

GRACE —EQUIP—

LEARN BIBLICAL HEBREW:

GRAMMAR I

FALL 2022

INSTRUCTOR

ALEX YOUNGSTROM

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to the fundamentals of Biblical Hebrew grammar and syntax with the goal of equipping them to read the Bible devotionally and exegetically in its original languages. By the end of this three-part course, students will be able to translate standard Biblical Hebrew verses with the aid of a lexicon. The first part of this grammar course will cover the basics of Biblical Hebrew phonology and morphology, with a partial introduction to the verb system.

LESSON SCHEDULE

Week 1 (September 27): Alphabet & Vowels (Chs. 1-2)
Week 2 (October 11): Syllables (Ch. 3)
Week 3 (October 18): Gender and Number (Ch. 4)
Week 4 (October 25): Vowel Changes & Noun Function (Chs. 5-6)
Week 5 (November 1): Construct State and Prepositions (Ch. 7)
Week 6 (November 8): Possessive Suffixes (Ch. 8)
Week 7 (November 15): Intro to Verbs (Chs. 11-12)
Week 8 (November 29): Qal Perfect (Ch. 13)
Week 9 (December 6): Qal Imperfect (Ch. 14)
Week 10 (December 13): Qal Volitionals (Ch. 15)

*No Class October 5 (Puritan Conference)

*No Class November 23 (Thanksgiving)

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

- Kutz, Karl V., and Rebekah L. Josberger. *Learning Biblical Hebrew: Reading for Comprehension: An Introductory Grammar*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2018.*
([Link to publisher's website](#)) ([Amazon](#))
- Kutz, Karl V., and Rebekah L. Josberger. *Learning Biblical Hebrew Workbook: A Graded Reader with Exercises*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2019.

The grammar and workbook can be bought in a heavily discounted bundle if you order directly from the publisher: [link to publisher's website](#)

*Please purchase the print edition of the grammar book, as the digital edition is reported to contain many typos. **These two books are designed for a full year of Biblical Hebrew instruction, meaning that they will be used for all three parts of this grammar course.**

The publisher has also made the workbook exercise pages freely available online for those who prefer to mark them up digitally. ([Link](#)) The workbook must still be purchased to gain access to the graded readings, which are not included in the aforementioned link.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

- Long, Gary A. *Grammatical Concepts 101 for Biblical Hebrew*. 2nd Edition. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2013. ([Amazon](#))
- Holladay, William L. *The Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Eerdmans, 1972. ([Amazon](#))
- *The Hebrew Old Testament, Reader's Edition*. Crossway, 2021. ([Amazon](#))

ASSIGNMENTS

Readings:

Chapters discussed in class according to the Lesson Schedule are to be read at home before the next class session. For example, according to our schedule, students are asked to read chapters 1 and 2 after Lesson 1 and before Lesson 2. This ensures that a) students have already been introduced to difficult terminology and concepts in class and b) the textbook will supplement class discussion, not replace it.

Workbook Assignments:

Workbook Assignments and Readings (corresponding to chapters read after class) will be assigned at the instructor's discretion. They will not be collected but may be reviewed at the beginning of the next class.

Quizzes:

Quizzes will be conducted at the beginning of every class session. Quizzes will cover vocabulary and the previous lesson's grammar topics. Quizzes are not intended to cause stress—they provide a helpful assessment for both the student and the instructor so that difficult topics may be reviewed and course pacing may be adjusted.

Final Exam:

The Final Exam will consist of a translation section and a grammar section.

QUESTIONS AND FOLLOWUP

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