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WHY STUDY BIBLICAL HEBREW IN ISRAEL?

- Study the Bible in the *language* in which it was written, in the *land* where it was written.
- For the first time in 2,000 years, hear Hebrew spoken and used again in daily life.
- Enjoy recognizing the similarities between Biblical and Modern Hebrew.
- Learn how the 20th century revival of the Hebrew language—an unprecedented historical phenomenon—is interwoven with the miraculous rebirth of the state of Israel.
- Be among the first students in millennia to enjoy an immersive Hebrew linguistic environment; learn how Hebrew is written and spoken today, and hear it pronounced accurately by native speakers.

WHY STUDY BIBLICAL HEBREW AT THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM?

- Study at Israel's oldest and most prestigious university (founded 1918).
- Learn from the foremost scholars in the field.
- Take advantage of the unique opportunity to live and study in Jerusalem, a fascinating city that offers both ancient and modern points of interest.
- Engage with a full range of Biblical texts, including poetry, prosaic writings, the prophets, and selected Psalms.
- Study epigraphic material such as the Dead Sea Scrolls, Ben Sira, and selections from the Mishna.
- Three levels available: Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced



Biblical Hebrew Course Levels

Our course structure is designed to extend over one full academic year. A placement exam is recommended for all students.

Elementary (Intensive)

Summer Term

This course will equip you with the fundamentals of Biblical Hebrew, intended for beginners who are students of the Bible, theology, or the Hebrew language. You will gain a sufficient knowledge of grammar, syntax, and vocabulary to read Biblical prose with the aid of a dictionary. (Equivalent to a first-year university course in Biblical Hebrew.)

Intermediate

Autumn Term

Prerequisite: One year of university-level Biblical Hebrew, or completion of our Elementary Level course

The Intermediate course highlights syntax, vocabulary, and the language of Biblical poetry. Biblical readings include selections from the First Temple period: classical narrative, procedural discourse, prophetic report, poetic speech, and selected Psalms—approximately 550 Biblical verses in total.

Advanced

Spring Term

Prerequisite: Two years of university-level Biblical Hebrew, or completion of our Intermediate Level course

At the Advanced Level, you will explore the evolution of the Hebrew language over the First and Second Temple periods.

Readings include:

- Archaic Biblical poems such as Genesis 49, Exodus 15, Numbers 23-24, Deuteronomy 32-33, Judges 5
- Late Biblical texts such as Daniel and Esther
- Epigraphic material, such as Hebrew inscriptions from the First and Second Temple periods (e.g., Gezer, Samaria, Arad, Siloam, Lachish), and the Bar Kochva letters
- Dead Sea Scroll texts such as 1QIsa, 1QS
- Ben Sira
- The Mishna

Application

Ready to apply? You'll find everything you need to know online: overseas.huji.ac.il/hebrew

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