

LXX 2 Kings 24.8-25.6  
AGE Ch. 24

Translate the following passage adapted from LXX 2 Kings. As you translate the sentences, pay careful attention to words that go together, such as prepositional phrases and relative clauses. Breaking the sentences up into logical units is oftentimes a better first approach than attempting to translate all the words in succession.

Vocabulary and commentary is provided for each sentence. For words that do not appear in the vocabulary, please use your dictionary.

From the history of Jerusalem, the kings Jehoiachin and Zekediah and the loss of the city to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon:

24. 8. υἱὸς ὀκτωκαίδεκα ἐτῶν Ἰωακὶμ ἐν τῷ βασιλεύειν αὐτὸν καὶ τρίμηνον βασιλεύει ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ, καὶ ὄνομα τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ Νεσθα θυγάτηρ Ἐλλαθαν ἐξ Ἱερουσαλὴμ.

10. ...ἀναβαίνει Ναβουχοδοноσορ βασιλεὺς Βαβυλῶνος εἰς Ἱερουσαλὴμ, καὶ ἦλθεν ἡ πόλις ἐν περιοχῇ.

11. καὶ εἰσῆλθεν Ναβουχοδοноσορ βασιλεὺς Βαβυλῶνος εἰς τὴν πόλιν, καὶ οἱ παῖδες αὐτοῦ πολιορκοῦσιν ἐπ' αὐτήν.

12. καὶ ἐξῆλθεν Ἰωακὶμ βασιλεὺς Ἰουδα ἐπὶ βασιλέα Βαβυλῶνος, αὐτὸς καὶ οἱ παῖδες αὐτοῦ καὶ ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ καὶ οἱ ἄρχοντες αὐτοῦ καὶ οἱ εὐνοῦχοι αὐτοῦ, καὶ λαμβάνει αὐτὸν βασιλεὺς Βαβυλῶνος ἐν ἔτει ὀγδόῳ τῆς βασιλείας αὐτοῦ. ...

15. καὶ ἀποικεῖ τὸν Ἰωακὶμ εἰς Βαβυλῶνα καὶ τὴν μητέρα τοῦ βασιλέως καὶ τὰς γυναῖκας τοῦ βασιλέως καὶ τοὺς εὐνοῦχους αὐτοῦ... ἐξ Ἱερουσαλὴμ εἰς Βαβυλῶνα

16. καὶ πάντας τοὺς ἄνδρας τῆς δυνάμεως ... ἄγει αὐτοὺς βασιλεὺς Βαβυλῶνος μετοικεσίαν εἰς Βαβυλῶνα.

17. καὶ βασιλεύει βασιλεὺς Βαβυλῶνος τὸν Μαθθανιαν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ ἀντ' αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐπιτίθησι τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Σεδεκία.

18. υἱὸς εἴκοσι καὶ ἑνὸς ἐνιαυτοῦ Σεδεκίας ἐν τῷ βασιλεύειν αὐτὸν καὶ ἑνδεκά ἔτη βασιλεύει ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ, καὶ ὄνομα τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ Ἀμιταλ θυγάτηρ Ἰερεμίου...

Zekediah rebels against King Nebuchadnezzar.

25. 1. καὶ ... ἦλθεν Ναβουχοδοноσορ βασιλεὺς Βαβυλῶνος καὶ πᾶσα ἡ δύναμις αὐτοῦ ἐπὶ Ἱερουσαλὴμ καὶ παρεμβάλλει ἐπ' αὐτήν καὶ οἰκοδομεῖ ἐπ' αὐτήν περίτειχος κύκλω.

2. καὶ ἦλθεν ἡ πόλις ἐν περιοχῇ ἕως τοῦ ἑνδεκάτου ἔτους τοῦ βασιλέως Σεδεκίου. ...

4. καὶ ἐρράγη ἡ πόλις, καὶ πάντες οἱ ἄνδρες τοῦ πολέμου ἐξῆλθον νυκτὸς ὁδὸν πύλης τῆς ἀνὰ μέσον τῶν τειχέων, ...

5. καὶ διώκει ἡ δύναμις τῶν Χαλδαίων ὀπίσω τοῦ βασιλέως καὶ καταλαμβάνει αὐτὸν...

6. καὶ συλλαμβάνει τὸν βασιλέα καὶ ἄγει αὐτὸν πρὸς τὸν βασιλέα Βαβυλῶνος ..., καὶ λαλεῖ μετ' αὐτοῦ κρίσιν...

ἀναβαίνω advance	ἦλθεν (3rd sg) came
ἀνά μέσον between	κρίσις –εως ἡ judgment
ἀποικέω settle, immigrate	μετοικεσίαν (acc sg) ἡ resettled
βασιλείας (gen sg) ἡ rule, kingship	ὄγδω eighth
βασιλεύω be king, make king	οικοδομέω build
δύναμις –εως ἡ force, army	ὀκτωκαίδεκα eighteen
εἴκοσι twenty	ὀπίσω behind, after
εἰσῆλθεν (3rd sg) entered	πάντες (nom pl) πάντας (acc pl) ὁ all
ένδεκα eleven	παρεμβάλλω set up camp at
ένδεκάτου (gen sg) ὁ/τό eleventh	πάσα (nom sg) ἡ all
ένιαυτοῦ (gen sg) ὁ year	περιοχῆ (dat sg) ἡ section, domain
ένός (gen sg) ὁ one	περίτειχος –ους τό siege works
έξῆλθεν (3rd sg) έξῆλθον (3rd pl) exited	πολιορκέω mount an attack
έπιτίθημι put on, appoint	πύλης (gen sg) ἡ gate
έρράγη (3rd sg) was broken into	συλλαμβάνω take along
ευνούχοι (nom pl) ευνούχους (acc pl) ὁ eunuchs	τρίμηνον three months
έως until	Χαλδαίων (gen pl) ὁ Chaldeans

Notes:

- 24.8. ὀκτωκαίδεκα έτων: age expressed in the genitive case έν τῷ βασιλεύειν: “while ruling”  
24.18. εἴκοσι καί ένός ένιαυτοῦ: age expressed in the genitive case  
25. 4. νυκτός: genitive of time within which  
τῆς ἀνά μέσον τῶν τειχέων: τῆς modifies πύλης; ἀνά μέσον τῶν τειχέων describes the πύλης