think of us who proclaim the good news as those who serve the Messiah and who are in charge of proclaiming what God has now revealed to us.*

How did Paul say the Corinthians should regard Paul and his companions?

The Corinthians should regard them as servants of Christ and stewards of the hidden truths of God.

1 Corinthians 4:2

ULT	UST
In this case, it is required in the stewards that one may be found faithful.	*Whenever a leader puts another person in charge, the leader requires that person to do his or her tasks faithfully. In the same way, God requires that we who proclaim the good news do our task faithfully.*

What is one of the requirements for a steward?

Stewards must be found faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:4

ULT	UST
For I am aware of nothing against myself, but I am not justified by this; but the one judging me is the Lord.	*In fact, I do not know about anything I have done wrong. However, what I know about myself does not prove that I have acted faithfully. Rather, it is the Lord who will decide whether I have acted faithfully or not.*

Who does Paul say is his judge?

Paul says the Lord judges him.

1 Corinthians 4:5

ULT	UST
Therefore, do not judge anything before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the purposes of the hearts. And then the praise from God will come to each one.	*So then, you should not finally decide about anything until the Lord comes back to judge everyone and everything. He will make clear what is now hidden, and he will show everyone what each person desires and plans. At that time, God will praise each person who has acted faithfully.*

What will the Lord do when he comes?

He will bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the purposes of the hearts.

1 Corinthians 4:6

ULT	UST
Now, these things, brothers, I applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that through us you might learn this: "Not beyond what is written," so that no one would be puffed up in favor of the one against the other.	*My fellow believers, I have talked in this way about myself and Apollos for your benefit. I want you to learn from our example that you should act only in ways that fit with what the authors of the Scriptures wrote. Then, nobody will speak great things about one leader and bad things about another leader.*

Why did Paul apply these principles to himself and to Apollos?

Paul did it for the sake of the Corinthian believers so they might learn the meaning of the saying, "Not beyond what is written," so that none of them would think in favor of one against the other.

1 Corinthians 4:8

ULT	UST
Already you are satisfied! Already you have become rich! You began to reign apart from us, and I wish you really did reign, so that we also might reign with you.	*You are acting as if you currently have everything that you need spiritually. You are acting as if you currently have more spiritual blessings than you need. You are acting as if you have currently begun to rule with Christ, even though we who proclaim the good news are not ruling with Christ now. Indeed, I wish that you really were ruling with him, in order that we who proclaim the good news could be ruling with you.*

Why does Paul wish the Corinthian believers did reign?

Paul wishes they did reign so that Paul and his companions could be reigning with them.

1 Corinthians 4:10

ULT	UST
We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are honored, but we are dishonored.	*We seem to be foolish people because we serve the Messiah, but you think that you are wise people because God unites you to the Messiah. We seem to be people who do not have power or influence, but you think that you do have these things. You think that people praise you, but those people shame us.*

What are three ways Paul contrasts himself and his companions with the Corinthian believers?

Paul says, "We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we are held in dishonor."

1 Corinthians 4:11

ULT	UST
Up to the present hour we are both hungry and thirsty and are poorly clothed and are brutally beaten and are homeless	*Even now as I write this letter to you, we whom Christ has sent have often not had enough food or drink. We wear ragged clothing, and others repeatedly strike us. We constantly travel and do not return to a home.*

How did Paul describe the physical condition of the apostles?

Paul said they were hungry and thirsty, poorly clothed, brutally beaten and homeless.

1 Corinthians 4:12-13

How did Paul and his companions respond when they were mistreated?

When they were attacked, they blessed. When they were persecuted, they endured it. When they were slandered, they spoke with kindness.

1 Corinthians 4:14

ULT	UST
I do not write these things as shaming you, but as my beloved children, I correct you.	*I do not include in my letter what I have just finished saying because I want to make you ashamed. Rather, I include these things because I want to admonish you, since you are like my own children, whom I love.*

Why did Paul write these things to the Corinthian believers?

He wrote them to correct them as his beloved children.

1 Corinthians 4:16

ULT	UST
Therefore, I urge you, become imitators of me.	*Because I am your spiritual father, I plead with you to imitate how I live.*

Who does Paul tell the Corinthian believers to imitate?

Paul tells them to imitate himself.

1 Corinthians 4:17

ULT	UST
Because of this I sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways that are in Christ Jesus, just as I teach everywhere in every church.	*Because I want you to imitate me, I had Timothy visit you. He is like my own child, and I love him. He faithfully serves the Messiah as one whom God has united to the Lord. He will teach you again about how I behave as one whom God has united to the Messiah Jesus. I instruct every church in every place that I visit to behave in these ways.*

Of what was it that Paul sent Timothy to the Corinthian believers to remind them?

Paul sent Timothy to Corinth to remind the believers there of Paul’s ways in Christ.

1 Corinthians 4:18

ULT	UST
Now some have been puffed up, as though I were not coming to you.	*Some of you are saying great things about yourselves. These people act as if I were not about to visit you.*

How were some of the Corinthian believers acting?

Some of them were arrogant, acting as though Paul was not coming to them.

1 Corinthians 4:20

ULT	UST
For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.	*I will do this because God's kingdom functions by God working powerfully through people, not by people saying great things.*

In what does the kingdom of God consist?

The kingdom of God consists in power.

1 Corinthians 5

1 Corinthians 5:1

ULT	UST
It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such immorality which is not even among the Gentiles—that someone has his father's wife.	*I have learned that you are in fact allowing people from your group to have improper sex. Even those who do not worship God do not allow some of the things that you allow. The worst thing that I have learned is that a man from your group is having sex with his stepmother.*

What report did Paul hear about the church at Corinth?

Paul heard that there was sexual immorality there. One of them was sleeping with his father's wife.

1 Corinthians 5:2

ULT	UST
And you are puffed up, and you did not mourn instead, so that the one having done this deed might be removed from among you.	*Despite this, you still say great things about yourselves instead of lamenting that sin. You should have lamented with the goal of expelling the man who committed this sexual sin.*

What did Paul say must be done to that person who sinned with his father's wife?

The one who sinned with his father's wife must be removed from among them.

1 Corinthians 5:4-5

How and why was that person who sinned with his father's wife to be removed?

When the church at Corinth gathered together in the name of the Lord Jesus, they were to hand the sinning man over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit might be saved on the day of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 5:8

ULT	UST
So then, we should celebrate the festival, not with old yeast, nor with yeast of evil and wickedness, but with unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.	*Since the Messiah has died for us, let us act as if we were participating in the festival of Passover and remove the old leaven. We should get rid of the leaven, which stands for doing what is evil and wicked. Instead, we should eat unfermented bread, which stands for doing what is honest and trustworthy.*

To what does Paul compare bad behavior and wickedness?

Paul compares them to yeast.

What does Paul use as a metaphor for sincerity and truth?

Paul uses unleavened bread as a metaphor for sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5:9

ULT	UST
I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—	*In the letter that I sent to you before this one, I told you not to keep company with people who act in sexually improper ways.*

With whom did Paul tell the Corinthian believers not to associate?

Paul wrote to them not to associate with sexually immoral people.

1 Corinthians 5:10

ULT	UST
by no means the immoral people of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out from the world.	*I did not mean that you should entirely disassociate with unbelieving people who act in sexually immoral ways, or with people who want more than they need or who cheat others, or with people who worship false gods. To avoid these kinds of people, you would need to get away from the entire world. That is not what I have commanded you to do.*

Did Paul mean for them not to associate with any sexually immoral people?

Paul did not mean the immoral people of this world. You would have to go out of the world to stay away from them.

1 Corinthians 5:11

ULT	UST
But now I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother who is sexually immoral or greedy or an idolater or verbally abusive or a drunkard or a swindler. Do not even eat with such a person.	*Now, in this letter, I am telling you not to keep company with any person whom you call a fellow believer who is acting sinfully. This includes having improper sex, wanting more than one needs, worshiping other gods, abusing others with words, getting drunk, and cheating others. Do not have meals with a person who does any of these things.*

With whom did Paul mean for the Corinthian believers not to associate?

He meant for them not to associate with anyone who is called a brother or sister in Christ and who is sexually immoral, greedy, verbally abusive, a drunkard, a swindler, or an idolater.

1 Corinthians 5:12

ULT	UST
For what to me to judge the ones outside? Do you not judge the ones inside?	*I want you to act in this way only with fellow believers, because you and I do not need to decide whether someone who is not part of our group is guilty or innocent. Rather, you need to focus on deciding whether people who are part of your group are guilty or innocent.*

Who are the believers supposed to judge?

They are supposed to judge those inside the church.

1 Corinthians 5:13

ULT	UST
But God judges the ones outside. “Remove the evil from among yourselves.”	*Do not worry about people who are not part of your group because God is the one who decides whether they are guilty or innocent. You should focus on people who are part of your group because the scripture says, “You must get rid of any evil person who is part of your group!”*

Who judges those outside the church?

God judges those who are on the outside.

1 Corinthians 6

1 Corinthians 6:1-3

What does Paul say the saints at Corinth should be able to judge?

Paul says they should be able to judge disputes between saints concerning the matters of this life.

1 Corinthians 6:2-3

Who will the saints judge?

The saints will judge the world and the angels.

1 Corinthians 6:6

ULT	UST
But brother goes to court against brother, and this before unbelievers?	*But instead, some believers among you accuse other believers in a legal court, and people who do not believe settle the dispute.*

How are the Corinthian Christians handling their disputes with one another?

One believer goes to court against another believer, and that case is placed before a judge who is an unbeliever.

1 Corinthians 6:7

ULT	UST
This, therefore, is indeed already a complete defeat for you, since you have lawsuits among yourselves. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?	*Because you have disputes with each other, you have already completely failed to follow Jesus. Rather than failing in this way, you should instead forgive fellow believers when they harm or defraud you.*

What does the fact that there are disputes among the Corinthian Christians indicate?

It indicates that this is a defeat for them.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Who will not inherit the kingdom of God?

The unrighteous: the sexually immoral, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, those who practice homosexuality, thieves, the greedy, drunkards, slanderers, and swindlers will not inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:11

ULT	UST
And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.	*Some of you used to behave in these ways. However, now God has cleansed you, he has made you holy, and he has declared you to be innocent. You experience these things because the Lord Jesus the Messiah and the Holy Spirit work powerfully to give them to you.*

What happened to the Corinthian believers who previously practiced unrighteousness?

They were cleansed and made holy, made right with God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:12

ULT	UST
“Everything is lawful for me,” but not everything is beneficial. “Everything is lawful for me,” but I will not be mastered by anything.	*Some of you say, “I can do anything and not become guilty.” However, I say that some things are not helpful to anybody. Again, some of you say, “I can do anything and not become guilty.” However, I say that I will not serve anything that will make me its slave.*

What does Paul say that he will not allow to master him?

Paul says he will not be mastered by anything.

1 Corinthians 6:15

ULT	UST
Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Therefore, having taken away the members of Christ, should I make them members of a prostitute? May it never be!	*Surely you know that your bodies belong to the Messiah, just as if you were his body parts. Because of that, you should not take your body back and then give it to a prostitute, so that your body belongs to her, just as if you were her body parts. Never do that!*

The bodies of believers are members of what?

Their bodies are members of Christ.

Should believers join themselves to prostitutes?

No. May it never be!

1 Corinthians 6:16

ULT	UST
Or do you not know that the one being joined to the prostitute is one body? For it says, "The two will become as one flesh."	*Surely you know that a man who has sex with a prostitute unites himself to her as closely as if they shared the same body. You should know this because the scripture says, "The man and the woman, although two people, will become like one person."*

What happens when someone joins himself to a prostitute?

The two will become as one flesh.

1 Corinthians 6:17

ULT	UST
But the one being joined to the Lord is one spirit.	*In a similar way, any people who unite themselves to the Lord become spiritually one with the Lord.*

What happens when someone joins himself to the Lord?

He becomes one spirit with him.

1 Corinthians 6:18

ULT	UST
Flee from sexual immorality! Every sin that a man might commit is outside the body, but the one being sexually immoral sins against his own body.	*Intentionally avoid having improper sex. When people sin, they usually do so without directly hurting their bodies. However, when people have improper sex, they do hurt their own bodies.*

Who do people sin against when they are sexually immoral?

They sin against their own bodies when they are sexually immoral.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Why should believers glorify God with their bodies?

They should glorify God with their bodies because their bodies are a temple of the Holy Spirit and because they were bought with a price.

1 Corinthians 7

1 Corinthians 7:2

ULT	UST
But because of immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.	*On the other hand, people often desire to have sex, even improper sex. Because of that, a husband should stay married to his own wife, and a wife should stay married to her own husband.*

Why should each man have his own wife and each woman have her own husband?

Because of temptations for many immoral acts, each man should have his own wife and each wife should have her own husband.

1 Corinthians 7:4

ULT	UST
The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise, the husband also does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.	*Wives' bodies belong to their husbands, not to themselves. Similarly, husbands' bodies belong to their wives, not to themselves.*

Does a wife or husband have authority over their own body?

No. A husband has authority over his wife's body, and likewise, the wife has authority over her husband's body.

1 Corinthians 7:5

ULT	UST
Do not deprive each other, except by mutual agreement for a season, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and then be together again, so that Satan might not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.	*You should only stop having sex regularly when both of you agree to do so for a brief time. You should only do this when you want to focus on praying to God, and you should soon resume having sex regularly. If you do not do this quickly, Satan will use how you desire to have sex to entice you to do what is wrong.*

When is it appropriate for a husband and a wife to deprive one another sexually?

It is appropriate if both husband and wife mutually agree and set a specific period of time, so that they may devote themselves to prayer.

1 Corinthians 7:8

ULT	UST
Now to the unmarried and to the widows I say that it is good if they remain as I also am.	*Here I am speaking to people who have not married and to women whose husbands have died. The best thing for these people is to stay unmarried like I do.*

What does Paul say is good for the widows and people who are unmarried to do?

Paul says it is good for them to remain unmarried, as he is.

1 Corinthians 7:9

ULT	UST
But if they do not have self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn.	*However, some people will struggle to control how they desire to have sex. These people should get married, because that is a better choice than constantly desiring to have sex.*

In what situation should the unmarried and widows get married?

They should get married if they burn with passion and cannot exercise self-control.

1 Corinthians 7:10-11

What command does the Lord give to those who are married?

The wife should not separate from her husband. If she does separate from her husband, she should remain unmarried or be reconciled to him. Also, the husband should not divorce his wife.

1 Corinthians 7:12-13

Should a believing husband or wife divorce his or her unbelieving spouse?

If the unbelieving husband or wife is content to live with their spouse, the believing spouse should not divorce the unbeliever.

1 Corinthians 7:15

ULT	UST
But if the unbeliever departs, let him go. In such cases, the brother or the sister is not bound, but God has called us to peace.	*On the other hand, some unbelieving husbands or wives may want to leave their believing spouses. In this situation, the believing spouses should allow them to leave. The believing spouses do not have to stay with their unbelieving husbands or wives. In any situation like this, remember that God requires us to be peaceful people.*

What should a believer do if their unbelieving partner departs?

The believer is to let the unbelieving partner go.

1 Corinthians 7:17

ULT	UST
However, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each one, thus let him walk. And in this way I direct in all the churches.	*In general, all people need to behave in ways that fit with what the Lord has appointed them to do and with how God requires them to act. I require people to follow this teaching in every group of believers that I visit.*

What rule did Paul set in all the churches?

The rule was: Let each one live the life the Lord has assigned them, and to which God called them.

1 Corinthians 7:18

ULT	UST
Was anyone called, having been circumcised? Let him not be uncircumcised. Was anyone called in uncircumcision? Let him not be circumcised.	*There are some people whom others circumcised before they believed in Jesus. These people should not try to become uncircumcised again. There are other people whom others did not circumcise before they believed in Jesus. These people should not try to become circumcised.*

What counsel did Paul give to the uncircumcised and to the circumcised?

Paul said the uncircumcised should not become circumcised and the circumcised should not try to remove the marks of their circumcision.

1 Corinthians 7:21-23

What did Paul say about slaves?

If they were a slave when God called them, do not be concerned about it, but if they can become free, they should do so. Even if they were slaves, they are the Lord's freeman. They should not become the slaves of men.

1 Corinthians 7:26

ULT	UST
Therefore, I think this is good, because of the coming distress, that it is good for a man to remain as he is.	*What I suggest is that people should not change how they are living. I say this because I know that dangerous things are going to happen soon.*

Why did Paul think it was good for a man who had never married to remain unmarried, as Paul was?

Paul thought that, because of the impending crisis, it was good for a man to remain unmarried.

1 Corinthians 7:27

ULT	UST
Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are you released from a wife? Do not seek a wife.	*Some people have gotten engaged. They should not separate. Other people have never gotten engaged. They should not try to become engaged.*

What should believers do if they are bound to a woman by a vow of marriage?

They should not seek freedom from their vow to marry the woman.

1 Corinthians 7:28

ULT	UST
But if indeed you would marry, you have not sinned; and if the virgin would marry, she has not sinned. But the ones of such kind will have distress in the flesh, and I want to spare you from this.	*However, a single man or woman who gets married does not sin. I only advise you against getting married because people who get married will experience troubles while they live.*

Why does Paul say to those who are free from a wife and those who are unmarried, "Do not seek a wife"?

He said this because he wanted to spare them from the many kinds of trouble that those who marry will have while living.

1 Corinthians 7:31

ULT	UST
and the ones using the world, as not using it; for the present form of this world is passing away.	*Each person who utilizes worldly things should live like a person who does not utilize these things. You should act in these ways because God will soon abolish the worldly way of doing things.*

Why should those who deal with the world act as though they had no dealings with it?

They should act that way because the system of this world is coming to an end.

1 Corinthians 7:33-34

Why is it hard for those Christians who are married to be undivided in their devotion to the Lord?

It is hard because a believing husband or wife is concerned about the things of the world, how to please his wife or her husband.

1 Corinthians 7:38

ULT	UST
So then, the one marrying his own virgin does well, and the one not marrying will do even better.	*In the end, any man who gets married to his fiancée does a good thing. Further, any man who does not get married to his fiancée does a better thing.*

Who does better than the one who marries his fiancée?

The one who chooses not to marry will do even better.

1 Corinthians 7:39

ULT	UST
A wife is bound for as long as her husband lives. But if the husband dies, she is free to marry whomever she wishes, but only in the Lord.	*Wives must stay married to their husbands unless their husbands die. Then, they may marry any believing man whom they want to marry.*

For how long is a woman bound to her husband?

She is bound to her husband for as long as he lives.

If a believing woman’s husband dies, whom may she marry?

She may marry whomever she wishes, but only one who is in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 8

1 Corinthians 8:1

ULT	UST
Now about the things sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.	*I am now moving on to speak about meat that someone has offered to another god. All of us who believe do know what is true about other gods. However, knowing what is true often makes people proud. It is loving others that really helps other believers.*

What subject does Paul begin to address in this chapter?

Paul addresses the subject of food sacrificed to idols.

What results do knowledge and love cause?

Knowledge makes one proud, but love builds up.

1 Corinthians 8:4

ULT	UST
So then, about the eating of the things sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol in the world is nothing and that there is no God except one.	*Now I will go back to speaking about whether to eat meat that someone has offered to another god. We who believe in God understand that other gods do not really exist. In fact, we understand that the only god is the one God.*

Is an idol equal to God?

No. An idol in this world is nothing, and there is no God but one.

1 Corinthians 8:6

ULT	UST
yet for us there is one God the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we are, and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all things are, and through whom we are.	*However, we who believe acknowledge one God, who is the Father. He created everything, and we exist to honor him. We also acknowledge one Lord, who is Jesus the Messiah. He created everything with the Father, and we exist by means of what he does for us.*

Who is the one God?

There is only one God the Father. From him are all things, and we live for him.

Who is the one Lord?

There is one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all things exist, and through whom we exist.

1 Corinthians 8:7

ULT	UST
However, this knowledge is not in everyone. Instead, some, being in the custom of the idols until now, eat things as sacrificed to idols, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.	*However, some people do not fully understand what I have said. They used to worship other gods in the past, and they incompletely understand what is right and wrong. When they eat meat that someone has offered to another god, they feel guilty.*

What happens when some who practiced idol worship eat food as if it had been sacrificed to an idol?

Their conscience is corrupted because it is weak.

1 Corinthians 8:8

ULT	UST
But food will not bring us near to God; neither are we made to lack if we do not eat, nor do we abound if we eat.	*Now food does not connect us with God. Those who do not eat certain foods do not miss out on anything from God. Also, those who do eat certain foods do not receive something extra from God.*

Does the food we eat make us better or worse to God?

Food will not recommend us to God. We are not worse if we do not eat, nor better if we do eat it.

1 Corinthians 8:9

ULT	UST
But take care lest this authority of yours might become a stumbling block for the weak.	*However, you need to be careful about how you live if you know that food is not significant. How you live should not cause someone who incompletely understands what is right and wrong to struggle to follow Jesus.*

Of what should we be careful that our freedom does not become?

We should be careful that our freedom does not become a reason for someone who is weak in faith to stumble.

1 Corinthians 8:11

ULT	UST
So the one being weak, the brother for whom Christ died, is destroyed through your knowledge.	*As a result, by acting based on what you know is true about other gods, you harm others who incompletely understand what is right and wrong. These are fellow believers, and the Messiah died for them.*

What can happen to a brother or sister with a weak conscience if those with an understanding of the true nature of idols are not careful in using their freedom?

A brother or sister with a weak conscience can be destroyed.

1 Corinthians 8:11-12

Who do we sin against when we knowingly cause a brother or sister in Christ to stumble because of their weak conscience?

We sin against the brother or sister that we caused to stumble, and we sin against Christ.

1 Corinthians 8:13

ULT	UST
Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will certainly not ever eat meat, so that I might not cause my brother to stumble.	*Consequently, in cases where what I eat would lead a fellow believer to sin, I will never ever eat meat again, whether someone has offered it to another god or not. This way, I do not lead any of my fellow believers to sin.*

What does Paul say he will do if food causes his brother or sister to stumble?

Paul says if his food causes his brother or sister to stumble, he will never eat meat again.

1 Corinthians 9

1 Corinthians 9:1-2

What proof did Paul offer that he was an apostle?

Paul says that because the Corinthian believers were his workmanship in the Lord, they themselves were proof of Paul's apostleship in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 9:4-5

What did Paul list as some of the rights of the apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?

Paul said they had the right to eat and drink and the right to take along with them a wife who is a believer.

1 Corinthians 9:7

ULT	UST
Who serves as a soldier at any time at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its fruit? Or who shepherds a flock and does not drink from the milk of the flock?	*No soldiers ever pay with their own money to serve in the army. No farmers plant vines and then do not eat what the vines produce. No shepherds take care of sheep and then do not drink the milk that they produce.*

What examples did Paul give of those who receive benefits or pay from their work?

Paul mentions soldiers, one who plants a vineyard, and one who tends a flock as examples of those who receive benefits or pay from their work.

1 Corinthians 9:9

ULT	UST
For it is written in the law of Moses, "Do not muzzle an ox treading out grain." God does not care about the oxen, does he?	*Here is what Moses wrote in the law of Moses: "You should not keep an ox from eating the grain when it is helping you separate grain from chaff." God is not primarily interested in oxen, however.*

What example from the law of Moses did Paul give to support the idea of receiving benefits or pay from one's work?

To support his argument, Paul quoted the command, "Do not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain."

1 Corinthians 9:12

ULT	UST
If others shared the right over you, do we not even more? But we did not take advantage of this right. Instead we endured everything in order that we might not give any hindrance to the gospel of Christ.	*Other people have received financial support from you. Barnabas and I deserve even more to receive it from you. However, we have not asked for any support from you. Rather, we choose to go without things so that we will not keep the good news about the Messiah from spreading.*

Why did Paul and his companions not claim their right to material benefits from the Corinthians?

Paul and his companions did not claim this right so they would not cause any hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

1 Corinthians 9:14

ULT	UST
In the same way also, the Lord commanded the ones proclaiming the gospel to live from the gospel.	*Similarly, the Lord instructed that anyone who preaches the good news should make their living from preaching the good news.*

What did the Lord command concerning those who proclaim the gospel?

The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living from the gospel.

1 Corinthians 9:16

ULT	UST
For if I proclaim the gospel, there is nothing for me to boast, because compulsion is placed upon me. For woe be to me if I would not preach the gospel!	*Now I cannot boast about preaching the good news, because God requires me to preach it. Indeed, were I to stop preaching the good news, God would discipline me.*

What did Paul say he could not boast about, and why could not he boast about it?

Paul said he could not boast about preaching the gospel, because he had to preach the gospel.

1 Corinthians 9:19

ULT	UST
For being free from all, I enslaved myself to all in order that I might gain the more people.	*Since I preach the good news for free, I do not need to serve any humans. However, I choose to serve all humans so that I can help more of them believe in the Messiah.*

Why did Paul enslave himself to all people?

Paul enslaved himself to all people in order to gain more people to God.

1 Corinthians 9:20

ULT	UST
And to the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to gain Jews. To the ones under law, as under law, not being under law myself in order to gain the ones under law.	*When I am with Jewish people, I act like a Jewish person. That way, I can help Jewish people believe in the Messiah. When I am with people who think they need to obey Moses' law, I act like someone who thinks that he needs to obey Moses' law. While I myself know that I do not need to obey Moses' law, I act this way so that I can help the people who think they need to obey Moses' law believe in the Messiah.*

Who did Paul become like in order to win Jews?

Paul became like a Jew in order to win Jews.

1 Corinthians 9:21

ULT	UST
To the ones without law, I became as without law (not being without the law of God, but under the law of Christ) so that I might gain the ones without law.	*When I am with people who do not obey Moses' law, I act like someone who does not obey Moses' law. I act this way so that I can help the people who do not obey Moses' law to believe in the Messiah. Of course, I do obey God's law, since I do what the Messiah commanded.*

Who did Paul become like in order to win those outside the law?

Paul became like those outside the law in order to win those outside the law.

1 Corinthians 9:23

ULT	UST
But I do all things for the sake of the gospel so that I might become a partaker of it.	*As you can see, I act in all these ways because I want people to believe in the good news. Further, I do these things in order that I too will receive what God has promised in the good news.*

Why did Paul do all things for the gospel's sake?

He did this so that he might participate in the blessings of the gospel.

1 Corinthians 9:24

ULT	UST
Do you not know that the ones running in a stadium all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you might obtain it.	*Surely you know that all the runners participate in a race, but in the end only one runner wins the race and takes the reward for winning. When you serve God, it is much like this kind of race. You need to work hard to gain what God has promised to you, just like the runner runs hard to win the race.*

How did Paul say to run?

Paul said to run to win the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:25

ULT	UST
But everyone competing in the games exercises self-control in all things. They therefore do it in order that they might receive a perishable wreath, but we, an imperishable one.	*All athletes carefully control everything that they do so that they can win. They compete for a crown made of leaves that will fall apart. We, however, control ourselves so that we can receive what God has promised to give us, which will last forever.*

What kind of wreath was Paul running to receive?

Paul was running so that he might receive a wreath which does not perish.

1 Corinthians 9:27

ULT	UST
But I subdue my body and enslave it, lest having preached to others, I myself might be disqualified.	*I totally control my body and make it serve me. I do that because I do not want to proclaim the good news to other people but then find that God does not approve of me.*

Why did Paul subdue his body and make it a slave?

Paul did this so that after he had preached to others, he himself might not be disqualified.

1 Corinthians 10

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

What common experiences did their fathers have in the time of Moses?

All were under the cloud and passed through the sea. All were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink.

1 Corinthians 10:4

ULT	UST
and they all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock following them, and the rock was Christ.	*All of them together drank the special water that God gave them. This happened when they drank the water that came out of the special rock that God provided and that followed them. That water was something that the Messiah gave.*

Who was the spiritual rock that followed their fathers?

Christ was the rock that followed them.

1 Corinthians 10:6

ULT	UST
Now these things became examples for us so that we would not be ones desiring evil things, just as they also desired.	*The things that happened to them illustrate how we should act. Through what happened to them, God warns us to avoid doing what is evil, such as the evil things that they did.*

Why was God not pleased with their fathers in the time of Moses?

He was not pleased because their fathers longed for evil things.

1 Corinthians 10:9-10

By what means did God destroy the disobedient and grumbling people?

God destroyed them by snakes and the destroyer, the angel of death.

1 Corinthians 10:11

ULT	UST
Now these things happened to them as examples, but they were written for our admonition, on whom the end of the ages has come.	*Those things that our ancestors experienced illustrate how we should act. In fact, someone wrote down what happened to them so that we can learn from them, since we are the ones who are experiencing the last days.*

Why did the things happen and why were they written down?

They happened as examples for us and they were written down for our instruction.

1 Corinthians 10:13

ULT	UST
No temptation has seized you except what is common to humanity; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation, he will also provide the way of escape, so that you will be able to endure it.	*Other people have experienced the things that tempt you. Further, God will act faithfully. He will not let you experience anything that tempts you if you cannot resist it. Rather, when something tempts you, he will give you what you need to faithfully resist it.*

Has any unique temptation happened to us?

No temptation has overtaken us that is not common to all humanity.

What has God done to enable us to endure temptation?

He has provided the way of escape so that we may be able to endure temptation.

1 Corinthians 10:14

ULT	UST
Therefore, my beloved ones, flee from idolatry.	*Because of that I have said, fellow believers whom I love, intentionally avoid worshiping other gods.*

From what does Paul warn the Corinthian believers to run away?

He warns them to run away from idolatry.

1 Corinthians 10:16

ULT	UST
The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing of the body of Christ?	*When we drink the wine that we bless in the Lord's Supper, we together connect ourselves with the Messiah's blood. When we eat the bread, we together connect ourselves with the Messiah's body.*

What is the cup of blessing the believers bless, and what is the bread they break?

The cup is a sharing in the blood of Christ. The bread is a sharing in the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 10:20

ULT	UST
Rather, that what the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. But I do not want you to be partakers with the demons!	*However, you should know that when those who do not worship God offer sacrifices, they are offering them to evil spiritual beings, not to God. I want you to avoid connecting yourselves with evil spiritual beings.*

To whom do the Gentile pagans offer their sacrifices?

They offer these things to demons and not to God.

1 Corinthians 10:20-21

Since Paul did not want the Corinthian believers to be participants with demons, what does he tell them they cannot do?

Paul tells them they cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons, and they cannot have fellowship at the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

1 Corinthians 10:22

ULT	UST
Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than him, are we?	*Those who do both of those things should expect the Lord to act jealously against them. Further, we are certainly less powerful than he is.*

What do we risk if we as believers of the Lord also participate with demons?

We risk provoking the Lord to jealousy.

1 Corinthians 10:24

ULT	UST
Let no one seek his own good, but that of the other person.	*Do not work hard to gain what is best for yourselves. Rather, you should work hard to gain what is best for other people.*

Should we seek our own good?

No. Instead, each one should seek the good of his neighbor.

1 Corinthians 10:27

ULT	UST
If any of the unbelievers invite you, and you want to go, eat everything being set before you, without asking questions for the sake of the conscience.	*At some point, people who do not believe may ask you to eat with them, and you may decide to do so. When this happens, you can eat all the food that they serve you. You do not need to find out where it came from so that you know whether it is right or wrong to eat it.*

If an unbeliever invites you to eat a meal, and you wish to go, what should you do?

You should eat whatever is set before you without asking questions of conscience.

1 Corinthians 10:28-29

If your unbelieving host tells you the food you are about to eat came from a pagan sacrifice, why should you not eat it?

For the sake of the person who informed you and for the sake of the other person's conscience, you should not eat it.

1 Corinthians 10:31

ULT	UST
Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.	*To summarize, whenever you eat or drink anything, and indeed whenever you do anything, you should always behave so that you and others honor God.*

What should we do to the glory of God?

We should do all things, including eating and drinking, to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:32-33

Why should we give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God?

We should give no offense to them so that they may be saved.

1 Corinthians 11

1 Corinthians 11:1

ULT	UST
Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.	*Do what I do, just like I do what Christ did.*

Who did Paul tell the Corinthian believers to imitate?

Paul told them to imitate himself.

Who did Paul imitate?

Paul was an imitator of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:2

ULT	UST
Now I praise you, because you remember me in all things and you hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you.	*I commend you because you always think of what I teach and do and because you carefully believe and do what I taught you to believe and do.*

For what did Paul praise the Corinthian believers?

Paul praised them for remembering him in everything and for holding fast to the traditions just as he delivered them to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 11:3

ULT	UST
Now I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.	*I am telling you that each man comes from the Messiah. A wife comes from her husband. Finally, the Messiah comes from God.*

Who is the head of Christ?

God is the head of Christ.

Who is the head of man?

Christ is the head of every man.

Who is the head of a woman?

A man is the head of a woman.

1 Corinthians 11:4

ULT	UST
Every man praying or prophesying, having something on his head, dishonors his head.	*Men might cover their heads when they pray or proclaim what God says. Those who do this shame the person they come from: the Messiah.*

What happens when a man prays with his head covered?

He dishonors his head if he prays with his head covered.

1 Corinthians 11:5

ULT	UST
But every woman praying or prophesying with her head uncovered dishonors her head. For it is one and the same thing as having been shaved.	*Now women might bare their heads when they pray or proclaim what God says. Those who do this shame the people they come from: their husbands. You can tell that this is true, because a woman who bares her head is like a woman whose hair someone has shaved off.*

What happens when a woman prays with her head uncovered?

Any woman who prays with her head uncovered dishonors her head.

1 Corinthians 11:7

ULT	UST
For a man ought not to cover his head, being the image and glory of God. But the woman is the glory of man.	*Further, on the one hand, men should not cover their heads, because they represent and honor God. On the other hand, wives honor their husbands.*

Why should a man not have his head covered?

He should not have his head covered because his is the image and glory of God.

1 Corinthians 11:9

ULT	UST
For indeed man was not created for the woman, but woman for the man.	*Another way that you can tell that this is true is because God did not make the man Adam for the sake of the woman Eve. Rather, he made the woman Eve for the sake of the man Adam.*

For whom was the woman created?

The woman was created for the man.

1 Corinthians 11:11-12

Why are the woman and the man both dependent on each other?

The woman comes from the man, and the man comes from the woman.

1 Corinthians 11:14-15

What does Paul say that nature teaches us about long hair for men and women?

Paul says that nature shows it is a disgrace for men to have long hair and a glory for a woman to have long hair.

1 Corinthians 11:19

ULT	UST
For it is necessary indeed for there to be factions among you, so that also the ones approved may become evident among you.	*I believe it because there need to be disagreements in your group. That way, it may become clear to everyone whom in your group God considers to be acceptable to him.*

Why must there be factions among the Corinthian Christians?

There must be factions among them so that those who are approved may be recognized among them.

1 Corinthians 11:21

ULT	UST
For when eating, each one takes his own supper first; and one is indeed hungry, but one is drunk.	*During your meals, some people are eating their own food before others receive some. In this way, some people do not have enough to eat, while other people are getting drunk.*

What was happening when the Corinthian church came together to eat?

When they ate, each one ate his own food before the others had their meal. One was hungry, and another became drunk.

1 Corinthians 11:23-24

On the night he was betrayed, what did the Lord say after he broke the bread?

He said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

1 Corinthians 11:25

ULT	UST
In the same way also the cup after the supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in the remembrance of me.”	*Just as he picked up the loaf of bread, he also picked up the cup of wine after they had eaten. He said, “This cup of wine is the new covenant that I am inaugurating with my blood. Repeat what I have done whenever you drink from this cup of wine so that you remember how I am offering myself for you.”*

What did the Lord say when he took the cup after the supper?

He said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

1 Corinthians 11:26

ULT	UST
For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he would come.	*This means that, until the Lord comes back, whenever you participate in the Lord’s Supper by eating this bread and drinking wine from this cup, you announce that the Lord has died.*

What are you doing every time you eat this bread and drink this cup?

You are proclaiming the Lord’s death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:27

ULT	UST
Whoever, therefore, might eat the bread or might drink the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and of the blood of the Lord.	*So then, some people, while participating in the Lord's Supper, might eat the bread or drink wine from the cup in a way that dishonors the Messiah. God will hold them responsible for how they have acted against the Lord's body and blood.*

Why should a person not eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner?

Doing so makes you guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 11:29

ULT	UST
For the one eating and drinking without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment to himself.	*You should carefully consider how you are behaving, because some people eat and drink during the Lord's Supper but do not recognize that God has united fellow believers to the Lord as closely as if they were the Lord's body. How those people eat and drink during the Lord's Supper will result in God punishing them.*

What happens to the person who eats the bread or drinks the cup without discerning?

Doing so, that person eats and drinks judgment to himself.

1 Corinthians 11:30

ULT	UST
Because of this many among you are weak and sick, and many are fallen asleep.	*Because people in your group have acted in that improper way, many of them have gotten sick and some of them have died.*

What happened to many among the Corinthian church who ate the bread and drank the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner?

Many among them became sick and ill, and some of them died.

1 Corinthians 11:33

ULT	UST
Therefore, my brothers, coming together to eat, wait for one another.	*In conclusion, my fellow believers, when you gather together to eat the Lord's Supper, you should not start eating until everyone has received food and drink.*

What does Paul tell the Corinthian believers to do when they come together to eat?

He tells them to wait for one another.

1 Corinthians 12

1 Corinthians 12:1

ULT	UST
Now about the spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant.	*I am now moving on to speak about how God's Spirit specially empowers believers. I want to inform you, my fellow believers, about these things.*

About what does Paul want the Corinthian Christians to be informed?

Paul wants them to be informed about spiritual gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:3

ULT	UST
Therefore, I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus is accursed," and no one is able to say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.	*So then, I am informing you that a person who curses Jesus does not speak with the power of God's Spirit. On the other hand, a person who says that Jesus is Lord must be speaking with the power of the Holy Spirit.*

What is one who speaks by the Spirit of God not capable of saying?

He cannot say, "Jesus is accursed."

How can one say, "Jesus is Lord"?

One can only say "Jesus is Lord" by the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

What does God make possible in every believer?

He makes possible in every believer different gifts, different ministries, and different kinds of work.

1 Corinthians 12:7

ULT	UST
Now to each one is given the outward display of the Spirit for the collective benefit.	*Each believer receives from God specific ways in which God's Spirit works through them to help fellow believers.*

Why is the outward display of the Spirit given?

It is given for the benefit of all.

1 Corinthians 12:9-10

What are some of the gifts given by the Spirit?

Some of the gifts are faith, gifts of healing, deeds of power, prophecy, ability to distinguish between spirits, various kinds of tongues and interpretation of tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:11

ULT	UST
But the one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing them to each one individually just as he desires.	*The same Spirit works to empower believers to do all these things. There is just one Holy Spirit, and he decides how to work specifically through each believer.*

Who chooses which gifts each one receives?

The Spirit gives the gifts to each one individually, as he chooses.

1 Corinthians 12:13

ULT	UST
For indeed by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bound or free, and all were made to drink one Spirit.	*Now, God has united us together as closely as if we made up one body. This happened when people baptized us, with the result that we have the one Spirit. We make up this one body even though some of us are Jewish people and others are non-Jewish people, and even though some of us are slaves and others are free people. Further, we all shared in this one Spirit just like we all shared a drink from one cup.*

Into what were all Christians baptized?

We were all baptized into one body and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:18

ULT	UST
But now God appointed the members, each one of them, in the body just as he desired.	*But here is what is true about the body: God decided how each body part should function, and he connected each body part to the body for a specific reason.*

Who arranged and designed each part of the body?

God arranged each part of the body as he designed it.

1 Corinthians 12:22

ULT	UST
On the contrary, the members of the body appearing to be weaker are much more essential;	*Rather, what is true is that the body parts that we consider to be the delicate ones are actually necessary.*

Can we do without the members of the body that appear to be less honorable?

No. The members of the body that appear to be less honorable are essential.

1 Corinthians 12:24

ULT	UST
but our presentable members do not have need. But God has combined the body together, giving more honor to the one lacking it	*but we do not treat our decent body parts in any special way. In the end, God is the one who put all the body parts together into one body, and he makes the less valuable parts more valuable.*

What has God done for the members of the body, including those that are less honorable?

God has joined all the members together, and he gave more honor to those that lacked it.

1 Corinthians 12:25

ULT	UST
so that there may be no division within the body, but that the members should care for one another the same.	*God did this in order that the body would not split up into different parts. Instead, the body parts work together and do not privilege one body part over other body parts.*

Why did God give more honor to the members of the body that lacked it?

He did this so there may be no division within the body, but that the members should care for one another with the same affection.

1 Corinthians 12:28

ULT	UST
And God has indeed appointed some in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, administration, and various kinds of tongues.	*In line with that, God has specially empowered the people who worship him. First, some people are those whom God has sent to represent the Messiah. Second, some people proclaim what God says. Third, some people teach other believers. Further, some people do powerful things. Others can heal others, help other believers, guide the group of believers, or speak unknown languages.*

Who has God appointed in the church?

In the church God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, those who do powerful deeds, gifts of healing, those who provide helps, administrators, and those who speak various kinds of tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:31

ULT	UST
But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And now, I show you a more excellent way.	*Now I want you to eagerly seek the most beneficial gifts. Next, I will tell you about the very best thing you can do.*

What does Paul tell the Corinthian Christians to seek?

He tells them to seek the greater gifts.

What does Paul say he will show the Corinthian Christians?

He says he will show them a more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 13

1 Corinthians 13:1

ULT	UST
If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but I do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.	*Imagine that I could speak many human and angelic languages, but I did not love others. I would be able to make much noise, like a loud metal instrument, but I would not be helping anyone.*

What would Paul become if he spoke with tongues of men and of angels but did not have love?

He would become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

1 Corinthians 13:2

ULT	UST
And if I have prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but I do not have love, I am nothing.	*Again, imagine that I could proclaim what God says, that I could comprehend and know everything, and that I believed so much that I could make mountains change places. But imagine further that I did not love others. Because of that, nothing else matters.*

What would Paul be if he had the gift of prophecy, understood all hidden truths and knowledge and had great faith, but did not have love?

Without love, he would be nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:3

ULT	UST
And if I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body, so that I might boast, but I do not have love, I gain nothing.	*Yet again, imagine that I gifted everything I owned to people who needed food, and that I did not protect my own body, with the result that people would honor me. But imagine further that I did not love others. Because I did not love others, none of those things that I did help me at all.*

How could Paul still gain nothing if he gave away all his possessions and handed over his body?

If he did not have love, he would gain nothing even though he did all these other things.

1 Corinthians 13:5-7

What are some of the characteristics of love?

Love is patient and kind; it does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It is not self serving, not easily angered, nor does it keep a count of wrongs. It does not rejoice in unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, has confidence concerning all things, and endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:8

ULT	UST
Love never fails. But if there are prophecies, they will pass away; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will pass away.	*Those who love others never cease doing so. However, someday people will no longer proclaim what God says. Someday, people will stop speaking unknown languages. Someday, people will no longer know special things.*

What will never fail?

Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:8-10

What are some things that will pass away or cease?

Prophecies, knowledge and that which is incomplete will pass away and tongues will cease.

1 Corinthians 13:11

ULT	UST
When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away the things of the child.	*Here is an analogy: when we were young, we talked as children talk. We thought as children think. We made decisions as children make decisions. But when we grew up, we stopped acting as children do.*

What did Paul say he did when he became an adult?

Paul said when he became an adult he put away childish things.

1 Corinthians 13:13

ULT	UST
But now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.	*In the end, there are three things that we will always keep doing. We will believe in the Messiah, confidently expect God to do what he has promised, and love God and other people. However, loving God and others is the most important out of these three things.*

What three things will remain, and which of the three is the greatest?

Faith, hope, and love will remain. The greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 14

1 Corinthians 14:1

ULT	UST
Pursue love, but be zealous for the spiritual gifts, but especially that you might prophesy.	*You should seek to love others always. Also, you should eagerly seek that the Holy Spirit specially empowers you, particularly that you might be able to proclaim what God says.*

For which spiritual gift did Paul say we should be especially zealous?

Paul said we should be especially zealous to prophesy.

1 Corinthians 14:2

ULT	UST
For the one speaking in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God; for no one understands, but he speaks mysteries in spirit.	*You should desire this because people who talk in unknown languages are talking with God, not with other people. This is because no one knows what they are saying. Rather, they say secret things as the Holy Spirit empowers them.*

To whom is one speaking when he speaks in a tongue?

He is speaking not to people but to God.

1 Corinthians 14:3-4

Who does the one prophesying build up, and who does the one speaking in tongues build up?

The one who prophesies builds up the people, but the one who speaks in tongues builds up himself.

1 Corinthians 14:7-9

To what does Paul compare speech which one can not understand?

He compares it to instruments like the flute or harp if they do not make distinctive sounds, and also to a trumpet played with an uncertain sound.

1 Corinthians 14:12

ULT	UST
So also you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts for the building up of the church, seek that you would abound in them.	*So, here is what you must do: because you desire that the Holy Spirit specially empowers you, you should strive more and more to use what the Holy Spirit empowers you to do to help the group of believers become stronger.*

What does Paul say the Corinthian believers should be zealous to do?

He says they should be zealous to abound in gifts for building up the church.

1 Corinthians 14:13

ULT	UST
So let the one speaking in a tongue pray that he might interpret.	*Therefore, those who talk in unknown languages should ask God to enable them to explain what they are saying.*

For what should the one who speaks in a tongue pray?

He should pray that he may interpret.

1 Corinthians 14:14

ULT	UST
If I would pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.	*When I, for example, pray to God in an unknown language, only part of me is praying since I am not thinking about what I am saying.*

What did Paul say his spirit and mind did when he prayed in a tongue?

Paul said if he prayed in a tongue, his spirit prayed, but his mind was unfruitful.

1 Corinthians 14:15

ULT	UST
What then is it? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind. I will sing with my spirit, and I will also sing with my mind.	*Therefore, here is what you and I should do. We should pray to God not only with just some parts of us but also by thinking about what we are saying. We should sing to God not only with just some parts of us but also by thinking about what we are singing.*

How did Paul say he was going to pray and sing?

Paul said he was going to pray and sing not only with his spirit but also with his mind.

1 Corinthians 14:19

ULT	UST
but in the church I prefer to speak five words with my mind so that I might also instruct others, than myriads of words in a tongue.	*However, when I gather together with fellow believers to worship God, I want to speak only a few words that I think about. In this way, I can teach other believers and not just myself. It is better for me to do that than to say a million words in an unknown language.*

What did Paul say he had rather do than speak 10,000 words in a tongue?

Paul said he had rather speak five words with his understanding so that he might instruct others.

1 Corinthians 14:22

ULT	UST
So then, the tongues are for a sign, not to the ones believing, but to the unbelievers; but prophecy is not to the unbelievers, but to the ones believing.	*Therefore, talking in unknown languages signifies that God judges people who do not believe in the Messiah, not people who do believe in the Messiah. On the other hand, proclaiming what God says signifies that God acts kindly toward people who believe in the Messiah, not toward people who do not believe in the Messiah.*

To whom are tongues and prophesying a sign?

Tongues are a sign to unbelievers, and prophesying is a sign for believers.

1 Corinthians 14:23

ULT	UST
If, therefore, the whole church might come together to the same place and they would all speak in tongues, but ungifted or unbelievers would come in, will they not say that you are insane?	*So, imagine that the whole group of believers gathered together to worship God, and all of you talked in unknown languages. Imagine further that people who do not understand unknown languages or who do not believe in the Messiah visit your group. They will tell others that you are crazy.*

What would outsiders and unbelievers likely say if they came into the church, and all were speaking in tongues?

They would likely say the believers were insane.

1 Corinthians 14:24

ULT	UST
But if they all would prophesy, but some unbeliever or ungifted person might come in, he is convicted by all, he is examined by all,	*On the other hand, imagine that all of you proclaimed what God says. Imagine further that any people who do not believe in the Messiah or who do not understand unknown languages visit your group. Everything that you say will show them and confront them with what they have done wrong.*

What does Paul say would happen if all in the church were prophesying, and an unbeliever or an outsider came in?

Paul says the unbeliever or outsider would be convicted and examined by all he heard.

1 Corinthians 14:25

ULT	UST
the secrets of his heart become visible, and so, having fallen on his face, he will worship God, declaring, "God is really among you."	*In this way, everyone will know the things that these visitors hide from others. In response, they will kneel down and worship God. They will proclaim to others that God truly is with you.*

What would the unbeliever or outsider do if those prophesying revealed the secrets of his heart?

He would fall on his face, worship God, and declare that God was really among them.

1 Corinthians 14:27-28

What is Paul's instruction for those who speak in tongues when believers come together?

He says only two or three at the most should speak, each one in turn. If there is no one to interpret the tongue, let each one of them keep silent in the church.

1 Corinthians 14:29-30

What is Paul's instruction to the prophets when the church comes together?

Paul says to let two or three prophets speak while the other people listen with discernment to what is said. If another prophet has an insight, the one who is speaking should be silent.

1 Corinthians 14:34

ULT	UST
let the women be silent in the churches. For it is not permitted for them to speak, but to be in submission, just as also the law says.	*Wives should keep quiet when believers gather together and their husbands are speaking. They should not talk but rather honor and obey their husbands. They should do this because that is what we find in God's law.*

Where does Paul say the women are not permitted to speak?

Paul says the women are not permitted to speak in the churches.

1 Corinthians 14:35

ULT	UST
But if they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home, for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in church.	*Now, when wives want to learn more about what their husbands are saying, they should ask their husbands questions in their own houses. They should do this because wives who talk when believers gather together and their husbands are speaking shame themselves and their families.*

What did Paul say the women should do if they desired to learn anything?

Paul told them to ask their husbands at home.

How did people look on a woman speaking in the church?

It was looked on as a disgrace.

1 Corinthians 14:37

ULT	UST
If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that what I write to you is a command of the Lord.	*All people who consider themselves to be those who proclaim what God says or those whom the Holy Spirit has specially empowered must recognize that the Lord himself requires what I am writing to you.*

What did Paul say should be acknowledged by those who think themselves to be prophets or spiritual?

Paul said they should acknowledge that the things he wrote to the Corinthian believers were a command of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 14:40

ULT	UST
But let all things be done properly and in order.	*Finally, when you gather together to worship God, you should always act in honorable and orderly ways.*

How should everything in the Church be done?

All things should be done properly and in order.

1 Corinthians 15

1 Corinthians 15:1

ULT	UST
Now I make known to you, brothers, the gospel that I proclaimed to you, which also you received, on which also you stand,	*Next, I am informing you, fellow believers, about the good news that I told you about. You learned this good news from me, and you firmly believe it.*

About what did Paul remind the brothers and sisters?

He reminded them about the gospel he proclaimed to them.

1 Corinthians 15:2

ULT	UST
by which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to what word I proclaimed to you, unless you believed in vain.	*When you continue to firmly believe the message that I preached to you, God saves you by means of that message. Otherwise, you believed the message for nothing.*

What condition had to be fulfilled if the Corinthians were to be saved by the gospel Paul preached to them?

Paul told them they would be saved if they held firmly to the word he preached to them.

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

What were the parts of the gospel that were of first importance?

The parts that were of first importance were that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:5-8

Who did Christ appear to after he was raised from the dead?

After he was raised from the dead, Christ appeared to Cephas, to the Twelve, to more that 500 brothers and sisters at once, to James, to all the apostles, and to Paul.

1 Corinthians 15:9

ULT	UST
For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.	*In fact, I am less significant and honorable than every other person whom the Messiah sent to represent him. Indeed, since I tried to destroy those who believe in the Messiah, I do not deserve it when others call me one whom the Messiah sent to represent him.*

Why did Paul say he was the least of the apostles?

He said this because he persecuted the church of God.

1 Corinthians 15:12

ULT	UST
Now if Christ is proclaimed, that he was raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?	*Because all believers say that God made the Messiah alive again, no one in your group should be claiming that people who have died will not live again.*

What did Paul imply that some of the Corinthians believers were saying about resurrection?

He implied that some of them were saying there was no resurrection from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:13-14

If there is no resurrection from the dead, what does Paul say must also be true?

Paul says that if there is no resurrection, then even Christ has not been raised from the dead, and the preaching of Paul and others like him is in vain, and the faith of the Corinthians is also in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:18

ULT	UST
Then also the ones having fallen asleep in Christ perished.	*In that case again, the believers who have died will never live again.*

If Christ has not been raised, what happened to those who have died in Christ?

They have perished.

1 Corinthians 15:19

ULT	UST
If only in this life we have hope in Christ, of all people we are most pitiful.	*Suppose that we can confidently expect the Messiah to help us only before we die. In that case, all people should feel sorry for us more than they feel sorry for anyone else.*

What does Paul say is true if only in this life we have confidence for the future in Christ?

If this is so, Paul says that of all people, we are most to be pitied.

1 Corinthians 15:20

ULT	UST
But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of the ones having fallen asleep.	*But here is what is true: God has made the Messiah alive again, and he is the first of those who have died whom God will make alive again.*

What does Paul call Christ?

He calls Christ “the first fruits of those who have died.”

1 Corinthians 15:22

ULT	UST
For even as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.	*What I mean is that, just as all people end up dying because God united them to Adam, in the same way all believers will live again because God unites them to the Messiah.*

Who was the man by whom death came into the world, and who was the man by whom all will be made alive?

Adam brought death into the world, and by Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:22-23

When will those who belong to Christ be made alive?

This will happen when Christ comes.

1 Corinthians 15:24

ULT	UST
Then will be the end, when he hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when he has abolished all rule and all authority and power.	*After that, what everything that God has created is waiting for will happen. At that time, the Messiah will get rid of everyone and everything that rules and governs and controls. Then, he will present God, who is our Father, with the kingdom so that God rules over everything.*

What will happen at the end?

Christ will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, when he has abolished all rule and authority and power.

1 Corinthians 15:25

ULT	UST
For he must reign until he has put all the enemies under his feet.	*Here is how that works: God has decided that the Messiah will rule until whenever he has conquered all those who oppose him.*

How long must Christ reign?

He must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

1 Corinthians 15:26

ULT	UST
The last enemy to be abolished: death.	*The last thing that opposes Christ that he will get rid of is that people die.*

What is the last enemy to be destroyed?

Death is the last enemy to be destroyed.

1 Corinthians 15:27

ULT	UST
For “he has put everything under his feet.” But when it says, “he has put everything,” it is clear that the one having put everything in subjection to him is excepted.	*Now, David wrote, “he made him conquer everything that opposes him.” Of course, “everything” does not include God, who is the one who “made him conquer everything.”*

Who is not included when it says, “he has put everything under his feet”?

God, the one who put everything in subjection to the Son (himself) is not included as being in subjection (to the Son).

1 Corinthians 15:28

ULT	UST
Now when all the things have been subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one having subjected all the things to him, so that God might be all in all.	*So, after he has conquered everything, then God the Son will submit to the one who made him conquer everything. In this way, God will conquer and rule all things.*

What will the Son do so that God the Father may be all in all?

The Son himself will be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him.

1 Corinthians 15:32

ULT	UST
What is the profit to me, according to men, if I fought wild beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”	*Suppose that I was thinking about merely human things while I struggled against those who opposed me when I visited the city of Ephesus. In that case, struggling against them does not benefit me at all. Suppose again that God does not make people who have died alive again. In that case, we should do what many people say to do: eat food, and drink wine, because we will die very soon.*

What did Paul declare they might as well do if the dead are not raised?

Paul declared, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”

1 Corinthians 15:34

ULT	UST
Be sober, as is right! And do not keep sinning. For some have no knowledge of God—I say this to your shame.	*I want you to start acting alertly and properly. You should not keep doing what is wrong. I command these things because some people in your group do not know God. I say that in order to make you feel ashamed*

What does Paul command the Corinthians to do?

He commands them be sober, live righteously, and to not keep sinning.

What does Paul say to the shame of the Corinthians?

He said some of them have no knowledge of God.

1 Corinthians 15:35-38

To what does Paul compare the resurrection of the dead?

He compares it to a seed that is sown.

1 Corinthians 15:36

ULT	UST
You foolish one! What you sow is not caused to live unless it dies.	*If you do not know the answers to those questions, you are not thinking clearly! Just think about this: a seed that you put in the ground must die before it can grow.*

What must happen to a seed before it starts to grow?

It must die.

1 Corinthians 15:37

ULT	UST
And what you sow, you do not sow the body that will be, but a bare seed—perhaps wheat or something else.	*Speaking about a seed that you put in the ground, you know that it is not in the form of the plant. Rather, it is just the seed. This is true whether we are speaking about wheat or some other crop.*

Does the bare seed that is sown resemble the body (plant) that comes from the seed?

No, what you sow does not resemble the body that will be.

1 Corinthians 15:39

ULT	UST
Not all flesh is the same flesh. Instead, there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of animals, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.	*The physical parts of different living beings vary. For example, humans, mammals, birds, and fish all have different kinds of physical parts.*

Is all flesh the same?

No. Not all flesh is the same, The flesh of human beings, animals, birds and fish are all different from one another.

1 Corinthians 15:40

ULT	UST
There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies. But the glory of the heavenly is one, and that of the earthly is another.	*Some things exist in heaven, and other things exist on earth. The forms of things in heaven are glorious in one way, while the forms of things on earth are glorious in another way.*

Are there other types of bodies?

There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies.

1 Corinthians 15:41

ULT	UST
There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars. For star differs from star in glory.	*Further, the sun, moon, and stars are glorious in different ways. In fact, each star is glorious in its own specific way.*

Do the sun, moon, and stars all share the same glory?

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon and another glory of the stars, and one star differs from another star in glory.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

How are our perishable bodies sown?

They are sown in decay, in dishonor, and weakness.

What is our condition when we are raised from the dead?

What is raised is an imperishable spiritual body; it is raised in glory and power.

1 Corinthians 15:45

ULT	UST
So also it is written, "The first man Adam became a living soul." The last Adam is a life-giving spirit.	*You can tell that this is true because Moses wrote, "God made the first human, Adam, as a living being who belonged to this world." On the other hand, Jesus, who is like another Adam, now belongs to the world that God will renew and gives life to others.*

What did the first man Adam become?

He became a living soul.

What did the last Adam become?

He became a life-giving spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:47

ULT	UST
The first man is of the earth, made of dust. The second man is from heaven.	*Adam, who represents the first kind of human, belonged on the earth. In fact, God made him from dust. On the other hand, Jesus, who represents the second kind of human, belongs in heaven.*

From where did the first man and the second man come?

The first man is of the earth, made of dust. The second man is from heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:49

ULT	UST
And just as we have borne the image of the earthly, let us also bear the image of the heavenly.	*Our bodies currently are like Adam's body that belongs to this world. In the same way, we should live in such a way that our bodies will eventually be like Jesus' body, which belongs to the world that God will renew.*

Whose image have we borne and whose image will we bear?

Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:50

ULT	UST
Now this I say, brothers, that flesh and blood are not able to inherit the kingdom of God. Neither does the perishable inherit the imperishable.	*Listen to this, my fellow believers: human bodies as they currently exist cannot participate in God's kingdom that lasts forever, since they fall apart and die.*

What cannot inherit the kingdom of God?

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 15:51

ULT	UST
Behold! I tell you a mystery: We will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed—	*Pay attention! I am going to tell you something that God has now revealed. Not all of us will die, but God will transform all of us.*

What will happen to all of us?

We will all be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:52

ULT	UST
in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For a trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.	*He will transform us in one moment, as fast as a person blinks an eye. This will happen when an angel blows the trumpet that signals that this world is ending. When an angel blows that trumpet, God will make those who have died live again so that they can never die, and he will transform everyone who still lives.*

When and how fast will we be changed?

When the last trumpet sounds, we will be change in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.

1 Corinthians 15:54

ULT	UST
But when this perishable has put on incorruptibility, and this mortal has put on immortality, then will come about the word that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory."	*When our bodies that fall apart and die transform into bodies that last forever and can never die, at that time what the prophets wrote about will finally happen: "God has made it so that people no longer die."*

What will happen when this perishable has put on imperishable and this mortal has put on immortality?

Death will be swallowed up in victory.

1 Corinthians 15:56

ULT	UST
But the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.	*People die because sin causes them to die, and that happens because the law specifies dying as the penalty for sin.*

What is the sting of death and what is the power of sin?

The sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the law.

1 Corinthians 15:57

ULT	UST
But thanks be to God, the one giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!	*However, I praise God because he has enabled us to conquer how we sin and die. He has done this by means of what our Lord, Jesus the Messiah, has done.*

Through whom does God give us the victory?

God gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

1 Corinthians 15:58

ULT	UST
Therefore, my beloved brothers, become steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.	*So then, fellow believers whom I love, firmly believe what you know is true. Consistently serve the Lord more and more. You should do these things because you know that what you do to serve the Lord will result in great things, since God has united you to the Lord.*

What reason does Paul give for telling the Corinthian brothers and sisters to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord?

He tells them to do this because they know that their work in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 16

1 Corinthians 16:1

ULT	UST
Now concerning the collection that is for the saints, even as I directed the churches of Galatia, so also you must do.	*I am now moving on to speak about the money that I am collecting for God's people who are Jewish. I want you to do what I instructed the groups of believers who live in the region of Galatia to do.*

Who did Paul direct in the same way as the church at Corinth concerning the collection for the saints?

Paul directed the churches of Galatia in the same way as the church at Corinth.

1 Corinthians 16:2

ULT	UST
Every first of the week, let each of you put something aside, storing up from whatever he might have prospered, so that when I come, there will not be collections then.	*During each Sunday, every one of you should take some money out of whatever you have earned and save it. That way, I will not need to collect money when I visit you.*

How did Paul tell the church at Corinth to make their collection?

He told them that on the first day of the week each of them was to put something aside and store it up as each one was able, so that there would be no collections when Paul came.

1 Corinthians 16:3

ULT	UST
Now when I arrive, whomever you might approve, I will send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem.	*Choose some trustworthy people from your group. When I visit you, I will have them take the money that you have collected to the city of Jerusalem. Also, I will give them letters that say that I have authorized them.*

To whom was the offering going?

It was going to the saints at Jerusalem.

1 Corinthians 16:5

ULT	UST
But I will come to you after I have passed through Macedonia, for I am going through Macedonia.	*I am going to visit you after I travel through the region of Macedonia, which is the way I will be traveling.*

When was Paul going to come to the church at Corinth?

He said he was going to come to them when he passed through Macedonia.

1 Corinthians 16:7

ULT	UST
For I do not desire to see you now only in passing; for I hope to remain with you for some time, if the Lord would permit.	*I am making these plans because I would rather wait to be with you for a long time than visit you right now for just a short time. I confidently expect to do this as long as it is what the Lord wants me to do.*

Why did not Paul want to see the saints in Corinth immediately for a short time?

Paul wanted to visit with them for more than a short time, if the Lord permitted.

1 Corinthians 16:8-9

Why was Paul going to stay in Ephesus until Pentecost?

Paul stayed in Ephesus because a wide door had opened for him, and there were many adversaries.

1 Corinthians 16:10

ULT	UST
Now if Timothy comes, see that he would be unafraid with you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am.	*Whenever Timothy arrives in your city, make sure that he feels safe when he is with you. You should do this because he serves the Lord by proclaiming the good news, just like I do.*

What was Timothy doing?

He was doing the work of the Lord, just as Paul was.

1 Corinthians 16:10-11

What did Paul command the church at Corinth to do concerning Timothy?

Paul told the church at Corinth to see that Timothy was with them unafraid. Paul told them not to despise Timothy and also to help Timothy on his way in peace.

1 Corinthians 16:12

ULT	UST
Now concerning the brother Apollos, I strongly encouraged him that he would come to you with the brothers, but it was not at all his will that he would come now. However, he will come when he might have the opportunity.	*I am now moving on to speak about our fellow believer, Apollos. I firmly urged him to visit you with the other believers who were traveling to visit you. However, he firmly decided that it was not the right time to visit you. Instead, he will visit you when he thinks that it is the right time.*

What did Paul strongly encourage Apollos to do?

Paul strongly encouraged Apollos to visit the saints at Corinth.

1 Corinthians 16:15

ULT	UST
Now I urge you, brothers (you know the household of Stephanas, that they are the firstfruits of Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to service of the saints),	*You know that those who live in the house of Stephanas were the first people to believe the good news in the region of Achaia. Further, they have chosen to serve God's people. I ask you, my fellow believers,*

Who among the Corinthians had set themselves to the service of the saints?

The household of Stephanas set themselves to the service of the saints.

1 Corinthians 16:16

ULT	UST
that you also would be subject to the ones such as these and to everyone who is joining together in the work and laboring.	*to honor and obey them and other people like them. In fact, you should honor and obey every person who works hard to proclaim the good news with us.*

What did Paul tell the Corinthian saints to do concerning the household of Stephanas?

Paul told them to be in submission to such people.

1 Corinthians 16:17-18

What did Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus do for Paul?

They made up for the absence of the Corinthian saints and refreshed Paul's spirit.

1 Corinthians 16:19-20

Who sent their greetings to the church at Corinth?

The churches of Asia, Aquila and Priscilla, and all the brothers and sisters sent their greetings to the church at Corinth.

1 Corinthians 16:22

ULT	UST
If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed. Maranatha!	*May God curse everyone who fails to love the Lord. I pray that the Lord returns soon.*

What did Paul say concerning those who do not love the Lord?

Paul said, "If any one does not love the Lord, let a curse be on him."

2 Corinthians

2 Corinthians 1

2 Corinthians 1:1

ULT	UST
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, and to all the saints being in the whole of Achaia.	*I, Paul, write this letter to you, and Timothy, our fellow believer, is with me. God chose to send me to represent the Messiah Jesus, because that is what God wanted. I send this letter to you who are part of the group of believers belonging to God, which is in the city of Corinth. I also send this letter to all the believers who live throughout the region of Achaia.*

Who wrote this epistle?

Paul and Timothy wrote this epistle.

To whom was the epistle written?

It was written to the church of God which was at Corinth and to all the saints in the entire region of Achaia.

2 Corinthians 1:3

ULT	UST
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort,	*May we always praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah—he is our merciful Father and our God who always comforts us.*

How does Paul describe God?

Paul describes God as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort.

2 Corinthians 1:4

ULT	UST
the one comforting us in all our affliction so that we are able to comfort the ones in every affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.	*God comforts us whenever we suffer. He does that so that we can comfort others who are suffering in any way. God enables us to comfort them in the very same way as he comforts us.*

Why does God comfort us in our affliction?

He comforts us so that we are able to comfort those who are in affliction, with the same comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

2 Corinthians 1:8-9

What trouble did Paul and his companions have in Asia?

They were burdened beyond what they could bear, so that they expected to die.

2 Corinthians 1:9

ULT	UST
Indeed, we ourselves have had within ourselves the sentence of death so that we would not be having become confident in ourselves, but in God, the one raising the dead,	*We felt like a person feels when he has heard a judge say, "I condemn you to die." But God allowed us to feel that way so that we would learn to not rely on ourselves but, instead, to rely on God. He causes people who have died to live again.*

For what reason was the sentence of death on Paul and his companions?

The sentence of death caused them to not put their trust in themselves, but instead to trust in God.

2 Corinthians 1:11

ULT	UST
you also joining in helping in supplication on our behalf—so that thanks may be given on our behalf from many faces for the gracious gift to us through many.	*as you help us by praying for us. Please do pray for us so that many people will thank God for what he will graciously do for us because many people prayed for us.*

How did Paul say that the Corinthian church could help them?

Paul said the Corinthian church could help them by their prayer.

2 Corinthians 1:12

ULT	UST
For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience, that we conducted ourselves in the world in holiness and sincerity of God, and not in fleshly wisdom, but in the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you.	*We are proud that we can honestly say that we have behaved toward all people in a holy and sincere way, as God has enabled us to do. We do not behave in the way that unbelievers think is wise. Instead, God graciously guides us, especially as we interact with you.*

Of what did Paul say that he and his companions were proud?

They were proud of the testimony of their conscience, which is that they had conducted themselves in the world—and especially in dealing with the Corinthian church—with the holiness and sincerity that come from God, not according to earthly wisdom but by the grace of God.

2 Corinthians 1:14

ULT	UST
just as you also understood us in part—so that we are your boasting, just as you also are ours, on the day of our Lord Jesus.	*just as you partially understand us already. Then when our Lord Jesus returns, you will be just as proud of us as we will be proud of you.*

What was Paul confident would happen on the day of our Lord Jesus?

He was confident that on that day Paul and his companions would be the reason for the pride of the Corinthian saints.

2 Corinthians 1:15

ULT	UST
And with this confidence, I was intending to come to you before so that you might have a second grace,	

How many times was Paul planning to visit the Corinthian saints?

He was planning to visit them two times.

2 Corinthians 1:22

ULT	UST
the one also having sealed us and having given us the down payment of the Spirit in our hearts.	*God gave us the Holy Spirit to live within us. That shows both that we belong to him and that he will also do for us everything else that he has promised to do for us.*

What is one reason that Christ gave us the Spirit in our hearts?

He gave the Spirit as a down payment or guarantee of what he would later give us.

2 Corinthians 1:23

ULT	UST
Now I invoke God as a witness upon my soul that sparing you, I have not yet come to Corinth.	*So now I will tell you why I changed my mind and did not visit you again as I intended to do. May God strike me dead if I am lying, but he knows that what I am telling you is true. The reason that I did not return to Corinth was so that I might not grieve you by having to speak to you severely about the wrong things that you have done.*

Why did Paul not come to Corinth?

He did not come to Corinth so that he might spare them.

2 Corinthians 1:24

ULT	UST
Not that we lord it over your faith, but we are fellow workers for your joy, for you stand firm in the faith.	*When I say that, I do not mean that we are your masters who give you orders about what to believe and do. Instead, everything that we tell you about living for God is so that you will be joyful. We do not need to command you, because God himself tells you what to believe and do.*

What did Paul say he and Timothy were and were not doing with the Corinthian church?

Paul said they were not trying to control what their faith should be, but they were working with the Corinthian church for their joy.

2 Corinthians 2

2 Corinthians 2:1

ULT	UST
For I decided this for myself, not to come to you again in sorrow.	*I have not visited you because I have chosen to avoid visiting you if it hurts you and me like it did last time I visited you.*

What circumstances was Paul trying to avoid by not coming to the Corinthian church?

Paul was avoiding coming to the Corinthian church in sorrow.

2 Corinthians 2:3

ULT	UST
And I wrote this same thing so that, having come, I might not have sorrow from those in whom it is necessary for me to rejoice, having become confident in all of you that my joy is the joy of all of you.	*I already wrote in my previous letter what I am now saying to you. I wrote those things so that, when I next visited you, you would not hurt me, and I would be glad about you as I should. I wrote those things because I was sure about all of you that you would be glad when I was glad.*

Why did Paul write as he did in his previous epistle to the Corinthian church?

He wrote as he did so that when he came to them he might not be hurt by those who should have made him rejoice.

2 Corinthians 2:4

ULT	UST
For I wrote to you out of much tribulation and anguish of heart, through many tears, not so that you would be grieved, but so that you might know the love that I have more abundantly for you.	*I suffered greatly and hurt inside when I wrote that previous letter to you. In fact, I wept while I wrote it. I sent it to you so that you would realize how much I care for you. I did not intend to hurt you.*

When Paul wrote to the Corinthians before, what was his state of mind?

He was in great tribulation and anguish of heart.

Why did Paul write this letter to the Corinthian church?

He wrote to them so that they would know the depth of the love that he had for them.

2 Corinthians 2:6-7

What did Paul say the Corinthian saints should now do for the one they punished?

Paul said they should forgive and comfort that person.

2 Corinthians 2:7

ULT	UST
so that, on the contrary, you should rather forgive and comfort him so that such a person might not be overwhelmed in his excessive sorrow.	*So then, instead of disciplining that person, you should now forgive and encourage that person. Otherwise, the person will become very sad and give up.*

Why did Paul say the Corinthian saints should forgive and comfort the one they had punished?

This was so that the one they had punished would not be overwhelmed by too much sorrow.

2 Corinthians 2:9

ULT	UST
Indeed, I also wrote for this reason: so that I might know your proof, whether you are obedient in all things.	*Another reason for which I wrote that previous letter was in order that I could find out for sure if you would do everything that I asked you to do.*

What is another reason Paul wrote to the Corinthian church?

Paul wrote to them to test them and to find out whether they were obedient in everything.

2 Corinthians 2:11

ULT	UST
so that we would not be taken advantage of by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.	*We should forgive others so that Satan will not control us. Indeed, we know all about his plans to control us.*

Why was it important for the Corinthian church to know that whoever they had forgiven was also forgiven by Paul and in the presence of Christ?

This was so that Satan would not trick them.

2 Corinthians 2:13

ULT	UST
I had no relief in my spirit, as I did not find my brother Titus there. So having said farewell to them, I went on to Macedonia.	*However, since my fellow believer Titus was not in the city of Troas, I continued to be anxious about what happened when he visited you. Therefore, I said goodbye to the believers there and left to travel to the region of Macedonia.*

Why did Paul have no peace of mind when he went to the city of Troas?

He had no peace of mind because he could not find his brother Titus in Troas.

2 Corinthians 2:14-15

What did God do through Paul and his companions?

Through Paul and his companions God spread the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Christ everywhere.

2 Corinthians 2:17

ULT	UST
For we are not like the many peddling the word of God; but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the presence of God in Christ.	*You can tell that we do not do so perfectly because we do not sell the message that God has given us for money, like many other people do. Rather, we only want to serve God, not to gain something. Indeed, we proclaim the good news because that is what God sent us to do. So, as those whom God has united to the Messiah, we proclaim the good news to please God, not people.*

How did Paul say that he and his companions were different from many people who sold the word of God for profit?

Paul and his companions were different in that they spoke with purity of motives, as sent from God, speaking in Christ in the presence of God.

2 Corinthians 3

2 Corinthians 3:2

ULT	UST
You yourselves are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men,	*It is you all who function like a note that proves that we are trustworthy. When we care for each other, all people realize that we are trustworthy, just as if they read a note from you.*

What letter of recommendation did Paul and his companions have?

The saints at Corinth were their letter of recommendation, known and read by all people.

2 Corinthians 3:4-5

What was the confidence that Paul and his companions had in God through Christ?

Their confidence was not in their own competence, but in the adequacy that God provided them.

2 Corinthians 3:6

ULT	UST
who indeed made us competent as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit makes alive.	*He has also enabled us to act on behalf of the new agreement. The Holy Spirit gives this new agreement, so it is not just words that someone wrote down. This is important because people who rely on the Holy Spirit will live, but people who rely on words that someone wrote down will die.*

What was the basis of the new covenant of which God had qualified Paul and his companions to be servants?

The new covenant was based on the Spirit, who gives life, not the letter, which kills.

2 Corinthians 3:7

ULT	UST
Now if the ministry of this death—engraved in letters on stones—came in glory, so that the sons of Israel were not able to look intently at the face of Moses because of the fading glory of his face,	*Further, when Moses acted on behalf of the old agreement that condemned people to die, God carved the words of the agreement onto stone slabs. What Moses did was glorious enough that the Israelites could not gaze at his face afterwards because it reflected how glorious God is, although that would eventually go away.*

Why could the people of Israel not look directly at Moses' face?

They could not look directly at his face because of the glory of his face, a glory that was fading.

2 Corinthians 3:9

ULT	UST
For if the ministry of this condemnation had glory, the ministry of this righteousness abounds much more in glory!	*Indeed, when Moses acted on behalf of the old agreement that led to God condemning people, it was glorious. So then, when people act on behalf of the new agreement that leads to people becoming righteous, it is even more glorious!*

Which will have more glory, the ministry of condemnation or the service of righteousness?

The ministry of righteousness abounds much more in glory.

2 Corinthians 3:14

ULT	UST
But their minds were hardened, for until the present day, the same veil remains at the reading of the old covenant, not being lifted, because in Christ it is fading away.	*In fact, the Israelites did not understand what God revealed. Indeed, even now, when someone reads the Scriptures that contain the old agreement, it is as if the cloth that Moses wore keeps people from understanding it. That is because no one can understand these Scriptures until God unites them to the Messiah.*

How can Israel's mind be opened and the veil removed from their hearts?

Only when Israel turns to the Lord Christ are their minds opened and the veil lifted away.

2 Corinthians 3:15

ULT	UST
But until today, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart,	*Indeed, even now, when someone reads the Law of Moses, it is as if that cloth keeps people from understanding it.*

What is the problem which remains today for the people of Israel whenever the old covenant of Moses is read?

Their problem is that their minds are closed and a veil lies over their hearts.

2 Corinthians 3:16

ULT	UST
but whenever one might turn to the Lord, the veil is taken away.	*However, when people begin to trust the Lord God, God enables them to understand the Law of Moses, just as if he removed that cloth.*

How can Israel's mind be opened and the veil removed from their hearts?

Only when Israel turns to the Lord Christ are their minds opened and the veil lifted away.

2 Corinthians 3:17

ULT	UST
Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.	*When I speak of the Lord God, I mean the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who enables people to understand the Scriptures.*

What is present with the Spirit of the Lord?

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:18

ULT	UST
Now we all, with unveiled face reflecting the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.	*So, all of us who believe show how glorious the Lord God is, and we do so without a cloth covering our faces. God is changing us so that we are like the Messiah. In this way, the glorious Lord, who is the Holy Spirit, makes us glorious.*

Into what are all those who are seeing the glory of the Lord being transformed?

They are being transformed into the same glorious likeness from one degree of glory into another.

2 Corinthians 4

2 Corinthians 4:1

ULT	UST
Therefore, having this ministry, just as we received mercy, we do not become discouraged.	*Because of those things, and because God mercifully enabled us to act on behalf of the new agreement, we do not give up.*

Why did Paul and his companions not become discouraged?

They did not become discouraged because of the ministry they had and because they had received mercy.

2 Corinthians 4:2

ULT	UST
Instead, we have rejected the shameful hidden things, not walking in craftiness, nor distorting the word of God, but by the manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience before God.	*Rather, we refuse to do anything that we would hide because it is disgraceful. We do not try to deceive others, and we do not change the message from God. Instead, we proclaim the true message, and we prove to everyone that God considers us trustworthy.*

What were the ways that Paul and his companions had renounced?

They had renounced the ways that are shameful and hidden. They did not live by craftiness and did not mishandle the word of God.

How did Paul and those like him recommend themselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God?

They did this by presenting the truth.

2 Corinthians 4:3

ULT	UST
But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to the ones perishing,	*In fact, the only people who do not understood the good news that we proclaim are people who are passing away.*

To whom is the gospel veiled?

It is veiled to those who are perishing.

2 Corinthians 4:4

ULT	UST
to whom the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, so that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, does not appear to them.	*Satan, who rules the world right now, has kept these people who do not believe from understanding. That way, the good news about the glorious Messiah, who shows what God is like, does not change them.*

Why is the gospel veiled to those who are perishing?

It is veiled because the god of this world has blinded their unbelieving minds so they are not able to see the light of the gospel.

2 Corinthians 4:5

ULT	UST
For we do not proclaim ourselves, but the Lord Christ Jesus, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.	*I say that the good news is about the Messiah because we do not tell other people about ourselves. Rather, we tell them about Jesus the Messiah, the Lord, and about how we serve you because of him.*

What did Paul and his companions proclaim about Jesus and about themselves?

They proclaimed Christ Jesus as Lord and themselves as the servants of the Corinthian church for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:7

ULT	UST
But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that the surpassing greatness of the power might be from God and not from us;	*We experience and proclaim these wonderful things, but we ourselves are weak and worthless. That way, it is clear that God causes these things to be so powerful, not we.*

Why did Paul and his companions have this treasure in jars of clay?

They had this treasure in jars of clay so that it would be clear that the exceedingly great power belongs to God and not to them.

2 Corinthians 4:10

ULT	UST
always carrying around in the body the dying of Jesus so that the life of Jesus also might be revealed in our body;	*We continually suffer physically, like Jesus did. That way, God will make us live again, just like he made Jesus live again.*

Why did Paul and his companions carry in their bodies the death of Jesus?

They carried the death of Jesus in their bodies so that the life of Jesus might also be shown in their bodies.

2 Corinthians 4:14

ULT	UST
knowing that the one having raised Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present us with you.	*We do that because we realize that God made Jesus alive again, so he will also make us alive again. Then we will be with Jesus and with you before God.*

Who will be raised and brought into the presence of him who raised the Lord Jesus?

Paul and his companions as well as the Corinthian saints will be brought into the presence of him who raised the Lord Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4:15

ULT	UST
For all these things are for your sake so that the grace, having increased through more and more people, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.	*We do each of those things to help you. That way, God will act graciously to more people. Then, people will thank God more, which honors God.*

What will happen as a result of grace spreading to many people?

As grace is spread to many people, thanksgiving will increase to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 4:16

ULT	UST
So we do not become discouraged. Rather, even if our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.	*Therefore, we do not give up. Instead, even though the part of us that people can see is perishing, every day God is strengthening the part of us that people cannot see.*

Why did Paul and his companions have reason to become discouraged?

They had reason to become discouraged because, outwardly, they were decaying.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Why did Paul and his companions not become discouraged?

They did not become discouraged because inwardly they were being renewed day by day. Also, their momentary, light affliction was preparing them for an eternal weight of glory that exceeds all measurement. Lastly, they were watching for unseen eternal things.

2 Corinthians 5

2 Corinthians 5:1

ULT	UST
For we know that if our earthly house of this tent is torn down, we have a building from God, an eternal house in the heavens, not made with hands.	*Indeed, we realize that the bodies we have on this earth will die. They are like tents that people destroy. However, God will give us new bodies that will live forever. They will be like buildings that God creates in the heavenly places.*

What did Paul say we still have if our earthly dwelling is destroyed?

Paul said we have a building from God, a house not made by human hands, but an eternal house, in the heavens.

2 Corinthians 5:4

ULT	UST
For indeed, we, the ones being in this tent, groan, being burdened, because of which we do not want to be unclothed, but to be fully clothed so that the mortal may be swallowed up by the life.	*Even further, while we have these bodies that are like tents, we mourn, and these bodies make living difficult. Because of that, it is not that we want to be without bodies, which would be like having no clothes. Rather, we want to receive new bodies, which will be like putting on new clothes. That way, we will live forever instead of expecting to die.*

Why did Paul say that we groan while we are in this tent?

Paul said this because while in this tent, we are burdened and want to be clothed so that what is mortal may be absorbed by life.

2 Corinthians 5:5

ULT	UST
Now the one having prepared us for this very thing is God, the one having given us the down payment of the Spirit.	*God is the one who makes us ready for these new bodies. He gave the Holy Spirit to us, which shows that he will also give us everything else that he has promised.*

What did God give to us as a pledge of what is to come?

God gave us the Spirit as a pledge of what is to come.

2 Corinthians 5:8

ULT	UST
Now we are confident and think it good rather to be away from the body and to be at home with the Lord.	*As I said, we are confident about what God will give us. Also, we would choose instead to be without our bodies and with the Lord Jesus.*

Would Paul rather be in the body or at home with the Lord?

Paul said, “We would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.”

2 Corinthians 5:9

ULT	UST
And therefore we aspire, whether being at home or being away, to be well-pleasing to him.	*So then, we strive to please the Lord Jesus whether we are with him or not.*

What was Paul’s goal?

Paul made it his goal to please the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:10

ULT	UST
For it is necessary for us all to be revealed before the judgment seat of Christ so that each one may receive back the things done through the body, with regard to what things he did, whether good or bad.	*We do that because all of us will have to appear before the Messiah and he will decide whether each one of us has done what is right or what is wrong. Then, he will give us what we deserve in proportion to what we did while we had these bodies.*

Why did Paul make it his goal to please the Lord?

Paul made this his goal because we all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive what is due for the things done in the body, whether for good or for bad.

2 Corinthians 5:11

ULT	UST
Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men. But we are clearly known by God, and I hope also to be clearly known in your consciences.	*So then, because we experience what it means to fear the Lord Jesus, we convince others to fear him also. God knows that we are trustworthy, and I want you also to know that we are trustworthy.*

Why did Paul and his companions persuade people?

They persuaded people because they knew the fear of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:12

ULT	UST
We are not again commending ourselves to you, but are giving you an opportunity of boasting on our behalf, so that you may have an answer for the ones boasting in appearance and not in heart.	*We are not proving to you a second time that we are trustworthy. Rather, we are enabling you to say great things about us. That way, you can respond to anybody who says great things about how people appear on the outside and not about who those people really are on the inside.*

Paul said they were not again recommending themselves to the Corinthian saints. What were they doing?

They were giving the Corinthian saints a reason to be proud of them, so that the Corinthian saints might have an answer for those who boasted about appearances but not about what was in the heart.

2 Corinthians 5:15

ULT	UST
And he died for all so that the ones living should live no longer for themselves, but for the one having died for them and having been raised.	*Further, this is why he died to rescue all people: that way, those who live spiritually will not do whatever they want anymore. Instead, they will do what the Messiah wants, since he died to rescue them and God made him alive again.*

Since Christ died for all, what should those who live do?

They should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised.

2 Corinthians 5:16

ULT	UST
Therefore, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh. Even if we regarded Christ according to the flesh, yet now we no longer regard him that way.	*Because of all that, we do not think about anyone in merely human ways any longer. Indeed, although at one time we thought about the Messiah in merely human ways, we do not think about him in those ways any longer.*

By what standards do the saints no longer judge anyone?

The saints no longer judge anyone by human standards.

2 Corinthians 5:17

ULT	UST
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things passed away; behold, new things have come.	*So then, whenever God unites people to the Messiah, he makes them new people. What they used to be has disappeared. Look, what they are now is something new!*

What happens to anyone who is in Christ?

He is a new creation. The old things have passed away; new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:19

ULT	UST
namely, that God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and having placed in us the word of reconciliation.	*Here is how that works: God works through Christ to enable every person to be with him. In doing so, he forgives people for what they have done wrong. Further, he commissions us to tell others about how they can be with God.*

When God through Christ reconciles people to himself, what does God do for them?

God does not count their sinful acts against them, and he entrusts to them the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:20

ULT	UST
Therefore, we are ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as though God is appealing through us: We implore you on behalf of Christ: "Be reconciled to God!"	*Because God has commissioned us, we represent the Messiah. So, God encourages others through us. We speak for the Messiah when we ask you to believe the good news so that you can be with God.*

As appointed representatives of Christ, what is the plea of Paul and his companions to the Corinthians?

Their plea to the Corinthians is to be reconciled to God for the sake of Christ!

2 Corinthians 5:21

ULT	UST
The one not having known sin he made sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.	*Jesus did not sin. Despite that, for our sake God treated him as if he had sinned. As a result, God makes us righteous by uniting us to Jesus.*

Why did God make Christ become the sacrifice for our sin?

God did this so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 6

2 Corinthians 6:1

ULT	UST
Now working together with him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain—	*As those who serve with God, we encourage you to accept fully what God has graciously done for you, so that it changes how you live.*

What did Paul and his companions beg the Corinthians not to do?

They begged the Corinthians not to receive the grace of God to no effect.

2 Corinthians 6:2

ULT	UST
for he says, "At an acceptable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is a favorable time. Look, now is a day of salvation.	*You should do that because God says in the scripture: "When I considered it to be the right time, I heard you and acted. Indeed, when I was rescuing people, I assisted you." Right now is when God considers it to be the best time! Indeed, right now is when God is rescuing people!*

When is the favorable time? When is the day of salvation?

Now is the favorable time. Now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:3

ULT	UST
Giving no cause for offense in anything so that our ministry might not be blamed,	*We avoid doing anything that might offend others. That way, no one can criticize how we serve God.*

Why did Paul and his companions not place a stumbling block in front of anyone?

They did not put a stumbling block in front of anyone, for they did not want their ministry to be blamed.

2 Corinthians 6:4

ULT	UST
instead, we commend ourselves in everything as servants of God; in much endurance, in tribulations, in hardships, in distresses,	*Rather, we prove that we are trustworthy in every way while we serve God. We always persevere when people hurt and persecute us.*

What did the actions of Paul and his companions prove?

Their actions proved they were God's servants.

2 Corinthians 6:4-5

What are some of the things that Paul and his companions endured?

They endured affliction, distress, hardship, beatings, imprisonments, riots, hard work, sleepless nights and hunger.

2 Corinthians 6:8

ULT	UST
through honor and dishonor, through bad report and good report; as deceivers, yet true;	*Some people honor us, and others shame us. Some people say bad things about us, and others say good things about us. Some people think that we tell lies, but really we speak what is true.*

Even though Paul and his companions were truthful, of what were they accused?

They were accused of being deceitful.

2 Corinthians 6:11-13

What exchange does Paul wish to make with the Corinthians?

Paul said his heart was wide open to the Corinthians and, in fair exchange, Paul wanted the Corinthians saints to open their hearts wide to Paul and his companions.

2 Corinthians 6:14-16

What reasons does Paul give as to why the Corinthian saints should not be tied together with unbelievers?

Paul gives the following reasons: What association does righteousness have with lawlessness? Does light have fellowship with darkness? Can Christ agree with Beliar? What share does a believer have together with an unbeliever? Can there be agreement between the temple of God and idols?

2 Corinthians 6:17-18

What does the Lord say he will do for those who will, "Come out from among them and be set apart, and touch no unclean thing…"?

The Lord says he will welcome them. He will be a Father to them and they will be his sons and daughters.

2 Corinthians 7

2 Corinthians 7:1

ULT	UST
Therefore, beloved, having these promises, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.	*So then, fellow believers whom I love, because God has promised these things to us, we should get rid of everything that defiles us on the outside and on the inside. We should become completely holy as we fear God.*

Of what does Paul say we are supposed to cleanse ourselves?

We are supposed to cleanse ourselves of everything that makes us unclean in body and spirit.

2 Corinthians 7:2

ULT	UST
Make room for us! We wronged no one; we ruined no one; we took advantage of no one.	*We ask you to care for us! We have not hurt, cheated, or destroyed anyone.*

What did Paul want the Corinthian saints to do for himself and his companions?

Paul wanted them to, “Make room for us!”

2 Corinthians 7:3-4

What words of encouragement did Paul have for the Corinthian saints?

Paul told the Corinthian saints they were in his and his companion’s hearts, to die together and to live together. Paul also told them he had great confidence in them and was proud of them.

2 Corinthians 7:6-7

What comfort did God give to Paul and his companions when they came to Macedonia and were troubled in every way–conflicts on the outside and fears on the inside?

God comforted them by the arrival of Titus, by the report of the comfort Titus had received from the Corinthian saints, and by the Corinthian’s great affection and their sorrow and deep concern for Paul.

2 Corinthians 7:8-9

What did Paul's previous letter produce in the Corinthian saints?

The Corinthian saints experienced grief unto repentance in response to Paul's previous letter.

2 Corinthians 7:9

ULT	UST
now I rejoice, not that you were grieved, but that you were grieved to the point of repentance. For you were grieved with respect to God, so that you would not suffer loss in anything through us.	*However, now that Titus has told us about you, I am very happy. I am happy not because I hurt you. Rather, I am happy because when I hurt you, you became sorry for what you did and stopped doing it. In fact, you felt hurt in a way that honors God. So, we have not deprived you of anything good.*

What did Godly sadness produce in the Corinthian saints?

Sadness brought about repentance in them.

2 Corinthians 7:12

ULT	UST
So even though I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the one having done wrong, nor for the sake of the one having suffered wrong, but so that your earnestness which is on our behalf might be revealed to you before God.	*So then, when I sent the previous letter to you, I was not primarily dealing with the person who did what was wrong. Also, I was not primarily dealing with the person whom he hurt. Rather, I intended to show you how eager you are to act rightly toward us and that God approves of this.*

Why did Paul say he wrote his previous letter to the Corinthian saints?

Paul said he wrote so that the earnestness of the Corinthians saints for Paul and his companions should be made known to the Corinthian saints in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians 7:13

ULT	UST
Because of this we have been encouraged. Now in addition to our own encouragement, we rejoiced even more abundantly at the joy of Titus, because his spirit had been refreshed by all of you.	*Since you responded in these ways, you have encouraged us. In fact, although you did encourage us, we are even more happy about how you made Titus happy. You did that when you all comforted and strengthened him.*

Why was Titus joyful?

He was joyful because his spirit was refreshed by all the Corinthian saints.

2 Corinthians 7:15

ULT	UST
And his affections towards you are more abundant, remembering the obedience of all of you, how you received him with fear and trembling.	*Titus recalls how you all obeyed us, particularly how you feared him when he arrived. Because of that, he cares about you even more now.*

Why did Titus' affection for the Corinthian saints grow even greater?

Titus' affection for the Corinthian saints grew even greater as he remembered the obedience of all the Corinthian saints as they welcomed him with fear and trembling.

2 Corinthians 8

2 Corinthians 8:1

ULT	UST
Now we make known to you, brothers, the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia,	*My fellow believers, we want to tell you about what God has graciously enabled the groups of believers here in Macedonia province to do.*

What did Paul want the Corinthian brothers and sisters to know?

Paul wanted them to know about the grace of God that was given to the churches of Macedonia.

2 Corinthians 8:2

ULT	UST
that during a severe trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded to the riches of their generosity.	*Even though they suffered very much, which tested how they would respond, they were extremely generous. They were very joyful as they did this, even though they had very little.*

What did the churches of Macedonia do during a great test of affliction, and even though were extremely poor?

They produced great riches of generosity.

2 Corinthians 8:6

ULT	UST
So we urged Titus that, just as he began, in the same way he would also complete for you this grace as well.	*Because of that, we encouraged Titus to finish accepting what you are giving, especially since he had already started doing so.*

What did Paul urge Titus to do?

Paul urged Titus to bring to completion this act of grace on the part of the Corinthian saints.

2 Corinthians 8:7

ULT	UST
But even as you abound in everything, in faith and in speech and in knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love from us in you, so also you should abound in this act of grace.	*As for you, you are already doing well in so many ways. This includes how you trust God, what you say, how much you know, how you are always eager to do what is right, and how much we love you. So, you should also do well in giving money for fellow believers.*

In what else did the Corinthian believers abound?

They abounded in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in their love for Paul.

2 Corinthians 8:12

ULT	UST
For if the readiness is already there, it is fully acceptable according to whatever one might have, not according to what he does not have.	*Now God approves of what people give based on what they have, not based on what they do not have. This is true as long as they are eager to give.*

What does Paul say is a good and acceptable thing?

Paul says it is a good and acceptable thing for the Corinthian saints to have a readiness to do that work.

2 Corinthians 8:13-14

Does Paul want this task to be done so others may be relieved and the Corinthian saints may be burdened?

No. Paul said the Corinthians' abundance at that current time would supply what they (the other saints) needed, and so that their abundance might also supply the Corinthian saints' need, and so that there might be fairness.

2 Corinthians 8:16-17

What did Titus do after God put into his heart the same earnest care that Paul had for the Corinthian saints?

Titus accepted Paul's appeal, and being very earnest about it, he came to the Corinthian saints of his own free will.

2 Corinthians 8:20

ULT	UST
avoiding this, that no one might blame us concerning this generosity being administered by us.	*So, we are doing what we can to keep others from criticizing us for what we do with this money that people have generously given.*

What was Paul careful to avoid in his actions concerning this act of generosity?

Paul was careful to avoid giving anyone reason to complain about his actions.

2 Corinthians 8:24

ULT	UST
Therefore, prove to them to the faces of the churches the proof of your love and of our boasting about you.	*So then, show these three men and also the groups of believers that you really do care for fellow believers and that the great things we say about you really are true.*

What did Paul tell the Corinthian saints to do concerning the brothers that were sent to them by the other churches?

Paul told the Corinthian church to show them their love and to show them why Paul had boasted about the Corinthian church among the other churches.

2 Corinthians 9

2 Corinthians 9:1

ULT	UST
For concerning the ministry that is to the saints, it is excessive for me to write to you.	*Really, though, I do not need to say anything to you about how we are serving God's people in Jerusalem.*

About what does Paul say it is not necessary to write to the Corinthian saints?

Paul says it is no necessary to write to them concerning the ministry for the saints.

2 Corinthians 9:3

ULT	UST
But I sent the brothers so that our boasting which is about you might not be futile in this matter and so that you might be ready, as I was saying.	*However, although we know that you are eager, we have chosen these three fellow believers to visit you to make sure that the great things we say about how you are eager to give prove true. They are visiting you so that you can finish preparing to give and in this way match what I have told the Macedonians about you.*

Why did Paul send the brothers to Corinth?

He sent the brothers so that his boasting about the Corinthian saints might not be futile, and so that the Corinthian saints would be ready, as Paul said they would be.

2 Corinthians 9:4-5

Why did Paul think it necessary to urge the brothers to go to the Corinthian saints and make arrangements in advance for the gift the Corinthians had promised?

Paul thought is necessary so that Paul and his companions would not be put to shame in case any Macedonians came with Paul and found the Corinthians unprepared. Paul wanted the Corinthians to be ready with the gift as one freely offered and not because the Corinthians were forced to give it.

2 Corinthians 9:6

ULT	UST
Now this I say: the one sowing sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one sowing in blessings will also reap in blessings.	*Here is an example that illustrates how you should give. When farmers plant only a few seeds, they harvest only a little food. When farmers plant many seeds, they harvest much food. Much like that, when you help other people, someone will help you in return.*

What example does Paul use to explain why believers should give generously?

Paul says that people who sow only a little will reap only a little, but those who sow generously will also reap generously.

2 Corinthians 9:7

ULT	UST
Let each one give just as he has decided beforehand in his heart, not from sorrow or from compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.	*Each of you should choose for yourself how much to give. Do not choose how much to give because you feel hurt or because you have to. I say that because God cares for people who give gladly.*

How is each one to give?

Each one is to give as he has planned in his heart—not out of compelling obligation or so as to have sorrow when he gives.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

What was the one who provides seed for the sower and bread for food going to do for the Corinthian saints?

That one was going to supply and multiply their seed for sowing and increase the harvest of their righteousness. They were going to be enriched in every way so they could be generous.

2 Corinthians 9:13

ULT	UST
Through the proof of this ministry, they are glorifying God on the basis of the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ and the generosity of the fellowship toward them and toward everyone,	*You prove yourselves by serving God's people in Jerusalem. So then, they will honor God because you actually do what the good news about the Messiah requires, which is the same good news that you say you believe. They will honor God also because you generously share what you have with them and with all believers.*

For what reason were the saints in Jerusalem glorifying God?

They were glorifying God because of the Corinthians' obedience to their confession of the gospel of Christ and because of the generosity of the Corinthians' gift.

2 Corinthians 9:14

ULT	UST
and in their prayer on your behalf, longing for you because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.	*Further, they will want to see you as they pray for you, since you give very graciously as God enables you to.*

Why did the other saints long for the Corinthian saints as they prayed for them?

They longed for them because of the exceedingly great grace of God that was upon the Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 10

2 Corinthians 10:2

ULT	UST
Now I am pleading that, being present, I will not need to be bold with the confidence with which I plan to be courageous against some of the ones regarding us as walking according to the flesh.	*I do intend to be forceful when I boldly act against these people who think that I and those who serve with me act in merely human ways. So, I ask you to do what is right so that I will not need to be forceful with you too when I visit you.*

What did Paul beg of the Corinthian saints?

Paul begged of them that when he was present with them, he would not have to be bold with self-confidence.

For what occasion did Paul think he would have to be bold with self-confidence?

Paul thought he would have to be bold with self-confidence when he opposed those who supposed that Paul and his companions were living according to the flesh.

2 Corinthians 10:4

ULT	UST
For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but are powerful to God for the tearing down of strongholds, tearing down strategies	*In fact, what we use to defend ourselves is not what humans normally use. Rather, God empowers what we use to defend ourselves so that we can defeat what other people powerfully argue.*

When Paul and his companions waged war, what kind of weapons did they not use?

Paul and his companions did not use fleshly weapons when they waged war.

What did the weapons that Paul used have the power to do?

The weapons Paul used had divine power to destroy strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10:8

ULT	UST
For even if I might boast somewhat excessively about our authority, which the Lord gave for building up and not for your tearing down, I will not be ashamed,	*Indeed, I do not disgrace myself when I say many great things about how the Lord Jesus has empowered us to represent him. He did that so that we could encourage and help you to trust God more, not so that we could discourage you from trusting God.*

For what reason did the Lord give Paul and his companions authority?

The Lord gave Paul and his companions authority so they could build up the Corinthian saints and not destroy them.

2 Corinthians 10:10

ULT	UST
For someone says, "Indeed, his letters are weighty and forceful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech is despised."	*I write that because some people say about me, "He sends severe and powerful letters to us, but he is feeble and speaks very poorly when he is with us."*

What were some people saying about Paul and his letters?

Some were saying Paul's letters were serious and powerful, but physically he was weak and his speech was not worth listening to.

2 Corinthians 10:11

ULT	UST
Let such a person consider this, that such as we are in our word through letters being absent, such we are also in our deed being present.	*People who say those things need to realize that what we write in our letters to you when we are not with you is also how we act when we are with you.*

What did Paul say to those who thought he was much different in person than his letters indicated?

Paul said that what he said by letter when he was away would be the same as he would do when he was there with the Corinthians saints.

2 Corinthians 10:12

ULT	UST
For we do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of the ones commending themselves. But these—measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves with themselves—do not understand.	*We are too humble to say that we are as good as people you know who say that they are trustworthy. Those people are foolish. When they say that they are great, they are looking only at themselves.*

What did those who praised themselves do to show they had no insight?

They showed they had no insight because they measured themselves by one another and compared themselves with each other.

2 Corinthians 10:13

ULT	UST
We, however, will not boast to the immeasurable things, but according to the measure of the limit that God has assigned to us, a measure that reached even as far as you.	*In contrast, we do not say great things about ourselves beyond what we actually do. Rather, we say great things about ourselves that match with what God has given us to do. That includes what we do whenever we are with you.*

What were the limits of Paul's boasting?

Paul said his boasting would stay in the area that God had assigned to them, even reaching as far as the Corinthians. Paul said they would not boast about the labor of others, about the work being done in another's area.

2 Corinthians 10:15-16

What were the specific limits of Paul's boasting?

Paul said their boasting would stay in the area that God had assigned to them, even reaching as far as the Corinthians. Paul said they would not boast about the labor of others, about the work being done in another's area.

2 Corinthians 10:18

ULT	UST
For that one commending himself is not approved, but whom the Lord commends.	*Everyone should do that because the Lord Jesus recommends those whom he says are trustworthy, not those who say that about themselves.*

Who is the one who is approved?

The one who is approved is the one the Lord commends.

2 Corinthians 11

2 Corinthians 11:2

ULT	UST
For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy, for I joined you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.	*I will say foolish things because I am protective of you as God is protective of you. In fact, when I told you the good news, I was like a father who promised to give you to a man as his wife. Just like this father wants his daughter to be with only this one man, so I want you to trust only in the Messiah.*

Why did Paul have a godly jealousy for the Corinthian saints?

He was jealous for them because he had promised them in marriage to one husband, to present them as pure virgins for Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:3

ULT	UST
But I am afraid that somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds might be corrupted from the sincerity and the purity that are to Christ.	*However, I fear that someone will trick you, just as Satan cleverly tricked Eve, the first woman. I fear that such a person will ruin how you think in ways that are completely loyal to the Messiah.*

What was Paul afraid of concerning the Corinthian saints?

Paul was afraid their thoughts might be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:4

ULT	UST
For if indeed one coming proclaims another Jesus whom we did not proclaim, or you receive a different spirit which you did not receive or a different gospel which you did not accept, you are bearing with it well!	*I fear for you because I know that people visit you and tell you about Jesus, but it is not the same Jesus we told you about. Others offer you a spirit, but it is not the Holy Spirit that we offered to you. Others proclaim good news to you, but it is not the same good news that you first believed. Despite that, you are very patient when people tell you about these things.*

What did the Corinthian saints tolerate?

They tolerated someone coming and proclaiming another Jesus, a different gospel than the one Paul and his companions preached.

2 Corinthians 11:7

ULT	UST
Or did I commit a sin, humbling myself so that you yourselves might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you without payment?	*You know that I did not sin against you when I did not ask you to pay me for proclaiming to you the good news from God. By doing that, I made myself less important to make you more important.*

How did Paul preach the gospel to the Corinthians?

Paul preached the gospel freely to the Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 11:8

ULT	UST
I robbed other churches, having accepted a wage for the ministry to you.	*In fact, I received money from other groups of believers. I accepted their money so that I could serve you.*

How did Paul “rob” other churches?

He “robbed” them by accepting support from them so he could serve the Corinthians.

2 Corinthians 11:13

ULT	UST
For the ones of such kind are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.	*Those people are not really those whom the Messiah sent to represent him. They deceive people with what they do, and they can only pretend to represent the Messiah.*

How does Paul describe those who wish to be found equal to Paul and his companions in the things about which they boast?

Paul describes such people as false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:14

ULT	UST
And no wonder, for Satan himself disguises himself as an angel of light.	*That should not surprise us. The devil also pretends to be a glorious spiritual being.*

How does Satan disguise himself?

He disguises himself as an angel of light.

2 Corinthians 11:16

ULT	UST
I say again: Let no one think me to be foolish. But if not, receive me at least as a fool so that I too may boast a little bit.	*I repeat what I said earlier: I do not want anyone to think that I am foolish. However, if you do think that I am foolish, you should at least allow me to act in foolish ways. That way, I too can say a few great things about myself.*

Why did Paul ask the Corinthian saints to receive him like a fool?

Paul asked them to receive him like a fool so he could boast a little.

2 Corinthians 11:19-20

With whom did Paul say the Corinthian saints gladly put up?

Paul said they gladly put up with the foolish, with someone who enslaved them, with someone who caused divisions among them, with someone who took advantage of them, with one who put on airs, or one who slapped them in the face.

2 Corinthians 11:22-23

What are Paul's boasts comparing himself to those who wish to be found equal with Paul in what they boasted about?

Paul boasted that he was a Hebrew, an Israelite and a descendant of Abraham just like those who claimed to be equal to Paul. Paul said he was more a servant of Christ than they were–in even more hard work, in far more prisons, in beatings beyond measure, in facing many dangers of death.

2 Corinthians 11:24-26

What were some of the specific dangers Paul endured?

Paul received five times the "40 lashes minus one" from the Jews. Three times he was beaten with rods. Once he was stoned. Three times he was shipwrecked. He spent a night and a day in the open sea. He was in danger from rivers, from robbers, from his own people, from the Gentiles. He was in danger in the city, in the wilderness, in the sea and in danger from false brothers.

2 Corinthians 11:29

ULT	UST
Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is caused to stumble, and I am not inflamed?	*When a fellow believer is feeble, I am feeble. When someone causes a fellow believer to sin, I become very angry.*

According to Paul, what caused him to burn within?

One causing another to fall into sin made Paul burn within.

2 Corinthians 11:30

ULT	UST
If it is necessary to boast, I will boast about the things of my weakness.	*Since I need to say great things about myself, I intend to say great things about how feeble I am.*

What did Paul say he would boast about, if he had to boast?

Paul said he would boast about what showed his weaknesses.

2 Corinthians 11:32

ULT	UST
In Damascus, the ethnarch under Aretas the king was guarding the city of Damascenes to arrest me.	*When I was in Damascus city, the local ruler who served King Aretas had soldiers looking for me in the city to capture me.*

What danger afflicted Paul at Damascus?

The governor of Damascus guarded the city to arrest Paul.

2 Corinthians 12

2 Corinthians 12:1

ULT	UST
It is necessary to boast. It is not profitable, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.	*I need to say great things about myself. So, although it is not helpful, I am moving on to speak about how the Lord Jesus specially shows things to specific people.*

About what did Paul say he would now boast?

Paul said he would go on to boast about visions and revelations from the Lord.

2 Corinthians 12:2

ULT	UST
I know a man in Christ—whether in the body, I do not know, or out of the body, I do not know, God knows—such a man having been caught up to the third heaven 14 years ago.	*Fourteen years ago, God took a certain Christian to the third level of heaven. I am not sure whether God took him there physically or in a dream or spiritually. Only God can be sure how it happened.*

What happened to the man in Christ 14 years ago?

He was caught up into the third heaven.

2 Corinthians 12:6

ULT	UST
For even if I desire to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth; but I refrain, so that no one would think more of me than what he sees in me or hears from me.	*In fact, suppose that I did want to say great things about myself. Since I am speaking truthfully, I would still not be acting foolishly. However, I decide not to say great things about myself. That way, people can only characterize me by what they observe me saying and doing.*

Why does Paul say it would not be foolish if he boasted?

Paul said it would not be foolish for him to boast because he would be speaking the truth.

2 Corinthians 12:7

ULT	UST
And because of the surpassing nature of the revelations, therefore, so that I would not become arrogant, a thorn in the flesh was given to me—a messenger of Satan—so that he might buffet me, so that I would not become arrogant.	*So then, in order that I might not become proud because God revealed such great things to me, he allowed me to suffer. Specifically, a spiritual being whom Satan sent made me suffer. That way, I might not become proud.*

What happened to Paul to keep him from becoming puffed up?

Paul was given a thorn in the flesh, a messenger from Satan to harass him.

2 Corinthians 12:9

ULT	UST
But he has said to me, "My grace is enough for you, for my power is being made perfect in weakness." So I will most gladly boast even more in my weaknesses so that the power of Christ might reside upon me.	*He responded by saying to me, "When I act kindly to you, that is all you need. In fact, I make people fully powerful when they are feeble." Therefore, I will most happily say more great things about how feeble I am. That way, the Messiah will always enable me to act powerfully.*

What did the Lord tell Paul after Paul asked the Lord to remove his thorn in the flesh?

The Lord told Paul, "My grace is enough for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

Why did Paul say it was preferable to boast about his weakness?

Paul said it was preferable so that the power of Christ might reside in him.

2 Corinthians 12:12

ULT	UST
Indeed, the signs of an apostle were performed among you with all endurance—both signs and wonders and miracles.	*I persevered in acting in the ways that prove to you that I really am one whom the Messiah sent to represent him. I did powerful and amazing things.*

What was performed among the Corinthians with all patience?

Signs wonders and mighty deeds, the true signs of an apostle, were performed among them with all patience.

2 Corinthians 12:14

ULT	UST
Behold! I am ready to come to you this third time, and I will not burden you. For I do not seek the things of yours, but you. For the children should not store up for the parents, but the parents for the children.	*Pay attention! I am about to visit you for the third time. Yet again, I will not bother you by asking for money. That is because I want you to trust me and the Messiah. I do not want the things that you have. In fact, since I am like your parent, I should be saving money for you. Further, since you are like my children, you should not be saving money for me.*

Why did Paul tell the Corinthians he would not be a burden to them?

Paul told them this to show them that he did not want what was theirs. He wanted them.

2 Corinthians 12:15

ULT	UST
Now I will most gladly spend and be completely spent for the sake of your souls. If loving you more abundantly, am I to be loved less?	*I will most happily do and experience anything to help you. When I love you more than I did before, you should not love me less than you did before.*

What did Paul say he would most gladly do for the Corinthian saints?

Paul said he would most gladly spend and be spent for their souls.

2 Corinthians 12:19

ULT	UST
Do you think all of this time that we are defending ourselves to you? Before God in Christ we are speaking. But all these things, beloved, are for the sake of your building up.	*You should know that the reason why we have said these things is not to explain to you that I and those who serve with me are trustworthy. Rather, as those whom God has united to the Messiah, we have been saying what pleases God. Of course, fellow believers whom we love, we intend everything we say and do to help you grow.*

For what purpose did Paul say all these things to the Corinthian saints?

Paul said all these things to build up the Corinthian saints.

2 Corinthians 12:20

ULT	UST
For I fear that somehow, having come, I might find you not such as I wish, and I might be found by you not such as you wish; that somehow there may be quarreling, jealousy, ragings, rivalries, slanders, gossips, inflated egos, and riots,	*I have said these things because I am concerned about what will happen when I visit. I am concerned that I will discover that you are not acting as I want you to act and that you will discover that I am not acting as you want me to act. I am concerned that you may be fighting with each other, being jealous of each other, being angry with each other, trying to control each other, saying bad things about each other, telling false stories about others, saying great things about yourselves, or stirring up crowds against each other.*

What was Paul afraid he might find when he went back to the Corinthian saints?

Paul was afraid that among them he would find arguments, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, gossip, pride, and disorder.

2 Corinthians 12:21

ULT	UST
that when I come again, my God might humble me before you, and I would mourn over many of the ones having sinned before and not having repented from the impurity and sexual immorality and debauchery that they did.	*I am concerned about what will happen when I visit you this third time. God may make me ashamed about you. Further, I may feel very sad about many people who have previously done what is wrong and have not stopped having improper sex.*

What was Paul afraid that God might do to him?

Paul was afraid God might humble Paul before the Corinthian saints.

For what reason does Paul think he might mourn for many of the Corinthian saints who previously sinned?

Paul was afraid they might not have repented of the impurity and sexual immorality and lustful indulgence which they previously practiced.

2 Corinthians 13

2 Corinthians 13:1-2

How many times had Paul already come to the Corinthian saints at the time 2 Corinthians was written?

Paul had already come to them twice at the time 2 Corinthians was written.

2 Corinthians 13:3

ULT	UST
since you are seeking proof of the Christ speaking in me, who is not weak toward you but is powerful among you.	*I tell you this because you have demanded that I prove to you that the Messiah is speaking to you when I speak to you. You will know this when he disciplines you. He will not be weak with you; instead, he will work powerfully among you.*

Why did Paul tell the Corinthians saints who had sinned and all the rest that if he came again, he would not spare them?

Paul told them this because the Corinthian saints were seeking evidence that Christ was speaking through Paul.

2 Corinthians 13:5

ULT	UST
Test yourselves, whether you are in the faith. Examine yourselves. Or do you not fully realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless you are unapproved?	*Each of you should ask yourself: "Do I trust the Messiah and live as he directs me?" Each of you should test yourself in this way. Then you will know that you truly live as one with Jesus the Messiah. That is true unless, of course, you fail this test.*

For what did Paul tell the Corinthian saints to examine and test themselves?

Paul told them to examine and test themselves to see if they were in the faith.

2 Corinthians 13:6

ULT	UST
And I hope that you will realize that we ourselves are not unapproved.	*As for us, I am certain that you will understand that we have passed the test.*

What was Paul confident the Corinthian saints would find concerning Paul and his companions?

Paul was confident the Corinthian saints would find that they were not unapproved, but approved by God.

2 Corinthians 13:8

ULT	UST
For we are not able to do anything against the truth, but only on behalf of the truth.	*We want you to do good things even if then we cannot discipline you and appear to be powerful because we must obey God's true message. We cannot do anything that contradicts God's true message.*

What did Paul say that he and his companions were not able to do?

Paul said they were not able to do anything against the truth.

2 Corinthians 13:10

ULT	UST
Because of this, I write these things being absent so that, being present, I would not treat you harshly according to the authority which the Lord gave to me for building up and not for tearing down.	*It is because I want you to trust and obey God completely that I am writing to you about these things while I am apart from you. Then when I come to you, I will not have to discipline you severely. The Lord has empowered me to represent him, but he did that so that I could encourage and help you to trust God more, not so that I could discourage you from trusting God.*

Why did Paul write these things to the Corinthian saints while he was away from them?

Paul did this so that when he was with them, he would not have to act harshly toward them.

How did Paul want to use the authority the Lord gave him with regard to the Corinthian saints?

Paul wanted to use his authority to build up the Corinthian saints and not tear them down.

2 Corinthians 13:11-12

In concluding, what did Paul want the Corinthians to do?

Paul wanted them to rejoice, to work for restoration, to agree with one another, to live in peace, and to greet each other with a holy kiss.

2 Corinthians 13:13

ULT	UST
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.	*May the Lord Jesus the Messiah act kindly toward you, may God love you, and may the Holy Spirit be with you and join you all together.*

What did Paul want all the Corinthian saints to have with them?

Paul wanted them all to have the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians

Galatians 1

Galatians 1:1

ULT	UST
Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, the one having raised him from the dead—	*I, Paul, write this letter to you. I remind you that God sent me to represent him. That is not because a group of people appointed me, nor because a human being sent me to be an apostle. Instead, I am an apostle because Jesus the Messiah and God the Father have appointed and sent me to be an apostle—yes, God the Father, who made the Messiah alive again after he died!*

How did Paul become an apostle?

Paul became an apostle through Jesus Christ and God the Father.

Galatians 1:4

ULT	UST
the one having given himself for our sins so that he might deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,	*The Messiah offered himself as a sacrifice in order that he might remove the guilt for the sinful things we have done. He did that in order that he might enable us to not do the evil things that people who do not know him do. He did this because God, who is our Father, wanted it.*

From what have believers in Jesus Christ been delivered?

Believers in Jesus Christ have been delivered from this present evil age.

Galatians 1:6

ULT	UST
I am amazed that you are turning away so quickly to a different gospel from the one having called you in the grace of Christ,	*I am very disappointed that so soon after you trusted in the Messiah you are turning away from God. God chose you to be in a relationship that is based on the kindness of the Messiah. I am also disappointed that so soon you are believing a different message which some say is "good news."*

With what is Paul amazed with the church in Galatia?

Paul is amazed that they are turning so quickly to a different gospel.

Galatians 1:7

ULT	UST
which is not another, except there are certain ones causing you trouble and wanting to pervert the gospel of Christ.	*Their message is not a true message. What is happening is that certain persons are confusing your minds. They are desiring to change the good news about the Messiah and are creating another message.*

How many true gospels are there?

There is only one true gospel, the gospel of Christ.

Galatians 1:8-9

What does Paul say should happen to anyone proclaiming a different gospel than the gospel of Christ?

Paul says anyone proclaiming a different gospel should be cursed.

Galatians 1:10

ULT	UST
For am I now trying to persuade men, or God? Or am I seeking to please men? If I were still pleasing men, I would not be a servant of Christ.	*I said that because I do not desire that people approve me, contrary to what some people have said about me. It is God whom I desire to approve me. Specifically, I do not say and do things just to please people. If it were still people whom I was trying to please, then I would not be one who willingly and completely serves the Messiah.*

Servants of Christ must seek the approval of whom first?

Servants of Christ must seek the approval of God first.

Galatians 1:12

ULT	UST
For neither I did receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but by revelation of Jesus Christ.	*I was not given this good news by a human being, and no human being taught it to me. Instead, it was God who revealed Jesus the Messiah to me.*

How did Paul receive the knowledge of the gospel of Christ?

Paul received the gospel of Christ by revelation from Jesus Christ directly to himself.

Galatians 1:13-14

What was Paul doing in his life before he received the revelation of the gospel of Christ?

Paul was following Judaism zealously, persecuting the church of God and destroying it.

Galatians 1:15

ULT	UST
But when the one having set me apart from the womb of my mother and having called me through his grace was pleased	*Nevertheless, before I was born God selected me for a special task and he kindly chose me. When God thought that it was good,*

When did God choose Paul to be his apostle?

God was pleased to choose Paul from his mother's womb to be his apostle.

Galatians 1:16

ULT	UST
to reveal his Son in me, so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood,	*he showed me who his Son really is. He did this so that I would tell others the good news about his Son in regions where the non-Jews live. But I did not immediately go to any human beings in order to gain an understanding of that message.*

For what purpose did God choose Paul as his apostle?

God chose Paul as his apostle so that Paul would proclaim Christ among the Gentiles.

Galatians 1:18-19

Where did Paul finally meet some of the other apostles?

Finally, Paul went to Jerusalem and met the apostles Cephas and James.

Galatians 1:22-23

What were the churches in Judea hearing about Paul?

The churches in Judea were hearing that Paul, who once persecuted the church, was now proclaiming the faith.

Galatians 2

Galatians 2:1-2

What did Paul do when he went up to Jerusalem after 14 years?

Paul spoke privately to the leaders of the church, explaining to them the gospel that he was proclaiming.

Galatians 2:3

ULT	UST
But not even Titus, the one with me, being a Greek, was forced to be circumcised.	*But those leaders did not even require Titus, who was with me and was an uncircumcised Gentile, to be circumcised.*

What was Titus, a Gentile, not required to do?

Titus was not required to be circumcised.

Galatians 2:4

ULT	UST
But it was because of the secretly brought in false brothers, who came in secretly to spy on our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus so that they will enslave us,	*But this problem occurred because some people demanded that Titus be circumcised after they had successfully pretended that they were fellow believers and associated with the true believers. They associated with the true believers in order that they might observe closely what we do because we are free from having to obey all the Jewish laws and rituals because of our close relationship with the Messiah Jesus. Those people wanted to make us like slaves of those rituals by convincing us that we cannot trust the Messiah solely but that we must also obey all the Jewish laws and rituals.*

What did the false brothers desire to do?

The false brothers desired to make Paul and his companions slaves to the law.

Galatians 2:6

ULT	UST
But from the ones seeming to be something (what sort they were formerly matters nothing to me; God does not accept the face of man)—for, the ones seeming important added nothing to me.	*The leaders in Jerusalem, whom your new teachers respect, did not add anything to what I proclaim. And I would add that what status those leaders had did not influence me, because God does not favor important and powerful persons more than others.*

Did the leaders of the church in Jerusalem change Paul's message?

No, they added nothing to Paul's message.

Galatians 2:7-8

To whom was Paul primarily sent to proclaim the gospel?

Paul was primarily sent to the uncircumcised, the Gentiles, to proclaim the gospel.

To whom was Peter primarily sent to proclaim the gospel?

Peter was primarily sent to the circumcised, the Jews, to proclaim the gospel.

Galatians 2:9

ULT	UST
and having understood the grace having been given to me, James and Cephas and John, the ones seeming to be pillars, gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, so that we to the Gentiles, and they to the circumcision,	*Those leaders knew that God had kindly given to me this special mission. So James, Peter, and John, the ones whom your new teachers respect because they are leaders of the believers, shook hands with us to show that they agreed that Barnabas and I are serving the Lord just like they are, and that we are preaching the same message that they are preaching. They also agreed that we are the ones whom God was sending to tell his message to non-Jews, but that God is sending them to tell his message to Jews.*

How did the leaders in Jerusalem show their approval of Paul's ministry?

The leaders in Jerusalem gave Paul and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship to show their approval.

Galatians 2:11-12

What error did Peter make when he came to Antioch?

Peter stopped eating with the Gentiles, because he feared the men who had been circumcised.

Galatians 2:14

ULT	UST
But when I saw that they were not walking correctly according to the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of all of them, "If you, being a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?	*I had realized that they were not acting forthrightly and in a manner that was consistent with the correct facts and teachings of the good news about the Messiah. So when all the fellow believers had come together, I told Peter the following: "Although you are a Jew, you often conduct yourself like non-Jews do by disregarding Jewish laws about food. When you are among non-Jews, you do not customarily conduct yourself at all like Jews do. So, now it is wrong that you are causing non-Jews to think that they must obey all the Jewish rituals and customs!*

What did Paul ask Cephas in front of everyone?

Paul asked Cephas how he could force Gentiles to live like Jews when Cephas was living like a Gentile.

Galatians 2:16

ULT	UST
but knowing that no man is justified by works of the law except through faith in Jesus Christ, we also believed in Christ Jesus so that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law. For by works of the law not any flesh will be justified.	*But we Jewish believers now know that it is not because some person obeys those things that God commanded in the laws he gave the Jews that God makes a person righteous. God makes a person righteous only if that person trusts in the Messiah Jesus. So even we Jews have trusted the Messiah Jesus. We did that so God would declare us good in his sight, because we trust the Messiah, and not because we try to obey the laws that God gave to Moses. We did that because God has said that he will not declare anyone good in his sight just because they obey those laws.*

Paul said that no one is justified by what?

Paul said that no one is justified by the works of the law.

How is a person justified before God?

A person is justified before God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 2:18

ULT	UST
For if I again rebuild those things which I destroyed, I prove myself to be a transgressor.	*If I again believed that God would make me righteous because of my obeying the laws that he gave to Moses, I would be like a man who rebuilds an old building that he had torn down. If I did that I would show that I was guilty of acting wrongly.*

If someone returns to trying to follow the law after having faith in Christ, what does Paul say he has actually become?

Paul says he shows himself actually to be a law breaker.

Galatians 2:20

ULT	UST
and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. And that which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith that is in the Son of God, the one having loved me and having given himself for me.	*My old way of living ended since I began believing in the Messiah. No longer am I directing the way I behave as I did before I believed in the Messiah. Now the Messiah is directing how I behave. And whatever I do now while I live in my earthly body, I do it by trusting in God's Son. He is the one who loved me and offered himself as a sacrifice for me.*

Who did Paul say now lived in him?

Paul said that Christ now lived in him.

What does Paul say the Son of God did for him?

Paul says the Son of God loved him and gave himself for Paul.

Galatians 3

Galatians 3:6

ULT	UST
Just as Abraham "believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness,"	*What you have experienced is just as Moses had written in the scriptures about Abraham. He wrote that Abraham trusted God, and as a result, God considered Abraham as being righteous.*

How was Abraham considered righteous before God?

Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.

Galatians 3:7

ULT	UST
know, then, that the ones by faith, these are sons of Abraham.	*You must realize, therefore, that it is those who trust in what the Messiah has done who are like Abraham's descendants because they trust in God as Abraham did.*

Who are the sons of Abraham?

Those who believe God are the sons of Abraham.

Galatians 3:8

ULT	UST
And the Scripture, having foreseen that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, "In you all the nations will be blessed."	*Furthermore, God planned beforehand that it was when non-Jews trusted him that he would consider them righteous. Moses wrote in the Scriptures this good message that God told Abraham: "Through you, I will bless people in all nations."*

The scripture foresaw that the Gentiles would be justified in what way?

The scripture foresaw that the Gentiles would be justified by faith.

Galatians 3:10

ULT	UST
For as many as are of works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all the things written in the Book of the Law to do them.”	*That is, God will eternally punish all those who mistakenly think that God will consider them righteous as a result of their trying to obey the laws that God gave to Moses. What Moses wrote in the Scriptures is that God will eternally punish everyone who does not continuously and completely obey all the laws that God instructed him to write in the Book of the Law.*

Those who rely on the works of the law to be justified are under what?

Those who rely on the works of the law to be justified are under a curse.

Galatians 3:11

ULT	UST
Now, that no one is justified before God by the law is clear, because “The righteous will live by faith.”	*God does not regard any person as righteous as a result of their trying to obey the laws that he gave to Moses. This is evident since the Scriptures say, “Every righteous person lives spiritually as a result of their trusting God.”*

How many people have been justified by God through the works of the law?

No one has been justified through the works of the law.

Galatians 3:13-14

Why did Christ redeem us by becoming a curse for us?

Christ redeemed us by becoming a curse for us so that the blessing upon Abraham might come to the Gentiles.

Galatians 3:16

ULT	UST
Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "and to seeds," as to many, but as to one, "and to your seed," who is Christ.	*God declared to Abraham and his descendant that he was promising to give blessings to Abraham. The words that God spoke were not "and your descendants." He was not referring to many persons. Instead, he was referring to one person, who is the Messiah, because the words that God spoke were, "and your descendant."*

Who was the "descendant" that was spoken of in the promise to Abraham?

The "descendant" spoken of in the promise to Abraham was Christ.

Galatians 3:17

ULT	UST
Now I say this: The law, having come after 430 years, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God to nullify the promise.	*This is what I am saying: God established an agreement with Abraham that the laws which he gave to the Jews 430 years later could not cancel.*

Did the coming of the Jewish law 430 years after Abraham void the promise God made to Abraham?

No, the law did not void the promise made to Abraham.

Galatians 3:19

ULT	UST
Why, then, the law? It was added because of transgressions, having been put into effect through angels by the hand of a mediator until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made.	*So, if someone should ask, "Why did God later give his laws to Moses?" I would reply that it was in order that people might realize how sinful they were. Those laws were valid until Jesus came. He was the descendant that God was referring to when he made the promises to Abraham. God gave his laws to Moses by God's causing angels to speak to him. Moses was the mediator, the one who told the laws to the people.*

Why then was there the law?

The law came because of transgressions until Abraham's descendant came.

Galatians 3:22

ULT	UST
But the Scripture imprisoned all things under sin so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to the ones believing.	*But, in fact, it is impossible for the law to enable people to live eternally or spiritually. Instead, the law given in the Scriptures caused all people to be unable to escape being punished for their sins, just like people in prison are unable to escape. God did that in order that he might give what he promised to those who trust Jesus Christ, just because they trust him.*

What did the law in scripture imprison everyone under?

The law in scripture imprisoned everyone under sin.

Galatians 3:23-26

How are we released from the imprisonment of the law?

We are released from the imprisonment of the law by faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:27

ULT	UST
For as many as have been baptized into Christ put on Christ.	*That is, you who began a relationship with the Messiah when you were baptized identified yourselves with Christ.*

Who has been clothed in Christ?

All who have been baptized into Christ have been clothed in Christ.

Galatians 3:28

ULT	UST
There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.	*If you believe in the Messiah, it does not matter to God if you are Jews or non-Jews; slaves or ones who are not slaves; males or females, because all of you are as one sort of person because of your relationship with the Messiah Jesus.*

What different kinds of persons are made one in Christ Jesus?

Jews, Greeks, slaves, free, male, and female are all made one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 4

Galatians 4:1-2

How does the heir of an estate live while he is a child?

The heir lives like a slave under guardians and trustees until the time set by his father.

Galatians 4:4-5

What did God do at the right time in history?

At the right time, God sent forth his Son to redeem those under the law.

Galatians 4:5

ULT	UST
in order that he might redeem the ones under the law, so that we might receive the adoption as sons.	*God sent Jesus to rescue us who had to obey God's laws he gave to Moses from being condemned for not obeying these laws. God did this so that we might all receive from him the status of being his children.*

How did God bring children who were under the law into his family?

God adopted as sons the children who were under the law.

Galatians 4:6

ULT	UST
And because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father."	*Furthermore, God sent the Spirit to live in our inner beings because we are now in such a close relationship with God it is as though we are his children. It is his Spirit who enables us to fervently call out to God, "Father, Father!"*

What does God send forth into the hearts of his children?

God sends forth the Spirit of his Son into the hearts of his children.

Galatians 4:8

ULT	UST
But at that time, not having known God, you were enslaved to the ones by nature not being gods.	*When you did not have a relationship with God, you served gods that really did not exist. You were like slaves at that time, because you were in spiritual bondage.*

Before we know God, to whom are we slaves?

Before we know God, we are slaves to the spirits that rule the world, who are not gods at all.

Galatians 4:9

ULT	UST
But now, having come to know God, or rather, having come to be known by God, how are you turning again to the weak and worthless elemental principles to which once more you want to be enslaved again?	*But now you have come to intimately know God. Perhaps it would be better to say that now God intimately knows each of you. So now you are acting foolishly! You are again believing that by obeying rules and rites you will benefit spiritually! Those rules are ineffective and inadequate! You are wanting to obey them again like slaves obey their masters.*

Paul was perplexed that the Galatians were returning to what?

Paul was perplexed that the Galatians were returning again to the ruling spirits of the world.

Galatians 4:9-11

As he sees the Galatians turning back, what does Paul fear for them?

Paul fears that the Galatians will become slaves again, and that he has labored in vain over them.

Galatians 4:13

ULT	UST
Now you know that because of a weakness of the flesh I proclaimed the gospel to you previously.	*You remember that I originally told you the good news because I was physically weak and was recovering. Because of the opportunity which that sickness provided I was able to tell you the good news.*

When Paul first came to the Galatians, what problem did he have?

When Paul first came to the Galatians, he had a physical illness.

Galatians 4:14

ULT	UST
And you did not despise your trial in my flesh nor reject me, but you welcomed me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus.	*Although you might have treated me contemptuously because of my physical malady, you did not treat me contemptuously or reject me. Instead, you welcomed me like you would welcome an angel that came from God. You welcomed me like you would welcome the Messiah Jesus himself!*

Despite Paul's problem, how did the Galatians receive him?

Despite Paul's problem, the Galatians received Paul as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus.

Galatians 4:17

ULT	UST
They are zealous for you, not rightly, but they desire to separate you so that you would be zealous for them.	*Those who are insisting on obeying the Jewish laws are eagerly showing interest in you, but they are not doing this because they have good motives. They are doing this because they want you not to associate with me and others who teach what is true about the Messiah. They desire that instead of you associating with us, you will eagerly show interest in them, not in us.*

Who are the false teachers in Galatia trying to separate?

The false teachers are trying to separate the Galatians from Paul.

Galatians 4:20-21

Under what are the false teachers trying to put the Galatians?

The false teachers are trying to put the Galatians back under the law.

Galatians 4:22

ULT	UST
For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave girl and one by the free woman.	*He wrote that Abraham became the father of two sons. His female slave, Hagar, bore one son, and his wife Sarah, who was not a slave, bore the other.*

From which two kinds of women did Abraham have two sons?

Abraham had two sons, one from a slave woman and one from a free woman.

Galatians 4:26

ULT	UST
But the Jerusalem above is free, which is our mother.	*But there is a heavenly Jerusalem, and because we belong to the heavenly Jerusalem, it is like a mother to all of us who believe in the Messiah. Those who belong to the heavenly Jerusalem are free from having to obey the laws of Moses and free from being condemned for failing to obey those laws.*

Who is the symbolic mother of Paul and the believing Galatians?

The Jerusalem above, the free woman, is the symbolic mother of Paul and the believing Galatians.

Galatians 4:28

ULT	UST
Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.	*Now, my fellow believers, you have become children of God because God has fulfilled what he promised to Abraham. You are like Isaac, who was born because God fulfilled what he promised to give Abraham.*

Are believers in Christ children of the flesh or children of the promise?

Believers in Christ are children of the promise.

Galatians 4:29

ULT	UST
But just as then, the one having been born according to flesh was persecuting the one according to Spirit, so it also is now.	*Also, long ago Abraham's son Ishmael, the one who was conceived naturally, caused trouble for Abraham's son Isaac, who was conceived supernaturally. Similarly, now those who think that we must obey the laws that God gave to Moses in order that God will save us are causing trouble for those who are trusting Abraham's descendant, the Messiah.*

Who persecutes the children of the promise?

The children of the flesh persecute the children of the promise.

Galatians 4:30

ULT	UST
But what does the scripture say? "Cast out the slave girl and her son. For the son of the slave girl will certainly not inherit with the son of the free woman."	*But Moses wrote these words in a scripture passage in Genesis: "The son of the woman who was not a slave will inherit what his father owns. The female slave's son will certainly not inherit those things. So send away from this place the female slave and her son!"*

With whom do the children of the slave woman not inherit?

The children of the slave woman do not inherit along with the children of the free woman.

Galatians 4:31

ULT	UST
Therefore, brothers, we are not children of a slave girl, but of the free woman.	*My fellow believers, Hagar symbolizes the laws that God gave to Moses. But we are not those who must obey all the laws that God gave to Moses. So we are not the female slave Hagar's spiritual descendants. But Sarah's descendants are those who were born as a result of God fulfilling what he promised to Abraham. So we are the spiritual descendants of Sarah, the woman who was not a slave.*

Are believers in Christ children of the slave woman or children of the free woman?

Believers in Christ are children of the free woman.

Galatians 5

Galatians 5:1

ULT	UST
For freedom Christ set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not again be subjected to a yoke of slavery.	*The Messiah freed us believers from having to obey the laws God gave the Jews in order that we would not have to obey them. So continue to be steadfastly committed to the Lord. Do not let anyone force you to obey those laws again as if you were slaves to those laws.*

For what purpose has Christ set us free?

For freedom Christ has set us free.

Galatians 5:2

ULT	UST
Behold, I, Paul, say to you that if you would be circumcised, Christ will benefit you nothing.	*I am Paul. Pay attention to what I am telling you! If you let anyone circumcise you, what the Messiah has done for you will not help you at all!*

What did Paul warn the Galatians would happen if they became circumcised?

Paul said that if the Galatians became circumcised, Christ would not benefit them in any way.

Galatians 5:4

ULT	UST
You were cut off from Christ, whoever is being justified by law; you fell from grace.	*You who are trying to make yourselves righteous by obeying the laws God gave the Jews have separated yourselves from the Messiah. God will no longer act kindly toward you.*

What did Paul warn would happen to all the Galatians who would seek to be justified by following the law?

Paul warned that all the Galatians who would seek to be justified by following the law would be alienated from Christ and would fall away from grace.

Galatians 5:6

ULT	UST
For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is capable of anything, but only faith working through love.	*This is so because when God has united us with the Messiah Jesus, whether people are circumcised or not is not important. Rather, only whether we trust in the Messiah is important. We show we trust in the Messiah by loving others.*

As opposed to circumcision and uncircumcised, what is the only thing that means anything in Christ Jesus?

In Christ Jesus, only faith working through love means anything.

Galatians 5:10

ULT	UST
I am confident in you in the Lord that you will think nothing otherwise. But the one troubling you will bear the judgment, whoever he may be.	*Because God has united us with the Lord Jesus, I am certain that you will believe only what I have told you. By contrast, God will certainly punish everyone who is confusing you about these things, whoever they are.*

Of what is Paul confident regarding the one who has confused the Galatians about the gospel?

Paul is confident that the one who has confused the Galatians about the gospel will bear God’s judgment.

Galatians 5:11

ULT	UST
But brothers, if I still proclaim circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the stumbling block of the cross has been removed.	*Fellow believers, as for me, were I to still declare that men must have someone circumcise them in order to be righteous, surely no one would still be persecuting me! This is because declaring that would abolish how offensive Jesus dying on the cross is.*

Paul says that proclaiming circumcision does what?

Paul says that in proclaiming circumcision, the stumbling block of the cross would be destroyed.

Galatians 5:13

ULT	UST
For you have been called to freedom, brothers, only not the freedom for an opportunity for the flesh; rather, through love serve one another.	*Fellow believers, God has called you to free you from having to obey the laws God gave the Jews. But he did not free you from those laws so you could sin. Instead of sinning, serve each other by loving each other!*

How are believers not to use their freedom in Christ?

Believers are to not use their freedom in Christ as an opportunity for the flesh.

How are believers to use their freedom in Christ?

Believers are to use their freedom in Christ to serve one another in love.

Galatians 5:14

ULT	UST
For all the law has been fulfilled in one command, in this, "You will love your neighbor as yourself."	*Do this because one command summarizes all the laws God gave the Jews. That command is, "Love each person as much as you love yourself."*

The whole law is fulfilled in what one commandment?

The whole law is fulfilled in the commandment, "You must love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:16

ULT	UST
Now I say, walk by the Spirit and you would certainly not fulfill desires of the flesh.	*I am telling you to let the Holy Spirit lead you. If you do that, you will definitely not do what your sinful selves want to do.*

How can believers not fulfill the lust of the flesh?

Believers can live by the Spirit, and thus, not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:17

ULT	UST
For the flesh desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh. For these oppose each other, so that you are not doing these things that you would desire.	*This is because your sinful selves want to do what is contrary to what the Holy Spirit wants to do. Also, what the Holy Spirit wants to do is contrary to what your sinful selves want to do. This is because they are always against each other. The result is that you do not always do the good things that you truly want to do.*

What two things are opposed to each other within the believer?

The Spirit and the flesh are opposed to each other within the believer.

Galatians 5:20-21

What are three examples of works of the flesh?

Three examples of works of the flesh are any three of the following list: sexual immorality, impurity, lustfulness, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, rivalry, dissension, sectarian division, envy, drunkenness, and drunken riots.

Galatians 5:21

ULT	UST
envy, drunkenness, drunken celebrations, and things like these, about which I warn you, just as I warned you before, that the ones practicing such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.	*They also envy others, get drunk, celebrate drunkenly, and do other sinful things like these. I warn you now about doing these sinful things, just like I warned you previously: anyone who regularly does these sinful things will not participate in God's kingdom.*

What will those who practice the works of the flesh not receive?

Those who practice the works of the flesh will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:22-23

What is the fruit of the Spirit?

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 5:24

ULT	UST
But the ones of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with the passions and the desires.	*We who belong to the Messiah Jesus have stopped doing what our sinful selves feel and want to do.*

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have done what with the flesh and its passions?

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh and its passions.

Galatians 6

Galatians 6:1

ULT	UST
Brothers, even if a man is caught in any trespass, let you, the spiritual ones, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself, lest you also be tempted.	*Fellow believers, if you discover that another believer does something wrong, those of you who are spiritually mature should gently correct that person. While doing so, you should be very careful so that you do not sin as well.*

What should those who are spiritual do if a man is caught in some transgression?

Those who are spiritual should restore that man in a spirit of gentleness.

For what danger must those who are spiritual watch out?

Those who are spiritual must watch out that they are not also tempted.

Galatians 6:2

ULT	UST
Carry the burdens of one another, and thus you will fulfill the law of Christ.	*Help each other overcome the problems you have. By doing that, you will obey what the Messiah commands.*

How do believers fulfill the law of Christ?

Believers fulfill the law of Christ by carrying one another’s burdens.

Galatians 6:4

ULT	UST
But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have reason to boast in himself alone and not in someone else.	*Instead, each of you should constantly evaluate what you do. Only then might you be able to rightly boast about what you have done on your own instead of wrongly boasting about what someone else has done.*

How can a person have something in himself to be proud of regarding his work?

A person can have something in himself to be proud of by examining his own work, without comparing himself to anyone else.

Galatians 6:6

ULT	UST
But let the one being taught the word share in all good things with the one teaching.	*If fellow believers teach you what God has said, then you must share what you have with them.*

What must one who is taught the word do with his teacher?

One who is taught the word must share all good things with his teacher.

Galatians 6:7

ULT	UST
Do not be deceived. God is not mocked, for whatever a man may sow, that he will also reap.	*Do not trick yourselves: No one can scorn God! This is because, just like a farmer will harvest exactly the kind of crop that he plants, people will experience the results of what they have done.*

What happens to whatever a man spiritually plants?

Whatever a man spiritually plants he will harvest.

Galatians 6:8

ULT	UST
For the one sowing to his own flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction. But the one sowing to the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.	*Those who do what their sinful selves want to do will experience the result of doing so. God will punish them forever. But those who please the Holy Spirit will experience the result of doing so. The Holy Spirit will enable them to live forever with God.*

What does a man harvest who plants to his own flesh?

A man who plants to his own flesh harvests destruction out of his flesh.

What does a man harvest who plants to the Spirit?

Out of the Spirit a man who plants to the Spirit harvests eternal life.

Galatians 6:9

ULT	UST
But we should not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time, not becoming weary, we will reap.	*Let us not tire of doing what is good, because at the right time we will experience the good result of what we do. This will happen if we do not stop doing these good things.*

If a believer does not give up and continues doing good, what will he receive?

A believer who continues doing good will reap a harvest.

Galatians 6:10

ULT	UST
So then, as we have time, we should do good to all, but especially to the ones of the household of the faith.	*Therefore, let us do what is good to everyone whenever we can. Let us especially do what is good to all our fellow believers in Jesus.*

To whom should believers especially do good?

Believers should especially do good to those of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:12

ULT	UST
As many as desire to make a good impression in the flesh, they compel you to be circumcised, only so that they might not be persecuted for the cross of Christ Jesus.	*Everyone who wants to impress the Jews with how they appear outwardly is trying to force you to have someone circumcise you. They only do this in order to prevent the Jews from persecuting them for believing that the Messiah Jesus died on the cross to save us.*

What is the motivation of those who want to compel the believers to be circumcised?

Those who want to compel the believers to be circumcised do not want to be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

Galatians 6:14

ULT	UST
But may it never be to me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.	*As for me, I will ever only boast about our Lord Jesus the Messiah dying on the cross to save us! Because Jesus died on the cross, the sinful world has become like a dead person to me, and I have become like a dead person to the sinful world.*

Of what did Paul say he was proud?

Paul said that he was proud of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 6:15

ULT	UST
For neither circumcision is anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.	*I may boast about Jesus dying on the cross because whether people are circumcised or not is not important. Rather, the Holy Spirit making them new people is important.*

Instead of circumcision or uncircumcision, what is important?

What is important is a new creation.

Galatians 6:16

ULT	UST
And as many as will walk in this standard, peace and mercy upon them and upon the Israel of God.	*I pray that God will make peaceful everyone who behaves in this way and will act kindly to them. I also pray these things for those Israelites who trust in Jesus and belong to God!*

Upon whom does Paul wish peace and mercy?

Paul wishes peace and mercy upon those who live by the rule of the new creation and upon the Israel of God.

Galatians 6:17

ULT	UST
From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I carry in my body the marks of Jesus.	*I have scars on my body because I declared the truth about Jesus. So do not let anyone bother me about these matters again!*

What did Paul carry on his body?

Paul carried the marks of Jesus on his body.

Ephesians

Ephesians 1

Ephesians 1:1

ULT	UST
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, to the saints, the ones being [in Ephesus] and faithful in Christ Jesus.	*I am Paul. The Messiah Jesus sent me to represent him because that is what God wanted. I write this letter to the people whom God has set apart for himself who are living [in the city of Ephesus] and who are loyal to the Messiah Jesus.*

How does Paul describe the people he is writing to in this letter?

Paul describes the people he is writing to as saints, and as faithfully trusting in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 1:3

ULT	UST
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the one having blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,	*Praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah! He has blessed us with every kind of spiritual blessing that comes from heaven because we belong to the Messiah.*

With what has God the Father blessed believers?

God the Father has blessed believers with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

Ephesians 1:4

ULT	UST
just as he chose us in him from the foundation of the world, for us to be holy and blameless before him. In love	*In fact, even before God created the world, he chose us to belong to the Messiah, so that the Messiah could make us completely holy for him. Because God loves us,*

When did God the Father choose those who believe in Christ?

God the Father chose those who believe in Christ before the foundation of the world.

For what purpose did God the Father choose the believers?

God the Father chose the believers so they could be holy and blameless before him.

Ephesians 1:5

ULT	UST
he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,	*he decided long ago to adopt us as his own children by means of Jesus the Messiah. It pleased him to do this, so he did what he wanted to do.*

Why did God destine the believers in advance for adoption?

God destined the believers in advance because he was pleased to do it.

Ephesians 1:6

ULT	UST
to the praise of the glory of his grace that he has freely given us in the Beloved One,	*Because of this, we now praise God for being so amazingly kind to us, far beyond what we could deserve, as he blessed us by means of his Son whom he loves.*

Why did God destine the believers in advance for adoption?

God destined the believers in advance so that he would be praised for his glorious grace.

Ephesians 1:7

ULT	UST
in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of the trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,	*When Jesus died in our place, he paid the price for our sin. That is, when he died for us, God forgave us our sins because that is how abundantly and generously kind he is.*

What do believers receive through the blood of Christ, God's beloved one?

Believers receive redemption, the forgiveness of their trespasses through the blood Christ.

Ephesians 1:10

ULT	UST
with a view to an administration of the fullness of time, to bring all the things together in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on earth, in him,	*In this plan, when the time was just right, the Messiah would unite all things under himself so that all things in heaven and all things on earth would belong to the Messiah.*

What will God do when the times for the completion of his plan come?

God will bring together everything in heaven and on the earth under Christ.

Ephesians 1:13

ULT	UST
In him, you also, having heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and having believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,	*Then you non-Jews also heard the true message, the good news of how God saves you, and you believed in the Messiah. When you did that, God marked you as belonging to the Messiah by giving you the Holy Spirit, as he had promised to do.*

What seal did the believers receive when they heard the word of truth?

The believers were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:14

ULT	UST
who is a down payment of our inheritance until the redemption of the full possession, to the praise of his glory.	*The Holy Spirit is like a down payment that proves that God will also give to us everything else that he has promised to give to us at that time when he will release everything that he has for us. Praise God because he is so great!*

Of what is the Spirit a down payment?

The Spirit is a down payment of the inheritance of believers.

Ephesians 1:18

ULT	UST
the eyes of your heart having been enlightened for you to know what is the hope of his calling and what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,	*I pray that God may enable you to see things as they truly are so that you may know the wonderful plan that God has for us because he has called us to be his people. I pray that you may know how wonderful and abundant are the things he promises to give to us and to all the believers.*

What does Paul pray the Ephesians will be enlightened to understand?

Paul prays that the Ephesians will be enlightened to understand the hope of their calling and the glorious riches of Christ's inheritance in the saints.

Ephesians 1:20

ULT	UST
which he worked in Christ, having raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,	*as he was for the Messiah when he caused the Messiah to become alive again after he died, and raised him to the place of highest honor in heaven.*

What did the same power that now works in the believers do in Christ?

The same power raised Christ from the dead and seated him at God's right hand in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 1:22

ULT	UST
And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,	*God has made everything to be subject to the Messiah and has appointed the Messiah as the ruler over everything among all believers everywhere.*

What has God put under Christ's feet?

God has put all things under Christ's feet.

What is Christ's position of authority in the Church?

Christ is the head over all things in the Church.

Ephesians 1:23

ULT	UST
which is his body, the fullness of the one filling all in all.	*We believers relate to the Messiah as the parts of a person's body relate to its head. He supplies what is lacking for all believers just as he completes everything everywhere.*

What is the Church?

The Church is Christ's body.

Ephesians 2

Ephesians 2:1

ULT	UST
And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,	*Before you trusted the Messiah, you were spiritually dead—you were unable to stop sinning.*

What is the spiritual condition of all unbelievers?

All unbelievers are dead in their trespasses and sins.

Ephesians 2:2

ULT	UST
in which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authorities of the air, the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience,	*You used to live in a sinful way, guided by the spirit of this world. You were guided by the ruler of the evil spirits, who controls the authorities of this world. This ruler is Satan, who now works through the people who disobey God.*

Who is working in the sons of disobedience?

The ruler of the authorities of the air is working in the sons of disobedience.

Ephesians 2:3

ULT	UST
in which we all also once lived in the evil desires of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the body and of the minds. And we were by nature children of wrath, as also the rest.	*All of us used to live in the same way as these people who disobey God; we did the evil things that we desired, things that would bring pleasure to our bodies and our minds. We deserved that God should be very angry with us, just as he is with the other people.*

By nature, what are all unbelievers?

All unbelievers are by nature children of wrath.

Ephesians 2:4

ULT	UST
But God being rich in mercy because of his great love with which he loved us,	*But God is very merciful to us because he loves us very much.*

Why is God rich in mercy towards believers?

God is rich mercy because of his great love.

Ephesians 2:5

ULT	UST
and we being dead in the trespasses, he made us alive together in Christ—by grace you have been saved—	*God loved us so much that even when we were spiritually dead and constantly sinning, he made us alive by joining us to the Messiah. Remember, when God saved you from being spiritually dead, he was being very kind to you in a way that you did not deserve.*

By what have believers been saved?

Believers have been saved by God’s grace.

Ephesians 2:6

ULT	UST
and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,	*God saved us from being spiritually dead just as he raised Jesus from being physically dead and he made us spiritually alive with him. Then he gave us seats of honor to rule with the Messiah Jesus in heaven.*

Where are believers seated?

Believers are seated in the heavenly places with Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:7

ULT	UST
so that in the ages that are coming he might show the immeasurably great riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.	*He did that to show to everyone in all future times how exceedingly gracious he is in being kind to us by joining us to the Messiah Jesus.*

For what purpose has God saved and raised up believers?

God has saved and raised up believers so that in the ages that are coming he might show them the great riches of his grace.

Ephesians 2:8

ULT	UST
For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is the gift of God,	*So God was very kind to you in a way that you did not deserve when he saved you from being spiritually dead. He did this because you trust in Jesus. You have not saved yourselves; this is a gift from God—*

How have we been saved?

We have been saved by grace through faith as God's gift.

Ephesians 2:9

ULT	UST
not from works, so that no one may boast.	*a gift that no one can earn, so no one can boast and say that he has saved himself.*

Why should believer not boast?

No believer should boast because he is not saved by his own works.

Ephesians 2:10

ULT	UST
For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works that God prepared beforehand, so that we would walk in them.	*So God is making us what he wants us to be; through the Messiah Jesus he has created us as new people to do good things—things that God had previously arranged for us to do.*

For what purpose has God created believers in Christ Jesus?

God's purpose for believers in Christ Jesus is that they should walk in good works.

Ephesians 2:12

ULT	UST
For at that time you were apart from Christ, excluded from the community of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world.	*Remember that, at that time, you were separated from the Messiah. You were foreigners to the people of Israel. You did not share in the things that God promised in his agreements with them. You did not confidently expect that God would save you. No, you were living in this world completely without God.*

What is the spiritual condition of unbelieving Gentiles?

Unbelieving Gentiles are separated from Christ, alienated from Israel, strangers to the covenants, without hope and without God.

Ephesians 2:13

ULT	UST
But now in Christ Jesus you, the ones once being far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.	*But now, because you have trusted in Jesus the Messiah, God has brought you into his family, even though before that you did not know him. This was possible because the Messiah died on the cross for you.*

What has brought some Gentile unbelievers near to God?

Some Gentile unbelievers have been brought near to God by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:14

ULT	UST
For he himself is our peace, the one having made the two one and destroyed in his flesh the middle wall of partition, the hostility.	*It is the Messiah who has made it possible for Jews and non-Jews to live peacefully with each other. He made the two separate groups into one group. The two groups hated each other, but he took away every reason for hating each other when he died for all of us.*

How did Christ change the relationship between Gentiles and Jews?

Christ made believing Gentiles and Jews into one group, destroying the hostility that divided them.

Ephesians 2:15

ULT	UST
He abolished the law of the commandments in regulations so that he might make the two into one new man in himself, making peace,	*He made it no longer necessary for us to obey the commandments and requirements of the Jewish law for him to accept us. He did this in order to make the Jews and the non-Jews into one new people who would live peacefully together because of their relationship to him.*

What did Christ abolish in order to make peace between Jews and Gentiles?

Christ abolished the law of commandments and regulations in order to make peace between Jews and Gentiles.

Ephesians 2:18

ULT	UST
for through him both have access in one Spirit to the Father.	*Because of what Jesus did for us, both Jews and non-Jews now can come to God the Father with the help of God's Spirit.*

By what means do all believers have access to the Father?

All believers have access to the Father by means of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 2:20

ULT	UST
having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,	*You are like stones that God has put together into a building, and the apostles and prophets are like the foundation stones of that building. You depend on what they have taught, just as building stones depend on the foundation stones below them to form a wall that is upright and strong. The Messiah Jesus himself is like the cornerstone, which is the most important stone of the building.*

On what foundation is God's family built?

God's family is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus being the cornerstone.

Ephesians 2:21

ULT	UST
in whom the whole building, being fit together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,	*Jesus determines where each person belongs, just as the cornerstone determines where each stone fits in the building. Just as a builder joins stones together to make a holy temple, Jesus is assembling his family of believers to be one holy group which serves the Lord.*

What kind of building are believers becoming?

They are becoming a holy temple for the Lord.

Ephesians 2:22

ULT	UST
in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit.	*Because you belong to Jesus, he is building you up together, both Jews and non-Jews, into one family that is like a building in which God lives by means of his Spirit.*

Where does God dwell in the Spirit?

God dwells in the Spirit within believers.

Ephesians 3

Ephesians 3:2

ULT	UST
if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of the grace of God that was given to me for you,	*I assume that people have told you about me, that God has given me the task of communicating to you non-Jews his plan to be extremely kind to you.*

For whose benefit did God give Paul his stewardship?

God gave Paul his stewardship for the benefit of the Gentiles.

Ephesians 3:3

ULT	UST
according to a revelation made known to me, the mystery about which I already wrote in brief.	*God told me this message that people did not understand before by revealing it to me directly, just as I wrote to you before briefly.*

What was made known to Paul?

The revelation about the mystery was made known to Paul.

Ephesians 3:5

ULT	UST
which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men as it now has been revealed by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets—	*Formerly, God did not fully reveal this message to people, but now his Spirit has revealed it to his holy apostles and prophets.*

To whom has God revealed what was not made known to the human race in other generations?

God revealed the hidden truth about Christ to his apostles and prophets.

Ephesians 3:6

ULT	UST
that the Gentiles are to be fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,	*The message is this: the non-Jews now share together with Jews the spiritual riches of God and belong to the same group of God's people and will share all the things God has promised to his people because they are joined to the Messiah Jesus as a result of believing the good news.*

What hidden truth has been revealed?

The hidden truth revealed is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:7

ULT	UST
for which I became a servant by the gift of the grace of God that was given to me through the working of his power.	*I now serve God by telling people this good news. God was very kind to me and gave me this work to do even though I am not worthy of it, and he enables me to do it by powerfully working in me.*

What gift was given to Paul?

The gift of God's grace was given to Paul.

Ephesians 3:9

ULT	UST
and to reveal for everyone what is the administration of the mystery that was hidden from the ages in God, the one having created all things,	*and to enable everyone to understand what God's plan is. This plan is something that God, who created everything, has kept hidden from long ago.*

About what was Paul sent to help the Gentiles understand?

Paul was sent to help the Gentiles understand the administration of the mystery that was hidden from the ages in God.

Ephesians 3:10

ULT	UST
so that now through the church the multifaceted wisdom of God might be made known to the rulers and to the authorities in the heavenly places,	*God hid this plan so that as he reveals it now by making it happen in those who believe, he also reveals to the spiritual authorities at the highest levels how profoundly wise he is.*

Through what will the complex wisdom of God be made known?

Through the church the complex wisdom of God will be made known.

Ephesians 3:12

ULT	UST
in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in him.	*So now, because of what Jesus has done, we can come to God freely and confidently because, when we trust in Jesus, he joins us to himself.*

What does Paul say believers have because of faith in Christ?

Paul says believers have boldness and access with confidence because of faith in Christ.

Ephesians 3:15

ULT	UST
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,	*He is the original father, who gave the pattern for every family in heaven and on the earth to follow.*

What is named and created after the Father?

Every family in heaven and on earth is named and created after the Father.

Ephesians 3:16

ULT	UST
so that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner man,	*I pray that God will give you his Spirit to strengthen your spirit in proportion to how abundantly great he is.*

How does Paul pray for the believers to be strengthened?

Paul prays for the believers to be strengthened with power through God's Spirit.

Ephesians 3:18-19

What does Paul pray that the believers will be able to understand?

Paul prays that the believers will be able to understand how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

Ephesians 3:21

ULT	UST
to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.	*May all believers praise him for how great he is and for the awesome work that he has done through the Messiah Jesus! May they praise him throughout all generations forever! May it be so.*

What does Paul pray will be given to the Father to all generations?

Paul prays that the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus will be given to the Father to all generations.

Ephesians 4

Ephesians 4:1

ULT	UST
Therefore I, the prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk worthily of the calling by which you were called,	*Because of all this, as someone who is in prison because I serve the Lord Jesus, I appeal to you to live in a way that honors Jesus, who called you to live for him.*

How does Paul urge believers to live?

Paul urges believers to walk in a way that is worthy of their calling.

Ephesians 4:7

ULT	UST
And to each one of us this grace has been given according to the measure of the gift of Christ.	*To each one of us God has given spiritual gifts in just the way that the Messiah has decided that we should have them.*

What did Christ give to each believer after his ascension?

Christ gave each believer grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11

ULT	UST
And he himself gave the apostles, and the prophets, and the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers,	*As gifts to his people, he appointed some of them to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to seek out people to tell them the good news about Jesus, and some to care for and to teach the groups of believers.*

What five types of people does Paul say Christ gave?

Christ gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers.

Ephesians 4:12

ULT	UST
for the equipping of the saints for the work of serving, for building up of the body of Christ,	*God appointed all of them to prepare God's people to do the work of serving others so that all the people who belong to the Messiah might become spiritually strong.*

What are these five types of people supposed to do for the church?

These five types of people are supposed to equip the believers for the work of service, for the building up of the body.

Ephesians 4:14

ULT	UST
so that we may no longer be children tossed back and forth by the waves and carried away by every wind of teaching through the trickery of men in cleverness for deceitful scheming.	*Then we will no longer be spiritually immature, as little children are immature. We will no longer follow every new teaching, always changing what we believe like a boat that goes one way and then the other as the wind and waves change direction. We will not allow clever people who teach what is false to deceive us with their lies.*

How does Paul say believers can be like children?

Believers can be like children by being tossed around and carried away by people's trickery and erring deceit.

Ephesians 4:16

ULT	UST
from whom the whole body, being joined and held together by every supporting ligament, according to the working in measure of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for building up itself in love.	*He is the one who joins us all together and keeps us connected to each other. He teaches us how to support each other and to work in a coordinated way as he gives the ability that is appropriate to each one of us, just as a person's head does that for the parts of his body. In this way, as we love each other, we will grow together and make each other stronger.*

How does Paul say the body of believers is constructed?

The body of believers fits together, held together by each joint, each part working in the body's growth, for the building up of each one in love.

Ephesians 4:17

ULT	UST
Therefore, I say this and strongly urge you in the Lord, to walk no longer as the Gentiles also walk, in futility of their minds.	*For that reason, and with the authority of the Lord Jesus, I tell you this: from now on you must not live in the same way as the other non-Jews live. The way that they live comes from an empty way of thinking.*

How does Paul say the Gentiles walk?

The Gentiles walk in the futility of their minds.

Ephesians 4:18

ULT	UST
They have been darkened in their understanding, being alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their hearts.	*They are unable to think clearly about what is right or wrong because they try to live completely separated from God. They do this because they do not know what they are missing and because they stubbornly refuse to obey God.*

What does Paul say has happened to the understanding of the Gentiles?

The understanding of the Gentiles has been darkened.

Ephesians 4:19

ULT	UST
They, being dead to all feeling, handed themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.	*They have become unable to sense if something is good or bad, and so they have devoted themselves to doing whatever shameful things their bodies desire. They commit all kinds of immoral acts and want to do them more and more.*

To what have the Gentiles handed themselves over?

The Gentiles have handed themselves over to sensuality to do every kind of impurity.

Ephesians 4:22

ULT	UST
You are to put aside what belongs to your former manner of life, the old man being corrupted according to its deceitful desires,	*Your teachers taught you to stop living the way that you used to live. Because you desired to do evil things, you deceived yourselves into thinking that those things were good. Living like that was destroying you spiritually.*

What does Paul say believers must put off?

Believers must put off what belongs to the old man.

Ephesians 4:24

ULT	UST
and to put on the new man that is according to God—having been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.	*and you must start living like the new person that God created you in his own image to be. He created you to live in the right way with each other and with himself, in the true way of Jesus.*

What does Paul say believers must put on?

Believers must put on the new man.

Ephesians 4:27

ULT	UST
nor give an opportunity to the devil.	*so that you will not allow the devil to do evil things among you.*

To whom must a believer never give opportunity?

A believer must never give opportunity to the devil.

Ephesians 4:28

ULT	UST
The thief must steal no longer. But rather, he must labor, working good with his hands, so that he may have something to share with the ones having need.	*Those who have been stealing must not steal anymore. Instead, they must work hard, doing good work by their own efforts so that they may have something to give to those who are needy.*

What must believers do instead of steal?

Believers must labor so that they may be able to share with the person who has need.

Ephesians 4:29

ULT	UST
Do not let any corrupt talk come out from your mouth, but whatever is good for building up of the one in need, so that it might give grace to the hearers,	*Do not say harmful things. Instead, say good things that will encourage people when they need help so that God can work through your words to benefit those who hear.*

What kind of talk does Paul say must come out of the believer's mouth?

No corrupt talk must come out of the believer's mouth, but, instead, words that build up others.

Ephesians 4:30

ULT	UST
and do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.	*God has marked you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, who will be with you until the day that the Messiah will rescue you from this world. So do not make the Holy Spirit of God sad by how you live.*

Who must a believer not grieve?

A believer must not grieve the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:32

ULT	UST
Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you.	*Rather than behave like that, be kind to one another. Act mercifully toward each other. Forgive each other in the same way that God also forgave you through what the Messiah has done for you.*

What is a believer to do because God in Christ forgave him?

A believer must forgive others because God in Christ forgave him.

Ephesians 5

Ephesians 5:1

ULT	UST
Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children,	*Because of what God has done for you, imitate him just as children imitate the father who loves them dearly.*

Who should believers imitate?

Believers should imitate God the Father as his children.

Ephesians 5:2

ULT	UST
and walk in love, as also Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, an offering and sacrifice to God for a fragrant aroma.	*Do everything in a way that shows that you love others. Be like the Messiah, who loved us so much that he willingly died for us on the cross as the offering and sacrifice to God in our place. This sacrifice pleased God very much.*

What did Christ do which was a pleasing aroma to God?

Christ gave himself up for the believers as an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:3

ULT	UST
But sexual immorality and every impurity or greed must not even be named among you, just as is proper for saints,	*But there should be no reason for anyone to even suggest that any of you are involved in sexual sin or any kind of immoral or obsessive sexual behavior. Such sins do not belong among God's people.*

What must not be suggested among believers?

Sexual immorality, impurity, and greed must not be suggested among believers.

Ephesians 5:4

ULT	UST
and filthiness and foolish talk or crude jokes—which are not fitting—but instead, thanksgiving.	*When you speak to each other, do not tell obscene stories or say foolish things or joke about committing sins. Such things are not what people who belong to God talk about. Instead, express the things that you are thankful for.*

What attitude should instead be seen among believers?

Believers should instead have an attitude of thankfulness.

Ephesians 5:5

ULT	UST
Indeed, know this for certain, that every sexually immoral or unclean or greedy person—that is, an idolater—has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.	*It is quite true that these people will be excluded from the kingdom of the Messiah who is God: everyone who is sexually immoral or indecent, or who is obsessed with sex, which is the same as worshiping an idol.*

Who has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God?

The sexually immoral, impure, and greedy have no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Ephesians 5:6

ULT	UST
Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.	*Do not let anyone deceive you by telling you that God will not punish people who do these things. It is because of these very things that God will punish the people who disobey him.*

What is coming upon the children of disobedience?

The wrath of God is coming upon the children of disobedience.

Ephesians 5:9

ULT	UST
(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth),	*Because just as people who have light will walk in the right way, as a result of knowing Jesus you can always live in a way that is good, right, and true.*

What fruit of the light is pleasing to the Lord?

The fruit of goodness, righteousness, and truth is pleasing to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:11

ULT	UST
And do not take part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even expose them.	*So do not participate together with those who are doing the worthless deeds that they do in spiritual darkness. Instead, expose to everyone how worthless those deeds are.*

What are believers to do with the works of the darkness?

Believers are not to participate with, but instead expose, the works of darkness.

Ephesians 5:13

ULT	UST
But everything exposed by the light is revealed, for everything that is revealed is light.	*but it is necessary for us to expose them so that people can know and understand that these deeds are evil. This is like when we bring something into the light in order to reveal to everyone what it truly is. Then people can examine and judge that thing that light has exposed.*

What is revealed by the light?

Everything is revealed by the light.

Ephesians 5:16

ULT	UST
redeeming the time because the days are evil.	*Do the most good that you can with the time that you have, because people are doing more and more evil things every day.*

What should believers do since the days are evil?

Believers should redeem the time since the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:18

ULT	UST
And do not get drunk with wine, in which is recklessness. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,	*Do not become drunk by drinking alcoholic drinks, because people cannot control themselves when they are drunk. Instead, let God's Spirit control what you do at all times.*

What leads to recklessness?

Getting drunk with wine leads to recklessness.

Ephesians 5:19

ULT	UST
speaking to each other in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and singing psalms in your heart to the Lord,	*Sing to each other Psalms and songs about the Messiah and songs that God's Spirit gives you. Let this music come from deep within you as sincere praise to the Lord.*

With what should believers speak to each other?

Believers should speak to each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

Ephesians 5:22

ULT	UST
wives, to your own husbands, as to the Lord.	

In what way should wives be subject to their husbands?

Wives should be subject to their husbands as to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:23

ULT	UST
For a husband is the head of the wife as Christ also is the head of the church—he himself is the savior of the body.	

Of what is the husband the head, and of what is Christ the head?

The husband is head of the wife, and Christ is head of the Church.

Ephesians 5:26

ULT	UST
so that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of the water with the word,	*so that he might set us apart for himself. He purified us by telling us his plan to forgive us and by removing our sins as though washing them away in water.*

How does Christ sanctify the Church?

Christ sanctifies the Church holy by the washing her of water with the word.

Ephesians 5:28

ULT	UST
In the same way, the husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. The one loving his own wife loves himself.	*In that same way, each man should love his own wife as much as he loves his own body. A man who loves his wife is also, by doing that, loving himself*

How should husbands love their wives?

Husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.

Ephesians 5:29

ULT	UST
For no one ever hated his own body, but he nourishes and treats it with care, just as Christ also does the church,	

How does a person treat his own body?

A person nourishes and loves his own body.

Ephesians 5:31

ULT	UST
“Because of this a man will leave his father and his mother and will be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”	*The scriptures say this about people who marry: “Therefore a man will leave his father and his mother and will join himself to his wife, and the two of them will become as though they were one person.”*

What happens when a man is joined to his wife?

When a man is joined to his wife, they become one flesh.

Ephesians 5:32

ULT	UST
This mystery is great—but I am speaking about Christ and about the church.	*There is very much about this that we cannot understand, but I am telling you that this example of a husband and wife also helps us to understand the relationship between the Messiah and the group of people who belong to him.*

What hidden truth is demonstrated by the joining of a man and his wife?

The hidden truth about Christ and his Church is demonstrated by the joining of a man and his wife.

Ephesians 6

Ephesians 6:1

ULT	UST
Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is righteous.	*As for you who are children, obey your parents as a way of serving the Lord Jesus because it is right for you to do that.*

How should Christian children treat their parents?

Christian children should obey their parents.

Ephesians 6:4

ULT	UST
And fathers, do not provoke your children to anger. Instead, raise them in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.	*As for you who are fathers, do not treat your children in a way that makes them become angry. Instead, bring them up well by instructing them and by disciplining them in the manner that the Lord Jesus wants you to do.*

What are Christian fathers to do for their children?

Christian fathers are to raise their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:5

ULT	UST
Slaves, obey your masters according to the flesh with fear and trembling, in honesty of your heart, as to Christ,	*As for you who are slaves, very respectfully and sincerely obey those who are your masters here on the earth, just as you obey the Messiah.*

With what attitude should Christian slaves obey their masters?

Christian slaves should obey their masters in the honesty of their heart as for the Lord.

Ephesians 6:8

ULT	UST
knowing that each person, if he does something good, this he will receive from the Lord, whether slave or free.	*Do this because you know that the Lord Jesus will reward each person for whatever good deeds that person has done. It makes no difference whether that person was a slave or a free person.*

What should a believer remember about whatever good deed he does?

A believer should remember that for whatever good deed he does, he will receive a reward from the Lord.

Ephesians 6:9

ULT	UST
And masters, do the same to them. Stop using threats. You know that the Master, both theirs and yours, is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.	*As for you who are masters, just like your slaves should serve you well, in the same way you must treat them well. Stop threatening them. Do not forget that the one who is both their Lord and your Lord is in heaven and he judges all people equally whether their position is high or low.*

What should a Christian master remember about his Master?

A Christian master should remember that his and his servant's Master is in heaven, and that there is no favoritism with him.

Ephesians 6:11

ULT	UST
Put on the whole armor of God, to enable you to stand against the scheming of the devil.	*Just as a soldier puts on all of his armor to be ready to fight his enemy, you should use every spiritual resource that God provides for you so that you may successfully resist the devil when he cleverly schemes against you.*

Why must a believer put on the whole armor of God?

A believer must put on the whole armor of God to stand against the wicked plans of the devil.

Ephesians 6:12

ULT	UST
For our struggle is not against blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-controllers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.	*Remember that we are not fighting against other human beings. Instead, we are fighting against the demons who have authority to rule over the people doing evil things in this evil time, that is, against the evil spirits who live in the air.*

Against whom does a believer battle?

A believer battles against governments and rulers of the realm of darkness and against spiritual forces of evil.

Ephesians 6:13

ULT	UST
Because of this, put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done everything, to stand.	*That is why you must use well all of the spiritual resources that God has given you, like a soldier who puts on all of his armor. If you do that, you will be able to resist the evil spirits when they attack you. You will also be ready for when they attack you again and able to continue to live well for God.*

Why must a believer put on the whole armor of God?

A believer must put on the whole armor of God to stand against the wicked plans of the devil.

Ephesians 6:16

ULT	UST
In everything take up the shield of the faith, by which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.	*Just as a soldier holds up a shield to stop the flaming arrows that his enemy shoots at him, you must keep trusting firmly in the Lord at all times. That will protect you from all of the things that your enemy, Satan, the evil one, will try to do to harm you spiritually.*

Which piece of the armor of God puts out the flaming arrows of the evil one?

The shield of faith puts out the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Ephesians 6:17

ULT	UST
And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.	*Also, as a soldier relies on a helmet to protect his head, rely on the fact that God has saved you. And just as a soldier uses a sword to defeat his enemies, use the weapon that God's Spirit gives you, which is the message that comes from God.*

What is the sword of the Spirit?

The sword of the Spirit is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:18

ULT	UST
With every prayer and request, pray at all times in the Spirit. And to this end, be watchful with all perseverance and requests for all the saints,	*Whenever you pray to God and request things from him, always let God's Spirit direct you in how you pray and what you pray for. To be most effective, keep watching to see what God is doing, and be persistent as you continue to pray for all of God's people.*

How should believers conduct themselves in prayer?

Believers should pray at all times, persevering and watching for God's answer.

Ephesians 6:19

ULT	UST
and for me, so that a message might be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel	*Pray for me, also, that God would tell me what I should say whenever I speak, in order that I may boldly tell others the good news about the Messiah that people did not know before.*

What does Paul wish to have through the prayers of the Ephesians?

Paul wishes to have the word given to him with boldness when he speaks the gospel.

Ephesians 6:20

ULT	UST
(for which I am an ambassador in chains), so that in it I may speak boldly, as it is necessary for me to speak.	*It is because I have been telling people about the Messiah that I am now representing him here in prison. Pray that as I continue to tell others about the Messiah, I may speak boldly because that is how I ought to speak.*

Where is Paul as he writes this letter?

Paul is in chains in prison as he writes this letter.

Ephesians 6:23

ULT	UST
Peace to the brothers, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.	*I pray that God our Father and the Lord Jesus the Messiah may give to all of you fellow believers a peaceful spirit and enable you to love each other and to continue to trust in God.*

What does Paul ask that God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give the believers?

Paul asks that God will give them peace and love with faith.

Philippians

Philippians 1

Philippians 1:1

ULT	UST
Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus being in Philippi, with the overseers and deacons.	*I, Paul, am writing this letter to all of God's people who are joined to the Messiah Jesus in the city of Philippi. Timothy is with me. We are servants of the Messiah Jesus. We especially write this letter for the leaders of the believers and for those who assist them.*

To whom did Paul address this letter?

Paul addressed this letter to all the people who are set apart in Christ Jesus at Philippi, including the overseers and deacons.

Philippians 1:5

ULT	UST
because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now;	*The reason I pray joyfully is because you have partnered with me in telling people the good news from the time you first believed it and you continue to partner with me now.*

For what did Paul give thanks to God for the Philippians?

Paul gave thanks to God for the Philippians' fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:6

ULT	UST
having become confident about this very thing, that the one having begun a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ;	*God started his good work within you when you first believed in him, and I am confident that he will continue that work until Jesus the Messiah returns.*

Of what was Paul confident regarding the Philippians?

Paul was confident that he who had begun a good work in them would complete it.

Philippians 1:7

ULT	UST
just as it is right for me to think this way about all of you because, I have you in my heart, all of you being partakers with me of grace both in my chains and in my defense and confirmation of the gospel.	*I love you all greatly, so it is right for me to think about you in this way. God has kindly blessed us to share together in this work, both as I endure being a prisoner and also as I explain to people why the good news about Jesus is true.*

In what had the Philippians been Paul's partners?

In Paul's imprisonment, and in his defense and confirmation of the gospel, the Philippians had been his partners.

Philippians 1:9

ULT	UST
And I pray this: that your love would abound still more and more in knowledge and all understanding	*I pray that God will enable you to love God and others in a way that continues to increase. As you increasingly love others, I pray that God will also help you to know him better and to understand how to love others in all situations.*

What did Paul pray would increase more and more among the Philippians?

Paul prayed that love would increase more and more among the Philippians.

Philippians 1:11

ULT	UST
being filled with the fruit of righteousness that is through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.	*Instead of doing wrong things, you will be busy doing the truly good things that Jesus the Messiah enables us to do. These things will cause people to honor and praise God.*

With what did Paul desire that the Philippians be filled?

Paul desired that the Philippians be filled with the fruits of righteousness.

Philippians 1:12-14

How had Paul's imprisonment advanced the gospel?

Paul's imprisonment for Christ had become widely known, and most of the brothers were now speaking with more boldness.

Philippians 1:17

ULT	UST
but the ones from selfish ambition proclaim Christ not sincerely, supposing to raise up trouble in my chains.	

Why were some proclaiming Christ out of selfish and insincere motives?

Some were proclaiming Christ out of selfish and insincere motives thinking they were adding to Paul's affliction in prison.

Philippians 1:18

ULT	UST
What then? Only that in every way—whether in pretext or in truth—Christ is proclaimed, and in this I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice,	*But what they want to do to me is not important! The important thing is that people are proclaiming the good news about the Messiah, either for good reasons or for bad reasons. So I am rejoicing that people are spreading the message about the Messiah! And I will continue to rejoice in that!*

What was Paul's reaction to the sincere and insincere preaching of Christ?

Paul rejoiced that, either way, Christ was being proclaimed.

Philippians 1:20

ULT	UST
according to my eager expectation and hope that I will in nothing be ashamed, but in everything have boldness, and that now, as always, Christ will be exalted in my body, whether through life or through death.	*I know that this will happen, because I very confidently expect that I will continue to faithfully honor the Messiah. I expect and desire that I will boldly honor the Messiah by my actions now and always, whether by the way I live or by the way I die.*

What did Paul desire to do in life or by death?

Paul desired to bring glory to Christ either in life or by death.

Philippians 1:21

ULT	UST
For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.	*As for me, I live to honor the Messiah, and if I die, it will be even better for me.*

Paul said that to live is what, and to die is what?

Paul said that to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:22-24

What choices pulled Paul in different directions?

Paul was pulled by the choices of being with Christ in death or of remaining in the flesh to continue his labor.

Philippians 1:25

ULT	UST
And having become confident of this, I know that I will remain and will continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith	*Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain alive with you all in order to help you to be even more joyful as you continue to trust in Jesus.*

For what purpose was Paul confident that he would remain with the Philippians?

Paul was confident that he would remain with the Philippians for their progress and joy in the faith.

Philippians 1:27

ULT	UST
Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ so that whether having come and having seen you or whether being absent, I might hear about you, that you stand firm in one spirit, with one soul striving together for the faith of the gospel.	*The important thing is that you act in a way that honors the good news about the Messiah. Do this so that people will tell me that you are working hard together in a unified way as you resist those who oppose the message about the Messiah and as you help people to live according to the good news. You must act in this way whether or not I visit you again.*

Whether with the Philippians or away from them, what did Paul want to hear about the Philippians?

Paul wanted to hear that the Philippians stood fast in one spirit, with one soul striving together for the faith of the gospel.

Philippians 1:28

ULT	UST
And do not be frightened in anything by the ones opposing you. This is a sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation—and this from God.	*Do not let the people who are against you make you afraid by anything that they do or say. When they see that you are not afraid of them, they will know that God will destroy them, but he will save you. All of this is from God.*

When the Philippians did not fear those opposing them, of what was that a sign?

When the Philippians did not fear those opposing them, it was a sign of their opponents' destruction, but of the believers' salvation.

Philippians 1:29

ULT	UST
For it has been freely given to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer on behalf of him,	*God does this for you because he has given you the gift of suffering for the Messiah, along with the gift of believing in him.*

What two things had been granted to the Philippians by God?

It had been granted to the Philippians that they believe on Christ, but also that they suffer on his behalf.

Philippians 2

Philippians 2:2

ULT	UST
fulfill my joy that you might think the same, having the same love, united in soul, thinking the one thing.	*make me completely happy by doing the following things: Agree with one another, love one another, be closely united with one another, be united in your thinking.*

What does Paul say the Philippians must do to make his joy full?

The Philippians must be of the same mind, have the same love, and be united in spirit and mind.

Philippians 2:3

ULT	UST
Do nothing according to selfish ambition or according to empty conceit, but with humility considering others better than yourselves,	*Never try to selfishly make yourselves more important than others, and do not think of yourselves as better than others. Instead, be humble, and treat others as more important than yourselves.*

How does Paul say the Philippians should consider each other?

The Philippians should consider each other better than themselves.

Philippians 2:5-6

Whose mind does Paul say we need to have?

Paul says we need to have the mind of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:6

ULT	UST
who, existing in the form of God, did not consider being equal with God something to be grasped.	*Although he was in every way the same as God, he did not insist on keeping all the privileges of being equal with God.*

In what form did Christ Jesus exist?

Christ Jesus existed in the form of God.

Philippians 2:7

ULT	UST
Instead, he emptied himself, having taken the form of a servant, having been born in the likeness of men, and having been found in appearance as a man,	*Rather, he gave up divine privileges and became a servant to others and became a human being. When he had become a human being,*

What form did Christ Jesus then take?

Christ Jesus then took the form of a servant, in the appearance of a man.

Philippians 2:8

ULT	UST
he humbled himself, having become obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross!	*he humbled himself further. Specifically, he humbled himself by obeying God so far as to be willing to die. He was even willing to die by being crucified on a cross.*

How did Jesus humble himself?

Jesus humbled himself by obeying to the point of death on the cross.

Philippians 2:9

ULT	UST
Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name	*Because the Messiah humbly obeyed God, God also honored him very much; he honored him more than any other person or being,*

What did God then do for Jesus?

God highly exalted Jesus and gave him the name above every name.

Philippians 2:11

ULT	UST
and every tongue would confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.	*and every mouth will say, that Jesus the Messiah is Lord, so that God the Father is honored.*

What will every tongue confess?

Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Philippians 2:12

ULT	UST
So then, my beloved, just as you always obeyed, not only as in my presence, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.	*As a result of these things, my dearly loved fellow believers, as you have always obeyed God when I was with you, now that I am apart from you, you also must obey him even more. Every one of you, work with God in his saving work within you, and do this humbly reverencing God.*

How are the Philippians called to work out their salvation?

The Philippians are to work out their salvation with fear and trembling.

Philippians 2:13

ULT	UST
For God is the one working in you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.	*For God is doing something within you so that you will want to do—and then actually do—the good things that please him.*

What does God work in believers to do?

God works in believers both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:14

ULT	UST
Do all things without complaining or arguing	*Do everything without grumbling or quarreling.*

Everything must be done without what?

Everything must be done without complaining and arguing.

Philippians 2:17

ULT	UST
But even if I am being poured out as an offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and rejoice with you all.	*And I am joyful and I will rejoice with you all, despite suffering daily or going through times when those who oppose the gospel try to kill me. I will gladly suffer along with you, adding to your service which you offer because you believe in him.*

For what purpose is Paul pouring out his life?

Paul is pouring out his life in the sacrifice and service of the Philippian's faith.

Philippians 2:20

ULT	UST
For I have no one like-minded, who will be genuinely anxious about the things concerning you,	*I have no one else like Timothy who genuinely cares for you.*

Why is Timothy a unique helper for Paul?

Timothy is unique because he truly cares for the Philippians.

Philippians 2:24

ULT	UST
But I am confident in the Lord that I myself will also come soon.	*And I am confident that the Lord will allow me to be released soon, so that I myself will also come to you.*

Is Paul expecting to see the Philippians?

Yes, Paul expects to see the Philippians soon.

Philippians 2:30

ULT	UST
since for the sake of the work of Christ, he came near even to death, risking his life so that he might make up your lack of service to me.	*Do this because, as Epaphroditus was working for the Messiah, he almost died. He knew that he might die as a result of helping me, and he nearly did die. He helped me in order to supply the things that I needed, something you could not do because you are far away from me.*

For what did Epaphroditus almost die?

Epaphroditus almost died doing the work of Christ, serving Paul and supplying Paul's needs.

Philippians 3

Philippians 3:2

ULT	UST
Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the mutilation.	*Guard yourselves against the ones who are like dirty dogs. Guard yourselves against the ones who teach what is false. Guard yourselves against the ones who cut their bodies.*

For whom does Paul warn the believers to watch out?

Paul warns the believers to watch out for the dogs, the evil workers, and the mutilators.

Philippians 3:3

ULT	UST
For we are the circumcision—the ones worshiping by the Spirit of God and boasting in Christ Jesus and not being confident in the flesh,	*But as for us—we ourselves are what it truly means to be circumcised. The Spirit of God enables us to truly worship God, and we glory in the Messiah Jesus rather than trusting in religious acts such as circumcision.*

Who does Paul say are the true circumcision?

Paul says the true circumcision are those who worship in the Spirit of God, glory in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Philippians 3:6

ULT	UST
according to zeal, persecuting the church; according to righteousness that is in the law, having become blameless.	*With regard to being passionate about what I believed, I was so extremely passionate about what I believed that I caused those who followed Jesus to suffer. With regard to doing what God required in the law of Moses and doing what the scribes required concerning it, I was without fault.*

How does Paul describe his previous conduct in respect to the righteousness of the law?

Paul describes his previous conduct as blameless in respect to the righteousness of the law.

Philippians 3:7

ULT	UST
Whatever things were gains for me, I consider these things loss for the sake of Christ.	*But all the things that I formerly trusted in, these same things I now consider to be worthless because of the Messiah.*

How does Paul now regard his previous confidence in the flesh?

Paul now counts all his previous confidence in the flesh as worthless because of Christ.

Philippians 3:8

ULT	UST
But on the contrary, I consider even all things to be loss because of the surpassing value of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, because of whom I have suffered the loss of all things—and I consider them dung—so that I might gain Christ	*Instead, even more, I now regard all things as worthless compared to how great it is to know the Messiah, Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have willingly given up all things and I think of them as feces to throw away in order that I might have the Messiah.*

For what purpose does Paul now consider all the previous things as garbage?

Paul considers all the previous things as garbage so that he may gain Christ.

Philippians 3:9

ULT	UST
and be found in him, not having my own righteousness that is from law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness from God by faith—	*I have willingly given up the things I formerly trusted in so that I might be fully united with the Messiah by believing in him, and not by obeying the laws that God gave to Moses. I do this because I know that the only way to please God is by believing in the Messiah.*

What righteousness does Paul now have?

Paul now has the righteousness from God that is through faith in Christ.

Philippians 3:10

ULT	UST
to know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death,	*I want to know the Messiah better and better. I want to continually experience him working powerfully in my life, just like God worked powerfully when he caused the Messiah to become alive after he had died. I also want to be continually willing to suffer in order that I may obey God, just like the Messiah suffered in order that he might obey God. I want to become like him in his death.*

Paul has fellowship with Christ in what?

Paul has the fellowship of Christ's sufferings.

Philippians 3:12

ULT	UST
Not that I already received it, or have already been made perfect, but I am pursuing it, if perhaps I might also grasp that for which I was also grasped by Christ Jesus.	*I do not claim that I have already attained this. Nor do I say that God has already finished working in me to make me like Jesus. But I earnestly try to become more and more like Jesus, because this is why Jesus the Messiah took hold of me.*

Although he is not yet complete, what does Paul continue to do?

Paul pursues perfection to grasp the reason for which Jesus grasped him.

Philippians 3:14

ULT	UST
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus.	*Instead, I concentrate only on continuing to become more and more like Jesus until I die. As a result, because of my relationship with Jesus the Messiah, God will reward me in heaven.*

Toward what goal does Paul press on?

Paul presses on toward the goal to win the prize of the upward calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:17

ULT	UST
Become imitators of me, brothers, and watch closely the ones walking in this manner, just as you have us as an example.	*My fellow believers, join together in imitating me, and observe closely those people who live as we do.*

What does Paul tell the Philippians to do regarding the example of his walk?

Paul tells the Philippians to join and imitate him in his walk.

Philippians 3:19

ULT	UST
whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, the ones thinking about earthly things.	*God will severely punish these people. These people serve their physical desires rather than God, and they are proud of the very things of which they should be ashamed. These people only think about earthly things instead of heavenly things.*

What is the destiny of those whose god is their belly and who think about earthly things?

Those whose god is their belly and who think about earthly things are destined for destruction.

Philippians 3:20

ULT	UST
But our citizenship exists in heaven, from where we also eagerly await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,	*As for us, we are citizens of heaven, and it is from heaven that we eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus the Messiah to return and rescue us.*

Where does Paul say the citizenship of believers is located?

Paul says the citizenship of believers is in heaven.

Philippians 3:21

ULT	UST
who will transform our lowly body to conformity to his glorious body, according to the working of his power even to subject all things to himself.	*God will change the weak and humble bodies that we have now to be bodies like the glorious resurrected body of Jesus. He will do this by his power, by which he is able to control all things.*

What will Christ do to the bodies of believers when he comes from heaven?

Christ will transform the lowly bodies of believers into bodies formed like his glorious body.

Philippians 4

Philippians 4:1

ULT	UST
Therefore, my brothers, beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, beloved.	*My fellow believers, I love you, and I greatly desire to see you. I rejoice because of you; you are the reason God will reward me. In the way that I have just described to you in this letter, continue to be steadfastly committed to the Lord, my fellow believers whom I love.*

What does Paul want his beloved friends in Philippi to do?

Paul wants the Philippians to stand firm in the Lord.

Philippians 4:2

ULT	UST
I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to think the same in the Lord.	*I urge you, Euodia, and I urge you, Syntyche, to again have a peaceful relationship with each other, because you are both joined to the Lord.*

What does Paul wish to see happen with Euodia and Syntyche?

Paul wishes to see Euodia and Syntyche have the same mind in the Lord.

Philippians 4:4

ULT	UST
Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice.	*Always rejoice in who God is and what he has done and is doing! I say again, rejoice!*

What does Paul tell the Philippians to always do?

Paul tells them to rejoice in the Lord always.

Philippians 4:6

ULT	UST
Be anxious about nothing, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God,	*Do not worry about anything. Instead, in every situation pray to God, and tell him exactly what you need, and ask him to help you. And thank God for all he does for you.*

Instead of being anxious, what does Paul say to do?

Paul says that instead of being anxious, we are to tell God in prayer what we need, and thank him.

Philippians 4:7

ULT	UST
and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.	*As a result God will enable you not to worry about anything, and he will protect how you think and feel, as you are joined to the Messiah Jesus.*

If we do this, what will guard our hearts and thoughts?

If we do this, the peace of God will guard our hearts and thoughts.

Philippians 4:8

ULT	UST
As to the rest, brothers, as many as are true, as many as honorable, as many as just, as many as pure, as many as lovely, as many as reputable, if anything is virtuous, and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things.	*Finally, my fellow believers, think about whatever is true, whatever is worth honoring, whatever is right, whatever is faultless, whatever is pleasing, whatever is worth admiring, whatever is good, whatever is worth praising: These are the things that you should always be thinking about.*

Upon what kinds of things does Paul say to think?

Paul says to think upon things that are honorable, just, pure, lovely, of good report, excellent, and praiseworthy.

Philippians 4:10

ULT	UST
Now I greatly rejoice in the Lord, because now at last you renewed your concern on my behalf, for which indeed you were concerned, but were lacking opportunity.	*I rejoice greatly and thank the Lord, because now, after some time, by sending money to me you have once again shown that you are concerned about me. Indeed, you were concerned about me all the time, but you had no opportunity to show it.*

What have the Philippians now been able to renew?

The Philippians have now been able to renew their concern for Paul.

Philippians 4:11-12

What secret has Paul learned about living in different circumstances?

Paul has learned the secret of living contently in both abundance and need.

Philippians 4:13

ULT	UST
I can do all things in the one strengthening me.	*Because the Messiah strengthens me, I am able to respond well to every situation.*

By what power can Paul live contently?

Paul can live contently in all circumstances through Christ, who strengthens him.

Philippians 4:17

ULT	UST
Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that is increasing to your account.	*I do not say this because I desire that you give me money. Instead, I desire that God will abundantly reward you as a result of your helping me.*

What does Paul seek for the Philippians in their giving to provide for his needs?

Paul seeks the fruit that increases to the Philippians' account.

Philippians 4:18

ULT	UST
Now I have all things in full, and I abound. I have been filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things from you, an aroma, a sweet smell, an acceptable, pleasing sacrifice to God.	*You have given me a very generous gift, and, as a result, I have all I require and more. I have an abundant supply of what I need, because you sent Epaphroditus to me with your gift. God considers that your gift is very acceptable, and he is very pleased with it.*

How does God view the gift made by the Philippians to Paul?

God is pleased with the gift that the Philippians have made to Paul.

Philippians 4:19

ULT	UST
Now my God will fulfill all your need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.	*God, whom I serve, will supply everything you need, because you belong to Jesus the Messiah and because he owns all things.*

What does Paul say God will do for the Philippians?

Paul says that God will supply every need of the Philippians according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:22

ULT	UST
All the saints greet you, but especially the ones from the household of Caesar.	*All of God's people here send their greetings to you. The fellow believers who work in the palace of Caesar, the emperor, especially send their greetings to you.*

Paul says that those of which household greet the Philippians?

Those of Caesar's household greet the Philippians.

Colossians

Colossians 1

Colossians 1:1

ULT	UST
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy our brother,	*I, Paul, write this letter to you, and Timothy our fellow believer is with me. God sent me to represent the Messiah Jesus, because that is what God chose to do.*

How did Paul become an apostle of Christ Jesus?

Paul became an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God.

Colossians 1:2

ULT	UST
to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ in Colossae. Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.	*I send this letter to you who are God's people and faithful fellow believers united to the Messiah, who live in the city of Colossae. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus the Messiah continue to be kind to you and make you peaceful.*

To whom did Paul write this letter?

Paul wrote to those set apart for God and the faithful brothers at Colossae.

Colossians 1:5

ULT	UST
because of the hope that is being reserved for you in the heavens, which you heard before in the word of truth, the gospel,	*You do these things because you are confidently waiting for everything that God is keeping for you in heaven. You first learned about all that God has for you when you heard the true message, which is the good news about the Messiah.*

From where did the Colossians hear about the confident expectation that they now have?

The Colossians heard about their confident expectation in the word of truth, the gospel.

Colossians 1:6

ULT	UST
which being present among you just as also in all the world, is bearing fruit and growing, just as also in you, from the day you heard it and learned about the grace of God in truth,	*Just as you heard and believed this good news in Colossae, increasing numbers of people in many places are also hearing and believing it. These people are living in a different way now, just as you have been living in a different way since you first learned about it and truly experienced how God acts kindly toward us.*

What does Paul say the gospel has been doing in the world?

Paul says the gospel has been bearing fruit and growing in all the world.

Colossians 1:7

ULT	UST
just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf,	*This is what Epaphras told you would happen. He works with us for the Messiah, and we love him. He faithfully serves the Messiah as our representative.*

Who presented the gospel to the Colossians?

Epaphras, the faithful servant of Christ, presented the gospel to the Colossians.

Colossians 1:9

ULT	UST
Because of this, from the day we heard this, we also have not stopped praying for you and asking that you might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding,	*Because of everything that Epaphras told us, since the time when he first told us about you, we have joined him in consistently praying for you. When we pray for you, we ask God to show you everything that he wants you to do and to make you able to understand everything that God's Spirit is teaching you.*

With what does Paul pray that the Colossians be filled?

Paul prays that the Colossians be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

Colossians 1:10

ULT	UST
to walk worthily of the Lord in every pleasing way, bearing fruit in every good deed and growing in the knowledge of God,	*We have been praying that you know what God wants so that you can live in a way that honors the Lord and pleases him in every way. When you live this way, you will be doing every sort of good thing and continually knowing God better.*

How does Paul pray that the Colossians will walk in their lives?

Paul prays that the Colossians will walk worthy of the Lord, bearing fruit with good deeds, growing in the knowledge of God.

Colossians 1:12

ULT	UST
giving thanks to the Father, the one having made you able to share the inheritance of the saints in the light.	*Then you will continually thank God our Father, because he has made you worthy to take part in everything that he has to give to his people when they are with him.*

For what have those set apart for God been qualified?

Those set apart for God have been qualified for a share in the inheritance in the light.

Colossians 1:13

ULT	UST
He rescued us from the authority of the darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,	*God our Father has delivered us from the evil one, who used to control us, and he has given us to his Son, whom he loves, so that now we can obey his Son.*

From what has the Father rescued those set apart for him?

He rescued them from the dominion of darkness and transferred them to the kingdom of his Son.

Colossians 1:14

ULT	UST
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.	*Because we are united to his Son, God has set us free; that is, he has forgiven our sins.*

In Christ, we have redemption, which is what?

In Christ we have redemption, which is the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:15

ULT	UST
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.	*God's Son perfectly reveals who God is, even though no one can see God. The Son existed before God created anything, and he has first place over everything that God has created.*

The Son is the image of whom?

The Son is the image of the invisible God.

Colossians 1:16

ULT	UST
For in him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible. Whether thrones or dominions or governments or authorities, all things have been created though him and for him.	*You can know that the Son existed before anything else existed and has first place over everything because the Father and the Son together created everything that exists. This includes everything in heaven and everything on earth, and everything that we can see and everything that we cannot see, including the spiritual beings such as thrones, dominions, rulers, and authorities. The Father and the Son together created everything, and everything exists to honor the Son.*

What was created through Jesus Christ and for him?

All things were created through Jesus Christ and for him.

Colossians 1:20

ULT	UST
and to reconcile through him all things to himself, having made peace through the blood of his cross, through him, whether the things on the earth or the things in the heavens.	*God the Father also gladly chose to work through the Son to reconcile to himself everything and every person that he created in the whole universe. God did this through his Son when his Son died on the cross, which made everything peaceful between God and his creation.*

How did God reconcile all things to himself?

God reconciled all things to himself when he made peace through his Son's blood.

Colossians 1:21

ULT	UST
At one time you also were alienated and enemies in thought, in evil deeds.	*Before you believed in the Messiah, you did not want to be close to God, and you were hostile to him because everything you thought and did was evil.*

What relationship did the Colossians have with God before they believed the gospel?

Before believing the gospel, the Colossians were separated from God and were his enemies.

Colossians 1:23

ULT	UST
if indeed you continue in the faith, founded and firm and not being moved from the hope of the gospel that you heard, the one having been proclaimed to every creature that is under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a servant.	*This is all true about you as long as you continue confidently to believe in the Messiah, and as long as you do not give up confidently hoping for God to do what he has promised in the good news that you heard and that people all over the world have heard. I, Paul, serve God by proclaiming to people this same good news.*

What must the Colossians continue to do?

The Colossians must continue to be settled in the faith and confident of the gospel.

Colossians 1:24

ULT	UST
Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and I fill up in my flesh the lack of the afflictions of Christ for the sake of his body, which is the church,	*At the present time I suffer cheerfully because it is for your benefit. I am suffering physically to complete my part of the suffering that the Messiah began on behalf of his people, the church, which is like the Messiah's own body.*

For whose sake is Paul suffering, and what is his attitude?

Paul is suffering for the sake of the church, and he rejoices in it.

Colossians 1:27

ULT	UST
to whom God desired to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.	*God has been wanting to tell his people this very glorious message that was secret, which applies to non-Jews as well as to Jews. The secret is that the Messiah is united to you non-Jews, which means that you can confidently expect to become glorious beings like the Messiah.*

What is the mystery that was hidden for ages but now has been revealed?

The mystery that was hidden for ages but now has been revealed is Christ in you, the confidence of glory.

Colossians 1:28

ULT	UST
We proclaim him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom so that we may present every man complete in Christ.	*This is the Messiah whom we announce to everyone. When we talk about him, we warn and teach each person as wisely as we can. We do these things so that each of these people may become spiritually mature in each person's union with the Messiah.*

What is the goal for which Paul is admonishing and teaching every man?

Paul's goal is to present every person complete in Christ.

Colossians 2

Colossians 2:2

ULT	UST
so that their hearts might be encouraged, having been brought together in love and into all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, into knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ,	*I work this hard in order to encourage all of you who have not met me so that you unite yourselves together with love for each other. I want you to completely and confidently understand the secret that God had previously kept hidden. This secret is about the Messiah.*

What is the mystery of God?

The mystery of God is Christ.

Colossians 2:3

ULT	UST
in whom all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden.	*The Messiah is the one who knows all of God's wonderful, wise plan.*

What is hidden in Christ?

All the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Christ.

Colossians 2:4

ULT	UST
I say this so that no one might deceive you with persuasive speech.	*I am telling you about this secret in order that no person who argues persuasively will be able to convince you to believe what is not true.*

What is Paul concerned that might happen to the Colossians?

Paul is concerned that the Colossians might be deceived with persuasive speech.

Colossians 2:6

ULT	UST
Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him,	*Now that I have told you the truth about the good news, I want you to behave in a way that fits with how God has united you to the Messiah. You should keep behaving as you did when you accepted the Messiah Jesus the Lord.*

What does Paul call the Colossians to do now that they have received Christ Jesus?

Paul calls the Colossians to walk in Christ Jesus in the same way that they received him.

Colossians 2:8

ULT	UST
Beware lest someone will be the one taking you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the elemental teaching of the world, and not according to Christ.	*Be on the alert so that no one who tries to lead you away from the truth will succeed. Anyone who tries to lead you away will use human thinking that is meaningless and deceptive. Such a false message comes from what older generations teach younger generations and from what humans normally think about the world, not from the Messiah.*

Upon what are the empty deceits that Paul is concerned about based?

The empty deceits are based upon human tradition and the sinful belief systems of the world.

Colossians 2:9

ULT	UST
For in him all the fullness of deity dwells in bodily form,	*I mention the Messiah because he, a human, is fully God.*

What lives in Christ?

All the fullness of God’s nature lives in Christ.

Colossians 2:10

ULT	UST
and you are filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority,	*In addition, you have everything you need since God has united you to the Messiah, who rules over the spiritual beings, including every ruler and every authority.*

Who is the head of all rule and authority?

Christ is the head of all rule and authority.

Colossians 2:11

ULT	UST
in whom you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands in the removal of the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ,	*When God united you to the Messiah, it was as if God the Father had circumcised you. I do not mean that a human physically cut flesh off you. Rather, instead of cutting off flesh, God removed your weak and sinful parts. God circumcised you in this way through what the Messiah accomplished.*

What is removed through the circumcision of Christ?

The sinful body of flesh is removed through the circumcision of Christ.

Colossians 2:12

ULT	UST
having been buried with him in baptism and in whom you were raised up through faith in the power of God, the one having raised him from the dead.	*Here is another way to understand what God has done for you: when they baptized you, it was as if you died and people buried you because God the Father included you when the Messiah died and people buried him. And it was as if God the Father brought you back to life because he included you when he brought the Messiah back to life. This happened because you believed that God the Father works powerfully, particularly when he brought the Messiah back to life.*

What happens in baptism?

A person is buried with Christ in baptism.

Colossians 2:13

ULT	UST
And you, being dead in the trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made you alive together with him, having forgiven us all of our trespasses,	*You used to be spiritually dead, because you often sinned against God and because you were non-Jews and not part of God's people. But God the Father brought you back to life spiritually because he included you when he brought the Messiah back to life. This means that he has forgiven us for all the wrong things we have done against him.*

What is a person's condition before Christ makes him alive?

A person is dead in his sins before Christ makes him alive.

Colossians 2:14

ULT	UST
having canceled the written record of the decrees against us, which were opposed to us, and he has taken it out from our midst, having nailed it to the cross;	*It was as if God had an official list of the debts we owe, which are our sins. When he forgave us, he wiped out that list of sins that counted against us, and he prevented it from coming between us and him. God accomplished this when the Messiah died on the cross, as surely as if he had nailed the list to the cross.*

What did Christ do with the record of debts charged against us?

Christ removed the record of debts and nailed it to the cross.

Colossians 2:15

ULT	UST
having stripped the rulers and the authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, having triumphed over them in it.	*Moreover, God defeated the spiritual beings that rule the world, and he publicly showed that he defeated them, just as if he had paraded them around as prisoners. God did this when the Messiah died on the cross.*

What did Christ do with the rulers and authorities?

Christ removed the rulers and authorities, openly exposed them, and led them as his captives in a victory procession.

Colossians 2:16

ULT	UST
Therefore, do not let anyone judge you in food or in drink or in regard to a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths,	*Because of these things that God has done for you, do not worry about what other people say you should do. They may have opinions about what to eat and what to drink. They may have opinions about what special days to observe, including days for worshipping God, days for celebrating when there is a new moon, or days for resting.*

What does Paul say are a shadow of the things to come?

Paul says that food, drink, feast days, and Sabbaths are a shadow of the things to come.

Colossians 2:17

ULT	UST
which are a shadow of the things coming, but the body is of Christ.	*God used these things to point to what he had planned for the future, which is the coming of the Messiah himself.*

To what reality do the shadows point?

The shadows point to the reality of Christ.

Colossians 2:19

ULT	UST
and not holding fast to the head, from which the whole body, being supplied and held together through the joints and ligaments, grows with the growth from God.	*These people are not remaining loyal to the Messiah. It is he who leads the church, just like people's heads lead their bodies. The head directs how the whole body, each and every part, receives what it needs and how it works together. In this way the body grows. Just like that, the Messiah directs the church so that it grows as God wants it to grow.*

From what does the whole body grow with the growth from God?

The whole body holds fast to Christ, the head, to grow with the growth from God.

Colossians 2:21

ULT	UST
“You may not handle, nor taste, nor touch!”	*These rules include commands like these: “Do not feel certain things!” “Do not try certain foods!” “Do not take hold of certain things!”*

What kinds of commandments does Paul say are part of the world’s beliefs?

Commandments to not handle, not taste, and not touch are part of the world’s beliefs.

Colossians 2:23

ULT	UST
which, having indeed a word of wisdom in self-made religion and false humility and severity of the body, are not of any value against indulgence of the flesh.	*Following these rules may seem to be a wise thing to do for people who worship God the way they want to, who pretend to be humble, and who treat their bodies badly as part of their religion. However, following these rules will not help you stop sinning.*

Against what do the rules of man-made religion have no value?

The rules of man-made religion have no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

Colossians 3

Colossians 3:1

ULT	UST
If, therefore, you were raised with Christ, seek the things above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God.	*To return to what I said before, it is as if God brought you back to life because he included you when he brought the Messiah back to life. Because of this, I want you to stay focused on what is in heaven, since the Messiah is there. He sits next to God the Father on the throne and rules everything.*

To where has Christ been raised?

Christ has been raised to sit at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1-2

What should believers seek, and what should they not seek?

Believers should seek the things above and not the things of the earth.

Colossians 3:3

ULT	UST
For you died, and your life has been hidden with Christ in God.	*You should think this way because it is as if you have died. You are spiritually alive only because God has united you to the Messiah in close relationship with himself, and this cannot be seen on earth right now.*

Where has God put the believer’s life?

God has hidden the believer’s life in Christ.

Colossians 3:4

ULT	UST
When Christ, your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.	*You are alive because God has united you to the Messiah. Therefore, when he returns again to earth and everyone sees him, at that time you will be with him. Then, everyone will see that you too have become glorious beings like him.*

What will happen to the believer when Christ is revealed?

When Christ is revealed, the believer will also be revealed with him in glory.

Colossians 3:5

ULT	UST
Put to death, therefore, the members that are on the earth—sexual immorality, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and envy, which is idolatry,	*Because this is your destiny, think of the desires you have to do evil things in this world as enemies that you must kill. The evil things that you might desire include having improper sex, doing impure things, enjoying wrong emotions, desiring evil things, and wanting more than you need, which is the same as worshiping another god.*

What must the believer put to death?

The believer must put to death the sinful desires of the earth.

Colossians 3:6

ULT	UST
because of which the wrath of God is coming,	*Because people have these desires, God is angry with them and will punish them.*

What happens to those who are disobedient to God?

The wrath of God comes upon those who are disobedient to God.

Colossians 3:8

ULT	UST
But now you must also lay aside all such things —wrath, anger, evil desire, slander, and obscene speech from your mouth.	*But now that you have believed, you must stop behaving in all evil ways. These evil ways include acting in angry ways, being angry with others, desiring to hurt others, talking bad about others, and speaking shameful words.*

What are some of the things that Paul says the believers must get rid of, which are part of the old self?

The believers must get rid of wrath, anger, evil intentions, insults, and obscene speech.

Colossians 3:10

ULT	UST
and having put on the new man being renewed in knowledge according to the image of the one having created it;	*You are a new person now, a person in whom God is working to make you know him more. You are now a person who is like God, who turned you into this new person.*

In whose image is the believer's new self created?

The believer's new self is created in the image of Christ.

Colossians 3:12

ULT	UST
Therefore, as chosen ones of God, holy and beloved, put on inner parts of mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,	*God has chosen you, he has set you apart as his own people, and he loves you. Because of these things and because you are new people, you must always behave properly towards others. This includes caring about them, being kind to them, not being proud, not behaving harshly, and taking a long time to become angry.*

What are some of the things that Paul says the believers must put on, which are part of the new self?

The believers must put on a heart of compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience.

Colossians 3:13

ULT	UST
bearing with one another and being gracious to each other if someone may have a complaint against someone else; just as also the Lord forgave you, so also should you.	*You must not easily become irritated with one another. When you blame other people for the things they have done, you must forgive them. You should imitate how the Lord forgave you by forgiving one another.*

In what way should the believer forgive?

The believer should forgive in the same way that the Lord has forgiven him.

Colossians 3:14

ULT	UST
But above all these things, love, which is the bond of perfection.	*Finally, what is more important than everything I have said so far is that you love one another. By doing this you will unite yourselves together, just as God has called you to do.*

What is the bond of perfection among believers?

Love is the bond of perfection.

Colossians 3:15

ULT	UST
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body, and become thankful.	*You must make the peace which the Messiah has given you a primary factor when you choose what to do. You must do this because God has chosen you to have peace as he unites you closely together, as closely as if you were one person's body. Also, you must give thanks to God.*

What should rule in the believer's heart?

The peace of Christ should rule in the believer's heart.

Colossians 3:15-17

What should the believer give to God in his attitude, song, word, and deed?

In his attitude, song, word, and deed, the believer should give thanks to God.

Colossians 3:16

ULT	UST
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.	*You must focus completely on the message about the Messiah as you think and act. You must teach and instruct one another very wisely using songs from the Scriptures, songs about Jesus, and songs that the Holy Spirit has given to you. You must thankfully and sincerely sing to God.*

What should live in the believer richly?

The word of Christ should live in the believer richly.

Colossians 3:18

ULT	UST
Wives, be subjected to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.	*Wives must treat their husbands as the leaders in their families, since this is appropriate behavior for those whom God has united to the Lord.*

How should a wife respond to her husband?

A wife should submit to her husband.

Colossians 3:19

ULT	UST
Husbands, love your wives, and do not be embittered against them.	*Husbands must love their wives and not treat them harshly.*

How should a husband treat his wife?

A husband should love his wife and not be bitter against her.

Colossians 3:20

ULT	UST
Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is pleasing in the Lord.	*Children must obey their parents in every circumstance. This pleases God and is appropriate for those whom God has united to the Lord.*

How should a child treat his parents?

A child should obey his parents in all things.

Colossians 3:21

ULT	UST
Fathers, do not provoke your children, so that they may not be discouraged.	*Fathers must not make their children angry. Otherwise, the children may feel like giving up.*

What should a father not do to his children?

A father should not provoke his children.

Colossians 3:23-24

For whom are believers working in whatever they do?

Believers are working for the Lord in whatever they do.

Colossians 3:24

ULT	UST
knowing that you will receive from the Lord the reward of the inheritance. You are serving the Lord Christ.	*You must obey and serve in this way because you know that the Lord will justly repay you by giving you what he has kept for you. Remember that the Lord Messiah is the real master for whom you are working.*

What will those receive who serve the Lord in whatever they do?

Those who serve the Lord in whatever they do will receive the reward of the inheritance.

Colossians 3:25

ULT	UST
For the one doing unrighteousness will receive what he did unrighteously, and there is no favoritism.	*You must remember who the real master is because God will punish anyone who does wrong in proportion to those wrong actions. This is because God does not judge people based on how they look or who they are but on what they have done.*

What will those receive who do unrighteousness?

Those who do unrighteousness will receive the penalty for what they did.

Colossians 4

Colossians 4:1

ULT	UST
Masters, give to your slaves what is right and fair, knowing that you also have a master in heaven.	*Masters must treat their slaves justly and fairly. You who are masters must do this because you know that you too serve a Master, one who is in heaven.*

What does Paul remind earthly masters that they also have?

Paul reminds earthly masters that they also have a master in heaven.

Colossians 4:2

ULT	UST
Continue steadfastly in prayer, staying alert in it in thanksgiving,	*Pray to God persistently. Pay attention when you pray, and give thanks to God.*

In what does Paul want the Colossians to continue steadfastly?

Paul wants the Colossians to continue steadfastly in prayer.

Colossians 4:3

ULT	UST
praying together for us also so that God may open a door to us for the word to speak the mystery of Christ, on account of which also I have been bound,	*When you are praying, pray for us too. Pray that God will make it possible for us to freely proclaim our message, which is the secret about the Messiah that we now share with others. Because we proclaimed this message, I am now in prison.*

For what does Paul want the Colossians to pray?

Paul wants the Colossians to pray that he has an open door to speak the word, the mystery of Christ.

Colossians 4:5-6

How does Paul instruct the Colossians to treat those who are outsiders?

Paul instructs them to live in wisdom, and speak with grace toward those who are outsiders.

Colossians 4:7-9

What task had Paul given Tychicus and Onesimus?

Paul gave them the task of making everything known concerning him to the Colossians.

Colossians 4:10

ULT	UST
Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, greets you, and Mark, the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received orders; if he may come to you, receive him),	*Aristarchus, who is in prison with me, and Mark, who is Barnabas' cousin, send their regards to you. You already know that you should welcome Mark if he visits you.*

What instructions did Paul give concerning Mark, the cousin of Barnabas?

Paul told the Colossians to receive Mark if he comes to them.

Colossians 4:12

ULT	UST
Epaphras greets you. He is from among you, a servant of Christ Jesus, always striving on behalf of you in prayers so that you may stand complete and fully assured in all the will of God.	*Epaphras, who is from your group and who serves the Messiah Jesus, sends his regards to you. He prays earnestly for you very often. He prays that God will make you able to be what God has called you to be and to be sure of everything that God wants you to do.*

For what does Epaphras pray for the Colossians?

He prays that the Colossians will stand complete and fully assured in all the will of God.

Colossians 4:14

ULT	UST
Luke, the beloved physician, greets you, and also Demas.	*Luke the doctor, whom I love, and Demas send their regards to you.*

What is the name of the physician that is with Paul?

The physician's name is Luke.

Colossians 4:15

ULT	UST
Greet the brothers in Laodicea, and Nympha, and the church in her house.	*Give our regards to the fellow believers who live in Laodicea, to Nympha, and to the group of believers that meets in Nympha's home.*

In what kind of place was the church in Laodicea meeting?

The church in Laodicea was meeting in a house.

Colossians 4:16

ULT	UST
And when this letter has been read among you, make sure that it would be read also in the church of Laodicea and that you also would read the one from Laodicea.	*After the person who reads this letter to you finishes it, send it to Laodicea so that someone can read it to the group of believers there, too. Also, ask for the letter I sent to the believers in Laodicea so that you too can read it.*

To what other church had Paul also written a letter?

Paul also had written a letter to the church in Laodicea.

Colossians 4:18

ULT	UST
This greeting is by my own hand—Paul. Remember my chains. Grace be with you.	*I, Paul, send my regards to you. I am writing these last words myself instead of having my scribe write them. You must not forget that I am in prison. I pray that God will be gracious to you.*

How did Paul show that this letter was actually from him?

Paul wrote his name in his own handwriting at the end of the letter.

1 Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 1

1 Thessalonians 1:3

ULT	UST
remembering your work of faith and labor of love and endurance of hope of our Lord Jesus Christ before our God and Father;	*We thank our God and Father for what you do because you trust in him. We thank him for the way that you help people because you love them. We thank him for the way that you patiently endure because you confidently expect our Lord Jesus the Messiah to come again.*

What does Paul always remember before God concerning the Thessalonians?

Paul remembers their work of faith, their labor of love, and their patience of hope.

1 Thessalonians 1:5

ULT	UST
because our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance—just as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.	*We know that God chose you, because when we told you the good news, we did not just say words. Rather, the Holy Spirit also powerfully worked through us, and we were sure that the good news was true. In the same way, you remember how we acted to help you when we were with you.*

In what four ways did the gospel come to the Thessalonians?

The gospel came to the Thessalonians in word, in power, in the Holy Spirit, and in much assurance.

1 Thessalonians 1:6

ULT	UST
And you yourselves became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,	*As for you, you acted as we do and as the Lord Jesus did. Specifically, when you believed the good news, you suffered greatly, but the Holy Spirit caused you to rejoice.*

What was happening to the Thessalonians as they received the word of the gospel?

The Thessalonians received the word in much hardship.

What was the Thessalonians' attitude as they received the word of the gospel?

The Thessalonians received the word with joy in the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 1:8

ULT	UST
For from you the word of the Lord has been sounded out not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but your faith toward God has gone out into every place, so that we do not have need to say anything.	*In fact, many people who live in the provinces of Macedonia and Achaia have heard the message about the Lord Jesus because of you. Even more, people in very many places have heard about how you trust in God. As a result, we do not need to tell people anything about what God has done for you.*

What happened to the word of the Lord after the Thessalonians received it?

The word of the Lord rang out in every place their faith went out.

1 Thessalonians 1:9

ULT	UST
For they themselves report concerning us what kind of entrance we had to you and how you turned to God from the idols to serve the living and true God	*Indeed, those same people tell others about how well it went when we visited you. They say that you stopped caring about other gods and began to focus on God so that you could worship and obey him, the only real God.*

What were the Thessalonians worshiping before they became believers in the true God?

The Thessalonians were worshiping idols before they became believers in the true God.

1 Thessalonians 1:10

ULT	UST
and to wait for his Son from the heavens, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, the one rescuing us from the coming wrath.	*Further, they say that you focused on God so that you could eagerly anticipate when God's Son will come back from where he is in heaven. God made Jesus alive again, and Jesus is the one who will save us who believe in him at the time when God will punish people for their sins.*

For what were Paul and the Thessalonians waiting?

Paul and the Thessalonians were waiting for Jesus to come from heaven.

From what does Jesus deliver us?

Jesus delivers us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 2

1 Thessalonians 2:2

ULT	UST
But having previously suffered and having been mistreated at Philippi, just as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much struggle.	*As you remember, when we were in the city of Philippi, people hurt us and abused us. However, our God made us confident when we told you the good news from God, despite how hard it was to do.*

How had Paul and his companions been treated before coming to the Thessalonians?

Paul and his companions had suffered and had been treated shamefully.

1 Thessalonians 2:4

ULT	UST
but just as we have been examined by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing to men, but to God, the one examining our hearts.	*Rather, we speak as people whom God has tested and approved to proclaim the good news. We are not trying to please people. Instead, we are trying to please God. He is the one who tests what we think and desire.*

Who is Paul desiring to please with his preaching of the gospel?

Paul is desiring to please God with his preaching of the gospel.

1 Thessalonians 2:5-6

What did Paul not do in his preaching of the gospel?

Paul did not use flattery, nor seek glory from people.

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

How did Paul treat the Thessalonians when he was among them?

Paul was gentle with the Thessalonians, like a mother or father with their own children.

1 Thessalonians 2:9

ULT	UST
For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil, night and day working in order not to burden any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.	*Fellow believers, I know that you recall how hard we labored. We worked all day long so that we would not have to bother any of you by asking for money. That was how we acted when we told you the good news from God.*

What did Paul and his companions do so that they were not a burden to the Thessalonians?

Paul and his companions worked night and day so that they were not a burden to the Thessalonians.

1 Thessalonians 2:11

ULT	UST
just as you know how, with each one of you, as a father his own children,	*You remember that we behaved toward every one of you as a father behaves toward his own children.*

How did Paul treat the Thessalonians when he was among them?

Paul was gentle with the Thessalonians like a mother or father with their own children.

1 Thessalonians 2:12

ULT	UST
exhorting you and encouraging and testifying in order that you might walk worthily of God, the one calling you into his own kingdom and glory.	*That means that we were teaching you and urging you so that you would live the way that God wants his people to live. He is the one who invites you to participate in his kingdom and in how great he is.*

How did Paul tell the Thessalonians they should walk?

Paul told the Thessalonians that they should walk in a manner worthy of God who calls them to his own kingdom and glory.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

ULT	UST
And because of this, we also thank God continually, that having received the word of hearing of God from us, you received it not as the word of men, but just as it truly is, the word of God, which is also working in you, the ones believing.	*Further, we consistently thank God that you accepted what you heard about God in our message. You did not consider it to be a merely human message. Rather, you considered it to be a message from God, which is what it really is. This message is changing you who trust in God.*

As what kind of word did the Thessalonians receive the message Paul preached to them?

The Thessalonians received the message as the word of God, not as the word of man.

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16

What had the unbelieving Jews done which did not please God?

The unbelieving Jews persecuted the churches in Judea, killed Jesus and the prophets, drove out Paul, and forbade Paul to speak to the Gentiles.

1 Thessalonians 2:17-18

Why was Paul not able to come to the Thessalonians even though that was his wish?

Paul was not able to come because Satan hindered him.

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

What will the Thessalonians be for Paul at the Lord’s coming?

The Thessalonians will be Paul’s hope, joy, and crown of glorying at the Lord’s coming.

1 Thessalonians 3

1 Thessalonians 3:1-2

What did Paul do, even though he would be left behind in Athens?

Paul sent Timothy to strengthen and comfort the believers in Thessalonica.

1 Thessalonians 3:3

ULT	UST
that no one be disturbed by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that for this we are appointed.	*That way, when people hurt you, you do not become unsure as you trust in God. In fact, you are well aware that God already decided that people would hurt us believers.*

To what did Paul say he was appointed?

Paul said that he was appointed to afflictions.

1 Thessalonians 3:5

ULT	UST
Because of this, I also, no longer enduring it, sent to know about your faith, lest somehow the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might have been in vain.	*Because others have hurt us believers, and because I felt like I could not possibly wait any longer, I had Timothy visit you. I wanted to learn if you were still trusting in God. I was concerned that the devil might have succeeded in tempting you to stop trusting in God. If that were true, how hard we had worked among you would have accomplished nothing!*

About what was Paul concerned regarding the Thessalonians?

Paul was concerned that somehow the tempter had tempted them and that his labor had been in vain.

1 Thessalonians 3:6-7

What comforted Paul when Timothy returned from Thessalonica?

Paul was comforted to hear the good news of the Thessalonians' faith and love, and that they longed to see him.

1 Thessalonians 3:8

ULT	UST
For now we live, if you yourselves stand firm in the Lord.	*Indeed, since you continue to trust in the Lord Jesus, we feel much better now!*

Paul says that he lives if the Thessalonians do what?

Paul says that he lives if the Thessalonians stand firm in the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 3:10

ULT	UST
night and day pleading earnestly to see your face and to provide what is lacking in your faith?	*All day long we urgently ask God to allow us to visit you and help you increase how much you trust in God.*

For what does Paul pray night and day?

Paul prays night and day that he might see the Thessalonians and provide what is lacking in their faith.

1 Thessalonians 3:12

ULT	UST
Now may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we also toward you,	*We pray that the Lord Jesus will cause you always to love each other and all people more and more. That is how we love you!*

In what does Paul wish the Thessalonians to increase and abound?

Paul wishes the Thessalonians to increase and abound in love toward one another and toward all people.

1 Thessalonians 3:13

ULT	UST
to strengthen your hearts, blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Amen!	*We pray those things so that God will make you spiritually strong. That way, God our Father will consider you to be faultlessly pure. He will do that when our Lord Jesus returns to this world, bringing with him everyone who belongs to him. May it be so!*

For what event does Paul want the Thessalonians to be prepared by having their hearts blameless in holiness?

Paul wants the Thessalonians to be prepared for the coming of the Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.

1 Thessalonians 4

1 Thessalonians 4:1-2

What did Paul want the Thessalonians to do with the instructions he had given them about how they must walk and please God?

Paul wanted the Thessalonians to continue to walk and please God, and to do even more.

1 Thessalonians 4:3

ULT	UST
For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you keep yourselves from sexual immorality;	*For example, God desires that you act in pure ways. That means that you should not have improper sex.*

What did Paul say was God's will for the Thessalonians?

Paul said God's will for the Thessalonians was their sanctification.

1 Thessalonians 4:4

ULT	UST
that each of you knows to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,	*That also means that you all should learn to control how you desire to have sex. That way, you will be acting purely and honoring God.*

What do the people need to learn?

The people need to learn to control their desires to have sex.

1 Thessalonians 4:6

ULT	UST
not to transgress and take advantage of his brother in this matter, for the Lord is an avenger concerning all these things, just as we also said before to you and testified.	*You should do what God desires concerning having sex so that you will not sin by mistreating a fellow believer. You should avoid sinning in that way because the Lord Jesus will punish all people who have any kind of improper sex. We already declared that to you when we were with you.*

What would happen to a brother who sinned in the matter of sexual immorality?

The Lord would be an avenger toward a brother who sinned in the matter of sexual immorality.

1 Thessalonians 4:8

ULT	UST
Therefore, the one rejecting, rejects not man, but God, the one giving his Holy Spirit to you.	*So then, anyone who disobeys what we have commanded you is not simply disobeying a human. Rather, that person is disobeying God. He is the one who sends the Holy Spirit to you.*

Who does a person reject who rejects the call to holiness?

A person who rejects the call to holiness rejects God.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

What were the Thessalonians doing that Paul wanted them to do even more?

Paul wanted the Thessalonians to love one another even more.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

What were the Thessalonians to do so that they walked properly before unbelievers and had need of nothing?

The Thessalonians were to be quiet, mind their own business, and work with their hands.

1 Thessalonians 4:13

ULT	UST
Now we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, concerning the ones sleeping, so that you may not grieve just as also the rest, the ones not having hope.	*Also, our fellow believers in the Messiah, we want you to be aware about what will happen to believers in the Messiah who are dead. You should not be like the rest of humanity, which does not believe in the Messiah. They are deeply sad because they do not confidently expect that people will resurrect after death.*

About what subject did the Thessalonians possibly have a misunderstanding?

The Thessalonians possibly had a misunderstanding about what happened to those who slept.

1 Thessalonians 4:14

ULT	UST
For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, thus also God will bring the ones having slept through Jesus with him.	*Certainly, we apostles are convinced that Jesus died and resurrected. This is why we also are convinced that God will resurrect the dead people who are united to Jesus. Then God will send them back with Jesus when he returns to earth again.*

What will God do for those who have fallen asleep in Jesus?

God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Christ.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

ULT	UST
For the Lord himself, with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with a trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.	*This is how the Lord Jesus will come down from heaven: the Lord Jesus himself will personally give the command for all to resurrect. The chief angel will shout. God's trumpet will blast. Then all the dead who are united to the Messiah will be the first to resurrect from the earth.*

How will the Lord descend from heaven?

The Lord will descend from heaven with a shout and with the trumpet of God.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Who will rise first, and then who will rise together with them?

The dead in Christ will rise first, then those who are still alive will be caught up with them.

1 Thessalonians 4:17

ULT	UST
Then we, the ones living, the ones surviving, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and in this way we will always be with the Lord.	*After that, God will snatch up all of us believers in the Messiah who are still alive on earth so that we can meet the Lord Jesus in the air. Both groups of believers in the Messiah will meet together on the clouds. This is how we will remain together with the Lord Jesus forever!*

Who will the risen meet, and for how long?

The risen will meet the Lord in the air, and will always then be with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:18

ULT	UST
Therefore, encourage one another with these words.	*As a result, you must encourage each other with this message!*

What did Paul tell the Thessalonians to do with his teaching about those who had fallen asleep?

Paul told the Thessalonians to comfort one another with his words.

1 Thessalonians 5

1 Thessalonians 5:2

ULT	UST
For you yourselves know perfectly well that the day of the Lord comes in this manner—as a thief in the night.	*This is because you yourselves already know accurately about the time when the Lord Jesus will come back. You also know that he will come unexpectedly, like when a robber comes at night.*

How does Paul say the day of the Lord will come?

Paul says the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

1 Thessalonians 5:3

ULT	UST
Whenever they say, "Peace and safety," then sudden destruction comes on them, just as the birth pain to the one having in the womb, and they will certainly not escape.	*The Lord Jesus will come at a time when people are saying, "We are safe and secure!" Then, suddenly, God will overwhelm and destroy them! It will be similar to when a pregnant woman cannot escape being overwhelmed by labor pains. In the same way, those people can never escape when God destroys!*

What will some people be saying when sudden destruction comes upon them?

Some people will be saying, "Peace and safety."

1 Thessalonians 5:4-5

Why does Paul say the day of the Lord should not overtake the believers like a thief?

Because the believers are not in darkness, but are sons of the light, the day of the Lord should not overtake them like a thief.

1 Thessalonians 5:6

ULT	UST
So then, let us not sleep as the rest, but let us keep watch and be sober.	*So, this is why, as God's children, we must live ready for what will happen. We must not live unaware of what will happen like the rest of humanity, who are just like people who are sleeping. Instead, we must stay alert and remain attentive, expecting Jesus to return to earth.*

What does Paul tell the believers to do regarding the coming day of the Lord?

Paul tells the believers to watch and be sober.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

ULT	UST
For God did not appoint us for wrath, but for the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,	*Since we are his people, God did not destine that he would punish us for our sins. Instead, he destined that our Lord, Jesus the Messiah, would preserve and save us.*

For what are the believers destined by God?

The believers are destined by God for salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

What attitude does Paul say the believers should have toward those who are over them in the Lord?

Paul says that they should acknowledge and highly regard them in love.

1 Thessalonians 5:15

ULT	UST
See that no one repays evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good, both for one another and for all.	*If someone treats you badly, make sure that you do not treat them badly in return. Instead, whenever you can, actively look for ways to kindly treat every fellow believer in the Messiah.*

What does Paul say no one should do when evil is done to them?

Paul says that no one should pay back evil when evil is done to them.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

ULT	UST
In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.	*Keep giving thanks to God in every situation! Indeed, God desires for all of you who are united to Jesus the Messiah to do all these things.*

What does Paul say that the believers should do in everything, and why?

Paul says that the believers should give thanks in everything, because this is the will of God for them.

1 Thessalonians 5:20-21

What instructions does Paul give the believers about prophecies?

Paul instructs the believers to not despise prophecies, and to test all things, holding on to that which is good.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

ULT	UST
Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, and soul, and body be kept blamelessly at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.	*In summary, we pray that God will personally make you live like people who completely belong to him. God is the one who gives his people peace. We also pray that God will preserve you completely innocent for the time when our Lord Jesus the Messiah arrives on earth again.*

What does Paul pray that God will do for the believers?

Paul prays that God will sanctify the believers completely in spirit, soul, and body.

1 Thessalonians 5:28

ULT	UST
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.	*May our Lord Jesus the Messiah continue to act kindly toward all of you!*

What does Paul pray would be with the believers?

Paul prays that the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ would be with the believers.

2 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians 1

2 Thessalonians 1:3

ULT	UST
We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, just as it is fitting, because your faith is increasing greatly, and the love of each one of you all for one another is increasing;	*Our fellow believers, we should thank God very frequently for you, and we certainly do! It is very appropriate that we should do this, because you are trusting in the Lord Jesus more and more, and because every one of you is loving each of the others more and more.*

For what two things in the church at Thessalonica does Paul give thanks to God?

Paul give thanks to God for their growing faith and for their love toward each other.

2 Thessalonians 1:4

ULT	UST
so that we ourselves boast concerning you among the churches of God about your endurance and faith in all your persecutions and afflictions that you endure,	*As a result, we keep proudly talking about you to the other groups of believers belonging to God. We tell them how you patiently endure suffering and how you continue trusting in the Lord Jesus, even though other people continually cause you to suffer.*

What circumstances are the believers enduring in Thessalonica?

The believers are enduring persecutions and afflictions.

2 Thessalonians 1:5

ULT	UST
evidence of the righteous judgment of God, for you to be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer;	*We can clearly see that God has made you able to stay faithful to Jesus while people make you suffer. From that we know that God judges justly, because it means that he considers you to be worthy of being part of his people forever. That is what you are suffering for.*

What will be the positive result of the circumstances the believers are enduring?

The believers will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-8

What will God do to those who afflict the believers?

God will afflict those who afflict the believers, punishing them with flaming fire.

2 Thessalonians 1:7

ULT	UST
and relief to you, the ones being afflicted with us at the revealing of the Lord Jesus from heaven with his mighty angels,	*He will also cause the people who are afflicting you to stop doing it. He will also do that for us. This will happen when our Lord Jesus shows himself to everyone as he returns from heaven with his powerful angels.*

When will the believers be relieved of their afflictions?

The believers will be relieved when Jesus Christ is revealed from heaven.

2 Thessalonians 1:9

ULT	UST
who will pay the penalty—eternal destruction away from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his power,	*These people will experience the direct result of rejecting God. They will be apart from the Lord Jesus forever, where they will never know how wonderfully powerful he is, and where they will be always dying.*

How long will the punishment be for those who do not know God?

The punishment for those who do not know God will be eternal.

From what are those who do not know God separated as part of their punishment?

Those who do not know God are separated from the presence of the Lord as part of their punishment.

2 Thessalonians 1:10

ULT	UST
when he comes on that day to be glorified by his saints and to be marveled at by all the ones having believed, for our testimony to you has been believed.	*This will happen when the Lord Jesus comes back from heaven at the time that God has decided. As a result, all we who are his people will praise him and marvel at him. You will be there, too, because you believed us when we told you the things about Jesus that we knew to be true.*

What will the believers do when they see Christ come on his day?

The believers will marvel at Christ when he comes on his day.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

What is the result of the believers' good works of faith done in God's power?

The result of their good works is that the name of the Lord Jesus Christ is glorified.

2 Thessalonians 2

2 Thessalonians 2:1

ULT	UST
Now about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering to him, we ask you, brothers,	*Now I want to write to you about the time when our Lord Jesus the Messiah will return and will gather us to himself. My fellow believers, I urge you*

About what event does Paul say he is now going to write?

Paul says he is now going to write concerning the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:2

ULT	UST
for you not to be quickly shaken in your mind and not to be troubled neither by a spirit nor by a word nor by a letter as if from us, as if the day of the Lord has already come.	*to think calmly about any message that may have come to you that says that the Lord Jesus has already returned to earth. Do not let this kind of message upset you. It does not matter if the message comes from a spirit or if it comes from a person or if it is in a letter that someone claims that I wrote.*

What does Paul tell them not to believe?

Paul tells them not to believe that the day of the Lord has already come.

2 Thessalonians 2:3

ULT	UST
May no one deceive you in any way, for unless the apostasy comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,	*Do not allow anyone to persuade you to believe any such message. It is not true, because other things that have not yet happened must happen before the Lord returns. Before the Lord returns, a large number of people will rebel against God. They will accept and obey a certain man who will oppose everything that God has said. (After some time, God will destroy him.)*

What does Paul say must come before the day of the Lord?

The falling away and the revealing of the man of lawlessness must come before the day of the Lord.

2 Thessalonians 2:4

ULT	UST
the one opposing and exalting himself against everything being called god or an object of worship. As a result, he himself sits in the temple of God, showing that he himself is God.	*This man will say that he is greater than everything that people consider to be God and everything that people worship. He will oppose both. As a result, he will even sit in God's place in God's temple to proclaim that he himself is God!*

What does the man of lawlessness do?

The man of lawlessness opposes and exalts himself against God, sitting in the temple of God and portraying himself as God.

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

When will the man of lawlessness be revealed?

The man of lawlessness will be revealed when it is time, when the one who restrains him is taken out of the way.

2 Thessalonians 2:8

ULT	UST
and then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth, and will bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming,	*It is then that God will allow this man who completely rejects God's instructions to show himself to everyone. (In the end, Jesus will return. When this man sees Jesus, this man will become completely powerless. Then the Lord Jesus will speak a command that will destroy this man.)*

What will Jesus do to the man of lawlessness when Jesus is revealed?

When Jesus is revealed, he will kill the man of lawlessness.

2 Thessalonians 2:9

ULT	UST
the arrival of whom is according to a work of Satan in all power and signs and false wonders	*But before Jesus destroys this man, Satan will work very powerfully through this man. Satan will empower this man to do all kinds of supernatural deeds that look like the miracles that God does.*

Who is working with the man of lawlessness to give him power, signs, and false wonders?

Satan is working with the man of lawlessness to give him power, signs, and false wonders.

2 Thessalonians 2:10

ULT	UST
and in all deceit of unrighteousness to the ones perishing, because of which they did not receive the love of the truth for them to be saved.	*This man will be very wicked and will deceive very many people. These people will perish because they did not accept the true message about Jesus as highly valuable, so God will not save them.*

Why are some deceived by the man of lawlessness and are perishing?

Some are deceived because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

2 Thessalonians 2:12

ULT	UST
so that they might all be judged, the ones not having believed the truth, but having taken pleasure in the unrighteousness.	*God does that so that he may justly condemn all those who refused to believe the true message about Jesus, people who instead preferred to do things that are wicked.*

In what do those who are deceived and perishing take pleasure?

Those who are deceived and perishing take pleasure in unrighteousness.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

What did God choose for the Thessalonians to obtain through the gospel?

God chose for the Thessalonians to obtain the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ through the gospel.

2 Thessalonians 2:15

ULT	UST
So then, brothers, stand firm and hold tight to the traditions that you were taught, whether by word or by our letter.	*So, our fellow believers, continue to strongly believe in the Messiah. Continue believing the true teachings that we have passed on to you when we spoke to you and wrote a letter to you.*

What does Paul call the Thessalonians to do now that they have received the gospel?

Paul calls the Thessalonians to stand firm and to grasp the traditions that they were taught.

2 Thessalonians 2:17

ULT	UST
may he comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.	

In what does Paul desire the Thessalonians to be established in their hearts?

Paul desires that the Thessalonians be established in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 3

2 Thessalonians 3:1

ULT	UST
Finally, brothers, pray for us so that the word of the Lord might run and might be glorified, just as also with you,	*This is the last part of what I want to say. Our fellow believers, pray for us that many more people will soon hear the message about our Lord Jesus and honor it, just as you have done.*

For what does Paul want the Thessalonians to pray regarding the word of the Lord?

Paul wants the Thessalonians to pray that the word of the Lord would spread rapidly and be glorified.

2 Thessalonians 3:2

ULT	UST
and so that we might be rescued from the perverse and evil men, for not everyone has the faith.	*Pray also for us that God will keep the many evil people from harming us. As you know, most people are not faithful to the Lord.*

From whom does Paul wish to be delivered?

Paul wishes to be delivered from wicked and evil people who do not have faith.

2 Thessalonians 3:4

ULT	UST
We are also confident in the Lord about you that you are doing and will do what we command.	*Because you are joined to our Lord Jesus, we are also confident that you are now obeying what we have commanded you, and that you will obey what we are commanding you in this letter.*

What does Paul tell the Thessalonians to continue to do?

Paul tells the Thessalonians to continue to do the things he has commanded them.

2 Thessalonians 3:6

ULT	UST
Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, for you to keep away from every brother walking disorderly and not according to the traditions which you received from us.	*Our fellow believers, accept what we say now as if our Lord Jesus the Messiah himself were saying this: we command you to stop associating with every fellow believer who is lazy and refuses to work. These people are not living in the way that Jesus taught us and that we in turn have taught you.*

How are the believers to react every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the traditions they received from Paul?

The believers are to avoid every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the traditions they received from Paul.

2 Thessalonians 3:7-8

What example did Paul set for the Thessalonians regarding his work and support?

Paul labored night and day, paying for his food, and not being a burden to anyone.

2 Thessalonians 3:10

ULT	UST
For even when we were with you, we were commanding you this, "If anyone is not willing to work, do not even let him eat."	*Remember that when we were there with you, we kept commanding you that if any fellow believer refuses to work, you should not give him food to eat.*

What did Paul command concerning anyone who does not want to work?

Paul commanded that anyone who does not want to work should not eat.

2 Thessalonians 3:12

ULT	UST
But such ones we are commanding and exhorting in the Lord Jesus Christ, that working with quietness, they might eat their own bread.	*Accept what we say now as if the Lord Jesus the Messiah himself were saying this: We command and urge those fellow believers who are not working to mind their own business and to work so that they have what they need to live.*

Instead of being lazy, what does Paul command such people to do?

Paul commands the lazy to work with quietness and to eat their own food.

2 Thessalonians 3:14

ULT	UST
Now if anyone does not obey our word through the letter, note this one—not to associate with him, so that he may be put to shame.	*If any fellow believer does not obey what we have written in this letter, publicly identify that person. Then do not associate with him, in order that he may become ashamed that he is not working.*

What are the brothers to do with anyone who does not obey Paul's instruction in this letter?

The brothers are to have no association with anyone who does not obey Paul's instruction in this letter.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

ULT	UST
Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace through all in every way. The Lord be with you all.	*I pray that our Lord, who is the only one who can truly make anyone peaceful, will make you peaceful in every way and in all situations. I pray that our Lord Jesus will continue to help you all.*

What does Paul desire that the Lord would give the Thessalonians?

Paul desires that the Lord would give the Thessalonians peace at all times in all ways.

2 Thessalonians 3:17

ULT	UST
This greeting is in my own hand—Paul—which is a sign in every letter. In this manner I write.	*Now I have taken the pen from my scribe, and I, Paul, am sending this greeting to you as I write this myself. I do this in all my letters in order that you may know that it is truly I who have sent this letter. This is how I always end my letters.*

How does Paul show that he is the author of this letter?

Paul wrote the greeting with his own hand as the sign that he is the author.

1 Timothy

1 Timothy 1

1 Timothy 1:1

ULT	UST
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the command of God our Savior and of the Lord Jesus Christ our hope,	*I, Paul, write this letter to you. God is the one who rescues us, and the Lord Jesus, the Messiah, is the one whom we confidently expect. The two of them ordered me to represent Jesus the Messiah.*

How was Paul made an apostle of Christ Jesus?

Paul was made an apostle by to the commandment of God.

1 Timothy 1:2

ULT	UST
to Timothy, a genuine child in the faith. Grace, mercy, peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.	*I send this letter to you, Timothy. You have become like my own son because we both trust in Jesus. May God the Father and Jesus the Messiah, our Lord, continue to be kind and merciful to you and make you peaceful.*

What was the relationship between Paul and Timothy?

Timothy was Paul’s true son in the faith.

1 Timothy 1:3

ULT	UST
Just as I, going into Macedonia, urged you to remain in Ephesus so that you can command certain ones not to teach differently	*As I asked you when I was traveling to the province of Macedonia, I ask you again to stay in the city of Ephesus. That way, you can prohibit certain people there from teaching things that are different from what is true.*

Where did Paul urge Timothy to remain?

He urged Timothy to remain in Ephesus.

What was Timothy to command certain people not to do?

He was to command them not to teach differently.

1 Timothy 1:5

ULT	UST
Now the goal of the command is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith,	*I want you to require those things so that people will love each other. They will do that while they desire only what is good, while they know that they are doing what is right, and while they genuinely trust in Jesus.*

What did Paul say was the goal of his commandment and teaching?

The goal of his commandment was love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith.

1 Timothy 1:9

ULT	UST
knowing this, that the law is not laid down for the righteous but for the lawless and the rebellious, the ungodly and the sinful, the unholy and the profane, father-killers and mother-killers, man-slayers,	*Indeed, we believers realize that God did not establish the Jewish law for people who do what is right. Rather, he established the Jewish law for people who do what is wrong and do not obey anyone. They do not honor God, and they sin. They do things that defile themselves, and they do not set themselves apart for God. They murder their parents. They murder other people.*

For whom is the law made?

The law is for lawless, rebellious, ungodly people, and sinners.

1 Timothy 1:13

ULT	UST
formerly being a blasphemer and a persecutor and an insolent one, but I was shown mercy because, not knowing, I acted in unfaithfulness.	*Jesus did that even though I used to insult him, harm his people, and act violently. However, I did not understand what I was doing when I did not trust in Jesus. So, Jesus acted mercifully to me.*

What sins did Paul formerly commit?

Paul was a blasphemer, persecutor, and a violent man.

1 Timothy 1:14

ULT	UST
But the grace of our Lord overflowed with faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.	*Our Lord Jesus acted extremely kindly to me. By uniting me to himself, Jesus the Messiah, he enabled me to believe in him and to love people.*

What overflowed to Paul, resulting in Paul becoming an apostle of Jesus Christ?

The grace of our Lord overflowed with faith and love to Paul.

1 Timothy 1:15

ULT	UST
This word is trustworthy and worthy of all acceptance, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—of whom I am first.	*Everyone should trust and rely on this statement: "Jesus the Messiah was here on earth to rescue sinful people." As for me, I am more sinful than everyone else.*

Who did Christ Jesus come into the world to save?

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:16

ULT	UST
But because of this I was shown mercy so that in me, the first, Jesus Christ might demonstrate all patience as an example for the ones about to believe in him for eternal life.	*However, that is why Jesus acted mercifully to me. That way, Jesus the Messiah could show how very patient he is by how he treated me, the most sinful person. He wanted to illustrate his character for people who are going to trust in him so that they live with God forever.*

Why does Paul say God gave him mercy?

God gave Paul mercy so that Jesus could demonstrate his patience in Paul as an example.

1 Timothy 1:18

ULT	UST
This command I am placing before you, my child, Timothy, according to the earlier prophecies about you, that in them you might fight the good fight,	*Timothy, you are like my son. I have told you to do certain things because they fit with what people previously prophesied about you. I have told you to do those things so that, as those people prophesied, you will serve God well, as a soldier obeys a commanding officer.*

What did Paul tell Timothy to do in accordance with the prophecies made about Timothy?

Paul tells Timothy to fight the good fight.

1 Timothy 1:19

ULT	UST
having faith and a good conscience, which some, having rejected, have shipwrecked regarding the faith,	*You can do that by trusting in Jesus and by knowing that you are doing what is right. Some people have stopped doing that, and now they no longer trust in Jesus.*

What happened to some who rejected their faith and their good conscience?

These people have shipwrecked regarding the faith.

1 Timothy 1:20

ULT	UST
of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have given over to Satan so that they may be taught not to blaspheme.	*Among those who have done that are Hymenaeus and Alexander. I have expelled them so that Satan rules over them. That way, they will learn not to insult God.*

What did Paul do for those men who had rejected faith and a good conscience and had shipwrecked their faith?

Paul gave them over to Satan so that they may be taught not to blaspheme.

1 Timothy 2

1 Timothy 2:1

ULT	UST
I urge, therefore, first of all, for requests, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings to be made for all men,	*So then, I ask believers to focus especially on praying for all people. Believers should be thankful for these people and ask God to act kindly to them.*

For whom does Paul request that prayers be made?

Paul requests prayers be made for all people.

1 Timothy 2:2

ULT	UST
for kings and all the ones being in authority, so that we may live a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.	*They should pray particularly for kings and for everyone who rules over other people. That way, we believers can live calmly and peacefully, and we can honor God and act in ways that others respect.*

What kind of life does Paul desire Christians be allowed to live?

Paul desires that Christians be allowed to live a peaceful and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

1 Timothy 2:4

ULT	UST
who desires all men to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.	*God wants to rescue all people. He wants everyone to understand what is true.*

What does God desire for all people?

God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:5

ULT	UST
For there is one God, and one mediator of God and of men—the man Christ Jesus,	*You can tell that God wants those things to happen because God is the only God. Further, Jesus the Messiah is the only one who reconciles God and humans. He is human himself.*

What is the position of Christ Jesus between God and man?

Christ Jesus is the one mediator between God and man.

1 Timothy 2:6

ULT	UST
the one having given himself as a ransom for all, the testimony in its own times,	*He chose to die so that he could free all people from their sins. That is what believers testify to during this time when it is right to do so.*

What did Christ Jesus do for all?

Christ Jesus gave himself as a ransom for all.

1 Timothy 2:7

ULT	UST
for which I was made a herald and an apostle —I am speaking the truth in Christ, I am not lying—a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.	*It was to testify in that way that Jesus appointed me to speak for him and to represent him. Jesus also appointed me to instruct non-Jewish people about what is true and about what to believe. As surely as God has united me to the Messiah, I am not telling you what is false, but what is true!*

Who does the apostle Paul teach?

Paul is a teacher of the Gentiles.

1 Timothy 2:8

ULT	UST
Therefore, I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger and argument;	*Next, wherever you worship God, here is how I desire men to pray: They should not be angry or quarreling with each other. Instead, they should pray in a way that honors God.*

What does Paul want men to do?

Paul wants men to pray and lift up holy hands.

1 Timothy 2:9

ULT	UST
likewise women to adorn themselves in proper attire, with modesty and self-control, not in braids and gold, or pearls, or very expensive clothing,	*Similarly, when you worship God, here is how I desire women to dress: They should be modest and control themselves by wearing appropriate clothing. They should not wear elaborate hairstyles, golden jewelry, pearls, or clothes that cost much money.*

What does Paul want women to do?

Paul wants women to dress modestly and with self-control.

1 Timothy 2:12

ULT	UST
But I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in quietness.	*Further, I do not allow women to teach or to rule men. Instead, they should behave unobtrusively.*

What does Paul not permit a woman to do?

Paul does not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man.

1 Timothy 2:13

ULT	UST
For Adam was formed first, then Eve,	*What you can read in the Scriptures supports what I have commanded, since God made the first man Adam before he made the first woman Eve.*

What is the first reason that Paul gives for not permitting a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man?

Paul's first reason is that Adam was formed first.

1 Timothy 2:14

ULT	UST
and Adam was not deceived, but the woman, having been deceived, came into transgression.	*Further, the talking snake did not convince Adam to do what was wrong. Rather, the talking snake convinced the woman, Eve, to do what was wrong. So, she disobeyed what God had commanded.*

What is the second reason that Paul gives for not permitting a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man?

Paul's second reason is that Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived.

1 Timothy 2:15

ULT	UST
But she will be saved through childbearing if they remain in faith and love and holiness with self-control.	*However, God would eventually rescue Eve by sending the Messiah through women having children. Along with her, God will save other women as long as they continue to trust in Jesus, love other people, act as those who belong to God, and control themselves.*

In what does Paul want women to remain?

Paul wants women to continue in faith and love and sanctification with self-control.

1 Timothy 3

1 Timothy 3:1

ULT	UST
This word is trustworthy: "If someone aspires to overseership, he desires a good work."	*Everyone should trust this statement: "People who want to lead the rest of God's people are seeking to do something that is good."*

What kind of work is the work of an overseer?

The work of an overseer is good work.

1 Timothy 3:2

ULT	UST
Therefore, it is necessary for the overseer to be irreproachable, a husband of one wife, temperate, self-controlled, proper, hospitable, able to teach,	*Because doing that is good, those who lead the rest of God's people must be those whom no one can rightly accuse of doing anything wrong. They must be sexually faithful to their wives. They must not do everything that they desire. They must control themselves. They must act in appropriate ways. They must welcome guests into their homes. They must be good at teaching others.*

What must an overseer be able to do?

An overseer must be able to teach.

1 Timothy 3:3

ULT	UST
not addicted to wine, not a brawler, but gentle, peaceable, not money-loving,	*They must not be alcoholics. They must not like to fight and argue. Rather, they must treat others kindly. They must avoid fighting. They must not desire to have more money.*

How must an overseer handle alcohol and money?

An overseer must not be a drunkard, and must not love money.

1 Timothy 3:4

ULT	UST
leading his own household well, having children in submission with all dignity,	*They must direct their own families rightly. Their children must honor and obey them and always act in ways that others respect.*

How should an overseer's children treat him?

An overseer's children must obey and honor him.

1 Timothy 3:5

ULT	UST
(but if someone does not know how to lead his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?),	*After all, people who cannot direct their own families will not be able to care properly for any group of believers belonging to God.*

Why is it important that an overseer manage his household well?

It is important because if he cannot manage his household well, he will likely not care well for a church.

1 Timothy 3:6

ULT	UST
not a new convert, so that he may not fall, being puffed up, into the judgment of the devil.	*They must not have only recently trusted in Jesus. Otherwise, they might become prideful. Then, God would punish them as he punished Satan.*

What is the danger if the overseer is a new convert?

The danger is that he will be puffed up and fall into condemnation.

1 Timothy 3:7

ULT	UST
But it is also necessary to have a good testimony from the ones outside, so that he may not fall into reproach and a trap of the devil.	*Further, those who lead the rest of God's people must be those about whom nonbelievers say good things. That way, people do not insult them and Satan will not be able to control them.*

What must an overseer's reputation be with those outside the church?

An overseer must have a good reputation with those outside the church.

1 Timothy 3:10

ULT	UST
But let them also be tested first; then let them serve, being blameless.	*Further, the group of believers must also evaluate how they behave. After that, as long as they consistently do what is right, they can serve the rest of God's people.*

What should be done with deacons before they serve?

Before they serve, deacons should be tested.

1 Timothy 3:11

ULT	UST
Likewise women must be dignified, not slanderers, temperate, trustworthy in everything.	*Similarly, the women who serve the rest of God's people must be those whom others respect. They must not say mean or false things about other people. They must not do everything that they desire. They must always act faithfully.*

What are some characteristics of godly women?

Godly women are dignified, not slanderers, sober, and trustworthy in everything.

1 Timothy 3:15

ULT	UST
but if I delay—so that you may know how it is necessary to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and support of the truth.	*That way, even if I cannot visit you soon, you will understand how people who are like God's own family should act. I am speaking about the group of all believers who belong to the only real God. These believers preserve and testify to what is true.*

What is the household of God?

The household of God is the church of the living God.

1 Timothy 3:16

ULT	UST
And admittedly great is the mystery of godliness: "Who was revealed in flesh, was justified in the Spirit, was seen by angels, was proclaimed among the nations, was believed in the world, was taken up in glory."	*Everyone must agree that what God has revealed that enables us to honor him is marvelous: "People saw the Messiah as a human. The Holy Spirit declared that he was who he claimed to be. Angels saw him. Believers proclaimed who he was to non-Jewish people. People in many places trusted in him. God brought him up into heaven in a glorious way."*

After Jesus appeared in the flesh, was justified by the Spirit, and was seen by angels, what happened?

Jesus was proclaimed among nations, believed in the world, and taken up in glory.

1 Timothy 4

1 Timothy 4:1

ULT	UST
Now the Spirit says specifically that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceiving spirits and teachings of demons,	*The Holy Spirit has declared clearly that some people will stop believing in Jesus when this time period is about to end. Instead, they will focus on evil spirits who convince people to believe what is wrong. They will focus on what demons teach.*

According to the Spirit, what will some people do in the later times?

Some people will leave the faith and attend to deceiving spirits and the teachings of demons.

1 Timothy 4:3

ULT	UST
forbidding to marry, to abstain from foods that God created for receiving with thanksgiving by the ones faithful and knowing the truth.	*They command people not to marry others. They command people not to eat certain kinds of food. However, God made those foods so that people would thank him for them and eat them. He made those foods for people who trust in Jesus and who understand what is true.*

What lies will these people teach?

They will forbid marriage and forbid eating some foods.

1 Timothy 4:5

ULT	UST
for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.	*That is because what God has said and what people pray makes the food holy.*

How is anything we eat sanctified for our use?

Anything we eat is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

1 Timothy 4:7

ULT	UST
But reject the profane and old-womanish myths, but train yourself for godliness,	*You should refuse to listen to silly legends that have nothing to do with God. Instead, you should work hard to honor God.*

In what does Paul tell Timothy to train himself?

Paul tells Timothy to train himself in godliness.

1 Timothy 4:8

ULT	UST
for bodily training is useful for little, but godliness is useful for all, having promise of life, now and coming.	*Here is what I mean: working hard to make your body stronger is helpful for a little while. However, working hard to honor God is helpful at all times. When you do that, you can confidently expect to live with God both now and also when God makes you alive again.*

Why is training in godliness more profitable than bodily training?

Training in godliness is more profitable because it holds promise for this present life and the coming one.

1 Timothy 4:11

ULT	UST
Command and teach these things.	*Instruct people about what I have told you. Require them to do those things.*

What does Paul exhort Timothy to do with all of the good things that he has received in Paul's teaching to him?

Paul exhorts Timothy to command and teach these things.

1 Timothy 4:12

ULT	UST
Let no one despise your youth, but be an example for the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.	*Do not allow anyone to consider you to be unimportant because you are young. Instead, show other believers how to live. Show them that by how you speak, how you behave, how you love others, how you trust in Jesus, and how you avoid what is evil.*

In what ways is Timothy to be an example to others?

Timothy is to be an example in word, conduct, love, faith, and purity.

1 Timothy 4:14

ULT	UST
Do not neglect the gift in you, which was given to you through prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the council of elders.	*Be sure to do what God has graciously enabled you to do. God enabled you to do that when someone spoke to you for God and the leaders of the group of believers touched you.*

How did Timothy receive the spiritual gift that he had?

The gift was given to Timothy through prophecy, with the imposition of the hands of the elders.

1 Timothy 4:16

ULT	UST
Pay attention to yourself and to the teaching. Continue in them, for, doing this, you will save both yourself and the ones hearing you.	*Make sure that you behave properly and that what you teach is right. As long as you do what I have told you to do, you will rescue yourself and anyone who listens to you. So, keep doing what I have told you to do.*

If Timothy continues faithfully in his life and teaching, who will be saved?

Timothy will save both himself and his listeners.

1 Timothy 5

1 Timothy 5:1

ULT	UST
Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers,	*Do not scold a man who is older than you are. Instead, speak to him as if he were your father. Speak to men who are younger than you are as if they were your brothers.*

How did Paul tell Timothy to treat an older man in the church?

Paul told Timothy to exhort him as if he were a father.

1 Timothy 5:4

ULT	UST
But if any widow has children or grandchildren, first let them learn to treat their own household in a godly way and to make repayment to their forebears, for this is acceptable before God.	*However, suppose that women whose husbands have died have children or grandchildren. In that case, those children or grandchildren should, most importantly, practice honoring their own family members by taking care of them. In that way, they will do for their parents and grandparents what their parents and grandparents did for them. That pleases God.*

What should children and grandchildren of a widow do for her?

Children and grandchildren should repay their parents and take care of her.

1 Timothy 5:8

ULT	UST
But if someone does not provide for his own, and especially for household members, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.	*Suppose that believers do not take care of their relatives, particularly their close family members. Those people show that they do not really trust in Jesus. They have sinned more than people who never trusted in Jesus.*

What has someone done who does not take care of those in his own household?

He has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 5:10

ULT	UST
being testified in good works: if she has raised children, if she has received strangers, if she has washed the feet of the saints, if she has aided the afflicted, if she has followed every good work.	*People must say that she does what is right. For example, she might have brought up children. She might have welcomed people from a different place. She might have cleaned the dirty feet of God's people. She might have helped people who were suffering. In general, she must have persisted in always doing what is good.*

For what should a widow be known?

A widow should be attested for good works.

1 Timothy 5:11

ULT	UST
But reject younger widows, for when they indulge themselves against Christ, they want to marry,	*However, do not add women whose husbands have died and who are still young to the list of women that the group of believers will take care of. These women may choose to do whatever they want instead of doing what the Messiah wants. So that they can do whatever they want, they will desire to marry even an unbeliever.*

Why should the church not enroll young widows onto the list of people for the church to care for?

These younger widows will later want to marry.

1 Timothy 5:14

ULT	UST
Therefore, I want younger ones to marry, to bear children, to manage a household, to give no opportunity for reviling to the one opposing.	*Because of all that, I recommend that women whose husbands have died and who are still young should marry again. They should have children. They should direct their own families. They should act in such a way that Satan cannot insult any believers.*

What does Paul want younger women to do?

Paul wants younger women to marry, to bear children, and to manage a household.

1 Timothy 5:17

ULT	UST
Let the elders having led well be considered worthy of double honor, especially the ones toiling in word and teaching.	*The leaders who rightly direct believers deserve to have those believers respect them and take care of them. The leaders who work hard to proclaim the good news and instruct others about it particularly deserve that.*

What should be done for elders who lead well?

Elders who lead well should be considered worthy of double honor.

1 Timothy 5:19

ULT	UST
Against an elder, do not receive an accusation unless on two or three witnesses.	*When someone claims that a leader has done something wrong, you should only listen if at least two or three people say the same thing about that leader.*

What conditions must be met before someone accuses an elder?

There must be two or three witnesses when someone accuses an elder.

1 Timothy 5:21

ULT	UST
I declare before God and Christ Jesus and the chosen angels that you should keep these things without prejudgment, doing nothing according to partiality.	*God, Jesus the Messiah, and the angels whom God has selected are listening right now and agreeing with me as I command you to do what I have instructed you to do. You should do those things fairly, without favoring one person over another.*

Paul commands Timothy to be careful to keep these rules in what way?

Paul commands Timothy to be careful to keep these rules without favoritism.

1 Timothy 5:24

ULT	UST
The sins of some men are evident, going ahead into judgment, but also they follow after some.	*When some people sin, everyone knows about it before God punishes them. However, when other people sin, everyone knows about it only after God punishes them.*

When do the sins of people become known?

The sins of some people are evident, but the sins of others are not known until the judgment.

1 Timothy 6

1 Timothy 6:1

ULT	UST
As many as are slaves under a yoke, let them consider their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed.	*All believers who are slaves should treat their masters as people whom they should respect in every way. That way, no one will insult God or what we teach.*

How did Paul say slaves should regard their masters?

Paul said that slaves should regard their masters as worthy of all honor.

1 Timothy 6:3-4

What kind of person rejects healthy words and godly teaching?

The person who rejects healthy words and godly teaching is puffed up and understands nothing.

1 Timothy 6:6

ULT	UST
But godliness with contentment is great gain.	*However, we do acquire something valuable when we honor God while we are grateful for whatever we have.*

What does Paul say is great gain?

Paul says that godliness with contentment is great gain.

1 Timothy 6:7

ULT	UST
For we brought nothing into the world, that neither are we able to take anything out.	*We should focus on acquiring things besides money because we owned nothing when our mothers gave birth to us. Indeed, we will no longer own anything when we die.*

What did we bring into this world, and what can we take with us when we leave?

We have brought nothing into the world and cannot take anything out.

1 Timothy 6:8

ULT	UST
But having food and covering, with these we will be satisfied.	*So, we should be content as long as we can eat and have clothes to wear.*

With what should we be content in this world?

We should be satisfied that we have food and clothing.

1 Timothy 6:9

ULT	UST
But the ones wanting to be rich fall into temptation and a trap and many foolish and harmful desires, whatever sinks men into ruin and destruction.	*As for people who desire to become wealthy, they often think about sinning. They cannot stop what they are doing. The things that they want are senseless and bad for them, and they will eventually destroy these people.*

Into what do those who desire to become wealthy fall?

Those who desire to become wealthy fall into temptation and a trap.

1 Timothy 6:10

ULT	UST
For a root of all the evils is the love of money, which desiring, some have been led away from the faith and have pierced themselves with many sorrows.	*That is because people do all sorts of evil things when they strongly desire to have money. When some people started desiring money, they stopped trusting in Jesus. By doing that, they have made themselves sorrowful in many ways.*

What is a root of all kinds of evil?

The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

What has happened to some who have loved money?

Some who have loved money have been led away from the faith.

1 Timothy 6:12

ULT	UST
Fight the good fight of the faith, grasp eternal life, to which you were called and for which you confessed the good confession before many witnesses.	*You should persist in trusting in Jesus just as soldiers battle their enemies. You should make sure that you will live with God forever. God chose you for that. Also, that is why you claimed that you trusted in Jesus while many people listened to you.*

What fight does Paul say Timothy must fight?

Paul says Timothy must fight the good fight of the faith.

1 Timothy 6:13-16

Where does God dwell?

God dwells in unapproachable light.

1 Timothy 6:17

ULT	UST
Command the rich in the present age not to be proud, nor to hope in the uncertainty of riches, but in God, the one providing us all things richly for enjoyment,	*You should tell believers who are wealthy right now that they should not think too highly of themselves. They should not trust in all the things that they have, because they cannot be certain how long they will have them. Instead, they should trust in God. He is the one who abundantly gives us everything that we have so that we can enjoy it.*

Why should the rich hope in God and not in uncertain riches?

The rich should hope in God because he provides us with everything that we enjoy.

1 Timothy 6:18-19

Those who are rich in good works do what for themselves?

Those who are rich in good works store up for themselves a good foundation and grasp genuine life.

1 Timothy 6:20

ULT	UST
O Timothy, guard the deposit, turning away from the profane, empty sayings and oppositions of falsely-named knowledge,	*Timothy, carefully preserve the true message that God has given to you. Refuse to listen when people say things that mean nothing and that have nothing to do with God. Do not pay attention when people argue against the good news, using what they claim is true. It is not really true.*

Finally, what does Paul tell Timothy to do with the things given to him?

Paul tells Timothy to guard what has been entrusted to him.

2 Timothy

2 Timothy 1

2 Timothy 1:1

ULT	UST
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,	*I, Paul, write this letter to you. God chose to send me to represent Jesus the Messiah. So, I tell others that God has promised that people whom he has united to Jesus the Messiah will live with God forever.*

How did Paul become an apostle of Christ?

Paul became an apostle of Christ through the will of God.

2 Timothy 1:2

ULT	UST
to Timothy, beloved child. Grace, mercy, peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.	*I send this letter to you, Timothy. I love you as if you were my own son. May God the Father and Jesus the Messiah, our Lord, continue to be kind and merciful to you and make you peaceful.*

What does Paul say is his relationship with Timothy?

Paul calls Timothy his “beloved child.”

2 Timothy 1:4

ULT	UST
longing to see you, remembering your tears, so that I may be filled with joy,	*I think about how you cried when I left you, and I desire to be with you again. Then I will rejoice greatly.*

When Paul remembers Timothy in his prayers, what does Paul long to do?

Paul longs to see Timothy.

2 Timothy 1:5

ULT	UST
having received remembrance of the sincere faith in you, which dwelled first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded that it is also in you.	*I also think about how you truly trust in Jesus. Your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice first trusted in him. I know that you also trust in him like they do!*

In Timothy's family, who else had genuine faith before Timothy did?

Timothy's grandmother and mother both had genuine faith.

2 Timothy 1:7

ULT	UST
For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of self-control.	*You should eagerly do that because God did not cause us to be afraid. Instead, he enabled us to serve him powerfully, to love others, and to control ourselves.*

What kind of spirit did God give Timothy?

God gave Timothy a spirit of power and love and discipline.

2 Timothy 1:8

ULT	UST
Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me, his prisoner, but suffer together for the gospel, according to the power of God,	*Because of that, do not think that telling people about our Lord Jesus disgraces you. Do not think that I, who am in jail because of him, disgrace you. Instead, you should be willing to let bad things happen to you, as they have happened to me, so that you can proclaim the good news. God will enable you to endure those bad things.*

What does Paul tell Timothy not to do?

Paul tells Timothy not to be ashamed of the testimony about the Lord.

What does Paul tell Timothy to do?

Paul tells Timothy to suffer for the gospel together with Paul.

2 Timothy 1:9

ULT	UST
the one having saved us and having called us to a holy calling—not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, the grace having been given to us in Christ Jesus before eternal times,	*He is the one who rescued us and chose us to be people whom he sets apart for himself. He did not do those things because of what we had done. Rather, he did those things because he wanted to and because he decided to act kindly toward us. Before the world began, he prepared to act kindly toward us when he would unite us to Jesus the Messiah.*

When was God's plan and grace given to us?

God's plan and grace was given to us before eternal times.

2 Timothy 1:10

ULT	UST
and now having been revealed through the appearance of our Savior Christ Jesus, both having abolished death and having brought to light life and immortality through the gospel,	*Now is the time when we can experience how God acts kindly toward us. That happens because Jesus the Messiah, the one who rescues us, came to this world. He has made it so that, when people die, they do not have to always be dead. He has given us the good news, which shows us how we can live with God forever and never die.*

How did God reveal his plan of salvation?

God's plan of salvation was revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus.

When Jesus appeared, what did he do regarding death, life, and immortality?

Jesus put an end to death, and brought to light life and immortality through the gospel.

2 Timothy 1:12

ULT	UST
for which reason I also suffer these things. But I am not ashamed, for I know in whom I have believed, and I have been persuaded that he is able to guard my deposit until that day.	*Because God commissioned me to do those things, bad things are happening to me. However, I do not think that experiencing those bad things disgraces me. That is because I understand who God is. He is the one in whom I have trusted. I am sure that he will preserve what I have given to him until Jesus returns to this world.*

What is Paul confident that God is able to do for him which makes Paul not ashamed of the gospel?

Paul is persuaded that God is able to keep the deposit that Paul has entrusted to God until that day.

2 Timothy 1:14

ULT	UST
Guard the good deposit through the Holy Spirit, the one dwelling in us.	*You should carefully preserve the true message that God has given to you. The Holy Spirit who empowers us will enable you to do that.*

What is Timothy to do with the good deposit God has committed to him?

Timothy is to guard through the Holy Spirit the good deposit God has committed to him.

2 Timothy 1:15

ULT	UST
You know this, that all the ones in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.	*You realize that almost all the believers in the province of Asia Minor have left me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes.*

What did all of Paul's Asian companions do to him?

All those in Asia turned away from Paul.

2 Timothy 1:16

ULT	UST
May the Lord give mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain,	*I pray that the Lord Jesus will be kind to Onesiphorus and his family. I pray that since he often encouraged me. Further, even when people put me in jail, he did not think that I disgraced him.*

Why does Paul ask the Lord to grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus?

Paul asks the Lord to grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus because Onesiphorus refreshed Paul and was not ashamed of Paul's chain.

2 Timothy 1:17

ULT	UST
but being in Rome, he diligently searched for me and found me.	*In fact, when he came here to the city of Rome, he kept looking for me until he located me.*

What did Onesiphorus do for Paul when Paul was in Rome?

Onesiphorus diligently sought Paul in Rome and found him.

2 Timothy 1:18

ULT	UST
May the Lord give to him to find mercy from the Lord in that day. And as much as he served in Ephesus, you know very well.	*So, I pray that the Lord Jesus will be kind to Onesiphorus when the Lord Jesus returns to this world. Additionally, you realize how much Onesiphorus helped me when we were in the city of Ephesus.*

What does Paul ask the Lord to grant to Onesiphorus?

Paul asks the Lord to grant mercy to Onesiphorus.

2 Timothy 2

2 Timothy 2:1

ULT	UST
You, therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.	*As for you, Timothy, you are like my own son. Allow God to make you spiritually stronger as he acts kindly toward you. He acts kindly toward you because he has united you to Jesus the Messiah.*

What is able to strengthen Timothy?

The grace that is in Christ Jesus can strengthen Timothy.

2 Timothy 2:2

ULT	UST
And what you have heard from me through many witnesses, place these things before faithful men who will be able to teach others also.	*You have listened to the things that I teach, and many people have confirmed them to you. You must teach other people those same things. Those people must be trustworthy and good at teaching even more people.*

To whom is Timothy to entrust the message Paul has taught him?

Timothy is to entrust the message to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:4

ULT	UST
No one serving as a soldier is entangled in the affairs of life, so that he may please the one having enlisted him.	*Consider this: soldiers focus on doing what their commanders want. Because of that, they do not participate in what civilians normally do.*

As an illustration for Timothy, Paul says a good soldier does not entangle himself in what?

A good soldier does not entangle himself in the affairs of life.

2 Timothy 2:9

ULT	UST
in which I am suffering, even to chains, like a criminal. But the word of God has not been bound.	*Because I proclaim that good news, bad things happen to me. In fact, I am now in jail, as if I had done something wrong. However, no one can prevent people from hearing the message from God.*

As he writes to Timothy, in what condition is Paul suffering for his preaching the word of God?

Paul is suffering by being chained like a criminal.

What does Paul say is not bound?

The word of God is not bound.

2 Timothy 2:10

ULT	UST
Because of this, I endure all things because of the elect so that they also may obtain salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.	*Because that is true, for the sake of those whom God has chosen, I always persevere when bad things happen to me. That way, God will rescue them, like me, by uniting them to Jesus the Messiah, and they will be glorious forever.*

Why does Paul endure all these things?

Paul endures all things for those chosen by God, that they may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:12

ULT	UST
If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we deny him, he also will deny us.	*Suppose that we persevere when bad things happen to us. Then we will also rule over everything with him. Suppose that we say that we do not know him. Then he also will say that he does not know us.*

What is Christ's promise to those who endure?

Those who endure will reign with Christ.

What is Christ's warning to those who deny him?

Those who deny Christ, Christ will deny.

2 Timothy 2:14

ULT	UST
Remind them of these things, declaring before God not to battle about words; it is useful for nothing, to the destruction of the ones hearing.	*Teach those things again to the believers who are with you. God is listening and agreeing with you as you command them not to debate about what words mean. Debating like that does not help anybody. Further, it harms the people who listen to it.*

About what should Timothy warn the people not to quarrel?

Timothy should warn the people not to quarrel about words, which is useful for nothing.

2 Timothy 2:18

ULT	UST
who have missed the mark concerning the truth, saying the resurrection has already happened, and who overturn the faith of some.	*These two men have failed to believe and teach what is true. Instead, they claim that God has already made everyone alive again. In this way, they cause some people to stop trusting in Jesus.*

What false doctrine were the two men who wandered from the truth saying?

They were saying that the resurrection had already happened.

2 Timothy 2:21

ULT	UST
Therefore, if someone has cleansed himself from these, he will be a container for honor, having been sanctified, useful to the master, having been prepared for every good work.	*So then, suppose that some people avoid doing what is evil. Those people will be like the utensils that people use to perform dignified tasks. God will set them apart for himself. They will serve God well. God will enable them to do everything that is right.*

How are the believers to prepare themselves for every good work?

The believers are to clean themselves from dishonorable use on order to be ready for every good work.

2 Timothy 2:22

ULT	UST
But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with the ones calling on the Lord from a pure heart.	*You must avoid desiring the wrong things that young people usually desire. Instead, you should always try to do what is right. You should trust in Jesus. You should love others. You should live peacefully with others. You should do those things along with people who desire what is good and who worship the Lord Jesus.*

From what is Timothy to flee?

Timothy is to flee youthful lusts.

2 Timothy 2:24

ULT	UST
But it is necessary for a slave of the Lord not to battle, but to be gentle toward all, able to teach, patient,	*People who serve the Lord Jesus must not quarrel. Instead, they must be kind to all people. They must be good at teaching others. They must endure when bad things happen to them.*

What does Paul say that a servant of the Lord must be?

A servant of the Lord must be patient, kind to all, and able to teach.

2 Timothy 2:25

ULT	UST
in meekness educating the ones opposing. God may perhaps give them repentance for knowledge of the truth,	*They should gently instruct the people who argue against them. Then God may enable those people to stop believing what is wrong and instead understand what is true.*

How must a servant of the Lord treat those who oppose him?

A servant of the Lord must educate in meekness those who oppose him.

2 Timothy 2:26

ULT	UST
and they may become sober again from the trap of the devil, having been captured by him for the will of that one.	*Previously, Satan was able to control them so that they did what he wanted. However, after you instruct them, Satan may no longer be able to control them, and they may be able to think clearly again.*

What has the devil done with unbelievers?

The devil has trapped and captured the unbelievers for his will.

2 Timothy 3

2 Timothy 3:1

ULT	UST
But know this, that in the last days difficult times will be present.	*You need to understand that the final time period before Jesus returns to this world will be very dangerous for believers.*

What does Paul say will come in the last days?

Paul says difficult times will come in the last days.

2 Timothy 3:2

ULT	UST
For the men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, proud, blasphemous, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,	*It will be dangerous because people will care about themselves more than they care about anyone else. They will strongly desire to have money. They will say great things about themselves. They will think too highly of themselves. They will insult God and others. They will fail to do what their parents require. They will not thank anyone for anything. They will not honor God.*

In the last days, what will people love instead of God?

In the last days, people will love themselves and love money instead of God.

2 Timothy 3:4

ULT	UST
traitors, reckless, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,	*They will betray others. They will act without thinking first. They will be prideful. They will care about whatever makes them feel good instead of loving God.*

In the last days, what other thing will people love instead of God?

In the last days, people will love pleasure instead of God.

2 Timothy 3:5

ULT	UST
having a form of godliness, but denying its power. And turn away from these.	*They will appear to honor God, but they will refuse to actually do so. Stay away from such people.*

What does Paul tell Timothy to do with those who have only a form of godliness?

Paul tells Timothy to turn away from those who have only a form of godliness.

2 Timothy 3:6

ULT	UST
For from these are the ones entering into households and taking captive little women having been heaped with sins, being led away by various desires,	*Further, some of those people convince others to invite them to their homes. While they are there, they start to control what any spiritually immature women who live there think. These are women who have sinned very often. They do all the many things that they want to do.*

What do some of these ungodly men do?

Some of these ungodly men enter households and captivate foolish women who are led away by various desires.

2 Timothy 3:8

ULT	UST
And the way Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these oppose the truth, men having been corrupted in the mind, unapproved concerning the faith.	*You know how Jannes and Jambres, Pharaoh's magicians, tried to stop Moses from freeing the Israelites. Much like that, the false teachers I am speaking about try to stop others from learning what is true. These false teachers are people who can no longer think properly. When they claim to believe in Jesus, God does not approve of them.*

How are these ungodly men like Jannes and Jambres in the Old Testament?

These ungodly men oppose the truth just as Jannes and Jambres did to Moses.

2 Timothy 3:10

ULT	UST
But you have followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,	*In contrast, as for you, you know what I do, and you imitate me. I teach others. I live to please God. I focus on what God has called me to do. I trust in Jesus. I do not easily become angry. I love others. I persevere when bad things happen to me.*

Instead of the false teachers, who has Timothy followed?

Timothy has followed Paul.

2 Timothy 3:11

ULT	UST
persecutions, sufferings, such as happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra, what kind of persecutions I endured. And the Lord rescued me from them all.	*People hurt me. I experience painful things. I experienced those kinds of painful things when I was in the cities of Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. Even when people hurt me in those ways, I persisted in serving God. When any of those bad things happened to me, the Lord Jesus delivered me.*

From what did the Lord rescue Paul?

The Lord rescued Paul from all his persecutions and sufferings.

2 Timothy 3:12

ULT	UST
But also, all the ones wanting to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.	*Indeed, people will hurt all men and women who desire to live in a way that honors God as God unites them to Jesus the Messiah.*

What does Paul say will happen to all those who want to live in a godly manner?

Paul says that all those who want to live in a godly manner will be persecuted.

2 Timothy 3:13

ULT	UST
But evil men and impostors will advance to the worse, leading astray and being led astray.	*On the other hand, people who do what is wrong and people who try to trick others will become more and more evil. They will deceive others, and people will deceive them.*

Who will become worse in the last days?

Evil people and imposters will become worse in the last days.

2 Timothy 3:15

ULT	UST
and that from infancy you have known the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith that is in Christ Jesus.	*Further, you should persist in believing those things because you realize that you have heard what God says in the Scriptures from the time when you were a young child. The Scriptures enable you to think wisely. That way, when you trust in Jesus the Messiah, God rescues you.*

From what time in Timothy's life had he known the sacred writings?

Timothy knew the sacred writings from childhood.

2 Timothy 3:16

ULT	UST
All Scripture is God-breathed and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness,	*All the Scriptures come from God's Spirit. They are useful for teaching people. They are useful for telling people that they have done what is wrong. They are useful for telling people what is actually true. They are useful for instructing people in how to do what is right.*

How did all the Scripture come into being?

All Scripture is God-breathed.

For what is all Scripture profitable?

All Scripture is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:17

ULT	UST
so that the man of God may be complete, having been equipped for every good work.	*As a result, people who serve God have everything that they need. They are ready to do everything that is right.*

What is the purpose of training a person in the Scriptures?

A person is trained in the Scriptures so that he is proficient, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 4

2 Timothy 4:1

ULT	UST
I declare before God and Christ Jesus, the one being about to judge living and dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:	*God and Jesus the Messiah are listening right now and agreeing with me as I command you to do what I am about to tell you. Remember that Jesus will soon decide whether everyone who is alive and everyone who has died is guilty or innocent. You should focus on what I am about to command you as much as you expect Jesus to return to this world and to rule over everything.*

Who is Jesus Christ going to judge?

Jesus Christ will judge the living and the dead.

2 Timothy 4:2

ULT	UST
Preach the word; stand by opportunely, inopportunely; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all patience and teaching.	*Here is what I want you to do: you must proclaim the good news. Be ready to do that when it is a good time to do so and also when it is not a good time to do so. When people have done what is wrong, confront them. Warn them not to sin. Encourage them to do what is right. As you do all those things, never become angry quickly, and always instruct people.*

What did Paul solemnly command Timothy to do?

Paul solemnly commanded Timothy to preach the Word.

2 Timothy 4:3

ULT	UST
For there will be a time when they will not bear with the healthy teaching. Instead, they will heap up for themselves teachers according to their own desires, itching in the ear,	*I tell you to do those things because later on people will refuse to listen when others teach them what is right. Rather, they will do what they want by collecting many instructors. They will be eager to listen to what pleases them.*

Paul warned that the time will come when people will do what regarding doctrine?

People will not endure sound teaching, but will listen to teachings that agree with their own desires.

2 Timothy 4:5

ULT	UST
But you, be sober in all things. Suffer hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Fulfill your service.	*In contrast, as for you, you must control yourself at all times. You must be willing to allow bad things to happen to you. You must do what you have to do in order to proclaim the good news. You must complete everything you must do to serve Jesus.*

What work and ministry had Timothy been given to do?

Timothy had been given the work and ministry of an evangelist.

2 Timothy 4:6

ULT	UST
For I am already being poured out as an offering, and the time of my departure is near.	*I tell you to do those things because I will soon die. God is even now treating me as if I were wine that someone was pouring out to honor him.*

What time in his life did Paul say had now come?

Paul said that his time of departure had come.

2 Timothy 4:8

ULT	UST
From now on, the crown of righteousness is reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all the ones having loved his appearing.	*I can now expect the reward for doing what is right, which God has ready for me. The Lord Jesus, who always evaluates people justly, will give me that reward when he returns to this world. However, I will not be the only one whom he rewards. Rather, he will reward everyone who rejoices when he returns to this world.*

What reward did Paul say all those who love Christ's appearing will receive?

Paul said that all those who love Christ's appearing will receive the crown of righteousness.

2 Timothy 4:10

ULT	UST
for Demas has forsaken me, having loved the present age, and has gone to Thessalonica, Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.	*I ask you to do that because Demas has abandoned me since he cares too much about living in this present world. He has left for the city of Thessalonica. Crescens has left for the province of Galatia. Titus has left for the province of Dalmatia.*

Why did Paul's companion Demas leave him?

Demas left Paul because he loved this present age.

2 Timothy 4:11

ULT	UST
Only Luke is with me. Taking Mark, bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service.	*Luke is the only one who is still here with me. When you visit, bring Mark with you. I ask for him because he serves others with me well.*

Who was the only companion of Paul to still be with him?

Only Luke was still with Paul.

2 Timothy 4:14

ULT	UST
Alexander the coppersmith showed many evils to me. The Lord will repay him according to his works,	*Alexander, who makes things out of metal, did many bad things to me. The Lord Jesus will punish him for what he has done.*

According to what did Paul said that the Lord would repay Alexander?

Paul said that the Lord will repay Alexander according to his deeds.

2 Timothy 4:16

ULT	UST
At my first defense, no one appeared with me, but all forsook me. May it not be reckoned against them.	*The first time I defended myself in court, no believers came to support me. Instead, they all abandoned me. I pray that God will forgive them for that.*

Which people appeared with Paul at his first defense?

At Paul’s first defense, no one appeared with Paul.

Titus

Titus 1

Titus 1:1

ULT	UST
Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of the chosen people of God and knowledge of the truth that agrees with godliness,	*I, Paul, write this letter to you, Titus. I am a servant of God and a representative of Jesus the Messiah. God sent me to teach the people whom he has chosen as his own to trust him more. I work to help his people to know what is true, so that they can live in a way that pleases God.*

What was Paul’s purpose in his service to God?

His purpose was to establish the faith of God’s chosen people and to establish the knowledge of the truth.

Titus 1:2

ULT	UST
with the certain hope of eternal life that the non-lying God promised before all the ages of time.	*His people can learn how to live like this because they are confident that God will cause them to live forever. Even before the world began, God promised to cause us to live forever, and God does not lie.*

When did God promise everlasting life to his chosen people?

He promised it to them before all the ages of time.

Does God lie?

No.

Titus 1:3

ULT	UST
But at the right time, he revealed his word by the proclamation, the one I was entrusted with by the command of God our Savior.	*Then, in God's own timing, he communicated his plan through this message that he trusted me to preach. I do this in order to obey the command of God, who saves us.*

To whom did God entrust his proclamation at the right time?

God entrusted it to the apostle Paul.

Titus 1:4

ULT	UST
To Titus, a true son in a common faith. Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.	*Titus, you have become like a real son to me because we both now believe in Jesus the Messiah. May God the Father and the Messiah Jesus who saves us continue to be kind to you and keep you peaceful.*

What was the relationship between Titus and Paul?

Titus was like a true son to Paul because of their common faith.

Titus 1:6

ULT	UST
if anyone is blameless, a husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of reckless behavior or rebellion.	*Now every elder must be someone whom no one can criticize. He must also have just one wife, his children must trust in God, and people must not consider his children to be out of control or disobedient.*

What must an elder's wife and children be like?

He must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children who are not accused of reckless behavior or rebellion.

Titus 1:7

ULT	UST
For the overseer must be blameless, as a household manager of God, not arrogant, not easily angered, not addicted to wine, not a brawler, not greedy.	*Everyone who leads God's people is like the person who manages the servants and property of someone else, but he is doing this for God. So it is necessary for this person to have a good reputation. He must not be proud and he must not get angry quickly. He must not be an alcoholic, not someone who likes to fight and argue, and not a greedy man.*

What are some of the character traits that an elder must avoid in order to be blameless?

He must not be arrogant or easily angered or addicted to wine or a brawler or greedy.

What position and responsibility does an overseer have in God's household?

He is like God's household manager.

Titus 1:8

ULT	UST
Instead, he must be hospitable, a friend of what is good, sensible, righteous, holy, self-controlled.	*Rather than that, he must welcome strangers and love the things that are good. He must always act sensibly and treat other people in a fair and honest manner. He must always act in a way that is right for someone who is devoted to God and he must always control his emotions.*

What good qualities should an elder have?

An elder should be hospitable, a friend of what is good, sensible, righteous, holy, and self-controlled.

Titus 1:9

ULT	UST
He must hold tightly to the trustworthy message that is in accordance with the teaching, so that he may be able both to encourage others with sound teaching and to rebuke the ones opposing him.	*He must always believe the true things that we have taught him, and he must live according to them. He must do this so that he can persuade people to live like this too, and so that he can correct people if they do not want to live like this.*

What must an elder's attitude be toward the message that he was taught?

He must hold tightly to it, and thus, be able to encourage and rebuke others.

Titus 1:11

ULT	UST
It is necessary to stop them. They are upsetting whole households, teaching what they should not for the sake of shameful profit.	*You and the leaders whom you appoint must prevent such people from teaching the believers. They are teaching things that they should not teach, causing entire families to believe wrong things. They only do it so that people will give them money. This is very shameful!*

What were the false teachers doing by their teaching?

They were upsetting whole households.

What did the false teachers want?

They wanted shameful profit.

Titus 1:13

ULT	UST
This testimony is true. For this reason, rebuke them severely, so that they may be sound in the faith,	*What he said is true, so correct them forcefully so that they may believe and teach correct things about God.*

How should an elder treat these false teachers who damage the church?

He must rebuke them severely so they might be sound in the faith.

Titus 1:14

ULT	UST
not paying any attention to Jewish myths or to commands of people turning away from the truth.	*In order to believe correct things about God, they must stop living according to stories invented by the Jews and commandments that did not come from God. These commandments came from people who have stopped obeying what is true.*

To what did Paul say they should not pay attention?

They should not pay attention to Jewish myths and to commandments of men.

Titus 1:15

ULT	UST
All things are pure to the ones who are pure. But to the ones having been corrupted and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their minds and consciences have been corrupted.	*If some people only want to do or think about doing good things, then everything that they do is good. But if people are wicked and do not believe in the Messiah Jesus, everything that they do is bad. Such people's way of thinking has been ruined. They do not even feel guilty when they do what is evil.*

In an unbelieving man, what is corrupted?

Both his mind and conscience are corrupted.

Titus 1:16

ULT	UST
They profess to know God, but they deny him by their actions, being detestable and disobedient and unfit for any good work.	*Even though they claim to know God, what they do shows that they do not know him. They are disgusting. They disobey God and can do nothing good for him.*

Although the corrupted man professes to know God, how does he deny him?

He denies God through his actions.

Titus 2

Titus 2:2

ULT	UST
Older men, to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, and in perseverance.	*Tell the older men that they must control themselves at all times, that they must live in a way that other people respect, and that they must act sensibly. Tell them that they must also firmly believe the true things about God, love others truly, and do all these things even when it is difficult.*

What are some characteristics that older men in the church should have?

They should be temperate, dignified, sensible, and sound in faith, in love, and in perseverance.

Titus 2:3

ULT	UST
Older women, likewise, reverent in behavior, not slanderers and not enslaved to much wine, teachers of what is good,	*Tell the older women, like the men, to live so that everyone knows that they respect God very much. Tell them that they must not say mean or false things about other people, and that they must not be addicted to drinking a lot of wine. Instead, they should teach others what is good.*

What are some characteristics that older women in the church should have?

They should be reverent, sober, not be slanderers, be teachers of what is good.

Titus 2:4

ULT	UST
so that they may train the younger women to be lovers of their husbands, lovers of their children,	*In this way, they will be able to instruct the younger women to love their own husbands and children.*

What should the older women teach the younger women to do?

They should teach them to love and obey their husbands, and to love their children.

Titus 2:7

ULT	UST
In everything present yourself as an example of good works. In the teaching, incorruption, dignity,	*You yourself must continually do what is good so that others will see what they should also be doing. When you teach the believers, make sure that everything you say is true and say it in a way that they will respect.*

How should Titus present himself as an example of good works?

In his teaching, he should be uncorrupted, act with dignity, and deliver a sound message that is above criticism.

Titus 2:8

ULT	UST
with a sound message that is above criticism, so that the opponent may be ashamed, having nothing bad to say about us.	*Teach people what is right with messages that no one can criticize. Then, if anybody wants to stop you, other people will shame them because they will have nothing bad that they can justly say about any of us.*

What will happen to those who oppose Titus if he is a good example?

Those who oppose him will be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about him.

Titus 2:9

ULT	UST
Slaves, to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be pleasing, not to argue,	*As for those believers who are slaves, teach them that they should always submit to their masters. Tell them to live in a way that pleases their masters in every way, and to not argue with them.*

How are slaves who are believers to behave?

They are to obey their masters, be pleasing, and should not argue.

Titus 2:10

ULT	UST
not to steal, but to demonstrate all good faith, so that in every way they may show the beauty of the teaching that is about God our Savior.	*They must not steal even little things from their masters; instead, they should be faithful to them, and they should do everything in a way that leads people to admire all that we teach about God, who saves us.*

When Christian slaves behave as Paul has instructed, what effect will that have on others?

It will bring credit to the teaching about God our Savior.

Titus 2:11

ULT	UST
For the grace of God has appeared, salvific for all men,	*The believers should behave in these good ways because God is offering to save everyone as a gift that no one deserves.*

Who can the grace of God save?

The grace of God can save everyone.

Titus 2:12

ULT	UST
training us, so that, rejecting godlessness and worldly passions, we might live in a sensible and righteous and godly way in the present age,	*By means of this free gift, God trains us to stop doing what is wrong and what people of the world want to do. He teaches us to be sensible, to do what is right, and to obey him while we live during this present time.*

What does the grace of God train us to reject?

The grace of God trains us to reject godlessness and worldly passions.

Titus 2:13

ULT	UST
while we look forward to receiving the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.	*At the same time, God teaches us to wait for what he will certainly do in the future, which is something that will make us very happy: That is, Jesus the Messiah, our Savior and powerful God, will return to us in a glorious way.*

What future event do believers look forward to receiving?

Believers look forward to receiving the blessed hope: the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Titus 2:14

ULT	UST
He gave himself for us in order to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a chosen people, zealous for good works.	*He gave himself to die in our place so that we can be free to live in the way that God wants us to live, and to remove our sin from us so that we can be a special group of people who belong only to him, and who eagerly desire to do what is good.*

Why did Jesus give himself for us?

He gave himself in order to redeem us from lawlessness and to purify for himself a people who are zealous to do good works.

Titus 3

Titus 3:1

ULT	UST
Remind them to submit to rulers and authorities, to obey them, to be ready for every good work,	*Titus, continue to tell our people again that they should obey the people who rule over them. They need to be ready to be helpful whenever they are able.*

What should the believer's attitude be toward rulers and authorities?

The believer should submit to them and obey them, and be ready for every good work.

Titus 3:3

ULT	UST
For once we also were foolish and disobedient. We were led astray, enslaved by various passions and pleasures. We lived in evil and envy, detestable, hating one another.	*We need to remember that there was a time when we ourselves were foolish and unwilling to obey God. We strongly desired to do things that made us feel good, and so we did those things. But then we discovered that we were unable to stop doing those things. We were constantly envying each other and doing other evil things. We caused people to hate us and we hated each other.*

What leads unbelievers astray and enslaves them?

Their various passions and pleasures lead them astray and enslave them.

Titus 3:5

ULT	UST
it was not by works of righteousness that we did but by his mercy that he saved us through the washing of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,	*he saved us by removing our sin from us as though he had washed it away. As he did this, the Holy Spirit made us new and enabled us to start living in a new way for God. He did not save us because we do good things, but he saved us because he is merciful.*

Through what means did God save us?

He saved us through the washing of new birth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Are we saved because of good works which we have done or because of God's mercy?

We are saved only because of God's mercy.

Titus 3:7

ULT	UST
so that having been justified by the grace of that one, we might become heirs according to certain hope of eternal life.	*When Jesus freely gave himself for us, God declared that everything was made right between him and us. Because Jesus did that, God gave us the Holy Spirit so that we can share in everything that the Lord Jesus has to give us, especially everlasting life with him.*

After he justifies us, what does God make us to become?

God makes us become his heirs.

Titus 3:8

ULT	UST
This message is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things so that the ones having believed God may be careful to engage themselves in good works. These things are good and useful for men.	*This is a statement that everyone can trust. I want you to continually emphasize these things so that those who have believed God may constantly devote themselves to doing those things that are good and that help others. These things are excellent and beneficial for everyone.*

What should believers be careful to do?

Believers should be careful to do the good works.

Titus 3:9

ULT	UST
But avoid foolish debates and genealogies and strife and conflict about the law because they are unprofitable and worthless.	*But many people will want to debate with you about senseless things, such as about lists of Jewish ancestors. They will want to dispute with you about religious law and argue with you about many things. Do not engage with them in any of that. Those kinds of things are useless and they do not help you in any way.*

What should believers avoid?

Believers should avoid foolish debates, genealogies, strife, and conflict about religious law.

Titus 3:10

ULT	UST
Reject a divisive person after one or two warnings,	*If someone insists on engaging in these divisive activities after you have warned him one or two times to stop doing it, then have nothing more to do with him,*

Who should we reject after one or two warnings?

We should reject a divisive person.

Titus 3:14

ULT	UST
And also, our own must learn to engage themselves in good works toward essential needs, in order not to be unfruitful.	*In the same way, make sure that our people learn to occupy themselves with doing good things for people who need help. By doing this, they will be living in a useful way for God.*

What must believers engage themselves in so that they will be fruitful?

Believers must learn to engage themselves in doing good works that provide for essential needs.

Philemon

Philemon 1

Philemon 1:1

ULT	UST
Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and our brother Timothy to Philemon, the beloved and our fellow worker,	*I, Paul, am currently in prison for serving the Messiah, Jesus. I am here with Timothy, our fellow believer. I am writing this letter to you, Philemon. You also serve the Messiah, and we love you.*

Where is Paul as he writes this letter?

Paul is in prison as he writes this letter.

To whom is this letter written?

This letter is written to Philemon, Paul's dear friend and fellow-worker.

Philemon 1:2

ULT	UST
and to Apphia our sister, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house.	*I also write to Apphia, our fellow believer, and to Archippus, who is like a soldier in the way he serves the Messiah with us. I also write to the group of believers that meets in your house.*

In what kind of place is the church meeting?

The church is meeting in a house.

Philemon 1:5

ULT	UST
hearing of your love and the faith that you have in the Lord Jesus and for all the saints,	*because people tell me how much you trust in the Lord Jesus and how much you love him and all of God's people.*

Of what good characteristics has Paul heard about Philemon?

Paul has heard about Philemon's love, faith in the Lord, and faithfulness toward all the saints.

Philemon 1:7

ULT	UST
For I had much joy and comfort because of your love, because the inner parts of the saints are being refreshed by you, brother.	*My dear friend, you have greatly encouraged me and have caused me to rejoice a lot. For you have been encouraging God's people by how much you love them.*

According to Paul, what has Philemon done for the saints?

Philemon has refreshed the hearts of the saints.

Philemon 1:9

ULT	UST
because of love I appeal to you instead—being such a one as Paul, an elder, and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus.	*But instead of commanding you, because we love each other, I, Paul, an old man and now also a prisoner because I serve the Messiah, Jesus, only request that you do this.*

Why is Paul asking Philemon for something instead of commanding him?

Paul is asking Philemon because of love.

Philemon 1:10

ULT	UST
I am appealing to you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whom I have fathered in my chains.	*I am asking you do something for Onesimus. He has become like a son to me since I told him about the Messiah here in prison.*

What did Paul call Onesimus?

Paul called Onesimus his child.

Where was Paul when he became Onesimus' father?

Paul was in chains, in prison.

Philemon 1:12

ULT	UST
whom I have sent back to you—him—this one is my inner parts;	*Although he is very dear to me, I am sending him back to you.*

What has Paul done with Onesimus?

Paul has sent Onesimus back to Philemon.

Philemon 1:13

ULT	UST
whom I desired to keep with me, so that he might serve me on behalf of you in the chains of the gospel.	*I wanted to keep him here with me in order that he might serve me in your place, especially while I am still in prison for preaching the good news about the Messiah.*

Where is Paul as he writes this letter?

Paul is in prison as he writes this letter.

What would Paul like Onesimus to be able to do?

Paul would like Onesimus to be able to help him.

Philemon 1:14

ULT	UST
But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that your good deed might not be as according to compulsion but according to good will.	*However, I am sending him back to you because you did not tell me I could keep him here. I want you to help me because you want to help me, and not because I have forced you to help me.*

Why did Paul not want to act without the consent of Philemon?

Paul wanted Philemon’s good deed to be his own choice and not forced upon him by Paul’s action.

Philemon 1:15

ULT	UST
For perhaps because of this he was separated from you for an hour, so that you might have him back forever,	*It may be that God allowed Onesimus to be apart from you during this short time so that he could return to you as a believer and be with you eternally.*

Why did Paul say Onesimus may have been separated from Philemon?

Paul said Onesimus may have been separated from Philemon so that Philemon could have him back forever, meaning as an eternal brother in Christ.

Philemon 1:16-17

How does Paul now want Philemon to consider Onesimus?

Paul wants Philemon to consider Onesimus as a beloved brother.

Philemon 1:18

ULT	UST
But if he has wronged you or owes you anything, charge that to me.	*But if he has taken anything from you, or if he is in debt to you for anything, I will repay you.*

What does Paul want Philemon to do about anything that Onesimus owes Philemon?

Paul wants Philemon to charge anything owed by Onesimus to Paul’s account.

Philemon 1:19

ULT	UST
I, Paul, wrote this with my own hand. I myself will pay it back—in order not to say to you that you also owe me even your own self!	*I, Paul, am now writing this in my own handwriting: I will repay you whatever he owes you. I am certain that I do not have to remind you that you owe me even more than Onesimus might owe you, because God saved your life when I told you about the Messiah.*

What does Philemon owe Paul?

Philemon owes Paul his very life.

Philemon 1:22

ULT	UST
But at the same time, also prepare a guest room for me, for I hope that through your prayers I will be given back to you.	*As you do what I am asking you to do, I also ask you to prepare to receive me into your home. Because all of you have been praying for me, I confidently expect that God will allow me to leave prison and to come to you all.*

What does Paul want Philemon to do for him?

Paul wants Philemon to prepare a guest room for him.

Why does Paul want Philemon to do this?

Paul hopes that God will send him back to Philemon.

Hebrews

Hebrews 1

Hebrews 1:1

ULT	UST
In many portions and in many ways long ago, God, having spoken to our fathers through the prophets,	*In the past, God communicated to the Israelite ancestors through people who proclaimed his message. He did this throughout the time during which the ancestors lived, and he used many different means to do so.*

How has God spoken in the past?

God has spoken in the past through the prophets at many times and in many ways.

Hebrews 1:2

ULT	UST
at the last of these days spoke to us through a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the ages;	*However, when this final time period began, God communicated to us through his own Son. God made the world together with him, and God has chosen him to receive everything.*

How has God spoken in these recent days?

God has spoken in these recent days through a Son.

Through whom were the ages made?

The ages were made through the Son of God.

Hebrews 1:3

ULT	UST
who, being the brightness of his glory and exact representation of his being, upholding all the things by the word of his power and having made purification for sins, sat down at the right of the Majesty on high;	*In God's Son, we see how glorious God is. In fact, God's Son perfectly shows what God is like. By speaking powerfully, he sustains everything that God has made. After he purified his people from the wrong things that they did, he ascended into heaven and began to rule with God his Father.*

How are all things sustained?

All things are sustained by the word of the Son of God's power.

How does the Son display the glory and essence of God?

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the representation of God's essence.

Hebrews 1:4

ULT	UST
having become far superior to the angels, as he has inherited a more excellent name than they.	*These things about him mean that he is much greater than the spiritual beings. In the same way, the name that God now calls him is greater than their names.*

How does the Son of God compare to the angels?

The Son of God is far superior to the angels.

Hebrews 1:6

ULT	UST
But again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "And let all the angels of God worship him."	*More than that, when God raised his Son into the heavenly world, he commanded: "All the spiritual beings who serve God must honor and praise him."*

What did God command the angels to do when the Son was brought into the world?

God commanded the angels to worship the Son when the Son was brought into the world.

Hebrews 1:8

ULT	UST
But with regard to the Son, "Your throne, God, is forever and ever, and the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of his kingdom.	*On the other hand, God says this about his Son: "You who are God will rule forever, and you will reign justly over your kingdom.*

How long will the Son rule as a king?

The Son will rule as a king for ever and ever.

Hebrews 1:9

ULT	UST
You loved righteousness and hated lawlessness. Because of this, God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of exultation more than your companions."	*You loved whatever is just, and you hated whatever breaks God's law. Because of that, I, your God, have caused you to be more powerful and joyful than anyone else who is with you."*

What does the Son love and what does the Son hate?

The Son loves righteousness and the Son hates lawlessness.

Hebrews 1:10-11

What will happen to the earth and heavens over time?

The earth and heavens will wear out like a garment and perish.

Hebrews 1:13

ULT	UST
But to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?	*God did not at any time say these words to any spiritual being: “Rule with me while I defeat all of your enemies!” However, he did say these words to his own Son.*

Where did God tell the Son to sit, and until what happened?

God told the Son to sit at his right hand until God made the Son’s enemies a stool for the Son’s feet.

Hebrews 1:14

ULT	UST
Are they not all ministering spirits, being sent for service for the sake of the ones going to inherit salvation?	*The spiritual beings are all powerful beings who serve God, and God has sent them to help those whom he will soon save.*

For whom do the angels care?

The angels care for those who are going to inherit salvation.

Hebrews 2

Hebrews 2:1

ULT	UST
Because of this, it is far more necessary for us to give attention to the things that have been heard, so that we might not drift away from them.	*Because God did say those things to his Son, we need to focus most of all on the good news that we learned. That way, we do not stop believing it.*

Why must believers pay attention to what they have heard?

Believers must pay attention to what they have heard so that they do not drift away from it.

Hebrews 2:2

ULT	UST
For if the message spoken through angels became valid and every transgression and disobedience received just penalty,	*This is important because, when the spiritual beings gave the law to the people of Israel, what they said was reliable. Further, God justly punished anyone who did not listen to this law or broke it.*

What would every transgression and disobedience receive?

Every transgression and disobedience would receive just punishment.

Hebrews 2:4

ULT	UST
God also testifying together with them by signs and wonders and various miracles and distributions of the Holy Spirit according to his will.	*God also has confirmed to us that this message is true by empowering believers to do powerful and amazing things. Further, he gave the Holy Spirit to believers, to each as God chose.*

How did God testify to the message of salvation announced by the Lord?

God testified to the message by signs, wonders, powerful deeds, and by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 2:5

ULT	UST
For it was not to angels that God subjected the world that is coming, about which we are speaking.	*Now God has not put the spiritual beings in charge of the heavenly world that he will bring to earth. It is that world about which I am talking.*

Who will not rule the world to come?

Angels will not rule the world to come.

Hebrews 2:7-8

Who will rule the world to come?

Man will rule the world to come.

Hebrews 2:9

ULT	UST
but we see Jesus, the one made a little lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of his suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste of death on behalf of everyone.	*However, we do observe Jesus. He is the one who was less powerful than the spiritual beings for a short time, and God has now greatly honored and empowered him. God did this because Jesus died. In this way, God graciously had him die for all people who believe in him.*

Why was Jesus crowned with glory and honor?

Jesus was crowned with glory and honor because of his suffering and death.

For whom did Jesus taste death?

Jesus tasted death for every man.

Hebrews 2:10

ULT	UST
For it was proper for him, because of whom all the things exist and through whom all the things exist, having brought many sons into glory, to perfect the founding leader of their salvation through sufferings.	*Working in that way was appropriate for God, who created and directs everything that exists. When Jesus began to make glorious everyone who believes in him, who are like his own siblings, God used how Jesus suffered to make him able to save them.*

Whom does God plan to bring to glory?

God plans to bring many sons to glory.

Hebrews 2:11

ULT	UST
For both the sanctifying and the ones being sanctified are all from one. For this reason, he is not ashamed to call them brothers,	*Jesus, who sets his people apart for God, and those same people whom he set apart for God, all come from God himself. So, Jesus does not hesitate to refer to them as his own siblings.*

Who are the two who come from the one source, God?

Both the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified come from the one source, God.

Hebrews 2:14

ULT	UST
Therefore, since the little children share in flesh and blood, he likewise also shared in the same things so that through his death he might abolish the one having the power of death, that is, the devil,	*So, because God's children are human beings, Jesus also became a human being just like them. He did that so that he, by dying, could defeat Satan, who uses the fact that people die to control them.*

Who was made ineffective through Jesus' death?

The devil was made ineffective through Jesus' death.

Hebrews 2:15

ULT	UST
and might release those people, as many as, in fear of death throughout all their lives, were held in slavery.	*When he did that, he got rid of the way that dying makes us afraid while we live.*

From what slavery are people freed through the death of Jesus?

Through the death of Jesus, people are freed from the fear of death.

Hebrews 2:17

ULT	UST
from which he was obligated to become like his brothers in all things, so that he would be a merciful and faithful high priest concerning the things pertaining to God in order to make atonement for the sins of the people.	*Because that is why he came, Jesus needed to be exactly like us, who are his siblings. That way, he can be the ruling priest who serves God in a compassionate and trustworthy way, so that God forgives what his people did wrong.*

Why was it necessary for Jesus to be like his brothers in all ways?

It was necessary so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest over God's things, and so he might obtain forgiveness for the people's sins.

Hebrews 2:18

ULT	UST
For in that he himself had suffered, having been tempted, he is able to help the ones being tempted.	*Jesus can be that kind of priest because he endured painful things and experienced how doing what is wrong seems to be good. So, he can aid everyone who also experiences how doing what is wrong seems to be good.*

Why is Jesus able to help those who are tempted?

Jesus is able to help those who are tempted because he was tempted also.

Hebrews 3

Hebrews 3:1

ULT	UST
Therefore, holy brothers, sharers of a heavenly calling, consider carefully the apostle and high priest of our confession, Jesus,	*My fellow believers, God has set you apart for himself, and he has summoned us together from heaven. Since I have told you what Jesus has done, you should think about him. God sent him to us, and he is the ruling priest in whom we say we believe.*

What two roles does the author of the book of Hebrews say Jesus fills?

The author says Jesus is an apostle and a high priest.

Hebrews 3:2-3

Why has Jesus been considered worthy of greater glory than Moses?

Jesus has been considered worthy of greater glory because, while Moses was faithful in all God's house, Jesus is the one who built the house.

Hebrews 3:5

ULT	UST
And Moses was indeed faithful as a servant in his entire house, for a testimony of the things that would be spoken in the future;	*Moses faithfully served God as one who helped all God's people. In that way, he already proclaimed what God says now about Jesus.*

What was Moses' role in God's house?

Moses was a servant in God's house.

About what did Moses give testimony?

Moses gave testimony about the things that were to be spoken of in the future.

Hebrews 3:6

ULT	UST
but Christ, as a Son over his house (whose house we are if we hold fast to the confidence and the boasting of our hope).	*But the Messiah is God's Son, who faithfully rules over God's people. As long as we persist in boldly and proudly expecting what God will give us, we belong to those same people.*

What is Jesus' role in God's house?

Jesus' role is as a Son in charge of God's house.

Who is God's house?

The believers are God's house if they hold fast to their confidence.

Hebrews 3:7-8

What did the Israelites in the wilderness do when they heard God's voice?

The Israelites hardened their hearts.

Hebrews 3:10-11

What did God swear concerning the Israelites who went astray in their hearts?

God swore that they would not enter his rest.

Hebrews 3:12

ULT	UST
Watch out, brothers, so that there will not be in any of you a wicked heart of unbelief, in the falling away from the living God.	*Fellow believers, pay attention! Make sure that none of you think in evil and unbelieving ways that would lead you to become disloyal to the only real God.*

Of what are the brothers warned to be careful?

The brothers are warned to be careful not to turn away from the living God by unbelief.

Hebrews 3:13

ULT	UST
Instead, exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," so that no one among you is hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.	*Rather, you should encourage each other to be loyal to God daily, during every day that we call "this day." That way, none of you sin and thus deceive yourselves, which would make you unable to obey God.*

What are the brothers to do in order to avoid being hardened by the deceitfulness of sin?

The brothers are to encourage one another daily.

Hebrews 3:14

ULT	UST
For we have become sharers of Christ, if indeed we hold firm the beginning of our confidence until the end,	*You should encourage each other, because we share in everything with the Messiah. That is true as long as we persist in trusting him, from when we began to do so until we die.*

As partners of Christ, what must believers do?

As partners of Christ, believers must firmly hold their confidence in him from the beginning to the end.

Hebrews 3:17

ULT	UST
And with whom was he very angry for 40 years? Was it not with the ones having sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?	*You know that it was God's people, who did what was wrong, with whom God was angry for a period of 40 years. They died in the wild places.*

With whom was God angry for 40 years?

God was angry with those who sinned in the wilderness.

What happened to those with whom God was angry?

Their dead bodies lay in the wilderness.

Hebrews 3:19

ULT	UST
And we see that they were not able to enter, because of unbelief.	*So, we can tell that they could not participate in how God rests because they did not trust in him.*

Why were the disobedient Israelites not able to enter God’s rest?

They were not able to enter God’s rest, because of unbelief.

Hebrews 4

Hebrews 4:2

ULT	UST
For we also are having good news proclaimed to us just as to them also. But the message of the hearing did not benefit them, not having been joined in faith with the ones having heard it.	*We need to make sure of this, because we heard the good news just like they did. However, because they were not among those people who believed in what they heard, what they heard did not help them.*

What good news had the believers and the Israelites both heard?

The believers and the Israelites had both heard the good news about God's rest.

Why did the good news not benefit the Israelites?

The good news did not benefit the Israelites because they did not join in faith with those who believed it.

Hebrews 4:3

ULT	UST
For we, the ones having believed enter into rest, just as he said, "As I swore in my wrath, '...if they will enter into my rest!'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.	*That is because only we who believe in the good news participate in how God rests, but those who do not believe do not participate in it. As the Holy Spirit says, "So then, because he was angry with them, he solemnly declared, 'They will never participate in how I rest!'" God said this even though he stopped working and rested after he created the world.*

Who are the ones who enter God's rest?

Those who have believed enter God's rest.

Hebrews 4:3-4

When did God finish his created works and then rest?

God finished his created works at the beginning of the world and then rested on the seventh day.

Hebrews 4:5-6

What did God say about the Israelites and his rest?

God said that the Israelites would not enter his rest.

Hebrews 4:7

ULT	UST
he again sets a certain day, calling it "Today," speaking through David after so much time, just as it has already been said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."	*Because of that, the Holy Spirit once more picked a time when we can participate in how God rests. That time is what we call "this day." He did this when he spoke through David a long time after the Israelite ancestors disobeyed. He said, as I have already quoted, "This day, when you hear God speak to you, do not stubbornly disobey him."*

What day has God now set for people to enter his rest?

God has set "Today" as the day for people to enter his rest.

What must a person do in order to enter God's rest?

A person must listen to God's voice and not harden his heart.

Hebrews 4:9

ULT	UST
Therefore, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.	*So, as you can see, God's people can still participate in how God rests, just as people rest on the Jewish day of rest.*

What is still reserved for God's people?

A Sabbath rest is still reserved for God's people.

Hebrews 4:10

ULT	UST
For the one having entered into his rest has himself also rested from his works, just as God did from his own works.	*In fact, the people who participate in how God rests also finish what they are doing and rest. They do this just like God finished creating everything and rested.*

A person who enters God's rest also rests from what?

A person who enters God's rest also rests from his works.

Hebrews 4:11

ULT	UST
Therefore, let us be eager to enter into that rest so that no one might fall into the same example of this disobedience.	*Because of all that, we should focus on participating in how God rests. That way, none of us disobeys God like the Israelite ancestors did.*

Why should believers be eager to enter God's rest?

Believers should be eager to enter God's rest so that they do not fall into disobedience as the Israelites did.

Hebrews 4:12

ULT	UST
For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.	*You need to pay attention to these things, because what God speaks is like a person who lives and does things, including discerning what people think and plan. It does that as if it were a sword with two very sharp edges that could cut apart people's bones from their tendons and that could divide up people's inner lives.*

What is the word of God sharper than?

The word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword.

What is the Word of God able to divide?

The Word of God is able to divide soul from spirit and joints from marrow.

What is the Word of God able to discern?

The Word of God is able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:13

ULT	UST
And no creature is hidden before him. Instead, all things are bare and laid open to the eyes of him to whom is our word.	*God knows everything about every person and thing. Nothing that he created can stay secret when he wishes to examine it. He is the one about whom we are talking.*

Who or what is hidden from God's sight?

No created thing is hidden from God's sight.

Hebrews 4:14

ULT	UST
Therefore, having a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us firmly hold to our confession.	*So, a powerful ruling priest works for us, one who ascended through the heavens. He is Jesus, God's Son. Because of that, we need to persist in believing what we say we believe.*

Who serves as the great high priest for believers?

Jesus, the Son of God, serves as the great high priest for believers.

Hebrews 4:15

ULT	UST
For we do not have a high priest who is not able to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one having been tempted according to all things, according to our likeness, yet without sin.	*Now the ruling priest who works for us can very well understand how weak we are. In fact, he experienced many times how doing what is wrong seems to be good, just like we do. However, he never sinned.*

Why does Jesus feel sympathy for the weaknesses of believers?

Jesus feels sympathy for the weaknesses of believers because he was in all ways tempted.

How many times did Jesus sin?

Jesus never sinned. Jesus was without sin.

Hebrews 4:16

ULT	UST
Let us then approach with confidence to the throne of grace so that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.	*So then, we should boldly go closer to God, who rules graciously. That way, he will act mercifully and kindly toward us when we need him to help us.*

In time of need, what are believers to do to receive mercy and find grace?

In time of need, believers are to approach with confidence to the throne of grace.

Hebrews 5

Hebrews 5:1

ULT	UST
For every high priest, being taken from among men on the behalf of men, is appointed in the things related to God so that he may offer gifts and sacrifices for sins;	*When God appoints a person to be a ruling priest, he selects that person from a group of people in order to serve God for that group. The ruling priest then presents to God what people give or sacrifice to take away sins.*

What does every high priest do on behalf of the people?

For the people, every high priest offers gifts and sacrifices for sins.

Hebrews 5:3

ULT	UST
And because of this, he is obligated, just as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins.	*Further, because each ruling priest is weak, God requires him to present a sacrifice to take away his own sins, just like he presents sacrifices to take away the sins of the rest of the people of Israel.*

In addition to the people, for whom does the high priest also present sacrifices?

The high priest also presents sacrifices for his own sins.

Hebrews 5:4

ULT	UST
And no one takes this honor for himself, but only being called by God, just as also Aaron was.	*Now people cannot decide to become honorable ruling priests on their own. Rather, God chooses each person who will be a ruling priest, just like he chose Aaron, the first ruling priest.*

How does a man receive the honor of being a high priest of God?

A man must be called by God to be a high priest of God.

Hebrews 5:5

ULT	UST
In the same way also, Christ did not glorify himself to become a high priest. Instead, the one having spoken to him said, "You are my Son; today I have fathered you."	*Similarly, the Messiah too did not decide to become a glorious ruling priest on his own. Rather, God the Father chose him to be a ruling priest when he said to him, "On this day, I have declared to everyone that I am your father, and you are my son!"*

Who declared Christ to be a high priest?

God declared Christ to be a high priest.

Hebrews 5:6

ULT	UST
It is just as he also says in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."	*Similarly, as you can read in another Psalm, God the Father said to the Messiah: "You will never stop being a priest in the same way that Melchizedek was a priest."*

For how long is Christ God's high priest?

Christ is God's high priest forever.

Of what order is Christ as a high priest?

Christ is a high priest of the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 5:7

ULT	UST
He, during the days of his flesh, offered up both prayers and requests with loud cries and tears to the one being able to save him from death and he was heard because of his godly life.	*When the Messiah lived with us before he died and came back to life, he often prayed powerfully and sorrowfully to God. He did this because God could rescue him when he died. Because he honored God, God listened to him and made him alive again.*

Why was Christ heard by God when he prayed?

Christ was heard by God because of his godly life.

Hebrews 5:8

ULT	UST
Even though being a son, he learned obedience from the things which he suffered.	*Although he is God's Son, he learned what it means to obey God when bad things happened to him.*

How did Christ learn obedience?

Christ learned obedience from the things he suffered.

Hebrews 5:9

ULT	UST
And having been made perfect, he became, for all the ones obeying him, the source of eternal salvation,	*Then, when God finished making him able to do so, the Son became the one who saves forever every person who does what he requires.*

For whom did Christ become the cause of eternal salvation?

For everyone who obeys him, Christ became the cause of their eternal salvation.

Hebrews 5:11

ULT	UST
concerning whom the message to us is great, but hard to speak about since you have become dull in your hearing.	*We have many things to talk about with regard to Melchizedek. However, since you do not listen and understand well, these things will be difficult to explain to you.*

What was the spiritual condition of the original readers of this letter?

The original readers were dull of hearing.

Hebrews 5:14

ULT	UST
But this solid food is for the mature ones, having through habit trained their senses for distinguishing both what is good and what is evil.	*On the other hand, people who know much about God are like adults who eat food. These people have consistently practiced how to recognize and then distinguish between what is right and what is wrong.*

How does the author of the letter say that believers grow from spiritual babies into full-grown adults?

Believers grow spiritually by practicing distinguishing right from wrong, discerning both good and evil.

Hebrews 6

Hebrews 6:1

ULT	UST
So then, having left the message of the beginning of Christ, let us go forward to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith in God,	*Therefore, we need to learn more so that we become mature. We should not continue to focus on only the most basic things about the Messiah. In other words, we do not need to learn again about how to stop doing useless things or about how to trust in God.*

On to what does the author of Hebrews want the believers to go forward?

The author of Hebrews wants the believers to go forward to maturity.

Hebrews 6:1-2

What teachings does the author list as the foundation of the message of Christ?

The foundational teachings are repentance from dead works, faith in God, baptisms, laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.

Hebrews 6:4-6

What is impossible for those who gained so much in Christ but then fell away, to do?

It is impossible for those who gained so much in Christ, but then fell away, to be restored again to repentance.

Hebrews 6:4-5

What had these enlightened people gained?

These enlightened people had tasted the heavenly gift, became sharers of the Holy Spirit, and tasted God’s Word and the powers of the age to come.

Hebrews 6:6

ULT	UST
but having fallen away—to restore them again to repentance since they are crucifying again for themselves the Son of God and exposing him to public shame.	*Think about what would happen were these people to stop believing the good news. In that case, they cannot repent and believe again. That is because what they did is like selfishly crucifying and humiliating God's Son.*

Why are these people not able to be restored to repentance?

They are not able to be restored because they have crucified for themselves the very Son of God and exposed him to public shame.

Hebrews 6:7-8

In the author's analogy, what happens to land that receives rain but bears thorns and thistles?

Land that receives rain but bears thorns and thistles has its end in burning.

Hebrews 6:9

ULT	UST
But concerning you, beloved ones, we are persuaded of things that are better and are accompanying salvation, even if we speak thus.	*Even though I have warned you in this way, fellow believers whom I love, I am sure that you are believing more firmly than I have implied. In fact, I am sure that God has saved you.*

What is the author's expectation concerning the believers to whom he is writing?

The author expects better things concerning these believers, things that are about salvation.

Hebrews 6:10

ULT	UST
For God is not unjust, to forget your work and the love that you have demonstrated toward his name, having served the saints and continuing to serve them.	*Indeed, since God always acts justly, he will not overlook how you act and how you love others. You have proved that you do these things to honor God, particularly when you have helped and continue to help God's people.*

What will God not forget about these believers?

God will not forget their work, love of God, and service to the saints.

Hebrews 6:12

ULT	UST
so that you might not become dull, but imitators of the ones by faith and patience inheriting the promises.	*That way, you will not be lazy. Instead, you will do what other believers have done: they have received what God promised them, because they trusted in him and waited patiently.*

What should the believers imitate about those who inherit the promises of God?

The believers should imitate the faith and patience of those who inherit the promises of God.

Hebrews 6:13-15

What did Abraham have to do in order to obtain what God promised him?

Abraham had to wait patiently to obtain what God promised him.

Hebrews 6:17

ULT	UST
in which God, intending even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable quality of his purpose, mediated it with an oath	*In a similar way, God wanted to demonstrate very clearly to those who would receive what he promised that he would not change what he intended to do. So, he guaranteed what he promised, just like humans do.*

Why did God guarantee his promise with an oath?

God guaranteed his promise with an oath to show more clearly the unchangeable quality of his purpose.

Hebrews 6:18

ULT	UST
so that by two unchangeable things, in which things it is impossible for God to lie, we, the ones having fled for refuge, might have a strong encouragement to hold firmly to the hope set before us;	*So, God both promised and swore an oath, and he will not lie about or change either of these things. He did that for us, who have trusted in him to save us. In this way, he encourages us to persist in confidently expecting what he is ready to give us.*

What is it impossible for God to do?

It is impossible for God to lie.

Hebrews 6:19

ULT	UST
which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both reliable and confirmed, and entering into the inside of the curtain,	*When we confidently expect what God will give us, it is as if an anchor holds us very securely so that we do not waver from trusting God. Further, when we confidently expect what God will give us, it is as if we had gone into the inner part of the heavenly sanctuary, behind the cloth hanging, and already received it.*

What does the believer’s hope in God do for his soul?

The believer’s hope in God is a secure and reliable anchor for his soul.

Hebrews 6:19-20

Where did Jesus enter as the forerunner for the believers?

Jesus entered into the inner place behind the curtain as the forerunner for the believers.

Hebrews 7

Hebrews 7:1

ULT	UST
For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, the one having met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,	*Now I will say more about Melchizedek. He ruled the city of Salem, and he served the greatest God as a priest. When Abraham was going home after defeating some of his enemies, Melchizedek met with him and blessed him.*

What two titles did Melchizedek have?

Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High.

Hebrews 7:2

ULT	UST
to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth from all things, first indeed translated as "king of righteousness," and then also "king of Salem," that is, "king of peace,"	*Then Abraham gave to him one tenth of everything that he took when he defeated his enemies. The name "Melchizedek" means "just king" in Hebrew. The title "ruler of the city of Salem" means "peaceful ruler," since "Salem" sounds like the Hebrew word for "peaceful".*

What did Abraham give Melchizedek?

Abraham gave Melchizedek a tenth of everything he had captured.

What does the name Melchizedek mean?

The name Melchizedek means "king of righteousness" and "king of peace."

Hebrews 7:3

ULT	UST
without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually.	*When Moses wrote about Melchizedek, he did not say anything about his father, his mother, his other ancestors, when he was born, or when he died. So, Moses described him as if he were similar to God's Son and as if he always served as a priest.*

Who were the ancestors of Melchizedek, and when did he die?

Melchizedek was without ancestors and has no end of life.

Hebrews 7:5

ULT	UST
And the ones indeed from the sons of Levi having received the priesthood, have a command according to the law to collect a tithe from the people, that is, from their brothers, even though they have come from the loin of Abraham.	*In Moses' law, God spoke to the men who are part of the clan of Levi and who serve as priests. He commanded them to receive one tenth of what the rest of the Israelites, who are their relatives, earned or grew. God commanded this despite the fact that all the Israelites are descendants of Abraham.*

From whom are the priests descended who are priests according to the Law and who collect tithes from the people?

The priests of the Law are descended from Levi, and before him, from Abraham.

Hebrews 7:7

ULT	UST
But without any dispute, the lesser is blessed by the greater.	*Now everyone agrees that more important people bless less important people. So, because he blessed Abraham, Melchizedek is more important than Abraham.*

Who was the greater person, Abraham or Melchizedek?

Melchizedek was the greater person because he blessed Abraham.

Hebrews 7:9-10

In what way did Levi himself also pay tithes to Melchizedek?

Levi also paid tithes to Melchizedek, because Levi was of the seed of Abraham, and Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek.

Hebrews 7:12

ULT	UST
For when the priesthood is changed, from necessity a change of the law also takes place.	*You can tell that God made the law depend on having the descendants of Levi serve as priests, because the law must change whenever the way that people serve as priests changes.*

What must also be changed when the priesthood changes?

The law must be changed when the priesthood changes.

Hebrews 7:14

ULT	UST
For it is obvious that our Lord has sprung up from Judah, a tribe in regard to which Moses said nothing concerning priests.	*In fact, we all know that our Lord Jesus is a descendant of Levi's brother Judah, and Moses did not write down anything about descendants of Judah serving as priests.*

From which tribe did Jesus descend, and had this tribe served before at the altar as priests?

Jesus descended from the tribe of Judah, which had never before served at the altar as priests.

Hebrews 7:16

ULT	UST
who has become a priest not according to a law of a fleshly command, but according to the power of an indestructible life.	*He serves as a priest because nothing can keep him from living, which makes him a powerful priest. As this kind of priest, he does not depend on what God commanded in Moses' law about how human priests are descendants of Levi.*

On what basis did Jesus become a priest after the order of Melchizedek?

Jesus became a priest after the order of Melchizedek based on the power of an indestructible life.

Hebrews 7:18-19

What has been set aside because it is weak and useless?

The former commandment, the Law, has been set aside because it is weak and useless.

Hebrews 7:21

ULT	UST
but he with an oath-taking, through the one saying to him, "The Lord swore and will not change his mind: 'You are a priest forever'"—	

What oath did God swear concerning Jesus?

God swore that Jesus would be a priest forever.

Hebrews 7:22

ULT	UST
and according to so much more, Jesus has become a guarantor of a better covenant.	*so also there is a better agreement, which Jesus guarantees.*

Of what is Jesus the guarantee?

Jesus is the guarantee of a better covenant.

Hebrews 7:25

ULT	UST
because of which he is also able to save completely the ones approaching God through him, always living to intercede on behalf of them.	*Because he always serves as a priest, he can fully rescue anyone who, because of what he has done, goes closer to God. He can do that because he will never die and thus can always ask God to help them.*

Why is Jesus able to completely save those who draw near to God through him?

Jesus is able to completely save those who draw near to God through him because he always lives to intercede for them.

Hebrews 7:26

ULT	UST
For such a high priest was indeed suitable for us: holy, innocent, pure, separated from the sinners, and having become higher than the heavens;	*Jesus is exactly the kind of ruling priest that we need. He honors God, he does not think about what is evil, and he does not do what would defile him. He is not one of the people who sin, and he now lives in the highest heaven.*

What four attributes does Jesus have that make him the right priest for believers?

Jesus is holy, innocent, pure, and separated from sinners.

What offering did Jesus need to make for his own sins?

Jesus did not need to make any offering for his own sins, because he is sinless.

Hebrews 7:27

ULT	UST
who does not have each day a need, even as the high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first on behalf of his own sins and then on behalf of those of the people, for he did this, having offered himself once and never again.	*Now each descendant of Levi who serves as a ruling priest has to present sacrifices to God every day. First, he presents a sacrifice to take away his own sins, and after that he presents a sacrifice to take away the sins of the rest of the Israelites. However, Jesus took away everyone's sins when he presented himself as a sacrifice one time, so he does not need to present many sacrifices.*

What offering did Jesus make for the sins of the people?

Jesus offered up himself once for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 7:28

ULT	UST
For the law appoints as high priests men having weakness, but the word of the swearing of an oath, which came after the law, appoints a Son, having been made perfect forever.	*In the end, God commanded through Moses that some people should serve as priests, but these priests are weak and die. In contrast, when God guaranteed what he said, which he did after he had commanded those things through Moses, he enabled his Son to serve always as the most effective priest.*

How is Jesus different from the priests who were appointed through the Law?

The priests who were appointed through the Law were weak, but Jesus has been made perfect forever.

Hebrews 8

Hebrews 8:1

ULT	UST
Now the point concerning the things being said is this: We have such a high priest who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,	*Here is the main idea that I am writing about: a ruling priest like the one I have described is serving for us. He has gone to be with God the Father in the heavenly places, and he has begun to rule.*

Where is the believers' high priest sitting?

The believers' high priest is sitting at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.

Hebrews 8:2

ULT	UST
a servant of the holy place and the true tabernacle that the Lord, not a man, set up.	*He serves in the Most Holy Place and in the most real sacred tent. The Lord God, not any human, made this sanctuary.*

Where is the true tabernacle?

The true tabernacle is in the heavens.

Hebrews 8:3

ULT	UST
For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, because of which it is necessary also for this one to have something that he might offer.	*Now God makes people ruling priests so that they can present sacrifices. Because that is what ruling priests do, Jesus too needed to present a sacrifice.*

What is necessary for every priest to have?

Every priest must have something to offer.

Hebrews 8:4

ULT	UST
Now if indeed he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are the ones offering the gifts according to the law;	*So, because the priests who are descendants of Levi already present sacrifices on earth as God commanded, Jesus would not be serving as a priest were he on earth right now.*

Where were the priests who offered gifts according to the Law?

The priests who offered gifts according to the Law were on the earth.

Hebrews 8:5

ULT	UST
who serve an example and a shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses had been warned, being about to complete the tabernacle, for he says, "See that you will make everything according to the type that was shown to you on the mountain."	*Those priests do what God requires in a sanctuary that models the heavenly sanctuary. You can tell that this is true, because God revealed it to Moses when Moses was going to have the Israelites construct the sacred tent. At that time, God spoke to him, "Make sure that everything about the sacred tent matches the original sanctuary that I revealed to you when you were with me on Mount Sinai!"*

What did the priests on earth serve?

The priests on earth served an example and a shadow of the heavenly things.

According to what pattern was the earthly tabernacle built?

The earthly tabernacle was built according to the pattern God showed Moses on the mountain.

Hebrews 8:6

ULT	UST
But now he has obtained a far superior ministry, in as much as he is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been legislated on better promises.	*But here is what is true about Jesus: he serves in a much better way than the descendants of Levi do. In the same way, the agreement that God has made with his people through Jesus is greater than the agreement that God made with the Israelites. That is because God promised greater things when he made this new agreement.*

Why does Christ have a superior priestly ministry?

Christ has a superior priestly ministry because he is the mediator of a better covenant, established on better promises.

Hebrews 8:8

ULT	UST
For finding fault with them, he says, "Behold, days are coming, says the Lord, when I will complete a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;	*You can tell that the first agreement was not perfect, because God declared that the Israelites did not perfectly keep that agreement when he said, "Here is what I say to you: Pay attention! Soon I will make a new agreement with all my people from both the kingdom of Israel and the kingdom of Judah.*

What did God promise when he found fault with the people under the first covenant?

God promised to make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

Hebrews 8:10

ULT	UST
For this is the covenant that I will covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord, putting my laws into their mind, and I will write them on their hearts, and I will be to them as God, and they will be to me as a people.	*This is the kind of agreement that I will make with my people, the Israelites, very soon. Here is what I say: I will enable them to understand and obey my laws. I will be the God whom they worship, and they will be the people whom I care for.*

What did God say he would do in the new covenant?

God said he would put his laws into the people's minds, and write them on their hearts.

Hebrews 8:11

ULT	UST
And they will certainly not teach each one his fellow citizen, and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.	*No one will ever have to instruct another Israelite, 'Trust and worship the Lord God.' That is because all my people will trust and worship me, no matter how important or unimportant they are.*

In the new covenant, who will know the Lord?

In the new covenant, all will know the Lord, from the least to the greatest.

Hebrews 8:12

ULT	UST
For I will be merciful toward their unrighteousness, and their sins I will certainly not remember any longer."	*That will happen because I will mercifully forgive them for the wrong things that they have done. I will never again punish them for the sins that they have committed."*

What did God say he would do with the people's sins in the new covenant?

God said he would remember the people's sins no more.

Hebrews 8:13

ULT	UST
By saying "new," he has made the first obsolete, and what is being made obsolete and growing old is near disappearing.	*When God uses the word "new," he means that the earlier agreement with the Israelites is now old. Further, what is old will soon cease to exist.*

In announcing a new covenant, what did God make the first covenant?

In announcing a new covenant, God made the first covenant obsolete, growing old and disappearing.

Hebrews 9

Hebrews 9:1-2

What was the place of worship for the first covenant?

The place of worship for the first covenant was the earthly holy place which was called the "tabernacle."

Hebrews 9:2

ULT	UST
for a tabernacle was prepared, the first one, in which were both the lampstand and the table, and the presentation of the loaves, which is called "Holy,"	*The sanctuary that the Israelites set up was a sacred tent that had two sections. They called the outer section the Holy Place. In it, they put a stand for lamps and a table on which they laid out special bread.*

What was located in the holy place of the earthly tabernacle?

In the holy place of the earthly tabernacle were the lampstand, the table, and the bread of the presence.

Hebrews 9:3-4

What was located in the most holy place of the earthly tabernacle?

In the most holy place of the earthly tabernacle were the altar for incense and the ark of the covenant.

Hebrews 9:7

ULT	UST
but into the second tent, once in the year only the high priest enters, and not without blood that he offers on behalf of himself and of the unintentional sins of the people.	*On the other hand, on only one day a year does the current ruling priest go into the inner section of the sacred tent. He has to take blood from an animal with him, which he presents to God to take away his own sins and the sins that the rest of the Israelites committed by accident.*

How often did the high priest enter the Holy of Holies, and what did he do before he entered?

The high priest entered the Holy of Holies once each year, after making a blood sacrifice for himself and the people.

Hebrews 9:9

ULT	UST
which is a parable for the present time, according to which both gifts and sacrifices are being offered, not being able according to the conscience to perfect the worshiper,	*This first section of the earthly sacred tent figuratively describes the time in which those Israelites lived. In that time, priests presented offerings that could not enable the people who brought the offerings to distinguish properly between what is right and what is wrong.*

What served as an illustration in the present time for the readers of this letter?

The earthly tabernacle and the gifts and sacrifices being offered there served as an illustration in the present time.

What were the offerings of the earthly tabernacle not able to do?

The offerings of the earthly tabernacle were not able to perfect the worshiper’s conscience.

Hebrews 9:10

ULT	UST
only concerning foods and drinks and different baptisms, regulations of the body, being imposed until a time of new order.	*They also followed rules that were only about bodily things, including rules about what to eat and drink and how to wash with water often. God gave them these rules to follow until he made a new agreement with his people.*

Until when were the regulations of the earthly tabernacle provided?

The regulations of the earthly tabernacle were provided until the new order would be put in place.

Hebrews 9:11

ULT	UST
But Christ, having come as a high priest of the good things having come into existence, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by human hands, that is, not of this creation;	*In contrast, when the Messiah began to serve as a ruling priest, he gave us the good things that we now have. He passed through the heavenly sacred tent that functions better than the earthly one. God, not humans, made this sacred tent, and it does not belong on the earth.*

What is different about the sacred tent in which Christ serves?

The sacred tent in which Christ serves is more perfect, is not made by human hands, and does not belong to this created world.

Hebrews 9:12

ULT	UST
and not by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, he entered into the holy places once and never again, having himself obtained eternal redemption.	*Then, when he went into the heavenly Most Holy Place only one time, he did not present blood from animals that someone sacrificed, like the priests who are descendants of Levi do. Instead, he presented his own blood and freed his people from their sins forever.*

What offering did Christ make, by which he entered the Holy of Holies?

Christ made an offering of his own blood by which he entered the Holy of Holies.

What did Christ's offering accomplish?

Christ's offering secured everlasting redemption for everyone.

Hebrews 9:14

ULT	UST
how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God!	*Since that is true, what the Messiah does with his blood cleanses people much more! He presented himself as a perfect sacrifice to God, and the Spirit who lives forever enabled him to do so. He cleanses the inside of you all, removing what you do that accomplishes nothing and enabling you to do what the only real God requires.*

What does Christ's blood do for the believer?

Christ's blood cleanses the believer's conscience from dead deeds to serve the living God.

Hebrews 9:15

ULT	UST
And for this reason, he is a mediator of a new covenant, so that, a death having happened for redemption of the transgressions related to the first covenant, the ones called might receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.	*Because the Messiah cleanses the inside of people, God has made a new agreement through him. That way, God gives to those whom he chose what he promised that they would receive forever. That can happen because Jesus died to free his people from what they did wrong when they disobeyed the agreement that God made with Israel.*

Of what is Christ the mediator?

Christ is the mediator of a new covenant.

Hebrews 9:17

ULT	UST
For a covenant is in force on the basis of the dead, because it never has force when the one covenanting it lives.	*In fact, every will is valid only because of a dead person. That is because a will is not effective while the person who set it up is alive.*

What is required in order for a will to be in force?

A death is required in order for a will to be in force.

Hebrews 9:18-19

What death was required for the first covenant?

The death of calves and goats was required for the first covenant.

Hebrews 9:22

ULT	UST
And according to the law, almost everything is cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.	*Further, God commanded in Moses' law that the priests should use blood almost every time they cleansed people or things. In fact, God does not forgive anyone unless a priest presents blood from an animal that someone has sacrificed.*

What cannot happen without the shedding of blood?

Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 9:24

ULT	UST
for Christ did not enter into holy places made with hands—copies of the true ones—but into heaven itself, to be made visible now in the presence of God on our behalf,	*When he presented that offering, the Messiah went into the highest heaven, where he reveals himself right now before God to help us. He did not go into a Most Holy Place that humans have made, which is a model of the most real Most Holy Place.*

Where does Christ now appear on our behalf?

Christ now appears in heaven itself, in the presence of God, on our behalf.

Hebrews 9:26

ULT	UST
since it was necessary for him to suffer many times from the foundation of the world. But now he has been revealed once at the end of the ages for the annulment of sin through the sacrifice of himself.	*If Jesus had actually needed to present himself as an offering more than once, then he would have needed to die very often since the time when God created everything. But here is what is true about Jesus: during this final time period, he presented himself one time only as an offering to make sin powerless.*

How many times must Christ offer himself to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself?

Christ offers himself one time, at the end of the ages, to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Hebrews 9:27

ULT	UST
And just as it is appointed to men to die once, and after that, the judgment,	*Humans will each die one time only, and then God will decide whether they are guilty or innocent.*

For every person, what happens after their death?

After every person dies, they face the judgment.

Hebrews 9:28

ULT	UST
so also, Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many people, will appear for a second time, apart from sin, for salvation to the ones eagerly waiting for him.	*Much like that, the Messiah presented himself one time only as an offering to take away many people's sins. Then, he will come again to earth, not to take away sins, but to rescue his people, who are persistently expecting him.*

For what purpose will Christ appear a second time?

Christ will appear a second time for the salvation of those who wait eagerly for him.

Hebrews 10

Hebrews 10:1

ULT	UST
For the law, having a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the image itself of those things—is never able to make perfect the ones approaching with the same sacrifices that they continually bring every year.	*The law that God gave through Moses is not itself one of the wonderful things that God will give to his people. Rather, it only points to those wonderful things. So, even though the people who go closer to God always present offerings year after year, doing so never enables them to be what God wants them to be.*

What is the law as compared to the realities in Christ?

The law is only a shadow of the realities in Christ.

Hebrews 10:3

ULT	UST
But with those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.	*But here is what is true about those offerings: they remind people year after year of their sins.*

Of what do the repeated sacrifices made through the law remind the worshipers?

The repeated sacrifices made through the law remind the worshipers of sins committed year after year.

Hebrews 10:4

ULT	UST
For it is impossible for blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.	*Those offerings can only do that, because blood from animals that someone sacrificed cannot remove people's sins.*

What is it impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to do?

It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Hebrews 10:5

ULT	UST
Therefore, entering into the world, he says, "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;	*That is why, when the Messiah came to earth, he spoke to his Father, "You did not want people to present offerings. Instead, you made a human body ready for me.*

What did God prepare for Christ when Christ came into the world?

God prepared a body for Christ.

Hebrews 10:8

ULT	UST
When he says above, "Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor did you take pleasure in them" (which things are offered according to the law),	*Here is what the Messiah said to God first: "You did not want or enjoy the offerings that people present or the sacrifices that people present to take away their sins." Those offerings and sacrifices are the ones that the Israelites present to God as he required in the laws that he gave through Moses.*

What practice did God set aside when Christ came into the world?

God set aside the first practice of the sacrifices offered according to the law.

Hebrews 10:10

ULT	UST
By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and never again.	*Here is what God wanted: Jesus the Messiah presented his body as an offering one time only, and by that offering, God set us apart for himself.*

What practice did God establish when Christ came into the world?

God established the second practice of the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:12-13

For what is Christ waiting as he sits at the right side of God?

Christ is waiting until his enemies are humbled and made a stool for his feet.

Hebrews 10:14

ULT	UST
For by one offering he has perfected for all time the ones being sanctified.	*The Messiah remains there, because he presented a single offering, by which he always makes the people whom God is setting apart for himself to be what God wants them to be.*

By his one offering, what has Christ done for those sanctified?

Christ has perfected forever those who are sanctified by his one offering.

Hebrews 10:18

ULT	UST
Now where there is forgiveness for these things, there is no longer sacrifice on behalf of sin.	*When God forgives people for the sinful and disobedient things that they have done, no one again presents sacrifices to take away sins.*

What is no longer required where there is forgiveness of sins?

Additional sacrifices are no longer required where there is forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 10:19

ULT	UST
Therefore, brothers, having confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,	*So then, fellow believers, we can be totally sure that there is a way into the heavenly Most Holy Place for us, because of Jesus' blood.*

Into what place can believers now enter by Jesus' blood?

Believers can now enter the most holy place by Jesus' blood.

Hebrews 10:22

ULT	UST
let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, our hearts having been sprinkled clean from a wicked conscience and our body having been washed with pure water.	*Because those things are true, we should go closer to God, completely serving him and fully believing in him now that he has purified us on the inside and on the outside so that we no longer feel guilty about evil things that we have done.*

What has been sprinkled and what has been washed in the believer?

The believer's heart has been sprinkled clean from an evil conscience, and his body has been washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10:23

ULT	UST
Let us hold tightly the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one having promised is faithful.	*God, who promised these things to us, will do what he has said. So, we need to persist in fully believing what we say we confidently expect.*

To what must believers hold tightly?

Believers must hold tightly to the confession of their hope.

Hebrews 10:25

ULT	UST
not abandoning our own meeting together, just as is the habit for some people, but exhorting one another, and so much more in as much as you see that day approaching.	*We can do that by always continuing to gather together to worship God and encouraging each other, even though some people often do not do this. Since we know that Jesus is coming back soon, we should be very eager to do those things.*

What must believers do as they see the day drawing near?

Believers must encourage one another more and more as they see the day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:26-27

What is the expectation of those who deliberately go on sinning after receiving the knowledge of the truth?

The expectation of those who deliberately go on sinning after receiving the knowledge of the truth is judgment and a fiery zeal that consumes God's enemies.

Hebrews 10:28-29

What does the person deserve who treats the blood of Christ, by which he was sanctified, as something unholy?

The person who treats the blood of Christ by which he was sanctified as something unholy deserves punishment without mercy beyond the punishment given under the law of Moses.

Hebrews 10:30

ULT	UST
For we know the one having said, "Vengeance is mine; I will pay back." And again, "The Lord will judge his people."	*We know that is true, because we have encountered God, who spoke, "I am the one who will punish people when they act against me. I will do so in a way that they deserve." Further, he also spoke, "I, the Lord, will decide whether my people are guilty or innocent."*

To whom does vengeance belong?

Vengeance belongs to the Lord.

Hebrews 10:34

ULT	UST
For you also sympathized with the prisoners, and you welcomed with joy the seizure of your possessions, knowing yourselves to have a better and abiding possession.	*More specifically, you acted compassionately toward those in jail. Also, you rejoiced even when people took away what you owned. You did that because you recognized that God has something greater and more lasting for you.*

How had the believers who received this letter reacted to the seizure of their possessions?

The believers had accepted with joy the seizure of their possessions, knowing they had a better and everlasting possession.

Hebrews 10:35-36

What must the believer need not throw away so he may receive what God has promised?

The believer needs to retain his confidence so he may receive what God has promised.

Hebrews 10:38

ULT	UST
But my righteous one will live by faith, and if he would shrink back, my soul is not well-pleased with him."	*Further, those who serve me righteously will trust in me while they are alive. But suppose they stop trusting in me. Then, they will not please me."*

How will the righteous live?

The righteous will live by faith.

What does God think of those who shrink back?

God is not pleased with those who shrink back.

Hebrews 10:39

ULT	UST
But we ourselves are not of shrinking back to destruction, but of faith to the preservation of the soul.	*However, we are not those who stop trusting in God, whom he will destroy. Rather, we are those who trust in God, so he saves us.*

What is the author's expectation for those who received this letter?

The author's expectation is that those who received this letter will have faith for keeping their souls.

Hebrews 11

Hebrews 11:1

ULT	UST
Now faith is assurance of things being hoped for, proof of things not being seen.	*When people trust God, it makes them sure that they will receive what they confidently expect. When people trust God, it makes them certain about things that they do not see.*

What attitude does a person of faith have toward God's promises that are yet to be fulfilled?

A person of faith confidently expects and has certainty toward God's promises that are yet to be fulfilled.

Hebrews 11:3

ULT	UST
By faith we understand the ages to have been prepared by the word of God—so that what is seen was not made from what is visible.	*Because we trust God, we recognize that, by speaking, God set up everything that exists. So then, the things we see did not come from other things we can see.*

From what were the visible things of the universe created?

The visible things of the universe were not made out of things that were visible.

Hebrews 11:4

ULT	UST
By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he was testified to be righteous, God testifying because of his gifts, and through faith, having died, he still speaks.	*Because he trusted God, Adam's son Abel presented a more acceptable offering to God than did his older brother Cain. Because he trusted God, God approved of him for what he presented and declared that he did what was right. Although Abel died, we can still learn from how he trusted God.*

Why did God praise Abel for being righteous?

God praised Abel because Abel by faith offered God a more appropriate sacrifice than Cain did.

Hebrews 11:6

ULT	UST
Now without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing, for it is necessary for the one coming to God to believe that he exists and is a rewarder of the ones seeking him.	*In fact, people can only please God when they trust him. That is because people who go closer to God have to believe that he is real and that he will reward people who want to serve and worship him.*

What must one who comes to God believe about God?

One who comes to God must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:7

ULT	UST
By faith Noah, having been warned about the things not yet being seen, having become reverent, built an ark for salvation of his household, through which he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.	*Because he trusted God, Noah honored God by believing him when God revealed to him what he could not yet experience. So, Noah built the ark to rescue his family from the flood that God would send. Since Noah trusted God in this way, he proved that everyone else was guilty. Further, Noah became a person whom God made right with himself because Noah trusted him.*

How did Noah demonstrate his faith?

Noah demonstrated his faith by building an ark to save his family according to God’s warning.

Hebrews 11:11

ULT	UST
By faith, even Sarah herself received ability for the conception of an offspring, even beyond the time of full age, since she considered to be faithful the one having promised.	*Because he believed, Abraham was able to have a son with his wife Sarah even though he was old enough that he could not normally have had a child. That happened because he reckoned that God would certainly do what he said.*

What promise did Abraham and Sarah receive by faith?

Abraham and Sarah received by faith the power to conceive even when they were too old.

Hebrews 11:13

ULT	UST
According to their faith all these died without receiving the promises, but seeing and greeting them from far off, and having confessed that they are strangers and foreigners on the earth.	*All those people trusted God until they died. While they lived, they did not experience what God had promised to give them, but they knew that God would soon do what he had promised. They showed everyone that they did not really belong in this world.*

What did the ancestors of faith see from far off?

The ancestors of faith saw and welcomed God's promises from far off.

What did the ancestors of faith consider themselves on the earth?

The ancestors of faith considered themselves strangers and aliens on the earth.

Hebrews 11:16

ULT	UST
But now they reach for a better land, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed of them, to be called their God, for he prepared a city for them.	*But here is what is true about them: they longed for a greater country that is in heaven. Because of that, it honors God when other people describe him as the God of these people who trusted him. You can tell that this is true, because God has made a city for them to live in.*

What has God prepared for those of faith?

God has prepared a heavenly city for those of faith.

Hebrews 11:17-19

What did Abraham believe God would be able to do even as he offered up Isaac his only son?

Abraham believed God would be able to raise up Isaac from the dead.

Hebrews 11:22

ULT	UST
By faith Joseph, coming to an end, mentioned about the exodus of the sons of Israel and commanded them about his bones.	*Because he trusted God, when he was about to die, Joseph spoke about how the Israelites would leave the land of Egypt. Also, he commanded them to take his bones with them when they left.*

What did Joseph prophesy by faith when his end was near?

Joseph prophesied of the departure of the children of Israel from Egypt when his end was near.

Hebrews 11:24-26

What did Moses choose to do by faith when he had grown up?

Moses chose by faith to share mistreatment with God's people, considering the disgrace of following Christ as greater riches.

Hebrews 11:28

ULT	UST
By faith he has performed the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch them.	*Because he trusted God, Moses led the Israelites in celebrating the first Passover festival and spreading blood from lambs on their doors. They did that so that the spiritual being who killed the eldest children of the Egyptians would not kill their eldest children.*

What did Moses observe by faith in order to save the Israelites' firstborn sons?

Moses observed the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood by faith in order to save the Israelites' firstborn sons.

Hebrews 11:31

ULT	UST
By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish together with the ones having disobeyed, having welcomed the spies with peace.	*Because she trusted God, Rahab, who was a prostitute, kept the spies whom Joshua had sent safe. Because she did that, the Israelites did not kill her when they killed everyone else who lived in Jericho, everyone who did not obey God.*

What did Rahab do by faith which prevented her from perishing?

Rahab by faith received the spies in safety, which prevented her from perishing.

Hebrews 11:33-34

What did some of the ancestors of faith accomplish in war?

Some of the ancestors of faith conquered kingdoms, escaped the sword, became mighty in war, and caused foreign armies to flee.

Hebrews 11:35-38

What did some of the ancestors of faith suffer?

Some of the ancestors of faith suffered torture, mocking, whippings, chains, imprisonments, stoning, sawing in two, death, and destitution.

Hebrews 11:39

ULT	UST
And all these people, having been commended because of their faith, did not receive the promise,	*Although God approved of all these people because they trusted him, he did not yet give them what he had promised to give them.*

Despite the faith of these ancestors, what did they not receive in their earthly lives?

Despite the faith of these ancestors, they did not receive in their earthly lives what God had promised them.

Hebrews 11:40

ULT	UST
God having provided something better concerning us, so that without us, they would not be made perfect.	*Rather, God prepared ahead of time to give us something greater than what those people received while they lived. That way, only when we and they are all together will we all be what God wants us to be.*

With whom will the ancestors of faith receive the promises of God and be perfected?

The ancestors of faith will receive the promises of God and be perfected with the new covenant believers in Christ.

Hebrews 12

Hebrews 12:1

ULT	UST
For that very reason, we also, having so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, having laid aside every weight and the easily entangling sin, let us run with endurance the race that is placed before us,	*So then, because all those people who trusted God are watching us, we need to persevere in trusting God too. To do that, we need to stop sinning and avoid anything else that could hinder us.*

Why should the believer throw off the sin that easily entangles him?

The believer should throw off the sin that easily entangles him in order to run with endurance the race placed before him.

Hebrews 12:2

ULT	UST
looking away to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of the faith, who, for the joy that is placed before him, endured a cross, despising its shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.	*We need to focus on Jesus, the one who enables us to trust God at first and then to do so until we die. He himself persevered when he died on the cross, and he did not care that he died shamefully. He acted in those ways because he knew that God would make him joyful afterward. Now, he is with God the Father, where he sits on the throne and rules.*

Why did Jesus endure the cross and despise its shame?

Jesus endured the cross and despised its shame for the joy that was set before him.

Hebrews 12:3

ULT	UST
For consider the one that has endured such opposition by sinners against themselves, so that you might not become weary in your souls, giving up.	*You need to think about Jesus, who persevered when sinners quarreled with him, although they only hurt themselves. That way, you can be strong on the inside and persevere.*

How can a believer avoid becoming weary or fainthearted?

By considering Jesus, who endured hateful speech from sinners, a believer can avoid becoming weary or fainthearted.

Hebrews 12:6

ULT	UST
For whom the Lord loves, he disciplines, and he whips every son whom he welcomes.”	*You should do that, because the Lord God trains everyone he loves. Indeed, he severely corrects every child he calls his own.”*

What does the Lord do to those whom he loves and receives?

The Lord disciplines those whom he loves and receives.

Hebrews 12:8

ULT	UST
But if you are without discipline, of which all men have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not his sons.	*Suppose God did not train you, even though he trained everybody else. In that case, you would not actually be God’s children.*

What is a person who is without the Lord’s discipline?

A person without the Lord’s discipline is an illegitimate child and not God’s child.

Hebrews 12:10

ULT	UST
For indeed, they were disciplining us for a few days according to what seems best to them, but he, to benefit us, so that we might share his holiness.	*Further, our human parents trained us for a short time in the ways that they thought were right. However, God our Father trains us in the ways that are best for us. That way, we become those whom he has set apart, just as he sets himself apart.*

Why does God discipline his children?

God disciplines his children for their good, so they can share in his holiness.

Hebrews 12:11

ULT	UST
Now every discipline does not seem to be joy at the present, but pain, but afterward it produces the peaceful fruit of righteousness for the ones having been trained by it.	*Whenever God trains us, we hurt rather than rejoice while it is happening. However, once we learn from how God is training us, we are able peacefully to do what is right.*

What does discipline produce?

Discipline produces peaceful fruit of righteousness.

Hebrews 12:14

ULT	UST
Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord,	*You should seek to live peacefully with everybody. Also, you should seek to set yourselves apart for God. Only if you do that will you eventually be with the Lord.*

What should believers pursue with all people?

Believers should pursue peace with all people.

Hebrews 12:15

ULT	UST
carefully watching that no one is falling short from the grace of God, not any root of bitterness is growing up to cause trouble, and by this many might become defiled,	*Make sure that your fellow believers fully receive what God has given you. Be alert for anyone who begins to behave resentfully and disturbs fellow believers. That may lead many other believers to behave that way as well.*

What must not grow up and cause trouble and pollute many?

A root of bitterness must not grow up and cause trouble and pollute many.

Hebrews 12:17

ULT	UST
For you know that even afterwards, desiring to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, because he found no place for repentance, even though he sought it with tears.	*You should avoid being like Esau, because you realize what happened to him later. He wanted his father to bless him, but his father refused to do so. As you can see, Esau could not change what he had done, even when he cried while he tried to change it.*

What happened to Esau when he desired to inherit the blessing with tears after selling his own birthright?

Esau was rejected when he desired to inherit the blessing with tears after selling his own birthright.

Hebrews 12:19

ULT	UST
and to a sound of a trumpet and to a voice of words of which the ones having heard begged for not a word to be added to them.	*They heard someone playing a trumpet and God speaking a message. When they heard God speaking, they pleaded for him not to say any more to them.*

For what did the Israelites beg at the mountain where God spoke?

The Israelites begged that not another word be spoken to them.

Hebrews 12:22

ULT	UST
But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, to the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the assembly	*In contrast to that, you have gone closer to a heavenly place, Mount Zion. On this mountain is the city Jerusalem in heaven that belongs to the only real God. In the city are very many spiritual beings who celebrate together.*

To where do believers in Christ come instead of the mountain where the Israelites heard the voice of God?

Believers in Christ come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

Hebrews 12:23

ULT	UST
and to the church of the firstborn ones, who have been registered in the heavens, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous ones made perfect,	*Also in the city are those whose names God has recorded in heaven. They are God's people, his special children. There also is God, the one who decides whether all people are guilty or innocent. There too are those who obeyed God. They died, but God has now made them what he wants them to be.*

To what assembly do believers in Christ come?

Believers in Christ come to the assembly of all the firstborn registered in heaven.

Hebrews 12:23-24

To whom do believers in Christ come?

Believer in Christ come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous, and to Jesus.

Hebrews 12:25

ULT	UST
See that you do not refuse the one speaking. For if those did not escape, having refused the one warning them on earth, much less we who are turning away from the one from heaven,	*Make sure that you obey God, who is speaking to you. Consider how some of the Israelites did not obey what God revealed to them from Mount Sinai. God certainly punished them. Now consider how much more God will punish any of us who do not obey what he reveals to us from Mount Zion.*

What will happen to those who turn away from the one who warns them from heaven?

Those who turn away will not escape from God.

Hebrews 12:26

ULT	UST
the voice of whom at that time shook the earth, but now he has promised, saying, “Still once I myself will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven.”	*When God spoke from Mount Sinai, it made the earth quake. However, at this time he promises, “One more time, I will make the earth and also heaven quake.”*

What has God promised to shake?

God has promised to shake the earth and the heaven.

Hebrews 12:28

ULT	UST
Therefore, receiving an unshakeable kingdom, let us have gratitude, through which let us serve well-pleasingly to God, with reverence and awe,	*So, we will live in a kingdom that God will not quake. Because of that, we should thank God. By doing that, we respectfully worship God in a way that pleases him.*

What will the believers receive instead of the things that can be shaken?

The believers will receive a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

How should believers serve God?

Believers should serve God with reverence and awe.

Hebrews 12:29

ULT	UST
for indeed our God is a consuming fire.	*We should do so respectfully, because the God we worship is as powerful and dangerous as a raging fire.*

Why should believers worship God in this way?

Believers should worship God in this way because he is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 13

Hebrews 13:2

ULT	UST
Do not neglect hospitality, for through this, some have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.	*Make sure that you are welcoming other people. You should do that because some people who welcomed others actually welcomed spiritual beings, although they did not know that they were spiritual beings.*

What have some done by welcoming strangers?

Some have welcomed angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:3

ULT	UST
Remember the prisoners, as having been bound with them, and the ones being mistreated, as yourselves also being in body.	*Be sure to help those who are in jail. You should help them as you would want others to help you were you in jail with them. Also, do not forget to help those whom others treat badly. You should do that because you too are humans who can suffer.*

How should believers remember those in prison?

Believers should remember them as if they were in prison also, and as if their bodies were being mistreated also.

Hebrews 13:4

ULT	UST
Marriage must be honorable among all, and the marriage bed pure, for God will judge sexually immoral people and adulterers.	*All of you should greatly value how God joins people together when they marry. Further, people who marry should have sex only with their spouses. You should do those things because God will declare guilty anyone who has sex with a married person or who has improper sex in any way.*

What must be respected by all?

Marriage must be respected by all.

What does God do with the sexually immoral and adulterers?

God judges the sexually immoral and adulterers.

Hebrews 13:5

ULT	UST
Your manner of life must be free from the love of money, being content with the things being present, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you, nor never will I forsake you,"	*You should always avoid desiring money. You can do that by being happy with whatever you have. You should behave in this way, because God has spoken these words to each of you: "I will definitely not abandon you. Yes, I will always be with you."*

How can a believer be free from the love of money?

A believer can be free from the love of money because God has said he will never leave nor forsake him.

Hebrews 13:7

ULT	UST
Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you, of whom considering the outcome of their conduct, imitate their faith.	*Pay attention to the people who were in charge of your group. I mean the ones who told you about what God has done. Examine the good things that happened because of how they lived. You should imitate how they trusted God.*

Who's faith should believers imitate?

Believers should imitate the faith of those who have led them and who have spoken God's Word to them.

Hebrews 13:9

ULT	UST
Do not be carried away by various and strange teachings. For it is good for the heart to be confirmed by grace, not by foods with which the ones walking in them were not benefitted.	*Do not let other people mislead you by teaching you many kinds of things that do not fit with the good news. You should reject what they teach, because only what God gives us rightly makes us strong. The food that we eat cannot do that. In fact, people who act as if food could do that gain nothing.*

About what kind of strange teachings does the author warn the believers?

The author warns the believers about strange teachings involving rules about food.

Hebrews 13:11

ULT	UST
For the blood of which animals is brought on behalf of sin by the high priest into the holy places, but the bodies of these animals are burned up outside the camp.	*In the Most Holy Place, the ruling priest would present blood from animals that he had killed. He did that to take away sins. Someone then would completely burn the remains of these animals away from where the Israelites were staying.*

Where were the bodies of the animals used for sacrifice in the holy place burned?

The bodies of the animals were burned outside the camp.

Hebrews 13:12

ULT	UST
So Jesus also suffered outside the gate, so that he might sanctify the people through his own blood.	*Therefore, Jesus too died away from where people lived in the city of Jerusalem. He did that to set God's people apart for himself by offering his own blood.*

Where did Jesus suffer?

Jesus suffered outside the city gate.

Hebrews 13:13

ULT	UST
Let us therefore go to him outside the camp, bearing his reproach.	*So then, we should abandon everything that could separate us from the Messiah. As we do that, we should accept it when people insult us like they insulted him.*

Where must believers go, and why?

Believers must go to Jesus outside the camp, bearing his disgrace.

Hebrews 13:14

ULT	UST
For we do not have a lasting city here, but we are seeking the one coming.	*We should do that because, here on earth, we do not live in any city that will last forever. Rather, we desire to live in the city that God will soon give us.*

What permanent city do believers have here on earth?

Believers have no permanent city here on earth. They seek the one coming.

What city do believers seek instead?

Believers seek the city that is to come.

Hebrews 13:15

ULT	UST
Through him, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips acknowledging his name.	*With Jesus helping us, we should frequently praise God, as if we were presenting offerings to him. We do that when we say that we believe in Jesus.*

What sacrifice should believers constantly offer up to God?

Believers should constantly offer up a sacrifice of praise to God.

Hebrews 13:17

ULT	UST
Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls, as ones who will give account, in order that they might do this with joy and not with groaning, for this would be unprofitable to you.	*Those who are in charge of your group know that God considers them responsible for you, and so they always focus on taking care of you. Because of that, you should respectfully do what they require. That way, they can lead your group joyfully instead of sadly. Indeed, if they led sadly, that would not help you at all.*

What attitude should believers have toward their leaders?

Believers should obey and submit to their leaders.

Hebrews 13:21

ULT	UST
may he prepare you in every thing good to do his will, working in us what is well-pleasing before him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.	*We pray that God will provide you with all his good gifts. That way, you can do what he wants you to do. In fact, he works through Jesus the Messiah to enable us to do what pleases him. So, let us honor God forever! May it be so!*

What does God work in the believer?

God works in the believer that which is well pleasing in God’s sight.

Hebrews 13:23

ULT	UST
Know that our brother Timothy has been set free, with whom I will see you if he comes soon.	*I want you to be aware that the authorities have released Timothy, our fellow believer. If he arrives here quickly, we will visit you together.*

With whom will the author come when he visits the believers?

The author will come with Timothy when he visits the believers.

James

James 1

James 1:1

ULT	UST
James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes that are in the dispersion: Rejoice!	*I, James, serve God and the Lord Jesus the Messiah. I am writing this letter to you who believe in Jesus and are living in various parts of the Roman Empire. I greet you all.*

To whom did James write this letter?

James wrote this letter to the twelve tribes that were scattered.

James 1:2

ULT	UST
Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you fall into various trials,	*My fellow believers, consider it something to rejoice over greatly when you experience various kinds of hardships.*

When experiencing troubles, what attitude does James say his readers should have?

James says to consider it all joy when experiencing troubles.

James 1:3

ULT	UST
knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.	*Understand that as you trust God in hardships, this helps you to become a stronger person.*

What does the testing of our faith produce?

The testing of our faith produces endurance.

James 1:5

ULT	UST
Now if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask from God, the one giving to all generously and not reproaching, and it will be given to him.	*If anyone of you needs to know what to do, let him ask God, and God will tell him. God gives generously to everyone. God does not scold people who ask for things.*

For what should we ask from God if we need it?

We should ask God for wisdom if we need it.

James 1:6

ULT	UST
But let him ask in faith, doubting nothing, for the one doubting has become like a wave of the sea, wind-blown and tossed.	*But when you pray to God, you must trust him to answer you. Do not doubt that he will answer and help you. People who doubt God first decide to do one thing, but then they want to do something else. They never settle on a single course of action.*

What is a doubter like?

Someone who doubts is like a wave in the sea that is tossed around by the wind.

James 1:7-8

What should someone who asks with doubting expect to receive?

Someone who asks with doubting should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

James 1:10

ULT	UST
but the rich in his lowliness, because he will pass away like a flower of the grass.	*But believers who have a lot of money should be glad that God has humbled them by showing them that their wealth does not make them better than other people. After all, like wildflowers that bloom for only a short time and then wither, rich believers will die like anyone else.*

Why should the rich be humble?

The rich should be humble because he will pass away just like the flowers.

James 1:11

ULT	UST
For the sun rose with the heat and dried up the grass, and its flower fell off and the beauty of its face perished. Thus also the rich will wither in his journeys.	*A wildflower only lasts a short time because when the sun rises, its scorching heat dries out the plants so that their flowers fall off. They are no longer beautiful. Like the flower that dies, rich people will die while they are trying to make money.*

To what can the rich be compared?

The rich can be compared to the flower of the grass that dries up, falls off, and perishes.

James 1:12

ULT	UST
Blessed is a man who endures trial. For, becoming approved, he will receive the crown of life, which he promised to the ones loving him.	*God honors those who remain faithful to him in difficult circumstances. Indeed, God will reward them by having them live forever. That is what God has promised to do for all who love him.*

Those who pass the test of faith will receive what?

Those who pass the test of faith will receive the crown of life.

James 1:14

ULT	UST
But each one is tempted by his own desire, dragged away and enticed.	*But people want to do evil because of their own desires. When they do, it is just as if they had fallen into a trap.*

What causes a person to be tempted by evil?

A person’s own evil desires cause him to be tempted by evil.

James 1:15

ULT	UST
Then the desire, having conceived, bears sin, and the sin, having grown up, gives birth to death.	*Then, because they have desired to do evil things, they begin to do them, and eventually they do them habitually. If they do not turn away from their sinful behavior, they will be separated from God forever.*

What is the result of full-grown sin?

The result of full-grown sin is death.

James 1:17

ULT	UST
Every good present and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no change or shadow of turning.	*Every truly good and perfect gift comes from God the Father, who is in heaven. He created the sun, moon, and stars. But God does not change the way shadows change, appearing and disappearing. God never changes. He is always good!*

What comes down from the Father of lights?

Every good gift and every perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights.

James 1:18

ULT	UST
Having willed, he gave birth to us by the word of truth, for us to be something like a firstfruits of his creatures.	*God became our spiritual father when we trusted in his true message. That was what he wanted to do. So now believers in Jesus have become the first people to experience the kind of relationship with God that many more people will have in the future.*

By what means did God choose to give us life?

God chose to give us life by the word of truth.

James 1:19

ULT	UST
Know, my beloved brothers: But let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.	*My fellow believers whom I love, I want you to know that every one of you should listen patiently to what others have to say. You should speak your own thoughts carefully. You should control your anger,*

What does James tell us to do about our hearing, speaking, and emotions?

James tells us to be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

James 1:22

ULT	UST
But be doers of the word and not only hearers, deluding yourselves.	*It is important to what God commands, do not just listen to it. People who only listen to it and do not obey it are fooling themselves into thinking that this will save them.*

How does James say that we can deceive ourselves?

James says that we can deceive ourselves by hearing the word and not doing it.

James 1:26

ULT	UST
If anyone thinks to be religious, not bridling his tongue, but deceiving his heart, the religion of that one is worthless.	*Some people think that they worship God properly, but they say bad things. Those people are wrong in what they are thinking. God is not impressed with our worship activities if we continually say bad things.*

What must be controlled in order for us to be truly religious?

The tongue must be controlled in order for us to be truly religious.

James 1:27

ULT	UST
Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to look upon orphans and widows in their distress, to keep oneself unstained by the world.	*One of the things that God has told us to do is to take care of orphans and widows who suffer hardship. People who do that truly worship God, who is our Father. People are also truly worshiping God if they do not think or act immorally like others who do not obey God. God approves of people who do these things.*

What is pure and undefiled religion before God?

Pure and undefiled religion before God is to visit the fatherless and widows, and to protect ourselves from the world’s corruption.

James 2

James 2:1

ULT	UST
My brothers, do not with favoritism have the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory.	*My fellow believers, do not honor some people more than others and at the same time trust in our great Lord Jesus the Messiah.*

What attitude should believers not have?

They should not have an attitude of favoritism.

James 2:3

ULT	UST
and you look at the one wearing the splendid clothing and say, "You sit here well," and to the poor one you say, "You stand there," or, "Sit by my footstool,"	*And suppose that you show special attention to the one dressed in fine clothes. You tell him, "Please sit here in this nice seat!" But you tell the poor one to go to a less honorable place, saying, "You stand over there," or, "Sit on the floor!"*

What are believers telling a rich man who enters their meeting?

They are telling him to come up front into the best location.

What are believers telling a poor man who enters their meeting?

They are telling him to stand far away or in a poor location.

James 2:4

ULT	UST
have you not distinguished among yourselves and become judges of evil thoughts?	*This would show that you thought rich people were better than poor people. It would show that you were making your judgments about how to treat people based on evil thinking.*

What have the believers become because of their favoritism?

They have become judges of evil thoughts.

James 2:5

ULT	UST
Listen, my beloved brothers, did not God choose the poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to the ones loving him?	*Listen to me, my fellow believers whom I love. God has chosen poor people who seem to own nothing of value to trust in him very much. He will give them great things when he reigns everywhere. This is what he has promised to do for everyone who loves him.*

What does James say about God's choice of the poor?

James says that God chose the poor to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom.

James 2:6-7

What does James say the rich have been doing?

James says the rich have been oppressing the brothers and blaspheming God's name.

James 2:8

ULT	UST
If, however, you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You will love your neighbor as yourself," you do well.	*So you should not treat rich people better than poor people. Instead, you should obey the commandment that Jesus said was so important. It is from the law of Moses: "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." If you show love to everyone equally, you will be doing what is right.*

What is the royal law of the scriptures?

The royal law is, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

James 2:10

ULT	UST
For whoever might keep the whole law but stumble in one thing has become guilty of all.	*God will say this because if you break one of God's laws, even if you obey all the other ones, it is just as if you had broken all the laws.*

Whoever breaks one point of God's law is guilty of what?

Whoever breaks one point of God's law is guilty of breaking all the law.

James 2:13

ULT	UST
For the judgment is merciless to the ones not having done mercy. Mercy boasts against judgment.	*You should speak and act in this way because when God judges us, he will not act mercifully toward those who have not acted mercifully toward others. But if we are merciful to others, then we can expect that God will be merciful to us when he judges us.*

What comes to those who have not shown mercy?

Judgment without mercy comes to those who have not shown mercy.

James 2:14

ULT	UST
What would be the profit, my brothers, if someone would say he has faith, but he does not have works? That faith is not able to save him, is it?	*My fellow believers, some people say, "I believe in the Lord Jesus the Messiah," but they do not do loving things. What they say will do them no good. If they only believe with words, God will certainly not save them.*

What does James say about those who claim to have faith, but do not help those in need?

James says that those who claim to have faith but do not help those in need have a faith that cannot save them.

James 2:16

ULT	UST
and someone of you said to them, "Go in peace, warm yourself and be satisfied," but you did not give them the necessary things of the body, what would be the profit?	*And suppose one of you says to them, "Do not worry, get warm, and have the food you need." But suppose that you then do not give them any clothing or food. Then that will be no help to them!*

Does it help a poor person if we tell them to be warmed and filled, but do not give them anything?

No, it does not help a poor person if we do not give them anything to warm or feed them.

James 2:17

ULT	UST
Thus also the faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.	*Similarly, if you just say that you believe in Jesus but you do not do anything that demonstrates that, you do not really believe in Jesus.*

What is faith by itself, if it has no works?

Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

James 2:18

ULT	UST
But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith from the works.	*But someone might say to you that you have faith, while I have works. He might claim that a person can express his religion through either faith or works and that he does not need to have both. But I would say in response that you cannot show me your faith without works. I, on the other hand, can show you my faith by my works.*

How does James say we must show our faith?

James says we must show our faith by our works.

James 2:19

ULT	UST
You believe that God is one. You do well. The demons also believe, and they tremble.	*Let me illustrate how believing in God without doing what God wants you to do cannot save you. You believe that there is only one true God. You are right to believe that. But the demons also believe that, and they shake with fear because they also know that the one true God is going to punish them.*

What do demons and those who claim to have faith both believe?

Those who claim to have faith and demons both believe there is one God.

James 2:21

ULT	UST
Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?	*Here is the proof. Abraham, from whom we are descended, showed that he was willing to offer his son Isaac to God as a sacrifice if God wanted him to do that. God considered Abraham to be a righteous person because he showed that he would obey him and that proved that he genuinely trusted God.*

How did Abraham demonstrate his faith by his works?

Abraham demonstrated his faith by his works when he offered up Isaac upon the altar.

James 2:22

ULT	UST
You see that the faith was working with his works and the faith was perfected from the works.	*In this way, Abraham obeyed God because he trusted him. When he obeyed him, that helped him trust God completely.*

How was the faith of Abraham perfected?

Abraham's faith was perfected by his works.

James 2:23

ULT	UST
And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "And Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness," and he was called a friend of God.	*That was how the scripture came true that says, "Because Abraham truly trusted in God, God viewed him as someone who did what was right." Other scriptures say that Abraham was God's friend.*

What scripture was fulfilled with Abraham's faith and works?

The scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness."

James 2:25

ULT	UST
And similarly was not Rahab the prostitute also justified from works, having welcomed the messengers and having sent them away by another road?	*Just as he did for Abraham, God also considered Rahab to be righteous because of what she did. She had been a prostitute, but she took care of the messengers Joshua sent to spy out the land. She then helped them to escape by sending them back on a safer road.*

How did Rahab demonstrate her faith by her works?

Rahab demonstrated her faith by her works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them away by another road.

James 2:26

ULT	UST
For just as the body without the spirit is dead, thus also the faith without works is dead.	*All of this illustrates an important truth. Just as a person's body is not alive if he is no longer breathing, in the same way, a person does not really trust in God if he does not express that trust through what he does.*

What is a body apart from the spirit?

A body apart from the spirit is dead.

James 3

James 3:1

ULT	UST
Do not become many teachers, my brothers, knowing that we will receive greater judgment.	*My fellow believers, most of you should not desire to become teachers of God's word. As you know, God will judge us teachers more severely than he will judge other people.*

Why does James say that not many should become teachers?

Not many should become teachers because they will receive greater judgment.

James 3:2

ULT	UST
For we all stumble much. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able to bridle even the whole body.	*I will tell you why most of you should not become teachers. All of us often do things that are wrong. But if anyone is able to avoid saying things that are wrong, he has become the person God intends him to be. He will be able to control all of his actions as well.*

Who stumbles, and in how many ways?

We all stumble in many ways.

What kind of person is able to control his whole body?

A person who does not stumble in his words is also able to control his whole body.

James 3:3

ULT	UST
Now if we put the bits into the mouths of the horses for them to obey us, we also turn their whole body.	*To illustrate, we can put a small metal bar into the mouth of a horse and use it to make the horse go where we want it to go. When we do that, we can direct the horse's large body just by means of that small device.*

What little thing is able to steer a large ship where the pilot wants it to go?

A small rudder is able to steer a large ship.

James 3:4

ULT	UST
Behold also the ships, being so large and driven by strong winds, it is turned by the smallest rudder where the inclination of the one steering desires.	*Think about ships too. A ship may be very large and the winds that propel it forward may be very strong. Even so, by using a tiny rudder, the pilot can direct the ship wherever he wants it to go.*

What small thing is able to start a large fire in a forest?

A small fire is able to start a large fire in a forest.

James 3:6

ULT	UST
The tongue represents also a fire, the world of unrighteousness. The tongue is placed among our members, the thing staining the whole body and setting the course of existence on fire, and it is set on fire by Gehenna.	*Just as a fire burns a forest, when we say bad things, we hurt many people. What we say reveals that there is much evil within us. When we say bad things, this contaminates all that we think and do. It can ruin our whole life. It is Satan himself who influences us to speak what is evil.*

What is the sinful tongue able to do to the whole body?

The sinful tongue is able to defile the whole body.

James 3:8

ULT	UST
But no one of men is able to tame the tongue, an unsettled evil, full of deadly poison.	*But no one can control the things he says. The things people say are like a dangerous creature that never stops killing people with its venom.*

What has no one among man been able to tame?

No one among man has been able to tame the tongue.

James 3:9

ULT	UST
With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse the men, the ones having come into being according to the likeness of God.	*We use speech to praise God, who is our Lord and Father. But we also use speech to say that we want bad things to happen to people. That is very wrong, because God made people like himself.*

What two ways to people treat God and men with their tongues?

With a single tongue, they bless God and curse men.

James 3:11

ULT	UST
The spring does not gush the sweet and the bitter from the same opening, does it?	*Surely good-tasting water and bad-tasting water do not come from the same source!*

What two things can a spring not provide?

One spring cannot provide both sweet and bitter water.

James 3:13

ULT	UST
Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show his works from his good conduct in humility of wisdom.	*If any of you are very understanding, you will demonstrate that by living your life properly. Being wise leads us to act gently toward others.*

How does a person demonstrate wisdom and understanding?

A person demonstrates wisdom and understanding by his works done in humility.

James 3:15

ULT	UST
This is not the wisdom coming down from above, but it is earthly, soulish, demonic.	*People who are envious and selfish are not wise as God wants them to be. Instead, they are thinking and acting like people who do not respect God. They are following their own evil desires. They are doing what demons would do.*

Where kind of wisdom causes a person to be jealous and ambitious, and to lie?

Wisdom that is earthly, soulish, and demonic causes a person to be jealous and ambitious, and to lie.

James 3:16

ULT	UST
For where there is jealousy and ambition, there is unsettledness and every wicked deed.	*We can tell that people who are resentful and selfish are not wise, because they do not control themselves. They take part in many different sinful activities.*

What results from jealousy and ambition?

Jealousy and ambition causes unsettledness and every wicked deed.

James 3:17

ULT	UST
But the wisdom from above first indeed is pure, then peaceable, gentle, cooperative, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, sincere.	*But the person whom God has taught to be wise is, first of all, morally pure. Such a person also makes peace with others. He is kind to them and gets along with them well. He is generous to people who do not deserve it, and he does practical things to help others. He does not favor one person over another, and he does not pretend to be something that he is not.*

What attitudes reflect a wisdom from above?

A person that is peace-loving, gentle, warm-hearted, full of mercy and good fruit, without favoritism, and sincere has wisdom from above.

James 4

James 4:1

ULT	UST
From where are wars and from where are battles among you? Are they not from there, from your lusts, the ones fighting in your members?	*I will tell you why you are fighting among yourselves and quarreling with each other. It is because each of you inwardly desires to do evil things. Those desires lead you to fight in order to be able to do those things.*

What does James say is the source of quarreling and disputing among the believers?

The source is the evil desires that war among them.

James 4:3

ULT	UST
You ask and you do not receive, because you ask badly, so that you may spend on your lusts.	*But even when you do ask God for things, he does not give them to you, because you are asking with bad motives. You are asking for things just so that you can use them to enjoy yourselves in wrong ways.*

Why do the believers not receive their requests to God?

They do not receive because they ask for bad things to be spent on their evil desires.

James 4:4

ULT	UST
You adulteresses! Do you not know that the friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wants to be a friend of the world is made an enemy of God.	*You are being disloyal to God by not obeying him! You must realize that those who behave as evil people do are hostile to God. So if that is how you decide to live, then you will be choosing to be hostile to God.*

If a person decides to be a friend of the world, what is that person's relationship with God?

A person who decides to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

James 4:6

ULT	UST
But he gives greater grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but he gives grace to the humble.”	*If we are living in ways that do not please God, he is very kind to us. He will help us live differently if we humbly admit that we have been doing wrong. That is why this teaching is in the Bible: “God does not help those who are proud, but he does help those who are humble.”*

Who does God resist, and to whom does he give grace?

God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

James 4:7

ULT	UST
Be submitted, therefore, to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you.	*So choose humbly to obey God. Firmly determine not to give in to the devil’s temptations. This will make the devil give up on trying to tempt you.*

What will the devil do when a believer subjects himself to God and resists the devil?

The devil will flee.

James 4:8

ULT	UST
Come near to God and he will come near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, double-minded.	*Be honest and open with God. If you do, he will welcome you into his presence. You who are sinners, turn away from doing what is wrong and do only what is right. You who cannot decide whether you will commit yourselves to God, stop thinking wrong thoughts and think only right thoughts.*

What will God do for those who draw near to him?

God will draw near to those who draw near to him.

James 4:11

ULT	UST
Do not speak against one another, brothers. The one speaking against a brother or judging his brother speaks against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge.	*My fellow believers, stop accusing one another of doing wrong. Anyone who accuses and condemns a fellow believer is really accusing and condemning God's commandment that we should love one another. But if you speak against that commandment, you are not obeying it. Instead, you are acting like a judge who condemns it.*

What does James tell the believers not to do?

James tells the believers not to speak against one another.

James 4:15

ULT	UST
Instead, you should say, "If the Lord wishes, we will both live and do this or that."	*Instead of what you are saying, you should say, "If the Lord is willing, we will still be alive and we will be able to do one thing or another."*

What does James tell the believers to say about what will happen in the future?

James tells the believers to say that if the Lord allows, we will live and do this or that.

James 4:16

ULT	UST
But now you are boasting in your pretensions. All such boasting is evil.	*But what you are doing is bragging about all the things you plan to do. That kind of bragging is sinful.*

What does James say about those who boast about their plans?

James says that those who boast about their plans are doing evil.

James 4:17

ULT	UST
Therefore to the one having known to do good and not doing it, to him it is sin.	*So if anyone does not do something even though he knows it is the right thing that he should do, he has committed a sin.*

What is it if someone knows to do good, but does not do it?

It is sin if someone knows to do good, but does not do it.

James 5

James 5:3

ULT	UST
Your gold and silver have been tarnished, and their rust will be for a testimony against you and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have stored up in the last days.	*Your gold and silver are worthless, as though they were corroded. When God judges you, this worthless wealth of yours will be evidence that you are guilty of being greedy. Just as rust and fire destroy things, God will severely punish you. You should not have been trying to get richer and richer knowing that Jesus was going to return. When he returns, your riches will be worthless.*

What have the rich, about whom James is talking, done in the last days which will testify against them?

The rich have hoarded their treasure.

James 5:4

ULT	UST
Behold, the pay of the workers who have reaped your fields, which has been withheld by you, is crying out, and the cries of the ones harvesting have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.	*Think about what you have done. You did not pay the wages you promised to the workers who harvested your fields. These unpaid wages show how unfair you were to these workers. They are crying out to God because of the way you have treated them. The Lord is a God of great power, and he is listening to their loud cries and he will punish you for what you have done.*

How have these rich treated their workers?

These rich have not paid their workers.

James 5:6

ULT	UST
You have condemned, you have killed the righteous. He does not resist you.	*You have arranged for others to condemn honest people. You have arranged for others to kill people who had not done anything wrong. They were not able to defend themselves against you. But God will judge and punish you for doing all these things.*

How have these rich treated the righteous man?

These rich have condemned and killed the righteous man.

James 5:7

ULT	UST
Therefore, wait patiently, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer awaits the valuable fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early rain and the late rain.	*So, my fellow believers, even though rich people cause you to suffer, be patient until Jesus the Messiah comes back. Remember that when farmers plant a field, they have to wait for their valuable crops to grow. They have to wait patiently for the rain that comes at the planting season and for more rain that comes just before the harvest season. This rain is necessary for the crops to grow and mature so that the farmers can harvest them.*

What does James say the believer's attitude should be toward the coming of the Lord?

The believers should wait patiently for the coming of the Lord.

James 5:8

ULT	UST
You also wait patiently. Strengthen your hearts, because the coming of the Lord has come near.	*Similarly, you also should wait patiently and trust Jesus the Messiah firmly, because he is coming back soon and he will judge all people fairly.*

Why should believers strengthen their hearts as they wait patiently for the coming of the Lord?

They should strengthen their hearts because the coming of the Lord is near.

James 5:10

ULT	UST
Take an example, brothers, of the suffering and the patience of the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord.	*My fellow believers, as an example of how to be patient, consider the prophets whom the Lord God sent long ago to speak his messages. Although people caused them to suffer much, they endured it patiently.*

What should the suffering and the patience of the Old Testament prophets become for us?

The suffering and the patience of the Old Testament prophets should become an example for us.

James 5:11

ULT	UST
Behold, we call blessed the ones having endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the end of the Lord, that the Lord is greatly compassionate and merciful.	*Consider how, when people are able to endure suffering patiently and faithfully, we say that God has blessed them. One example of this is the man named Job. You know about him from the Scriptures. You know that he suffered many things patiently. You also know that God planned to do good things through what Job suffered. And from that you can tell that God is very caring and kind.*

What positive character trait did Job demonstrate?

Job demonstrated endurance.

James 5:12

ULT	UST
But before all, my brothers, do not swear, neither by the heaven nor by the earth, nor by any other oath. But let your "Yes" be "Yes" and your "No," "No," so that you may not fall under judgment.	*Now this, my fellow believers, is something very important for you to realize. You must never take an oath by calling on heaven or the earth or anything else to guarantee a promise that you make. All you need to say is "Yes" or "No." God will judge you if you go beyond that and make an oath but then do not keep your promise.*

What does James say about the reliability of a believer's "Yes" and "No"?

A believer's "Yes" must mean "Yes" and his "No" must mean "No."

James 5:14

ULT	UST
Is anyone among you sick? Let him summon the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, having anointed him with oil in the name of the Lord.	*Any one of you who is sick should call the leaders of the congregation to come and pray for him to recover. They should put olive oil on him to help him recover and, with the Lord's authority, pray.*

What should those who are sick do?

The sick should call for the elders so they can pray over him and anoint him with oil.

James 5:16

ULT	UST
Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed. A working prayer of the righteous is very strong.	*Because the Lord is able to heal the sick and to forgive sins, admit to each other the sinful things you have done and pray for each other. Then God will heal you. If people who are right with God pray, God will answer their prayers in powerful ways.*

What two things does James say believers should do with each other in order to be healed?

Believers should confess to one another and pray for one another.

James 5:17

ULT	UST
Elijah was a man of similar passions to us, and he prayed with prayer for it not to rain, and it did not rain upon the land for three years and six months.	*The prophet Elijah was an ordinary person like us. But when he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, the land of Israel had no rain for three and a half years.*

What happened when Elijah prayed that it would not rain?

It did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

James 5:18

ULT	UST
And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth produced its fruit.	*Then Elijah prayed again, asking God to send rain, and God made it rain and plants grew and produced crops again.*

What happened when Elijah prayed again, this time for rain?

When he prayed again, the heaven gave rain and the earth produced fruit.

James 5:20

ULT	UST
let him know that the one having turned back a sinner from his wandering way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.	*I want anyone who helps a sinner to repent to know that because of what he has done, God will save the sinner from spiritual death and will forgive his many sins.*

What does someone accomplish who leads a sinner out of the error of his way?

The person who leads a sinner out of the error of his way saves a soul from death and covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter

1 Peter 1

1 Peter 1:1

ULT	UST
Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the elect exiles of the dispersion of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,	*I am Peter, whom Jesus the Messiah sent to represent him. I am writing this letter to you whom God has chosen to belong to himself. I am writing to you who are temporarily living in the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, far away from your true home in heaven.*

Of whom was Peter an apostle?

Peter was an apostle of Jesus Christ.

To whom did Peter write?

Peter wrote to the foreigners of the dispersion, the chosen ones, throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.

1 Peter 1:3

ULT	UST
Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his great mercy, caused us to be born again into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from dead ones,	*Praise God, who is the Father of our Lord Jesus the Messiah! Because he is very merciful to us, he has caused us to experience the new birth by bringing Jesus the Messiah back to life after he had died. God did this in order that we would have hope that will never disappoint us,*

Whom did Peter want to be blessed?

Peter wanted the God and Father of their Lord Jesus Christ to be blessed.

How did God give them a new birth?

In his great mercy, God gave them a new birth through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:4

ULT	UST
into an imperishable and undefiled and unfading inheritance, having been kept in heaven for you,	*that is, in order that we might inherit what cannot perish, be defiled, or fade, which is what God has kept for us in heaven.*

Why would the inheritance not perish, become stained, or fade away?

The inheritance would not perish, become stained, or fade away because the inheritance was reserved in heaven for them.

1 Peter 1:5

ULT	UST
the ones being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.	*God's power is guarding you by means of your trust in Jesus. He is guarding you in order to reveal your salvation at the final time when Jesus returns to judge everyone.*

By what means were they protected in God's power?

They were protected through faith for the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last times.

1 Peter 1:7

ULT	UST
so that the genuineness of your faith—more precious than perishing gold, but being tested by fire—might be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ,	*These hardships happen in order to prove that you really trust in Jesus. That trust is more valuable to God than gold, which someone can destroy even though someone has tested it by passing it through fire. Because you trust in Jesus, God will praise, glorify, and honor you when Jesus the Messiah returns and reveals himself.*

Why was it necessary for them to feel sorrow in many different trials?

It was necessary so that their faith would be tested, and so that their faith would be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

What is more precious than gold which perishes?

Faith is more precious than gold.

1 Peter 1:8

ULT	UST
whom, not having seen, you love; in whom, not seeing him now, but believing, you exult with joy inexpressible and filled with glory,	*You love Jesus, although you have not seen him. Although you do not see him now, you trust him and rejoice with joy that you can hardly express,*

Although the believers had not seen Jesus, what did they do?

They loved him and believed in him and were very glad with unspeakable joy that was full of glory.

1 Peter 1:9

ULT	UST
receiving for yourselves the outcome of your faith, salvation of your souls.	*because you are experiencing the result of trusting him: God is saving you from the guilt of your sins.*

What did the ones who believed in him receive as the result of their faith?

They received the salvation of their souls.

1 Peter 1:10

ULT	UST
The prophets searched and inquired carefully about this salvation, having prophesied about this grace for you,	*Long ago prophets investigated very carefully about God saving you. They spoke what God told them about God graciously saving you.*

About what did the prophets search and inquire carefully?

The prophets searched about the salvation the believers were receiving, about the grace that was to be theirs.

1 Peter 1:11

ULT	UST
inquiring into whom or what time the Spirit of Christ in them was revealing, testifying beforehand about the sufferings of Christ and the glories after these things.	*They were trying to find out to whom the Spirit of the Messiah that was in them was referring to, and to what time the Spirit was referring to. The Spirit was referring to these things when he told them beforehand that the Messiah would suffer and that glorious things would happen afterwards.*

About what was the Spirit of Christ telling the prophets in advance?

He was telling them about the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow him.

1 Peter 1:12

ULT	UST
It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now were declared to you by the ones who proclaimed the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit having been sent from heaven—into which things angels desire to look.	*God told these prophets that it was not for their own benefit that he was revealing these things to them, but that it was for your benefit. Those people who preached the good news to you now have declared these things to you by the Holy Spirit, whom God sent from heaven, enabling them to do that. Angels would like to know more about what these people declared to you.*

Whom were the prophets serving by their searches and inquiries?

They were serving the believers.

Who desired the results of the prophets' searches and inquiries to be revealed?

Even the angels desired the results to be revealed.

1 Peter 1:13-14

What did Peter command the believers to do as obedient children?

He commanded them to prepare their minds to obey God, be sober in their thinking, and have complete confidence in the grace that would be brought them, and not to conform themselves to their former desires.

1 Peter 1:15-16

Why did Peter say the believers should be holy?

Because the one who called them is holy.

1 Peter 1:17

ULT	UST
And if you call "Father" the one judging impartially according to the work of each one, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your sojourn,	*God is the one who judges what each person does, and he judges without bias. Since you call him "Father," behave in a way that shows you fear him while you are temporarily living far away from your true home in heaven.*

Why should the believers spend the time of their journey in fear?

Because they called as "Father" the one who judges impartially according to each person's work.

1 Peter 1:18

ULT	UST
knowing that you have been redeemed not with perishable things, with silver or with gold, from your futile behavior handed down from your fathers,	*Behave in that way because you know that God paid to free you from behaving foolishly, as your ancestors taught you to behave. God did not pay to free you with things like silver or gold that will not last forever.*

From whom had the foreigners, the chosen ones, learned futile behavior?

They had learned futile behavior from their fathers.

1 Peter 1:18-19

With what were the believers redeemed?

They were not redeemed with silver or gold, but with the honored blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

1 Peter 1:20

ULT	UST
having been foreknown before the foundation of the world, but having been revealed in the last of the times for you,	*God chose him to do this before he created the world. But it was now, in this last time period, that God revealed him to you.*

When was Christ foreknown, and when was he revealed?

He was foreknown before the foundation of the world; he was revealed to the foreigners, the chosen ones, in what was then the last times.

1 Peter 1:22

ULT	UST
Having purified your souls by the obedience to the truth for sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,	*Because you have made yourselves pure by obeying the true teachings of Jesus in order to genuinely love other believers, love each other sincerely and fervently.*

How did the believers make their souls pure?

They made their souls pure by obedience to the truth for brotherly love.

1 Peter 1:23

ULT	UST
having been born again, not from perishable seed, but from imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.	*Do this because God has caused you to experience the new birth. You did not experience this new birth by means of something that will perish. Rather, you experienced it by means of something that will never perish: the message about Jesus that came from God and truly lasts forever.*

How were the believers born again?

They were born again from imperishable seed, through the living and remaining word of God, not from perishable seed.

1 Peter 1:24

ULT	UST
For, “All flesh is like grass, and all its glory is like the flower of the grass. The grass was dried up, and the flower fell off,	*We know that this is true because, as the prophet Isaiah wrote, “All people are like grass, and everything that is great about people is like flowers in the grass. Just as grass dies and flowers whither, so do people die and what is great about them only lasts for a short time,*

What is all flesh like, and what is its glory like?

Flesh is like grass; its glory is like the flower of grass.

1 Peter 1:25

ULT	UST
but the word of the Lord endures into eternity.” And this is the word that has been proclaimed to you.	*but God’s message lasts forever.” This message that lasts forever is the good news about the Messiah that we have declared to you.*

What happens to the word of the Lord?

The word of the Lord remains forever.

1 Peter 2

1 Peter 2:1

ULT	UST
Therefore, having put aside all evil and all deceit and hypocrisies and envies and all slanders,	*Because these things are true, do not act wickedly or deceive others in any way. Do not be hypocrites, and do not envy others. Do not speak evil things falsely about anyone.*

What were the believers told to put aside?

They were told to put aside all evil deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander.

1 Peter 2:2

ULT	UST
as newborn babies, long for the pure rational milk so that by it you may grow up to salvation,	*Just as newborn babies strongly desire their mothers' pure milk, so you should strongly desire to learn true things about God so that by learning them you may become spiritually mature. You must do this until the time when God saves you completely from this sinful world.*

Why were the believers to long for pure spiritual milk?

They were to long for pure spiritual milk that they might grow in salvation.

1 Peter 2:4-5

Who was the living stone who was rejected by people and chosen by God?

Jesus Christ was the living stone.

1 Peter 2:5

ULT	UST
and you yourselves, like living stones, are being built up to be a spiritual house, for a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.	*And you are like stones that are alive. Like men build houses with stones, God is joining you together like a building in which his Spirit dwells. He is also making you be like priests whom he has set apart in order to do spiritual acts, pleasing to God, by means of Jesus the Messiah.*

Why were the believers also like living stones?

They were like living stones because they were being built up to be a spiritual house.

1 Peter 2:7-8

Why did the builders stumble, disobeying the word?

The builders stumbled because they were appointed to do that.

1 Peter 2:9-10

Why were the believers a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a people for God's possession?

They were chosen so that they might announce the wonderful actions of God.

1 Peter 2:11-12

Why did Peter call the beloved to abstain from sinful desires?

He called them to abstain so that those who might speak of them as having done evil would see their good behavior and praise God.

1 Peter 2:13-15

Why were the believers to obey every human authority?

They were to obey every human authority because God wanted to use their obedience to silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.

1 Peter 2:16

ULT	UST
as free people and not having freedom as a covering of evil, but as servants of God.	*Obey those who govern people as people who are free to do so voluntarily, but do not try to use your status as free people to hide evil deeds. Instead, obey as those who serve God should.*

Instead of using their freedom as a covering for wickedness, what were the foreigners, the chosen ones, to do?

They were to use their freedom to be servants of God.

1 Peter 2:18-20

Why were servants supposed to be subject to their masters, even the malicious ones?

Servants were supposed to be subject even to malicious masters because doing good and then suffering by being punished for it is praiseworthy with God.

1 Peter 2:21-23

Why were the servants called to suffer for doing good?

Because Christ suffered for them, leaving an example for them, and gave himself to the one who judges justly.

1 Peter 2:24

ULT	UST
who himself bore our sins in his body on the tree so that, having died to the sins, we might live for righteousness, by whose wounds you were healed.	*The Messiah himself was punished for our sins in his body when he died on the cross with the purpose that we would live rightly because we are no longer controlled by sin. God has healed you because people wounded the Messiah.*

Why did Christ carry Peter, believers, and the servants' sins in his body to the tree?

He carried their sins so that they might have no more part in sin, but instead live for righteousness, and because they were healed by his bruises.

1 Peter 2:25

ULT	UST
For you were like straying sheep, but now you have been turned back to the shepherd and overseer of your souls.	*God healed you because you were alienated from God like sheep that had become lost, but now God has brought you back to Jesus, who cares for you and watches over you as a shepherd cares for his sheep.*

After they all had been wandering away like lost sheep, to whom did they return?

They all returned to the shepherd and guardian of their souls.

1 Peter 3

1 Peter 3:1

ULT	UST
Similarly, wives, be subjected to your own husbands so that even if some are being disobedient to the word, they will be won without a word through the behavior of their wives,	*In a similar way, you women who are believers, submit to your husbands. Do this in order that you may persuade any husbands who do not believe the message about the Messiah to become believers without you saying anything to them.*

Why should wives submit to their husbands?

Wives should submit so that those husbands who are disobedient might be won without a word.

1 Peter 3:3-4

How should wives adorn themselves?

Wives should adorn themselves in the inner person of the heart, in the lasting beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit.

1 Peter 3:5-6

Which holy woman did Peter mention as an example of a wife who had confidence in God and submitted to her husband?

Peter mentioned Sarah as an example.

1 Peter 3:7

ULT	UST
Husbands, similarly, live with the female according to knowledge, as with a weaker container, assigning honor as also fellow heirs of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.	*You men who are believers, in a similar way, dwell together with your wives in an understanding manner. Treat them as you would treat someone who is weaker than you are. Honor them as those who will also receive God's gracious gift with you, which is eternal life. Do this so that nothing will hinder you from praying.*

Why should husbands live with their wives according to knowledge?

Husbands should live with their wives according to knowledge so that their prayers are not hindered.

1 Peter 3:8-9

Why did Peter instruct all of the foreigners, the chosen ones, to be likeminded and to continue to bless?

Because they were all called to do so, that they might inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 3:10-12

Why should the one who wants to love life stop his tongue from evil and turn away from what is bad and do what is good?

Because the eyes of the Lord see the righteous.

1 Peter 3:14

ULT	UST
But even if you might suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed ones. But you should not fear the fear of them nor be troubled,	*However, even if you suffer because you did what was right, God will bless you. "Do not be afraid of or troubled by the things that other people fear."*

Who were the ones who were blessed?

Those who suffered because of righteousness were blessed.

1 Peter 3:15

ULT	UST
but sanctify the Lord Christ in your hearts, always ready for a defense to everyone who asks you for a word concerning the hope in you,	*Instead, acknowledge in your minds that the Lord Messiah is holy. Always be ready to answer anyone who asks you to tell them about what you are confidently expecting God to do for you.*

What were the believers told to do to maintain their confidence in God?

They were told to set apart the Lord Christ as precious in their hearts.

1 Peter 3:15-16

How were the believers always to answer everyone who asked about their confidence in God?

They were to be ready to answer always with meekness and respect.

1 Peter 3:18

ULT	UST
For Christ also suffered once for sins—righteous on behalf of unrighteous—so that he might bring you to God, having indeed been killed in flesh, but having been made alive in spirit,	*This is true because the Messiah also suffered. He suffered one time for the sake of other people's sins. He was a righteous person who died for the benefit of unrighteous people. He died in order to enable you to be with God. Although people killed him, God's Spirit caused him to become alive again.*

Why did Christ suffer once for sins?

Christ suffered once so that he would bring Peter and the believers to God.

1 Peter 3:19-20

Why were the spirits to whom Christ preached in the spirit now in prison?

The spirits who are now in prison were disobedient when the patience of God was waiting in the days of Noah.

1 Peter 3:21

ULT	UST
which, being an antitype, now saves you also, baptism—not a removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal of a good conscience to God—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,	*That water is a symbol that represents the baptism which now saves you. This baptism does not wash dirt off of your bodies. Instead, it shows that we are asking God to assure us that he has forgiven our sins. This baptism saves you by means of God having caused Jesus the Messiah to become alive again.*

What kind of baptism saves the believer?

The baptism that saves the believer is not the washing with water, but the appeal of a good conscience to God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 3:22

ULT	UST
who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, with angels and authorities and powers having been subjected to him.	*After God caused every evil and powerful spirit to submit to him, the Messiah went to heaven, where he is at the place of highest honor next to God.*

As Jesus is at the right hand of God in heaven, what must angels, authorities, and powers do?

They must all submit to him.

1 Peter 4

1 Peter 4:1

ULT	UST
Therefore, Christ having suffered in the flesh, also arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for the one having suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin	*Therefore, because the Messiah physically suffered, prepare yourselves to suffer as Christians by thinking about suffering the way that Jesus thought about suffering. Do this because those who physically suffer are no longer involved in sin*

With what did Peter command the believers to arm themselves?

He commanded them to arm themselves with the same intention that Christ had when he suffered in the flesh.

1 Peter 4:3-4

Why did the Gentiles speak evil about the believers?

They spoke evil about the foreigners, the chosen ones, because they did not participate in sensuality, passion, drunkenness, carousing, wild parties, and in wicked idolatries like the Gentiles.

1 Peter 4:5

ULT	UST
they will give a word to the one being ready to judge those living and dead ones.	*One day these people will have to admit to God everything that they have done. He is the one who will judge all people.*

Who is God ready to judge?

God is ready to judge both the living and the dead.

1 Peter 4:7

ULT	UST
Now the end of all things has come near. Therefore, be of sound mind, and be sober for prayers;	*All things on this earth will soon end. So think sensibly and clearly in order to pray well.*

Why were the believers to be of sound mind and have fervent love for one another?

They were to do those things because the end of all things was coming, and for the sake of their prayers.

1 Peter 4:10-11

Why were each of the believers to use the gifts they had received to serve one another?

They were to use their gifts so that God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 4:12-13

Why were the believers told to rejoice if they experienced the sufferings of Christ or were insulted for the name of Christ?

Because they were blessed if they were insulted.

1 Peter 4:15

ULT	UST
By all means do not let any of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler,	*Make sure that you do not suffer because you murdered anyone or stole anything or did some other kind of evil thing or because you interfered in someone else's affairs.*

For what actions were Christians not to be found guilty and suffer?

Christians were not to suffer as murderers, thieves, evildoers, or meddlers.

1 Peter 4:17-18

Why should the ungodly person and the sinner obey God's gospel?

The ungodly person and the sinner obey God's gospel because their judgment will be even more severe that the judgment of righteous people.

1 Peter 4:19

ULT	UST
So then, also let those suffering according to the will of God entrust their souls to the faithful Creator in doing good.	*Therefore, those who are suffering because God wants them to suffer should trust God with their lives while continuing to do what is good. God is the one who created them, and he always does what he promises to do.*

How were those who suffered according to the will of God to act?

They were to entrust their souls to the faithful Creator while they did good.

1 Peter 5

1 Peter 5:1

ULT	UST
Therefore, I—the fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ and the sharer of the glory being about to be revealed—exhort the elders among you:	*Now I, Peter, urge those among you who are elders who lead the assemblies of believers; I am also an elder. I personally witnessed the Messiah suffer, and I will share in his glorious nature that God will soon reveal.*

Who was Peter?

Peter was a fellow elder, a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a participant in the glory that will be revealed.

1 Peter 5:1-2

What did Peter exhort his fellow elders to do?

He exhorted them to tend the flock of God and look after them.

1 Peter 5:5

ULT	UST
Similarly, young men, be subjected to elders. And everyone, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for "God resists proud ones, but gives grace to humble ones."	*In a similar way, you young men, obey the elders who lead the assemblies of believers. Now all of you believers should act humbly toward each other because what Solomon wrote in the Scriptures is true: "God opposes proud people, but he acts kindly toward humble people."*

To whom were the younger men to submit?

They were to submit to the older men.

1 Peter 5:5-7

Why did all of them need to have humility and serve one another?

Because God gives grace to the humble, and so that God might exalt them in due time.

1 Peter 5:8

ULT	UST
Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, is walking around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.	*Think clearly and alertly, because the devil is your enemy, and he is going around, looking for people to destroy. He is like a lion that roars as it searches for people to kill and eat.*

What is the devil like?

He is like a roaring lion stalking around, looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8-9

What were the people instructed to do?

They were instructed to be sober, to be watchful, to stand firm against the devil, and to be strong in their faith.

1 Peter 5:10

ULT	UST
But the God of all grace, the one having called you to his eternal glory in Christ, having suffered for a little while, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish.	*But after you have suffered for a brief time, the God who acts kindly toward you in every way will himself restore what you have lost and will completely strengthen you in every way. God is the one who chose you to experience his glorious presence in heaven forever as you are joined to the Messiah.*

What would happen to the people after they had suffered for a little while?

God would perfect, establish, and strengthen them.

1 Peter 5:12

ULT	UST
Through Silvanus, the faithful brother, as I regard him, I wrote to you briefly, exhorting and testifying this to be the true grace of God. Stand in it.	*Silas has written this letter for me as I have dictated it to him. I consider him to be a faithful fellow believer. I have written this short letter to you in order to encourage you and to declare to you that what I have written is about the true and gracious message from God. Continue to firmly believe this message!*

As whom did Peter regard Silvanus?

Peter regarded Silvanus as a faithful brother.

What did Peter say about what he had written?

He said that what he had written was the true grace of God.

1 Peter 5:13-14

Who greeted the believers and how were they to greet one another?

She who was in Babylon, and Mark, Peter’s son in the faith, greeted them; they were to greet one another with a kiss of love.

2 Peter

2 Peter 1

2 Peter 1:1

ULT	UST
Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the ones having received a faith equal in value with us, by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:	*I, Simon Peter, serve Jesus the Messiah, and I am an apostle whom he appointed. I am writing this letter to you whom God has caused to believe in the Messiah just like he caused us apostles to believe in the Messiah. Jesus has done this by his righteous acts. Jesus the Messiah is our God, and he is the one who saves us.*

Who wrote 2 Peter?

Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, wrote the letter or book we call 2 Peter.

To whom did Peter write?

Peter wrote to those who had received the same precious faith.

2 Peter 1:3

ULT	UST
As his divine power has given to us all the things for life and godliness through the knowledge of the one having called us through his glory and excellence,	*God has given us everything that we need in order to live a life that honors him. He does this by his power as God. He does this by what we know about him. God is the one who chose us to be his people by his glorious and excellent character.*

How were all the things of divine power for life and godliness given to Peter and the recipients of faith?

They were given to them through the knowledge of God.

2 Peter 1:3-4

Why did God give Peter and the recipients of faith all the things of divine power for life and godliness, along with great and precious promises?

He did that so that they might be sharers in the divine nature.

2 Peter 1:5-7

What were the recipients of faith ultimately supposed to gain through their faith?

They were ultimately supposed to gain love through their faith.

2 Peter 1:9

ULT	UST
For he in whom these things are not present is blind, nearsighted, having received forgetfulness of the cleansing of his past sins.	*Do these things, because a person who does not do these things is not aware that these things are important. This person is like a blind person who cannot see what is around him, or like a nearsighted person who can only see things that are close to him. This person has even forgotten that God has forgiven him for the sinful things he did in the past.*

What has the spiritually blind person forgotten?

He has forgotten the cleansing from his old sins.

2 Peter 1:10-11

If the brothers did their best to make their calling and election sure, what would happen?

They would not stumble, and an entrance would be granted to them into the eternal kingdom of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:12-14

Why did Peter think it was right for him to remind the brothers of these things?

Because their Lord Jesus Christ had shown him that he would soon remove his tent.

2 Peter 1:16-17

What did those who were eyewitnesses of Jesus' majesty see?

They saw that he received honor and glory from God the Father.

2 Peter 1:19-21

How can we be certain that the prophetic word is sure?

Because written prophecy does not come from the reasoning of the prophet, nor any prophecy from the will of man, but by men carried along by the Holy Spirit who spoke from God.

2 Peter 2

2 Peter 2:1

ULT	UST
Now false prophets were also among the people, as false teachers will also be among you, who will bring in heresies of destruction, and denying the master who bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves.	*But people who falsely proclaimed messages from God were also amidst the Israelites. In the same way there will also be people who teach false messages amidst you. They will introduce opinions that will result in eternal condemnation. They will even reject their owner, Jesus, who redeemed them. As a result of this, God will soon condemn them for eternity.*

What will false teachers secretly bring to the believers?

False teachers will bring destructive heresies to the believers.

What will come upon the false teachers?

False teachers will bring swift destruction upon themselves.

2 Peter 2:1-3

What will false teachers do with deceptive words?

False teachers greedily make a profit off of the brothers.

2 Peter 2:4-6

Who did God not spare?

God did not spare the angels who sinned, the ancient world, and the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah.

2 Peter 2:5

ULT	UST
and he did not spare the ancient world, but protected the eighth, Noah, a preacher of righteousness, having brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly ones;	*And God did not let the people who lived in the world long ago remain unpunished. However, he preserved eight people, including Noah, who was a righteous herald, when he destroyed by a flood the ungodly people who lived in the world at that time.*

Who did God preserve in the Flood?

God preserved Noah with seven others.

2 Peter 2:9

ULT	UST
the Lord knows how to rescue godly ones from a trial, and to keep the unrighteous ones to be punished in the day of judgment,	*Since these things are all true, then you can be sure that the Lord knows how to rescue people who honor him from being tried. And the Lord also knows how to keep those who do unrighteous deeds ready in order to punish them at the time when he judges.*

What did God show by not sparing some and preserving others?

God's actions showed that the Lord knows how to rescue the godly men and how to keep the unrighteous men in custody.

2 Peter 2:10-11

Who were the glorious ones the ungodly men were unafraid to blaspheme?

The glorious one were angels, who do not bring insulting judgments against men to the Lord.

2 Peter 2:14

ULT	UST
having eyes full of an adulteress, and never ceasing from sin, enticing unstable souls, having hearts trained in covetousness, children of cursing.	*They constantly want to have immoral sexual relations with every woman they see. They cannot stop sinning. They lure spiritually weak people into sin. As athletes train for sports, these false teachers train themselves to be greedy. God has cursed them!*

Who do the false teachers entice?

The false teachers entice unstable souls.

2 Peter 2:15-16

Who stopped the prophet Balaam's insanity?

A mute donkey speaking in a human voice stopped Balaam.

2 Peter 2:19

ULT	UST
promising freedom to them, while themselves being slaves of destruction. (For by what someone has been overcome, by this he has been enslaved.)	*They also do this by telling their listeners that they are free to do whatever they want while, at the same time, they themselves are controlled by their sinful desires that will destroy them. This is true because the thing that overpowers a person's will takes control of that person.*

To what is a man a slave?

A man is a slave to whatever overcomes him.

2 Peter 2:20-21

For those who escape the wickedness of the world through the knowledge of Jesus Christ and then return to them, what would be better?

What would be better is for them not to have known the way of righteousness.

2 Peter 3

2 Peter 3:1-2

Why did Peter write this second letter?

He wrote so that the beloved might recall the words said before by the prophets and about the command of their Lord and Savior.

2 Peter 3:3-4

What would mockers say in the last days?

Mockers would question the promise of Jesus' return and say that all things remain the same since the beginning of creation.

2 Peter 3:5-7

How were the heavens and earth established, and how were they being reserved for fire and for the day of judgment and the destruction of ungodly people?

They were established and reserved by the word of God.

2 Peter 3:9

ULT	UST
The Lord does not delay concerning the promise, as some consider delay, but is patient toward you, not wanting any to perish, but all to move on to repentance.	*The Lord is not acting slowly to fulfill his promise of Jesus' return. Some people think that this is so. On the contrary, God is being patient with you, because he does not want any of you to be punished eternally. Rather, he wants everyone to repent.*

Why was the Lord patient towards the beloved?

Because he desires that they not perish, but have time for all to repent.

2 Peter 3:10

ULT	UST
But the day of the Lord will come as a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be destroyed, being burned up, and the earth and the deeds in it will be found.	*In contrast to what those mockers say, the time when the Lord returns will come unexpectedly. At that time there will be a great roaring sound and the heavens will cease to exist. God will also destroy the basic elements of nature by fire. Then God will reveal the earth and everything that has been done in it.*

How will the day of the Lord come?

The day of the Lord will come like a thief.

2 Peter 3:11-13

Why did Peter ask the beloved what kind of people they should be in respect to holy living and godliness?

Because the heavens and earth would be destroyed, and because they expected righteousness to live in the new heavens and new earth.

2 Peter 3:15-16

What will happen to ignorant and unknowledgeable men who distort the wisdom given to Paul and distort other Scriptures?

Their actions will result in their own destruction.

2 Peter 3:17-18

Rather than being led astray by deceit and losing their own faithfulness, what did Peter command the beloved to do?

He commanded them to grow in the grace and knowledge of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

1 John

1 John 1

1 John 1:1

ULT	UST
What was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched, regarding the Word of life—	*I, John, am writing to you about Jesus, the Word of God, the one who gives life. He existed before there was anything else. We apostles listened to him as he taught people. We saw him personally. We looked at him and touched him. So we can testify that he was a real human being.*

By what means did John know about the Word of life?

John had heard, seen, contemplated, and handled the Word of life.

1 John 1:2

ULT	UST
indeed, the life appeared, and we have seen it, and we are testifying to it, and we are announcing to you the eternal life that was with the Father and appeared to us—	*Because he who always lives came here to the earth and we saw him, we are proclaiming him to you clearly. The one who has always existed, who had been with his Father in heaven, came here to us.*

Where was eternal life before it was manifested to John?

Eternal life was with the Father before it was manifested to John.

1 John 1:3

ULT	UST
what we have seen and heard, we declare also to you, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.	*We want you to share life with us, and so we are proclaiming to you what we saw Jesus do and what we heard Jesus say. If you believe in him, you will share life, as we do, with God our Father and with his Son Jesus the Messiah.*

Why is John declaring what he has seen and heard?

John is declaring what he has seen and heard so that others may also have fellowship with him.

With whom does John already have fellowship?

John already has fellowship with the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:5

ULT	UST
And this is the message that we have heard from him and are announcing to you, that God is light, and darkness is not in him at all.	*The message that we heard from Jesus and are proclaiming to you is this: God always does what is right, and he never, ever does anything wrong. He is like a pure light in which there is no darkness at all.*

What is the message from God that John is announcing to his readers?

John is announcing the message that God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:6

ULT	UST
If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we are lying and we are not doing the truth.	*If we say that we share life with God, but we live in an evil manner, we are lying. We are not living truthfully. It is as though we are living in the dark.*

What does John say about a person who says he has fellowship with God, but walks in darkness?

John says that such a person is a liar and does not practice the truth.

1 John 1:7

ULT	UST
But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.	*But if we live in a pure manner, as God is pure in every way, then we can share life with each other. This is like living in God's pure light. Then God forgives all of our sin and accepts us because his Son Jesus died for us.*

What cleanses all the sin of those walking in the light?

The blood of Jesus cleanses them from all sin.

1 John 1:8

ULT	UST
If we say that we have no sin, we are leading ourselves astray, and the truth is not in us.	*If we say that we do not commit sin, we are fooling ourselves. We are refusing to believe the true things that God says about us.*

What do we do to ourselves if we say we have no sin?

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:9

ULT	UST
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous, that he should forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.	*But God always does what he says he will do, and what he does is always right. So if we admit to him that we have sinned and reject that sin, he will forgive us for our sins and he will free us from the guilt of everything that we have done wrong.*

What will God do for those who confess their sins?

For those who confess their sins, God will forgive their sins and cleanse them from all unrighteousness.

1 John 2

1 John 2:2

ULT	UST
And he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the whole world.	*Jesus is the one who sacrificed his life for us so that God could forgive our sins. And this is true not just of our sins, but of all the sins that all people everywhere have committed!*

For whom is Jesus Christ the propitiation for their sins?

Jesus Christ is the propitiation for the sins for the whole world.

1 John 2:3

ULT	UST
And in this we know that we have known him, if we keep his commandments.	*When we obey what God commands us to do, then we can be sure that we truly know God.*

How do we know that we have known Jesus Christ?

We know that we have known him if we keep his commandments.

1 John 2:4

ULT	UST
The one who says, "I know him," and is not keeping his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in this one.	*If someone says, "I know God well," but that person does not obey what God has commanded, then he is a liar. He is not living according to God's true message.*

What kind of person says he knows God, but does not keep God's commandments?

A liar says he knows God, but does not keep God's commandments.

1 John 2:6

ULT	UST
the one saying he remains in him ought, just as that one walked, also to walk himself.	*If anyone says that he is living closely with God, then he should conduct his life as Jesus did when he was here on earth.*

How should a person walk if he says he remains in Christ?

He should walk even as Jesus Christ walked.

1 John 2:9

ULT	UST
The one saying he is in the light and hating his brother is in the darkness until now.	*Someone might say that he is living in a good way, just as God wants him to do. That would be like living in light from God. But if he hates any of his fellow believers, then he is still living in a bad way, doing what God does not want, like a person who lives in darkness.*

What is the spiritual condition of someone who says he is in the light, but hates his brother?

Someone who says he is in the light, but hates his brother, is in the darkness.

1 John 2:11

ULT	UST
But the one hating his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.	*But anyone who hates a fellow believer is living in a completely wrong way. He does not understand how he should live, because the wrong things that he is doing are keeping him from understanding God's way. It is as though he is walking in darkness and cannot see where to go.*

What is the spiritual condition of someone who hates his brother?

Someone who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness.

1 John 2:12

ULT	UST
I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven because of his name.	*I am writing to you, whom I love as though you were my own children, because God has forgiven your sins because of what Jesus has done for you.*

Why does God forgive the sins of believers?

God forgives the sins of believers because of his name.

1 John 2:15

ULT	UST
Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.	*Do not desire to be like people who do not honor God. Do not desire the things that they want to have. If anyone desires to be like those people, he is proving that he does not love God the Father.*

What should the attitude of a believer be toward the things of the world?

A believer must not love the world nor the things of the world.

1 John 2:16

ULT	UST
For everything that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the arrogance of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.	*I say that such a person does not love God the Father because the way that ungodly people live is not the way that God our Father teaches us to live. They want to fulfill their physical desires. They want to get for themselves the things that they see. They boast about all of the things that they own. All of these things come from the selfish and ungodly way of thinking.*

What are three things that come from the world rather than from the Father?

The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the vain glory of life are from the world, and not from the Father.

1 John 2:18

ULT	UST
Young children, it is the last hour, and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, indeed now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.	*You who are as dear to me as though you were my own children, I want you to know that this is the time just before Jesus returns to earth. You have already heard that a person is coming who will strongly oppose the Messiah. In fact, many people like that, who are against the true Messiah, are already here. Because of this, we know that it is that time.*

What do we know about the Antichrist?

We know that he is coming.

How do we know that it is the last hour?

We know it is the last hour because many antichrists have come.

1 John 2:22

ULT	UST
Who is the liar if not the one denying that Jesus is the Christ? This one is the antichrist, the one denying the Father and the Son.	*The worst liars are the ones who deny that Jesus is the Messiah. All who do that are against the Messiah. They are refusing to believe both in God the Father and in Jesus his Son.*

How will we recognize the Antichrist?

The Antichrist will deny the Father and the Son.

1 John 2:23

ULT	UST
Everyone denying the Son does not have the Father. The one confessing the Son also has the Father.	*Those who refuse to acknowledge that Jesus is God's Son are in no way joined with God the Father. But those who acknowledge that Jesus is God's Son are also joined with God the Father.*

Can someone deny the Son and yet have the Father?

No, someone who denies the Son cannot have the Father.

1 John 2:24

ULT	UST
You, let remain in you what you have heard from the beginning. If what you have heard from the beginning remains in you, you will also remain in the Son and in the Father.	*Here is what you must do, unlike those people who deny Jesus. You must continue to believe and live by the truth about Jesus the Messiah that you first heard. If you continue to believe and live by the truth about Jesus the Messiah that you first heard, then you will continue to share life with Jesus the Son and God the Father.*

What must believers to do in order to remain in the Son and in the Father?

They must remain in what they have heard from the beginning.

1 John 2:25

ULT	UST
And this is the promise that he promised to us—eternal life.	*And what Jesus promised us is that God will enable us to live forever!*

What promise has been given the believers by God?

God has promised everlasting life to the believers.

1 John 2:28

ULT	UST
And now, little children, remain in him, so that whenever he appears, we may have boldness and not be put to shame by him at his coming.	*Now, my dear ones, I urge you to continue to live closely with Jesus. That way, when he comes back again, we will be confident that he will accept us. If we do that, we will not be ashamed to stand before him when he returns.*

What attitudes will we have when Christ appears if we remain in him?

If we remain in him, we will have boldness and will not be ashamed when Christ appears.

1 John 3

1 John 3:1

ULT	UST
See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God, and we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know him.	*Think about how much God our Father loves us! He says that we are his children. In a spiritual sense, this is completely true. That is why people who are unbelievers do not understand us. It is because they have not understood who God is, and we are like him just as children are like their parents.*

How has the Father expressed his love to believers?

He has made it possible for them to be called children of God.

1 John 3:2

ULT	UST
Beloved, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that whenever he appears, we will be like him because we will see him just as he is.	*Dear friends, at present we are God's spiritual children. He has not yet shown us what we will be in the future. However, we know that when Jesus comes back again, we will become like him because we will see him as he truly is.*

What will happen to believers when Christ is revealed?

When Christ is revealed, believers will be like Christ because they will see him as he is.

1 John 3:3

ULT	UST
And everyone having this hope upon him purifies himself, just as that one is pure.	*So all those who confidently expect to see Jesus as he truly is make themselves free from sin because Jesus himself is free from sin.*

What action concerning himself should be taken by every believer who hopes in Christ?

Every believer who hopes in Christ should purify himself.

1 John 3:5

ULT	UST
And you know that that one appeared so that he might take away sins, and sin is not in him.	*You know that Jesus came in order to make us free from our sins. You know also that he himself never sinned.*

What does Christ not have in himself?

Christ has no sin in himself.

1 John 3:6

ULT	UST
Everyone remaining in him does not sin. Everyone sinning has not seen him and has not known him.	*Those who share life with Jesus are the ones who do not continue sinning. But all those who continue to sin are the ones who have not understood who Jesus is and they do not really know him.*

If a person continues to sin, what does that tell us about their relationship to God?

It tells us they have neither seen Christ, nor known him.

1 John 3:8

ULT	UST
The one committing sin is from the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this reason the Son of God appeared, so that he might destroy the works of the devil.	*But anyone who continues to sin is behaving like the devil, because the devil has always been sinning, ever since the world began. The very reason that God's Son became a human being was to undo this work of the devil that kept people continually sinning.*

For what reason was the Son of God revealed?

The Son of God was revealed in order to destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:9

ULT	UST
Everyone having been begotten from God does not commit sin, because his seed remains in him. And he is not able to sin, because he has been begotten from God.	*People do not continue sinning if they have become spiritual children of God because God has made them to be like him. They cannot continually sin, because they are God's spiritual children.*

Why is the one who is begotten from God not able to continue to sin?

He is not able to continue to sin because God's seed remains in him.

1 John 3:10

ULT	UST
In this the children of God and the children of the devil are apparent: Everyone not doing righteousness is not from God, and the one not loving his brother.	*People who belong to God are clearly different from people who belong to the devil. Those who do not do what is right do not belong to God. Those who do not love their fellow believers also do not belong to God.*

How are the children of the devil apparent?

The children of the devil are apparent because they do not do righteousness and they do not love their brother.

1 John 3:11

ULT	UST
For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,	*You should recognize this because the message that you heard when you first believed in Jesus is that we should love each other.*

What is the message that we have heard from the beginning?

The message is that we should love one another.

1 John 3:12

ULT	UST
not like Cain—he was from the evil one and killed his brother. And on account of what did he kill him? Because his works were evil, but those of his brother, righteous.	*We should not hate others as Adam's son Cain did. He belonged to Satan, that evil being. Cain murdered his younger brother Abel. I will tell you why he did that. It was because Cain behaved in an evil way, and he hated his younger brother because his younger brother behaved in the right way.*

How did Cain demonstrate that he was from the evil one?

Cain demonstrated that he was from the evil one by murdering his brother.

1 John 3:13

ULT	UST
Do not be amazed, brothers, if the world hates you.	*Therefore, my fellow believers, you should not be amazed when unbelievers hate you.*

What does John say should not amaze believers?

John says believers should not be amazed that the world hates them.

1 John 3:14

ULT	UST
We know that we have relocated from death into life, because we love the brothers. The one not loving remains in death.	*We love our fellow believers, and this assures us that God has made us spiritually alive. But if someone does not love other believers, then that person is still spiritually dead.*

What attitude demonstrates that we have relocated from death to life?

We know we have relocated from death to life because we love the brothers.

1 John 3:16

ULT	UST
In this we have known love, that that one laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.	*Jesus taught us how to truly love each other when he willingly died for us. For our part, we should also be willing to do anything for our fellow believers, even die for them.*

How have we known love?

We have known love because Christ laid down his life for us.

1 John 3:17

ULT	UST
But whoever has the possessions of the world and sees his brother having need and closes his entrails from him, how does the love of God remain in him?	*Many of us have the things that are necessary for life in this world. But suppose that we become aware that a fellow believer does not have what he needs. Suppose also that we refuse to provide for him. Then we are not loving him the way that God taught us to love people.*

What indicates that a person does not have the love of God in him?

When someone who is rich sees a brother in need, but does not help him, the love of God does not remain in that person.

1 John 3:18

ULT	UST
Little children, let us not love in word nor in tongue, but in deed and truth.	*You who are as dear to me as though you were my own children, let us not merely say that we love each other. Let us love each other genuinely by helping each other.*

What are two ways in which it is insufficient for us to love?

If is not enough for us to love only in word or tongue.

What are two ways in which we should love?

We should love in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:21

ULT	UST
Beloved, if the heart does not condemn, we have confidence toward God	*Dear friends, when we feel that God does not condemn us for having sinned, then we can pray confidently to God.*

What do we have if our heart does not condemn us?

If our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God.

1 John 3:23

ULT	UST
And this is his commandment: that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another just as he gave us a commandment.	*I will tell you what God commands us to do. We must trust in his Son, Jesus the Messiah. We must also love each other just as Jesus commanded us to do.*

What is the commandment that God has given to us?

God's commandment is that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another.

1 John 3:24

ULT	UST
And the one keeping his commandments remains in him, and he in him. And in this we know that he remains in us, from the Spirit whom he gave to us.	*The people who do what God commands share life with God, and God shares life with them. I will tell you how we can be sure that God is sharing life with us. We can be sure of that because we have God's Spirit, whom he gave to us.*

How do believers know that God remains in them?

God has given believers the Spirit so that they know God remains in them.

1 John 4

1 John 4:1

ULT	UST
Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.	*Dear friends, there are many people who have a false message, and they are going around teaching it to others. So do not trust every teacher. Instead, think carefully about what each teacher says and decide whether it came from God's Spirit or from a different spirit.*

Why should believers not believe every spirit?

They should not believe every spirit because there are many false prophets that have gone out into the world.

1 John 4:2

ULT	UST
In this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses Jesus Christ having come in the flesh is from God,	*I will tell you how to know if someone is teaching truth that comes from the Spirit of God or if he is not. Those who affirm that Jesus the Messiah came from God and became a human like us are teaching a message that is from God.*

How can you know the Spirit of God?

Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God.

1 John 4:3

ULT	UST
and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is that of the antichrist, which you have heard about, that it is coming, and it is now already in the world.	*But those who do not affirm that Jesus became a real human being are not teaching a message from God. They are teachers who oppose the Messiah. You have heard that people like that will be coming among us. Even now they are already here.*

What spirit does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh?

The spirit of an antichrist does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh.

1 John 4:4

ULT	UST
You are from God, little children, and you have overcome them because greater is the one in you than the one in the world.	*As for you who are as dear to me as though you were my own children, you belong to God, and you have rejected what those people teach. You have done this because God, who enables you to do what he wants, is more powerful than the devil, who motivates everyone who does not honor God.*

How are believers able to overcome spirits that are not from God?

We can overcome them because the spirit in us is greater than the one in the world.

1 John 4:7

ULT	UST
Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and everyone loving has been begotten from God and knows God.	*Dear friends, we must love each other. This is what God wants for us, and it is because he loves us that we can love others. Those who love their fellow believers have become God's spiritual children and know God well.*

Why should believers love one another?

Believers should love one another because love is from God, and the one who is begotten from God loves.

1 John 4:8

ULT	UST
The one not loving does not know God, for God is love.	*God's character is to love people. So whoever does not love others does not truly know God.*

How does the one who does not love demonstrate that he does not know God?

People who know God love because God is love.

1 John 4:9

ULT	UST
In this the love of God appeared among us, that God sent his Son, the One and Only, into the world so that we might live through him.	*I will tell you how God has shown us that he loves us. He sent his only Son to this earth so that his Son would enable us to live eternally because of what he did for us.*

How did God reveal his love for us?

God revealed his love for us by sending his only begotten Son into the world.

For what purpose did the Father send his Son?

The Father sent his Son so that we might live through him.

1 John 4:15

ULT	UST
Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God.	*So God continues to share life with those who say the truth about Jesus. They say, "Jesus is the Son of God." And so they continue to share life with God.*

If God remains in a person and he remains in God, what does that person confess about Jesus?

The person who remains in God confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

1 John 4:17

ULT	UST
In this, love has been perfected with us so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment because, just as that one is, we also are in this world.	*When we continue to share life with God, then God has achieved his purpose in loving us. As a result, when the time comes for God to judge us, we will be confident that he will not condemn us. This is because we are loving others as we live in this world just as Jesus is.*

What attitude will the love of God cause us to have on the day of judgment?

The love of God will cause us to have confidence on the day of judgment.

1 John 4:19

ULT	UST
We love because he first loved us.	*We love God and others because God loved us first.*

How are we able to love?

We love because God first loved us.

1 John 4:20

ULT	UST
If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar. For the one not loving his brother, whom he has seen, is not able to love God, whom he has not seen.	*People are lying if they say that they love God but they also hate a fellow believer. After all, we can see our fellow believers. But we have not seen God. So those who do not love one of their fellow believers certainly cannot be loving God, because it is much easier to love someone whom you can see than someone whom you cannot see.*

If someone hates his brother, what relationship does he have with God?

Someone who hates his brother is not able to love God.

1 John 4:21

ULT	UST
Indeed, we have this commandment from him, that the one loving God should also love his brother.	*Keep in mind that this is what God has commanded us: If we love him, we must also love our fellow believers.*

How should the one who loves God treat his brother?

The one who loves God should also love his brother.

1 John 5

1 John 5:3

ULT	UST
For this is the love of God, that we should keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.	*I am saying this because what loving God really means is that we do what he commands us to do. And it is not difficult to do what he commands us to do.*

How do we demonstrate that we love God?

We demonstrate that we love God when we keep his commandments.

1 John 5:4

ULT	UST
For everyone who has been begotten from God triumphs over the world. And this is the triumph that has triumphed over the world, our faith.	*Here is the reason why it is not difficult for us to do what God commands. All of us who have become God's spiritual children have been able to refuse to do what unbelievers want us to do. There is one reason why we are stronger than everything that is against God. It is because we trust in Jesus.*

What is the victory that has overcome the world?

Faith is the victory that has overcome the world.

1 John 5:6

ULT	UST
This is the one having come by water and blood: Jesus Christ—not in water alone, but in water and in blood. And the Spirit is the one testifying, because the Spirit is truth.	*Jesus the Messiah is the one who came to earth from God, experiencing both the water of his baptism and the blood of his death on the cross. God showed that he had truly sent Jesus not only when John baptized Jesus in water, but also when Jesus' blood flowed from his body when he died. And God's Spirit declares truthfully that Jesus the Messiah did these things, because the Spirit is completely truthful.*

By what two things did Jesus Christ come?

Jesus Christ came by water and by blood.

1 John 5:8

ULT	UST
the Spirit and the water and the blood, and the three are unto the one.	*Those three ways are: what God's Spirit tells us, what happened when John baptized Jesus in water, and what happened when Jesus' blood flowed from his body when he died on the cross. These three things all tell us the same thing, that Jesus came from God.*

What three things testify about Jesus Christ?

The Spirit, the water, and the blood all testify about Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:10

ULT	UST
The one believing in the Son of God has the testimony in him. The one not believing God has made him a liar because he has not believed in the testimony that God has testified about his Son.	*First, however, let me say that those who trust in the Son of God already know that what God says about him is true. But those who do not believe what God says are calling him a liar because they have refused to believe what God has testified about his Son.*

If someone does not believe the testimony of God concerning his Son, what do they make God to be?

Anyone who does not believe the testimony of God concerning his Son makes God to be a liar.

1 John 5:11

ULT	UST
And this is the testimony: that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.	*Now this is what God has told us about who his Son is: "I gave you eternal life, and my Son is the one who makes this life possible."*

What has God given us in his Son?

God has given us everlasting life in his Son.

1 John 5:14

ULT	UST
And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he listens to us.	*I also want you to know that we can be very confident that God wants to do what we ask of him when we pray for what he desires.*

What confidence do believers have before God?

Believers have confidence that if they ask anything according to God's will, he hears them.

1 John 5:16

ULT	UST
If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not toward death, he will ask, and he will give him life, for the ones sinning not toward death. There is a sin toward death; I am not saying that he should pray about that.	*For example, suppose someone sees one of his fellow believers sinning in a way that would not separate him from God eternally. Then he should ask God to restore the one who is sinning. If he does that, then God will bring that person back into spiritual life with himself. However, I am saying this only about people who are sinning in a way that would not separate them from God eternally. There is sin that causes people to separate from God eternally. I am not saying that you should pray for people who are sinning in that way.*

What should a believer do when he sees his brother committing a sin not to death?

A believer who sees his brother committing a sin not to death should pray that God will give his brother life.

1 John 5:17

ULT	UST
All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not toward death.	*Every wrong thing that people do is a sin against God, but there are some sins that will not separate a person from God eternally.*

What is all unrighteousness?

All unrighteousness is sin.

1 John 5:19

ULT	UST
We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the evil one.	*We know that we belong to God. We also know that Satan, that evil being, is controlling all the people who are unbelievers.*

Where does the whole world lie?

The whole world lies in the evil one.

1 John 5:20

ULT	UST
But we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know the True One. And we are in the True One, in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.	*We also know that the Son of God has come among us and has made it possible for us to understand what is true. He did this so that we can truly know the genuine God. And we are sharing life with the genuine God, that is, with his Son, Jesus the Messiah. Jesus is truly God, and he is the one who gives us this new, eternal life.*

What is the result of the understanding that the Son of God has given to us?

Because of the understanding that the Son of God has given to us, we may know the True One.

1 John 5:21

ULT	UST
Little children, keep yourselves from the idols.	*I say this to you who are as dear to me as though you were my own children: "Be careful that you never give yourselves to anything that is a false god."*

From what must believers keep themselves?

Believers must keep themselves from idols.

2 John

2 John 1

2 John 1:1

ULT	UST
The elder, to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth—and not only I, but also all the ones having known the truth—	*I am John, the elder. I am writing this letter to you, the congregation of people that God has chosen to belong to him. I sincerely love all of you believers. Not only do I myself love you, but all those who know and accept the true message that Jesus taught also love you.*

By what title does the writer John introduce himself in this letter?

John introduces himself as the elder.

To whom is this letter written?

The letter is written to the elect lady and her children.

2 John 1:3

ULT	UST
Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.	*God the Father and Jesus the Messiah, the Father's Son, will continue to act kindly and mercifully toward us and will make us peaceful. They will do this because they are truthful and they love us.*

From whom does John say grace, mercy, and peace come?

John says grace, mercy, and peace come from God, the Father, and from Jesus Christ, his Son.

2 John 1:4

ULT	UST
I rejoiced greatly that I found some of your children walking in truth, just as we have received a commandment from the Father.	*I have learned that some of the believers from your congregation are living according to the true message that God has taught us. That made me very happy. This is just what our Father commanded us to do.*

Why is John rejoicing?

John is rejoicing because he has found some of the lady's children walking in the truth.

2 John 1:5

ULT	UST
And now I ask you, lady—not as writing a new commandment to you, but what we have had from the beginning—that we should love one another.	*And now, dear congregation, I ask you to do what God commanded: that we should love each other. I am not writing this to you as a new thing that God has commanded us to do. Instead, we have known this command to love each other from when we first believed in the Messiah.*

What commandment does John say they have had from the beginning?

The commandment they have from the beginning is that they love one another.

2 John 1:6

ULT	UST
And this is that love, that we should walk according to his commandments. This is the commandment, just as you heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it.	*This is what it means to love God and each other. We should obey what God commands us to do. This is what God commands you, to love each other, so you need to do it. You have heard this from when you first believed in the Messiah.*

What does John say that love is?

Love is to walk according to God's commandments.

2 John 1:7

ULT	UST
For many deceivers have gone out into the world, the ones not confessing Jesus Christ coming in flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.	*I say this because there are many people in this world who travel around, deceiving people. These deceptive people refuse to say that Jesus the Messiah was a man with a human body. This teaching comes from the original deceiver, the one who opposes the Messiah.*

What does John call those who do not confess that Jesus Christ came in the flesh?

John calls them the deceiver and the antichrist.

2 John 1:8

ULT	UST
Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have worked for, but may receive a full reward.	*Be careful so that you do not let those teachers deceive you! If you let them deceive you, you will lose everything that we have worked for. So be careful to make sure that you receive the complete benefit!*

What does John tell the believers to be careful not to do?

John tells the believers to be careful not to lose what they have worked for.

2 John 1:10

ULT	UST
If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house and do not say to him, "Greetings."	*So when any teacher comes to you who does not teach that the Messiah came as a man with a real body, do not welcome him into your homes! Do not even greet him or wish him well in any way, so that you do not encourage him.*

What does John tell the believers to do with anyone who does not bring the true teaching about Christ?

They should not receive anyone who does not bring the true teaching about Christ.

2 John 1:11

ULT	UST
For the one saying to him, "Greetings," shares in his evil deeds.	*If you greet these people respectfully, you are helping them to do the evil things that they do.*

Of what is a believer guilty if he receives someone who does not bring the true teaching about Christ?

The believer who receives and greets a false teacher shares in his evil deeds.

2 John 1:12

ULT	UST
Having much to write to you, I did not want with paper and ink. However, I hope to come to you and to speak mouth to mouth, so that your joy might be made complete.	*I have much more that I want to say to you. But I have decided not to write them to you in a letter. Instead, I hope to be with you soon and to talk with you personally. Then we will be completely joyful together.*

What does John hope to do in the future?

John hopes to come and speak directly with the elect lady.

3 John

3 John 1

3 John 1:1

ULT	UST
The elder, to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.	*From John the Church Leader. To Gaius, my dear friend, whom I truly love.*

By what title does the author John introduce himself in this letter?

John introduces himself as the elder.

What relationship does John have with Gaius, the one receiving this letter?

John loves Gaius in truth.

3 John 1:2

ULT	UST
Beloved, I pray concerning everything for you to prosper and to be healthy, just as your soul prospers.	*Dear friend, I am asking God to make everything go well for you and to keep you healthy physically, just as you are healthy in respect to God.*

For what does John pray concerning Gaius?

John prays that Gaius would prosper in everything and be in health, as his soul prospers.

3 John 1:4

ULT	UST
I have no greater joy than these things, that I hear my children are walking in the truth.	*This is what makes me the very happiest—when someone tells me that the people whom I have helped to follow Jesus are living according to the true message from God!*

What is John's greatest joy?

John's greatest joy is to hear that his children are walking in the truth.

3 John 1:5

ULT	UST
Beloved, you are doing a faithful thing whenever you might work for the brothers, and this for strangers,	*Dear friend, you are serving Jesus loyally whenever you do things to help fellow believers, even those whom you do not know.*

For whom did Gaius work?

Gaius worked for the brothers even though they were strangers.

3 John 1:6

ULT	UST
who have attested your love before the church, whom you will do well to send on worthily of God,	

How should Gaius send the brothers on?

He should sent them on worthily of God.

3 John 1:7

ULT	UST
for they went out for the sake of the name, receiving nothing from the Gentiles.	

Why did the brothers need help from the believers to send them out on their journey?

They needed help because they were not accepting anything from the Gentiles.

3 John 1:8

ULT	UST
Therefore we ourselves ought to support such ones so that we may become fellow workers with the truth.	*In fact, all of us who believe in Jesus should give these people whatever they need. Then it will be as though we are working alongside them as they help others to know God's true message.*

Why does John say believers should welcome such people?

John says believers should welcome them to become fellow-workers with the truth.

3 John 1:9

ULT	UST
I wrote something to the church, but Diotrephes, the one loving to be first among them, does not receive us.	*I wrote a letter to your group of believers to tell them to help those other believers. However, Diotrephes, who wants to dominate your group, refuses to do this.*

What does Diotrephes love?

Diotrephes loves to be first among the people of his church.

What is Diotrephes' attitude toward John?

Diotrephes does not receive John.

3 John 1:10

ULT	UST
Because of this, if I come, I will call attention to his works that he is doing—accusing us with evil words. And not being satisfied with these things, he does not receive the brothers, and he stops the ones willing and puts them out of the church.	*So when I arrive there I will publicly tell everyone what he does: He says bad things about us that are not true. In addition to doing that, he also refuses to welcome the believers who are traveling in order to do God's work. He even prevents those who do want to welcome them and forces them to leave the group of believers!*

What will John do when he comes to Gaius and the congregation?

When John comes, he will call attention to the works that Diotrephes is doing.

What does Diotrephes do with the brothers who are sent out?

Diotrephes does not receive these brothers.

What does Diotrephes do with those who are willing to receive these brothers?

Diotrephes stops them from receiving the brothers and puts them out of the church.

3 John 1:11

ULT	UST
Beloved, do not imitate the evil, but the good. The one doing good is from God; the one doing evil has not seen God.	*Dear friend, do not copy a bad example like that. Instead, do the good things that you see good people doing. Remember that people who do good deeds truly belong to God. But anyone who keeps doing what is bad does not know God.*

What does John tell Gaius to imitate?

John tells Gaius to imitate what is good.

3 John 1:14

ULT	UST
But I expect to see you soon, and we will speak mouth to mouth.	*Instead, I hope to come and see you soon. Then we will talk directly with one another.*

What does John expect to do in the future?

John expects to come and speak with Gaius in person.

Jude

Jude 1

Jude 1:1

ULT	UST
Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, to the ones loved in God the Father and kept and called in Jesus Christ:	*I, Jude, serve Jesus the Messiah, and I am a brother of James. I am writing to you whom God has called, to you whom God the Father loves, to you whom Jesus the Messiah is keeping for himself.*

Of whom was Jude a servant?

Jude was a servant of Jesus Christ.

Who was the brother of Jude?

James was the brother of Jude.

To whom did Jude write?

He wrote to those who were called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ.

Jude 1:2

ULT	UST
May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.	*I pray that God will increase his merciful acts toward you and make you more peaceful and make you experience more of his love.*

What did Jude want multiplied to those to whom he wrote?

Jude wanted mercy, peace, and love to be multiplied.

Jude 1:3

ULT	UST
Beloved ones, making every effort to write to you about our common salvation, I have a necessity to write to you, exhorting to contend for the faith delivered once for all to the saints.	*Fellow believers whom I love, I tried my best to write a letter to you about how God has saved all of us who believe. However, I needed to write this letter instead in order to urge you to defend the true things that we believe. These are things that God has given for all time to all those whom he has made holy.*

What did Jude first want to write about?

Jude first wanted to write about their common salvation.

What did Jude actually write about?

Jude actually wrote about the need to struggle for the faith of the saints.

Jude 1:4

ULT	UST
For certain men have entered secretly, the ones long ago having been designated beforehand for this condemnation, ungodly ones, changing the grace of our God into licentiousness and denying our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.	*I am urging you to do this because some men have crept stealthily into your meetings. They are men whom God has chosen to condemn a long time ago. They do ungodly things. They think that our God permits people to be sexually immoral because he is kind. They also oppose what is true about Jesus the Messiah, who alone owns us and rules over us.*

How did some condemned and ungodly men come?

Some condemned and ungodly men came stealthily.

What did the condemned and ungodly men do?

They changed the grace of God into sexual immorality and denied Jesus Christ.

Jude 1:5

ULT	UST
Now I want to remind you, you knowing all things once for all, that Jesus, having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed the ones not having believed.	*Although you previously knew all these things, I desire to remind you of them. Remember that after Jesus rescued the people of Israel from the country of Egypt, he destroyed those people among them who did not trust him.*

From where did the Lord once save people?

The Lord saved them from the land of Egypt.

What did the Lord do to those people who did not believe?

The Lord destroyed those people who did not believe.

Jude 1:6

ULT	UST
And angels, not having kept their own domain, but having left their own dwelling place, he has kept in eternal chains, under darkness, for judgment of the great day—	*Also, some angels did not continue to remain in their proper places where they had authority but abandoned them. Because they did this God has imprisoned them forever in darkness in hell. God did this in order to judge them on the important day when he judges everything.*

What did the Lord do to the angels who left their proper place?

The Lord put them in chains in darkness for judgment.

Jude 1:7

ULT	UST
as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, having committed sexual immorality in the same manner as these, and having gone after other flesh, are being displayed as an example, suffering punishment of eternal fire.	*The same is true of the people who lived in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities near them. They acted in a sexually immoral way in the same way as those angels did. They participated in all kinds of improper sexual acts. By causing these angels and people to suffer for eternity in the fire of hell, God is making them an example of those who reject him.*

What did Sodom, Gomorrah, and the cities around them do?

They fornicated and pursued unnatural desires.

Jude 1:8

ULT	UST
Yet in the same way also, these, dreaming, indeed defile the flesh, but reject lordship and slander the glorious.	*Similarly, these false teachers are dreamers who not only make their own bodies dirty by living immorally, but also reject the Lord's commands. They even insult God's glorious angels.*

Like Sodom, Gomorrah, and the cities around them, what do the condemned and ungodly men do?

They pollute their bodies in their dreams, reject authority, and say evil things.

Jude 1:9

ULT	UST
But Michael the archangel, when disputing with the devil, was arguing about the body of Moses; he did not dare to bring a judgment of slander against him. Rather, he said, "May the Lord rebuke you!"	*Even the archangel Michael was not so bold as to speak slanderous accusations against Satan when he argued with him concerning the dead body of Moses. Instead, he merely said, "May the Lord reprove you!"*

What did the archangel Michael say to the devil?

The archangel Michael said, "May the Lord rebuke you."

Jude 1:12

ULT	UST
These ones are the ones in your love feasts—hidden reefs—fearlessly feasting with you, shepherding themselves; waterless clouds, carried along by winds; fruitless autumn trees —having died twice, having been uprooted,	*These people are shamelessly eating with you. At your fellowship meals they are like rocks hidden under the water that ships crash against. They only take care of themselves. They are useless, like clouds that the wind carries away before they can give rain. They are useless, like trees that do not bear fruit at harvest time. They are like trees that will die twice because God will uproot them.*

For whom do the condemned and ungodly men shamelessly care?

They shamelessly care for themselves.

Jude 1:14

ULT	UST
Now also Enoch, seventh from Adam, prophesied about these ones, saying, "Behold! The Lord came with myriads of his holy ones	*Even Enoch, the seventh person in the line of people who descended from Adam, spoke about these false teachers when he said: "Listen carefully to this: The Lord will certainly come with a countless number of his holy angels.*

Enoch was which place in line from Adam?

Enoch was the seventh in line from Adam.

Jude 1:15

ULT	UST
to do judgment against everyone and to rebuke every soul concerning all their works of ungodliness, which they did in an ungodly way, and concerning all the harsh things which ungodly sinners spoke against him."	*They will come to judge everyone and rebuke everyone for all their ungodly deeds that they have done in ungodly ways, and for all the harsh insults that these people, who sin and dishonor God, spoke against Jesus."*

Upon whom will the Lord execute judgment?

The Lord will execute judgment upon all people.

Jude 1:16

ULT	UST
These ones are murmurers, complainers, going according to their lusts, and their mouth speaks boastful things, admiring faces for the sake of advantage.	*These false teachers grumble to themselves and complain to others. They live according to their sinful desires and brag about themselves. They flatter people in order to get what they want from them.*

Who are the ungodly men who will be convicted?

Grumblers, complainers, those who go after their evil desires, loud boasters, and those who praise for personal advantage are the ungodly men who will be convicted.

Jude 1:17

ULT	UST
But you, beloved ones, remember the words that have been spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ,	*But you fellow believers whom I love, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus the Messiah said long ago.*

Who spoke words in the past about mockers?

The apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ spoke words in the past about mockers.

Jude 1:19

ULT	UST
These are the ones causing divisions, soulish, not having the Spirit.	*These mockers are the people who are making believers angry with each other. They live according to their natural instincts. The Holy Spirit does not dwell within them.*

What is true of the mockers who go after the own ungodly lusts, who cause divisions and are sensual?

They do not have the Holy Spirit.

Jude 1:20

ULT	UST
But you, beloved ones, building yourselves up in your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,	*However, you fellow believers whom I love, by increasing your trust in God and by praying with the Holy Spirit's help,*

How were the beloved building themselves up and praying?

The beloved were building themselves up in their most holy faith, and praying in the Holy Spirit.

Jude 1:21

ULT	UST
keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.	*keep living in a way that enables you to experience God's love. Do this while expecting the merciful return of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, which will result in living eternally with him.*

What were the beloved to keep themselves in and look for?

The beloved were to keep themselves in and look for the love of God and the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude 1:22-23

Who were the beloved supposed to save?

The beloved were supposed to save those with a garment spotted by the flesh, and those in the fire.

Jude 1:24-25

What was God their Savior, through Jesus Christ their Lord, able to do?

God was able to keep them from stumbling and place them before the presence of his glory without blemish.

Jude 1:25

ULT	UST
to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all the age and now and to all eternity. Amen!	*There is only one God. He has saved us as a result of what our Lord Jesus the Messiah did for us. I pray that everyone will recognize that God is glorious, majestic, powerful, and rules with great authority. He was like that before time began. He is like that today, and he will remain like that forever! May it truly be so!*

What things should be given to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord?

To the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord be glory, majesty, power, and authority.

When did God have glory?

God had glory before all time, now, and forevermore.

Revelation

Revelation 1

Revelation 1:1

ULT	UST
The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to him to show to his servants what must happen soon. And he signified, sending through his angel to his servant John,	*This book is about things that God revealed to Jesus the Messiah. These things are just about to happen. God revealed them to Jesus so that he could tell the people who believe in him about them. Jesus shared these things by sending his angel to show them to me, John, a man who serves him faithfully.*

Who gave this revelation, to whom did he give it, and to whom was he supposed to show it?

The revelation of Jesus Christ came from God, and is being shown to his servants.

When must the events of the revelation happen?

The events of the revelation must happen soon.

Revelation 1:3

ULT	UST
Blessed are the one reading and the ones hearing the words of this prophecy and keeping the things having been written in it, for the time is near.	*How happy is the person who reads this book of prophecy for others to hear, and how happy are all who hear it and obey what this prophecy says, because these events will happen soon.*

Who will be blessed by this book?

The one who reads aloud, listens to, and keeps what has been written in this book will be blessed.

Revelation 1:4

ULT	UST
John, to the seven churches in Asia: Grace to you and peace from the one being and the one having been and the one coming and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,	*I, John, am writing this letter to you seven groups of believers in the province of Asia. May God continue to be kind to you and make you peaceful. God exists, he has always existed, and he will come and judge everyone in the future. May the seven spirits who are in front of the throne of God also continue to be kind to you and make you peaceful.*

Who wrote this book, and to whom did he write?

John wrote this book, and he wrote it to the seven churches in Asia.

Revelation 1:5

ULT	UST
and from Jesus Christ, "the faithful witness," "the firstborn" from the dead and "the ruler of the kings of the earth." To the one loving us and having released us from our sins by his blood	*May Jesus the Messiah also continue to be kind to you and make you peaceful. He has reliably told us the message from God. He is the first one whom God caused to become alive again after he had died. He is the one who rules the kings of the world. Because he loves us, he shed his blood for us when he died on the cross, and as a result, God has forgiven our sins.*

What three titles does John give to Jesus Christ?

John gives Jesus Christ these titles: the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Revelation 1:6

ULT	UST
and he has made us a kingdom, priests to God and his Father—to him be the glory and the power to the ages. Amen.	*Jesus is the one who has caused us to become people over whose lives God rules. He has also made us priests who serve God, who is the Father of Jesus. May people glorify Jesus and acknowledge him as their ruler throughout eternity. May it be so!*

What has Jesus made believers?

Jesus has made believers a kingdom and priests for his God and Father.

Revelation 1:7

ULT	UST
“Behold, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him,” and all the tribes of the earth “will mourn because of him.” Yes, Amen.	*Pay attention! Jesus is going to come back from heaven through the sky. Everyone will see him, including those who killed him by nailing him to a cross. When they see him coming, every people group in the world will grieve in sorrow for their sins. May it be just like that!*

Who will see Jesus when he comes?

Every eye, that is, every person, will see Jesus when he comes, including those who pierced him.

Revelation 1:8

ULT	UST
“I am the alpha and the omega,” says the Lord God, “the one being and the one having been and the one coming, the Ruler of All.”	*The Lord God says: “I am the one who began all things. I am the one who will cause all things to come to an end. I am the one who exists, who has always existed, and who will come and judge everyone in the future. I am the one who rules over everything and everyone.”*

How does the Lord God describe himself?

The Lord God describes himself as the alpha and the omega, the one who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Ruler of All.

Revelation 1:9

ULT	UST
I, John, your brother and partner in the suffering and kingdom and endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.	*I, John, believe in Jesus as you do. Like you, I am patiently enduring the troubles that everyone experiences whose life Jesus rules. The Roman government had put me in exile on the island of Patmos because I was telling people God's message about who Jesus is.*

Why was John on the island of Patmos?

John was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

Revelation 1:11

ULT	UST
saying, "Write what you see on a scroll and send it to the seven churches—to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."	*The person speaking said to me, "Write what you see on a scroll. Send what you have written to seven groups of believers. Send it to the believers in the cities of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea."*

What did the loud voice behind John tell him to do?

The loud voice told John to write what he saw on a scroll and send it to the seven churches.

Revelation 1:14

ULT	UST
Now his head and hair were white as wool—white as snow—and his eyes were like a flame of fire,	*The hair on his head was gleaming like white wool or like white snow. His eyes were bright like a fiery flame.*

John saw a man behind him. What kind of hair and eyes did the man have?

The man had hair as white as wool or snow and eyes like a flame of fire.

Revelation 1:16

ULT	UST
and having seven stars in his right hand and a sharp, double-edged sword coming out of his mouth, and his face as the sun shines in its strength.	*The one who looked like a human was holding seven stars in his right hand. A sword with two sharp edges was extending from his mouth. His face shone as brightly as the sun shines during the middle of the day.*

What was in the right hand of the man, and what was coming out of his mouth?

The man had seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp, double-edged sword was coming out of his mouth.

Revelation 1:17

ULT	UST
And when I saw him, I fell at his feet like a dead man, but he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid! I am the first and the last	*When I saw him, I bowed down in front of him. I was so overcome that I could not move. But he put his right hand on me and said to me, "Do not be afraid! I am the one who began all things, and I am the one who will cause all things to end.*

What did John do when he saw the man?

John fell at the man's feet like a dead man.

Revelation 1:18

ULT	UST
and the one living; and I became dead, but behold, I am living to the ages of the ages, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.	*I have been alive forever. When I came to earth, I died, but indeed I am now alive again for all eternity. I have the power to make anyone who has died become alive again.*

What keys did the man say he had?

The man said he had the keys of death and of Hades.

Revelation 1:20

ULT	UST
The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.	*I will explain the symbolic meaning of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lamp holders. The seven stars represent the angels of the seven groups of believers. The seven lamp holders represent the seven groups of believers.*

What was the meaning of the seven stars and the seven golden lampstands?

The seven stars were the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands were the seven churches.

Revelation 2

Revelation 2:1

ULT	UST
To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The one holding the seven stars in his right hand, the one walking in the midst of the seven golden lampstands, says these things:	*Write this message to the angel of the group of believers in the city of Ephesus: 'I am the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and who walks among the seven golden lamp holders. This is what I say to you:*

To what angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Ephesus.

Revelation 2:2

ULT	UST
"I know your works and labor and your endurance and that you can not tolerate evil ones and that you have tested the ones calling themselves apostles but are not and you have found them to be false	*"I am aware of all that you have done. I am aware of how hard you have worked for me. I am aware of how patiently you have endured difficult times. I am also aware that you do not accept wicked people. When people falsely claim to be genuine leaders, you prove that they are lying.*

How has the church in Ephesus related to evil people, and what has it done regarding the ones who call themselves apostles?

The church in Ephesus has not put up with those who are evil and has tested the false prophets.

Revelation 2:4

ULT	UST
But I have against you that you have abandoned your first love.	*Nevertheless, I must criticize you about something: You no longer love me as you did when you first believed in me.*

What does Christ have against the church in Ephesus?

Christ has against the church in Ephesus that it has left behind its first love.

Revelation 2:5

ULT	UST
Therefore, remember from where you have fallen and repent and do the first works. But if not, I will come to you and I will remove your lampstand from its place—if you do not repent.	*Therefore, remember how you used to love me. Love me again the way you did at first. Now if you do not love me again in that way, I will judge you and I will not allow you to continue being a group of believers.*

What does Christ say he will do if the church do not repent?

Christ says he will come and remove its lampstand from its place if the church does not repent.

Revelation 2:7

ULT	UST
Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To the one conquering, I will grant to him to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God.”’	*Everyone who is spiritually discerning should pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the groups of believers. I will permit anyone who is victorious to eat fruit from the tree that gives life. That tree is in the garden of God.”’*

What does Christ promise to those who conquer?

Christ promises to allow those who conquer to eat from the tree of life in the paradise of God.

Revelation 2:8

ULT	UST
And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The first and the last, who became dead but lived, says these things:	*Next, write this message to the angel of the group of believers in the city of Smyrna: ‘I am the one who began all things and who will cause all things to end. I am also the one who died and became alive again. This is what I say to you:*

To what angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Smyrna.

Revelation 2:9

ULT	UST
“I know your affliction and poverty—but you are rich—and the slander of the ones saying themselves to be Jews, but they are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.	*“I am aware that people have persecuted you. I am aware that you are poor, although you have everything you need spiritually. I am aware that people are insulting you. Those people claim to be Jews, but they are not acting as if they truly belong to God. When they gather together, they help the devil instead of serving God.*

What difficulties is the church in Smyrna facing?

The church in Smyrna is facing affliction, poverty, and slander.

Revelation 2:10

ULT	UST
Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.	*Those people are going to make you suffer. Do not be afraid, but watch out! The devil will soon lead them to put some of you in jail. The devil wants to show that you will abandon your faith in me if you suffer. You will have to suffer for ten days. But remain loyal to me even if you have to die. If you do, I will give you everlasting life as a reward.*

What does Christ promise to those who are faithful until death?

Christ promises that he will give the crown of life to those who are faithful until death.

Revelation 2:11

ULT	UST
Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. The one conquering will certainly not be hurt by the second death.”’	*Everyone who is spiritually discerning should pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the groups of believers. Whoever is victorious will never die a second time.”’*

What does Christ say about the one conquering?

The one conquering will certainly not be hurt by the second death.

Revelation 2:12

ULT	UST
And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: 'The one having the sharp, double-edged sword says these things:	*Next, write this message to the angel of the group of believers in the city of Pergamum: 'I am the one who has a sword with two sharp edges. This is what I say to you:*

To what angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Pergamum.

Revelation 2:13

ULT	UST
"I know where you live, where the throne of Satan is, yet you hold my name and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives.	*"I am aware of where you live. It is a place where Satan controls people. I am also aware that you are very loyal to me. You did not abandon your faith in me even when people attacked your fellow believer Antipas. He told others about me, and he remained loyal to me. People killed him right in front of you, because Satan has such an influence in your city.*

How does Christ describe the place where this church lives?

Christ describes this as a place where Satan's throne is.

What did the church in Pergamum do in the days when Antipas was killed?

The church in Pergamum did not deny its faith in Jesus even in the days when Antipas was killed.

Revelation 2:14-15

To what two teachings do some in the church in Pergamum hold tightly?

Some in the church in Pergamum hold tightly to the teachings of Balaam and to the teachings of the Nicolaitans.

Revelation 2:16

ULT	UST
Repent, therefore! But if not, I will come to you quickly and wage war against them with the sword of my mouth.	*But what the disciples of Nicolaus teach is wrong. So everyone in your group must stop doing those things! Now if some of you do not stop, I will immediately judge those people. I will pronounce a sentence of judgment against them and punish them.*

What does Christ warn he will do if those who hold to these false teachings do not repent?

Christ warns he will come and make war against them with the sword of his mouth.

Revelation 2:17

ULT	UST
Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To the one conquering, I will give to him of the hidden manna, and I will give to him a white stone and on the stone a new name written that no one knows except the one receiving it."'	*Everyone who is spiritually discerning should pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the groups of believers. To the one who is victorious I will award some special bread that I have hidden for him. I will also give him a white pebble upon which I have written a new name for him. No one will know what this name is except the one to whom I give it."'*

What does Christ say he will give to the one conquering?

Christ promises that the will give the hidden manna and a white stone with a new name to the one conquering.

Revelation 2:18

ULT	UST
And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: 'The Son of God, the one having his eyes like a flame of fire and his feet like bronze, says these things:	*Next, write this message to the angel of the group of believers in the city of Thyatira: 'I am the Son of God, whose eyes shine like a fiery flame and whose feet shine like bronze. This is what I say to you:*

To what angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Thyatira.

Revelation 2:19

ULT	UST
“I know your works and love and faith and service and your endurance, and your last works are greater than the first.	*“I am aware of all that you are doing. I am aware that you love one another because you love me. I am aware that you are very loyal to me. I am aware of how you are serving me. I am aware that you are enduring patiently. Finally, I am aware that you are now doing more than you did when you first believed in me.*

What good things does Christ know about regarding the church in Thyatira?

Christ knows about the works, love, faith, service, and patient endurance of the church in Thyatira and that its last works are greater than its first works.

Revelation 2:20

ULT	UST
But I have against you that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, the one calling herself a prophetess, and she teaches and deceives my servants to be sexually immoral and to eat idol-offerings.	*Nevertheless, I must criticize you about something. You tolerate a woman in your assembly who is like that wicked queen in the Old Testament whose name was Jezebel. She claims falsely that she teaches the truth from God. But in fact, by what she teaches, she is misleading people who believe in me. She is teaching them to commit sexual sins and to eat meat that other people have sacrificed to idols.*

What does Christ have against the church in Thyatira?

Christ has against the church in Thyatira that it tolerates the immoral false prophetess Jezebel.

Revelation 2:22

ULT	UST
Behold! I will throw her onto a bed, and the ones committing adultery with her into great tribulation, if they do not repent of her deeds.	*Pay attention! I am going to punish her with a terrible sickness. I will also cause those who act immorally as she does to suffer greatly if they do not stop doing what she does*

What does Christ warn he will do if those who commit adultery with Jezebel do not repent of her deeds?

Christ warns that he will throw these people into great tribulation if they do not repent.

Revelation 2:25

ULT	UST
only hold what you have until I come.’	*Just continue to obey the true teaching that you have received until I return.*

What does Christ tell those who have not held to the teaching of Jezebel to do?

Christ tells them to hold on tightly to what they have until he comes.

Revelation 2:26

ULT	UST
And the one conquering and the one keeping my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations.	*To the one who is victorious, who continues to do what I command until he dies, I will give power to rule the people groups on earth.*

What does Christ promise to the one conquering?

Christ promises to give authority over the nations to the one conquering.

Revelation 2:28

ULT	UST
as I also have received from my Father, and I will give to him the morning star.	*They will rule so powerfully because I will share with them the authority that I myself have received from God my Father. I will also give them the assurance that God is beginning a wonderful new era.*

What else does Christ promise to the one conquering?

Christ also promises to give the morning star to the one conquering.

Revelation 2:29

ULT	UST
Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”’	*Everyone who is spiritually discerning should pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the groups of believers.”’*

What does Christ say the one who has an ear should hear?

Christ says that the one who has an ear, that is, the one who is able to hear, should hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Revelation 3

Revelation 3:1

ULT	UST
And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The one having the seven spirits of God and the seven stars says these things: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.	*Write this message to the angel of the group of believers in the city of Sardis: 'I am the one who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. I have these things to say to you: "I am aware of what you are doing. You have a reputation for being spiritually vigorous. However, you are not really acting out of zeal for me.*

To what angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Sardis.

What is the reputation of the church in Sardis, but what is the truth about them?

The reputation of the church in Sardis is that it is alive, but the truth is that it is dead.

Revelation 3:2

ULT	UST
Becoming waking and strengthen the remainder that is about to die, for I have not found your works completed before my God.	*Be careful! You are at risk of losing your devotion for me completely. Renew the devotion that you still have left. You have not yet done all that God knows you should have done.*

What does Christ warn the church in Sardis to do?

Christ warns them to wake up and strengthen what remains.

Revelation 3:5

ULT	UST
The one conquering will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will certainly not wipe out his name from the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.	*In this way I will completely purify the one who is victorious. I will make sure that his name always remains in the Book of Life. I will tell God my Father and his angels that I know him personally.*

What does Christ promise to the one conquering?

Christ promises to clothe the one conquering in white, to keep his name in the book of life, and to confess his name before his Father and his angels.

Revelation 3:7

ULT	UST
And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The Holy One, the True One, the one having the key of David, the one opening and no one will shut and shutting and no one opens, says these things:	*Write this message to the angel of the group of believers in the city of Philadelphia: 'I am the one who always does what is right. I am the one who always says what is true. Just as King David had authority to allow people to enter the ancient city of Jerusalem, so I have the authority to allow people to enter heaven. If I create an opportunity for someone, then no one can deny him that opportunity. If I deny an opportunity to someone, then no one can give him that opportunity. I have these things to say to you:*

To what angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Philadelphia.

Revelation 3:8

ULT	UST
"I know your works (behold, I have put before you an opened door that no one is able to shut it), that you have little power, yet you have kept my word and you have not denied my name.	*"I know what you are doing. I know that although you are weak, you have obeyed my commands You have acknowledged that you believe in me. Be aware that I am giving you an opportunity that no one will be able to deny to you.*

What has the church in Philadelphia done even though they have little strength?

The church in Philadelphia has kept Christ's word and has not denied his name.

Revelation 3:9

ULT	UST
Behold, I will give those of the synagogue of Satan, the ones saying themselves to be Jews, but they are not, rather, they are lying, behold, I will make them so that they will come and bow down before your feet, and they will know that I have loved you.	*Pay attention! Some people are denying that you belong to me. Those people claim to be Jews, but they are not acting the way people do who truly belong to God. When they gather together, they help the devil instead of serving God. Pay attention! I will make those people recognize that I love you. They will come and honor you greatly when they recognize this.*

What will Christ make those of the synagogue of Satan do?

Christ will make those of the synagogue of Satan bow down before the feet of the believers.

Revelation 3:11

ULT	UST
I am coming quickly. Hold what you have so that no one may take your crown.	*I am coming soon. So continue to believe in me. Do not let anyone cause you to lose the reward that God wants to give you.*

What does Christ tell the church of Philadelphia to do since he is coming soon?

Christ tells them to hold fast to what they have so that no one may take away their crown.

Revelation 3:12

ULT	UST
The one conquering, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will certainly not go outside anymore, and I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, the one coming down out of heaven from my God, and my new name.	*I will make the one who is victorious secure, like a pillar in the temple of my God. He will remain in God's temple forever. I will write my God's name on him. I will also write on him the name of the city of my God. That city is the New Jerusalem. It will come down out of heaven from my God. I will also write my new name on the one who is victorious.*

What does Christ promise to the one conquering?

Christ promises to make the one conquering a pillar in the temple of his God, and he promises to write on him the name of his God, the name of the city of his God, and his own new name.

Revelation 3:14

ULT	UST
And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God, says these things:	*Write this message to the angel of the group of believers in the city of Laodicea: 'I am the one who confirms all of God's promises. I am the one who testifies about God with complete reliability. I am the ruler over all of God's creation. I have these things to say to you:*

To what angel is the next portion of the book written?

The next portion of the book is written to the angel of the church in Laodicea.

Revelation 3:15

ULT	UST
"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were cold or hot!	*"I am aware of what you are doing. You have not abandoned your faith, but you do not love me very much. I would rather have you commit yourselves for me or even against me!*

What does Christ wish that the church in Laodicea was?

Christ wishes that the church in Laodicea was either cold or hot.

Revelation 3:16

ULT	UST
So, because you are lukewarm and neither hot nor cold, I am about to spew you out of my mouth.	*But you are just mediocre. You do not love me very much, but you still claim that you believe in me. That is disgusting, and because of it, I am going to reject you.*

What is Christ about to do to the church in Laodicea, and why?

Christ is about to vomit the church in Laodicea out of his mouth because they are lukewarm.

Revelation 3:17

ULT	UST
For you say, 'I am rich and have become wealthy and have no need,' and you do not know that you are the miserable and pitiable and poor and blind and naked one.	*You keep bragging about how very rich you are. You do not realize that you are actually unhappy. You need someone to pity you. You are actually poor, blind, and lacking clothes.*

What does the church in Laodicea say about itself?

The church in Laodicea says that it is rich and has become wealthy and is in need of nothing.

What does Christ say that the church in Laodicea does not know?

Christ says the church in Laodicea does not know that it is miserable, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

Revelation 3:19

ULT	UST
I, as many as I love, rebuke and discipline. Therefore be zealous and repent.	*I carefully discipline everyone I love. So sincerely change your behavior.*

What does Christ do for everyone he loves?

Christ rebukes and disciplines everyone he loves.

Revelation 3:21

ULT	UST
The one conquering, I will grant to him to sit with me on my throne, as I also have conquered and have sat with my Father on his throne.	*I have been victorious and now rule with my Father. In the same way, I will permit everyone who is victorious to rule with me.*

What does Christ promise to the one conquering?

Christ promises to let the one conquering sit with him on his throne.

Revelation 3:22

ULT	UST
Let the one having an ear hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”’”	*Everyone who is spiritually discerning should pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the groups of believers.”’”*

What does Christ say the one who has an ear should do?

Christ says that the one who has an ear, that is, who is able to hear, should hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Revelation 4

Revelation 4:1

ULT	UST
After these things I looked and behold, a door opened in heaven and the first voice like a trumpet that I had heard speaking with me saying, "Come up here and I will show you what must happen after these things."	*After these things, I, John, saw something remarkable: a door open in heaven! The one who had spoken to me previously, whose voice had been like a loud trumpet, spoke to me again. He said, "Come up here! I will show you events that must happen later."*

What did John see opened?

John saw an open door in heaven.

What did the voice say he would show John?

The voice said he would show John what must happen after these things.

Revelation 4:2

ULT	UST
Immediately I was in the Spirit and behold, a throne was appearing in heaven, and on the throne one sitting.	*At once the Holy Spirit inspired me so that I could see and hear things in a vision. I saw something remarkable: A throne was there in heaven and someone was sitting on that throne.*

What was someone sitting on in heaven?

Someone was sitting on a throne in heaven.

Revelation 4:4

ULT	UST
And around the throne were 24 thrones, and sitting on the thrones were 24 elders dressed in white garments, and on their heads were golden crowns.	*Around the throne there were 24 other thrones. On those thrones 24 elders were sitting. They were wearing pure white garments and they had golden crowns on their heads.*

What was around the throne in heaven?

Around the throne were 24 thrones with 24 elders seated on them.

Revelation 4:5

ULT	UST
And from the throne come out lightnings and sounds and thunders, and seven lamps of fire burn before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God.	*Flashes of lightning and peals of thunder came out from the throne. In front of the throne, seven torches were burning. These torches represented the seven spirits of God.*

What were the seven lamps burning in front of the throne?

The seven lamps were the seven spirits of God.

Revelation 4:6

ULT	UST
And before the throne was as a glass sea, like crystal, and in the midst of the throne and around the throne were four living creatures, being full of eyes before and behind.	*In front of the throne there was also something that looked like a sea made of glass. It was clear like crystal. A living creature stood on each of the four sides of the throne. Eyes covered each creature, all around its body.*

What four things were around the throne?

Four living creatures full of eyes were around the throne.

Revelation 4:8

ULT	UST
And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings apiece, being full of eyes around and underneath, indeed do not have rest night and day, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, the Ruler of All, the one having been and the one being and the one coming."	*Each of the four living creatures had six wings. Eyes completely covered these living creatures. All the time, without stopping, they say: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God who rules over everything and everyone. He is the one who has always existed, who exists now, and who will come and judge everyone in the future."*

What word describing God do the four living creatures repeat night and day?

Night and day the four living creatures repeat the word "holy."

Revelation 4:10

ULT	UST
the 24 elders will fall before the one sitting on the throne and worship the one living to the ages of the ages, and they will lay their crowns before the throne, saying,	

What do the 24 elders do when the living creatures give glory to God?

The 24 elders fall down (that is, bow down) before the throne and lay down their crowns.

Revelation 4:11

ULT	UST
“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, because you have created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”	*“God our Lord, you deserve to have all creatures glorify you and honor you and acknowledge how powerful you are. You deserve this because you created everything. Yes, everything exists just as you determined to create it.”*

Why do the elders say that God is worthy to receive glory, honor, and power?

The elders say that God is worthy because God created all things and by his will they existed and were created.

Revelation 5

Revelation 5:1

ULT	UST
And I saw in the right hand of the one sitting on the throne a scroll, written on the inside and on the back, having been sealed with seven seals.	*Then I saw that the person who was sitting on the throne was holding a scroll in his right hand. He had written words on both sides of the scroll. But he had then sealed the scroll shut with seven pieces of wax, so no one could read what he had written.*

What did John see in the right hand of the one seated on the throne?

John saw a scroll written on the inside and the back and sealed with seven seals.

Revelation 5:3-4

At first, who was able to open the scroll or read it?

No one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was worthy to open the scroll or read it.

Revelation 5:5

ULT	UST
And one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered to open the scroll and its seven seals."	*But one of the elders said to me, "You do not need to weep! Here is the person we are looking for! He is the person whom the prophets described as the Lion from the tribe of Judah and as a branch that would grow from David's roots. He is victorious! Therefore, he is sufficiently worthy to break open the seven pieces of wax on the scroll and open the scroll!"*

Who did the elder tell John was able to open the scroll and its seven seals?

The elder told John that the Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, was able to open the scroll and its seven seals.

Revelation 5:6

ULT	UST
And I saw, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as having been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent into all the earth.	*Then I saw that a lamb was standing by the throne. The four living beings and the elders surrounded him. He was alive, but he had marks that showed that others had once killed him violently. He had seven horns. He also had seven eyes. Those are the seven spirits of God that God sends throughout all the world.*

Who was standing among the elders?

A Lamb, looking as though he had been killed, was standing among the elders.

What were the seven horns and seven eyes on the Lamb?

The seven horns and seven eyes were the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Revelation 5:8

ULT	UST
And when he took the scroll, the four living creatures and the 24 elders fell before the Lamb, each one having a harp and golden bowls being full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.	*As soon as the Lamb accepted the scroll, the four living beings and the 24 elders knelt down in front of the Lamb. The elders each held a harp and some golden bowls that contained incense. The incense symbolized the prayers of people who belong to God.*

What were the gold bowls full of incense that the elders had?

The gold bowls full of incense were the prayers of the saints.

Revelation 5:9

ULT	UST
And they sing a new song, saying, "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slaughtered and with your blood you bought people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.	*The living beings and the elders sang a song that no one had ever sung before. They sang to the Lamb, "You deserve to receive this scroll and to break open its pieces of wax so that you can read what it says. You deserve this because when you gave up your life, you paid with your own blood to set people free from sin so that they could worship and obey God. You did this for people all over the world.*

Why was the Lamb worthy to open the scroll?

The Lamb was worthy because he was slaughtered and with his blood he bought people for God from every tribe, language, people, and nation.

Revelation 5:10

ULT	UST
And you made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign on the earth."	*You have caused them to become people over whom our God rules and to become people who will lead others to worship God. They will be rulers of the people who live in the world."*

Where will these priests of God reign?

The priests of God will reign on the earth.

Revelation 5:12

ULT	UST
saying in a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb having been slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing."	*The angels were singing loudly, "The Lamb who gave up his life deserves for everyone to honor, glorify, and bless him and acknowledge how powerful, wealthy, wise, and strong he is!"*

What did the angels say the Lamb was worthy to receive?

The angels said the Lamb was worthy to receive power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and praise.

Revelation 5:13

ULT	UST
And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea and everything in them saying, "To the one sitting on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power to the ages of the ages."	*Then I also heard every creature that exists in heaven, on the earth, underneath the earth, and in the sea—yes, every creature in all of those places—singing, "May everyone forever praise and honor and glorify the one sitting on the throne and the Lamb and acknowledge how powerful they are!"*

Who said that the one on the throne and the Lamb should be praised to the ages of the ages (that is, forever)?

Every creature said that the one on the throne and the Lamb should be praised to the ages of the ages.

Revelation 5:14

ULT	UST
And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.	*When the millions of angels and every creature sang these things, the four living beings said, "So be it!" Then the elders knelt down on the ground in front of both God and the Lamb to worship them.*

What did the elders do when they heard the four living creatures say "Amen"?

The elders fell down (that is, bowed down) and worshiped.

Revelation 6

Revelation 6:1

ULT	UST
And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying, as with a voice of thunder, "Come!"	*Then I saw the Lamb open the first of the seven pieces of wax that sealed the scroll. When he did, I heard one of the four living beings say as loudly as a clap of thunder, "Come forth!"*

What did John see the Lamb do with the scroll?

John saw the Lamb open one of the seven seals on the scroll.

Revelation 6:2

ULT	UST
And I looked and behold, a white horse, and the one sitting on it having a bow! And a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and that he might conquer.	*Then I saw something remarkable: a white horse whose rider was holding a bow and arrows! God gave him a crown to wear in recognition of the victories he was going to win. The rider went out from heaven fully capable to fight and defeat God's enemies.*

What did John see after the first seal was opened?

John saw a white horse whose rider went out conquering.

Revelation 6:4

ULT	UST
And another horse, fiery red, came out! And to the one sitting on it, it was granted to him to take peace from the earth, and so that they will slaughter one another, and a great sword was given to him.	*Then another horse appeared. It was bright red. There was also a rider sitting on that horse. God gave the rider the power to cause wars on the earth. That way the world's people would kill each other. For this purpose, God gave the rider on the bright red horse a huge sword.*

What did John see after the second seal was opened?

John saw a fiery red horse whose rider was allowed to take peace away from the earth.

Revelation 6:5

ULT	UST
And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come!" And I looked and behold, a black horse, and the one sitting on it having a balance in his hand.	*The Lamb then opened the third piece of wax that sealed the scroll. When he did, I heard the third living being say, "Come forth!" I then saw something else remarkable: a black horse whose rider was holding a pair of balance scales!*

What did John see after the third seal was opened?

John saw a black horse whose rider held a pair of scales in his hand.

Revelation 6:8

ULT	UST
And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And the one sitting on it was named Death, and Hades was following after him. And authority was given to them over one fourth of the earth, to kill with the sword and with famine and with death and by the wild animals of the earth.	*I then saw something else remarkable: a horse that was pale because it was diseased and that had two riders. The name of the first rider was The One Who Causes People to Die. The name of the rider sitting behind him on the horse was The Place Where Dead People Go. God gave these riders the power to kill a quarter of all the people in the world. They could kill them by causing wars or famine or epidemics or by making wild animals come into populated areas and kill people.*

What did John see after the fourth seal was opened?

John saw a pale horse whose rider was named Death.

Revelation 6:9

ULT	UST
And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of the ones having been slaughtered because of the word of God and because of the testimony that they were having.	*The Lamb then opened the fifth piece of wax that sealed the scroll. When he did, I saw, at the base of an altar in heaven, the souls of people whom others had killed because they spoke God's message faithfully as reliable witnesses.*

What did John see after the fifth seal was opened?

John saw the souls of those who had been killed because of the word of God and the testimony they held.

Revelation 6:10

ULT	UST
And they cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Until when, holy and true Ruler, do you not judge and avenge our blood from the ones living on the earth?"	*These souls called out to God loudly, "You, Master, always do what is right and decide what is right! So please condemn and punish the people on the earth who killed us!"*

What did the souls under the altar want to know from God?

The souls wanted to know how long it would be until God avenged their blood.

Revelation 6:11

ULT	UST
And a white robe was given to each of them, and it was said to them that they should wait yet a little time until should be completed both their fellow servants and their brothers who were going to be killed as they also were.	*Then God gave each of them a white flowing robe. God told them to be patient a little longer, because there were others who were also going to die rather than deny their faith in Jesus. But as soon as all of them had died, God would punish the people who had killed them and had killed the people whose souls were now in heaven.*

How long were the souls told they would have to wait?

The souls were told they would have to wait until the full number of fellow servants and brothers (that is, fellow believers) were killed.

Revelation 6:12-13

What did John see after the sixth seal was opened?

John saw an earthquake, the sun becoming black, the moon becoming like blood, and the stars falling to the earth.

Revelation 6:15-16

What did John see the kings, generals, rich, powerful, and everyone else doing?

John saw them hiding in caves and asking the rocks to fall on them and hide them.

Revelation 6:16

ULT	UST
and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one sitting on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb,	*They told the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and cover us! That way God, who sits on the throne in heaven, will not be able to see us! And that way the Lamb will not be able to punish us!*

From what did the kings, generals, rich, powerful, and everyone else want to be hidden?

They wanted to be hidden from the one seated on the throne and from the anger of the Lamb.

Revelation 6:17

ULT	UST
because the great day of their anger has come, and who is able to stand?"	*For today is the terrible day on which God and the Lamb will punish people who have done wrong, and we know that none of us are innocent!"*

What day had come?

The great day of the anger of the one sitting on the throne and the Lamb had come.

Revelation 7

Revelation 7:1

ULT	UST
After this, I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth so that wind would not blow on the land or on the sea or on any tree.	*After these events I saw four angels standing on the earth. One was standing to the north of me, one to the east, one to the south, and one to the west. They were keeping the winds from those directions from blowing on the land or on the sea or against any tree.*

What were the four angels standing on the four corners of the earth doing when John saw them?

The four angels were holding back the four winds of the earth.

Revelation 7:2-3

What did the angel coming from the rising of the sun (that is, the east) say must be done before the earth, sea, and trees were harmed?

The angel said that the servants of God must be sealed on their foreheads before the earth, sea, and trees were harmed.

Revelation 7:4

ULT	UST
And I heard the number of the ones having been sealed: 144 thousands, having been sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:	*Then the angel and his fellow angels marked all of the people who believed in and obeyed God. I heard someone say how many people they had marked. It was 144, 000 people from every tribe of Israel.*

How many people were sealed and who were they?

144 thousands (that is, 144,000 people) were sealed, and they were from every tribe of the sons of Israel.

Revelation 7:9

ULT	UST
After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude that, to number it, no one was able, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, having been clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands,	*After these events, I saw something remarkable: a huge crowd of people! There were so many people in the crowd that no one could count them. They came from every nation, tribe, and people group, and they spoke every language. They all stood in front of the throne, where the Lamb was. They all wore flowing white robes, and they were all holding palm branches.*

What did John then see before the throne of God and in front of the Lamb?

John saw a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language before the throne.

Revelation 7:10

ULT	UST
and they cry out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation is to our God, the one sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb!"	*They were shouting loudly, "Our God, who rules over everything, has saved us! The Lamb has saved us!"*

The great multitude called out that salvation belonged to someone. To whom did it belong?

Those before the throne called out that salvation belonged to God and to the Lamb.

Revelation 7:11

ULT	UST
And all the angels had stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,	*Then all the angels stood around the throne, the elders, and the four living beings. The angels all knelt down in front of the throne with their faces on the ground and worshiped God.*

What did the angels, elders, and living creatures do as they worshiped God?

They fell on their faces, that is, they lay down and put their faces on the ground, as they worshiped God.

Revelation 7:14

ULT	UST
And I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming from the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.	*I answered him, "Sir, I need you to tell me who they are." He then told me: "These are the people who remained faithful to Jesus during a time of great persecution. This showed that they have become pure from sin by trusting in Jesus, who shed his blood for them when he died on the cross.*

Who did the elder say were the ones clothed in white robes before the throne?

The elder said they were the ones who had come out of the great tribulation.

How had the ones before the throne made their robes white?

They had made their robes white by washing them in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 7:15-16

What did the elder say God would do for those who were clothed in white robes?

God would spread his tent over them so they would not be hungry or thirsty or burned by the sun anymore.

Revelation 7:17

ULT	UST
because the Lamb at the midst of the throne will shepherd them and guide them to springs of the waters of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."	*This is because the Lamb who is by the throne will care for them just as a shepherd cares for his sheep. The Lamb will enable them to receive everlasting life, as if they were drinking from springs where fresh, pure water flows. God will help them to stop crying and be joyful."*

What did the elder say the Lamb would do for those who are clothed in white robes?

The Lamb will shepherd them and guide them to springs of living water.

Revelation 8

Revelation 8:1

ULT	UST
And when he opened the seventh seal, silence happened in heaven for about half an hour.	*Then the Lamb opened the seventh piece of wax that sealed the scroll. When he did, there was no sound at all in heaven for a short time.*

There was silence in heaven after something happened. What happened?

There was silence in heaven after the Lamb opened the seventh seal.

Revelation 8:2

ULT	UST
And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.	*I then saw the seven angels who are God's personal attendants. He gave each of them a trumpet.*

What was given to the seven angels who stand before God?

Seven trumpets were given to the seven angels who stand before God.

Revelation 8:4

ULT	UST
And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose up before God from the hand of the angel.	*The angel started burning the incense. The smoke from the incense burning in the container that the angel was holding went up to God along with the prayers of God's people.*

What rose up before God?

The smoke of incense with the prayers of the saints rose up before God.

Revelation 8:5

ULT	UST
And the angel took the censer and filled it from the fire of the altar and threw it onto the earth, and thunders and sounds and lightnings and an earthquake happened.	*Then the angel took the golden incense bowl and filled it with coals of fire from the altar. He threw these coals and the burning incense onto the earth. When he did, thunder crashed and rumbled, lightning flashed, and the earth shook.*

What happened when the angel threw fire from the altar down onto the earth?

When the angel threw down the fire, there were crashes of thunder, loud sounds, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

Revelation 8:7

ULT	UST
And the first trumpeted, and hail happened, and fire, mixed with blood, and it was thrown onto the earth, and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.	*Then the first angel blew his trumpet, and hail and fire appeared. There was blood in the midst of the hail and fire. All of it poured down onto the earth. The fire burned up one third of everything on the surface of the land, one third of the trees, and all the green grass.*

What happened when the first angel sounded a trumpet?

When the first angel sounded a trumpet, a third of the earth was burned up along with a third of the trees and all the green grass.

Revelation 8:8-9

What happened when the second angel sounded a trumpet?

When the second angel sounded a trumpet, a third of the sea became blood, a third of the creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

Revelation 8:10-11

What happened when the third angel sounded a trumpet?

When the third angel sounded a trumpet, a third of the waters became wormwood and many people died.

Revelation 8:12

ULT	UST
And the fourth angel trumpeted, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened, and the day, a third of it did not shine, and likewise the night.	*Then the fourth angel blew his trumpet, and God struck the sun, the moon, and the stars so that they lost their light for one third of the time. The sun did not shine during one third of the day, and the moon and stars did not shine during one third of the night.*

What happened when the fourth angel sounded a trumpet?

When the fourth angel sounded a trumpet, it became dark for a third of the day and the night.

Revelation 8:13

ULT	UST
And I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in mid-heaven saying in a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe, to the ones living on the earth from the remaining sounds of the trumpet of the three angels who are going to trumpet."	*Then, as I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying high in the sky shouting loudly, "Three terrible things will happen to the people who live on the earth when the three remaining angels blow their trumpets! They are about to blow them!"*

Why did the eagle say "Woe, woe, woe to the ones living on the earth"?

The eagle said "Woe, woe, woe, to the ones on the earth" because of the remaining three trumpet blasts.

Revelation 9

Revelation 9:1

ULT	UST
And the fifth angel trumpeted, and I saw a star having fallen from the sky to the earth, and the key of the shaft of the abyss was given to it.	*Then the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. God gave it the key to the deep, dark pit.*

What kind of star did John see when the fifth angel sounded a trumpet?

When the fifth angel sounded a trumpet, John saw a star from heaven that had fallen to the earth.

Revelation 9:2

ULT	UST
And he opened the shaft of the abyss, and smoke went up from the shaft like the smoke of a great furnace, and the sun and the air were darkened from the smoke of the shaft.	*When he opened that pit, a huge amount of smoke rose from it, as if it were a great burning furnace. The smoke prevented anyone from seeing the light of the sun and the sky.*

What did the star do?

The star opened the shaft of the abyss.

Revelation 9:3-4

What did God tell the locusts from the pit to do?

God told the locusts not to damage the earth but only the people who did not have the seal of God.

Revelation 9:6

ULT	UST
And in those days, men will seek death, but they will certainly not find it, and they will long to die, but death flees from them.	*During the time when the locusts torture people who refuse to belong to God, those people will be in so much pain that they will want to die. But God will make sure those people stay alive to experience the punishment for their sin.*

What would the people tormented by the locusts seek but not find?

The people tormented by the locusts would seek death but would not find it.

Revelation 9:9

ULT	UST
and they had breastplates like iron breastplates, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of many chariots of horses running into battle.	*They wore breastplates made of metal. When they were flying, their wings made a noise like the roar of many horses pulling chariots and rushing into battle.*

What did the wings of the locusts sound like?

The wings of the locusts sounded like many chariots and horses running into battle.

Revelation 9:11

ULT	UST
They have over them a king, the angel of the abyss. His name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek he has the name Apollyon.	*The king who ruled over them was the angel of the deep, dark pit. His name in the Hebrew language is Abaddon. In the Greek language it is Apollyon. Both of these names mean Destroyer.*

Who was the king over the locusts?

The king over the locusts was the angel of the abyss.

Revelation 9:12

ULT	UST
The first woe has passed. Behold, two woes are still coming after these things.	*After five months the locusts went away. That ended the first terrible event. But be aware that two more terrible events are still to come.*

What did John call the locusts that came when the fifth angel sounded a trumpet?

John called these locusts the “first woe.”

Revelation 9:13

ULT	UST
And the sixth angel trumpeted, and I heard a voice from the horns of the golden altar before God,	*Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four corners of the golden altar that is in God’s presence.*

From where did John hear a voice when the sixth angel sounded a trumpet?

When the sixth angel sounded a trumpet, John heard a voice coming from the golden altar before God.

Revelation 9:15

ULT	UST
And the four angels having been prepared for the hour and day and month and year were released so that they might kill a third of men.	*Then those four angels went free. They had been waiting for that exact moment. They went free so they could enable their soldiers to kill one third of humanity.*

What happened to the four angels after the voice spoke?

After the voice spoke, the four angels were released to kill a third of humanity.

Revelation 9:16

ULT	UST
And the number of the horse soldiers was two myriads of myriads; I heard their number.	*I heard someone say how many soldiers there were riding on horses. The number was 200, 000, 000.*

How many horse soldiers did John see?

John saw two myriads of myriads of horse soldiers, that is, two hundred million (200,000,000) horse soldiers.

Revelation 9:18

ULT	UST
By these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the sulfur coming out from their mouths, a third of men were killed.	*Those three things—the fire, the smoke, and the burning sulfur from the horses' mouths—killed one third of humanity.*

What plagues killed a third of humanity?

The plagues of fire, smoke, and sulfur from the mouths of the horses killed a third of humanity.

Revelation 9:20

ULT	UST
And the rest of men, the ones not killed in these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so that they will not worship demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which are able neither to see nor to hear nor to walk.	*But there were still people whom the plagues of fire and smoke and burning sulfur did not kill. Those people did not stop doing sinful things. They also did not stop worshiping demons and idols that they had made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood. The people did not stop worshiping the idols even though they were lifeless statues that could not help people.*

How did the people not killed in the plagues respond?

The people not killed in the plagues did not repent of their works, that is, they did not stop worshiping demons and idols.

Revelation 10

Revelation 10:1

ULT	UST
And I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven clothed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head and his face like the sun and his feet like pillars of fire	*Then in the vision I saw another mighty angel come down out of heaven. A cloud surrounded him. There was a rainbow over his head. His face shone brightly like the sun. His legs glowed like columns of fire.*

What did the face and feet of the mighty angel that John saw look like?

The angel had a face like the sun and feet like pillars of fire.

Revelation 10:2

ULT	UST
and having in his hand an opened little scroll. And he put his right foot on the sea and his left on the land,	*He had in his hand a small scroll that was open. He set his right foot on the ocean and his left foot on the land.*

Where did the angel stand?

The angel stood with his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land.

Revelation 10:4

ULT	UST
And when the seven thunders spoke, I was going to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal what the seven thunders said and do not write it."	*I was about to record what the thunders had said. But then a voice from heaven told me, "Keep secret what the thunders said! Do not write it down!"*

What did the voice from heaven tell John not to write?

The voice from heaven told John not to write what the seven thunders said.

Revelation 10:6

ULT	UST
and swore by the one living to the ages of the ages, who created heaven and the things in it and the earth and the things in it and the sea and the things in it, "There will be no more time,	*He asked God, who lives forever and who created everything that exists, to confirm that what he said was true. The angel said that God would no longer delay in doing what he had planned to do.*

By whom did the mighty angel swear?

The mighty angel swore by him who lives to the ages of the ages (that is, forever), who created heaven, the earth, the sea, and the things in them.

Revelation 10:7

ULT	UST
but in the days of the sound of the seventh angel, when he is going to trumpet, then the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he proclaimed to his own servants the prophets."	*He said that when the time came for the seventh angel to blow his trumpet, then God would finish his secret plan. That is what God told his servants the prophets long ago.*

What did the mighty angel say would be accomplished in the days of the sound of the seventh angel?

The angel said that when the seventh angel sounded a trumpet, the mystery of God would be accomplished.

Revelation 10:8

ULT	UST
And the voice that I heard from heaven was speaking with me again and saying: "Go, take the opened scroll in the hand of the angel standing on the sea and on the land."	*Then the one whom I had heard speak from heaven spoke to me again. He said, "Go and take the open scroll from the hand of the angel who is standing on the ocean and on the land."*

What did the voice tell John to take from the mighty angel?

The voice told John to take an open scroll from the angel.

Revelation 10:9

ULT	UST
And I went to the angel, telling him to give the little scroll to me. And he says to me, "Take and eat it, and it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet like honey."	*So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "Take it and eat it. When you eat it, it will taste sweet like honey, but after you eat it, your stomach will hurt."*

What did the angel say would happen when John ate the scroll?

The angel said that the scroll would taste sweet in John's mouth but that it would make his stomach bitter.

Revelation 10:11

ULT	UST
And they said to me, "It is necessary for you to prophesy again about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."	*Then someone said to me, "You must speak God's messages again about many nations, many people groups, speakers of many languages, and many kings."*

After he ate the scroll, about what was John told to prophesy?

John was told to prophesy about many peoples, nations, languages, and kings.

Revelation 11

Revelation 11:1

ULT	UST
And a reed like a measuring rod was given to me, saying, "Get up and measure the temple of God and the altar and the ones worshiping in it.	*Then an angel gave me a reed similar to a measuring stick. God said to me, "Go to my temple, measure it and the altar in it, and count the people who are worshiping there.*

What was John told to measure?

John was told to measure the temple of God and the altar and the ones worshiping in the temple.

Revelation 11:2

ULT	UST
But cast out the courtyard outside the temple and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles, and they will trample the holy city for 42 months.	*But do not measure the courtyard outside of the temple building. I have given that to the non-Jewish people groups. As a result, they will oppress the people who live in the city of Jerusalem for 42 months.*

For how long would the Gentiles trample the holy city?

The Gentiles would trample the holy city for 42 months.

Revelation 11:5

ULT	UST
And if anyone wishes to harm them, fire comes out from their mouth and devours their enemies, and if anyone should wish to harm them, he must be killed in this way.	*Now if anyone tries to harm those witnesses, they breathe fire out of their mouths and burn them up. In this way the two witnesses will certainly kill anyone who wants to harm them.*

What were the two witnesses given the authority to do to anyone who wished to harm them?

The two witnesses were given the authority to kill with fire anyone who wished to harm them.

Revelation 11:8

ULT	UST
And their corpses will be in the public square of the great city, which is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.	*Now the two witnesses were announcing God's message in the great city that people symbolically call Sodom because its people are very evil. People also call that city Egypt because its people treat God's people badly. That is also the city where Jesus, whom the witnesses were serving, died on a cross. To insult the witnesses, the people of the city will not bury their bodies. They will leave their bodies lying in the city's open area.*

Where will the bodies of the two witnesses lie?

Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city.

Revelation 11:10

ULT	UST
And the ones living on the earth rejoice over them and celebrate and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented the ones living on the earth.	*When the people who do not honor God see that the witnesses are dead, they will be very glad and hold a celebration. They will even send gifts to each other to celebrate. They will be so happy because the two prophets are dead who sent plagues that made them suffer.*

How will the people of the earth react when the two witnesses are killed?

The people of the earth will rejoice and celebrate and send gifts to one another when the two witnesses are killed.

Revelation 11:11-12

What will happen to the two witnesses after three and a half days?

After three and a half days, a breath of life will enter the two witnesses and they will stand on their feet.

Revelation 11:14

ULT	UST
The second woe has passed. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.	*That will be the second terrible event. Be aware that the third terrible event will happen soon afterwards.*

After the two witnesses go up to heaven and there is an earthquake, what has passed?

After the two witnesses go up to heaven and there is an earthquake, the second woe has passed.

Revelation 11:15

ULT	UST
And the seventh angel trumpeted, and loud voices happened in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign to the ages of the ages."	*Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and voices in heaven shouted loudly, "The Lord our God and the Messiah whom he has appointed will now rule all the people in the world! They will continue to rule those people forever!"*

When the seventh angel sounded a trumpet, what did loud voices in heaven say?

When the seventh angel sounded a trumpet, loud voices in heaven said that the kingdom of the world had become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ.

Revelation 11:17

ULT	UST
saying, "We give thanks to you, Lord God, Ruler of All, the one being and the one having been, because indeed you have taken your great power and have reigned.	*They said: "Lord God, you are the one who rules over everything! You are the one who exists now! You are the one who has always existed! We thank you that you have so powerfully defeated everyone who has rebelled against you, and you now rule over all the people in the world.*

What did the elders say that the Lord God had now done?

The elders said that the Lord God had taken his great power and reigned.

Revelation 11:18

ULT	UST
And the nations were enraged, but your wrath has come and the time for the dead to be judged, and to give a reward to your servants the prophets and to the saints and to the ones fearing your name, the small and the great, and to destroy the ones destroying the earth."	*The unbelieving people of the nations were raging angrily at you. As a result, you have punished them. You have decided that this is the right time for you to judge all those who have died. You are rewarding your servants who spoke your message and the people who belong to you, You are rewarding all those who honor you, whoever they are. You have decided that it is time for you to destroy the people who have been destroying the earth."*

According to the elders, what time had now come?

The elders said that the time had now come for the dead to be judged and for God to reward his servants and destroy the ones destroying the earth.

Revelation 11:19

ULT	UST
And the temple of God in heaven was opened and the ark of the covenant of the Lord was seen in his temple. And flashes of lightning and loud sounds and crashes of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm happened.	*Then God opened the doors his temple in heaven, and in it I saw the sacred chest that contains symbols of God's promise. Lightning was flashing. I heard the rumbling of thunder. The earth shook, and large hailstones fell from the sky.*

What was then opened in heaven?

God's temple was then opened in heaven.

Revelation 12

Revelation 12:1

ULT	UST
And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and a crown of 12 stars on her head,	*Then something very significant appeared in the sky. It was a woman who was wearing the sun as her clothing. She was standing on the moon. On her head was a crown that was made of 12 stars.*

What great sign was seen in heaven?

The great sign seen in heaven was a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.

Revelation 12:3

ULT	UST
And another sign was seen in heaven: and behold, a large red dragon having seven heads and ten horns and seven diadems on his heads.	*Then something else significant appeared in the sky. It was a huge red dragon. It had seven heads and ten horns. It had a royal crown on each of its heads.*

What other great sign was seen in heaven?

The other great sign seen in heaven was a large red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads.

Revelation 12:4

ULT	UST
And his tail sweeps away a third of the stars of heaven and hurled them down to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman being about to give birth so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.	*The dragon's tail dragged a third of the stars out of the sky and threw them onto the earth. The dragon set himself in front of the woman who was about to give birth so that he could eat her child as soon as he was born.*

What did the dragon's tail do?

The dragon's tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and hurled them down to earth.

What did the dragon want to do when the woman gave birth?

The dragon wanted to devour the woman's child when she gave birth.

Revelation 12:5

ULT	UST
And she gave birth to a son, a male, who is going to rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched away to God and to his throne,	*Then the woman gave birth to a son. He is destined to rule all groups of people with complete authority. God snatched away this child for safety and brought him up to his throne in heaven.*

What was the male child going to do?

The male child was going to rule all the nations with an iron scepter.

To where was the male child snatched away?

The male child was snatched away to God and to his throne.

Revelation 12:6

ULT	UST
and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God there so that they might nourish her there for 1, 260 days.	*But the woman fled to a desolate region. God had made a place ready for her there where people would take care of her for 1, 260 days.*

To where did the woman flee?

The woman fled into the wilderness.

Revelation 12:7

ULT	UST
And a war happened in heaven. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought them.	*Then a battle began in heaven. Michael and the angels he commanded fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back against Michael and his angels.*

Who fought in heaven?

Michael and his angels fought against the dragon and his angels.

Revelation 12:9

ULT	UST
And the great dragon was thrown down, the ancient serpent called Diabolos and Satan, the one deceiving the whole world. He was thrown down to the earth and his angels were thrown down with him.	*Instead, God threw the huge dragon out of heaven. That dragon is the same evil spirit who appeared as a serpent long ago. His names are the Devil and Satan. He deceives everyone who lives in the world. God threw him and all of his angels down to the earth.*

What happened to the dragon and his angels as a result of the battle?

The dragon and his angels were thrown down to the earth.

Who is the dragon?

The dragon is the ancient serpent called Diabolos and Satan.

Revelation 12:11

ULT	UST
And they conquered him through the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, indeed, they did not love their lives unto death.	*But our fellow believers overcame him. This is because the Lamb shed his blood as a sacrifice for them and because they spoke the truth about him to other people. They did not want just to stay alive. They were willing to die if necessary for speaking the truth about him.*

How did the brothers conquer the dragon?

The brothers conquered the dragon through the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.

Revelation 12:12

ULT	UST
Therefore, rejoice, heavens, and the ones dwelling in them! Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you, having great anger, knowing that he has little time!"	*So all of you living in heaven should rejoice! But terrible things will happen to you people who live on the earth and travel on the ocean because the devil is now among you. He is very angry because he knows that he has only a short time before God judges and punishes him."*

How much time does the dragon know he has?

The dragon knows he has only a little time.

Revelation 12:13-14

What did God give the woman when the dragon pursued her?

When the dragon pursued her, God gave the woman wings to fly to the place prepared for her, where she would be nourished.

Revelation 12:15-17

After the earth helped the woman, what did the dragon do?

The dragon went off to make war with those who keeping God's commandments and having the testimony about Jesus.

Revelation 13

Revelation 13:1

ULT	UST
And I saw a beast coming up from the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on its horns were ten crowns, and on its heads was a blasphemous name.	*Then I saw a beast come up out of the ocean. It had ten horns and seven heads. On each of its horns there was a royal crown. On each of its heads there was a name that insulted God.*

From where did the beast come that John saw?

The beast that John saw came up from the sea.

Revelation 13:2

ULT	UST
And the beast that I saw was like a leopard and its feet were as of a bear and its mouth was as the mouth of a lion, and the dragon gave to it his power and his throne and great authority.	*This beast was like a leopard, but its feet were like the feet of a bear. Its mouth was like the mouth of a lion. The dragon made the beast very powerful. He also gave him the supreme right to rule over people as their king.*

What did the dragon give to the beast?

The dragon gave the beast his power, his throne, and great authority.

Revelation 13:3

ULT	UST
And one of its heads was as if it had been slain unto death, but its wound of death had been healed. And the whole earth was astonished after the beast,	*One of the heads of the beast looked as if someone had wounded it so that it had died. But that wound had healed. As a result, all the people of the earth marveled at the beast and obeyed it.*

Why was the whole earth astonished?

The whole earth was astonished because the beast had a wound of death (a fatal wound) that had been healed.

Revelation 13:5-6

What did the beast say with the mouth it was given?

The beast spoke great (proud) things and blasphemies against God, his name, his tabernacle, and those living in heaven.

Revelation 13:7

ULT	UST
And to it was granted to make war with the saints and to conquer them, and authority was given to it over every tribe and people and language and nation.	*The dragon enabled the beast to fight against God's people and conquer them. The dragon also gave the beast the right to rule over people no matter what tribe they came from or what group they belonged to or what language they spoke or where they lived.*

What was the beast allowed to do against the saints?

The beast was allowed to make war against the saints and to conquer them.

Revelation 13:8

ULT	UST
And all the ones living on the earth will worship it, of whom his name has not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb having been slain from the foundation of the world.	*The names of some of the people living on earth do not appear in the Book of Life. Those people will worship the beast. The Book of Life belongs to the Lamb. The Lamb gave up his life at the beginning of the world in order to become the Savior.*

Who will not worship the beast?

Anyone whose name is written in the Book of Life will not worship the beast.

Revelation 13:10

ULT	UST
If anyone is for captivity, he departs; if anyone will be killed by the sword, it is necessary for him to be killed by the sword. Here is the endurance and the faith of the saints.	*If anyone's enemies are going to capture him, they will capture him. If anyone's enemies are going to kill him with a sword, they will kill him with a sword. So God's people must endure suffering and remain faithful to him.*

What qualities does John say the saints must have?

John says that the saints must have endurance and faith.

Revelation 13:11

ULT	UST
And I saw another beast coming up from the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb but it was speaking like a dragon.	*Then I saw another beast come up from the earth. It had two small horns on its head as a sheep has. But its voice sounded like a dragon's voice.*

From where did the other beast come that John saw?

The other beast that John saw came up out of the earth.

What kind of horns and voice did the other beast have?

The other beast had horns like a lamb but its voice sounded like a dragon's voice (it was speaking like a dragon).

Revelation 13:12

ULT	UST
And it exercises all the authority of the first beast before it, and it makes the earth and the ones living on it that they will worship the first beast, of whom his wound of death had been healed.	*This beast from the earth carries out all the orders of the beast from the sea. It requires the people who live on the earth to worship the beast from the sea. That is the beast that almost died but whose wound healed.*

The other beast caused those who live on the earth to do something. What was it?

The other beast caused those who live on the earth to worship the first beast.

Revelation 13:15

ULT	UST
And it was granted to it to give breath to the image of the beast so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause whoever does not worship the image of the beast to be killed.	*The dragon gave the beast from the earth the power to make that idol live. Then the idol that looked like the beast from the sea was able to speak. The beast from the earth then commanded that anyone who refused to worship the idol would be killed.*

What did the other beast do to whoever did not worship the image of the beast?

The other beast caused whoever did not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Revelation 13:16

ULT	UST
And it causes everyone, the small and the great and the rich and the poor and the free and the slave, that they might give to them a mark on their right hand or on their forehead,	*The beast from the earth also required each person to have a mark on his right hand or on his forehead. This requirement applied to important people and unimportant people. It applied to people who were rich and people who were poor. It applied to free people and to slaves. It applied to everyone!*

What did the other beast cause everyone to receive?

The other beast caused everyone to receive a mark on the right hand or on the forehead.

Revelation 13:18

ULT	UST
Here is wisdom: The one having understanding, let him calculate the number of the beast. For it is the number of a man, and its number is 666.	*You must think wisely about this: Anyone who understands things well can figure out the identity of the beast from the sea. That is because the number that stands for its name actually represents the name of a man. That number is 666.*

What is the number of the beast?

The number of the beast is 666.

Revelation 14

Revelation 14:1

ULT	UST
And I looked and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him were 144 thousands having his name and the name of his Father written on their foreheads.	*But then I saw the Lamb standing on Mount Zion in Jerusalem. With him were 144, 000 people. He had written his name and his Father's name on their foreheads.*

Whom did John see standing on Mount Zion?

John saw the Lamb and 144 thousands (144,000 people) standing on Mount Zion.

Revelation 14:3

ULT	UST
And they sing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders, and no one was able to learn the song except the 144 thousands having been bought from the earth.	*This sound was of the people I saw singing a new song. They were standing in front of the throne and the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had saved these 144, 000 people from among all the people on the earth. Only they could learn that song.*

Who was able to learn the new song that was sung before the throne?

Only the 144,000 people who had been bought from the earth were able to learn the new song.

Revelation 14:4-5

Who have been bought as first fruits for God and for the Lamb?

The 144,000 blameless people have been bought as first fruits to God and to the Lamb.

Revelation 14:6

ULT	UST
And I saw another angel flying in midair, having the eternal gospel to proclaim to the ones living on the earth, even to every nation and tribe and language and people,	*Then I saw another angel flying through the sky. He was bringing God's eternal good news from heaven so that he could proclaim it to the people who live on earth. He will proclaim it to every nation, to every tribe, to speakers of every language, and to every people group.*

To whom did the angel give the eternal message of good news?

The angel gave the eternal message of good news to every nation, tribe, language, and people on the earth.

Revelation 14:7

ULT	UST
saying in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship the one having made the heaven and the earth and the sea and the springs of water."	*He said in a loud voice, "Honor God and praise him because it is now time for him to judge everyone! Worship him because he is the one who created heaven and earth and the ocean and the fresh water."*

What did the angel tell those the ones living on the earth to do?

The angel told them to fear God and to give him glory.

What hour (time) did the angel say had come?

The angel said the hour of God's judgment had come.

Revelation 14:8

ULT	UST
And another, a second, followed, saying, "Fallen, fallen has Babylon the Great, who caused all the nations to drink from the wine of the passion of her immorality!"	*And then another angel came after that one. This angel said, "The very evil city of Babylon has now become a complete ruin! Babylon forced the people of every nation to be unfaithful to God by worshiping idols."*

What did the second angel say had happened?

The second angel said that Babylon the Great had fallen.

Revelation 14:10

ULT	UST
he will also drink from the wine of the wrath of God having been poured undiluted into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur before the holy angels and before the Lamb.	*God will duly punish them. They will stagger from the punishment as if they had drunk strong wine. He will torment them in burning sulfur as his holy angels and the Lamb are watching.*

What did the third angel say would happen to anyone who worshiped the beast and received his mark?

The third angel said that those who worshiped the beast and received his mark would be tormented with fire and sulfur.

Revelation 14:12

ULT	UST
Here is the endurance of the saints, the ones keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."	*God's people are those who obey what God commands and who trust in Jesus. They must continue to do these things faithfully because those who disobey God and deny Jesus will experience these torments.*

What quality did John say the saints should have?

John said that the saints should have endurance.

Revelation 14:14

ULT	UST
And I looked and behold, a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud one like a son of man, having a golden crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.	*Then I saw something else very significant. I saw a white cloud, and someone was sitting on the cloud who looked like a human being. He was wearing a golden crown on his head. He held a sharp sickle in his hand.*

Whom did John see seated on a white cloud?

John saw one like a son of man seated on a white cloud.

Revelation 14:16

ULT	UST
And the one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle upon the earth, and the earth was harvested.	*Then the person who looked like a human being and who was sitting on the cloud used his sickle to harvest all of the grain on the earth.*

What did the one sitting on the cloud do?

The one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle and harvested the earth.

Revelation 14:19

ULT	UST
And the angel swung his sickle to the earth and harvested the grapevine of the earth, and he threw the grapes into the great winepress of the wrath of God.	*So the angel used his sickle to harvest the grapes. Then he threw the grapes into the huge winepress that represents the place where God will punish people for what they have done wrong.*

What did the angel with the sickle do?

The angel with the sickle harvested the grapevine of the earth and threw the grapes into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

Revelation 14:20

ULT	UST
And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out from the winepress up to the bridles of the horses for 1, 600 stadia.	*God trampled the grapes in the winepress outside the city. When he did, blood poured out of the winepress! It flowed in such quantity that it formed a stream that was a meter and a half deep and extended for three hundred kilometers.*

What came out from the winepress when it was trampled?

Blood came out from the winepress when it was trampled.

Revelation 15

Revelation 15:1

ULT	UST
And I saw another great and marvelous sign in heaven: seven angels having seven final plagues, for with them the wrath of God was finished.	*Then something else very significant appeared in the sky. I saw seven angels. God had given them the duty to punish rebellious people in seven different ways. This is the last time that God will punish people this way, because through these punishments he will have given people on earth all of the punishment that they deserve.*

What did the seven angels have whom John saw?

The seven angels had seven final plagues.

Revelation 15:2

ULT	UST
Then I saw as it were a sea of glass having been mixed with fire and the ones being victorious over the beast and over his image and over the number of his name standing on the sea of glass having the harps of God.	*I also saw a great flat area of glass that was sparkling with light. I also saw the people who had overcome the beast by not worshiping it or its image and by not allowing anyone to mark them with the number that represents the beast's name. They were standing on the large flat area of glass. They were holding harps that God had given them.*

Who was standing by the sea?

The ones being victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name were standing by the sea.

Revelation 15:3

ULT	UST
And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God, Ruler of All. Righteous and true are your ways, King of the Ages.	*They were singing a song such as God's servant Moses sang long ago. It was the same kind of song that the Lamb now sings. They sang, "Lord God, who rules over everything, all that you do is very marvelous! You always act entirely righteously. You rule as King forever!*

Whose song were those standing by the sea singing?

Those standing by the sea were singing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb.

How were God's ways described in the song?

God's ways were described as righteous and true.

Revelation 15:4

ULT	UST
Who will certainly not fear you, Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. For all the nations will come and worship before you, because your righteous deeds have been manifested."	*O Lord, everyone will fear you and honor you because you alone are holy. Yes, people from every group will come and bow down to you in worship because you have shown that you have judged everyone in the right way."*

According to the song, who will come and worship God?

All nations will come and worship God.

Revelation 15:6

ULT	UST
And the seven angels having the seven plagues came out from the temple, having been clothed with clean, bright linen and with golden sashes having been wrapped around their chests.	*The seven angels whose duty it was to punish rebellious people in seven different ways came out of the temple. The angels were wearing clean, white linen garments. They were also wearing bands of golden fabric around their chests.*

Who then came out from the temple?

The seven angels having the seven plagues then came out from the temple.

Revelation 15:7

ULT	UST
And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls being full of the wrath of the God living to the ages of the ages.	*One of the four living creatures gave each of the seven angels a golden bowl. Inside each bowl was a different kind of punishment for people who had done wrong. The angels would administer these punishments on behalf of God, who lives forever and ever.*

What did one of the four living creatures give to the seven angels?

One of the four living creatures gave the seven angels seven bowls full of the wrath of God.

Revelation 15:8

ULT	UST
And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one was able to enter into the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.	*Then smoke that expressed the presence of the glorious and all-powerful God filled the temple. The smoke remained there while the angels were administering the plagues. Only after the seven angels finished punishing the people of the earth in seven different ways could anyone enter the temple again.*

Until when could no one enter the temple?

No one could enter the temple until the seven plagues were completed.

Revelation 16

Revelation 16:1

ULT	UST
And I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God onto the earth."	*Next I heard someone in the temple speak in a loud voice to the angels who had the seven bowls. He told them, "Go from here and pour out what you have in your seven bowls onto the earth. This is how God will punish people for their sins."*

What did the voice tell the seven angels to do?

The voice told the seven angels to go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of God's wrath onto the earth.

Revelation 16:2

ULT	UST
And the first went and poured out his bowl on the earth, and a bad and harmful sore happened on the men having the mark of the beast and the ones worshiping its image.	*So the first angel went and poured out what he had in his bowl onto the earth. As a result, terrible sores broke out on the people who had allowed the beast's servants to write the beast's name on them. These were the people who had worshiped the beast's image.*

What happened when the first angel poured out his bowl?

The people who had the mark of the beast and who worshiped its image got bad sores.

Revelation 16:3

ULT	UST
And the second poured out his bowl into the sea and it became blood as of a corpse, and every living soul in the sea died.	*Then the second angel poured out what he had in his bowl on the ocean. As a result, the water of the sea turned into blood. That blood was decayed and stinky like the blood of a dead person. Every creature that lived in the ocean died.*

What happened when the second angel poured out his bowl?

The sea became like the blood of a dead person.

Revelation 16:4

ULT	UST
And the third poured out his bowl into the rivers and the springs of water, and it became blood.	*Then the third angel poured out what he had in his bowl upon the earth's rivers and springs. As a result, the water in them turned into blood.*

What happened when the third angel poured out his bowl?

The rivers and springs of water became blood.

Revelation 16:6

ULT	UST
Because they poured out the blood of the saints and prophets, you have also given blood to them to drink; they are worthy."	*The people who rebelled against you murdered your holy people and the prophets. So you are just in punishing them by giving them blood to drink."*

Why was it true and just that God gave these people blood to drink?

It was true and just because these people had poured out the blood of God's saints and prophets.

Revelation 16:8

ULT	UST
And the fourth poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was granted to it to scorch men with fire.	*Then the fourth angel poured out what he had in his bowl on the sun. As a result, the sun became so hot that it burned people very badly.*

What happened when the fourth angel poured out his bowl?

The sun scorched people with fire.

Revelation 16:9

ULT	UST
And men were scorched a great scorch and they blasphemed the name of the God having authority over these plagues, but they did not repent to give him glory.	*Because the sun burned people so badly, they said evil things about God because he had the power to punish them in these ways. But they still refused to stop doing wrong things and they still refused to praise him.*

How did the people respond to these plagues?

The people did not repent to give God glory.

Revelation 16:10

ULT	UST
And the fifth poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom became darkened. And they were chewing their tongues from the pain,	*Then the fifth angel poured out what he had in his bowl on the throne of the beast. As a result, it became dark where the beast ruled. Because it was like night all the time, the people whom the beast ruled could feel the pain of their terrible sores even more. So they were biting their tongues because of this pain.*

What happened when the fifth angel poured out his bowl?

The kingdom of the beast became darkened.

Revelation 16:12

ULT	UST
And the sixth poured out his bowl upon the great river, the Euphrates, and its water was dried up so that the way of the kings from the rising of the sun might be prepared.	*Then the sixth angel poured out what he had in his bowl on the Euphrates River. As a result, the water in the river dried up so that the rulers from the eastern countries could cross it with their armies.*

What happened when the sixth angel poured out his bowl?

The water of the Euphrates River was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the rising of the sun (from the east).

Revelation 16:13-14

What did the three unclean spirits go out to do?

The three unclean spirits went out to gather the kings of the world for battle on the great day of God.

Revelation 16:16

ULT	UST
And they brought them together at the place called Armageddon in Hebrew.	*The evil spirits gathered the rulers at a place whose name in the Hebrew language is Armageddon.*

What was the name of the place where the kings of the world were brought together?

The name of the place was Armageddon.

Revelation 16:17-18

What happened when the seventh angel poured out his bowl?

A loud voice said, “It is has happened!” and there was lightning, sounds, thunder, and an earthquake.

Revelation 16:19

ULT	UST
And the great city came into three parts and the cities of the nations fell, and Babylon the Great was remembered before God to give to her the cup of the wine of the wrath of his anger.	*As a result of this earthquake, the giant city split into three parts. God also destroyed the cities in the other nations. God did not forget that the people of Babylon had sinned very much. So he made them experience the punishments they so justly deserved.*

At this time, what did God remember?

At this time, God remembered to give Babylon the Great the cup of the wine of the wrath of his anger.

Revelation 16:21

ULT	UST
And great hail, about a talent in weight, comes down from heaven upon men, and men blasphemed God because of the plague of hail, because that plague is exceedingly great.	*Then huge hailstones, each weighing 33 kilograms, fell from the sky onto people. Then people said evil things about God because he had punished them in this terrible way with those huge, heavy hailstones.*

How did the people respond to the plague of hail?

The people blasphemed God.

Revelation 17

Revelation 17:1

ULT	UST
And one of the seven angels holding the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute sitting on many waters,	*One of the seven angels who had the bowls came over to me. He said, "Come with me. I want to show you how God will punish the evil prostitute whom you saw sitting near a great river.*

What did the angel say he would show John?

The angel said he would show John the judgment of the great prostitute.

Revelation 17:3

ULT	UST
And he carried me away in the Spirit to a wilderness, and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast being full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.	*Then the Holy Spirit inspired me so that I could see and hear things in a vision. The angel carried me away to a desolate area. There I saw a woman who was riding on a red beast. The beast had written names all over itself. They were names that insulted God. The beast had seven heads and ten horns.*

On what was the woman sitting?

The woman was sitting on a scarlet beast that had seven heads and ten horns.

Revelation 17:4

ULT	UST
And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet and adorned with gold and precious stone and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup being full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality,	*Now the woman was wearing purple and red clothes. She had gold jewelry with precious stones and pearls. She held a golden cup in her hand. That cup was full of something to drink that stands for the awful things she does when she commits sexual immorality.*

What was in the cup which the woman held in her hand?

The cup was full of abominations and the impurities of her sexual immorality.

Revelation 17:5

ULT	UST
and on her forehead had been written a name, a mystery: Babylon the Great, the Mother of Prostitutes and of the Abominations of the Earth.	*And there was a name in writing on her forehead. The name had a secret meaning. That name was: The Great Babylon, the Mother of Prostitutes and of the Immoral Things in the World.*

What was the woman's name?

The woman's name was "Babylon the Great, the Mother of Prostitutes and of the Abominations of the Earth."

Revelation 17:6

ULT	UST
And I saw the woman being drunk from the blood of the saints and from the blood of the witnesses of Jesus and, having seen her, I wondered a great wonder.	*I saw that the woman had become drunk because she had drunk the blood of God's people. Those people had suffered for proclaiming the truth about Jesus. When I saw her, that astonished me completely.*

With what was the woman drunk?

The woman was drunk with the blood of the saints and witnesses for Jesus.

Revelation 17:8

ULT	UST
The beast that you saw was and is not but is about to come up from the abyss, and it is going to destruction, and the ones living on the earth whose names have not been written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world will wonder, seeing the beast that was and is not but will come.	*The beast that you saw lived previously. Now he is no longer alive. But he is about to come back up from the deep, dark pit. Eventually God will destroy him. But this beast will appear again after having lived previously and then dying. Seeing him will astonish the people on the earth whose names God did not write in the Book of Life before he created the world.*

From where did the beast come on which the woman sat?

The beast came up from the abyss.

To where was the beast going?

The beast was going to destruction.

Revelation 17:9-10

What were the seven heads of the beast?

The seven heads were seven hills on which the woman was seated, and they were also seven kings.

Revelation 17:11

ULT	UST
And the beast that was and is not is itself also an eighth, but it is from the seven and is going to destruction.	*The beast that lived previously and then was not alive will be an eighth ruler. He is actually one of those seven rulers. God will certainly destroy him.*

To where was the beast going?

The beast was going to destruction.

Revelation 17:12

ULT	UST
And the ten horns that you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they are receiving authority as kings with the beast for one hour.	*Now the ten horns that you saw represent ten rulers who have not yet begun to rule. But they will rule people together with the beast, though only for a short time.*

What were the ten horns of the beast?

The ten horns were ten kings.

Revelation 17:13-14

What will the kings and the beast do when they are of one mind?

When they are of one mind, they will make war against the Lamb.

Revelation 17:15

ULT	UST
And he says to me, "The waters that you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and languages.	*Then the angel said to me, "The waters that you saw in the city where the prostitute sits represent a large number of people from many different backgrounds.*

What were the waters where the prostitute was sitting?

The waters were peoples, multitudes, nations, and languages.

Revelation 17:16

ULT	UST
And the ten horns that you saw and the beast, they will hate the prostitute and they will make her desolated and naked and they will consume her flesh and they will burn her completely with fire,	*And the ten horns that you saw represent rulers. They and the beast will hate the prostitute. So they will plunder the city and leave nothing in it. Then they will destroy the city the way a wild animal devours another animal. They will burn down the city completely.*

What would the kings and the beast do to the woman?

They would make the woman desolated and naked, consume her flesh, and burn her completely with fire.

Revelation 17:18

ULT	UST
And the woman whom you saw is the great city having a kingdom over the kings of the earth."	*And the prostitute that you saw represents the very evil city whose leaders rule over the other rulers in the world."*

What was the woman that John saw?

The woman that John saw was the great city that has a kingdom over the kings of the earth.

Revelation 18

Revelation 18:1-2

What announcement did the angel with great authority make?

The angel announced that Babylon the Great had fallen.

Revelation 18:4

ULT	UST
And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out from her, my people, so that you might not share in her sins and so that you might not receive from her plagues.	*Then I heard someone else speak from heaven. He said, "My people, run away from that evil city of Babylon! If you stay there, you may sin as the people there do. And if you sin as they do, I will punish you in the same way that I will punish them.*

What did the voice from heaven tell God's people to do?

The voice told God's people to come out from Babylon in order not share in her sins.

Revelation 18:6

ULT	UST
Give back to her even as she has given, and double doubles to her according to her deeds; in the cup that she mixed, mix double for her.	*The voice from heaven told the angels whom God had assigned to punish Babylon, "Punish the people of that city just as much as they harmed other people. In fact, cause them to suffer twice as much as they caused other people to suffer.*

What amount of payment did God give back to Babylon for what she had done?

God paid back Babylon double for what she had done.

Revelation 18:8

ULT	UST
Because of this in one day her plagues will come: death and mourning and famine, and she will be consumed by fire, for the Lord God judging her is mighty."	*Because the people of Babylon are so wicked, terrible things will happen to them all at once. Some will die and others will mourn for them. People will be hungry because they will have no food. The city will burn up completely. The Lord God is able to punish her in these ways because he is mighty."*

What plagues will come on Babylon in one day?

Death, mourning, and famine will come on Babylon in one day, and she will be consumed with fire.

Revelation 18:9

ULT	UST
And the kings of the earth, the ones having committed sexual immorality and having lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning,	*The rulers of the peoples who live on earth worshiped idols with the people of Babylon. They indulged in pleasures with the people of Babylon. So they will mourn greatly for the city when they see it burning up.*

How did the kings and merchants of the earth respond when they saw Babylon's judgment?

When the kings and merchants of the earth saw Babylon's judgment, they wept and wailed over her.

Revelation 18:9-10

Why will the kings, merchants and ship's captains stand at a distance from Babylon at her time of judgment?

They will stand at a distance because they are afraid of her torment.

Revelation 18:14

ULT	UST
And your autumn fruit of the desire of your soul has gone away from you, and all the luxurious and the splendid has perished from you, and they will certainly not be found any longer.	*Yes, the good things the people of Babylon longed to have are gone! God has punished them by destroying their many valuable possessions! They have lost those possessions permanently.*

What kinds of things perished from Babylon?

Luxurious and splendid things perished from Babylon.

Revelation 18:15

ULT	UST
The merchants of these things, having become rich, will stand afar off from her because of the fear of her torment, weeping and mourning,	*Many merchants earned a lot of money by selling these things. Those merchants will stand far away from Babylon because they will be afraid that God will punish them too if they get too close. They will mourn greatly*

Why will the kings, merchants and ship's captains stand at a distance from Babylon at her time of judgment?

They will stand at a distance because they are afraid of her torment.

Revelation 18:18

ULT	UST
and were crying out, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, "What is like the great city?"	*When they see the smoke of the fire that is burning there, they will shout, "No other city has ever been like that great city!"*

What question did the ship captains ask about Babylon?

The ship captains asked, "What city is like the great city?"

Revelation 18:20

ULT	UST
(“Rejoice over her, heaven, also you saints and apostles and prophets, for God has judged your judgment against her!”)	*Then someone spoke from heaven saying, “You who live in heaven, rejoice over what has happened to Babylon! You who are God’s people, including you apostles and prophets, rejoice because God has justly punished the people of that city because they harmed you so badly!”*

What were heaven and the saints, apostles, and prophets told to do when God judged Babylon?

Heaven and the saints, apostles, and prophets were told to rejoice when God judged Babylon.

Revelation 18:21

ULT	UST
And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “Thus Babylon, the great city, will be thrown down with violence, and she will certainly not be seen anymore,	*Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large stone for grinding grain and he threw it into the ocean. Then he said, “God will destroy the great city of Babylon abruptly! It will disappear completely, just as that stone disappeared into the ocean! Babylon will be gone forever!*

After Babylon’s judgment, when will she be seen again?

After her judgment, Babylon will be seen no more.

Revelation 18:24

ULT	UST
And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints and of all the ones having been slain on the earth.”	*The city is also guilty of killing the prophets and others of God’s people. Indeed, because it used violence and set an example of violence, it is guilty of every murder that people committed on the earth!”*

What was found in the great city Babylon, for which she was judged?

The blood of prophets, saints, and all who have been killed on the earth was found in Babylon.

Revelation 19

Revelation 19:1-2

What did the loud voice in heaven say about God's judgments?

The loud voice in heaven said that God's judgments were true and righteous.

Revelation 19:2

ULT	UST
for his judgments are true and righteous, for he has judged the great prostitute who was corrupting the earth with her sexual immorality, and he has avenged the blood of his servants from her hand."	*Praise him because he judges completely fairly! He has punished the evil city that was like a prostitute, because the people of that city persuaded many other people to act immorally as they did. Praise him because he has punished them for murdering his servants!"*

Why did God judge the great prostitute?

God judged the great prostitute because she corrupted the earth with her sexual immorality and shed the blood of God's servants.

Revelation 19:3

ULT	UST
And they spoke a second time: "Hallelujah! Yes, the smoke of her rises to the ages of the ages."	*The crowd shouted again, saying, "Hallelujah! The smoke of the fire that is burning that city will go up forever!"*

What will happen to the great prostitute forever and ever?

The smoke of the great prostitute will rise to the ages of the ages (forever).

Revelation 19:5

ULT	UST
And a voice came out from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all his servants and the ones fearing him, the small and the great."	*Then someone spoke from the throne and said, "All of you who are his servants, praise our God! All of you who honor him, praise him, every one of you!"*

What did the voice tell the servants of God to do?

The voice told the servants of God to praise him.

Revelation 19:7

ULT	UST
Let us rejoice and exult and give glory to him because the wedding of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready	*We should truly celebrate, and we should honor him because now is the time for the Lamb to be united with the woman he is marrying. She has dressed for the wedding.*

Why did the voice say that the servants of God should rejoice and be very happy?

The servants of God were told to rejoice and be very happy because the wedding celebration of the Lamb had come.

Revelation 19:8

ULT	UST
and it has been granted to her that she might be dressed in bright, clean fine linen." (For fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.)	*God has given her clean white clothes to wear. They are fine-linen clothes." (That fabric represents the right things that God's people do.)*

With what was the bride of the Lamb dressed?

The bride was dressed in bright, clean fine linen.

Revelation 19:10

ULT	UST
And I fell before his feet to worship him, but he says to me, "See not! I am a fellow servant of you and your brothers having the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."	*Immediately I prostrated myself in front of the angel to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not worship me! I am just your fellow servant and the fellow servant of other believers who speak the truth about Jesus. God has sent me here to serve you by helping you understand the prophetic vision he has given you because you want to speak the truth about Jesus. God is the one you should worship!"*

What did the angel say that the testimony of Jesus was?

The angel said that the testimony of Jesus was the spirit of prophecy.

Revelation 19:11-13

What was the one called whom John saw riding on a white horse?

The one John saw riding on a white horse was called Faithful and True.

Revelation 19:15

ULT	UST
And from his mouth goes out a sharp sword so that with it he might strike the nations, and he will rule them with an iron scepter, and he tramples the winepress of the wine of the wrath of the fury of God, the Ruler of All.	*Jesus had a sharp sword extending from his mouth. He will use it to defeat the rebellious people groups. He himself will rule them so powerfully that no one will be able to resist him. He will destroy his enemies as if they were grapes that he was crushing in a winepress. He will do this for God, who rules over everything and will punish his enemies thoroughly because of their sins.*

What does the Word of God, the rider on the white horse, use to strike down the nations?

The Word of God, the rider on the white horse, uses the sharp sword that goes out of his mouth to strike down the nations.

Revelation 19:16

ULT	UST
And he has a name written on his robe and on his thigh: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.	*A title appeared on his cloak at his thigh: "This is the King who rules over all other kings and the Lord who rules over all other lords."*

What name is written on the Word of God's robe and thigh?

The name written on his robe and thigh is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Revelation 19:18

ULT	UST
so that you might eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of chiliarchs and the flesh of the mighty and the flesh of horses and of the ones sitting on them and the flesh of all, both of free and of slaves and of small and of great."	*Come and eat the flesh of God's enemies who will die in this battle! Eat the flesh of kings, of army commanders, of people who fought powerfully, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of many other kinds of people."*

What were the birds flying overhead called to eat at the great supper?

The birds were called to eat the flesh of kings, chiliarchs (commanders), mighty warriors, horses and their riders, and all kinds of people.

Revelation 19:19

ULT	UST
And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies having been gathered to make war with the one sitting on the horse and with his army.	*Then I saw the beast and the kings of earth with their armies. They had gathered together to fight against the rider on the horse and his army.*

What did the beast and the kings of the earth gather to do?

They gathered to make war with the one sitting on the white horse and his army.

Revelation 19:20

ULT	UST
And the beast was captured and with him the false prophet having performed signs before him, by which he deceived the ones having received the mark of the beast and the ones worshiping his image. The two were thrown living into the lake of fire burning with sulfur.	*But the rider on the white horse captured the beast and the false prophet. The false prophet is the one who had performed miracles in the beast's presence. By doing that he had deceived the people who had accepted the beast's mark on their foreheads and who had worshiped its image. Then God threw the beast and the false prophet alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur.*

What happened to the beast and the false prophet?

The beast and the false prophet were both thrown alive into lake of fire burning with sulfur.

Revelation 19:21

ULT	UST
And the rest were killed by the sword of the one sitting on the horse, coming out from his mouth, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.	*And the rider on the horse killed the rest of their armies with his sword, the one that extended from his mouth. Birds came and ate as much as they wanted of the flesh of the people and horses that he had killed.*

What happened to the rest of those who fought against the one sitting on the horse?

The rest were killed by the sword coming out of the mouth of the one sitting on the horse.

Revelation 20

Revelation 20:1

ULT	UST
And I saw an angel coming down from heaven having the key to the abyss and a great chain in his hand.	*Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven. He had the key to the deep, dark pit and he was carrying a large chain in his hand.*

What did the angel coming down from heaven have in his hand?

The angel had in his hand the key to the abyss and a great chain.

Revelation 20:2-3

How long would Satan remain bound?

Satan would remain bound for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:3

ULT	UST
And he threw him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him so that he would not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, it is necessary for him to be released for a short time.	*The angel threw him into the deep, dark pit. He shut the door of the pit, locked it, and sealed it to prevent anyone from opening it. He did this so that Satan would no longer deceive the many people groups until after those thousand years. At that time, God will release Satan for a short time.*

What did the angel do with Satan?

The angel threw Satan into the bottomless pit.

What would Satan not be able to do while he was bound?

Satan would not be able to deceive the nations while he was bound.

Revelation 20:4

ULT	UST
And I saw thrones, and they sat on them and judgment was given to them, both the souls of the ones having been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God and those who did not worship the beast or his image and did not receive the mark on the forehead or on their hand. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.	*Then I saw thrones on which people were sitting. God made those people judges. I also saw the souls of other people whose enemies had killed them by cutting their heads off. Their enemies did that because they had spoken the truth from God about Jesus. I also saw the souls of other people whose enemies had not killed them but who had refused to worship the beast or its image. They had not allowed the beast's servants to put the beast's mark on them, either on their foreheads or on their hands. They all became alive again and they ruled with the Messiah during those thousand years.*

What happened to those who had refused to receive the mark of the beast?

Those who had refused to receive the mark of the beast came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:5

ULT	UST
(The rest of the dead did not live until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection.	*These were the people who lived again the first time that God caused dead people to live again. The rest of the people who had died did not live again until after those thousand years.*

When would the rest of the dead come to life?

The rest of the dead would come to life when the thousand years were ended.

Revelation 20:6

ULT	UST
Blessed and holy is the one having a part in the first resurrection! Over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and they will reign with him for a thousand years.	*God will be pleased with those who live again this first time. Yes, God will consider them to belong to him in a special way. They will not die a second time. Instead, they will be priests who serve God and the Messiah. They will rule with the Messiah during those thousand years.*

What would those who took part in the first resurrection do?

Those who took part in the first resurrection would be priests of God and Christ and would reign with him for a thousand years.

Revelation 20:8

ULT	UST
and he will go out to deceive the nations at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, of whom their number will be like the sand of the sea.	*Satan will go out to deceive the rebellious people groups all over the earth. These are the nations that the prophet Ezekiel called Gog and Magog. Satan will gather them to fight against God's people. There will be so many of them fighting against God's people that no one will be able to count them, just as no one can count the grains of sand on the ocean shore.*

What will Satan do at the end of the thousand years?

At the end of the thousand years, Satan will be released to go out to deceive the nations.

Revelation 20:9

ULT	UST
And they went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the encampment of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and devoured them.	*They will march from many places on the earth. They will surround the army of God's people where it is in battle formation. That will be at Jerusalem, the city that God loves. But God will send fire down from heaven and it will burn up all of his enemies.*

What happened when the camp of the saints was surrounded?

When the camp of the saints was surrounded, fire came down from heaven and devoured Gog and Magog.

Revelation 20:10

ULT	UST
And the devil deceiving them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night to the ages of the ages.	*Then God will throw the devil, who had deceived those people, into the lake of burning sulfur. This is also where God had thrown the beast and the false prophet. As a result, they will continually suffer severely forever.*

What was done with the devil at this time?

The devil was thrown into the lake of fire to be tormented forever.

Revelation 20:12

ULT	UST
And I saw the dead, both the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged from the things written in the books, according to their deeds.	*Then I saw people of all kinds who had died but who were now alive again standing in front of God's throne. God opened the books in which he records what people do. God also opened another book, the Book of Life. God writes in that book the names of people who have eternal life. God judged the people who had died and who were now alive again according to what they had done, which he had recorded in the books.*

By what were the dead judged before the great white throne?

The dead were judged by what was recorded in the books, the result of what they had done.

Revelation 20:14

ULT	UST
And Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.	*Then God took the place where souls went after dying physically and threw that place itself into the burning lake. The burning lake is where people go when they die spiritually.*

What is the second death?

The second death is the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:15

ULT	UST
And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.	*Then God saw whose names he had written in the book that lists the people who have eternal life. If someone's name was not in that book, God threw him into the burning lake.*

What happened to all whose names were not found written in the Book of Life?

All whose names were not found written in the Book of Life were thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21

Revelation 21:1

ULT	UST
And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had gone away, and the sea was no more.	*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The first heaven and the first earth had disappeared, and the oceans no longer existed.*

What had happened to the first heaven and earth?

The first heaven and earth had passed away.

What had replaced the first heaven and earth?

A new heaven and earth had replaced the first heaven and earth.

Revelation 21:2

ULT	UST
And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.	*I saw the city of Jerusalem, which is special to God, in a new form. It was coming down to earth from God in heaven. The city looked very beautiful, like a bride on her wedding day.*

What came down from heaven?

The holy city, new Jerusalem, came down from heaven.

Revelation 21:3

ULT	UST
And I heard a great voice from the throne saying, "Behold! The dwelling of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them.	*Then I heard a loud voice calling out from the throne of God. The voice said, "Listen to this! Now God will live right where people live! They will belong to him, and God himself will stay with them.*

Where did the voice from the throne say that God would now dwell?

The voice said that God would now dwell with human beings.

Revelation 21:4

ULT	UST
And he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will not be any longer, nor grieving, nor crying, nor pain. They will not be any longer; the first things have gone away."	*He will comfort them so that they are no longer sad. None of them will ever again die or mourn or cry or suffer pain. God has taken away those things, so they are gone forever."*

What had now passed away?

Tears, death, grieving, crying, and pain had now passed away.

Revelation 21:6

ULT	UST
And he said to me, "It has happened! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the one thirsting I will give freely from the spring of the water of life.	*He also said to me, "I have completed all these things! I am the one who began all things and the one who will cause all things to end. To everyone who wants it, I will freely give everlasting life, as if I were giving them a drink from a spring whose water keeps people alive.*

By what name did the one seated on the throne call himself?

The one seated on the throne called himself the Alpha and the Omega.

Revelation 21:8

ULT	UST
But for the cowardly and the unbelieving and the abhorred and murderers and fornicators and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their place will be in the lake burning with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."	*But all the others will suffer in the lake of burning sulfur. That is what it means to die a second time. Those who are cowards will suffer this way. So will those who do not believe in me, those who do detestable things, those who murder people, those who sin sexually, those who practice witchcraft, those who worship idols, and all those who tell lies."*

What will happen to the cowardly, unbelieving, and abhorred and to murderers, fornicators, sorcerers, idolaters, and liars?

Their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur.

Revelation 21:9-10

What is the bride, the wife of the Lamb?

The bride, the wife of the Lamb, is the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

Revelation 21:12

ULT	UST
Having a great and high wall having 12 gates and 12 angels at the gates and names having been written that are the 12 tribes of the sons of Israel.	*A very high wall surrounded the city. The wall had twelve gates. An angel stood at each gate. The names of the twelve tribes of Israel appeared over the gates. Each gate had the name of one tribe.*

What was written on the gates of new Jerusalem?

The names of the 12 tribes of the sons of Israel were written on the gates of new Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:14

ULT	UST
And the wall of the city had 12 foundations, and on them were the 12 names of the 12 apostles of the Lamb.	*The city wall had twelve foundation stones. On each foundation stone was the name of one of the twelve apostles whom the Lamb had appointed.*

What was written on the foundations of new Jerusalem?

The names of the 12 apostles of the Lamb were written on the foundations of new Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:16

ULT	UST
And the city is laid out square, and her length is as much as the width. And he measured the city with the rod to 12, 000 stadia: Her length and width and height are equal.	*The city was square in shape, that is, it was as long as it was wide. After the angel measured the city with his rod, he reported that it was 2, 200 kilometers long and that its width and height were the same as its length.*

In what shape was new Jerusalem laid out?

New Jerusalem was laid out square.

Revelation 21:18

ULT	UST
And the material of her wall is jasper, and the city is pure gold, like pure glass.	*The stones of the city wall were like the green stone that people call jasper. The buildings of the city were pure gold and they showed reflections the way clear glass does.*

Of what was the city built?

The city was built of pure gold, like clear glass.

Revelation 21:22

ULT	UST
And I saw no temple in her, for the Lord God, the Ruler of All, is her temple, and the Lamb.	*There was no temple in the city. That was because the Lord God himself, who rules over all, and the Lamb were there. So there was no need for a temple.*

Why is there no temple in the new Jerusalem?

There is no temple in the new Jerusalem because the Lord God and the Lamb are her temple.

Revelation 21:23

ULT	UST
And the city has no need of the sun, nor of the moon, that they might illumine her, for the glory of God illumined her, and her lamp is the Lamb.	*Now the city will not need the sun or the moon for light, because the light coming from God and from the Lamb will be all the light that it needs.*

What is the source of light in new Jerusalem?

The source of light in new Jerusalem is the glory of God and the Lamb.

Revelation 21:27

ULT	UST
but everything unclean will certainly not enter into her and the one doing abomination and falsehood, if not the ones having been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb.	*But nothing that is morally impure will ever enter that city. No one who does things that God considers detestable and no one who tells lies will ever enter it. Only those people whose names God has written in the book that belongs to the Lamb will be there. That is the book that lists the names of people who have everlasting life.*

What will never enter new Jerusalem?

Nothing unclean will ever enter new Jerusalem.

Revelation 22

Revelation 22:1

ULT	UST
And he showed to me the river of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb,	*Then the angel showed me the river that causes people who drink from it to live forever. The water was sparkling and clear like crystal. The river was flowing out from the thrones where God and the Lamb were sitting.*

What did John see flowing from the throne of God?

John saw the river of the water of life flowing from the throne of God.

Revelation 22:2

ULT	UST
in the middle of its public square. And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, bearing 12 fruits, giving its fruit according to each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.	*It flowed down through the middle of the city's open area. On each side of the river was a tree with fruit that causes people who eat it to live forever. These trees produce fruit 12 times a year. They produce a crop each month. The people groups use the leaves of the trees as medicine.*

For what purpose will people use the leaves of the tree of life?

The leaves of the tree of life are for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:3

ULT	UST
And there will no longer be any curse, and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will serve him.	*There will never be anyone or anything there that God will curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city. God's servants will worship him there.*

Where will the throne of God and of the Lamb be?

The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city.

Revelation 22:3-5

What will there no longer be in the city?

There will no longer be any curse, and there will be no more night.

Revelation 22:7

ULT	UST
“And behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is the one keeping the words of the prophecy of this book.”	*Jesus says to all his people, “Listen to this! I am coming soon; God will abundantly bless everyone who obeys the prophetic message in this book.”*

Jesus says that a person who does something with this book will be blessed. What does that person do?

A person who keeps (obeys) the words of the prophecy of this book will be blessed.

Revelation 22:8-9

What did the angel tell John to do when John fell down (bowed down) to worship the angel?

The angel told John not to worship him but to worship God.

Revelation 22:10

ULT	UST
And he says to me, “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.	*He also said to me, “Do not keep secret the message about what God has foretold in this book, because it is almost time for him to fulfill this message.*

Why was John told not to seal up the words of the prophecy of this book?

John was told not to seal up the words of the prophecy of this book because the time was near.

Revelation 22:12

ULT	UST
Behold, I am coming quickly, and my reward is with me, to render to each one as his work is.	*Jesus says to all people: "Listen! I am coming soon! And I will punish or reward everyone according to what each one has done.*

What did the Lord say would be with him when he comes?

The Lord said his reward would be with him when he came.

Revelation 22:14

ULT	UST
Blessed are the ones washing their robes so that their authority over the tree of life will be and they may enter into the city by the gates.	*God is very pleased with the people who stop living in wrong ways and start living in right ways. Because they do that, those people will be able to eat the fruit of the tree that enables people to live forever. They will be able to go through the gates into the holy city.*

What blessings will those who was their robes receive?

Those who wash their robes will be able to eat from the tree of life and enter the city by its gates.

Revelation 22:16

ULT	UST
I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify these things to you concerning the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star."	*I, Jesus, sent my angel to announce these things that will affect you groups of believers. Mysteriously, I am both the ancestor of King David and his descendant whom the prophets promised would come. I am the one who is like the bright morning star."*

How does Jesus say he is related to David?

Jesus says he is the root and offspring of David.

Revelation 22:18

ULT	UST
I testify to everyone hearing the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone might add to them, God will add to him the plagues written in this book.	*I, John, solemnly warn everyone who hears the message about what I have foretold in this book: If anyone adds anything to this message, God will punish him in the ways that this book tells about.*

What will God do to anyone who adds to the words of the prophecy of this book?

God will add the plagues written in this book to anyone who adds to the words of its prophecy.

Revelation 22:19

ULT	UST
And if anyone might take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share from the tree of life and from the holy city written in this book.	*And if anyone takes away any of the message about the things I have foretold in this book, God will take away that person's right to eat fruit from the tree that enables people to live forever. God will also take away that person's right to enter the new Jerusalem. I describe both these things in this book.*

What will God do to anyone who takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy?

God will take away the share of the tree of life and the holy city from anyone who takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy.

Revelation 22:20

ULT	UST
The one testifying these things says, "Yes! I am coming quickly." Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!	*Jesus, who says that all these things are true, says, "Certainly I am coming soon!" I, John, reply, "May it be so! Lord Jesus, come!"*

What are Jesus' last words in this book?

Jesus' last words are, "Yes! I am coming quickly."

Revelation 22:21

ULT	UST
The grace of the Lord Jesus be with the saints. Amen.	*I pray that our Lord Jesus will continue to act kindly to all of you who are God's people. May it be so!*

What is the last word in this book?

The last word in this book is "Amen."