

Hebrew 3
Basic 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!

Goals:

- To equip you to study the Old Testament with greater depth and accuracy.
- To reinforce the basic forms of the verb.
- To deepen your knowledge of the meaning of the verb patterns.
- To deepen your knowledge of the syntax of the noun and the verb.

Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course you will:

- Know more about the message of the book of Jonah and how to study Old Testament narratives with greater depth and accuracy.
- Know the Hebrew verb forms better.
- Know how to apply the basic meanings of the verb patterns and how to apply the basic uses of nouns and verbs, having studied Putnam, Frederic Clarke. Hebrew Bible Insert: A Student's Guide to the Syntax of Biblical Hebrew (Quakertown, PA: Stylus Publishing, 2002).
- Know how to use commentaries discerningly by analyzing:
 - Futato, Mark D. Jonah: A Commentary (Unpublished).
 - Smith, Billy K. and Frank S. Page. Amos Obadiah Jonah (NAC 19b; Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman, 1995).
- Be more like God in terms of your vision for God's work in the world.
- Be more like God in your compassion on those who are not like you.

TEXTS USED IN THE COURSE

All Available as Logos Books

- Futato, Mark D. Jonah: A Commentary (Unpublished).
 - This will be downloadable from Blackboard (Course Documents) as a Logos book.
- Putnam, Frederic Clarke. Hebrew Bible Insert: A Student's Guide to the Syntax of Biblical Hebrew (Quakertown, PA: Stylus Publishing, 2002).
 - This is already included in the Original Languages, Scholar's, Scholar's Silver, and Scholar's Gold Libraries.
- Smith, Billy K. and Frank S. Page. Amos Obadiah Jonah (NAC 19b; Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman, 1995). ISBN-10: 0805401423 and ISBN-13: 978-0805401424.
 - This is already included in the Scholar's Silver and Scholar's Gold Libraries or can be purchased from Logos.com.

Note: At various points in the course material I will be referencing Futato, Mark D. Beginning Biblical Hebrew (Winona Lake, WI: Eisenbrauns 2003). This is part of the Original Languages and Scholar's Gold Libraries or can be purchased from Logos.com. It will be helpful but is not required for the course.

ASSIGNMENTS

Reading

- Read the material assigned in Futato, Jonah.
- Read the material assigned in Putnam, Syntax.
- Read the material assigned in Smith, Jonah.

Notebook

- Answer all of the questions in the Notebook Questions document, which will be downloadable from Blackboard (Course Documents).

Discussion

- Participate in the online discussion forums: eleven posts and eleven replies.
- The discussion forums will be based on your preparation of the assigned portion of Jonah and the corresponding reading in Futato and Smith.

Reflection Posts

- You will post seven reflections, one on each of the seven sections of Jonah.
- The reflections are due the week after the final verse of the section is covered, which means the due dates are not evenly spaced and that the final reflection is due on the day when papers are normally due.
- The reflections are to be more personal than exegetical. They are to reflect that you have grown in your understanding of the text through your exegetical study, but they are to focus on how each text applies to your life and ministry.
- The maximum length of each post is 250 words.

ASSESSMENTS

Notes:

1. All scores will be posted on IQWeb.
2. All quizzes, posts, and exams will be submitted on Blackboard and are due on Thursdays at 4pm (except the final Reflection, which is due on Wednesday, December 3 at 4pm).
3. All Notebook assignments will be submitted via email.

Quizzes

- There are 11 quizzes to be taken weekly.
- The quizzes cover:
 - Vocabulary from Basic Hebrew 1-20
 - Verb forms from Basic Hebrew 1-20
- Each quiz is worth 3 points and the total constitutes approximately 16% of your course grade.

Notebook

- There are 11 notebook assignments to be turned in weekly.
- The notebook assignments are turned in weekly.
- In the top left corner of each Notebook document, put your name and notebook number, e.g.,
Mark Futato
Notebook 01
- Copy and paste the questions from the Notebook Questions document into your Word document.

- Use the following for the title for each file: Last name_First name_Notebook_###, e.g.,
Futato_Mark_Notebook_01
- Each week's Notebook is worth 6 points and the total constitutes approximately 33% of your course grade.

Discussion

- There are 11 discussion posts and replies to be submitted weekly.
- Submit one post per discussion question and submit at least one reply to a classmate's post.
- Each discussion post with its reply is worth 2 points and the total constitutes approximately 11% of your course grade.

Reflection

- There are 7 reflection posts to be submitted.
- See Schedule for the due dates.
- Each reflection post is worth 7 points and the total constitutes approximately 24% of your course grade.

Exams

- There is a midterm and a final exam.
- These exams cover the syntax material from Putnam.
- Each exam is short and is worth 15 points and the total constitutes approximately 15% of your course grade.

SCHEDULE

Week 1 (Aug 21)

New Material:

Introduction to Course

Setting up your Workspace

How to Use Notes

Syntax:

Putnam, Nouns (1.1-1.4) + Qal Pattern (2.1.1)

Jonah:

Futato, Introduction to Commentary

Smith, Introduction to Commentary

Week 2 (Aug 28)

Quiz #1:

Vocabulary: Lessons 1g-2g

Verbs: Qal (Futato, Beginning Biblical Hebrew, chaps. 6, 11, 20, 21, 24)

New material:

Syntax:

Putnam: Niphal Pattern (2.1.3) + Perfect Conjugation (2.2 + 2.2.1)

Jonah 1:1-3

Futato on 1:1-3

Smith on 1:1-3

Week 3 (Sept 4)

Quiz #2:

Vocabulary: Lessons 3g-4g

Verbs: Niphal (Futato, Beginning Biblical Hebrew, chap. 36)

Reflection #1: Jonah 1:1-3

New material:

Syntax:

Putnam: Piel Pattern (2.1.4) + Imperfect Conjugation (2.2.2a)

Jonah 1:4-6

Futato on 1:4-6

Smith on 1:4-6

Week 4 (Sept 11)

Quiz #3:

Vocabulary: Lessons 5g-6g

Verbs: Piel (Futato, Beginning Biblical Hebrew, chap. 28)

New Material:

Syntax:

Putnam: Hithpael Pattern (2.1.6) + Imperfect Conjugation (2.2.2b)

Jonah 1:7-9

Futato on 1:7-9

Smith on 1:7-9

Week 5 (Sept 18)

Quiz #4:

Vocabulary: Lessons 7g-8g

Verbs: Hithpael (Futato, Beginning Biblical Hebrew, chap. 39)

New Material:

Syntax:

Putnam: Hiphil Pattern (2.1.7) + Wci Conjugation (2.2.3)

Jonah 1:10-13

Futato on 1:10-13

Smith on 1:10-13

Week 6 (Sept 25)

Quiz #5:

Vocabulary: Lessons 9g-10g

Verbs: Hiphil (Futato, Beginning Biblical Hebrew, chap. 31)

New Material:

Syntax:

Putnam: Volitional Conjugations (2.2.4)

Jonah 1:14-2:1 [Hebrew 1:14-2:2]

Futato on 1:14-2:1 [Hebrew 1:14-2:2]

Smith on 1:14-2:1 [Hebrew 1:14-2:2]

Week 7 (Oct 2)

Mid-term on Putnam

Week 8 (Oct 9)

Quiz #6:

Vocabulary: Lessons 11g-12g

Verbs: Perfect: Qal, Niphal, Piel, Hiphil

Reflection #2: Jonah 1:4-16

New Material:

Syntax:

Putnam: Participle (2.2.5)

Jonah 2:2-10 [Hebrew 2:3-11]

Futato on 2:3-11

Smith on 2:3-11

Oct 16 Reading Week

Week 9 (Oct 23)

Quiz #7:

Vocabulary: Lessons 13g-14g

Verbs: Imperfect: Qal, Niphal, Piel, Hiphil

Reflection #3: Jonah 1:17-2:10 [Hebrew 2:1-11]

New Material:

Syntax:

Putnam: Infinitive Construct and Infinitive Absolute (2.2.6 and 2.2.7)

Jonah 3:1-5

Futato on 3:1-5

Smith on 3:1-5

Week 10 (Oct 30)

Quiz #8:

Vocabulary: Lessons 15g-16g

Verbs: Participle: Qal, Niphal, Piel, Hiphil

Reflection #4: Jonah 3:1-3a

New Material:

Syntax:

Putnam: Disjunctive Clauses (3.2.2)

Jonah 3:6-9

Futato on 3:6-9

Smith on 3:6-9

Week 11 (Nov 6)

Quiz #9:

Vocabulary: Lessons 17g-18g

Verbs: Infinitives Construct: Qal, Niphal, Piel, Hiphil

Reflection #5: Jonah 3:3b-10

New Material:

Syntax:

Putnam: רשע Clauses (3.3.2)

Jonah 3:10-4:3

Futato on 3:10-4:3

Smith on 3:10-4:3

Week 12 (Nov 13)

Quiz #10:

Vocabulary: Lessons 19g-20g

Verbs: Imperatives: Qal, Niphal, Piel, Hiphil

New Material:

Syntax:

Putnam: **וְ** Clauses (3.3.2)

Jonah 4:4-7

Futato on 4:4-7

Smith on 4:4-7

Week 13 (Nov 20)

Quiz #11

Vocabulary: All vocabulary

Verbs: All verbs

Reflection #6: Jonah 4:1-4

New Material:

Syntax

Putnam: Masoretic Accents (4.1-4.4)

Jonah 4:8-11

Futato on 4:8-11

Smith on 4:8-11

Nov 27 Thanksgiving

Dec 3 (Paper Due Date)

Reflection #7: Jonah 4:5-11

DUE DATE CHECKLIST

Week 1 Thurs, Aug 21 at 4pm
Nothing due!

Week 2 Thurs, Aug 28 at 4pm
Post and reply 01
Quiz #01
Notebook 01
Reflection #1: Jonah 1:1-3

Week 3 Thurs, Sept 4 at 4pm
Post and reply 02
Quiz #02
Notebook 02

Week 4 Thurs, Sept 11 at 4pm
Post and reply 03
Quiz #03
Notebook 03

Week 5 Thurs, Sept 18 at 4pm
Post and reply 04
Quiz #04
Notebook 04

Week 6 Thurs, Sept 25 at 4pm
Post and reply 05
Quiz #05
Notebook 05

Week 7 Thurs, Oct 2 at 4pm
Mid-term

Week 8 Thurs, Oct 9 at 4pm
Post and reply 06
Quiz #06
Notebook 06
Reflection #2: Jonah 1:4-16

Reading Week Oct 16

Week 9 Thurs, Oct 23 at 4pm
Post and reply 07
Quiz #07
Notebook 07
Reflection #3: Jonah 1:17-2:10

Week 10 Thurs, Oct 30 at 4pm
Post and reply 08
Quiz #08
Notebook 08
Reflection #4: Jonah 3:1-3a

Week 11 Thurs, Nov 6 at 4pm
Post and reply 09
Quiz #09
Notebook 09
Reflection #5: Jonah 3:3b-10

Week 12 Thurs, Nov 13 at 4pm
Post and reply 10
Quiz #10
Notebook 10

Week 13 Thurs, Nov 20 at 4pm
Post and reply 11
Quiz #11
Notebook 11
Reflection #6: Jonah 4:1-4

Nov 27 Thanksgiving

Dec 3
Reflection #7: Jonah 4:5-11

Final Exam during Finals Period