

# REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



**DALLAS**

**Hebrew II**  
11OT5125

Spring 2023  
Wednesday, 9:00am-12:00pm

**Kevin R. Warstler, Ph.D.**

---

## PROFESSOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Email: [kwarstler@criswell.edu](mailto:kwarstler@criswell.edu)  
Phone: 214-818-1331  
Appointments: Please feel free to email me to set up an appointment. I  
Have an office at Criswell College at Haskell and Gaston  
near Baylor Hospital but I am willing to meet in other  
locations as well.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

A continuation of OT5100.

## REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

1. Pratico, Gary D., and Miles V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar*, 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019. (ISBN: 978-0310533498)

2. Pratico, Gary D., and Miles V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Workbook*, 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019. (ISBN: 978-0310533559)
3. Holladay, William L. *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1972 (ISBN: 978-0802834133) **OR** Koehler, Ludwig, and Walter Baumgartner. *The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament, Study Edition*. 2 vols. Translated by M. E. J. Richardson. Leiden: Brill, 2001 (ISBN: 978-9004124455) [a more expensive but more detailed lexicon than Holladay].

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

1. Upon completion of the course you should be able to:
2. Pronounce Hebrew texts correctly;
3. Know the vocabulary of words appearing 100 or more times in the Hebrew Bible;
4. Identify the roots, root meanings, and be able to translate Hebrew verbs, including weak verbs and those in different stems;
5. Use language resources such as an introductory grammar, lexicon, and verb charts to assist you in working through biblical texts in the Hebrew Bible; and
6. Translate selected passages from the Hebrew Bible with the help of a lexicon.

## **COURSE POLICIES**

1. **Attendance:** Regular attendance is strongly encouraged although attendance will not be formally recorded. Except for the first class session, there will be a quiz or exam every class period which will constitute the only official record of attendance.
2. **Late Work:** Late quizzes or exams may be arranged in the event of excused absences. Please contact the professor in the event of a known upcoming absence in order to receive approval for making up a quiz or exam. In the case of unplanned emergencies, please contact the professor as soon as possible following the situation in order to receive approval to make up a quiz or exam.
3. **Technology:** Technological resources (such as laptops and mobile devices) are encouraged to be used for the course. There will in fact be times when we will refer to online resources that can be accessed during some class

periods. However, the use of such devices for other purposes (e.g., surfing the net, texting, playing computer games, phone calls other than emergencies) in class is prohibited.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. Homework**

There is no homework grade for the course so it is up to each student to determine how much work is needed to understand a concept and to be prepared for quizzes and exams; however, there will be weekly assignments given over sections of the *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Workbook* as well as supplemental material provided throughout the course. The study guides will include a daily (5-day week) schedule of what is considered an optimal amount of work in order to understand the concept we are studying. In most cases, I would encourage you to complete all the work on the study guides so you will be prepared for the quizzes and exams. An answer key will be provided through Canvas. Bible translations are not included on the answer key so you will need to check those using a fairly literal Bible translation (NASB, ESV, NKJV, etc.).

### **2. Quizzes (40%)**

There will be a quiz given each week (except for weeks when there is an exam). The quizzes will include vocabulary, morphological and grammatical issues, as well as translation. There will also be a bonus section on each of the quizzes. Points earned on this section will not be cumulative over the semester but only available as points added to that specific quiz. The maximum allowable score for each quiz is 100 points. The three (3) lowest or missing quiz scores will not be included in the final grade. The content of the quizzes will be included on study guides distributed in class.

### **3. Exams (60%)**

Three equally weighted exams will be given over the course of the semester. Since language learning involves an accumulation of one concept based upon another, all of the exams will be cumulative in the strictest sense. However, each exam will emphasize the concepts from a specific set of chapters. A study guide for each exam will be provided one week before the exam. If you make less than 70% on any of the first two exams, you make take another similar exam to receive a higher grade. The higher of the two

grades will be used; however, you will not receive anything higher than 70% for the grade.

## GRADING SCALE

A	(97-100)	4.00
A-	(94-96)	3.66
B+	(91-93)	3.33
B	(88-90)	3.00
B-	(86-87)	2.66
C+	(83-85)	2.33
C	(80-82)	2.00
C-	(78-79)	1.66
D+	(75-77)	1.33
D	(72-74)	1.00
D-	(70-71)	0.66
F	(below 70)	0.00

## COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Date	In-Class Topic	Text Chapter(s) Covered	Assignment Due
1	February 1	Introduction to Course, Syllabus, Weak Verbs, Part 1	14	
2	February 8	Weak Verbs, Part 2	14, 16	Quiz 1
3	February 15	Weak Verbs, Part 3, <i>Waw</i> Consecutive Forms	16–17	Quiz 2
4	February 22	<i>Qal</i> Volitive Forms (Imperative, Cohortative, Jussive)	18	Quiz 3
5	March 1	Pronominal Suffixes on Verbs, <i>Qal</i> Infinitives	19–21	Quiz 4
6	March 8	<i>Qal</i> Participles, Review for Exam	22	Quiz 5
	March 13-17	SPRING BREAK – NO CLASS		
7	March 22	EXAM DAY		EXAM #1
8	March 29	Hebrew Syntax, <i>Niphal</i> Stem	23–25	Quiz 6
9	April 5	<i>Hiphil</i> Stem	26–27	Quiz 7
10	April 12	<i>Piel</i> Stem, Review for Exam	30–31	Quiz 8
11	April 19	EXAM DAY		EXAM #2

12	April 26	<i>Pual, Hophal, and Hithpael Stems; Jonah 1-2</i>	28–29; 32–35	Quiz 9
13	May 3	Jonah 3-4		Quiz 10
	May 10	FINAL EXAM		EXAM #3

## RECOMMENDED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Armstrong, Terry A., Douglas L. Busby, and Cyril F. Carr. *A Reader's Hebrew-English Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1989.
- Arnold, Bill T. and John H. Choi. *A Guide to Biblical Hebrew Syntax*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003.
- Bornemann, Robert. *A Grammar of Biblical Hebrew*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1998.
- Chisholm, Robert B. Jr. *Workbook for Intermediate Hebrew*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2006.
- Cohn-Sherbok, Dan. *Biblical Hebrew for Beginners*. London: SPCK, 1996.
- Davidson, A. B., and John Mauchline. *Introductory Hebrew Grammar: with progressive exercises in reading, writing, and pointing*. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1966.
- DeClaissé-Walford, Nancy L. *Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Textbook*. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2002.
- Dobson, John H. *Learn Biblical Hebrew*. Second edition. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2005.
- Elliger, K., and W. Rudolph, eds. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1997.
- Ellis, Robert Ray. *Learning to Read Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Grammar*. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2006.
- Fuller, Russell T., and Kyoungwon Choi. *Invitation to Biblical Hebrew: A Beginning Grammar*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2006.
- Fullilove, William. *Introduction to Hebrew: A Guide for Learning and Using Biblical Hebrew*. Phillipsburg, NJ: P & R Publishing Co., 2017.
- Futato, Mark David. *Beginning Biblical Hebrew*. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2003.
- Garrett, Duane A. *A Modern Grammar for Classical Hebrew*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2002.
- Greenberg, Moshe. *Introduction to Hebrew*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1965.
- Hackett, Jo Ann. *A Basic Introduction to Biblical Hebrew*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2010.
- Holladay, William L. *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1972.
- Hoffer, Victoria. *Biblical Hebrew: Supplement for Enhanced Comprehension*. Yale: Yale University Press, 2005.
- Hostetter, Edwin C. *An Elementary Grammar of Biblical Hebrew*. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic, 2000.
- Hunter, A. Vanlier. *Biblical Hebrew Workbook: An Inductive Study for Beginners*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1988.

- Kahn, Lily. *The Routledge Introductory Course in Biblical Hebrew*. New York: Routledge, 2014.
- Karni, Schlomo. *Dictionary of Basic Biblical Hebrew*. Jerusalem: Carta, 2002.
- Kautsch, E., ed. *Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar*. 2d ed. Trans. A. E. Cowley. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1910.
- Kelley, Page H., Terry L. Burden, and Timothy G. Crawford. *A Handbook to Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Grammar*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2018.
- Kittel, Bonnie Pedrotti, Vicki Hoffer, and Rebecca Abts Wright. *Biblical Hebrew: A Text and Workbook*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1989.
- Koehler, Ludwig and Walter Baumgartner. *The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*. 5 vols. Trans. M. E. J. Richardson. Leiden: Brill, 1994–2000.
- Kutz, Karl, and Rebekah Josberger. *Learning Biblical Hebrew: Reading for Comprehension: An Introductory Grammar*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2018.
- Lambdin, Thomas O. *Introduction to Biblical Hebrew*. New York: Scribner, 1971.
- Long, Gary A. *Grammatical Concepts 101 for Biblical Hebrew: Learning Biblical Hebrew Grammatical Concepts through English Grammar*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2002.
- Murphy, Todd J. *Pocket Dictionary for the Study of Biblical Hebrew*. Downer's Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2003.
- Pratico, Gary D. and Miles Van Pelt. *Charts of Biblical Hebrew*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007.
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Graded Reader of Biblical Hebrew: A Guide to Reading the Hebrew Bible*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006.
- \_\_\_\_\_. *The Vocabulary Guide to Biblical Hebrew*, 2d ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003.
- Ross, Allen P. *Introducing Biblical Hebrew*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2001.
- Seow, C. L. *A Grammar for Biblical Hebrew*. Rev. ed. Nashville: Abingdon, 1995.
- Silzer, Peter J., and Thomas John Finley. *How Biblical Languages Work: A Student's Guide to Learning Hebrew and Greek*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2004.
- van der Merwe, Christo H. J., Jackie A. Naudé, and Jan H. Kroeze. *Biblical Hebrew Reference Grammar*. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic, 1999.
- Vance, Donald R. *An Introduction to Classical Hebrew*. Leiden: Brill, 2004.
- Waltke, Bruce K., and M. O'Connor. *An Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax*. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1990.
- Webster, Brian L. *The Cambridge Introduction to Biblical Hebrew*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009.
- Wegner, Paul D. *Using Old Testament Hebrew in Preaching: A Guide for Students and Pastors*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2009.
- Weingreen, Jacob. *A Practical Grammar for Classical Hebrew*. Second edition. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1959.