

BI 403/503D – Introduction to Old Testament Hebrew II

Spring 2010 (Online)

Name of Instructor: The Rev. Dr. Matthew R. Schlimm

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: BI 400/500D and BI411/511D

Core Course: No, though some denominations (including PC[USA]) require it.

Letter grade or pass/fail

Description

This course is a continuation of BI 400/500D, providing further introduction to the basics of biblical Hebrew. It also involves the application of exegetical methods with the Hebrew text. This course is highly recommended for certain denominational requirements (please check with your governing body) and may be taken as an elective.

Course Objectives

During this course students will continue the objectives of BI 400/500D:

1. Develop a thorough understanding of the fundamentals of biblical Hebrew grammar.
2. Assimilate basic biblical Hebrew vocabulary (e.g., learning words that appear approximately one hundred times or more in the Hebrew Bible).
3. Gain the capacity to read Hebrew aloud.
4. Become proficient in translating passages from the Hebrew Bible using a lexicon.
5. Demonstrate competence working with Hebrew exegetical tools.
6. Acquire a conceptual framework for further learning.

Curricular Objectives

In keeping with the stated purpose of the M.Div. degree (“to serve the one God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – and prepare women and men for faithful, compassionate, and effective pastoral ministry”), this course meets the following M.Div. curricular objectives:

- Interpret the Christian Scriptures through faithful exegesis and in light of the Christian tradition.
- Preach the Word of God with faithfulness and clarity.

Requirements/Evaluation

Quizzes, Midterm Exam, Final Exam, Class Participation, Text Analysis Assignment

Tentative Bibliography

Required Textbooks

Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia. American Bible Society. ISBN: 978-3438052223.

Futato, Mark. Beginning Biblical Hebrew. 2nd printing, with corrections. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2005. ISBN: 978-1-57506-022-4.

Holladay, William L., editor. A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans, 1988. ISBN: 978-0-8028-3413-3.

Recommended Textbooks

Hebrew Tutor: Interactive Learning System. Software. QuickVerse. ISBN: 1-57264-061-8.

Brown II, A. Philip, and Bryan W. Smith. A Reader's Hebrew Bible. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2008. ISBN: 978-0-310-26974-8.