

**BASIC HEBREW**  
**-COURSE REQUIREMENTS-**  
2021-2022

**COURSE GOALS**

Through regular workbook assignments and classroom drills, students will grow in familiarity and confidence in working with Hebrew.

Basic Hebrew 1: Students will master the writing and pronunciation of the classical Hebrew alphabet, comparing the alphabet to ancient Hebrew writing. Masoretic vowel pointings will be mastered to aid in simple oral readings. Approximately 220 words from the Hebrew testament will be mastered. Students will grasp the building block Qal perfect and imperfect verb forms.

Basic Hebrew 2: Students will move from simple readings to the translation of OT texts. Students will be able to work with derived verbal stems. Completion of the assigned grammar text will bring a mastery of Hebrew words used 70+ times in the OT.

**COURSE OUTCOMES**

Basic Hebrew 1: Students will be able to read and translate simple Hebrew phrases in preparation for completing the mastery of basic Hebrew grammar.

Basic Hebrew 2: Students will be able to translate simple Hebrew narratives without lexical aids, and will have facility in using Hebrew lexicons and reference tools in researching OT texts for sermons and articles.

**TEXTS:** Kutz & Josberger. *Learning Biblical Hebrew (Grammar)*  
Kutz & Josberger. *Learning Biblical Hebrew (Workbook)*  
**Semester I:** Lessons 1-15  
**Semester II:** Lessons 16-33

**EXAMS:** Since our textbook follows a blended inductive/deductive approach to learning Hebrew, comprehensive Vocabulary Tests will begin in the second semester. Mastery of the vocabulary will strengthen one's final grade. Two major Grammar/translation Tests will be offered each semester for your stimulation and evaluation. Exams include grammar questions, reproduction of paradigms, and translations. Each semester's final examination will be comprehensive over the entire term.

**HOMEWORK:** You should plan on studying Hebrew outside of class for 6 to 8 hours every week. The faithful execution of written assignments is critical to the learning process. Homework will be assigned out of the Workbook.

**QUIZZES:** There will be occasional vocabulary/grammar quizzes. In order to encourage prompt attendance, the day's quiz should be completed within the first 10 minutes of class.  
The two lowest quiz grades will be dropped before grade averaging.

**ATTENDANCE:** The student may take off up to 4 class hours without grade penalty; unexcused absences beyond this amount will penalize the student's grade. Absences due to serious illness or emergency might be excused. Zeroes will be recorded for all missed quizzes.

**GRADING:** Grammar Tests -- 50%      Vocabulary Tests -- 10%  
Homework -- 35%                      Quizzes -- 5%