

## Introduction to Biblical Hebrew 2

Austin Graduate School of Theology

HEB 4352—Course Syllabus

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**Office Hours:** Mon. 11:00–12:00 AM; Tues. 10:00–12:00 AM; Wed., Thurs. 1:00–3:00 PM.

### **B.A. Course Goals:**

The student will show mastery of the biblical story and familiarity with various genres of biblical literature (law, wisdom, prophecy, poetry, etc.) and basic methods and principles of biblical exegesis.

### **Course Objectives and Requirements:**

There are three objectives to this course: first, to gain facility in reading and translating the Hebrew Scriptures; second, to gain a basic understanding of the grammar and syntax of Classical Hebrew; and third, to become familiar with the task of exegesis and the tools of exegesis (concordances, dictionaries, grammars, etc.).

By the end of the semester, the student should be able to translate narrative texts from the Hebrew Bible with the use of a dictionary and be able to make exegetical and textual observations about select passages from the Hebrew Bible.

### **Assignments:**

*Weekly homework and notebooks:* All students will do the weekly homework assignments. These assignments, as well as all lecture notes and handouts, will be kept in a binder. The completeness and organization of the binder will be graded at the end of the semester.

*4 quizzes:* See schedule below. There are periodic quizzes on vocabulary and grammar throughout the course.

*Regular attendance* at all class meetings and timely submission of all class assignments is a requirement.

### **Grading:**

Homework, translations, and notebook:	50%
Mid-term exam:	25%
Four Quizzes:	25%

### **Textbooks:**

Pratico, Gary and Miles van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew*. Second Edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007.

Pratico, Gary and Miles van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Workbook*. Second Edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007.

Chisholm, Robert. *A Workbook for Intermediate Hebrew*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2006.

Bible search software: either *Accordance 13*, *Logos 8*, Olive Tree with BHS Parsed Bible and BDB dictionary, or StepBible (online).

### **Recommended Textbooks:**

Brown, F., Driver, S., and Briggs, C. *The New Brown, Driver, and Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*. Peabody: Hendrickson, 1906.

Elliger, K. and Rudolph, W., Eds. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1977.

### **Schedule:**

**January 23:** Review and the Imperfect tense: strong and weak verbs.

Pratico chaps. 15–16.

**January 30:** Qal Waw Consecutive.

Pratico chap. 17.

Jonah translation.

**February 6:** Qal Volitives.

Pratico chap. 18.

*Quiz #1.*

Jonah translation.

**February 13:** Pronoun suffixes on verbs.

Pratico chap. 19.

Jonah translation.

**February 20:** Qal Infinitive Construct and Absolute.

Pratico chaps. 20–21.

Jonah translation.

**February 27:**

*No class; I am traveling to Orlando FL.*

**March 5:** Qal Participles.

Pratico chap. 22.

*Quiz #2.*

Jonah translation.

**March 12:** Sentence syntax and Niphal strong verbs.

Pratico chap. 23–24.

Jonah translation.

**March 19:**

*Spring Break, no class.*

**March 26:** Niphal: weak verbs.

Pratico chap. 25.

Jonah translation.

**April 2:** Piel : strong and weak verbs.

Pratico chaps. 26–27.

Ruth translation.

**April 9:** Pual: strong and weak verbs.

*Quiz #3.*

Pratico chaps. 28–29.

Ruth translation.

**April 16:** Hiphil: strong and weak verbs.

Pratico chaps. 30–31.

Ruth translation.

**April 23:** Hophal: strong and weak verbs.

Pratico chaps. 32–33.

*Quiz #4.*

Ruth translation.

**April 30:** Hithpael: strong and weak verbs.

Pratico chaps. 34–35.

Ruth translation.

**May 07:** Introduction to the Hebrew Bible.

Ruth translation (or alternative).

**May 14:** Turn in binder and corrected, completed notebooks