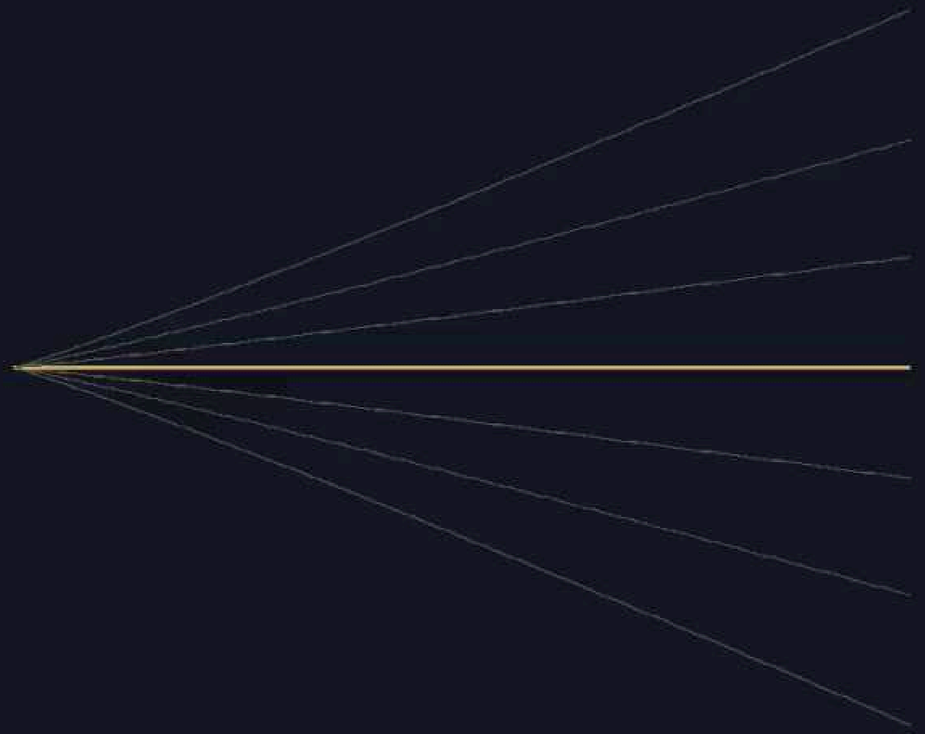
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HEBR 101 B · Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (Brief course)

Course Overview · about 5 min

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This course

- Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
- Postgraduate, Languages collection
- An overview plus six lectures
- About one hour in total

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This is Hebrew 101 B, Introduction to Biblical Hebrew, a postgraduate course in the Languages collection.

Why Biblical Hebrew

- The Torah, Prophets, and Psalms
- Jewish worship and learning
- The parent of Modern Hebrew
- Closer to the original texts

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and it was revived in modern times as Modern Hebrew, the everyday language of Israel.

How Hebrew appears here

On the page

- Written in Latin letters
- Right to left in the original

In the audio

- Spoken by the English voice
- A classroom pronunciation

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The English voice speaks the words in a pronunciation close to that used in most modern classrooms,

Transliteration here

- Kh or ch, as in loch
- Q for qof, sounded like k
- Aleph and ayin nearly silent
- No special marks

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Two letters, aleph and ayin, are nearly silent in modern speech.

Lectures 1 to 3

History and the alphabet

Vowels and pronunciation

Roots, nouns, and the article

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Lecture 3 introduces the Hebrew root, nouns, gender, number, the article, and the construct chain.

Lectures 4 to 6

Prepositions, pronouns, and adjectives

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The verb and its stems

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Reading Genesis and Hebrew in English

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Lecture 6 reads the first verse of Genesis word by word, looks at biblical storytelling,

Four big ideas

- Writing built on consonants
- Roots of three consonants
- Prefixes and suffixes
- Aspect more than tense

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Third, Hebrew adds small words to the front and back of other words.

What is new, what is simple

New

- A different language family
- Right-to-left script
- Roots instead of cases

Simple

- No indefinite article
- Very regular verbs
- Sentences without verbs

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But much will also feel simple: there is no indefinite article, verbs are very regular,

Who this is for

- Readers of the Bible
- Students of theology and Jewish studies
- Students of history
- Preparation for a full course

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It also prepares you for a full first-year course.

How to study

- Say the words aloud
- Learn and write the alphabet
- Look for the root
- Check quizzes against the paragraphs

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After each lecture, take the short quiz and check every answer against the numbered paragraph it cites.

Course materials

- Numbered transcript
- Lecture quizzes with keys
- Fifty-question final exam
- Tripos paper with model answers

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The quizzes, the final exam, and the tripos paper all point back to these numbers.

By the end you can

- Name the letters
- Understand the vowels
- Recognise roots and verb forms
- Read Genesis 1:1

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and be able to read the first verse of the Bible word by word.