

**ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
BHE 531 Hebrew IB**

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A continuation of Hebrew IA. Includes the translating of passages from the Hebrew text of the Old Testament and introduction to basic tools.

OBJECTIVES

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

1. Explain the basic grammatical and syntactical features of the Hebrew language and pronounce it on sight.
2. Identify the major vocabulary and verb forms.
3. Translate most non-poetic biblical passages using a lexicon.
4. Explain the major differences that knowing Hebrew makes in understanding any Old Testament passage.
5. Begin to do good exegesis of the Hebrew text using the best tools available.

TEXTBOOKS

Required:

Holladay, Wm. L. A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1971.

Kelley, Page H. Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Grammar. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1992.

Kelley, Page H., Terry L. Burden, and Timothy G. Crawford. A Handbook to Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Grammar. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1994.

Recommended:

Williams, Ronald J. Hebrew Syntax: An Outline. 2d ed. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1976.

OR

Waltke, Bruce K., and M. O'Connor. An Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1990.

BASIC OUTLINE

Class	Lessons in Kelley
1. Mon. June 3	18
2. Tues. June 4	18 and 19
3. Wed. June 5	Quiz 1 over 18 due
4. Thurs. June 6	Quiz 2 over 19 due
5. Fri. June 7	20, 21
6. Mon. June 10	Quiz 3 over 20 due
7. Tues. June 11	Quiz 4 over 21 due
8. Wed. June 12	Take-home assignment 1 over 22-24 due
9. Thurs. June 13	Take home assignment 2 over 25-27 due
10. Fri. June 14	Take home assignment 3 over 28-29 due
11. Mon. June 17	Take home assignment 4 over 30-31 due
12. Tues. June 18	Begin translation, exegesis study
13. Wed. June 19	Take home mid-term exam due
14. Thurs. June 20	
15. Fri. June 21	Research Assignment 1 due
16. Mon. June 24	Research Assignment 2 due
17. Tues. June 25	
18. Wed. June 26	Research Assignment 3 due
19. Thurs. June 27	
20. Fri. June 28	Final Research Assignment due

METHODOLOGY

Detailed, sequential coverage of the lessons in Kelley, from lesson 18 to the end with daily study of grammar and vocabulary checked orally and then by quizzes and exams. The second half of the semester will consist of four take-home research assignments on Hebrew passages from different genres increasing in depth of analysis expected in Hebrew syntax and word studies as well as weight in grading. Emphasis will be on the difference that knowing Hebrew can make in interpreting a passage. How to use various advanced Hebrew tools will be illustrated.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Class attendance is expected; maximum allowable absences are 3 class periods. Please talk to the professor about any absences.

1. Be prepared each day to answer questions orally on the lessons including pronouncing the Hebrew, and turn in any assignments as called for.
2. Write the quizzes, exams, and research assignments for the scheduled classes. The latter require the use of syntax books by Waltke/O'Connor and Williams, and a few word studies in NIDOTTE.

GRADING PROCEDURE

Quizzes and class participation	35%
Mid-term Exam	25%
Research Assignments	6%, 8%, 12%, 14%

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SPECIFIC DATA

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