

BIBLICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

HEBREW EXEGESIS, 1987-1988, winter quarter

TVT

OT 601...Hebrew Exetesis. Translation of Old Testament passages of moderate difficulty. Study of syntax as related to interpretation. Prerequisite: OT504. Three hours.

From the Official Syllabus:

Objectives of this course

1. To develop increased proficiency in the use of Hebrew by the preparation of exegetical studies in no less than four passages of the Old Testament including at least one each from the law, the prophets, and the writings.
2. To develop the ability to do grammatical/syntactical studies in the preparation of these passages.
3. To demonstrate proficiency in interpreting the text of the Old Testament.

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I. INTRODUCING THE COURSE

As you can see from the above description we have a long ways to go and not a lot of time in which to meet our goals. But this is a practical course in which one is expected to put together former learning and combine it with present exercise in useful and helpful studies of the Biblical text. The main end is to learn better how to declare what the Scriptures teach...to lead out the meaning of the Word of God for the better understanding of the minds and hearts of people. This practicality aspect will be in the forefront of all our work in this class.

A. The Tools:

1. Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensis (or something like that) You are expected to have one with you in every class. If you do not own one...consider borrowing! But in every class you are expected to have your Hebrew Bible with you...and to give us uniformity in reading, this is the proper edition.
2. Class Text: Stuart: OLD TESTAMENT EXEGESIS (2nd Edition) You should get it in the bookstore immediately. In the next three weeks we will survey the content of this work in class--informally. It is a fine guideline and you are to read it...as soon as possible...and certainly no later than the end of the first four weeks.
3. Taylor's Workbook: This is not something to write in but a sourcebook of ideas and practices to be read. I will probably offer a quiz over it at some time. The lessons are built upon materials I have come on in my study and are intended to provide some exemplary and explanatory stuff for you. It is not deep and there are ten lessons...one per week. Read for comprehensive understanding not total recall.
4. You will naturally have a suitable lexicon and it would be good to have a pocket lexicon for class work.