

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 more about the meaning of the book of Jonah by having studied W. Dennis Tucker Jr. Jonah: A Handbook of the Hebrew Text (Waco, TX: Baylor University, 2006) and Mark D. Futato "A Heart for God."
- 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).
- Know how to use Hebrew reference grammars by having studied sections in H. J. Christo, et al. A Biblical Hebrew Reference Grammar (Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press, 1999).
- Know how to use a Hebrew lexicon by using William Holladay. A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988).

- 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:

- Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia (Stuttgart: Deutsche Biblestiftung, 1977). Paper: ISBN: 978-3438052223. Hard: ISBN: 978-1598561630.
 - Short title: BHS.
- Scott, William R. A Simplified Guide to BHS (Berkeley: Bibal Press, 1987). ISBN: 978-0941037358.
 - Short title: Scott.
- W. Dennis Tucker Jr. Jonah: A Handbook of the Hebrew Text (Waco, TX: Baylor University, 2006). ISBN: 978-1932792669
 - Short title: Tucker.
- Mark D. Futato "A Heart for God." Unpublished. Available on IQWeb.
 - Short title: Futato

Hebrew Reference grammar:

- van der Merwe, Christo H.J., et al. A Biblical Hebrew Reference Grammar (Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press, 1999). ISBN: 978-1850758563.
 - Short title: BHRG.

Lexicon:

- Holladay, William. A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988). ISBN: 978-0802834133.
 - Short title: CHALOT.

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, totaling 120 points.

Reflection Paper

- You will write a 750-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.

CLASS PREPARATION

Hebrew Text

- Be able to read the Hebrew text out loud and to translate the text into English. You can access audio files of the Book of Jonah by going to www.rts.edu > Faculty and Staff > Resident Faculty > Dr. Mark D. Futato > Visit Home Page (at the bottom of the page) > Courses: Hebrew 3 (Hebrew Exegesis Traditional Track) > Audio.
- Study Futato and Tucker on the assigned text of Jonah.
- Study the assigned sections in BHRG.

SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS

Week One (August 21)

- Introduction to BHS
- Read all of Scott.

Week Two (August 28)

- Hebrew: Jonah 1:1-3
- BHRG §§19.1-19.2
- Quiz #1:
 - Hebrew: Jonah 1:1-3
 - Vocabulary: Dillard 1-20
 - Verbs: Qal Regular (BHRG §15 and §16.1-2)

Week Three (September 4)

- Hebrew: Jonah 1:4-6
- Waltke, "Reliability," 1:51-67
- BHRG §§19.3
- Quiz #2:
 - Hebrew: Jonah 1:4-6
 - Vocabulary: Dillard 21-40
 - Verbs: Niphal Regular (BHRG §16.3)

Week Four (September 11)

- Hebrew: Jonah 1:7-9
- BHRG §19.4
- Quiz #3:
 - Hebrew: Jonah 1:7-9
 - Vocabulary: Dillard 41-60
 - Verbs: Piel Regular (BHRG §16.4)

Week Five (September 18)

- Hebrew: Jonah 1:10-13
- BHRG §20
- Quiz #4:
 - Hebrew: Jonah 1:10-13
 - Vocabulary: Dillard 61-80
 - Verbs: Hiphil Regular (BHRG §16.7)

Week Six (September 25)

- Hebrew: Jonah 1:14-2:2
- BHRG §21
- Quiz #5:
 - Hebrew: Jonah 1:14-2:2
 - Vocabulary: Dillard 81-100
 - Verbs: I & II Guttural (BHRG §18.2)

Week Seven (October 2)

- Hebrew: Jonah 2:3-7a
- BHRG §§46-47
- Quiz #6:
 - Hebrew: Jonah 2:3-7a
 - Vocabulary: Dillard 101-120
 - Verbs: III Hey (BHRG §18.5)

Week Eight (October 9)

- Hebrew: Jonah 2:7b-11
- BHRG §§23-25
- Quiz #7:
 - Hebrew: Jonah 2:7b-11
 - Vocabulary: Dillard 371-390
 - Verbs: I Nun (BHRG §18.6)

Reading Week (October 16)

Week Nine (October 23)

- 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 (October 30)

- Hebrew: Jonah 3:6-9
- BHRG §§29-30
- Quiz #9:
 - Hebrew: Jonah 3:6-9
 - Vocabulary: Dillard 411-430
 - Verbs: Synopsis of Hollow and Geminate (BHRG §18.8-9)

Week Eleven (November 6)

- Hebrew: Jonah 3:10-4:3
- BHRG §§31-32
- Quiz #10:
 - Hebrew: Jonah 3:10-4:3
 - Vocabulary: Dillard 431-450
 - Verbs: Perfect: Qal, Niphal, Piel, Hiphil (BHRG §18.11)

Week Twelve (November 13) [Management Team in Jackson]

- Hebrew: Jonah 4:4-7
- BHRG §§33-34
- Quiz #11:
 - Hebrew: Jonah 4:4-7
 - Vocabulary: Dillard 451-470
 - Verbs: Imperfect: Qal, Niphal, Piel, Hiphil

Week Thirteen (November 20)

- Hebrew: Jonah 4:8-11
- BHRG §§35-37
- Quiz #12:
 - Hebrew: Jonah 4:8-11
 - Vocabulary: Dillard 471-490
 - Verbs: All Verbs

Thanksgiving (November 27)

TOOLS

BHS and the Masora:

- Scott, William R. A Simplified Guide to BHS (Berkeley: Bibal Press, 1987).
- Kelly, Page H., Danile S. Mynatt, and Timothy G. Crawford. The Masorah of Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia: Introduction and Annotated Glossary (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1998).
- Wonnenberger, R. Understanding BHS: A Manual for the Users of Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia (Rome: Pontifical Biblical Institute, 1984).

Reference grammars:

- Arnold, Bill T. and John H. Choi. A Guide to Biblical Hebrew Syntax (Cambridge, England: Cambridge University Press, 2003).
- van der Merwe, Christo H.J., et al. A Biblical Hebrew Reference Grammar (Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press, 1999).
- Joüon, P. and Muraoka, T. A Grammar of Biblical Hebrew (2 vols.; Rome: Pontifical Biblical Institute, 1991).
- Waltke, Bruce K. and M. O'Connor. An Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax (Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns, 1990).

Lexicons:

- Brown, Francis, S.R. Driver, and C.A. Briggs. Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1907).
- Clines, David J.A. The Dictionary of Classical Hebrew (6 vols. to date [Aleph-Peh]; Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2007).
- Holladay, W. A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988).
- Koehler, Ludwig and Walter Baumgartner. The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament (2 vol.; Leiden: Brill, 2002).

Textual criticism:

- Brotzman, Ellis R. Old Testament Textual Criticism: A Practical Introduction (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1994).
- Tov, Emmauel. Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1992).
- Waltke, Bruce K. "The Reliability of the Old Testament Text," New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1997) 1:51-67.

- Wurthwein, E. The Text of the Old Testament: And Introduction to Biblica Hebraica (2nd ed.; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995).

Theological wordbooks:

- VanGemeren, Willem, ed. New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis (5 vols; Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1997).
- Botterweck, G. Johannes and Helmer Ringren, eds. Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament (9 vols; Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1974-1998).
- Harris, R. Laird, Gleason L. Archer, Jr. and Bruce K. Waltke. Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament (2 vols; Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1980).
- Jenni, Ernst and Claus Westermann, eds. Theological Lexicon of the Old Testament (3 vols; Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 1997).

Other Dictionaries:

- Ryken, Leland, James C. Wilhoit and Tremper Longman III, eds. Dictionary of Biblical Imagery (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1998).
- Léon-Dufour, Xavier, ed. Dictionary of Biblical Theology (2nd ed.; Gaithersburg, MD: The Word Among Us, 1973).

HEBREW SCRIPTURE SONG

Psalm 121

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