

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
BHE 530 Hebrew IA

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Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

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

Van Pelt, Miles V. and Gary D. Pratico. The Vocabulary Guide to Biblical Hebrew. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003.

Recommended:

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

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

BASIC OUTLINE

Class

Lessons in BBH

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

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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