

Elementary Hebrew I BIBHB 511

Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary
Fall 2021 Tuesday and Thursday 1:00-2:20

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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday after class or by appointment.

Texts

Seow, C.L. *A Grammar for Biblical Hebrew*. Rev. Ed. Nashville. Abingdon, 1995. ISBN-139780687157860

For those students who are planning to continue with Hebrew, it is recommended that they purchase:

Brown, Francis, S. R. Driver, Charles A. Briggs. *The Brown Driver Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*. Hendrickson Publishing, 1995. ISBN-13 9781565632066

We will not use this book until the Spring semester.

There are also online materials that are required for this course. These will be provided on Moodle.

Course Description:

This course is an introduction to Biblical Hebrew which lays the groundwork for students to acquire the ability to read and understand the Hebrew Scriptures in the original Hebrew. This first semester begins with mastering the fundamentals of reading Hebrew and covers the rudiments of Hebrew grammar. Students will begin to become familiar with basic vocabulary. This course provides a basis for the continuing study of Hebrew. To reach the goal of being able to read and translate the Bible will require that students continue with Elementary Hebrew II in the Spring semester. In the first weeks of this course, while we are mastering the Hebrew alphabet, we will use a variety of oral exercises to gain familiarity with the Hebrew language. By the end of the semester, the goal is to complete the first fifteen chapters in Seow.

Policies and grading:

Attendance and participation in class are required.

There will be periodic quizzes. These will be based on the material most recently covered and will be announced in class.

There will also be a final exam which will review all the material covered during the semester. Active participation in class is essential for success and will play a significant role in the grading process.

Students who are absent from class need to contact the instructor about making up the missed material.

I want students to know that I am available to them at any mutually convenient time to meet outside of class. I am committed to the success of each student and will make every effort to assist those who either need or desire extra help.

Zoom

For both the Fall and the Spring of 2021-2022, this class will be taught over Zoom. We will meet regularly as a class at the scheduled time, Tuesday and Thursday 1:00-2:20. Attendance and participation at the Zoom sessions is required the same as would be in-person classes.

Please Note these important schedule issues

Due to the Jewish holidays in the Fall, we will need to reschedule some classes.

We will not meet on these dates:

Tues 9/7

Thurs 9/16

Tues 9/21

Tues 9/28

When we meet for the first time on Thurs 9/9 we will discuss how to reschedule these classes.