

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
BHE 530 Hebrew IA

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The essentials of the Hebrew of the Old Testament with an emphasis on grammar. Most of the basic grammar is covered in IA. This course along with IB will equip the student to begin to use the Hebrew language tools in exegesis of the Hebrew text.

OBJECTIVES

Upon the successful completion of this course the student should be able to:

1. Explain the basic grammatical features of the Hebrew language and pronounce it on sight.
2. Translate simple Biblical sentences using a lexicon.

TEXTBOOKS

Required:

Pratico, Gary D., and Miles V. Van Pelt. Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Grammar. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001.

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Recommended:

Holladay, William L. A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988.

BASIC OUTLINE

Class

Lessons in BBH

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| 1. | Fri | Sept. 3 | teach chap 1--the alphabet |
| 2. | Weds | 8 | drill chap 1; teach chaps 2 and 3 |
| 3. | Fri | 10 | drill chaps 2 and 3 |
| 4. | Weds | 15 | drill chaps 2 and 3 |
| 5. | Fri | 17 | QUIZ 1 over chaps 1-3; teach chap 4 |
| 6. | Weds | 22 | drill chap 4; teach chaps 5 and 6 |
| 7. | Fri | 24 | drill chaps 5 and 6 |

8.	Weds	29	QUIZ 2 over chaps 4-6; teach chaps 7 and 8
9.	Fri	Oct 1	drill chaps 7 and 8
10.	Weds	6	QUIZ 3 over chaps 7-8; teach chap 9
11.	Fri	8	drill chap 9; teach chap 10
12.	Weds	13	drill chap 10
13.	Fri	15	QUIZ 4 over chaps 9-10; teach chap 11
14.	Weds	20	drill chap 11; review chaps 1-11
15.	Fri	22	MID TERM EXAM over chaps 1-11
16.	Weds	27	teach chaps 12 and 13
17.	Fri	29	drill chaps 12 and 13
18.	Weds	3	QUIZ 5 over chaps 12 and 13; teach chaps 24-34 evens
19.	Fri	Nov 5	drill stems in the perfect
20.	Weds	10	QUIZ 6 over stems in the perfect; teach stems in imperf.
21.	Fri	12	drill stems in the imperfect and w-conv and interrog. chaps 15, 17, and part of 8
22.	Weds	17	same as above
23.	Fri	19	same as above
24.	Weds	24	QUIZ 7 over stems in the imperf., w-conv., interrog. teach chap 19
	Fri	26	THANKSGIVING BREAK
25.	Weds	Dec 1	drill chap 19
26.	Fri	3	drill chap 19
27.	Weds	8	QUIZ 8 over chap 19
28.	Fri	10	Review
29-30	Fri	17	FINAL EXAM over chaps 1-19 from 7:30-10:00

METHODOLOGY

Detailed, coverage of the lessons in the grammar book, with daily homework consisting mainly of study of the lessons and memorization of grammar and selected vocabulary. This will be practiced in class orally and then by quizzes and exams.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Class attendance is expected; maximum allowable absences is four (4) class periods. Please talk to the professor about your absences.

1. Be prepared each day to answer questions orally on the lessons including pronouncing the Hebrew.
2. Write the quizzes and exams on the scheduled dates.

Late Work

Work completed after the class it was due may be credited for less than full credit at the professor's discretion.

Grading Procedure

Class participation and any homework		10%
Quizzes		35%
Exams	Mid Term	20 %
	Final	35%

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SPECIFIC DATA

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