

TEXTS:

1. Johns, Alger F. *A Short Grammar of Biblical Aramaic*. rev. ed. Andrews University Press, 1972. ISBN 0-943872-74-X
2. BHS (Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia). You need this text. It will serve as the class standard.
3. Jumper, James. *An Annotated Key to Alger F. Johns' A Short Grammar of Biblical Aramaic*. Andrews University Press, 2003. Very helpful and a great time-saver.
4. Recommended: • Holladay, William L. *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon*. Eerdmans, 1971. ISBN 0-8028-3413-2 • Marcus Jastrow's *Dictionary of the Targumim* (online at various sites including www.etana.org)
• The Comprehensive Aramaic Lexicon. (call.cn.huc.edu). The CAL is a great resource and takes only a few minutes to learn to use. • Quisition.com has an Aramaic flash card system for the vocab in Johns' grammar.

GRADED ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Mid-term test. 1/3 of grade. Rescheduling of the test will not take place except in cases of unavoidable emergency (not personal convenience) and will occur **after** the set date. No penalty for unavoidable emergency such as illness; otherwise, 1/2 grade per 1/2 week delay. Exam lasts one hour.
2. Final exam. 2/3 of grade. Rescheduling of the final exam will not take place except in cases of unavoidable emergency (not personal convenience) and will occur **after** the set date (see below). Registration Office establishes penalties. Late exams are usually submitted directly to them.
3. Class participation. 10% of grade. Those who regularly attend and participate competently will automatically earn this.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Language facility and philological awareness
2. Familiarity with text content
3. Incidental exegetical considerations
4. Reading of all Aramaic portions of the OT and some extra-biblical Aramaic for contrast

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
1/31	Introduction, Grammar lessons 1-2 (phonology, nouns-adjectives)
2/7	Lessons 3-7 (pronouns, verb system, noun classes)
2/14	Lessons 8-12 (derived conjugations, passives, reflexives, gutturals, weak verbs)
[2/21]	[READING WEEK -- NO CLASS; Review grammar to date; get ahead if you can.]
2/28	Lessons 13-17 (weak verbs, suffixes)
3/7	Lessons 18-20 (noun types, classes, numerals)
3/14	<u>Mid-term exam on lessons 1-20</u> Ezra 7:12-26; Dan 2:4b-45 (Nebuchadnezzar's dream)
[3/21]	[READING WEEK – NO CLASS] Dan 3:24-5:16 (Tree dream, king's psychosis, wall writing)
3/28	Dan 2:46-3:23 (The golden image, fiery furnace)
4/4	Dan 5:17-6:29 (Wall writing interpreted; the satraps' plot and lions' den)

4/11 Dan 7:1-28 (Daniel's dream of the four animals)

4/18 Targum Bab.; Cowley No. 30 (Supralineal pointing and 5th cent. Aramaic)

4/25 [No class unless make-up class is needed]

Final exam (Ezra, Daniel, Targ. Bab. and Cowley 30) 1-4 PM as scheduled by Registration Office (check Registration Office website). **IMPORTANT:** Bring a clean BHS to the final exam, but no other helps.