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# IS-111 Hebrew I

**PURITAN REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

Distance Learning

## **Course Syllabus**

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Four Credits

### **Professor of Record:**

Dr. Gerald Bilkes is the professor of record for these courses. Dr. Bilkes is Professor of New Testament and Biblical Theology at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. He completed a Ph.D. (2002) from Princeton Theological Seminary. He was recipient of the United States Information Agency Fellowship at the Albright Institute (ASOR) in Jerusalem during the 1997-1998 year. He has written several articles on biblical-theological themes and given addresses at several conferences. His areas of special interest include hermeneutics, the history of interpretation, and conversion in the Bible.

### **Instructor:**

Chris Engelsma is the instructor responsible for the content of the course. He also does the bulk of the teaching and grading. He received his M.T.S. from Calvin Seminary in (2002) and has been involved in teaching languages since 2003.

### **Course Description:**

Hebrew I is a four credit course that immerses the student in the grammar, vocabulary, and syntax of the Old Testament. This course lays the foundation for the student to continue reading and analyzing the Old Testament.

Students have twenty-five lessons to complete. Each lesson has an assignment, a vocabulary quiz, and a grammar quiz. There are no exams.

## Course Objectives:

Students who complete Hebrew I will have been exposed to much of the grammar and a large part of the syntax of the Old Testament. More specifically, students will be able to:

- Gloss the 195 most common words in the Hebrew Bible;
- Conjugate common verbs;
- Recognize the morphology and syntax of participles and infinitives;
- Discern contextual clues to parse/translate;
- Use *TheWord* Bible software.

## Required Texts:

- Bonnie Pedrotti Kittel, Victoria Hoffer, and Rebecca Abts Wright, *Biblical Hebrew*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition: New Haven: CT, Yale University Press, 2005.
- TheWord Bible software; [www.theword.net](http://www.theword.net)

## Distance Learning Policies:

See [here](#) for the general policies and [here](#) for the grade scale.

## Summary of Requirements:

Completion of all grammar and vocabulary quizzes; completion of all assignments. The student's final grade is based exclusively on the quizzes. All quizzes are closed book.

**Assignments:** As each assignment is completed, the student uploads it to PRTS's online course management system. The instructor is notified of this upload and corrects the assignment. The student makes the corrections which the instructor highlights. The student's final grade is lowered by one full grade (e.g. A to B) for each assignment the student leaves undone.

**Grammar Quizzes:** The grammar quizzes are based on the corresponding chapters from the text. They are graded as is with no retakes allowed.

**Vocabulary Quizzes:** The vocab quizzes are online quizzes. The words on the quiz are based on frequency of use in the Old Testament.

**Support:**

The instructor is available six days a week from 8am to 9pm EDT by phone, instant message, or email. He welcomes your inquiries and values these interactions. Please don't hesitate to ask for help whenever you need it.

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