# Wycliffe Associates Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

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# 10:1-14

Background: The Book of 1 Chronicles retells the line of descendants from Adam to Saul. It then gives the history of Israel during the time of David. The books of Chronicles and the books of Kings tell much of the same history, but they are not exactly the same. The writers of Chronicles wrote mostly about the kings of Judah who were faithful to Yahweh and his covenant. The writers wanted to encourage the Jews and their leaders to obey the law and to honor God's covenant with them.

## Part 1

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

The Philistines fought against Israel, and Saul and his three sons died. [10:1-6]
The men of Israel abandoned their cities in the region and the Philistines came and lived in them. [10:7]
When the Philistines found the bodies of Saul and his sons, they put their armor in the temple of their gods and they
fastened Saul's skull to the temple of Dagon. [10:8-11]
The fighting men of Jabesh Gilead took the bodies of Saul and his sons and buried them in Jabesh. [10:11-12]
King Saul died for his disobedience and unfaithfulness against Yahweh. Yahweh gave the kingdom to David. [10:13-
14]

# Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- 1. What happened when the Philistines fought against Israel? [10:1] Every man of Israel fled from before the Philistines and fell down dead on Mount Gilboa.
- 2. What happened to the sons of Saul on Mount Gilboa? [10:2] The Philistines pursued the sons of Saul and killed them.
- 3. What happened to Saul as the battle went heavily against him? [10:3]

The archers overtook Saul and wounded him.

- 4. Why did Saul command his armor bearer to kill him? [10:4]
  - Saul was already severely wounded and did not want to suffer abuse from the Philistines who pursued him in battle.
- 5. What did Saul do when his armor bearer would not thrust him through? [10:4] Saul took his own sword and fell on it.
- 6. How did Saul's armor bearer react to Saul's death? [10:5] When Saul's armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died.
- 7. What did the men of Israel do when they saw that the army had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead? [10:7] They fled and abandoned their cities and allowed the Philistines to come and live in them.

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8. What did the Philistines do to the body of Saul? [10:9-10]

The Philistines stripped his body and put his armor in the temple of their gods and fastened his head to the temple of Dagon.

9. Who rescued the bodies of Saul and his sons from the Philistines? [10:11-12] All the fighting men of Jabesh Gilead rescued their bodies.

10. What did these men do with the bodies of Saul and his sons? [10:12]

They brought them back to Jabesh and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh.

11. What did the men of Jabesh do after they buried Saul and his sons? [10:12] They fasted for seven days.

12. What faithless act or acts did Saul commit against Yahweh? [10:13-14]

Saul did not seek guidance from Yahweh but asked for advice from someone who talked with the dead.

13. After Yahweh killed Saul, what did he do with Saul's kingdom? [10:14] He turned the kingdom over to David, the son of Jesse.

# 11:1-3

# Part 1

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

☐ All Israel came to Hebron and anointed David as king over all Israel. [11:1-3]

### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

Why was all of Israel willing to anoint David as king over Israel? [11:1-2]
 David was their flesh and bone. This means they were all related, and David led the Israelite army in the past even though Saul was the king.

2. What happened when the elders of Israel came to David at Hebron? [11:3] They made a covenant with David and anointed him as king.

3. When this happened, whose prophecy was fulfilled? [11:3]

The word of Yahweh spoken by the prophet Samuel was fulfilled.

# 11:4-9

## Part 1

Tel	I in your own words what you just read in these verses.
	David and Israel came to Jerusalem, but it was occupied by the Jebusites. [11:4-5]
	Joab led the attack as Israel captured Jerusalem. [11:6]
	Jerusalem was called the city of David, and David became greater and greater. [11:7-9]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- 1. What did the inhabitants of Jerusalem tell David as he came to the city? [11:5] The Jebusites told David that he would not come into the city.
- 2. How did Joab become a commander in the army of Israel? [11:5-6]

  David had said that whoever attacked the Jebusites first would become a commander, and Joab was the first to attack them.
- 3. What was Jerusalem called after David and his men captured it? [11:7] The city of David.
- What did David do after he began to live in Jerusalem? [11:8]
   He built the city all around from the Millo and back to the surrounding wall.
- 5. Why was David able to become greater and greater? [11:9] This was possible because Yahweh was with him.

# 13:1-14

## Part 1

David and all of Israel decided to move the ark of God to the city of David. [13:1-4]
David and all Israel set the ark of God on a cart, and they celebrated with all their might. [13:5-8]
Uzzah touched the ark of God, and the Lord killed him. [13:9-10]
David became angry with God and was afraid of him. [13:11-12]
The ark of God was moved to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. [13:13]

# Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- 1. Who did David consult with before speaking to all the assembly of Israel? [13:1] He consulted with the commanders and with every leader in Israel.
- 2. Who did David want to send messengers to? [13:2]

  He wanted to send messengers to Israelites throughout every region, and to priests and Levites.
- 3. What did David want to do when these people gathered to him? [13:2-3] He wanted to bring the ark of God back with them.
- 4. What happened after David assembled all Israel together to bring the ark of God to Jerusalem? [13:5-7] They went to Kiriath Jearim and set the ark of God on a new cart.
- 5. How is Yahweh described? [13:6]

  He is described as the one who sits enthroned over the cherubim.
- 6. What did David and all Israel do as they brought the ark out of Abinadab's house? [13:7-8] David and all Israel celebrated before God with all their might.
- 7. What did Yahweh do when Uzzah stretched out his hand to grab the ark when the oxen stumbled? [13:9-10] The anger of Yahweh burned against Uzzah, and Yahweh killed him.
- 8. Why did the Lord's anger burn against Uzzah?
  Uzzah was not allowed to touch the ark of God.
- 9. Why was David angry with Yahweh? [13:11]

  David was angry because Yahweh had attacked Uzza.
- 10. Why did David decide not to take the ark back home with him? [13:12] David was afraid of God after Uzza was killed.

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11. Where did David put the ark of God instead of taking it to the city of David? [13:12-13] David put the ark of God into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.

12. What did Yahweh do for Obed-Edom's household? [13:14] Yahweh blessed his house and all that he possessed.

# 17:1-15

**Background:** After the ark of God had been in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite for three months, David had the Levites move the ark to Jerusalem, the city of David. There was great celebration as it was brought into the city. The ark was placed in a tent that David had set up.

#### Part 1

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

David said to Nathan the prophet that the ark of God sits in a tent while he, David, lives in a house of cedar. Nathan told him to do what he thought was right. [17:1-2]
Nathan the prophet received a vision from Yahweh saying that David would not be the one to build a house for God. [17:3-6]
Yahweh said he had chosen David to rule over his people, gave David victory over his enemies, and Yahweh would build a house for David. [17:7-10
Yahweh told Nathan that one of the descendants of David would build the house for God. [17:11-12]
Yahweh told Nathan that Yahweh would be a Father to David's descendant and his throne would be established forever. [17:13-14]
Nathan told David everything Yahweh said to him in a vision. [17:15]

## Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- What bothered King David about where the ark of the covenant of Yahweh was staying? [17:1]
   It bothered him that the ark of the covenant of Yahweh was staying under only a tent while David was living in a house of cedar.
- 2. What did Nathan say to David? [17:2]

Nathan told David to go and do what was in his heart because God was with him.

- 3. What did Yahweh tell Nathan to say to David about building a house for Yahweh? [17:3-6] God said David was not to build a house for Yahweh to live in.
- 4. Why did Yahweh take David from the pasture and from following the sheep? [17:7] He did this to make David the ruler over his people Israel.
- 5. What did Yahweh say that he would do for David's name? [17:8]

He said that he would make David a name like the name of the great ones who are on the earth.

- 6. What do you think it meant for Yahweh to make a name for David? [17:8]

  It meant to make David well known by many people. Many people would respect and honor him.
- 7. Who would no longer oppress the people of Israel after Yahweh gave them a place where they could live and be troubled no more? [17:9]

Wicked people would no longer oppress Israel as they did before.

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8. What did Yahweh say about the house of David? [17:10-11]

Yahweh said he would build a house for David. This meant Yahweh would cause David's family to grow, and his descendants would continue to rule.

- 9. What did Yahweh say that David's descendant would do after David's days were fulfilled? [17:11-12] David's descendant would build a house for Yahweh.
- 10. What did Yahweh say about his covenant faithfulness? [17:13]

Yahweh said he would not take his covenant faithfulness away from David's descendant, as he took it from Saul.

- 11. For how long did Yahweh say that the throne of David's descendants would be established? [17:14] The throne of David's descendants would be established forever.
- 12. What did Nathan do after Yahweh spoke to him? [17:15]

  Nathan told David everything about the vision he received from Yahweh.

# 18:1-13

## Part 1

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

David extended his kingdom by defeating neighboring kingdoms that fought against him. [18:1-8]
The king of Hamath gave many gifts of gold, silver and bronze because David had defeated Hadadezer, the king who
fought against Tou and his people. [18:9-11]
Yahweh gave victory to David wherever he went. [18:13]

# Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- 1. What two groups of people did David attack and defeat? [18:1-2] He attacked and defeated the Philistines and the Moabites.
- 2. What happened when Hadadezer was traveling to establish his rule by the Euphrates River? [18:3] Hadadezer was defeated by David.
- 3. What did David take from Hadadezer? [18:4]

He took a thousand chariots, seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand soldiers.

- 4. What did David do with the chariot horses? [18:4]
  - He hamstrung all of them except for enough of them for a hundred chariots. ("Hamstrung" means they cut the horses' leg tendons so they could not walk properly.)
- 5. What did David put in Aram of Damascus after he had killed twenty-two thousand Arameans? [18:5-6] David put garrisons in Aram of Damascus. ("Garrisons" are groups of soldiers that protect a town.)
- 6. What did Solomon make with the bronze that David took from Hadadezer? [18:8]

  Solomon later made the bronze basin called "The Sea," the pillars, and the bronze equipment. (These were all items in the temple that Solomon would build.)
- 7. What did Tou do after David defeated Hadadezer? [18:9-11]

Tou sent his son, Hadoram, to greet and bless David. He also sent many items of gold, silver, and bronze.

- 8. What did King David do with the things Tou gave him? [18:11] David dedicated these objects to Yahweh.
- 9. What happened to all the Edomites after the battle in which Abishai killed 18,000 Edomites? [18:12-13] All the Edomites became David's servants.

# 20:4-8

**Background**: This passage talks about the descendants of the Rephaim, also called "the Rapha." The Rephaim were giants.

## Part 1

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

□ David's men fought against the Philistines in various battles. The Philistines were defeated, and some descendants of the Rephaim were killed. [20:4-8]

#### Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- 1. What happened during the battle at Gezer? [20:4] Sibbekai the Hushathite killed a descendant of the Rephaim named Sippai. The Philistines were subdued.
- 2. What did Elhanan, the Bethlehemite do? [20:5]

  He killed Lahmi, the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear was like a weaver's beam.
- 3. How was the descendant of the Rapha who was at Gath described? [20:6]

  He was of great height, and he had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot.
- 4. When that descendant of the Rapha mocked the army of Israel, what happened? [20:6-8] Shimea, David's brother, killed him.

# 21:18-27

**Background:** David decided to count the people of Israel, even though Joab warned him not to do this. God was angry with David because of his actions, and he gave David three choices as to which way he would be punished. David chose for Yahweh to send a plague on Israel. David begged Yahweh to stop the plague, which was killing innocent Israelites.

#### Part 1

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Yahweh spoke to David through Gad the prophet and told David to build an altar at the threshing floor of Ornan
[21:18-19]
David went to Ornan and asked him to sell him his threshing floor. [21:20-22]
Ornan offered to give the threshing floor to David and other items for the sacrifice. [21:23]
David refused to take it for nothing, so he paid six-hundred shekels for the threshing floor at Ornan. [21:24-25]
Yahweh told the angel to put away his sword after David offered a sacrifice on the altar. [21:26-27]

## Part 2

- 1. Who did the angel of Yahweh command to speak to David? [21:18] He commanded Gad.
- 2. What was David commanded to do at the threshing floor of Ornan? [21:18] He was commanded to build an altar for Yahweh.
- How did Ornan react to seeing the angel? [21:20]
   He and his four sons hid themselves from the angel.
- 4. When Ornan met David, what did David ask of him? [21:22] He asked Ornan to sell him the threshing floor.
- Why did David want the threshing floor of Ornan [21:22]
   David wanted to build an altar for Yahweh so that the plague would be removed from his people.
- 6. What did Ornan offer that David refused? [21:23]

  He offered to give him the threshing floor, the oxen, and wheat for nothing.
- 7. What did David say he wanted to pay for the threshing floor of Ornan? [21:24] David insisted on buying it for the full price.
- 8. How much did David pay for the threshing floor at Ornan? [21:25] David paid six hundred shekels of gold.

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9. After David bought the threshing floor and offered sacrifice on the altar, how did Yahweh answer his prayer? [21:26-27]

Yahweh answered him with fire from heaven on the altar and told the angel to put his sword away. This means Yahweh stopped the plague.

# 22:1-19

**Background:** David had purchased the land at the threshing floor of Ornan and built an altar there. At that time, the tabernacle was in a town called Gibeon. The tabernacle was a tent that was built when Moses was the leader of Israel. The ark of the covenant was kept there, and that is where Moses would go to speak with Yahweh.

## Part 1

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

David said the house of Yahweh would be built at that place where he had built the altar, then he made preparations
for the building, before he died. [22:1-5]
David had planned to build a house for Yahweh, but Yahweh would not let him because he lived a life of violence.
[22:6-9]
Yahweh said Solomon would be a man of peace and build Yahweh's house. Yahweh would establish his throne
forever. [22:10]
David encouraged Solomon to begin building the house of Yahweh and he prayed that Solomon would be filled with
insight and understanding, so that he would obey the law of Yahweh. [22:11-16]
David ordered all the leaders of Israel to help Solomon his son build the house of Yahweh. [22:17]

# Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- Where did David decide the house of Yahweh was going to be built? [22:1]
   It would be built there (at the threshing floor of Ornan) with the altar for the burnt offerings.
- After David declared where the house of Yahweh was to be built, what did he order his servants to do? [22:2]
   He ordered them to find the foreigners living in the land of Israel and give them jobs as stonecutters to build God's house.
- 3. What preparations did David make for building the house of Yahweh before his death? [22:3-4] He provided large amounts of iron, bronze, and cedar.
- 4. Why did David make all of these preparations before he died? [22:5] David said that Solomon was a young and inexperienced man, and the house that was to be built for Yahweh must be especially magnificent.
- 5. Why did Yahweh not allow David to build his house? [22:6-8]

  Yahweh told David that he would not be the one to build the house because he had killed many people
- What did Yahweh tell David he would do for his son, Solomon? [22:9-10]
   He would give him rest from all his enemies on every side and would establish Solomon's kingdom over Israel forever.

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7. What did David ask Yahweh to do for his son Solomon? [22:11-12]

David prayed that Yahweh would be with Solomon and enable him to succeed. He also prayed that Yahweh would give Solomon insight and understanding, so that he would obey the law of Yahweh.

8. What did David say that Solomon must do to succeed? [22:13]

He told Solomon he would succeed if he carefully obeyed the statutes and the decrees that Yahweh gave to Moses concerning Israel.

- 9. What did David tell Solomon to do with all of the materials that David had prepared for Yahweh's house? [22:14] He told Solomon to add more to it.
- 10. What did David say to all the leaders of Israel? [22:17] David ordered them to help his son Solomon.
- 11. What could Solomon bring after he built the holy place of Yahweh? [22:18-19]

  He could bring the ark of Yahweh and the other holy things to Yahweh's house.

# 28:1-21

## Part 1

David assembled all the Israelite leaders at Jerusalem. [28:1]
David was not chosen to build the temple because he was a man of war and had shed blood. [28:2-3]
Yahweh chose Solomon to build the temple in his name. [28:5]
Yahweh said he would establish Solomon's kingdom forever if Solomon remained committed to his commands. [28:6
7]
Yahweh gave David detailed plans for building the temple, which David gave to Solomon his son. [28:11-19]
David said Yahweh would be with Solomon as he built the house of Yahweh, and the skillful men and officials are
ready to help him. [28:21]

# Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- 1. Where did David assemble all the officials of Israel? [28:1] David assembled them at Jerusalem.
- 2. Why did God say David could not build a temple for his name? [28:2-3]

  God said that he could not build it because he was a man of war and had shed blood.
- 3. What did Yahweh choose Solomon, David's son, to do over Israel? [28:5]

  He chose Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of Yahweh, over Israel.
- 4. What did Yahweh say he would do for Solomon if he remained committed to obey his commandments? [28:6-7] Yahweh said that he would establish his kingdom forever.
- 5. If all the people kept the commandments of Yahweh, what would happen to the good land they possessed? [28:8] They would possess the good land and leave it as an inheritance to their children after them forever.
- 6. What does Yahweh understand of everyone's thoughts? [28:9] He understands every motivation of everyone's thoughts.
- 7. What would happen if Solomon abandoned Yahweh? [28:9] Yahweh would reject him forever.
- 8. What did David say that Solomon should understand? [28:10]
  Solomon should realize that Yahweh had chosen him to build this temple as his sanctuary.
- 9. What were the storerooms in God's house and the treasuries to store? [28:12]

  The storerooms and the treasuries were for the things that belonged to Yahweh.

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- 10. Where were the priests and Levites assigned responsibility to serve? [28:13]

  Their assigned responsibilities were for the service of the house of Yahweh.
- 11. What did David describe in detail to Solomon? [28:14-18]

  David gave Solomon all the details of the gold that would be used in the temple.
- 12. How was David directed in all the things he put in writing? [28:19]

  Yahweh directed him and gave him understanding regarding the design of the temple.
- 13. What did David promise Solomon about Yahweh's presence until all the work was finished? [28:20] Yahweh would not leave him nor abandon him until all the work for the service of Yahweh's temple was finished.
- 14. What were the officials and all the people ready to do? [28:21] They were ready to follow Solomon's commands.

# 29:10-25

**Background:** The leaders of Israel made freewill offerings of gold, bronze and precious stones to be used in building the temple. After they made their offerings, they rejoiced because they had contributed wholeheartedly to Yahweh.

#### Part 1

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

David praised the name of Yahweh in the presence of the assembly of Israel. [29:10-13]
David said all they had given to Yahweh was already his, and he prayed for Yahweh to direct the people and to help
Solomon obey him and build the temple. [29:14-17]
The next day the people sacrificed to Yahweh, and Solomon was anointed king over Israel. [29:21-22]
Yahweh bestowed on Solomon greater power than he had ever given to any king before him in Israel. [29:24-25]

# Part 2

Answer the following questions.

- 1. What did David do in front of all the assembly of Israel? [29:10] David blessed Yahweh.
- 2. What did David say belonged to Yahweh? [28:11]

  All that was in the heavens and on the earth is Yahweh's.
- 3. How is Yahweh able to make people great and give them strength? [28:12]

  He possesses strength and might and so he is able to give strength to anyone.
- 4. What did David do on behalf of the assembly of Israel? [29:13]

  David gave thanks to Yahweh and praised his glorious name.
- 5. What did David say about the things the people gave to Yahweh? [29:14-16]

  All things came from Yahweh, and they had simply given back to him what was his.
- 6. What did God have pleasure in when he examined the heart of his people? [29:17] Yahweh had pleasure in uprightness.
- 7. What made David look with joy on God's people who were present? [29:17] He looked with joy as they willingly offered gifts to Yahweh.
- 8. What did David ask of Yahweh? [29:19]

David asked Yahweh to give Solomon a whole heart to keep his commandments, decrees, and statutes, so Solomon would carry out all the plans to build the temple.

9. How did all the assembly bless and worship Yahweh? [29:20]

All the assembly blessed Yahweh, bowed their heads, and worshiped Yahweh.

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10. With whose authority did they anoint Solomon to be ruler? [29:22] They anointed him with Yahweh's authority.

- 11. What happened after Solomon was anointed as king of Israel? [29:23] Solomon prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.
- 12. How did Yahweh greatly honor Solomon before all Israel? [29:25]

  He bestowed on him greater power than he had ever given to any king before him in Israel.

# 29:26-30

## Part 1

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□ David reigned as king over Israel for forty years and Solomon, his son, reigned after him. [29:26-28]

☐ King David's accomplishments and deeds were written down. [29:29]

## Part 2

#### Answer the following questions

How long did David reign as king over Israel? [29:26-27]
 David had been king of Israel for forty years. He ruled for seven years in Hebron and for thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

- 2. What two things had David enjoyed during his long life? [29:28] He enjoyed wealth and honor.
- 3. What three people wrote down David's accomplishments? [29:29]

  Samuel the seer, Nathan the prophet, and Gad the seer wrote down his accomplishments.
- 4. In addition to Israel, who else was affected by what David did? [29:30] All the kingdoms of the other lands were affected.