OT 110 – Intermediate Biblical Hebrew

Course Description

This course will build upon the learning accomplished in First-Year Hebrew, with the goal of building students’ facility in reading and interpreting the Hebrew Bible.

Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, the student shall be able to demonstrate

1. A knowledge of a basic vocabulary of ca. 750 words.
2. A facility in reading and translating Hebrew.
3. The basic skills of Biblical exegesis.

In addition, a goal of this course is to stimulate a love and appreciation for the Old Testament, and their use in Christian ministry.

Required Textbooks


It is assumed that you own the following tools; if not, you must purchase them, too:


Course Requirements

A. *Worksheets*. Seven worksheets, related to the scheduled day's Bible readings, are to be completed before class according to the schedule announced in class. (35%)

B. *Special Reports*. Each student will prepare one report during the term, on a grammatical topic of interest, to be presented orally in class in a ten-minute presentation. Examples of the reports will be suggested in class. (10%)
C. Vocabulary Quizzes. Regular vocabulary quizzes from the lists in Mitchel will be given, according to the schedule attached. These quizzes will cover all the words in the Hebrew Bible occurring 50 times or more. The total number vocabulary words covered in these quizzes is ca. 740 words, for an average of ca. 74 per week. Most of these represent a review of words learned in first-year Hebrew. The quizzes will be cumulative. (20%) 

D. Exam. One exam will be given, on the forms of the verbal system. This exam will be given on January 24. (10%) 

E. Class Preparation and Participation. Regular preparation and participation are expected, as they essential for the learning process in this course. This includes adequate preparation of the translations from Jonah (such that you are ready to read aloud in Hebrew, translate without notes, parse any verbs, and answer grammatical and syntactical questions), as well as readings from Waltke and O'Connor. 

Special Note: Each week’s reading in W-O must be summarized in ¾ page, and 2-3 questions written that arise out of the chapters. (25%) 

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Grading Scale: 93-100% A, 86-92% B, 78-85% C, 70-77% D, 0 - 69% F 

Note: Because of the obvious educational benefits to yourself, as well as common courtesy to others, regular and on-time class attendance are expected. Unexcused absences beyond one week’s worth of classes will result in a grade reduction. You should expect to invest at least 120 hours in this class in order to achieve an average grade. Individual outcomes, of course, may vary.
# COURSE SCHEDULE (OT 110)

**Note:** This is a rough schedule. It may be adjusted, depending on class needs.

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| Jan 10 | Hebrew Verbal System - II  
Vocab Quiz 1: Mitchel Sect. 1.A-B  
Read: W-O, chaps. 1, 3, 4 (Introductory materials) |
| Jan 17 | No Class: Martin Luther King Day |
| Jan 24 | Jonah 1:1-10  
Vocab Quiz 2: Mitchel Sects. 1.C-D, 4.A |
| Jan 24 | No Class: Reading Week  
Read: W-O, chaps. 20-21 (Verbal System and Verbal Stems) |
| Feb 7 | No Class: Reading Week  
Vocab Quiz 4: Mitchel Sects. 2.C-D, 4.C  
Read: W-O, chaps. 22-23 (Qal and Niphal) |
| Feb 14 | Jonah 1:11-16  
Vocab Quiz 5: Mitchel Sects. 2.E, 3.A, 4.D  
Read: W-O, chaps. 24-25 (Piel and Pual) |
| Feb 21 | Jonah 2:1-11  
Vocab Quiz 6: Mitchel Sects. 3.B-C, 4.E  
Read: W-O, chaps. 26, 27, 28 (Hithpael, Hiphil, Hophal) |
| Feb 28 | Jonah 3:1-10  
Vocab Quiz 7: Mitchel Sects. 3.D-E, 4.F  
Read: W-O, chap. 29 (Conjugations) |
| Mar 7 | Vocab Quiz 8: Mitchel Sects. 3.F-G, 4.G  
Read: W-O, chaps. 30, 31 (Suffix and prefix conjugations) |
| Mar 14 | No Class: Professor in Romania  
Vocab Quiz 9: Mitchel Sects. 4.H-I  
Read: W-O, chaps. 32, 33 (waw + suffix and prefix conjugations) |
| Mar 21 | Jonah 4:1-10  
Vocab Quiz 10: Mitchel Sects. 4.J-K |