



Nazarene Theological Seminary

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HEB610—Intermediate Biblical Hebrew Spring, 2011

Essential Information

Please refer to the following resources for information essential for the successful completion of courses and degree programs at Nazarene Theological Seminary. Links to these resources are available <http://support.nts.edu>.

- NTS Mission Statement & Purpose and Master of Divinity Objectives
- Tips for online learning success
- NTS library services
- NTS textbook information
- Online technical requirements and Moodle support information
- NTS Student Handbook including statements on quality of work, plagiarism, and academic probation
- *Handbook for Inclusive Language*

Instructor Information

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Catalog Description

A study of intermediate Hebrew grammar and syntax in preparation for entering an advanced Hebrew exegesis course. Short narratives and poetry will be used initially to gain translation skill.

Course Narrative & Rationale

Having grasped the rudiments of a language's grammar and syntax, and having memorized two or three hundred words of its basic vocabulary, one then learns to read by reading, learns to translate by translating. Course work outside of classroom time will be spent reading and translating elementary Hebrew texts, beginning with narrative and including some poetic passages along the way. Class time will be focused on reading practice, and on reviewing translation assignments. "Learn by doing" is nowhere a better motto than in language courses; it also is rewarding and fun!

Course Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, you will:

1. Have a working knowledge of most significant aspects of Hebrew grammar and syntax;
2. Have multiplied your working vocabulary of biblical Hebrew;
3. Have translated a significant body of biblical Hebrew narrative prose;
4. Have begun to translate Hebrew poetry.

Church of the Nazarene COSAC Competencies

While none of these will be realized completely, the following competencies will be enhanced, directly or indirectly, through your participation in this course:

- CN 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 17
- CH 1, 2
- CX 6, 8, 10

Required Texts

- No new texts are required for this course, beyond what the student should have acquired for the course HEB510.

Course Outline and Calendar

Week of:

Jan. 31 – Course introduction; Ruth 1

Feb. 7 – Ruth 1
14 – Ruth 2
21 – Ruth 3
28 – Ruth 4

Mar. 7 – Jonah 1
14 – Jonah 3
21 – Reading and Research Week
28 – Jonah 4

Apr. 4 – Jonah 2
11 – Genesis 1:1-19
18 – Genesis 1:20-31
25 – Genesis 2:15-25

May 2 – Isaiah 25:6-12
(Course Outcomes: Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, variously throughout the course)

Course Grading

Class attendance and completion of weekly assigned translations will constitute the course grade. Grades will be posted as letter grades; descriptions are included in the *NTS Student Handbook*.