



THE
SOUTHERN BAPTIST
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

20400: Elementary Hebrew Sample Syllabus (non-Fuller)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

An introduction to the Hebrew of the Old Testament with readings from selected OT passages.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course the student should be able to:

1. Understand the most common vocabulary of the OT (about 280 words).
2. Write out the memory paradigms covered in the text.
3. Parse various parts of speech (verbs, nouns, adjectives, participles) covered in the text.
4. Translate Hebrew texts covered in class.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Garrett, Duane & DeRouchie, Jason. *A Modern Grammar for Biblical Hebrew (revised)*. ISBN- 10: 0805449620; ISBN-13: 978-0805449624.

Garrett, Duane & DeRouchie, Jason. *A Modern Grammar for Biblical Hebrew Workbook*. ISBN-10: 0805449639; ISBN-13: 978-0805449631.

GRADING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Quizzes (10 in total)	61%
Exam #1 (chapters 1-7)	13%
Exam #2 (chapters 8-14)	13%
Final Exam (cumulative but emphasizing chapters 15-21)	13%
Class participation (bonus points)	3%
Total	103%

- Read the assigned chapters in the textbook before coming to the class.
- Students must take the quizzes and tests as specified in the course syllabus. **It is essential that students get ahead of the schedule to be prepared for the quiz and exam.** All quizzes and tests are "closed book." No materials may be consulted when taking the

quizzes or tests.

- Students may NOT look at old quizzes or tests from other SBTS Hebrew classes. To do so will be considered cheating.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDYING THE BIBLICAL HEBREW

1. Read the chapter(s) in the text before coming to the class.
2. If necessary, watch the online lesson videos and listen to any audio materials.
3. Study vocabulary and sentences using CD/Moodle material and other aids (your own flashcards, etc.).
4. Do the exercises in the workbook, as assigned. Questions for the quizzes and exams will come from the exercises you will be doing.
5. Check your homework with the key.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING SCHEDULE: If the student encounters a sudden event or condition such as funerals, childbirth, severe illness, etc., and cannot take the quiz or exam on the assigned date, the student must inform the instructor as soon as possible.

Week	Assignments	Tests
1 (29 Jan- 4 Feb)	Introduction	
	Chapter 1: The Hebrew Alphabet and Simple Vowels. Do ALL workbook exercises.	Quiz 1 (take-home; Feb 2)
2 (5 Feb-11 Feb)	Chapter 2: Pointed Vowel Letters and Silent Shewa. Do workbook exercises 1, 2, 4, 5.	Quiz 2 (Feb 7)
	Chapter 3: Daghesh Forte, Mappiq, Metheg, and Rules for Gutturals. Do workbook exercises 1, 4, 5.	Quiz 3 (Feb 14)
3 (12 Feb-18 Feb)	Chapter 4: Accent Shift and Vowel Changes. Do workbook exercises 1, 2, 3, 5, 6.	
	Chapter 5: Gender and Number in Nouns. Do workbook exercises 1, 3, 4, 5.	Quiz 4 (Feb 21)
4 (19 Feb-25 Feb)	Chapter 6: Hebrew Verbs. Do workbook exercises 1, 3, 5, 6.	
	Chapter 7: The Directive ׀, the Negative, and the Interrogative ׀. Do workbook exercises 2, 3.	
5 (26 Feb- 4 Mar)	First Exam.	Exam 1 (Feb 28)
	Chapter 8: The Definite Article. Do workbook exercises 3, 4. Do the Ps 1 guided reading from the Grammar.	
6 (5 Mar-11 Mar)	Chapter 9: The Roots, the Stems, and the Qal Qatal. Do workbook exercises 1, 3, 4. Do the Ps 1 guided reading from the Grammar.	Quiz 5 (Mar 7)

	Chapter 10: The Conjunction, Qal Yiqtol, and Weqatal. Do workbook exercises 2, 4, 5. Do the Ps 1 guided reading from the Grammar.	Quiz 6 (Mar 14)
7 (12 Mar-18 Mar)	Chapter 11: The Qal Infinitive Construct and the Wayyiqtol. Do workbook exercises 2, 4, 5. Do the Ps 1 guided reading from the Grammar.	
	Chapter 12: The Construct Chain. Do workbook exercises 3, 4. Do the Ps 1 guided reading from the Grammar.	Quiz 7 (Mar 21)
8 (19 Mar-25 Mar)	Chapter 13: Prepositions. Do workbook exercises 2, 3. Do the Ps 1 guided reading from the Grammar.	
	Chapter 14: Pronominal Suffixes. Do workbook exercises 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7. Do the Ps 1 guided reading from the Grammar.	
9 (26 Mar-1 Apr)	Second Exam.	Exam 2 (Mar 28)
	Chapter 15: Adjectives and Qal Participles. Do workbook exercises 1, 4, 5, 6, 7. Do the Ps 1 guided reading from the Grammar.	
10 (2 Apr-8 Apr)	Reading Week	Quiz 8 (Apr 11)
11 (9 Apr-15 Apr)	Chapter 16: Geminate and Segholate Nouns. Do workbook exercises 2, 4, 5, 6, 7. Do the Ps 1 guided reading from the Grammar.	
	Chapter 17: Pronouns. Do workbook exercises 1, 2, 5, 6. Do the Ps 1 guided reading from the Grammar.	Quiz 9 (Apr 18)
12 (16 Apr-22 Apr)	Chapter 18: More About ׀ and ׀ and the Qal Imperatives. Do workbook exercises 1, 3, 4. Read Ps 1 from the Grammar.	
	Chapter 19: Numbers. Do workbook exercises 2, 3. Read the Numbers 1 passage from the Grammar.	Quiz 10 (Apr 25)
13 (23 Apr-29 Apr)	Chapter 20: Stems and Roots. Do workbook exercises 1, 2, 4, 5. Read the Ps 14 passage from the Grammar.	
	Chapter 21: Principal Parts of Weak Roots in the Qal Stem. Do workbook exercises 1, 3, 4. Read the Ps 14 passage from the Grammar.	
14 (30 Apr-6 May)	Open for extra days if needed (e.g., class cancellations due to inclement weather).	
15 (7 May-13 May)	Final Exam.	Exam 3 (May 9)

DISABLED STUDENTS

In order to ensure full class participation, any student with a disabling condition requiring special accommodations (e.g., tape recorders, special adaptive equipment, special note-taking or test-taking needs) is strongly encouraged to contact the professor at the beginning of the course.

DISCLAIMER

This syllabus is intended to reflect accurately the items mentioned above. During the course of the semester, however, the teacher reserves the right to modify any portion of this syllabus as may appear necessary because of events and circumstances that change during the semester.