



## OT 504A: Introduction to Hebrew B

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### Online Course Syllabus

#### *Course Description*

*Introduction to Hebrew B* is a thirteen-week, two-credit-hour course that introduces students to the fundamentals of Old Testament Hebrew vocabulary, grammar, and syntax. The course is designed to follow *Introduction to Hebrew A* and to be followed by *Introduction to Hebrew C* in the succeeding semester. Together, these three courses lay the foundation for basic translational and exegetical work using the Hebrew Old Testament. In preparation for the course exams, students will progress through a series of textbook readings and workbook exercises that lay the foundation of content.

#### *Course Objectives*

Upon completion of this course, students will be equipped to continue their study of biblical Hebrew, having obtained an essential understanding of the elements of Hebrew vocabulary, grammar, and syntax as covered in the course textbook. Specifically, in this second course they will gain an understanding of:

- An expanded Hebrew vocabulary that includes the forms and meanings of the most frequently used words;
- An introduction to strong and weak Hebrew verbs—perfect, imperfect, imperative, cohortative, jussive, infinitive, and participle;
- The Hebrew *waw* consecutive and sentence syntax;
- The Hebrew text of the first five verses of Genesis through Scripture memorization.

#### *Online Course Format*

**Modules:** You have up to fifteen weeks to complete this online course. The course is divided into thirteen modules, designed to be completed in order over the course of 13-14 weeks. To see a detailed outline of the structure, click the "Modules" link on the left side of the Canvas main page. Assignments, quizzes, and exams for the course will be completed online using the Canvas Learning Management System.

**Conferences:** Your course instructor will want to meet with you at least monthly using the conferencing capabilities of Canvas. Contact your instructor about setting up a conference within the first couple of weeks of the course.

**Mentor:** As you proceed through this course, you will need to obtain the services of a course mentor who will meet with you on a monthly basis to interact with you regarding your studies and to proctor the course exams. (The quizzes may be taken without supervision.) Ideally, your course mentor will be a pastor, youth pastor, or other spiritual authority in your church who can guide and counsel you as you pursue biblical and theological training. In the course materials there is a mentor agreement form that your mentor will need to sign and return to New Geneva Seminary before you begin the course.

#### *Required Textbooks*

Pratico, Gary D. and Miles V. Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Grammar*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007.

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### *Recommended Resources*

Vance, Donald R., George Athas, and Yael Avrahami, eds. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia: A Reader's Edition*. Stuttgart: German Bible Society, 2015.

Holladay, William L. *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1971.

### *Course Requirements*

- Complete 12 weekly review quizzes covering each week's unit of study;
- Complete 12 translation assignments;
- Complete two examinations;
- Recite Genesis 1:3-5 in Hebrew from memory.

### *Review Quizzes (30%)*

Review quizzes covering each chapter of the Pratico-Van Pelt (PVP) text as covered in class will serve to prepare the student for each exam. Each review quiz is worth ten points and may be taken a second time, with the highest score being recorded.

### *Examinations (35%)*

There are two examinations for the course that cumulatively constitute thirty-five percent of the final grade. The exams cover vocabulary, word identification (parsing and/or translation), grammatical content, translation, and exegesis. While the translation and exegesis portions of the exams are of necessity cumulative, each exam will focus on the paradigms and grammatical rules presented since the previous exam. The second exam will also include the memorization assignment. All exams for this course are to be taken online in the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS).

### *Workbook Assignments (35%)*

Weekly assignments involve translation and parsing and are to be uploaded in Canvas. Students are encouraged to complete all the exercises contained in the Workbook, but only the exercises specified in the assignments listed in the table below are required to be submitted for grading.

## Course Outline

| Date    | Lesson                | Contents                                                    | Workbook Assignments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| 5/25/20 | 14                    | PVP Ch. 14: <i>Qal Perfect–Weak Verbs</i>                   | Ex. 14a Parsing, #4, 8, 16; Translation, #8, 20; Bible Translation, #4, 12; Inflecting Verbs, #4, 8<br>Ex. 14b Parsing, #4, 8, 12; Translation, #8, 12; Bible Translation, #4, 8; Inflecting Verbs, #4, 12                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 6/1/20  | 15                    | PVP Ch. 15: <i>Qal Imperfect–Strong Verbs</i>               | Ex. 15 Parsing, #4, 8, 12; Translation, #4, 8, 12; Bible Translation, #4, 8; Inflecting Verbs, #4, 8, 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 6/8/20  | 16                    | PVP Ch. 16: <i>Qal Imperfect–Weak Verbs</i>                 | Ex. 16a Parsing, #8; Translation, #10; Bible Translation, #10; Inflecting Verbs, #8<br>Ex. 16b Parsing, #4; Translation, #2; Bible Translation, #12; Inflecting Verbs, #12<br>Ex. 16c Parsing, #8; Translation, #2; Bible Translation, #4<br>Ex. 16d Parsing, #4; Parse & Find #4; Bible Translation, #4<br>Ex. 16e Parsing, #8; Bible Translation, #8<br>Ex. 16f Parsing, #4; Translation, #6; Bible Translation, #6 |
| 6/15/20 | 17                    | PVP Ch. 17: <i>Waw Consecutive</i>                          | Ex. 17 Parsing Imperfects + WC #4, 8; Bible Translation, #2, 6, 14<br>Parsing Perfects + WC #4, 8; Bible Translation, #2, 6, 14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 6/22/20 | 18                    | PVP Ch. 18: <i>Qal Imperative, Cohortative, and Jussive</i> | Ex. 18a Parsing, #4, 8, 12; Translation, #8; Bible Translation, #12; Inflecting Verbs, #4, 8<br>Ex. 18b Parsing, #4, 8, 12; Translation, #8; Bible Translation, #8; Inflecting Verbs, #4, 8<br>Ex. 18c Parsing, #4, 20; Translation, #8; Bible Translation, #4, 8                                                                                                                                                     |
| 6/29/20 | 19                    | PVP Ch. 19: <i>Pronominal Suffixes on Verbs</i>             | Ex. 19 Parsing part 1, #4, 8, 12; Parsing part 2, #4, 8, 12; Parsing part 3, #4, 8, 12; Bible Translation, #4, 8, 14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 7/6/20  | Midterm Exam—No class |                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 7/13/20 | 20                    | PVP Ch. 20: <i>Qal Infinitive Construct</i>                 | Ex. 20 Parsing strong & weak, #4, 8, 12, 16; Parsing, I-nun and I-yod, #4, 8; Translation, #4, 8, 12; Bible Translation, #4, 8, 14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 7/20/20 | 21                    | PVP Ch. 21: <i>Qal Infinitive Absolute</i>                  | Ex. 21 Parsing, #4, 8, 12, 16, 20; Translation, #2, 4, 6, 8; Bible Translation, #4, 8, 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 7/27/20 | 22                    | PVP Ch. 22: <i>Qal Participle</i>                           | Ex. 22 Parsing, #4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24; Translation, #2, 4, 6, 8; Bible Translation, #4, 8, 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 8/3/20  | 23                    | PVP Ch. 23: <i>Issues of Sentence Syntax</i>                | Ex. 23 Bible Translation, #2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 8/10/20 | 24                    | PVP Ch. 24: <i>The Niphal Stem–Strong Verbs</i>             | Ex. 24 Parsing, #4, 8, 12, 16, 20; Translation, #4, 8, 12; Bible Translation, #4, 8, 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 8/17/20 | 25                    | PVP Ch. 25: <i>The Niphal Stem–Weak Verbs</i>               | Ex. 25a Parsing, #4, 8, 12, 16; Translation, #4, 8, 12; Bible Translation, #4, 8<br>Ex. 25b Parsing, #4, 8, 12, 16; Translation, #4, 8, 12; Bible Translation, #4, 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 8/24/20 | Final Exam—No class   |                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |