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TITLE: Hebrew Grammar II & Exegesis

TERM: Spring 2021-2022

PROFESSOR: Nicholas Werse

CREDIT HOURS: 3

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO: _____
AUDITORS: _____

UNLIMITED _____
NO AUDITORS _____

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This **synchronous online** 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 OT210, 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 but with occasional, shorter translation exercises to complement this work. Course objectives require that students:

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

PREREQUISITES: OT210

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:

- Kelley, Page H., and Timothy G. Crawford. *Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Grammar*. Second edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2018, ISBN: 978-0802874917, \$31.02
- Clines, David J. A, ed. *The Concise Dictionary of Classical Hebrew*. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2009, ISBN: 978-1906055790, \$49.50
- *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. 5th ed. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelstiftung, 1997.

*Note that there are different editions of this volume. The “Reader’s Edition” includes vocabulary help and is designed for students. Other editions include text critical notes and are designed for scholars. Either will be fine in this course, but please choose one that meets your needs.

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING

Quizzes 25%, homework 25%.

A major exegesis paper (18-20 pages) 25%, with preliminary translation 10% and rough draft 15%

ATTENDANCE: Required.