

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew 2

Austin Graduate School of Theology

HEB 6311—Course Syllabus

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I. **Office Hours:** Mon., Wed. 1:00–3:00 PM; Tu., Thurs., 10:00–12:00 AM

II. **Course Goals:**

A. 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.

III. **Course Objectives and Requirements:**

- A. 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.).
- B. 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.
- C. Regular attendance at all class meetings and timely submission of all class assignments is a requirement.
- D. 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 Pratico 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 will be an exegesis (see below).

IV. **Grading:**

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| A. Homework and notebooks: | 25% |
| B. Exam and Exegesis: | 50% |
| C. Five Quizzes | 25% |

V. **Textbooks:**

- A. Brown, F., Driver, S., and Briggs, C. *The New Brown, Driver, and Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*. Peabody: Hendrickson, 1906.
- B. Elliger, K. and Rudolph, W., Eds. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1977.
- C. Pratico, Gary and Miles van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew*. Second Edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007.
Pratico, Gary and Miles van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Workbook*. Second Edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007.
- D. Chisholm, Robert. *A Workbook for Intermediate Hebrew*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2006.

VI. **Schedule:**

- A. **January 20:** Review and Waw Consecutive.
 - 1. Pratico chap. 17.
- B. **January 27:** Qal Volitives.
 - 1. Pratico chap. 18.
- C. **February 3:** Pronoun Suffixes on Verbs.
 - 1. Pratico chap. 19.
Quiz #1.
- D. **February 10:** Qal Infinitives.
 - 1. Pratico chaps. 20–21.
- E. **February 17:** Qal Participles.
 - 1. Pratico chap. 22.
- F. **February 24:** Sentence Syntax and Niphal Strong Verbs.
 - 1. Pratico chaps. 23–24.
Quiz #2.
- G. **March 2:** Niphal Weak Verbs.
 - 1. Pratico chap. 25.
- H. **March 9:** Piel: Strong Verbs.
 - 1. Pratico chap. 26.
- I. **March 16:**
 - 1. *Spring Break, no class.*
- J. **March 23:** Piel : Weak verbs.
 - 1. *Mid-term Exam.*
 - 2. Pratico chap. 27.

- K. **March 30:** Pual: Strong and Weak Verbs.
 - 1. *Quiz #3.*
 - 2. Pratico chaps. 28–29.
- L. **April 6:** Hiphil: Strong Verbs.
 - 1. Pratico chap. 30.
- M. **April 13:** Hiphil: Weak Verbs.
 - 1. *Quiz #4.*
 - 2. Pratico chap. 31.
- N. **April 20:** Hophal: Strong and Weak Verbs.
 - 1. Pratico chaps. 32–33.
- O. **April 27:** Hithpael: Strong and Weak Verbs.
 - 1. Pratico chaps. 34–35.
- P. **May 4:** Introduction to the Hebrew Bible.
 - 1. Pratico chap. 36.
 - Quiz #5.*

- Q. **The final exam will be an exegesis from a passage in Jonah. It is due by the end of finals week.**