

**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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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. | Mon   | May 5 | Introduction and alphabet, Chaps 1-3 |
| 2. | Tues  | " 6   | drill 1-3                            |
| 3. | Wed   | " 7   | QUIZ 1 over 1-3, teach 4-6           |
| 4. | Thurs | " 8   | drill 4-6                            |
| 5. | Fri   | " 9   | QUIZ 2 over 4-6, teach 7-8           |

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6.	Mon	May	12	drill 7-8
7.	Tues	"	13	QUIZ 3 over 7-8, teach 9-10
8.	Wed	"	14	drill 9-10
9.	Thurs	"	15	QUIZ 4 over 9-10, see 11, review for Mid Term
10.	Fri	"	16	MID TERM EXAM over 1-11, teach 12-13
11.	Mon	"	19	drill 12-13
12.	Tues	"	20	QUIZ 5 over 12-13, teach 15 and Interrog. from 8
13.	Wed	"	21	drill 15 and Interrogatives from chap 8
14.	Thurs	"	22	QUIZ 6 over 15 and Interrog., teach stems
15.	Fri	"	23	drill stems (see chaps 24,26,28,30,32,34), teach 17
16.	Mon	"	26	NO CLASS Memorial Day
17.	Tues	"	27	drill stems and 17
18.	Wed	"	28	QUIZ 7 over stems and 17, teach 19
19.	Thurs	"	30	drill 19 and review for exam
20.	Fri	"	30	FINAL EXAM over Chaps 1-19 and stems but not 14, 16, 18

### **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 three (3) 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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