

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
BHE 530 Hebrew IA

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M W F 9:00-10:15

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, 2007.

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, 2007.

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

BASIC OUTLINE

<u>Class</u>		<u>Lessons in BBH</u>
1. Mon	Aug 27	teach chap 1—the alphabet
2. Weds	29	drill chap 1; teach chap 2
3. Fri	31	drill chaps 1, 2; teach chap 3
4. Mon	3	LABOR DAY No Class
5. Weds	5	drill chaps 2, 3
6. Fri	7	review chaps 1-3
7. Mon	10	QUIZ 1 over chaps 1-3
8. Weds	12	teach chap 4
9. Fri	14	drill chap 4; teach chap 5
10. Mon	17	drill chap 5
11. Weds	19	CHAPEL No Class
12. Fri	21	QUIZ 2 over chaps 4-5; teach chap 6
13. Mon	24	drill chap 6
14. Weds	26	QUIZ 3 over chap 6; teach 7
15. Fri	28	drill chap 7
16. Mon	Oct 1	Quiz 4 over chap 7; teach 8
17. Weds	3	drill chap 8
18. Fri	5	QUIZ 5 over chap 8; teach 9
19. Mon	8	drill chap 9
20. Weds	10	QUIZ 6 over chap 9; teach 10
21. Fri	12	drill chap 10
22. Mon	15	QUIZ 7 over chap 10; teach 11
23. Weds	17	Review chaps 1-11
24. Fri	19	MID TERM EXAM over chaps 1-11
	Oct. 22-26	STUDY WEEK No classes
25. Mon	29	teach chaps 12 and 13
26. Weds	31	drill chap 13
27. Fri	Nov. 2	QUIZ 8 over chap 13; teach 24, 26, 28 (stems in perf.)
28. Mon	5	drill chaps 24, 26, 28
29. Weds	7	QUIZ 9 over chaps 24, 26 28; teach 30, 32, 34
30. Fri	9	drill chaps 30, 32, 34
31. Mon	12	QUIZ 10 over chaps 30, 32, 34; teach 15 (all stems)
32. Weds	14	CHAPEL No class
33. Fri	16	drill chap 15
34. Mon	19	QUIZ 11 over chap 15; teach 17
35. Weds	21	drill chap 17
36. Fri	23	THANKSGIVING No Class
37. Mon	26	Review
38. Weds	28	QUIZ 12 over chap 17
39. Fri	30	OFF (professor out of town)
40. Mon	Dec. 3	teach chap 19

41. Weds	5	drill chap 19
42 Fri	7	Review
43. Mon	10	Review
44. 45 Weds or Fri	12 or 14	FINAL EXAM over all the above

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 tested 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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