



**NT 505 – NEW TESTAMENT EXEGESIS I**  
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**I. PURPOSE**

Learning to read the Scriptures in their original languages is similar to watching a sports game on a high-definition screen. A standard television screen will enable you to follow the game adequately, but “hi-def” is so much more detailed and life-like. In the same way, English translations of the New Testament do an admirable job of bringing God’s word to contemporary readers, but reading the Greek New Testament can give the text a greater sharpness and clarity that can add richness and color to your preaching or teaching ministry. Assuming that you have studied the basics of Greek grammar, this course takes you to the next level by putting you directly in touch with the Greek text and familiarizing you with more advanced concepts of grammar and syntax.

**II. EDUCATIONAL AND PERSONAL OBJECTIVES**

- To build on first-year Greek by learning about the more advanced concepts of Greek syntax, including case, mood, tense, aspect, sentence analysis, and word studies.
- To expand the knowledge of Greek vocabulary to include the 480 most frequently used words in the NT (words used 17 times or more in the Greek NT);
- To hone translation skills by working with the original Greek text of the New Testament through guided translation exercises;
- To be enriched and strengthened in your devotional life through the study of the Scriptures in their original language.

**III. COURSE STRUCTURE AND WEEKLY CLASS SESSIONS**

All requirements for the course will be submitted online via the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS). Each live, two-hour class session will include a ten-point quiz covering the assigned textbook reading and new vocabulary. Following the quiz, during the first hour new grammatical and exegetical concepts will be discussed in greater depth and examples considered. The second hour of each class session will be dedicated to working through and discussing the course homework exercises and translations.

**IV. READING**

The course textbook (listed below) will provide you with an ordered and comprehensive overview of advanced Greek grammar and syntax. Exercises derived from those provided in each chapter of the text will guide you through a syntactical analysis of a variety of New Testament passages that illustrate the principles learned in the text.

**V. STUDENT PAPER AND PRESENTATION**

Each student will be responsible to submit a 3,500-word exegetical paper that demonstrates the fruit of your exegetical analysis of a short passage of four to five verses from the Greek New Testament. The focus of the paper will be on how exegeting the Greek text sheds light on the meaning of the passage, and how these insights can be used in preaching and teaching. Your analysis should include separate sections on each of the following areas, presented in the order seen below. Use section headings to set off the separate sections of your paper. For a well-balance paper, each section should be roughly 500 words in length.

1. **Introduction:** Introduce your passage by setting it in its larger context and summarizing its contribution to the larger work from which it is drawn.

2. **Textual Issues:** Discuss any textual variants in your passage that impact its meaning. Using established principles and resources of textual criticism, explain which variant you believe is most likely the original reading.
3. **Significant Words:** Do word studies on some of the most significant words in your passage using the major lexica and/or theological dictionaries.
4. **Grammatical Features:** Drawing from the information in your course text and/or other advanced grammatical or syntactical resources, discuss some of the most significant grammatical structures that impact the meaning of your passage.
5. **Historical/Cultural Backgrounds:** Using standard or background commentaries, Bible dictionaries, or other historical resources, discuss any historical or cultural settings that may impact the meaning of your passage.
6. **Theological and Practical Implications:** Discuss truths and/or principles that your passage contributes to your understanding of systematic and practical theology.
7. **Implications for Preaching/Teaching:** Discuss how you would approach your passage for preaching and teaching. Include an outline consisting of at least two levels that you might use to preach or teaching this passage. Your outline should demonstrate a conscious effort to reflect the syntactical structure of your passage.

Your paper should be double-spaced, should include footnoted references to at least five different scholarly resources and should conform to the guidelines of Turabian's Manual for Writers, including a bibliography. A sample paper is included in the Course Resources module of the Canvas LMS.

Drawing from the fruits of research in completing the exegetical paper, each student will be responsible to make a live, twenty-minute presentation for the class highlighting any insights the paper has provided regarding the chosen passage.

#### VII. ATTENDANCE AND GRADING

Attendance at each class session is expected and will be monitored. However, to allow for unanticipated circumstances, two unexcused absences will be allowed without penalty. Each unexcused absence beyond the two will result in a 5% penalty against the final grade. Excuses may be granted for personal or family emergencies only. Emergencies include such things as the hospitalization of yourself or an immediate family member but do not include such things as work-related scheduling conflicts.

Letter grades will be assigned using the scale presented in the seminary catalog. Your grade for this course will be weighted as follows:

- 35%: Weekly Quizzes
- 35%: Weekly Workbook and Syntax Assignments
- 30%: Student Paper and Presentation

#### VIII. TEXTBOOK

Required Resource:

Andreas J. Kostenberger, Benjamin L. Merkle, and Robert L. Plummer, *Going Deeper with New Testament Greek: An Intermediate Study of the Grammar and Syntax of the New Testament* (Nashville: B&H Academic, Zondervan, 2016), ISBN# 9780310232292.

Recommended Resource:

Barbara Aland et al, eds. *The UBS Greek New Testament: A Reader's Edition*. Hendrickson, 2008. ISBN# 9781598563573.

## Course Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Wk.</b>	<b>Lecture Topic</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Vocab.</b>
TBD	1	Determining the Text	Ch. 1	
TBD	2	Cases 1: Nominative, Vocative, Accusative	Ch. 2.	1-15
TBD	3	Cases 2: Genitive, Dative	Chs. 3-4	16-30
TBD	4	Article and Adjective	Ch. 5	31-45
TBD	Independence Day Holiday			
TBD	5	Mood, Tense, & Aspect	Ch. 6 -7	46-60
TBD	6	Indicatives: Present, Imperfect, Future	Ch. 8	61-75
TBD	7	Indicatives: Aorist, Perfect, Pluperfect	Ch. 9	76-90
TBD	8	Participles	Ch. 10	91-105
TBD	9	Infinitives	Ch. 11	106-120
TBD	10	Little Words: Pronouns, Prepositions, Conjunctions, Adverbs, Particles	Ch. 12	121-135
TBD	11	Sentence Analysis	Ch. 13	136-150
TBD	12	Word Studies, Student Presentation	Ch. 14	

## Advanced Greek Vocabulary

The words in this list and their definitions and frequencies are taken from the course textbook. However, they have been rearranged from the order in which they appear in the text so that you learn the most frequent words first. For this course we will be learning only the 150 most frequent words listed in the text, beginning with words that occur 49 times and descending from there. This list will enable you to expand your Greek vocabulary beyond the standard vocabulary learned in first-year Greek (words occurring 50 times or more).

Greek Word	Meaning	Freq.
1. ἄρα	<i>so, then, consequently</i>	49
2. ἄχρι	<i>until (conj. or prep. + gen.)</i>	49
3. ἔτος, -ους, τό	<i>year</i>	49
4. παραλαμβάνω	<i>I take (to myself), take with/along</i>	49
5. φανερόω	<i>I reveal, make manifest, show</i>	49
6. ἀποδίδωμι	<i>I give away, pay, return</i>	48
7. ἔμπροσθεν	<i>in front of, before</i>	48
8. ἔρημος, ἡ	<i>desert, wilderness</i>	48
9. ποῦ	<i>where?</i>	48
10. κρατέω	<i>I grasp, hold (fast), arrest</i>	47
11. οὐκέτι	<i>no longer</i>	47
12. πρό	<i>before, in front of, at (w/ gen.)</i>	47
13. προσφέρω	<i>I bring to, offer</i>	47
14. φόβος, ὁ	<i>fear, reverence, respect</i>	47
15. φυλακή, ἡ	<i>watch, guard, prison</i>	47
16. θηρίον, τό	<i>animal, beast</i>	46
17. καθίζω	<i>I cause to sit down, appoint</i>	46
18. μικρός	<i>small, short</i>	46
19. οὐαί	<i>woe</i>	46
20. σταυρόω	<i>I crucify</i>	46
21. σωτηρία, ἡ	<i>salvation, deliverance</i>	46
22. ἀπαγγέλλω	<i>I announce, proclaim, report</i>	45
23. θλίψις, -εως, ἡ	<i>tribulation, affliction, oppression</i>	45
24. ναός, ὁ	<i>temple, sanctuary</i>	45
25. ὅμοιος	<i>like, similar</i>	45
26. ἐπιγινώσκω	<i>I know, understand, recognize</i>	44
27. Ἰούδας, ὁ	<i>Jude, Judah, Judas</i>	44
28. ἀμαρτάνω	<i>I sin</i>	43
29. δεύτερος	<i>second</i>	43
30. δέω	<i>I bind, tie</i>	43
31. διέρχομαι	<i>I go through, cross over</i>	43
32. θαυμάζω	<i>I marvel, am amazed, wonder</i>	43
33. θεραπεύω	<i>I heal, restore, serve</i>	43
34. σπέρμα, -ατος, τό	<i>seed, descendants, children</i>	43
35. ἐγγίζω	<i>I draw near, approach</i>	42
36. εὐλογέω	<i>I bless, praise</i>	42
37. Ἰάκωβος, ὁ	<i>James</i>	42
38. καινός	<i>new, unused</i>	42
39. λύω	<i>I loose</i>	42

40. ἄξιος	<i>worthy, fit, deserving</i>	41
41. ἐργάζομαι	<i>I work, do, perform</i>	41
42. παράστημι	<i>I place beside, present</i>	41
43. τέσσαρες	<i>four</i>	41
44. χωρίς	<i>without, apart from</i>	41
45. ἐτοιμάζω	<i>I make ready, prepare</i>	40
46. λογίζομαι	<i>I account, reckon, conclude</i>	40
47. μισέω	<i>I hate, detest</i>	40
48. οἰκοδομέω	<i>I build (up), erect, edify</i>	40
49. τέλος, -ους, τό	<i>end, goal</i>	40
50. ἅπτω	<i>I touch, take hold of</i>	39
51. δικαιόω	<i>I justify, vindicate</i>	39
52. ἐπιθυμία, ἡ	<i>lust, craving, desire</i>	39
53. ἐπιτίθημι	<i>I lay upon, put upon</i>	39
54. θύρα, ἡ	<i>door, gate, entrance</i>	39
55. ἰκανός	<i>qualified, able</i>	39
56. περισσεύω	<i>I exceed, overflow, abound</i>	39
57. πλανάω	<i>I go astray, am misled, wander about aimlessly</i>	39
58. πράσσω	<i>I do, accomplish, practice</i>	39
59. πρόβατον, τό	<i>sheep</i>	39
60. πειράζω	<i>I tempt, test</i>	38
61. πέντε	<i>five</i>	38
62. ἄρχων, -οντος, ὁ	<i>ruler, authority, judge</i>	37
63. βούλομαι	<i>I wish, want, desire</i>	37
64. διακονέω	<i>I serve</i>	37
65. ἐκεῖθεν	<i>from there</i>	37
66. ἐμαυτοῦ	<i>(of) myself</i>	37
67. καλῶς	<i>well</i>	37
68. καυχάομαι	<i>I boast, glory</i>	37
69. μαρτυρία, ἡ	<i>testimony, witness</i>	37
70. παραγίνομαι	<i>I come, arrive, appear</i>	37
71. ἀγρός, ὁ	<i>field, country</i>	36
72. εὐθέως	<i>Immediately</i>	36
73. ὀργή, ἡ	<i>anger, wrath, punishment</i>	36
74. οὖς, ὠτός, τό	<i>ear, hearing</i>	36
75. περιτομή, ἡ	<i>circumcision</i>	36
76. Σατανᾶς, -ᾶ, ὁ	<i>Satan</i>	36
77. Φίλιππος, ὁ	<i>Philip</i>	36
78. ὡσπερ	<i>(just) as, so</i>	36
79. μάρτυς, ὁ	<i>witness</i>	35
80. ὀπίσω	<i>after, behind</i>	35
81. ὑποστρέφω	<i>I turn back, return</i>	35
82. βιβλίον, τό	<i>book, scroll</i>	34
83. διακονία, ἡ	<i>service, office, ministry, deacon</i>	34
84. μέλος, -ους, τό	<i>member, part, limb</i>	34
85. πτωχός	<i>poor</i>	34
86. ἀρνέομαι	<i>I deny, reject</i>	33
87. διαθήκη, ἡ	<i>covenant, decree, last will and testament</i>	33
88. ἐκπορεύομαι	<i>I go out, come out</i>	33

89. ναί	<i>yes, certainly, indeed</i>	33
90. ποῖος	<i>of what kind?</i>	33
91. ἀκάθαρτος	<i>unclean, impure</i>	32
92. ἀναγινώσκω	<i>I read aloud</i>	32
93. δυνατός	<i>powerful, strong, mighty, able</i>	32
94. ἐχθρός	<i>hostile, hated</i>	32
95. ἥλιος, ὁ	<i>sun</i>	32
96. ἄνεμος, ὁ	<i>wind</i>	31
97. ἐγγύς	<i>near, close to</i>	31
98. ἔξεμι	<i>it is lawful, permitted</i>	31
99. ἱερεύς, -εως, ὁ	<i>priest</i>	31
100. καθαρίζω	<i>I cleanse, purify</i>	31
101. παρρησία, ἡ	<i>confidence, boldness</i>	31
102. πλὴν	<i>yet, however, but</i>	31
103. ποτήριον, τό	<i>cup</i>	31
104. σκότος, -ους, τό	<i>darkness</i>	31
105. φυλάσσω	<i>I guard, protect</i>	31
106. φυλή, ἡ	<i>tribe, nation, people</i>	31
107. ἀγοράζω	<i>I buy, purchase</i>	30
108. ἀρνίον, τό	<i>lamb, sheep</i>	30
109. ἐπικαλέω	<i>I call (upon), name</i>	30
110. συνείδησις, -εως, ἡ	<i>conscience</i>	30
111. γνῶσις, -εως, ἡ	<i>knowledge</i>	29
112. ἐλεέω	<i>I have mercy on</i>	29
113. ἐπιτιμάω	<i>I rebuke, reprove, warn</i>	29
114. ἴδε	<i>look, see, behold</i>	29
115. ἰσχυρός	<i>strong, mighty, powerful</i>	29
116. Καῖσαρ, -αρος, ὁ	<i>Caesar, emperor</i>	29
117. μάχαιρα, ἡ	<i>sword</i>	29
118. μισθός, ὁ	<i>pay, wages, reward</i>	29
119. παράκλησις, -εως, ἡ	<i>encouragement, comfort</i>	29
120. παρέρχομαι	<i>I pass by, neglect, disobey</i>	29
121. πάσχα, τό	<i>Passover</i>	29
122. ποτέ	<i>once, formerly, ever</i>	29
123. σκανδαλίζω	<i>I cause to stumble</i>	29
124. φίλος	<i>beloved, friend</i>	29
125. ἀδικέω	<i>I do wrong, treat unjustly</i>	28
126. ἀληθινός	<i>true, real, genuine</i>	28
127. Βαρναβᾶς, ὁ	<i>Barnabas</i>	28
128. γαμέω	<i>I marry</i>	28
129. ἡγέομαι	<i>I lead, think, consider</i>	28
130. θυγάτηρ, -τρός, ἡ	<i>daughter, girl</i>	28
131. θυσία, ἡ	<i>sacrifice, offering</i>	28
132. χώρα, ἡ	<i>district, region</i>	28
133. ἔλεος, -ους, τό	<i>mercy, compassion</i>	27
134. ἐνδύω	<i>I clothe myself, put on, wear</i>	27
135. καταργέω	<i>I cancel, nullify, make void</i>	27
136. οὗ	<i>where</i>	25
137. σωτήρ, -ῆρος, ἡ	<i>savior, deliverer</i>	24

138. διότι	<i>for, because, therefore</i>	23
139. μνησκόμαι	<i>I remember, recollect</i>	23
140. Ἡσαΐας, ὁ	<i>Isaiah</i>	22
141. μετάνοια, ἡ	<i>repentance</i>	22
142. τεσσεράκοντα	<i>forty</i>	22
143. εὐδοκέω	<i>I am well pleased, approve</i>	21
144. τελώνης, ὁ	<i>tax-collector</i>	21
145. ἀκροβυστία, ἡ	<i>uncircumcision</i>	20
146. ἐπίγνωσις, -εως, ἡ	<i>knowledge, recognition</i>	20
147. νυνί	<i>now</i>	20
148. βάπτισμα, -ατος, τό	<i>baptism</i>	19
149. διακρίνω	<i>I discriminate, judge, doubt</i>	19
150. ἄφεσις, -εως, ἡ	<i>forgiveness</i>	17