

Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary
Topics In Hebrew Bible: Advanced Hebrew
Spring 2022
Instructor: Rabbi Michael Arsers
Schedule: TBD
Office hours: By appointment on ZOOM

Texts

Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1984.
Brown, Francis, S. R. Driver, Charles A. Briggs. *The Brown Driver Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*. Hendrickson Publishing, 1995. ISBN-13 9781565632066
Seow, C.L. *A Grammar for Biblical Hebrew*. Rev. Ed. Nashville. Abingdon, 1995. ISBN-139780687157860
Gesenius, E. Kautzsch, et al, *Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar*. Pantianos Classics, ISBN-13 : 978-1789870282

Course Description

This course is intended for students who have a basic knowledge of Hebrew grammar and already have some experience reading and translating Biblical texts. The course will cover a selection of texts, both prose and poetry. Some texts will be chosen by the instructor, others may be suggested by the students. Close attention will be paid to analyzing the grammatical elements, including morphological, lexical, and syntactic issues. The goal is to provide students with the knowledge and skills to read and analyze biblical texts independently with the aid of reference resources. The course will also enhance students' appreciation for the complexity and profundity of the text and the problems inherent in producing a translation.

This course is an independent study that will meet for seven sessions, once every other week, during the Spring semester. For each class, a text will be assigned in advance that the students will prepare to read and translate during the class. We will analyze and discuss the linguistic issues as they arise. Students are asked to avoid using translations of the assigned texts in their preparation.

Course Policies:

Attendance and participation in class is required.

Students will be graded on the quality of their preparation of each of the texts and on their ability to analyze linguistic problems during class. There will be a final exam that will allow students to demonstrate their mastery of Hebrew grammar and ability to translate biblical texts.

This class will meet on ZOOM.