Hebrew 3
Introduction to Hebrew Exegesis:

From Ancient Text

To Contemporary Life

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Purpose, Goals, and Objectives

Purpose: To encourage you in enjoying an abundant life to the glory of God!

Goal:
- To bring you further down the road to becoming competent in interpreting the Hebrew OT, so as to preach and teach with greater accuracy and passion by
  - deepening your knowledge of the morphology of the noun and the verb
  - deepening your knowledge of the syntax of the noun and the verb
  - equipping you to use Hebrew reference works
  - studying the Hebrew text of the book of Jonah.

Objectives:
Upon successful completion of this course you will:
- Know the Hebrew verb forms better by having reviewed the paradigms.
- Know Hebrew vocabulary better by reviewing vocabulary learned to this point.
- Know how to use Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia by having used this text in class and by having studied William R. Scott. A Simplified Guide to BHS (Berkeley: Bibal Press, 1987).

• Be more like God in terms of your vision for God’s work in the world and your compassion on those who are not like you.

**Texts Used in the Course**

**Hebrew text:**

**Hebrew Reference grammars:**

**Lexicon:**

**Assessments**

**Quizzes**
• There will be weekly quizzes. The quizzes will cover 1) the Hebrew text of the book of Jonah assigned for the given week 2) vocabulary, 3) and verb forms.
• The questions on the Hebrew text will come from W. Dennis Tucker Jr. *Jonah: A Handbook of the Hebrew Text* (Waco, TX: Baylor University,
2006) and Mark D. Futato "A Heart for God" and will presume an ability to translate the text into English.
  - The vocabulary will come from Hebrew Vocabulary Cards by VisEd.
  - The verb forms will come from "Pocket Paradigms."
  - The quizzes are worth 10 points each, total 120 points.

Reflection Paper
  - You will write a 1000-word reflection paper on the message of the book of Jonah.
  - The paper must integrate the aspects of exegesis you have learned in the course and apply the results to your own life and ministry.
  - The paper is worth 20 points.

Final Exam
  - The final will be on 1 Kings 17 and will cover translation, parsing of verbs, analysis of syntax, analysis of structure, and analysis of meaning.
  - You may use any resources you wish in preparing for the final.
  - The final is worth 60 points.

Schedule of Assignments

Week One (August 27)
  - Introduction to BHS

Week Two (September 10)
  - Hebrew: Jonah 1:1-3
  - BHRG §§19.1-19.2
  - GBHS pp. 1-3 and §§3.2-3.2.1
  - Quiz #1:
    - Hebrew: Jonah 1:1-3
    - Vocabulary: Dillard 1-20
    - Verbs: Qal Regular (BHRG §§15 and 16.1-2; Arnold §3.1.1)

Week Three (September 17)
  - Hebrew: Jonah 1:4-6
  - Waltke, "Reliability," 1:51-67
• BHRG §§19.3
• Arnold §3.2.2
• Quiz #2:
  • Hebrew: Jonah 1:4-6
  • Vocabulary: Dillard 21-40
  • Verbs: Niphal Regular (BHRG §16.3; Arnold §3.1.2)

**Week Four (September 24)**
• Hebrew: Jonah 1:7-9
• BHRG §19.4
• Arnold §3.3
• Quiz #3:
  • Hebrew: Jonah 1:7-9
  • Vocabulary: Dillard 41-60
  • Verbs: Piel Regular (BHRG §16.4; Arnold §3.1.3)

**Week Five (October 1)**
• Hebrew: Jonah 1:10-13
• BHRG §20
• Arnold §3.4
• Quiz #4:
  • Hebrew: Jonah 1:10-13
  • Vocabulary: Dillard 61-80
  • Verbs: Hiphil Regular (BHRG §16.7; Arnold §3.1.6)

**Week Six (October 7)**
• Hebrew: Jonah 1:14-2:2
• BHRG §21
• Arnold §§3.5-3.5.3
• Quiz #5:
  • Hebrew: Jonah 1:14-2:2
  • Vocabulary: Dillard 81-100
  • Verbs: I & II Guttural (BHRG §18.2)

**Reading Week (October 15)**

**Week Seven (October 22)**
• Hebrew: Jonah 2:3-7a
• BHRG §§46-47
• Arnold §3.5.4
• Quiz #6:
  • Hebrew: Jonah 2:3-7a
  • Vocabulary: Dillard 101-120
  • Verbs: III Hey (BHRG §18.5)

Week Eight (October 29)
• Hebrew: Jonah 2:7b-11
• BHRG §§23-25
• Arnold §§2, 2.1-2.2, 2.6
• Quiz #7:
  • Hebrew: Jonah 2:7b-11
  • Vocabulary: Dillard 371-390
  • Verbs: I Nun (BHRG §18.6)

Week Nine (November 5)
• Hebrew: Jonah 3:1-5
• BHRG §§26-28
• Quiz #8:
  • Hebrew: Jonah 3:1-5
  • Vocabulary: Dillard 391-410
  • Verbs: I Yod (BHRG §18.7)

Week Ten (November 12)
• Hebrew: Jonah 3:6-9
• BHRG §§29-30
• Arnold §§2.4-2.5
• Quiz #9:
  • Hebrew: Jonah 3:6-9
  • Vocabulary: Dillard 411-430
  • Verbs: Synopsis of Hollow and Geminate (BHRG §18.8-9)

Week Eleven (November 19)
• Hebrew: Jonah 3:10-4:3
• BHRG §§31-32
• Arnold §§4.3-4.5
• Quiz #10:
• Hebrew: Jonah 3:10-4:3
• Vocabulary: Dillard 431-450
• Verbs: Perfect: Qal, Niphal, Piel, Hiphil (BHRG §18.11)

Week Twelve (November 26)
• Hebrew: Jonah 4:4-7
• BHRG §§33-34
• Arnold §2.3
• Quiz #11:
  • Hebrew: Jonah 4:4-7
  • Vocabulary: Dillard 451-470
  • Verbs: Imperfect: Qal, Niphal, Piel, Hiphil

Week Thirteen (December 3)
• Hebrew: Jonah 4:8-11
• BHRG §§35-37
• Arnold §2.8
• Quiz #12:
  • Hebrew: Jonah 4:8-11
  • Vocabulary: Dillard 471-490
  • Verbs: All Verbs

Tools

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Reference grammars:

**Lexicons:**

**Textual criticism:**

**Theological wordbooks:**

**Other Dictionaries:**
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1. אָשֶׁר וְנָתַנְתִּי אֶל-זְכֻרוֹתֵי מַצָּא, בֶּאֱרוֹם:

2. עִזְרִי מִמָּשֶׁה, עִשָּׁה שֵׁםָה לְעַרְבּ:

3. אָל-יוֹם לְמַעֲמַק בָּגֵלָה, אַל-קְנֻנָּה שְׁמַנָּה:

4. הַגָּה לְאָנָנֻה, לָא יִשְׁמַר שֻׁמְרֵר יְשַׁעַל:

5. יִדְעָה שְׁמַנָּה יִדְעָה צְלַק, עַל-לָבְדָא יְסוּכַּה:

6. יָשָׁמ שְׁמַנָּה, לְא-רֶמֶשֶׁה רֶמֶשָׁה בְּלָלָה:

7. יִדְעָה שְׁמַנָּה, מַכָּל-רֵעַ יִשְׁמַר אַהֲרִנְשָׁה:

8. יִדְעָה שְׁמַנָּה, חֵםָה מַעֲשָׁה, יָשָׁמ בְּעָר-עֵדָלָה: