

“Hebrew with Heiser” Syllabus (sample of last year 2009)

Explanation of the Course: An independent study course, with the assistance of an instructor, designed to give the student an elementary grasp of biblical Hebrew grammar and vocabulary. The course requires a good deal of memorization, but the material is broken up over a year to make it manageable.

Required Materials:

- Mark Futato, *Beginning Biblical Hebrew* (Eisenbrauns, 2003)
 - Available in [hard copy](#) at Amazon.com
 - (Recommended) Available in [electronic form](#) from Logos Bible Software
 - Note that the instructor does not get a commission on digital sales; there are advantages the digital version, but the hard copy book may be used.
- Internet access is required for two reasons:
 - Assorted course videos will be posted in the Google Group created for the course.
 - The Google group is a place where those taking the course can interact and post questions. Posted questions will be addressed in the Week 2 video (see below).

Course Schedule

The course begins on Sunday, October 4, 2009. The course will follow the schedule below. **It is designed to run for one year in two-week units.** Units will at times skip weeks due to holidays.

Explanation of the Two Week Unit:

- Week 1: The student reads the chapter(s) in the grammar as assigned, memorizes the vocabulary, and completes the assigned exercises.
- At the beginning of Week 2, the instructor will post two videos for the unit: (1) a video explaining certain items in the chapter to make sure the student understands the material; (2) a video going through the assigned exercises and their answers. The grammar contains an answer key that the student may consult AFTER attempting the exercises, and so the second video is designed to make sure the answers are understood.
- The instructor may post other videos; in that event, students will get an email to that effect.
 - Students are encouraged to use the Google Group for the course to post questions. Since the videos will be posted at the beginning of Week 2, students need to start each unit promptly so the instructor gets their questions in time for the video.
- During Week 2 the student can review the contents of the unit and (especially) master the vocabulary.
- At the end of the second week, the next unit begins unless there is a practice exam noted in the schedule. In that event, an exam will be posted for a third week of that particular unit. A video explaining the exam answers will also be posted toward the end of this third (exam) week.

Schedule of Units

2 WEEK UNIT	DESCRIPTION (F = “Futato grammar”)
Unit 1 = 10/4-10/17	F – chapters 1-3
Unit 2 = 10/18-10/31	F – chapters 4-5
Unit 3 = 11/1-11/14	F – chapter 6
[added exam week, 11/15-21]	Exam over chapters 1-6, including vocabulary

Holiday week 11/22-28	
Unit 4 = 11/29-12/12	F – chapters 7-10 (just skim 8)
[added exam week, 12/13-19]	Cumulative vocab exam AND exam over chs. 1-10
Holiday weeks 12/20-1/2/2010	
Unit 5 = 1/3-16	F – chapter 11
Unit 6 = 1/17-30	F – chapters 12-13
Unit 7 = 1/31-2/13	F – chapters 14-15
Unit 8 = 2/14-27	F – chapters 16-17
Unit 9 = 2/28-3/13	F – chapters 18-19
[added exam week, 3/14-20]	Cumulative vocab exam AND exam over chs. 11-19
Unit 10 = 3/21-4/3	F – chapter 20
Unit 11 = 4/4-17	F – chapter 21
Unit 12 = 4/18-5/1	F – chapters 22-23
Unit 13 = 5/2-15	F – chapter 24
[added exam week, 5/16-22]	Cumulative vocab exam AND exam over chs. 11-24
Unit 14 = 5/23-6/5	F – chapter 25
Unit 15 = 6/6-19	F – chapter 26
Unit 16 = 6/20-7/3	F – chapter 27
[Holiday week 7/4-10]	
Unit 17 = 7/11-24	F – chapters 28-29
Unit 18 = 7/25-8/7	F – chapter 30-31
[added exam week, 8/8-14]	Cumulative vocab exam AND exam over chs. 11-31
Unit 19 = 8/15-28	F – chapter 32-34
Unit 20 = 8/29-9/11	F – chapters 35-36
Unit 21 = 9/12-25	F – chapters 37-38
Unit 22 = 9/26-10/2	F – chapters 39-40
[added exam week, 10/3-10]	Final exam; Cumulative vocab exam AND exam over chs. 31-40