I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces principles of Biblical Hebrew grammar and syntax at the intermediate level. In the process, many introductory concepts are reviewed and strengthened. For this year, Hebrew texts are drawn from the Nehemiah narrative corpus. Vocabulary acquisition comes from both a frequency list (Van Pelt and Pratico) and Nehemiah. Select verbal paradigms are committed to memory and Hebrew composition is introduced. Matters of the relationship between grammar, meaning, exegesis and application form an important part of class lectures and interaction. As in typical 600- and 700-level exegesis courses at Gordon-Conwell, students are expected to come to class prepared to translate, parse verbal forms and discuss points of syntax. By the end of the course the student should have developed the necessary intermediary skills to extract interpretations from his/her observation of a passage’s syntax. Another hoped for outcome for the course is a greater appreciation and confidence to proclaim God’s Word to this generation (2 Tim 2:15; 3:16).

II. PREREQUISITE TEXTBOOKS

- *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*
- Hebrew Lexicon:
III. REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS


Note: Other readings may be placed on reserve.

IV. RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOKS


IV. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Weekly quizzes (60%). Every Thursday beginning 2nd week (see schedule below).
   - Translation and parsing of the text required each week
   - Identification questions from Arnold-Choi (AC) and lectures
   - Vocabulary from Van Pelt-Pratico (VP): 20 words a week (Frequency from 69 times to 47 times)
   - Reproduction of paradigms in Hebrew

2. Final Exam (40%).
   - Translation, parsing and interpretative analysis of the syntax of a selected text (taken from any of the Hebrew passages assigned in the class).
   - Identification questions from AC and lectures.
   - Reproduction of a Biblical Hebrew text (three verses in Nehemiah)
   NOTE: No vocabulary frequency list from VP or Hebrew paradigm in the final exam.

3. For each class, students should be prepared to translate, parse and explain the grammatical features of the assigned text. This will require thorough preparation in the assigned Hebrew text and in the readings from Arnold and Choi. Persistent lack of participation, attendance or excessive tardiness will result in a grade penalty.
V. Class Schedule

Week 1 Sept 11/13
- Hebrew Grammar: Nouns
- AC 1-21
- Neh 1-2

Week 2 Sept 18/20
- The Nouns
- AC 21-35
- Neh 4
- Thursday Quiz: Neh 1-2, VP #507-527

Week 3 Sept 25/27
- The Verbs
- AC 36-53
- Neh 5
- Thursday Quiz: Neh 4, VP #528-548, Qal strong verb paradigms (p. 416-17 in Basics of Biblical Hebrew)

Week 4 Oct 2/4
- Verbs
- AC 53-73
- Neh 6
- Thursday Quiz: Neh 5, VP #549-569, Niphal strong verb paradigms

Week 5 October 9/11 READING WEEK
- AC 74-94

Week 6 Oct 16/18
- Particles
- AC 95-114
- Neh 7
- Thursday Quiz: Neh 6, VP #570-590, Piel and Pual strong verb paradigms
Week 7 Oct 23/25
- Particles
- Neh 8
- AC 115-135
- Thursday Quiz: Neh 7, VP#591-611, Hiphil and Hophal (1) strong verb paradigms

Week 8 Oct 30/Nov 1
- Particles
- AC 136-149
- Neh 9
- Thursday Quiz: Neh 8, VP #612-632, Qal biconsonantal paradigm qûm (434-435 in Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar)

Week 9 November Nov 6/8
- Particles
- AC 149-161
- Neh 10
- Thursday Quiz: Neh 9, VP #633-653, Hiphil and Hophal biconsonantal paradigms

Week 10 Nov 13/15 READING WEEK
- AC 162-176

Week 11 Nov 20
- Clauses and sentences
- AC 176-192
- Neh 12

Thursday November 22 is Thanksgiving: NO CLASS/NO QUIZ

Week 12 Nov 27/29
- Neh 13
- Thursday Quiz: Neh 10, VP #654-674, Qal Geminate verb sbb paradigms (436-437 in Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar)
Week 13 Dec 4/6
- Recap
- Thursday Quiz: Neh 13, Hiphil Geminate verb *sbb* paradigms

Week 14 Dec 11/13
- Exam Review
- Thursday: Final Exam

VI. BIBLICAL HEBREW SELECT REFERENCE BIBLIOGRAPHY

Dictionaries/Concordances


Hebrew Grammar


**Hebrew Vocabulary**


Hebrew Text


Hebrew Narrative


