

Stage 3: Preparing for the Consultant's check

Note: This state is not included in the UBS plan.

In this third stage of a translation project you will do comprehension testing and back translation. You will also continue with the basic checks and spell checking.

Stage 3. Preparing for the consultant check - Not started			Target Completion Date for MRK, Stage 3
Task/Check	Assigned to	Status	
First comprehension testing	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	Waiting for stage: Team Checking	
First revision	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	Waiting for task: First comprehension testing	
Print first revision	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	Waiting for task: First revision	
Second comprehension testing	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	Waiting for task: Print first revision	
Second revision	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	Waiting for task: Second comprehension testing	
Comprehension testing of supplementary materials	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	Waiting for stage: Team Checking	
Revision of supplementary materials	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	Waiting for task: Comprehension testing of supplementary materials	
Update Biblical Terms Tool	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	Waiting for task: Revision of supplementary materials	
Grammar and discourse write up	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	Waiting for stage: Team Checking	
Draft the back translation	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	Waiting for stage: Team Checking	
Check back translation	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	Waiting for task: Draft the back translation	
Unmatched Pairs of Punctuation	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	✓ No issues	
Quotations	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	Setup required...	
References	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	10 issues	
Numbers	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	✓ No issues	
Quoted Text	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	✓ No issues	
Words with Unknown spelling status	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	114 issues	
Words with Incorrect spelling status	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	✓ No issues	
Spelling Discussion Notes	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	2 issues	
Rendering Discussion Notes	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	22 issues	
Back translation (BTT) verse check	(Unassigned) MRK 1-16	Back translation project BTT is missing...	

The following modules will help you in this stage:

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- [6: PPR: Progress report](#)

2: BT1: Draft a Back Translation

Introduction

This module explains how to draft a back translation into a separate Paratext project and keep it up-to-date. [The next module will explain how to do a word by word gloss of the translation using the project interlinearizer.] *Where we are*

You have typed, checked and revised your translation in Paratext and are now preparing for a consultant check. Before you can start your Administrator must have created a separate project for your back translation. *Why is this important?*

Your text needs to be checked by a consultant. But because the consultant does not know your language, you need to translate your text back into a language they can understand. This is where the term “back translation” comes from. The consultant will use this translation to help your team improve your exegetical choices in the text.

It is preferable that this is done by someone who hasn't been involved in your translation. This way she will type what the text says and not what you meant it to say. This should also be done without looking at any helps or other Bibles. *What will you do?*

- Open your project and back translation project

- Arrange your text on the screen.
- Draft your back translation
- Mark the status as finished when you complete a chapter.
- Check that your text is up-to-date (or in sync), view any differences by moving to the next change if appropriate.

2.1: Create a new project for the back translation

(First time only, by Administrator)

- **File > New Project**
- Click **Edit**
- Type a full name for the project and a short name
- Click **OK**
- Choose the language for your back translation (e.g. English)
- Choose a versification
- For the Type of project choose "Back Translation"
- For **Based on** choose your project
- Click the **Books** tab
- Choose the desired books
- Click **OK**
- Click the **Create Book(s)** link
- Create books as needed.

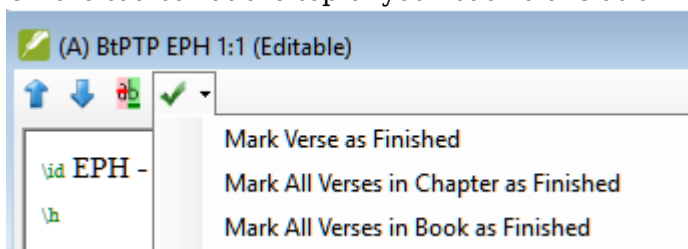
2.2: Draft your back translation

- Open your project
- Open your back translation project
- Arrange the windows so that you can easily see both windows.
- Click in the back translation window, (the verse in your project is highlighted).
- Type your back translation into each verse (after the check box).
- Continue for each verse in the chapter.

2.3: Mark the chapter as Finished

When you have finished the chapter

- On the toolbar at the top of your back translation window, click on the arrow beside the check mark.



- Choose **Mark All Verses in Chapter as Finished**. All the check boxes for the chapter are marked with green checks.

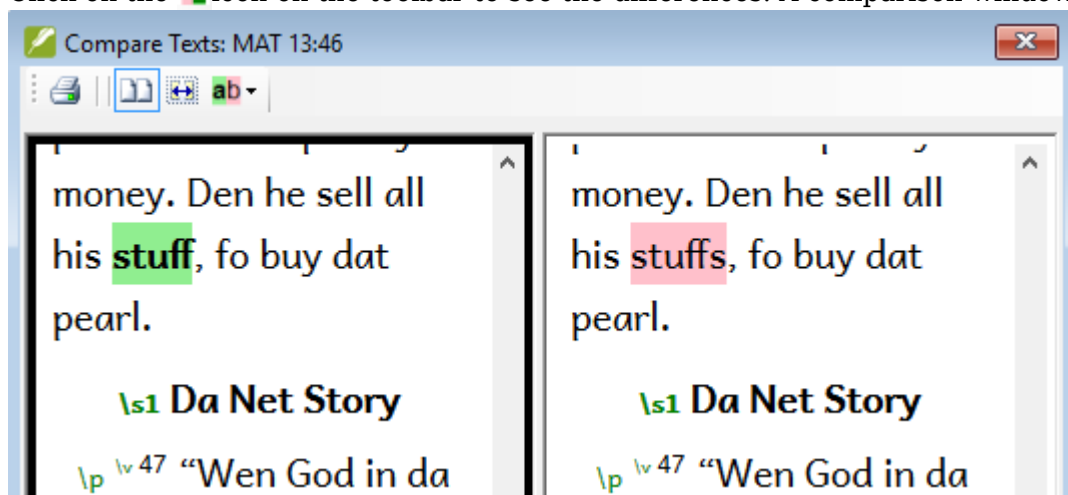
2.4: When a change is made to your project

Paratext will detect any saved changes to your text and will change the back translation checkbox to a red question mark  and add issues to the back translation status in the project plan.

- Click in a verse with the red question mark.
- Review and correct the back translation.
- Click the red question mark. It changes to a green check mark.

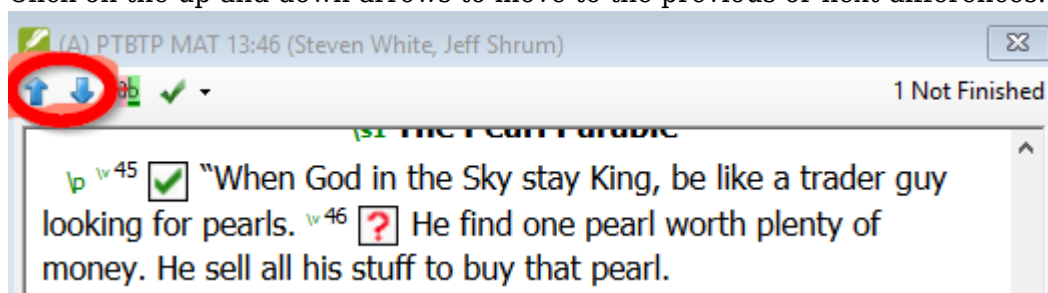
2.5: View the differences for outdated verses

- Click on the  icon on the toolbar to see the differences. A comparison window is displayed.



2.6: Move to the next differences

- Click on the up and down arrows to move to the previous or next differences.



2.7: Check your project plan

- Click the project plan icon
- Expand Stage 3, the back translation checks are at the end. The number of issues (if any) are displayed

Back translation (BtPTP) verse check	 (Unassigned) v	EPH 1-6	19 issues
Back translation (BtPTP) status complete	 (Unassigned) v	EPH 1-6	153 issues

2.8: Back translation verse check in project

- Click on the issues link A result list window lists any errors.
 - Correct any errors.
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2.9: Back translation status complete in project

- Click on the issues link
 - The back translation window is displayed with the cursor in the first verse with problems.
 - Correct the problem and move to the next outdated verse by clicking on the arrows on the toolbar.
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2.10: Learning task

The checkboxes in a back translation can have a number of different symbols.

Look in the Paratext help “What symbols can occur in status checkboxes in a back translation?” topic and match the following symbols and status:

A		1	Inconsistent verse number
B		2	No text/verse no.
C		3	Not finished
D		4	Finished
E		5	Out of date

Answers: A3, B4, C5, D1, E2

3: BT2: Interlinearise a project

Introduction

The previous module explained how to create a back translation that expresses what a reader understands when he reads or hears the text. There is another type of back translation that is sometimes used and that is a word-for-word style back translation. Some consultants may ask for this style of back translation. If you need to make one of these, you can use Paratext’s project Interlinearizer function.

Please note that in Paratext 8 you can only use the Interlinearizer on registered projects.

Where we are

You have typed, checked and revised your translation in Paratext and are now preparing for a consultant check. Before you can start your Administrator must have created a separate project for your word for word back translation. [This is separate from the readable back translation in the previous module.]

Why this is important

Your consultant needs to have a copy of your translation in a language they can understand. The back translation done in the previous module is very useful but there are times when a literal translation is more helpful.

What you will do
You will use the project interlineariser to produce a word for word gloss of the text. Firstly, you will setup the interlineariser, and then correct any errors. The computer’s initial guesses are often wrong but it learns as it goes and becomes quite accurate quickly. The idea is for the gloss to be correct even though the word order is not correct. When you are happy with the verse you can export it to the back translation

project.

3.1: Create a new project for the back translation

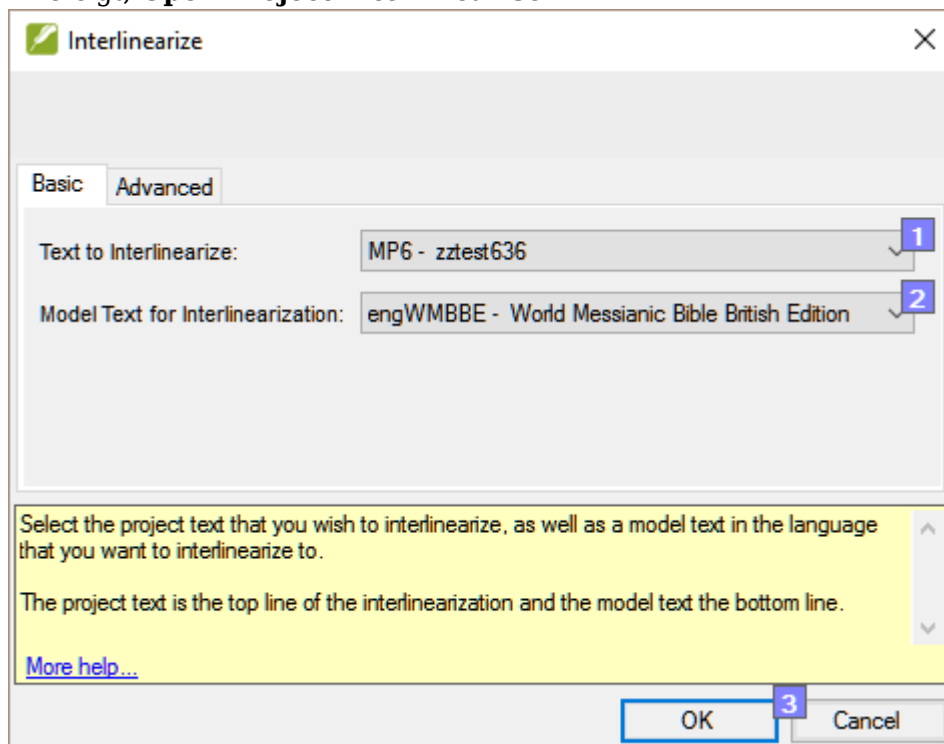
(First time only by Administrator)

- **File > New Project**
- Click **Edition**
- Type a full name for the project and a short name
- Click **OK**
- For the type of project choose "Back Translation"
- Choose the language for your back translation (e.g. English)
- Choose your main translation for **Based on**.
- Click the **Books** tab
- Choose the desired books
- Click **OK**
- Click the **Create Books** link
- Create books as needed.

The project should not need to be registered as it inherits the registration from your project. [You may have two back translation projects - one for the free back translation and one for the word by word.]

3.2: Configure the project interlineariser

- Click in your project
- **File > Open Project interlineariser**



- Choose your project as the text to interlinearise [1].
- Choose a model text in the consultant's language: either your reference text or your second back translation project [2]

- Click the **Advanced** tab
- Click “Automatically Export verses when approved”
- Dropdown the list and choose your second back translation project
- Click **OK**

Note: You do not need to use the "Model and text are related" checkbox – this is for when you are doing an adaptation (or orthography change).

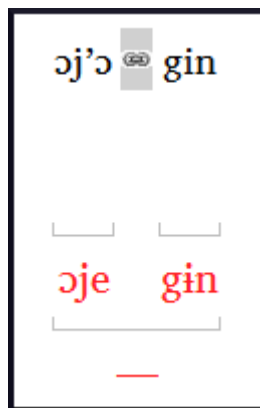
3.3: Correct the interlinearised text

To correct glosses

- Click the incorrect gloss A list is displayed.
- Either click on the correct gloss in the list or type the correct gloss in the textbox
- Click Enter

3.4: Translate/gloss a phrase

- Click between two words



- Click the icon **Link words**
- Click the red line
- Type the gloss

3.5: Add extra words

- Click in the space between two glosses
- Type the extra word(s)

3.6: Specify the morphology - break a word into morphemes

- Click on the word in the translation line (top line)
- Click « Add word parse »
- Add spaces to separate the morphemes and add « + » prefixes and suffixes (see guide)
- Click OK

3.7: Approve and Export the text

When you approve and export the text any remaining red glosses will be approved.

- Click **Approve and export to*****
- To continue, click **Next Unapproved Verse**

3.8: Help

For more help on using the Interlineariser function see the following topics in the Paratext Help:

- Introduction to Project Interlinearizer
- How do I open the Project Interlinearizer?
- How do I generate an interlinear back translation?
- How do I create a back translation project with the Interlinearizer?
- How do I create a text revision/adaptation project with the Interlinearizer?
- What do the colours of glosses mean in the Interlinearizer?

4: Compare Text

Introduction

In this module, you will learn how to save old versions of your text and review them later. *Where are we?* You have worked on your text and you have arrived at an important stage of your project. *Why is this important?*

As you work on your translation, you are continually making changes. It is good to have a copy of the previous version of your text, for example the text as it was before you went to a consultant check. You can do this by marking a point in the history of your project. After marking a point in the history, you can compare the version at that point with the current version. *What will you do?*

You will mark a point in the history of the project which you can go back to later and compare your work

4.1: Mark Point in History

- Click in your project window to make it active (in Paratext).
- From the **Project** menu choose **Mark a point in project history**.
- Type a comment to describe the point.

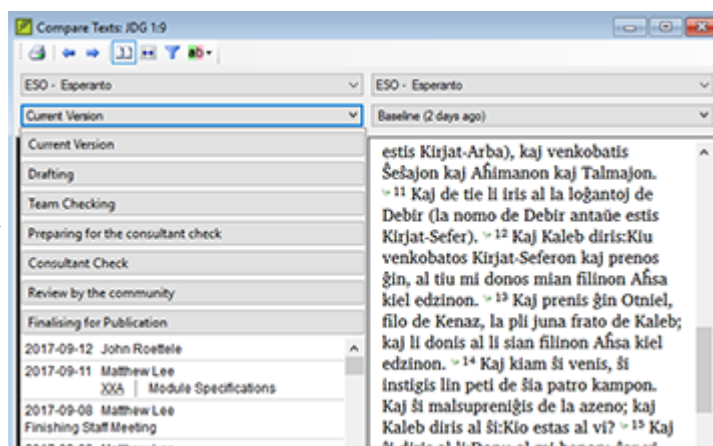
Note: It is good to start the comment with some symbols, such as ###, to be able to find the point in the long list.

- Click **OK**

4.2: Compare Two Versions

- From the **Tools** menu, choose **Compare Texts**
- Click on the version dropdown list Current version

- Choose the desired point in the history



The

screen will change and show the differences between both versions.

5: BC3: Basic checks

Introduction

In this module you will learn how to run the remaining basic checks (references, quoted text, numbers, punctuation in pairs and quotations). As in the first two basic checks modules, it is easier to run the checks from the project plan. However, if you want to check more than one book then you need to run the checks from the checking menu. *Where we are*

You have typed your translation into Paratext. Make sure you have done the checks described in modules BC1 and BC2 before continuing. And that either your administrator has done the setup for the checks or is available to do the setup with you. *Why this is important*

Paratext has eleven basic checks. You have already seen the first six checks. This last set of checks helps you find errors related to material referred from other books. You want to be sure the references are accurate so that the reader can find those passages. *What you are going to do*

As before, most of the checks require some setup to be done by your administrator. In this module you will:

- Confirm that the setup has been done
- Run the basic check
- Correct any errors.

5.1: Unmatched pairs of Punctuation

This check looks at punctuation that occurs in pairs (opening and closing) and lists errors where it is not matched by the other half of the pair. This may be deliberate but is more likely to be an error, e.g. (), [], etc.

5.1.1: Setup

- **Checking > Unmatched pairs of punctuation:** If the list is empty, then there are no errors.
- If necessary, click **Options...** to add other pairs.
- Click **OK**.

5.1.2: Run the check

- **Checking > Run Basic Checks**
- Check **“Unmatched pairs of punctuation”**
- Click **OK** A list of errors is displayed.
- Make any corrections as needed.

5.2: References

Before you can run the references check, your Administrator must define various settings.

- **Project > Scripture reference settings**

The screenshot shows the 'Scripture Reference Settings: LT17' dialog box with the 'Reference Format' tab selected. The dialog has three tabs: 'Reference Format', 'Book Names', and 'Origin Options'. The 'Reference Format' tab contains several settings for formatting scripture references, each with a text input box and a preview box. The settings are: 'Chapter/Verse' (punctuation: ':'), 'Range of Verses' (punctuation: '-'), 'List of Verses' (punctuation: ','), 'Range of Chapters or Books' (punctuation: '—'), 'List of Chapters' (punctuation: ';'), 'List of Books' (punctuation: ';'), 'Extra Material' (empty), and 'Final Punctuation' (empty). Each preview box shows a sample reference: 'Matt 1:23', 'Matt 1:1-3', 'Matt 1:1,3', 'Matt 1:2—3:4', 'Matt 1:2; 3:4', 'Matt 1:2; Luke 3:4', and 'Matt 1:23' respectively. A 'Copy Reference Format...' button is located at the top left of the settings area. At the bottom of the dialog, there is a yellow informational box with text and a 'More help...' link, and 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Setting	Punctuation	Sample
Chapter/Verse	:	Matt 1:23
Range of Verses	-	Matt 1:1-3
List of Verses	,	Matt 1:1,3
Range of Chapters or Books	—	Matt 1:2—3:4
List of Chapters	;	Matt 1:2; 3:4
List of Books	;	Matt 1:2; Luke 3:4
Extra Material		
Final Punctuation		Matt 1:23

On the Reference Format tab, specify punctuation used in Scripture references. On the Book Names tab, specify book abbreviations and book names used in Scripture references.

[More help...](#)

OK Cancel

- For each setting, type the punctuation in the box The sample will be updated on the right.
- Click the **Book names** tab

Scripture Reference Settings: MP1

Reference Format **Book Names** Origin Options

Copy Book Names...

Book	Abbreviation (toc3)	Short Name (toc2)	Long Name (toc1)
GEN - Genesis		Da Start	Da Start
EXO - Exodus			
LEV - Leviticus			
NUM - Numbers			
DEU - Deuteronomy			
JOS - Joshua			
JDG - Judges			
RUT - Ruth			

Cross References (\xt) use **Abbreviation**

Parallel Passage References use (\r, \mr, \sr, \rq, \vor, \vpr, \vig) **Short Name**

On the Reference Format tab, specify punctuation used in Scripture references. On the Book Names tab, specify book abbreviations and book names used in Scripture references.

[More help...](#)

OK Cancel

- Fill-in the three columns [1] with abbreviation, short name and long name.
- Choose **Abbreviations**[2] and [3] for both cross-references and references
- Click **OK**
- **Checking & Run Basic Checks**
- Click « **References** »
- Click **OK**
- Correct any errors.

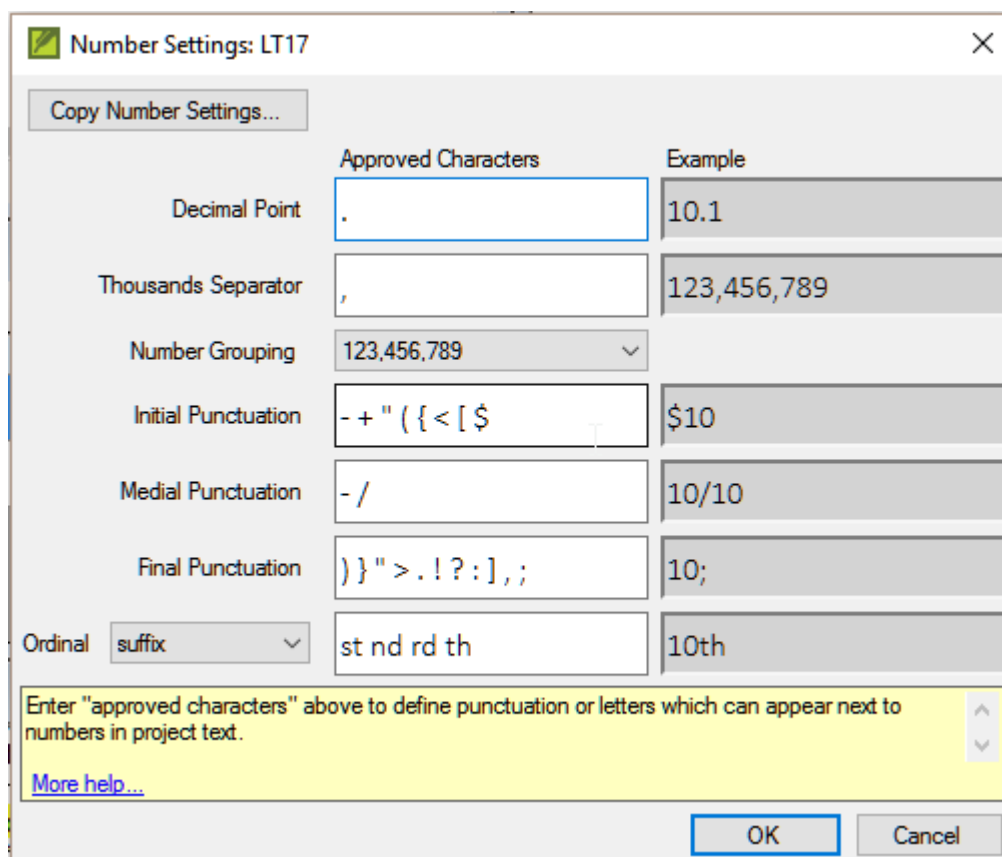
Paratext will inform you if there are any inconsistencies between these book name settings and the \toc lines and will allow you to check conflicts.

5.3: Numbers check

Before you can run the references check, your Administrator must define various number settings.

- **Checking & Number settings**

- Fill in the dialog box.



The dialog box is titled "Number Settings: LT17". It contains a "Copy Number Settings..." button at the top left. Below it is a table with two columns: "Approved Characters" and "Example".

	Approved Characters	Example
Decimal Point	.	10.1
Thousands Separator	,	123,456,789
Number Grouping	123,456,789	
Initial Punctuation	- + " ({ < [\$	\$10
Medial Punctuation	- /	10/10
Final Punctuation	) } " > . ! ? :] , ;	10;
Ordinal	suffix	10th

Below the table is a yellow box with the text: "Enter 'approved characters' above to define punctuation or letters which can appear next to numbers in project text." and a link "More help...". At the bottom right are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

- Click **OK**
- **Checking > Run basic checks**
- Click « **Numbers** »
- Click **OK**

5.4: Quotation rules

The quotations check is used to ensure you have been consistent in marking the direct speech correctly.

Before you can run the quotation check, your Administrator must define the rules for your quotations.

- **Checking > Quotation rules**
- Fill-in the quotation marks used for each level [1] [2] [3]
- **Check Flag all quotes near other errors [8]**
- Click **OK.** >

5.5: Quotation check

- **Checking > Basic checks**
- **Quotations**
- Click **OK.** A list of errors is displayed. It shows possible errors but includes four correct quotations before and after the possible error.
- Double-click the first item which doesn't start with ...
- Correct as necessary.
- Click **Rerun** button to confirm you have corrected the error.

5.6: Quoted text

The Quoted text check looks at text in footnotes or cross-references which has been marked with \qt \qt* markers. It checks that the quoted text matches the text in the verse.

- **Checking > Basic checks**
- **Quoted text**
- Click **OK**. A list of errors is displayed.
- Make corrections as needed.

Note: the text has to be exactly the same as in the text. That is, even additional punctuation can't be in the \qt \qt* markers.

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