



BLUE RIDGE INSTITUTE

FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

OT 500: Hebrew 1 and 2

Westminster Church
Tues/Thurs 6:30-8:30 p.m.
June 4-August 29
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Course Description

This course examines the morphology, vocabulary, grammar, syntax, and structure of Biblical Hebrew to equip the student to translate and parse the Bible in its original language.

Course Objectives

By the end of the class, the student should be able to

1. Identify parts of speech, verb tenses, and elements of Hebrew sentence structure.
2. Translate verses with the help of a Lexicon.
3. Read Hebrew aloud with proper pronunciation.

Required Texts

Pratico, Gary and Miles Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew, Second Edition*. Zondervan, 2014.

Pratico, Gary and Miles Van Pelt. *Basics of Biblical Hebrew: Workbook, Second Edition*. Zondervan, 2014.

Simon, Ethelyn. *Teach Yourself to Read Hebrew*. EKS publishing, 2008.

Recommended

Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia. German Bible Society, 1997.

Cerego/Bible Mesh online Vocabulary App for Android or iPhone. The website is courses.biblemesh.com/hebrew/hebrew-vocabulary. Cost is a 15-dollar subscription for 3 months but this is the best Hebrew Vocabulary App available and has the option of paralleling Van Pelt's Vocabulary.

Other Vocab apps include The Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary App (For Iphone, Ipad) by Curtis Clements. Super Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary (For Android)

Van Pelt, Miles and Gary Pratico. Paper Old Testament Hebrew Vocabulary Cards, Zondervan, 2004.

Other Resources

Kelly, Page. *The Masorah of Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia: Introduction and Annotated Glossary*. Eerdmans, 1998.

Saenz-Badillos, Angel. *A History of the Hebrew Language*. Cambridge Press, 1996.

Important Links (will be emailed out as well)

Video Lectures: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCptsm1FSg_oF9eQ4W_a3c-g

Quizlets: [Quizlet.com/class/13859833](https://quizlet.com/class/13859833)

Graded Vocab Quizzes: Flashcards for Vocab are on Quizlet. A link to each vocab quiz will be emailed out for each class. You may only take each quiz once.

Grades

40%: 2 Tests, 20% each

30%: Homework/Preparation

20%: Quizzes, 2 Lowest Quizzes dropped.

10%: Class Participation

Assignments

Homework will be assigned each night connected to the next class period. Thus, in order to be properly prepared for class, students must

1. Watch any necessary videos until the content is comprehended
2. Memorize necessary charts and vocabulary
3. Complete any assigned practice activities
4. Take any accompanying quizzes (all Quizzes will be emailed)
5. Contact the professor if there are any questions or points

Class Calendar (DATES GIVEN ARE DATES DUE!!!!)

FOR June 2 PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS!

WATCH the introductory video as many times as necessary about the following topics. Page numbers for the textbook are given if you wish to look the information up in addition to the video lecture. All videos are found at: www.youtube.com/channel/UCptsm1FSg_oF9eQ4W_a3c-g or linked from the BRITE Hebrew 500-501 facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/239889157182389/

LEARN the Hebrew Aleph-Bet!

Consonants in song: youtube.com/watch?v=-0LSBeX5uYw

LEARN Final Letters (Van Pelt 1.4, page 2)

LEARN “Gutturals” (Van Pelt 1.6, page 3)

LEARN Begadkepat/Dagesh Lene (Van Pelt 1.5, page 3)

LEARN Vowels (ignore Van Pelt, chapter 2)

Helpful Video: youtube.com/watch?v=_UU6Fe7lqIo

LEARN ABOUT Furtive Patach (Van Pelt 3.8, page 23)

LEARN ABOUT Quiescent letters/Mater Lectionis
(Van Pelt 3.9, page 23)

USE QUIZLET for Lesson 1 until you achieve at least 90%. All Quizlets are found at quizlet.com/class/13859833. Click on “Test” in the left-hand column (ungraded). Flashcards for Grammar are not useful.

MEMORIZE THIS CHART: (Which short, which long, etc.)

(BET is just an example consonant. It is helpful to know the name of the vowels as well (Van Pelt 2.14, page 14). **Quiz June 9**)

	<i>a-class</i>	<i>i-class</i>		<i>u-class</i>	
	<i>a</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>u</i>
<i>Short</i>	בְּ	בֶּ	בִּ	בּוֹ	בּוּ
<i>Changeable Long</i>	בֵּ	בִּי		בֹּ	
<i>Unchangeable Long</i>	בֵּה	בֵּי / בִּי	בִּי	בֹּ	בֹּ
<i>Reduced</i>	בְּ	בֶּ		בּוֹ	

FOR June 4
WATCH
 the introductory
 video as many times as necessary

LEARN Syllabification (Van Pelt 3.2-3.6, pages 18-22)

LEARN Dagesh Forte (Van Pelt 3.5, page 20)

LEARN SQuiNeMLeVY (Van Pelt 26.16, page 318)

LEARN Shewa, Vocal/Silent (Van Pelt 3.6, pages 21-22)

LEARN ABOUT Qametz Hatuf (Van Pelt 3.7, page 22)

USE QUIZLET for Lesson 2 until you achieve at least 90%. All Quizlets are found at quizlet.com/class/13859833. Click on “Test” in the left-hand column.” Flashcards for Grammar are not helpful.

LEARN Vocab on Van Pelt page 25. Flashcards for Lesson 2 Vocabulary are available quizlet.com/class/13859833

TAKE the Vocab Quiz that will be emailed to you. Take the quiz only **WHEN YOU ARE READY BEFORE CLASS ON 6/4**. You have only 1 try. The Quiz is graded.

READ Chapter 1 of “Reading Hebrew.”

FOR June 9 **Quiz on Vowel Chart Above Will Be Taken IN CLASS**

WATCH the introductory video as many times as necessary

LEARN the definite article (Van Pelt 5.1-5.6, page 40-43)

LEARN the vav conjunction (Van Pelt 5.7, page 43-45)

LEARN 4 connected prepositions (Van Pelt 6.1-6.6, page 50-55)

LEARN Direct Object Marker (Van Pelt 6.7, page 55)

LEARN Vocab on Van Pelt pages 46-47 AND 57. (Skip words occurring less than 100 times as noted in the parentheses after each word). Flashcards for Lesson 3 Vocabulary 1 and 2 are available at quizlet.com/class/13859833.

TAKE the Vocab Quiz **WHEN YOU ARE READY BEFORE 6/9**.

READ Chapter 2 of “Reading Hebrew.”

For June 11 **WATCH** the introductory video as many times as necessary

LEARN the singular/plural noun endings (Van Pelt 4.2-4.6, page 28-30) There will be a quiz on endings **June 18**)

LEARN ABOUT exceptions (Van Pelt 4.8, page 30-31)

LEARN ABOUT noun changes (Van Pelt 4.8, page 32-34)

LEARN ABOUT adjectives (Van Pelt 7.1-7.3, page 60-61)

LEARN attributive/predicative usage (Van Pelt 7-4, page 61-62.)

LEARN directive “he” (Van Pelt 7.6, page 63-64)

LEARN Vocab on Van Pelt page 36. (Skip words occurring less than 100 times as noted in the parentheses after each word). Flashcards for Lesson 3 Vocabulary are available at quizlet.com/class/13859833.

TAKE the Vocab Quiz **WHEN YOU ARE READY BEFORE 6/11**.

READ Chapter 3 of “Reading Hebrew.”

June 16

June 18

June 23

June 25

June 30 NO CLASS, zoom meetings available

July 2 NO CLASS, zoom meetings available

July 7 NO CLASS, zoom meetings available

July 9 NO CLASS, zoom meetings available

July 14 **MIDTERM**

July 16

July 21

July 23

July 28

July 30

August 4

August 6

August 11

August 13

August 18

August 20

August 25

August 27 Final Exam/Class Dinner

108 hours of work
36 hours of vocab

154 hours of total work
45 ish