WORKSHEET # 2: 2 Kings 17-18 (Contextual Analysis)

Read 2 Kings 17:1-18:12 three times, in three different versions.

1. In two columns, write out the text of 2 Kings 17:1-6 and 18:9-12, in such a way as to show the parallels. Use a “literal” version here (KJV, NKJV, RSV, NASB, ESV). (Use of a color highlighter can help to show some parallels more clearly.) (10 pts)

2. What is anomalous about the inclusion of 18:9-12 in its present location? (2 pts)

3. Why do you think it is included here? Consider your answer carefully, especially referring to 18:1-8. (4 pts)

4. Read 2 Kings 18:5 and compare it to 2 Kings 23:25. How can these statements be reconciled? Be specific. What help does 1 Kings 3:12 offer here? (4 pts)