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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

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2:1-14

Background: Elijah was a prophet in Israel. In 1 Kings 19, God told Elijah to anoint Elisha to be prophet after him.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ When Yahweh was about to take Elijah to heaven, he told Elijah to go to three different places.
- ☐ Each time, Elijah told Elisha to stay where he was, but Elisha went with him. [2:1-6]
- ☐ At each place, prophets told Elisha that God would take Elijah away from him. [2:1-6]
- ☐ At the Jordan River, Elijah struck the water with his cloak, the river divided, and they walked across on dry land. [2:8]
- ☐ Elisha asked Elijah for a double portion of Elijah's spirit. [2:9-10]
- ☐ A chariot of fire came and took Elijah into heaven, and Elisha saw it happen. [2:11-12]
- ☐ Elisha picked up Elijah's cloak and struck the river with it, the river divided again, and he walked across on dry land. [2:13-14]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What was Yahweh going to do soon? [2:1]
He was going to take Elijah in a whirlwind to heaven.
2. What did Elijah tell Elisha to do? [2:2]
He told him to stay there because Yahweh had sent him to Bethel.
3. What did Elisha do? [2:1]
He told Elijah that he would not leave him, and he went to Bethel with Elijah.
4. What did Elisha say to the group of prophets in Bethel when they told him that Yahweh was going to take Elijah away? [2:3]
He said that he knew about it, and he told them not to talk about it.
5. What did Elisha do when Elijah told him to wait in Bethel because Yahweh had called him to Jericho? [2:4]
Elisha told him that he would not leave him and went to Jericho with him.
6. What did Elisha do when Yahweh sent Elijah to Jericho? [2:4]
Elisha told Elijah that he would not leave him, and he went to Jericho with him.
7. How did Elisha respond to the group of prophets in Jericho when they told him Yahweh was going to take away Elijah that day? [2:5]
He told them that he knew about it, and he told them not to talk about it.
8. What did Elisha do when Yahweh sent Elijah to the Jordan? [2:6]
Elisha told Elijah that he would not leave him, and he went to the Jordan with him.

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9. What happened when Elijah rolled up his cloak and struck the Jordan River with it? [2:8]
The river divided, and Elijah and Elisha walked across on dry land.
10. What did Elisha ask Elijah to do for him? [2:9]
He asked for a double portion of Elijah's spirit to come on him.
11. How did Elijah answer Elisha's request for a double portion of his spirit? [2:10]
He told him that if he saw Elijah taken from him, he would receive what he had asked for.
12. How did Elijah go up into heaven? [2:11]
He went up in a whirlwind.
13. Why did Elisha cry out, "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and their horsemen!"? [2:12]
Elisha saw Elijah taken up with the chariot and horses of fire.
14. What did Elisha do when Elijah left, and how do you think he felt? [2:12]
He tore his own clothes. He probably felt very sad.
15. What did Elisha pick up? [2:13]
He picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen off of him.
16. Why do you think Elisha asked where Yahweh, the God of Elijah, was? [2:14]
Perhaps he wanted to know if Yahweh was with him.
17. What happened when Elisha struck the Jordan River with Elijah's cloak? [2:14]
The waters parted on both sides, and he walked across.

Comment Section:

4:1-7

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ A woman came to Elisha and told him that her husband, one of the prophets, had died and creditor was going to take her sons as slaves. [4:1]
- ☐ The woman told Elisha that she only had one pot of oil in the house. Elisha told her to borrow as many empty pots as possible and go into her house with her sons and fill all the pots. [4:2-4]
- ☐ She did as Elisha told her. She filled enough pots with oil that she could sell it, pay off her debt, and have enough to live on afterward. [4:5-7]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why did the woman come to Elisha? [4:1]
Her husband had died, and the creditor was going to take her two sons to be his slaves.
2. What do you think was the creditor's reason for taking the woman's sons as slaves?
The woman did not have the money to pay the debt she owed him.
3. What do you think was the woman's purpose in saying, "You know that your servant feared Yahweh"?
Perhaps she said this so that Elisha would want to help her.
4. What was the only thing the woman had? [4:2]
All she had was one pot of oil.
5. What did Elisha tell the woman to do? [4:3]
He told her to borrow as many empty jars as possible from her neighbors.
6. What did Elisha tell the woman to do next? [4:4]
He told her to go inside the house with her sons, close the door, and pour oil from her jar into all the borrowed jars.
7. What did the woman do? [4:5]
She did as Elisha had told her. Her sons brought jars from the neighbors, and she filled them all with oil.
8. What happened when she had no more empty jars? [4:6]
The oil stopped flowing. There was no more oil in her pot.
9. What did Elisha tell her to do with the jars of oil? [4:7]
He told her to sell the oil, pay off her debt, and live with her sons on the rest of the money.

Comment Section:

4:42-44

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ A man came to Elisha and gave him some food, and Elisha told his servant to give it to the people. [4:42]
- ☐ The servant told Elisha there was not enough food for the people, but Elisha told him that Yahweh had said there would be food left over after all the people were fed. [4:43]
- ☐ The servant gave them the food, and they ate, and there was still more food, just as Yahweh promised. [4:43-44]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who was the man of God in 4:42?
It was Elisha.
2. What did Elisha tell his servant to do with the food the man had brought to him? [4:42]
He told him to give it to the people so they could eat.
3. What did the servant mean when he asked about giving the food to one hundred men? [4:43]
He meant that there was not enough food for one hundred men.
4. What did Yahweh say would happen with the food? [4:43]
He said the people would eat and there would be food left over.
5. What happened after the servant gave the food to the people? [4:44]
Everyone ate and there was food left over, just as Yahweh had promised.
6. Why do you think there was food left over?
God probably provided so much food so that everyone would know that this was a miracle.

Comment Section:

5:1-18

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Naaman, the commander of Aram's army, was a leper. [5:1]
- ☐ Elisha sent a messenger to tell Naaman to dip in the Jordan River seven times and he would be cleansed. [5:9-10]
- ☐ Naaman was very angry because he thought Elisha should have come out and called on Yahweh to cure him. [5:11-12]
- ☐ Naaman's servants convinced Naaman to do what Elisha said. [5:13]
- ☐ Naaman did what Elisha said to do, and he was cleansed. [5:15]
- ☐ Then Naaman knew there was no God but Yahweh. [5:15-17]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why did the king of Aram think that Naaman was a great and honorable man? [5:1]
Naaman was the commander of his army, and Yahweh had given victory to Aram through Naaman.
2. What problem did Naaman have? [5:1]
Naaman was a leper.
3. Where did the servant of Naaman's wife come from? [5:2]
She came from Israel.
4. What did the servant girl tell Naaman's wife? [5:3]
She said there was a prophet in Samaria who could cure Naaman's leprosy.
5. What did the king of Aram do when Naaman told him what the little girl had said? [5:4-5]
He told Naaman to go and he would send a letter to the king of Israel.
6. What did the king of Israel think when he read the letter? [5:7]
He thought the king of Aram was trying to start an argument with him.
7. Why do you think the king of Israel said that the king of Aram was trying to start a fight with him? [5:7]
The king of Israel could not heal anyone. Perhaps he thought that the king of Aram would get angry with him if he did not heal Naaman.
8. What did Elisha tell the king when he heard that the king had torn his clothes? [5:8]
He told him to send Naaman to him.
9. What did Elisha do when Naaman came to his house? [5:9-10]
He sent a messenger to tell him to go and dip himself in the Jordan River seven times.

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10. Why was Naaman angry? [5:11]
He thought Elisha Should have come out and stood before him and called on Yahweh to cure him.
11. Why did Naaman think he should bathe in the Abanah or Pharpar rivers instead of the Jordan River? [5:12]
He thought those waters were better than the Jordan.
12. What did Naaman's servants ask him? [5:13]
If Elisha had told him to do something difficult to be cleansed, would he not have done it?
13. What do you think Naaman's servants wanted him to do?
They wanted him to go dip himself in the Jordan River so he could be healed.
14. What happened when Naaman obeyed Elisha's instructions? [5:14]
He was healed.
15. What did Naaman tell Elisha when he returned to him? [5:15]
He knew there was no God in all the earth except in Israel.
16. What did Elisha tell Naaman to do when he offered him gifts? [5:16]
Elisha told Naaman that he would not take any gifts.
17. What did Naaman ask to take back with him? [5:17]
He asked if he could take two mule loads of dirt with him.
18. Who did Naaman say he would offer burnt offerings and sacrifices to? [5:17]
He would offer them only to Yahweh.
19. What did Naaman ask Yahweh's pardon for? [5:18]
He asked that he be pardoned for those times he had to go with the king to worship Rimmon.
20. Who do you think Rimmon was? [5:18]
Rimmon was a false god that the king of Aram worshiped.

Comment Section:

9:30-37

Background: An earlier king of Israel had a commander in his army named Zimri. Zimri killed that king and made himself king. He also killed all of that king's family. (1 Kings 16:8-11)

Later Ahab became king of Israel. Jezebel was Ahab's wife. When Ahab died, his son Ahaziah became king, and then Ahab's son Joram became king.

In 2 Kings 9, the prophet anointed Jehu to be king of Israel. The prophet said that Jehu would kill all of Ahab's family. Jehu went and killed King Joram and made himself king.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ When Jehu went to Jezreel, Jezebel looked out her window and spoke to him. [9:30-31]
- ☐ Jehu told the eunuchs with her to throw her out the window, and they did. [9:32-33]
- ☐ Later, when the men went to bury her, they found only her skull, hands, and feet. [9:35]
- ☐ Jehu repeated what Elijah had said about Jezebel, that dogs would eat her flesh and no one would be able to recognize her. [9:36-37]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Jezebel do when she heard Jehu had come to Jezreel? [9:30]
She painted her eyes, arranged her hair and looked out the window.
2. What did Jezebel ask Jehu? [9:31]
If he was coming in peace.
3. Why do you think Jezebel called Jehu "Zimri" and "your master's murderer"? [9:31]
She called him his master's murderer because he killed King Joram. She called him Zimri probably because she expected that he would do the same things that Zimri did.
4. Who looked out the window when Jehu asked who was on his side? [9:32]
Two or three eunuchs.
5. What did Jehu tell the eunuchs to do? [9:33]
He told them to throw Jezebel down from the window.
6. After he had gone into the palace to eat and drink, what did Jehu tell the people to do? [9:34]
Go out and bury Jezebel.
7. When they went out to bury Jezebel what did they find? [9:35]
All they found were her skull, her feet, and the palms of her hands.

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8. What did Jehu say when he was told all that remained of Jezebel? [9:36]
He said that Yahweh's word, spoken through Elijah, was that dogs would eat the flesh of Jezebel.
9. What would no one be able to say about her body? [9:37]
This is Jezebel.

Comment Section:

17:1-6

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Hoshea became king of Israel and did what was evil in Yahweh's sight. [17:1-2]
- ☐ The king of Assyria attacked him and Hoshea became his servant. [17:3]
- ☐ Hoshea plotted against the king of Assyria and stopped sending him tribute. [17:4]
- ☐ The king of Assyria attacked Samaria, overthrew it, and carried the people of Israel away into captivity. [17:5-6]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How long did Hoshea rule in Samaria? [17:1]
He ruled for nine years.
2. What did Hoshea do in the sight of Yahweh? [17:2]
He did evil.
3. What happened when the king of Assyria attacked Hoshea? [17:3]
Hoshea became his servant and brought him tribute.
4. What did the king of Assyria realize? [17:4]
He realized that Hoshea was plotting against him and had sent messengers to the king of Egypt.
5. Why do you think the king of Israel sent messengers to the king of Egypt? [17:4]
He probably wanted the Egyptians to help Israel fight against Assyria.
6. What did the king of Assyria do? [17:5]
He attacked the land of Israel and the city of Samaria, and he besieged Samaria for three years.
7. What did the king of Assyria do when he took Samaria? [17:6]
He carried the people away to Assyria.

Comment Section:

17:7-23

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The people of Israel were taken captive to Assyria because they sinned against Yahweh by worshiping other gods. [17:7-12]
- ☐ They refused to listen to the prophets God sent to them. [17:13-14]
- ☐ They rejected God's covenant with them, so he removed them from his sight. [17:15-18]
- ☐ Even Judah did these things. So, Yahweh rejected all the descendants of Israel, and they were carried away to Assyria. [17:19-23]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why were the people of Israel taken as captives? [17:7]
The people of Israel sinned against Yahweh by worshiping other gods.
2. How else did the people sin against Yahweh? [17:8-13]
They lived according to the customs of other nations. They built high places in all their cities. They set up stone pillars and Asherah poles. They burned incense in all the high places and worshiped idols.
3. Why do you think God was angry about their high places, stone pillars, and Asherah poles? [17:11]
These were ways people worshiped false gods.
4. What did Yahweh do to warn Israel and Judah? [17:13]
He testified to them through the prophets telling them to turn from their evil ways and keep his commandments.
5. How did Israel respond to the message of the prophets? [17:14-15]
They refused to listen. They rejected Yahweh's statues and the covenant he had made with their ancestors. They followed useless practices and the practices of the pagan nations around them.
6. What else did Israel do to anger Yahweh? [17:16]
They ignored all of Yahweh's commandments, and they made and worshiped other gods.
7. What did they make their sons and daughters do? [17:17]
They made them pass through the fire.
8. What did Yahweh do because of his anger for Israel? [17:18]
He removed them from his sight.
9. What did Judah do? [17:19]
They did not keep Yahweh's commandments, and they followed the customs that Israel did.

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10. What did Yahweh do to all the descendants of Israel? [17:20]
He rejected them, gave them into the hands of other nations, and cast them out of his sight.
11. What did Jeroboam do when he was king of Israel? [17:21]
Jeroboam drove Israel away from following Yahweh and made them commit great sin.
12. What did Israel do? [17:22]
They followed all the sins of Jeroboam and did not depart from them.
13. What did Yahweh say through the prophets that he would do? [17:23]
He said he would remove Israel from his sight. and they were carried out of their land to Assyria.
14. How was Israel removed from Yahweh's sight? [17:23]
They were taken to the land of Assyria.

Comment Section:

18:17-37

Background: The King of Assyria Attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them. Then he required the king of Judah to pay him large amounts of silver and gold. The king of Judah did this.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The king of Assyria mobilized his army and sent his commanders to meet with King Hezekiah outside Jerusalem. [18:17-18]
- ☐ The Assyrian commander asked who or what was the source of Judah's confidence. Was it in Egypt? Was it in Yahweh? [18:19-22]
- ☐ Hezekiah's representatives were concerned that the soldiers of Judah could hear what the Assyrian commander was saying and asked him to speak in language that they could not understand. But the commander said that he wanted the Hebrew soldiers to hear and understand what he was saying. Then he told the men of Judah not to listen to Hezekiah or trust in Yahweh. [18:26-30]
- ☐ The Assyrian commander told the men of Judah that they would enjoy peace and prosperity both in Judah and Assyria if they made peace with him. [18:31-32]
- ☐ The Assyrian commander asked if the gods of the other countries had saved them from the king of Assyria? So, why should they expect Yahweh to save them? [18:33-35]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who sent a large army and three men to represent him to Jerusalem? [18:17]
The king of Assyria.
2. When the three men called out to King Hezekiah, who did he send out to meet them? [18:18]
He sent out Eliakim, Shebna and Joah.
3. What had the king of Assyria asked Hezekiah? [18:19]
He asked Hezekiah what the source of his confidence was.
4. Who did the king of Assyria say Hezekiah was trusting in? [18:20-22]
He said Hezekiah was trusting in Egypt and Yahweh.
5. What did the king of Assyria say the king of Egypt was like to anyone who trusted in him? [18:21]
The king of Egypt was like a walking stick made of reed that would pierce the hand of anyone who leaned on it.
6. What did the king of Assyria want Hezekiah to think about Yahweh? [18:22]
He wanted Hezekiah to think that Yahweh would not help him.
7. What did the king of Assyria offer to give to Hezekiah? [18:23]
He offered to give Hezekiah two thousand horses if he could find riders for them.

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8. Why do you think the king of Assyria made that offer? [18:23]
Perhaps he was taunting Hezekiah and meant that Hezekiah did not have enough men to ride the horses.
9. What did the Assyrian commander say Yahweh had told him to do? [18:25]
He said Yahweh had told him to attack Judah and destroy it.
10. Why do you think the Assyrian commander said that Yahweh had told him to destroy that land? [18:25]
He probably said this to frighten King Hezekiah and everyone else who heard.
11. What language did Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah ask the Assyrian commander to speak? [18:26]
They asked him to speak in Aramaic.
12. Why do you think Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah did not want the people to understand what the Assyrian commanders were saying? [18:26]
They probably did not want the people to be frightened by what the commanders were saying.
13. Who did the Assyrian commander say he was sent to speak to? [18:27]
He said he was sent to speak to the men on the wall.
14. Why do you think the Assyrian commander said that those people would have to eat their own dung and drink their own urine? [18:27]
He planned to attack them. He probably thought that his army would trap the people of Jerusalem in the city, and they would not have enough food or water.
15. What did the Assyrian commander say to the men on the wall? [18:28-29]
He told them not to be deceived by Hezekiah because he could not rescue them from the Assyrian army.
16. What did the Assyrian commander tell the men not to do? [18:30]
He told them not to let Hezekiah make them trust in Yahweh.
17. What did the king of Assyria say would happen if the men made peace with him? [18:31]
They would eat from their own vines and fig trees and drink from their own cisterns.
18. What kind of land did the king of Assyria say he was going to take the people of Judah away to? [18:32]
He would take them to land like their own.
19. What did the Assyrian commander want the people of Judah to know about the gods of other places? [18:33-34]
He wanted them to know that those gods were not able to rescue people from the king of Assyria or from himself.
20. What did the Assyrian commander want the people of Judah to believe about Yahweh? [18:35]
He wanted them to believe that Yahweh would not be able to rescue them from him.
21. What had King Hezekiah commanded the people to do? [18:36]
He had commanded them not to answer the Assyrian commander.

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22. Why do you think Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah tore their clothes? [18:37]

They probably did this to show their own king how sad and concerned they were about the things the Assyrian commanders had said to them.

Comment Section:

19:14-19

Background: Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, heard that the kings of Cush and Egypt were ready to fight against him. So, he sent a letter to the king of Israel telling him not to think that Yahweh would rescue him from Assyria.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Hezekiah read the letter from Sennacherib. [19:14]
- ☐ Hezekiah went to Yahweh's house to pray. [19:14]
- ☐ He said that Sennacherib mocked God. [19:16]
- ☐ He asked Yahweh to save Judah and show all the world that he alone is God. [19:19]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Hezekiah do with the letter he received from the messengers? [19:14]
He read it, went up to the house of Yahweh, and spread the letter before him.
2. What did Hezekiah say about who Yahweh is? [19:15]
Yahweh is the God of Israel. Yahweh is God alone over all the kingdoms of the earth.
3. What did Hezekiah say Yahweh did? [19:15]
Yahweh made the heavens and the earth.
4. What did Hezekiah ask Yahweh to do? [19:16]
He asked Yahweh to incline his ear to hear and to open his eyes and see the words of Sennacherib.
5. What did Hezekiah say was the purpose of Sennacherib's message? [19:16]
The purpose of Sennacherib's message was to mock the living God.
6. What had the kings of Assyria done to other nations? [19:17]
They had destroyed them and their lands.
7. Why were the Assyrians able to destroy the gods of the other nations? [19:18]
Those gods were not real gods; they were just things that people had made out of wood and stone.
8. How would all the kingdoms on earth know that Yahweh was God alone? [19:19]
They would know it when Yahweh saved Judah from the power of Sennacherib.

Comment Section:

22:1-20

Background: Yahweh rescued Judah from Assyria, and eventually Hezekiah died. His son Manasseh became king of Judah and did what was evil, and so did his grandson Amon. When Amon died, his son Josiah became king.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Josiah became king when he was eight years old, and he did what was right in the eyes of Yahweh. [22:1-2]
- ☐ When Josiah was an adult, he gave orders to repair the house of Yahweh. [22:3-7]
- ☐ The high priest found the book of the law in the temple, and scribe took it and read it to Josiah. [22:8-10]
- ☐ Josiah tore his clothes and told some men to consult with Yahweh because the people had not been following the words of the law. [22:11-13]
- ☐ Huldah the prophetess said that Yahweh would bring disaster to Judah because the people had left Yahweh and followed other gods. [22:14-17]
- ☐ Yahweh said that this would happen only after Josiah died. [22:18-20]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How many years did Josiah reign in Jerusalem? [22:1]
He reigned for thirty-one years.
2. How did Josiah live? [22:2]
He did what was right. He walked in all the ways of David and did not turn to the right or left. This meant that he did what was right as King David had done.
3. Where did Josiah send Shaphan? [22:3]
He sent him to the house of Yahweh.
4. What did Josiah tell Shaphan to do? [22:4]
He told Shaphan to go to Hilkiah the high priest and tell him to count all the money that had been brought into the house of Yahweh.
5. What was to be done with the money? [22:5-6]
It was to be given to the workmen in charge of the house of Yahweh to make repairs, pay the workmen and buy timber and cut stone.
6. Why was there no accounting of the money required? [22:7]
The workmen faithfully handled the money.
7. What did Hilkiah find in the house of Yahweh? [22:8]
He found the book of the law.

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8. What did Shaphan do with the book of the law? [22:9-10]
He took the book of the law to the king and read it to him.
9. What did the king do when he heard the words of the book of the law? [22:11]
He tore his clothes.
10. What did the king command Hilkiah, Ahikam, Akbor, Shaphan and Asaiah to do? [22:12-13]
He told them to go and consult with Yahweh for him, for the people, and for all of Judah.
11. Why was God angry with the people of Judah? [22:13]
He was angry because their ancestors had not listened to and obeyed the book of the law.
12. Who did the men go to speak to? [22:14]
They went and spoke to Huldah the prophetess.
13. What did she tell them to do? [22:15-16]
She told them to tell the king that Yahweh was going to bring disaster on Judah and the people.
14. Why was Yahweh angry? [22:17]
Because the people had abandoned him and burned incense to other gods.
15. What were the men to tell the king of Judah? [22:18-19]
Because the king had a tender heart, had humbled himself, and had torn his clothes and wept before Yahweh, Yahweh had listened to him.
16. When do you think the king of Judah first heard that Judah and its people would become desolation and curse? [22:16, 19]
He first heard it when Shaphan read the book of the law to him.
17. What would the eyes of the king of Judah not see? [22:20]
They would not see all the disaster that Yahweh would bring upon Judah.
18. Why would the king of Judah not see the disaster? [22:20]
He would not see it because he would die in peace first. The disaster would come after he died.

Comment Section:

25:1-26

Background: After Josiah died, other men in turn became king of Judah, and they all did what was evil.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ When Zedekiah was king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon besieged Jerusalem. [25:1-3]
- ☐ Zedekiah and his army fled from Jerusalem. The army was scattered, and Zedekiah was captured by the Chaldeans. [25:4-7]
- ☐ One of Nebuchadnezzar's commanders burned Yahweh's temple and almost all of the city. He took all but the poorest people into captivity in Babylon. [25:8-12]
- ☐ All of the furnishings of the temple were taken to Babylon. [25:13-17]
- ☐ The Babylonian commander took many important men to the king of Babylon, and the king put them to death. [25:18-21]
- ☐ Nebuchadnezzar made Gedaliah the governor over Judah. As long as the people lived in peace, they would be safe. However, one of the men killed the governor, so all the people fled to Egypt. [25:22-26]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did the king of Babylon do? [25:1]
He and his army came against Jerusalem and built a siege wall around it.
2. What happened in Jerusalem because of the siege? [25:2-3]
There was such a severe famine that there was no food for the people.
3. What happened after the city was broken into? [25:4]
The fighting men fled at night, and the king went in the direction of the Arabah.
4. Where did the Chaldeans overtake Zedekiah? [25:5]
They overtook him near Jericho.
5. What did the Chaldeans do when they captured Zedekiah? [25:6-7]
They took him to the king of Babylon who was at Riblah. Then they killed his sons while he watched, made him blind, and took him to Babylon.
6. What did Nebuzaradan do when he and his men came into Jerusalem? [25:8-10]
He burned the house of Yahweh, the king's palace, and all the houses and important buildings, and he destroyed the city walls.
7. What did Nebuzaradan do with the rest of the people? [25:11]
He took them away into exile.

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8. Who was left to work the vineyards and fields? [25:12]
The poorest people were left.
9. What did the Chaldeans do to the bronze pillars, the stands, and the bronze sea from Yahweh's house? [25:13]
They broke them up and took the bronze to Babylon.
10. What did the Chaldeans do to all the bronze utensils in the temple? [25:14]
They took them away.
11. How much bronze did the two pillars, the sea, and the stands Solomon had made contain? [25:16-]
They had more bronze than could be weighed.
12. Who did the commander of the bodyguard take? [25:18]
He took the chief priest, the second priest, and three gatekeepers.
13. Who else did Nebuzaradan take as prisoners? [25:19]
He took an officer who was in charge of the soldiers, five men who advised the king, the officer in charge of drafting men into the army, and sixty important men who were in the city.
14. Where did Nebuzaradan take the men he had captured? [25:20]
He took them to the king of Babylon at Riblah.
15. What did the king of Babylon do to the men that were captured? [25:21]
He had them put to death.
16. Who did the king of Babylon put in charge of the people left in Judah? [25:22]
He put Gedaliah in charge of the people.
17. Who went to Gedaliah when they heard he had been made governor? [25:23]
The commanders of the soldiers and their men went to Gedaliah.
18. What oath did Gedaliah make to them? [25:24]
He told them that if they lived in the land and served the king of Babylon, it would go well for them.
19. What happened in the seventh month? [25:25]
Ishmael came with ten men and attacked Gedaliah.
20. Who died when Ishmael and his ten men attacked Gedaliah? [25:26]
Gedaliah and the Jews and Chaldeans who were with him died.
21. What did all the people and the commanders of the soldiers do? [25:26]
They fled to Egypt.

Comment Section:

25:27-30

Background: Jehoiachin was the king of Judah before Zedekiah. In chapter 24, Nebuchadnezzar took Jehoiachin as an exile to Babylon.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ When Awel-Marduk became king of Babylon, he released Jehoiachin from prison and gave him a seat of great honor at his table. [25:27-30]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What happened in the thirty-seventh year of Jehoiachin's exile? [25:27]
The king of Babylon released him from prison.
2. What did the king of Babylon do to Jehoiachin? [25:28]
He spoke kindly to him and gave him a seat more honorable than any of the others with him in Babylon.
3. Why do you think there were other kings in Babylon? [25:28]
Perhaps Nebuchadnezzar had taken them captive from other places.
4. What else did Awel-Marduk do for Jehoiachin? [25:29]
He removed his prison clothes and had him eat regularly at the king's table for the rest of his life.
5. What did Awel-Marduk give Jehoiachin? [25:30]
He gave Jehoiachin a food allowance every day for the rest of his life.

Comment Section: