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TITLE: Hebrew Grammar II & Exegesis

TERM: Spring 2018-2019

PROFESSOR: Ron Tappy

CREDIT HOURS: 3

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: _____
AUDITORS: 2

UNLIMITED X
NO AUDITORS _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course completes the study of introductory Hebrew grammar and introduces the practice of exegesis. Students will gain skills in interpreting texts by giving attention to their literary, social, historical, and canonical contexts, and by articulating a faithful interpretation of these texts as Christian Scripture. Students will also learn to identify reliable scholarly resources for biblical interpretation.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

This course builds on OT 210, which introduced students to the alphabet and script, grammar, syntax (sentence structure), morphology (nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, plus basic verbs and participles), and vocabulary of Biblical Hebrew. Besides filling out the knowledge already gained by the student in these areas, OT220 will devote a significant amount of time to the study of the Hebrew verb system. Students will master the morphology and meaning of each derived stem in the verbal system and will become competent in translating all verbs with their appropriate semantic nuances. Homework assignments will focus exclusively on Hebrew-to-English translations—primarily of specific biblical passages (e.g., the Joseph narrative; selected Psalms; etc.) but with occasional, shorter translation exercises to complement this work. Course objectives require that students:

- give a primary meaning for all vocabulary covered in the textbook and assigned biblical readings;
- identify all parts of speech and grammatical constructions in Biblical Hebrew;
- translate correctly verbal and non-verbal sentences into English and recognize the presence of narrative sequences;
- evaluate in grammatical and syntactical terms the main elements of Hebrew narrative and poetry;
- display an ability to use the principal tools of Hebrew language study (lexicon; concordance; verb paradigms; etc.)

PREREQUISITES: OT210

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:

- Thomas O. Lambdin, *Introduction to Biblical Hebrew*. Prentice Hall, 1973, ISBN: 978-0232513691, \$28.87
- Miles V. Van Pelt and Gary D. Pratico, *Charts of Biblical Hebrew*. Zondervan, 2007, ISBN: 978-0310275091, \$20.08
- F. Brown, S.R. Driver, and C.A. Briggs, *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Clarendon Press, 1996, ISBN: 978-1565632066, \$26.35
- William L. Holladay, *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Eerdmans, 1972, ISBN: 978-0802834133, \$29.94
- Karl Elliger and Wilhelm Rudolph. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1977, ISBN: 978-3438052223, \$29.52

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING

Five Regularly Spaced Quizzes — on vocabulary (cumulative) and grammar (70%)

Final Examination — comprehensive; given during regular exam period, date set by Registrar (30%)

ATTENDANCE: Required.