

OT 400-1 Reading in Old Testament Hebrew
Spring 2013
Monday 11am–12pm
Gardencourt 205

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Schlegel 315
Hours: By appointment

Course Description: (from LPTS Course Catalog)

This course is offered each semester to provide opportunity for increasing skills in reading and translating biblical Hebrew. The work aims at building vocabulary, broadening comprehension of grammar, and improving sight-reading. *Prerequisites:* OT 1013 *The Elements of Biblical Hebrew* or equivalent study of Hebrew.

Course Promises/Objectives:

- Students will solidify major grammatical concepts from OT 1013.
- Students will increase their biblical Hebrew vocabulary.
- Students will learn more advanced biblical Hebrew grammar and syntax.
- Students will translate several OT/HB passages.

Course Books: (Bring both books to each class meeting.)

Elliger, K. and W. Rudolph, eds. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1967/77.

Clines, David J. A., ed. *The Concise Dictionary of Classical Hebrew*. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2009. [Or another suitable lexicon such as HALOT by Koehler & Baumgartner]

Course Assignments:

1) *Weekly Translations*. (75% of course grade). Students will translate passages & make grammatical notes outside of class. Class time will be used to translate the passages and discuss the grammar and syntax; therefore, students should complete their assignments *before* class so as to be ready in class to review them and ask questions. Students are expected to complete assigned translations on time and will be asked to turn in these translations.

2) *Final Translation Project*. (25% of course grade). Students will *translate* and *analyze* a selected Hebrew Bible passage (~10 verses) for its grammatical and syntactical elements.
Due May 17th.

Course Schedule:

Feb 11

Intro to class/syllabus

Grammar (non-Verbs) Review

Hebrew Pronunciation Review

Feb 18

Qal Perfect Review

Genesis 2:4b-14 (Creation Account #2)

Feb 25

Qal Imperfect Review

Genesis 2:15-25 (Creation Account #2 cont.)

March 4

Qal Imperative, Participle, & Infinitives Review

Genesis 3:1-12 (Garden story)

March 11

Piel Review

Genesis 3:13-24 (Garden story cont.)

March 25

Niphal Review

Psalms 104:1-9

April 1

Hiphil Review

Isaiah 52:13-53:6 (Suffering Servant)

April 8

Guttural Verbs Review

Exodus 3:1-11 (Moses and burning bush)

April 15

Exodus 3:12-22 (Moses and burning bush cont.)

April 22

2 Samuel 11:1-13 (David and Bathsheba)

April 29

2 Samuel 11:14-27 (David and Bathsheba cont.)

May 6

Micah 6:1-8 (do justice, love *hesed*, walk humbly)