

Beginning Hebrew I

BIBL 6100 – 01/02 / BTS 3910-01

Fall Semester, 2009
Study N-23
Mondays and Wednesdays
10:45 a. m. – noon

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Core Course
Three Semester Hours
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This course is a survey of the essentials of biblical Hebrew, including basic grammar concepts and the strong verb. A special emphasis is placed on building vocabulary.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Gary D. Pratico, Miles V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar*
ISBN: 0-310-23760-2 or second edition 0-310-27020-0

Gary D. Pratico, Miles V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Workbook*
ISBN: 0-310-23701-7 or second edition 0-310-27022-7

Bruckner, J. Study Helps Booklet (available in class)

Optional Resources:

Feyerabend, K., *Langenscheidt's Pocket Hebrew Dictionary to the Old Testament*.
Berlin: Langenscheidt, 1995. ISBN: 088729-082-5

OBJECTIVES

1. To acquire a beginning knowledge of Hebrew grammar and vocabulary.
2. To learn Hebrew well enough to begin to understand the Hebrew which stands behind the English translations and to critically compare the various translations of the Hebrew Bible.
3. To facilitate the reading of secondary literature that refers to Hebrew.

EVALUATION

20%	class preparation and written assignments
40%	four tests on grammar
20%	four quizzes on vocabulary (to be taken until passed by 75%)
20%	semester final exam

Grades will be earned according to the following scale:

A	93-100
B	86-92
C	78-85 (lowest passing grade for seminary core courses)
D	70-77

CLASS SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS

Read the assigned chapter *before* class. The Workbook Exercises are *required* writing exercises from the textbook which must be presented at **the beginning of class** on the day for which they are assigned. Credit for late written exercises will be discounted by 2% per day.

	TEXTBOOK <i>read before class</i>	WORKBOOK EXERCISES <i>finish before class</i>
August		
Mon, 24	Chap. 1 The Alphabet	
Wed, 26	Chap. 2 Vowels <i>Please Note: All assignments must be handed in at the beginning of class.</i>	pp. 1-5 (in the Workbook)
Mon, 31	Chap. 3 Dagesh, Shewa, and Syllables	pp. 7-9
September		
Wed, 2	Test #1 and Chap. 4 Nouns	prepare for test
<i>[Labor Day, No Classes, Mon, Sept 7]</i>		
Wed, 9	Chaps. 5 and 6 Definite Article, Conjunctions, Gutturals, Prepositions	pp. 15, 21
Mon, 14	Vocab Quiz #1: vocabulary from Textbook p. 24(2nd ed. p. 25) and p. 36 Chap. 7 Adjectives	pp. 29 (Workbook)
Wed, 16	Chap. 8 Pronouns: personal and demonstrative Interrogatives	pp. 30, 35
Mon, 21	Test #2	prepare for test
Wed, 23	<i>Required attendance at the Lund Lecture. Class attendance will be taken. Review chapters 5-7.</i>	
Mon, 28	Vocab Quiz #2 Chap. 9 Pronominal Suffixes Chap. 10 Construct Nouns (possessives)	vocabulary from pp. 46 and 57
Wed, 30	Introduction to chapter 13 (Qal Perfect Verb)	pp. 39-40 pp. 49, 53

October

Mon, 5 Chap. 13 The Verb: Strong Qal Perfect pp. 59-60, 67-68

Wed, 7 **Test #3** prepare for test

[FALL BREAK: Mon 12th - Sun 18th]

Mon, 19 Chap. 12 Stems of the Perfect Verb Handouts

Wed, 21 Chap. 15 The Verb: Qal Imperfect pp. 89-90

Mon, 26 **Vocab Quiz #3** vocabulary from pp. 66 (2nd edition p. 65) and 78 (77)
Qal Imperfect cont.(ch. 15)
Chap. 17 Waw Conversive

Wed, 28 Stems of the Imperfect Verb Handouts
Read Pratico: ¶15.3-4; 24.6-7; 26.5-6; 28.5-6; 30.5-6; 32.5-6; 34.5-6

November

Mon, 2 **Vocab Quiz #4** vocabulary from pp. 93 (91), 107 (105) and
pronouns from p. 77 (76)
Strong Verb Review Exercises to be assigned

Wed, 4 Chap. 19 Pronominal Suffixes with Verbs pp. 157-58

Mon, 9 **Test #4** (Verbs) prepare for test

Wed, 11 Chap. 18 Imperative and Cohortative Verbs pp. 135-36, 139
Read Pratico: ¶18.1-7 and 18.12-17 only

Mon, 16 **Vocab Quiz #5** vocabulary from pp. 117 (119) and 134 (135)
Chap. 20 Infinitive Constructs
Read Pratico: ¶20.1-2 and 20.8-13 only

Wed, 18 Chap. 21 Infinitive Absolutes; Review Constructs pp. 163 (#1-8 only)
Read Pratico: ¶21.1-3 and 21.5-8 only pp. 173 (#1-8 only)

Mon, 23 **Vocab Quiz #6** vocabulary from pp. 148, 160 (161), and 171 (172)
Chap. 22 Participles; Exercise pp. 179-80 [#1-4; 7-12; 14-16; 19-25]
Read Pratico: ¶22.1-3 and 22.5-12 only
Review of Grammar and Verbs

[NO HEBREW CLASS Wed. 25th –THANKSGIVING]

Mon, 30 Chap. 23 Hebrew sentence formation Exercises to be assigned
Conjunctions
Analyzing Weak Verbs (option: read ch. 14)

December

Wed, 2 **Vocab Quiz #7** vocabulary from pp. 189 (191) and 204 (205)
Translation Exercises

Mon, 7 Translation Exercises prepare translations (TBA)

Thur, 10 **Two-part Exam**
1) In class: verb chart from memory
2) Take home translation exercise
Due in professor's mailbox D1 by 5 p.m., Fri. Dec. 11th.