

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew 2

Austin Graduate School of Theology

HEB 6311—Course Syllabus

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Course Goals:

The goals of this course are to 1) cultivate the ability to read and interpret the Old Testament in the Hebrew language ; 2) to relate these translational and interpretive skills to understanding of the whole Bible and the life of discipleship; and 3) through the lens of grammatical and theological interpretation, to demonstrate the connection between these texts and the practice of ministry.

Course Objectives and Requirements:

There are three objectives to this course: first, to gain facility in reading and translating the Hebrew Scriptures; second, to gain a basic understanding of the grammar and syntax of Classical Hebrew; and third, to become familiar with the task of exegesis and the tools of exegesis (concordances, dictionaries, grammars, etc.).

By the end of the semester, the student should be able to translate narrative texts from the Hebrew Bible with the use of a dictionary and be able to make exegetical and textual observations about select passages from the Hebrew Bible.

Regular attendance at all class meetings and timely submission of all class assignments is a *requirement*.

All students are expected to prepare a notebook, with all your relevant translation homework and other notes that I may provide from time to time. The notebook will include all assigned portions from Futato as well as selected readings and exegetical notes. This notebook will be due the last day of class. There will also be three exams on grammar, vocabulary, and translation. The Final Exam may be a translation and exegesis of a passage from the Old Testament, depending on how things go.

Grading:

Homework and notebooks:	25%
Two Exams:	50%
Five Quizzes	25%

Textbooks:

Brown, F., Driver, S., and Briggs, C. *The New Brown, Driver, and Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*. Peabody: Hendrickson, 1906.

Elliger, K. and Rudolph, W., Eds. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1977.

Futato, Mark D. *Beginning Biblical Hebrew*. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2003.

Chisholm, Robert. *A Workbook for Intermediate Hebrew*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2006.

Software and Internet Resources:

Accordance v. 5 (on several of the library computers; concordance and Bible search engine, Hebrew, Greek, English).

Basics of Biblical Hebrew Interactive Grammar CD, v. 1.0 (go through a grammar interactively via the CD).

OnLine Bible (PC or Mac; on a library computer or downloadable for free on the web).

Gramcord (search engine for the PC; on a library PC).

Bible Windows (search engine for the PC; on a library PC).

Logos/Libronix (library PC).

www.basicsofbiblicalhebrew.com (online helps and flash cards for the grammar and vocabulary).

www.olivetree.com (free web Bible search engine; only this web site and Unbound Bible below actually search the Hebrew Old Testament; you will need to download fonts).

www.unbound.biola.edu.

Schedule:

January 19: Review and Qal Infinitives.

Futato chap. 20.

January 26: Qal Participles.

Futato chap. 21.

February 2: Pronoun Suffixes and the Particle of Existence.

Futato chaps. 22-23.

February 9: The Volitive Mood.

Futato chap. 24.

February 16: Weak Verbs: Hollow Verbs in Qal.

Quiz #1.

Futato chaps. 25.

February 23: Vav Relative (Vav Consecutive).

Futato chap 26.

March 2: Clauses.

Quiz #2.

Futato chap. 27.

March 9: Piel: Strong Verbs.

Futato chap. 28.

March 16:

Spring Break, no class.

March 23: Piel : Weak verbs and Numbers.

Exam #1.

Futato chaps. 29-30.

March 30: Hiphil—strong and weak verbs.

Quiz #3.

Futato chaps. 31-32.

April 6: Hiphil—weak verbs.

Futato chaps. 33-34.

April 13: Pronoun Suffixes and Niphal: Strong Verbs.

Exam #4.

Futato chaps. 35-36.

April 20: Niphal: Weak Verbs and Other Passive Binyanim.

Futato chaps. 37-38.

April 27: The Hithpael and Geminate Roots.

Exam #5.

Futato chaps. 39-40.

The final exam will be an exegesis from either a passage in Ruth or one in Jonah. It is due by the end of finals week.

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Beekman, J. A. C., and Callow, J. (1974). Translating the Word of God. Grand Rapids, Zondervan.

Botterweck, G. J., and Ringgren, H. Eds. (1990). Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament. Grand Rapids, Eerdmans.

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