

# Introductory Hebrew 60T502

## Course Syllabus

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ  
GENESIS 1:1

- **PURPOSE:**
  - To glorify God and enjoy Him! (1 CORINTHIANS 10:31)
  
- **GOALS:**
  1. To enhance your personal devotions in the Holy Scriptures from their original languages
  2. To enable you to read and translate from portions of the Hebrew Old Testament
  3. To aid in your preparations of the teaching ministry of the Holy Scriptures
  4. To enable you to follow comments regarding the Hebrew language made in sermons, commentaries, journal articles, Bible Studies, etc.
  
- **TEXTBOOK:**
  - \* *Beginning Biblical Hebrew*. Mark Futato. Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns. 2003.
  - *Beginning Biblical Hebrew Supplement*. Peter Lee. Self-publication.
    - ✓ Students will be given a workbook as a supplement to the Futato grammar.
    - ✓ The cost for the workbook will be minimal and paid directly to the instructor on the first day of class.
  - *Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary Cards*. Raymond B. Dillard. Visual Education Associates: Springfield. 1981.
    - ✓ This is not a requirement, but I will ask that you demonstrate some way in which you plan to keep up with the vocabulary.
    - ✓ Instead of these cards, you are free to make your own set of cards.
  
- **REQUIREMENTS:**
  - *Attendance:*
    - ✓ You are required to attend each class.
    - ✓ If you know you cannot make it to a class session, notify me in advance.
  - *Homework:* You are accountable for your homework on a regular basis.
    - ✓ Full credit for homework completed on time.
      - Doing the whole assignment.
      - Corrections with the key.
    - ✓ Partial credit for incomplete or late homework.
      - Doing part of the assignment
      - Not making corrections with the key.
    - ✓ No credit for work not done.
  - *Quizzes:* Each class will begin with a short quiz.
    - ✓ Material on these quizzes will cover only what is discussed in class.
    - ✓ Vocabulary will be cumulative and taken only from the lessons covered.

- Exams: There are 2 exams – midterm & final.
  - ✓ The midterm is a take-home exam that will require a proctor’s signature.
  - ✓ The final will be taken in class.
  - ✓ Each exam is cumulative.
  
- Total Grade: Grades will be based on the total of points from above.
  - ✓ Homework: 10% of total grade
  - ✓ Quizzes: 20% of total grade
  - ✓ Midterm: 30% of total grade
  - ✓ Final Exam: 40% of total grade
  
- **SIGNIFICANT DATES**
  - Midterm: October 11 (Thursday)
  - Final Exam: Dec. 13 (Thursday)
  - No class from Nov. 19 & 22
  
- **STRUCTURE OF EACH CLASS MEETING**
  - 5:30pm to 5:45pm *Quiz*
  - 5:45pm to 6:25pm *Go over previous quiz / homework*
  - 6:25pm to 6:30pm *Break*
  - 6:30pm to 7:00pm *Discuss new lesson & material*

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- **WAYS TO STUDY & PREPARE FOR THIS COURSE:**
  - Do not procrastinate!
    - ✓ Studying a language requires consistency!
    - ✓ I would recommend doing some Hebrew daily, or at least every other day.
  
  - Know your limitations.
    - ✓ Too much of anything is not a good thing.
    - ✓ If you find that you lose focus after 30 minutes, then stop and do something else.
  
  - Ask questions in class!
    - ✓ There is no such thing as a “bad question.”
    - ✓ You will find that others may also have the same question as you.
  
  - Contact me for “one-on-one” time.
    - ✓ Don’t hire a tutor!
    - ✓ I’m here to help you when (or if) you require it and I’m more than willing to do so.
  
  - Trust in the Lord!
    - ✓ By the grace of God and the power of His Holy Spirit, you can do it!