Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 1:00–3:00 PM.

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 Pratico as well as selected readings and exegetical notes. This notebook will be due the last day of class. There will also be quizzes on grammar, vocabulary, and translation.

Grading:
Homework and notebook: 25%
Exegesis: 25%
Sermon: 25%
Textbooks:

Bible search software: either Accordance Original Languages Package or Logos Bronze package.

Recommended Textbooks:

Schedule:
January 22: Review and Waw Consecutive.
   Pratico chap. 17.
January 29: Qal Volitives.
   Pratico chap. 18.
   Jonah translation.
February 12: Pronoun Suffixes on Verbs.
   Pratico chap. 19.
   Quiz #1.
   Jonah translation.
February 19: Qal Infinitives.
   Pratico chaps. 20–21.
   Jonah translation.
February 13: Qal Participles.
   Pratico chap. 22.
   Jonah translation.
February 26: Sentence Syntax and Niphal Strong Verbs.
   Pratico chaps. 23–24.
   Quiz #2.
   Jonah translation.
March 5: Niphal Weak Verbs.
   Pratico chap. 25.
   Jonah translation.
March 12: Piel: Strong Verbs.
Jonah translation.

March 19:
   *Spring Break, no class.*

March 26: Piel: Weak verbs.
   Pratico chap. 27.
   Ruth translation.

April 2: Pual: Strong and Weak Verbs.
   *Quiz #3.*
   Pratico chaps. 28–29.
   Ruth translation.

April 9: Hiphil: Strong Verbs.
   Pratico chap. 30.
   Ruth translation.

April 16: Hiphil: Weak Verbs.
   *Quiz #4.*
   Pratico chap. 31.
   Ruth translation.

April 23: Hophal: Strong and Weak Verbs.
   Pratico chaps. 32–33.
   Ruth translation.

April 30: Hithpael: Strong and Weak Verbs.
   Pratico chaps. 34–35.
   Ruth translation.

May 7: Introduction to the Hebrew Bible.
   Pratico chap. 36.
   Ruth translation.

The final exam will be an exegesis from a passage in Jonah or Ruth. It is due by the end of finals week. The sermon, based on the same text, is also due at this time.