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Part 7: Observing the text
OBSERVATION:
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[√] Features of the text itself

• Text layout
• Marginal notes
• Capitalization
• Italics

• Punctuation
• Chapter breaks
• Parag. breaks
• Cross refs.
Gen 37:1 Now Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. 2 This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father’s wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.

Gen 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors. 4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.
3 Let the peoples praise You, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise You.  
4 Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!  
For You shall judge the people righteously,  
And govern the nations on earth.  
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a 11:29 Other mss read drinks unworthily, not discerning the Lord’s body
b 11:29 Mk 12:40; 1Jn 5:16
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A verbal cross reference (viz. condemnation)
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A conceptual cross reference (viz. death)
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NKJV marginal notes:

NU-Text omits *in an unworthy manner.*

NU-Text omits *Lord’s.*
Ezekiel 24:14

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aSeptuagint, Syriac, Targum, and Vulgate read I.
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