

# Erasmus Academy Summer Language Program 2017

## Biblical Hebrew *Online* May 22 – July 13, 2017 (8 weeks)

### Purpose

This intensive course is designed for undergraduate or graduate students preparing to take the Biblical Hebrew proficiency exams for masters and PhD programs, and for any other college student, adult or motivated high school student desiring to acquire a year of college Biblical Hebrew in eight weeks. It provides a thorough presentation of Hebrew grammar and introduces the student to expository prose, with the emphasis on reading and translation. No previous knowledge of the language is required. The objective of the course, approximating a full year of university instruction, is to bring the student to an intermediate reading level of Biblical Hebrew. Following this course, the student would be in a position to enroll in a second year college or graduate school Biblical Hebrew class.

### Course Structure

As a distance learning course, students may take this class from any location or from the convenience of their home. They will need to have access to the Internet. The course meets in *real time*: students log on at specific times and are expected to attend all scheduled sessions. Each student participates fully in each class by listening to the instructor and repeating, translating sentences and posing questions. Lessons are accompanied by PDF slide materials and learning activities (including occasional songs and dialogues) developed by the instructor that are meant to engage the students in a creative, accessible, and relevant way. In addition, the instructor will provide recommended practice assignments and quizzes to accompany lessons.

The 8-week course meets two times a week (Mondays and Thursdays), 6:15 pm-9:15 pm EST; it comprises 48 hours of instruction. Each 3-hour session includes grammar, strategies for analyzing Hebrew sentences, vocabulary & verb review, sight-reading, and quizzes. The class will also investigate various topics related to the study of the Hebrew Bible. These are intended to introduce students to the tools and resources necessary to successfully exegete the biblical texts, and to shed light on the history of Biblical Hebrew and the context out of which it emerged. Presuming 4 hours of outside preparation for each hour in class, 30 hours (6 + 24) a week should be available for study.

### Required Textbooks

- John Cook and Robert Holmstedt. *Beginning Biblical Hebrew: A Grammar and Illustrated Reader*. Baker Academic, 2013. ISBN: 978-0801048869 (approx. \$27.00).
- Holladay, William L. *A Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament: Based upon the lexical work of Ludwig Koehler and Walter*

*Baumgartner*. 14th corrected impression. Eerdmans, 1998. ISBN: 0802834132 (approx. \$22.00).

- K. Elliger and W. Rudolph, eds., *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. Hendrickson Publishers, 1997, 2006.

Paperback ISBN: 3438052229 (approx. \$25.00)

Hardcover ISBN: 1598561634 (approx. \$50.00)

The versions available for Accordance, Logos, and Bible Works software are preferable to the hard copy.

#### Recommended for Further Study

- Paul Joüon and T. Muraoka. *A Grammar of Biblical Hebrew*. Gregorian Press, 2011. ISBN: 978-8876536298 (approx. \$82.00).
- F. Brown, S.R. Driver and C.A. Briggs, eds. *A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament*. Hendrickson Publishers, 1996. ISBN: 1565632060 (approx. \$20.00).
- Koehler, Ludwig and Walter Baumgartner. 2002. *The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament*. 2 vol. Translated by M.E.J. Richardson. New York: Brill Academic. ISBN: 9004124454. (approx. \$280.00). The version for Accordance, Logos, or Bible Works software is preferable to the hard copy, and typically cheaper.

#### Background of Instructor

Mr. Wilson is the Hebrew Teaching Fellow at Asbury Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. candidate in the Old Testament in Wilmore, KY under the supervision of Professor Bill Arnold. He has a BA (2007) in Biblical, Theological, and Classical Studies from the University of Evansville in Evansville, IN, and a MA in Biblical Studies from Asbury Theological Seminary (2014). He received the ICTHUS Award from Asbury Seminary for Old Testament Studies. He has experience in several Semitic languages, including Biblical Hebrew, Biblical Aramaic, Akkadian, and Northwest Semitic dialects, and several years of experience in New Testament, Septuagint, and Classical Greek. He has also served as a Youth Director for several years in the United Methodist Church.

#### Registration, Course Fee and Refund Policy

The fee for Summer Biblical Hebrew Online is \$950, payable in full to the Erasmus Academy no later than May 1, 2017. To reserve a place in the course, an enrollment form and a non-refundable deposit of \$75 must be submitted to the Admissions Office of the Erasmus Academy NY by May 1, 2017. Early application is recommended due to space availability. The maximum number of students in this online course is 20. Admission is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students may also register and submit the deposit online, at the website below. If, after the first two weeks of classes, a student wishes to discontinue the Hebrew course, a letter to this effect must be received by the Erasmus Academy Office by 4:00pm on Friday, June 2, 2017. Thereupon, a refund of \$875 will be returned to the student.

Course Fee: \$950  
Registration Deadline: May 1, 2017

For information and inquiries, contact the  
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You may also register and make payments online:  
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