

Elements of Biblical Hebrew I

First Semester Hebrew

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Class meetings: Internet via www.Zoom.us software

Class Time: Thursdays 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. CST (90 minutes)

Dates: August 31, 2017 – November 16, 2017

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces the basic grammar and vocabulary of Biblical Hebrew, preparing the learner to translate, interpret, and apply Scripture, and use Hebrew in his or her biblical studies. You will learn the essentials of grammar and an adequate vocabulary by doing exercises, and by reading selected passages from the Old Testament.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course you should be able to:

1. Understand the basic grammar of Biblical Hebrew.
2. Know foundational Hebrew vocabulary words.
3. Translate from the OT Testament with some helps.
4. Use Biblical Hebrew as a tool for ministry to better understand and communicate God's Word.
5. Utilize commentaries and Biblical resources that require knowledge of the Hebrew language.

COURSE TEXTS

Required Resources

1. Pratico, Gary D. and Van Pelt, Miles V. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew*, 2 ed., (Zondervan 2007).
2. Pratico, Gary D. and Van Pelt, Miles V. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Workbook*, 2 ed., (Zondervan 2007).
3. Mallory-Greene, R. Elliott. *Charts and Study Aids for Old Testament Hebrew* (Unpublished) [Will be distributed as the course progresses].
4. Elliger, K. and W. Rudolph. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia* (American Bible Society, 1984) (BHS).
5. Broadband internet access. Go to www.SpeedTest.net and confirm that your download speeds are at least 10 megabytes per second. This is necessary for video conferences.
6. Create a free account at Zoom.us and email your login to thehebrewprof@gmail.com. We use Zoom for video conferences.
7. Create (if necessary) a free Gmail account so you can access the Google Plus page for discussions. With Google Plus you will be able to have video hangouts with your classmates. The Professor will provide the Google Plus page address when the course commences.

Recommended (Not Required) Resources

- Other resources, such as software will be discussed when the course commences.

GRADING (PER EACH SEMESTER)

Quizzes:

There will be a total of 10 quizzes. The lowest two scores will be dropped, or the student may opt to skip two quizzes. Except for the days when a major exam occurs, a quiz will be administered. If you miss, it will count as one of your drops. I will use quizzes to see how you are doing and to make sure you are keeping pace with the class. You will grade your own quizzes with provided keys and record the grade in the class gradebook.

Exams:

There will be 2 examinations; a **Midterm** and a **Final Exam**. Each exam counts 25% of the total grade. No makeup exams unless it is cleared with the teacher prior to the test. Testing is over everything assigned (i.e., they are cumulative), but will emphasize what you learned since the last exam. Tests may be submitted electronically and graded by the teacher

Homework/Exercises:

Homework and other exercises will be assigned each class period. The work will be graded for completion. The homework and exercises are designed to prepare students for quizzes and exams.

Grading Summary:

Quizzes	40%	10 QUIZZES, 2 DROPS = 8 GRADED QUIZZES
Exams	50%	MIDTERM: Session 6 FINAL: Session 12
Homework	10%	

Grading Scale:

100-99%	A+	80-75%	C
98-95%	A	74-73%	C-
94-93%	A-	72-71%	D+
92-91%	B+	70-65%	D
90-85%	B	64-63%	D-
84-83%	B-	62-0%	F
82-81%	C+		

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TIME REQUIREMENTS

The expectation is that students will study approximately 5 hours per chapter (including exercises and review sessions) for a total of 100 hours for the course.

EXTRA CREDIT

None.

CLASS PREPARATION AND TESTS

This class uses the best of distance education technologies and online video conferencing. You will be able to work your own hours at (somewhat) your own pace, but will also meet with the professor and classmates for encouragement and help.

The biggest danger of this approach is if you get behind, so it is critical that you stay up on the pace. I would encourage you to get a head start and try to stay ahead of the class schedule.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU

1. Students are expected to be on time for the video sessions.
2. All work assigned should be returned on or before the posted date for each assignment.
3. Assistance/tutoring from the professor will be available upon request. The best means to contact the professor is via email: thehebrewprof@gmail.com.
4. Regular office hours will be set once the semester begins.

OTHER ISSUES

Study Groups

Because this is a hybrid course without traditional classes, your major challenges will be not getting behind and becoming discouraged. I strongly recommend that you make use of the student community on Google Plus. Lifelong friendships are often formed in Hebrew class, and they are well worth the time.

Cheating

Legal stuff I have to say; sorry. If you are caught cheating you will receive an "F" for that test. If it happens a second time you will receive an "F" for the course. There will be no reimbursement of tuition. Please do not make copies of the exams.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

The following schedule is based on a three hour, 12-week (August 31 thru November 16, 2017) semester program, covering approximately one half of the textbook. Video sessions for reviews are generally scheduled on Thursdays at 5 pm (Central Daylight Time). There may need to be some flexibility on these days, and the sessions will be recorded so you can watch them in the event you could not attend.

CLASS SCHEDULE

SESSION	QUIZZES & EXAMS	CLASS TOPICS
1		Class meeting: August 31, 2017 Introduction to the Course 1. The Hebrew Alphabet
	Quiz 1	
2		Class meeting: September 7, 2017 2. The Hebrew Vowels 3. Syllabifications and Pronunciation
	Quiz 2	
3		Class meeting: September 14, 2017 4. Hebrew Nouns 5. Definite Article and Conjunction Waw
	Quiz 3	
4		Class meeting: September 21, 2017 6. Hebrew Prepositions 7. Hebrew Adjectives
	Quiz 4	
5		Class meeting: September 28, 2017 8. Hebrew Pronouns

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Quiz 5 **Class meeting: October 5, 2017**

9. Hebrew Pronominal Suffixes

MIDTERM

Final Due: October 9, 2017

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Quiz 6 **Class meeting: October 12, 2017**

10. Hebrew Construct Chains

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Quiz 7 **Class meeting: October 19, 2017**

11. Hebrew Numbers
12. Introduction to Hebrew Verbs

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Quiz 8 **Class meeting: October 26, 2017**

13. Qal Perfect–Strong Verbs
14. Qal Perfect–Weak Verbs

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Quiz 9 **Class meeting: November 2, 2017**

15. Qal Imperfect–Strong Verbs
16. Qal Imperfect–Weak Verbs

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Quiz 10 **Class meeting: November 9, 2017**

17. Waw Consecutive
18. Pronominal Suffixes on Verbs

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Class meeting: November 16, 2017

19. Pronominal Suffixes on Verbs

FINAL

Final Due: November 20, 2017