



## **OTHB 6300 Intermediate Hebrew Grammar**

### **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary**

### **Division of Biblical Studies**

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#### **Mission Statement**

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College prepare servants to walk with Christ, proclaim His truth, and fulfill His mission.

#### **Core Value Focus**

The seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. The core value focus for this academic year is Spiritual Vitality: We emphasize both personal spirituality as a worshipping seminary family gathering together for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word. Vitality is addressed by challenging students to grow in spiritual and moral integrity through biblical study and spiritual and ethical practices.

#### **Curriculum Competencies**

All graduates of NOBTS are expected to have at least a minimum level of competency in each of the following areas: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual and Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. The curriculum competency addressed in this course is Biblical Exposition.

#### **Course Description**

Readings from all the different genres of the Hebrew Old Testament will provide the basis for solidifying and expanding students' grammatical knowledge and for introducing them to all the basic components required for advanced work in the Hebrew text. Foundational elements of the study will be limited grammar review and introductions to the standard critical editions of the Hebrew Bible, textual criticism, translation theory and method, and syntactical analysis. Guided practice in reading, textual criticism, grammatical and syntactical analysis, and translation will prepare students to achieve maximum benefit from subsequent advanced Hebrew exegesis courses.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes**

1. The student will be able to understand how to improve biblical exegesis by the means of Hebrew grammar and syntax.
2. The student will demonstrate how to apply the benefits of Hebrew word studies, syntax, literary analysis, genre nuances, or text critical issues in the proclamation of the Bible (Hebrew Bible).
3. The student will be able to communicate clearly the meaning of the original Hebrew text, especially as influence by genre, lexicography, context, and literary structure.

#### **Embedded Assignment**

Exegetical Project:

1. Prepare an exegetical paper on 1 Samuel 8. The paper will address issues related to the Masoretic accents, ancient versions, textual criticism, syntax, grammar, context, and the literary structure of the passage. The paper should be 12-15 pages, double-spaced, using 12 point Times New Roman font. Research will include no less than 12 critical or technical sources. Text pages do not include title page, table of contents, or the bibliography.

2. Document and interact with key contributors in the field of study and demonstrate how the use of appropriate tools and resources can assist in the exegetical research process of 1 Samuel 8.
3. Communicate how exegesis of biblical texts impacts the faith and life of contemporary believers.

#### Rubric for the Exegetical Project

Three domains are assessed:

1. **UNDERSTANDING:** The student understands how to improve biblical exegesis by the means of Hebrew grammar and syntax.
2. **APPLICATION:** The student applies the benefits of Hebrew word studies, syntax, literary analysis, genre nuances, or text critical issues in the proclamation of the Hebrew Bible.
3. **COMMUNICATION:** The student communicates clearly the meaning of the original Hebrew-especially as influenced by genre, lexicography, context, and literary structure-for the life of contemporary believers.

ASSIGNMENT EVALUATION (0=Inadequate, 1=Basic, 2=Competent, 3=Good, 4=Excellent)

#### Textbooks

Ellis R. Brotzman and Eric J. Tully, *Old Testament Textual Criticism: A Practical Introduction*. Baker, 2016. [TC] ISBN 978080197539

Robert B. Chisholm, Jr. *From Exegesis to Exposition: A Practical Guide to using Biblical Hebrew*. Baker, 1999. [EE] ISBN 0801021715

#### The student should have the following texts from Introductory Hebrew Grammar:

*Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. ISBN 3438052180 or 3438052199

*Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon*. Hendrickson, 1996. ISBN 0913573205 (Other lexicons are permissible)

#### The student should purchase one of the following:

Page H. Kelley, et al., *The Masorah of Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia: Introduction and Annotated Glossary* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998). ISBN 0802843638

William R. Scott, *Simplified Guide to BHS: Critical apparatus, Masora, accents, unusual letters & other markings*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (D & F Scott Publishing, 2007). ISBN 9780941037358

#### Course Teaching Methodology

The course will involve the following methodologies: video lectures, textbook and article readings, weekly quizzes, exams, and OT translations.

#### Course Requirements

The student will:

1. Complete weekly quizzes on the lectures, reading assignments, and vocabulary assignments;
2. Translate assignments passages from the BHS;
3. Prepare an exegetical paper on an assigned passage (Embedded Assignment for Student Learning Outcomes assessment);
4. Complete a midterm exam.

#### Evaluation of Grade

The student's grade will be computed as follows:

1. Weekly Quizzes/Reading Guides –	20%
2. Vocabulary Quizzes/Other Quizzes/Worksheets –	10%
3. Translations –	20%
4. Mid-Term Exam –	15%
5. Exegetical Project –	35%
Total –	100%

Grading Scale A: 93-100% B: 85-92% C: 77-84% D: 70-76% F: below 70%

### **Technical Assistance**

For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504-816-8180) or the following websites:

1. [Selfserve@nobts.edu](mailto:Selfserve@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the [Selfserve.nobts.edu](http://Selfserve.nobts.edu) site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. [BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu](mailto:BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu) - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System [NOBTS.Blackboard.com](http://NOBTS.Blackboard.com).
3. [ITCSupport@nobts.edu](mailto:ITCSupport@nobts.edu) - Email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. [www.NOBTS.edu/itc/](http://www.NOBTS.edu/itc/) - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

### **Policy on Late Assignments**

Late work is not accepted.

### **Help for Writing Papers at “The Write Stuff”**

NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. Students can receive writing guides, tips, and valuable information to help in becoming a better writer.

### **Plagiarism on Written Assignments**

NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties, and policies associated with plagiarism.

## Course Schedule

<b>OTHB 6300 – Intermediate Hebrew Grammar</b>			
<i>READINGS &amp; ASSIGNMENTS SCHEDULE</i>			
Unit	Dates	<i>Lectures/Handouts</i>	Assignments
1	Jan 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting Started</li> <li>• Reviewing the Seven Basic Stems</li> <li>• Vocabulary – On the Making of New Words – Pt 1</li> <li>• Parsing Verbs Made Easy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parsing Verb Worksheet</li> </ul>
2	Jan 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocabulary – On the Making of New Words – Pt 2</li> <li>• Vocabulary - 1</li> <li>• Parsing Verbs Made Easy -- Updated</li> <li>• Parsing Verbs Made Easy – Applied 1</li> <li>• Handout: Parsing Verbs – Afformative Sheet</li> <li>• Handout: Parsing Verbs – Practice Sheet 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exegesis to Exposition – Ch. 1</li> <li>• Textual Criticism – Introduction</li>   <li>• Weekly Quiz/Reading Guide</li> </ul>
3	Feb 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading Hebrew - 1</li> <li>• Parsing Verbs Made Easy – Applied 2</li> <li>• Parsing Verbs Made Easy – Applied 3</li> <li>• Parsing Verbs Made Easy – Applied 4</li> <li>• Parsing Verbs Made Easy – With a Suffix</li> <li>• Vocabulary - 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exegesis to Exposition – Ch. 5, pgs. 57-64</li> <li>• Textual Criticism – Ch. 1</li>   <li>• Vocabulary Quiz 1</li> <li>• Weekly Quiz/Reading Guide</li> </ul>
4	Feb 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tools of the Trade – Hebrew Lexicon</li> <li>• Reading Hebrew – 2</li> <li>• Masorah – Introduction</li> <li>• Masorah Minute – 1</li> <li>• Power of the Pronoun</li> <li>• Vocabulary – 3</li> <li>• Translations Introduction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exegesis to Exposition – Ch. 5, pgs. 64-78</li> <li>• Textual Criticism – Ch. 2</li>   <li>• Vocabulary Quiz 2</li> <li>• Weekly Quiz/Reading Guide</li> <li>• Tools of the Trade – Lexicon Drills Worksheet</li> <li>• Translation – 1 – Jonah 1</li> </ul>
5	Feb 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tools of the Trade – Bible Projects</li> <li>• Reading Hebrew – 3 – Deuteronomy 18</li> <li>• Parsing Weak Verbs 1 – A</li> <li>• Parsing Weak Verbs 1 – B</li> <li>• Masorah Minute – 2</li> <li>• Masorah Minute – 3 – Masorah Parva</li> <li>• Vocabulary - 4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exegesis to Exposition – Ch. 5, pgs. 78-89</li>   <li>• Weekly Quiz/Reading Guide</li> <li>• Vocabulary Quiz 3</li> <li>• Translation – 2 – Jonah 2</li> </ul>
6	Feb 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masorah Minute – 4 – Masorah Gedolah</li> <li>• Masorah – Accents – 1</li> <li>• Masorah – Accents – 2 – Kings</li> <li>• Masorah – Accents – 3 Servants</li> <li>• Parsing Weak Verbs 2</li> <li>• Reading Hebrew – 4 – Jonah 1</li> <li>• Vocabulary – 5</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exegesis to Exposition – Ch. 5, pgs. 89-94</li> <li>• Textual Criticism – Ch. 3</li>   <li>• Weekly Quiz/Reading Guide</li> <li>• Vocabulary Quiz 4</li> <li>• Translation – 3 – Jonah 3</li> </ul>
7	Mar 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading Hebrew – 5 – Jonah 4</li> <li>• Syntax – 1 – Idioms</li> <li>• Syntax – 2 – The Basics</li> <li>• Syntax – 3</li> <li>• Tools of the Trade – 3 – Englishman’s Concordance</li> <li>• Masorah Minute – 5 - Sederim</li>   <li>• <b>Exegetical Paper – An Explanation</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exegesis to Exposition – Ch. 5, pgs. 94-112</li> <li>• Textual Criticism – Ch. 4</li>   <li>• Weekly Quiz/Reading Guide</li> <li>• Translation – 4 – Jonah 4</li> </ul>

8	Mar 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MIDTERM EXAM</li> <li>• Translations – 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translation – 5 – Ruth 1</li> </ul>
9	Mar 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading Hebrew – 6 – Ruth 1</li> <li>• Vocabulary – 6 – Verbs</li> <li>• Simplified Guide to the BHS, Latin Abbreviations</li> <li>• Textual Apparatus in BHS, Handout</li> <li>• Accentuating the Accents -- 4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exegesis to Exposition – Ch. 3</li> <li>• Textual Criticism – Ch. 5</li> <li>• Weekly Quiz/Reading Guide</li> <li>• Vocabulary Quiz 5</li> <li>• Quiz: Textual Apparatus</li> <li>• Translation – 6 – Ruth 2</li> </ul>
10	Mar 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masorah – Accents – 4 – Using the Accents – Part 1</li> <li>• Masorah – Accents – 5 – Using the Accents – Part 2</li> <li>• Masorah – Accents – 6 – Using the Accents – Part 3</li> <li>• Masorah – Accents – 7 – Using the Accents – Part 4</li> <li>• Using the Accents – Handout</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exegesis to Exposition – Ch. 4, pgs. 31-49</li> <li>• Weekly Quiz/Reading Guide</li> <li>• Translation – 7 – Ruth 3</li> </ul>
11	Apr 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocabulary – 7 – Nouns</li> <li>• Masorah – Accents – 8 – Using the Accents – Part 5</li> <li>• Masorah Minute – 6 – Textual Variants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textual Criticism – Ch. 6</li> <li>• Weekly Quiz/Reading Guide</li> <li>• Vocabulary Quiz 6</li> <li>• Using the Accents – Worksheet</li> <li>• Translation – 8 – Ruth 4</li> </ul>
12	Apr 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading Hebrew – 7 – Ruth 4</li> <li>• Masorah Minute – 7 – Masorah Gedolah</li> <li>• Translations – 3</li> <li>• The Exegetical Project – How To</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exegesis to Exposition – Ch. 6</li> <li>• Textual Criticism – Ch.7</li> <li>• Weekly Quiz/Reading Guide</li> <li>• Translation 9 – Psalms 42 and 43</li> <li>• Exegetical Research &amp; Paper</li> </ul>
13	Apr 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mastering the Masorah – Handout</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mastering the Masorah – Quiz/Worksheet 1</li> <li>• Translation 10 – Proverbs 1:1-33</li> <li>• Exegetical Research &amp; Paper</li> </ul>
14	Apr 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• America's Hebraic Heritage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translation 11 – Jeremiah 1: 1-19</li> <li>• Quiz: America's Hebraic Heritage</li> <li>• Exegetical Research &amp; Paper</li> </ul>
15	May 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review, review, review</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Exegetical Paper due May 11, 5 pm eastern!</i></b></p>

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