

OL 502 Biblical Hebrew II – Spring 2012
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary—Charlotte

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6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

מִה־נִמְלָצוּ לְחַפֵּי אִמְרֹתֶיךָ מִדְּבַשׁ לֶפֶי
מִפִּקּוּדֶיךָ אֶתְבוֹנֵן עַל־כֵּן שִׁנְאַתִּי אֶל־אֶרֶץ שִׁקֵּר
גַּר־לְרַגְלִי דְּבַרְךָ וְאוֹר לְנִתְיָבְתִּי

*How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
Ps 119:103-105*

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I. Course Description

At Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary we are committed “to encourage students to become knowledgeable in God’s inerrant Word and competent in its interpretation, proclamation and application in the contemporary world.” (GCTS Missions Statement, Article 1). Further, “Because the teaching of God’s Word is indispensable to the well-being and vitality of God’s people, the seminary has a fundamental responsibility to encourage in students a love for Scripture. It is to teach exegetical skills by which they will be enabled to interpret the Word and inculcate understanding by which they will be able to apply it effectively.” (GCTS Missions Statement, Article 1). Our first step in accomplishing the task of exegeting, interpreting, proclaiming and applying the Old Testament scriptures is to learn biblical Hebrew!

Using a combination of deductive and inductive approaches, OL 502 will continue your introduction to the fundamentals of Biblical Hebrew. This course will emphasize the verbal system while reviewing concepts and vocabulary from OL 501.

II. Course Objectives and Expected Outcomes

The student who successfully completes this course will

- A. know the fundamentals of Biblical Hebrew grammar and syntax and will be able to identify and analyze basic forms of Hebrew nouns, pronouns, adjectives, prepositions, and strong and weak forms of biblical Hebrew verbs.
- B. continue to build a basic vocabulary for reading Hebrew prose.
- C. increase proficiency in translation from Hebrew to English.
- D. increase proficiency in the pronunciation and reading of Biblical Hebrew.

The achievement of the course objectives will be measured through weekly quizzes and two exams, as explained below. It is also my hope and prayer that you will develop a deeper love for God and his marvelous word!

III. Course Textbooks and Resources

Required:

1. Gary Pratico and Miles Van Pelt, *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar*, Zondervan, 2nd edition (henceforth referred to as BBHG), ISBN 0310270200.
2. Gary Pratico and Miles Van Pelt, *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Workbook*, Zondervan (henceforth referred to as BBHW), ISBN 0310270227.
3. A standard lexicon for Biblical Hebrew (such as the affordable W. Holladay, *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*, ISBN 0802834132 (published by Eerdmans) or ISBN 9004026134 (published by Brill).

Recommended: (see zondervan.com for more information on each of these resources)

1. Miles Van Pelt and Gary Pratico, *Biblical Hebrew Laminated Sheet*, ISBN 031026295X.
2. Miles Van Pelt and Gary Pratico, *Charts of Biblical Hebrew*, ISBN 0310275091.
3. Miles Van Pelt, *English Grammar to Ace Biblical Hebrew* (for those who may need to refresh their English grammar), ISBN 0310318319.
4. Miles Van Pelt, *Old Testament Hebrew Vocabulary Cards*, ISBN 031025986X.

Two additional options for learning vocabulary:

1. Biblical Hebrew Flashcard app for your iphone or ipad by EKS Publishing, available at iTunes or <http://www.ekspublishing.com/biblical-hebrew/biblical-hebrew-flashcards-iphone-application> for \$9.99. Includes audio. Note that the words are not arranged in the order in which they are presented in our textbook and that pronunciation will follow modern Hebrew conventions.
2. Bible software – the major Bible software programs (Logos, Accordance, Bibleworks) allow you to create your own electronic flashcards (with audio).

A NOTE ON LEARNING HEBREW VOCABULARY: you must learn *all* of the definitions given for each word in your vocabulary list.

IV. Work to be done PRIOR to the first class meeting:

Do all the homework in BBHW from Chpt 16 not assigned in OL 501, do all homework in BBHW for Chpt 17, and listen to the MP3 files for Chpt. 17. Review thoroughly Chpts. 1-17, including the vocabulary, all the paradigms in Chpts. 3-17, and work on pronunciation with the help of the MP3 files.

There will be a quiz on Chpts. 1-17 of BBHG and BBHW at our first meeting on Jan 31.

V. Course Requirements and Grading

A. Homework

1. Because you have the answer key, the homework exercises in BBHW are not calculated as part of your grade. However, ***completing the homework (before checking your answers against the answer key) is essential to your success in the course.*** If you fail to do the homework assignments, it will inevitably be reflected in your ability to participate in class, and in your quiz and exam grades.
2. Read each chapter in the textbook thoroughly.
3. Complete all required homework. Be sure to check your answers for the exercises in BBHW against the answer key (on the CD Rom in the back of the textbook). Make corrections where necessary. If you don't understand the answer in the workbook be sure to ask me.
4. Listen to the narrated powerpoints on the course website in Sakai. They will include selected homework exercises, weekly vocabulary, and biblical passages. Listening to these recordings will dramatically improve your pronunciation and confidence in reading Hebrew aloud.

- B. Weekly Quizzes (40%):** There will be a quiz almost every week (see the schedule below). These will be very straightforward assessments of vocabulary acquisition, grammar, verbal and nominal analysis, and translation. They may also include a short question on the week's "exegetical insight" found at the end of each chapter in your textbook. ***The first quiz will be taken in class on Jan 31.*** Hard copies of all subsequent quizzes will be distributed in class and will be due the following Tuesday by noon (see the schedule below). You may slide them under my office door, fax them to me at (704) 940-5858 or (704) 527-8577 or scan and email them to me at cmcdowell@gordonconwell.edu. ***These quizzes must be proctored according***

to the seminary's proctoring guidelines (see the proctor form, which must accompany all quizzes (except Quiz 1), on the course website under "Resources"). Please turn in the signed proctor form with your completed quiz.

Quiz and Exam Due Dates:

Chapters covered	Quiz distributed in class on	Quiz/Exam due on
Quiz 1 on Chpts. 1-17	Jan 31	Jan 31 (taken in class)
Quiz 2 on Chpts. 1-18	Feb 7	The following Tues by noon
Quiz 3 on Chpts. 1-19	Feb 14	The following Tues by noon
Quiz 4 on Chpts. 1-20	Feb 21	The following Tues by noon
Quiz 5 on Chpts. 1-21	Feb 28	The following Tues by noon
Quiz 6 on Chpts. 1-22	Mar 6	The following Tues by noon
Midterm on Chpts. 1-23	Mar 13	The following Tues by noon
Quiz 7 on Chpts. 1-25	Mar 20	The following Tues by noon
Quiz 9 on Chpts. 1-27	Mar 27	The following Tues by noon
Quiz 10 on Chpts. 1-29	Apr 3	The following Tues by noon
Quiz 11 on Chpts. 1-30	Apr 10	The following Tues by noon
Quiz 12 on Chpts. 1-31	Apr 17	The following Tues by noon
Final Exam on Chpts. 1-36	Apr 24	DUE May 1 at noon

C. **Midterm and final (30% each):** Details for these exams will be posted in Sakai. Due dates: The midterm will be distributed in class on Mar 13 and due in class on Mar 20. The final will be distributed in class on Apr 24 and due on May 1 by 12:00 noon.

D. **Course participation (not calculated as part of the grade but strongly encouraged!)**

1. I will regularly call on students during class to interact with homework assignments and in class activities. This is not meant to make anyone uncomfortable. Rather, it is designed to encourage your thoughtful participation and to hold you accountable to complete the homework exercises, even though they are not counted as part of the course grade.
2. Course Wiki: In lieu of or in addition to frequent class participation, a student may choose to participate by posting thoughtful comments, insights, solutions to an issue in the homework, mnemonic devices for remembering vocabulary, study tips, etc. in the course Wiki available on the OL 502 website via Sakai.

This course will require *approximately* 189 hours to complete:

Course Assignment	Estimated Hours
Pre-work	10 hrs
Class time	2.5 hrs/wk x 13 wks = 32.5 hrs
Reading and studying the textbook	3 hrs/wk x 13 wks = 39 hrs
Homework exercises	5 hrs/wk x 13 wks = 65 hrs
Vocabulary memorization	2 hrs/wk x 13 wks = 26 hrs
Listening to MP3s	30 min hr/wk x 13 wks = 6.5 hrs
Quizzes	30 min x 12 quizzes = 6 hrs
Exams	2 hrs x 2 exams = 4 hrs
TOTAL	189

3. **Additional online help, specifically for use with *Basics of Biblical***

Hebrew, is available at www.hebrewsyntax.org/bbh2 (user name and password both bbh2), a website developed by GCTS alum, John Beckman.

4. Attendance: regular class attendance is required. Please arrive on time and turn off all cell phones, pagers, etc.

5. Grading Scale

A	95-100	C+	80-82
A-	92-94	C	77-79
B+	89-91	C-	74-76
B	86-88	D	70-73
B-	83-85	F	69 and below

If you score below a B (86%) on any quiz or exam, be sure to make an appointment with me for some help and encouragement. This is not meant to be punitive! If any problems arise let’s deal quickly with them so that your progress in the course is unhindered. I want you to succeed.

VI. Course Administration

- A.** Due Dates and Late Penalties: The due dates for quizzes, tests, and exams are listed in the schedule below. There will be a penalty of 5% per day on all late work.
- B.** Please do not be bashful about asking for help! Contact me via the information listed above.

VII. Class Schedule

DATE	CLASS CONTENT	READING DUE	HOMEWORK DUE
Class 1 Jan 31	Welcome Back Quiz #1 on BBHG Chpts. 1-17 Introduction of Chpt. 18	Review of BBHG 1-16, BBHG Chpts. 17	<i>Do all the homework in BBHW from Chpt 16 not assigned in OL 501, do all homework in BBHW for Chpt 17, and listen to the MP3 files for Chpt. 17. Review thoroughly Chpts. 1-17, including the vocabulary, all the paradigms in Chpts. 3-17, and work on pronunciation with the help of the MP3 files.</i>
Class 2 Feb 7	Review of Chpt. 18 Introduction of Chpt. 19	BBHG Chpt. 18	BBHW Chpt. 18 p. 135-136 Parsing and Translation (all), p. 141 Parsing (all), p. 143 Bible Translation #1-5, p. 149-150 Parsing (evens), p. 152-154 Bible Translation #3, 6, 9, 12, vocabulary Chpt. 3-18; listen to MP3 files for Chpt. 18
Class 3 Feb 14	Review of Chpt. 19 Introduction of Chpt. 20	BBHG Chpt. 19	BBHW Chpt. 19 p. 157-159 Parsing (all), p. 160-162 Bible Translation (odds), vocabulary Chpts. 3-19; listen to MP3 files for Chpt. 19

Class 4 Feb 21	Review of Chpt. 20 Introduction of Chpts. 21	BBHG Chpt. 20	BBHW Chpt. 20 p. 163-165 Parsing (all), p. 165-166 Translation (evens), p. 167-171 Bible Translation #3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, vocabulary Chpts. 3-20; listen to MP3 files for Chpt. 20
Class 5 Feb 28	Review of Chpt. 21 Introduction of Chpt. 22	BBHG Chpt. 21	BBHW Chpt. 21 p. 173-174 Parsing (all), p. 175-177 Bible Translation (evens), vocabulary Chpts. 3-21; listen to MP3 files for Chpt. 21
Class 6 Mar 6	Review of Chpt. 22 Introduction of Chpt. 23	BBHG Chpt. 22	BBHW Chpt. 22 p. 179-180 Parsing (all), p. 180-181 Translation (all), p. 181 -183 Bible Translation #1, 4, 8, 12, vocabulary Chpts. 3-22; listen to MP3 files for Chpt. 22
Class 7 Mar 13	Review of Chpt. 23 MIDTERM DISTRIBUTED, DUE MAR 20 by noon Introduction of Chpt. 24-25	BBHG Chpt. 23	BBHW Chpt. 23 p. 187-190 Bible Translation (all), vocabulary Chpts. 3-23; listen to MP3 files for Chpt. 23
Class 8 Mar 20	Review of Chpt. 24-25 Introduction of Chpt. 25	BBHG Chpt. 24-25	BBHW Chpt. 24 p. 191-192 Parsing (evens), p. 193 Translation (evens), p. 194-196 Bible Translation (evens), p. 197-198 Parsing (evens), p. 205-206 Parsing (all), p. 208-210 Bible Translation #5, 10, 15, vocabulary Chpts. 3-25; listen to MP3 files for Chpt. 25
Class 9 Mar 27	Review of Chpt. 26-27, Introduction of Chpt. 28-29	BBHG Chpt. 26-27	BBHW Chpts. 26-27, p. 211-212 Parsing (evens)p. 213 Translation (evens), p. 214-216 Bible Translation #1, 5, 10.p. 217-218 Parsing (evens), p. 221-222 Parsing (evens), p. 223 Bible Translation #1-5, vocabulary Chpts. 3-27; listen to MP3 files for Chpt. 26-27.
Class 10 Apr 3	Review of Chpts. 28-29 Introduction of Chpt. 30	BBHG Chpts. 28-29	BBHW Chpt. 28 p. 227-228 Parsing (evens), p. 228-229 Translation (all), p. 231-232 Parsing (all), p. 233 Bible Translation #3, p. 235-236 Parsing (evens), vocabulary Chpts. 3-29; listen to MP3 files for Chpt. 28-29
Class 11 Apr 10	Review of Chpt. 30 Introduction of Chpt. 31	BBHG Chpt. 30	BBHW Chpt. 30 p. 239-241 Diagnostics and Parsing (all), p. 241-243 Translation (evens), p. 246 Bible Translation #20-25, vocabulary Chpts. 3-30; listen to MP3 files for Chpt. 30
Class 12 Apr 17	Review of Chpt. 31 Introduction of Chpt. 32-33	BBHG Chpt. 31	BBHW Chpt. 31 p. 247 all, p. 248-250 Parsing (evens), p. 254 Bible Translation #17-22, vocabulary Chpts. 3-31; listen to MP3 files for Chpt. 31

<p>Class 13 Apr 24</p>	<p>Review of Chpt. 32-33 Introduction of Chpt. 34-35</p>	<p>BBHG Chpt. 32-33</p>	<p>BBHW Chpt. 32-33 p. 255-257 Diagnostics and Parsing (all), p. 257-258 Bible Translation (all), p. 259-262 Parsing (evens), p. 265 Bible Translation #15-19, vocabulary Chpts. 3-33; listen to MP3 files for Chpt. 34-35</p>
	<p>FINAL EXAM Chpts. 1-36, DUE MAY 1 AT 12 noon (detailed study guide posted on Sakai well in advance)</p>		