



HB 601 Biblical Hebrew III

Fall 2011

Due West: Tuesdays 1:00PM-4:00PM

3 Credit Hours

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Office Hours for Fall 2011

Tuesday 2:00-5:00; Thursday 2:00-5:00. My normal office hours are printed in this syllabus. I will make every reasonable effort to be in my office during these hours. However, due to meetings and unforeseen circumstances that may arise, my schedule may abruptly change. If you need to see me, I strongly recommend that you call or e-mail to schedule an appointment. Other times by appointment only. Breakfast or lunch discussions are also encouraged. ☺ Scheduling appointments is strongly recommended and may be advantageous for those traveling a distance.

Course Description

Selected readings in the Hebrew Old Testament provide the basis for fostering the student's facility in translation and further familiarity with classical Hebrew grammar.

Prerequisites: HB501, HB502 (Biblical Hebrew 1 and 2). In order to receive exegesis credit for this course, students must have successfully completed BI102 Principles of Exegesis prior to taking this class. Exegesis/Elective. Offered annually. Three hours.

Course Purpose

The mission of Erskine Theological Seminary is to educate persons for service in the Christian church. As one component of preparing for that mission, increased competence in Biblical Hebrew is a powerful resource for Gospel preaching, teaching and ministry. The ability to read Hebrew narrative (the major genre of the OT) in Hebrew competently, sensitively and well opens the door to have a deeper and more nuanced understanding of Scripture, Exegetical Theology, and Biblical Theology.

Course Objectives

- Increase your ability to read accurately pronounce and read Hebrew.
- Further mastery of Hebrew vocabulary.
- Increase your ability to use advanced Hebrew lexicons correctly, profitably and with nuance.
- Increase your understanding of how morphology, the verbal system, clauses and syntax function.
- Use two intermediate level Hebrew grammars and prepare you to use advanced Hebrew reference works in the future.
- Increase your ability to read, comprehend, exegete, translate and personally and ministerially appropriate Hebrew narrative texts by better understanding inter-clause relationships, supra-sentence dynamics, and the significance of sub-genre syntaxes¹. You will begin to see the Hebrew verbal system not as something baffling or arbitrary, but manifesting deliberate, comprehensible communicative patterns. Your deepening understanding of Discourse Grammar and syntax will be demonstrated by greater insight into the text and increasingly accurate and nuanced exegesis, translation and interpretation.
- Gain an increased aesthetic appreciation for and competence with Hebrew narrative prose.
- Begin to understand the necessity and importance of textual criticism and be able to begin to profitably use and critique the textual apparatus of your *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia* and some exposure to *Biblia Hebraica Quinta*.
- To begin to be able to both comprehend and to thoughtfully evaluate discussions, arguments and conclusions made about Hebrew in articles, books, commentaries, sermons, etc.

¹ Hebrew 4 will increase your vocabulary, exegesis and understanding of syntax (including other genre and sub-genre syntaxes) by training you to read legal texts and poetic texts (wisdom, Psalms, and prophetic texts) rounding out your knowledge of Hebrew and increase your ability to interpret poetic texts. I encourage each of you to take it.

- To gain the desire to begin and increasingly use your Hebrew Bible in *all* ministerial contexts, including your devotional life. ☺
- Gain the ability to increasingly see the exegetical, theological and ministerial value of the Hebrew Bible and the Gospel Minister. The final goal here is that by the time your formal Hebrew instruction in Seminary is over you will be able to be self-training in Hebrew the rest of your life and competent and motivated to use the *very best* dictionaries, grammars, tools and commentaries in a discerning and critical way in order to enable you to value and use Hebrew as a core skill and irreplaceable component of your Gospel ministry. Brothers and sisters, don't settle in ministry in riding a three wheeled bike when you can learn to handle a Harley! ☺
- To give students the opportunity for significant input regarding questions, content and issues that they want us to think through together and sustained opportunities for discussion as we read texts together.
- To aid students in continuing to develop biblical and theological analysis, literary and rhetorical sensitivity and competence, research skills, rhetorical skills in leading discussions, critical thinking and evaluation, reading, writing and conversational skills.

Required Textbooks

Students are expected to secure their own copies of all required textbooks. As a convenience, the seminary has a bookstore portal of the website at <http://www.erskineseminary.org/bookstore.html>. There you will find links to familiar vendors (CBD, Amazon, B&N, and Books-A-Million) and can check availability of texts, compare prices, and place orders. The ETS SBA will receive a modest percentage of the profits from students' and professors' purchases through this portal. The Erskine Campus Bookstore will carry a limited number of copies of every required text and orders for books can be placed through the Campus Bookstore.

Karl Elliger and Wilhelm Rudolph, *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. American Bible Society. This comes in three *recommended* choices: Hardcover Large Format 1987 ISBN 978-3438052186; Hardcover Small Format 1987 ISBN 978-3438052193; Hardcover Wide Margin Edition 2007 ISBN 978-1598561999. My best recommendation is if you have relatively young/strong eyes get the Hardcover Wide Margin Edition 2007, if you have older/less strong eyes get the Hardcover Large Format 1987. ☺ (There is also a paperback version available 978-1598561623 but I do not recommend it. I am not impressed at all with its durability and longevity. Buy a Hebrew Bible for yourself that will last twenty years or more!)

Frederic Clarke Putnam, *Hebrew Bible Insert: A Student's Guide to the Syntax of Biblical Hebrew* Second Edition, Stylus Publishing, ISBN 978-1887070034. This book is from a very small press so I suggest if you cannot find it on Amazon via the [Erskine bookstore portal](#), then purchase it through the Westminster Bookstore <http://www.wtsbooks.com>.

Robert D Holmstedt, *Ruth: A Handbook on the Hebrew Text (Baylor Handbook on the Hebrew Bible)*, Baylor University Press, 2010, ISBN 978-1932792911.

Paul D. Wegner, *A Student's Guide to Textual Criticism of the Bible: Its History, Methods and Results*, InterVarsity Press, ISBN 978-0830827312.²

Ronald J. Williams, *William's Hebrew Syntax, Third Edition, Revised and Expanded by John C. Williams*, 2007, paperback, University of Toronto Press, ISBN 978-0802094292.³

Advanced Hebrew Lexicon-- *Here you have a choice*-- The best lexicon is Ludwig Koehler and Walter Baumgartner. The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament, 2 volume set, ISBN 978-9004124455.⁴ This is the lexicon that I recommend⁵. This book is also available in electronic form for Bibleworks, Logos Software and a few other programs. Or you can purchase a lexicon that came out in the last year which is smaller⁶, cheaper⁷, not as thorough and has some significant methodological weaknesses. That book is David J. A Clines, *The Concise Dictionary of Classical Hebrew*, Sheffield Phoenix Press Ltd (October 22, 2009), in hardcover ISBN 978-1906055783 or in paperback ISBN 978-1906055790.⁸

Some journal articles will be distributed and discussed.

Optional Supplemental Reading for HB601 those who wish further discussion and enrichment on textual criticism we can meet while eating lunch an hour before class or for an hour after class and read and discuss the very best work on Old Testament Textual Criticism in English (or Modern Hebrew).

Emanuel Tov, *Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible*, second revised edition, Augsburg Fortress Publishers, 2001, ISBN 978-0800634292. This is the best book on OT textual criticism in print today!

² For those who wish to dig deeper into textual Criticism the best work on the topic is Emanuel Tov, *Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible* Second Edition, 2001 (Hardcover).

³ We will read part of this in Hebrew 3 and then finish it in Hebrew 4. ☺

⁴ This book is strongly recommended for any second year Hebrew student (or first year Hebrew student) who wants to understand and use Hebrew well in their ministry. This book is also available in electronic form for Bibleworks, Logos Software and a few other programs.

⁵ There is a set available in the library and for those who purchase Clines you will be required to use Koehler-Baumgartner as well in your research paper and I strongly encourage you to additionally use it in class preparation if you purchase Clines.

⁶ Koehler- Baumgartner is 2094 pages and Clines is 510 pages.

⁷ But note that it is not cheaper when you count the cost per page!

⁸ For those who wish to (and can afford to), this Clines lexicon would make a good supplement to KB4 in this class, in Hebrew 4 and in your ministry. The paperback price is very reasonable for a work of this size and effort.

Recommended (But Not Required) Materials

For using BHS profitably:

More thorough—R. Wonneberger, *Understanding BHS: A Manual for the Users of Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*, Biblical Institute Press, January 2001, ISBN 9788876535789.

Simpler—William R. Scott and Harold P. Scanlin, *A Simplified Guide to Bhs: Critical Apparatus, Masora, Accents, Unusual Letters & Other Markings*, D & F Scott Pub Inc; 4 edition (August 17, 2007), ISBN 978-1930566682.

For continuing to improve your Hebrew vocabulary:

For those that prefer a book format--George M. Landes, *Building Your Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary: Learning Words by Frequency and Cognate* (Resources for Biblical Study), Society of Biblical Literature, Second Edition, March 2001, ISBN 978-1589830035.

For those that prefer an audio format--J. Michael Thigpen, *iVocab Biblical Hebrew: Advanced Vocabulary by Frequency* (iVocab Series) [CD-ROM], Kregel Academic & Professional, 978-0825427732.

Course Requirements

A midterm and comprehensive final exam will be given on the Hebrew text translated, parsed and commented on, vocabulary, textual criticism and the two grammars. Students are to be properly and fully prepared for each class meeting. A paper on an assigned text will be written to show skills learned and proficiency gained during the semester. Classroom preparation, discussion and interaction will be a crucial component of this course.

Rules of Engagement in Class Discussion⁹

You are invited and encouraged to intellectually engage one another and your professor in this class! Thoughtful and vigorous discussion is crucial to this class. Learning Biblical Hebrew involves thoughtful and disciplined inquiry about the language in which 76% of Scripture was written in. Such learning and inquiry is best done in community, and there is no greater potential for productive interaction – interaction that is mutually beneficial and productive of real, valid, and worthwhile answers – than in a community of Christian scholarship. Recognizing that together we form a small community of truth-seekers devoted to Christ, his Kingdom and Scripture, let us commit ourselves to work together in a spirit of mutual respect and love. The following guidelines are proposed as some ground rules, or “rules of engagement,” for our class discussions and interaction:

- Deepening one’s understanding of another language requires being willing to make mistakes in learning the language. Try to remember this and relax. ☺

⁹ These rules represent a slightly modified version of Dr. John Wingard’s rules. I’d like to thank my generous friend and former colleague for sharing them with me and allowing me to adapt them.

- Be humble, courteous, and respectful.
- Work hard to correctly understand the day's assignments, the biblical text and one another.
- Try to articulate your thoughts as clearly as possible.
- Avoid personal attacks.
- Keep clearly in mind that our mutual goal is Truth, not personal gain or ego.
- Avoid monopolizing the conversation.
- Try to stay on topic.
- Welcome criticism and questions.
- Expect disagreement at times, and deal with it constructively when it arises.
- Be quick to apologize if you offend someone.
- Be equally quick to forgive if you are offended by someone.

Style and Bibliographical Formatting Requirements Related to Research Papers

All papers must be typed/processed (12-point type, double-spaced, one-inch margins) and fully documented, following the standards in the "Style and Form Standards" (Erskine Seminary). In this course, footnotes and a bibliography are required in each paper. The paper's cover page and bibliography are not counted towards page requirements. The font used is to be clear and legible, such as Arial, or Calibri. Students who need help in finding good Hebrew or Greek fonts should ask me for assistance. No papers will be accepted that are not stapled or put in a appropriate binder or that violate other style and formatting requirements.

Your paper will be an analysis of a suitably sized section of Genesis 38 (consult with me for advise on picking an appropriately sized periscope), applying all the techniques in your readings and also that we discuss and do together in class. The second week of class I will distribute a handout entitled "Guidelines for Writing the Hebrew 601 Exegetical Paper." Also the second week of class I will give you a model paper written for last years class as a concrete example of applying the Guidelines handout. The hard copy of the paper, and its electronic form submitted in both Microsoft Word and Adobe PDF forms will be due at the beginning of class on December 1, 2009. Late papers will not be accepted.

In two weeks I will give you a handout of the procedures to follow in writing your paper, some bibliographic suggestions, discussion of the two approaches you can take and a model paper for the class taken from the best paper written last year.

Grading Policy:

Percentage of Work: one midterm exam 25%; comprehensive final exam 25%, the writing of an assigned paper 30% and quality of preparation, analysis and class participation 20%.

Grading Scale

100-95	A	85-84	C+	71-70	D-
94-93	A-	83-80	C	69-0	F
92-91	B+	79-78	C-		
90-88	B	77-76	D+		
87-86	B-	75-72	D		

Important Semester Dates

Classes begin	August 29
Final Drop/Add Day	September 5
Registration deadline for January Term 2012	October 31
Registration deadline for Spring Semester 2012	December 9
Thanksgiving Break	November 19-27
Classes end on campus	December 2
Exam week on campus	December 5-9

Seminary Policies Link for Students:

Click this link and read carefully as a part of this course syllabus contract:

http://seminary.erskine.edu/content_policies/SeminaryPoliciesforETSSStudents.pdf

Class Schedule

This section will be updated in July.

I will also be updating the Select Bibliography with more recent publications in July.

Midterm exam is on Week Seven October 13.

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Select Bibliography¹⁰ Updated June 2011(Sometime in the future I would also like to make this annotated.) ☺

Elementary Hebrew Grammars

George Athas, Ian M Young, *Elementary Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Grammar*, 2008 edition, Ancient Vessel Press, New South Wales, Australia.

John A Cook and Robert D Holmstedt, *Ancient Hebrew A Student Grammar*, August 2009 revision, not yet in print, PDF available at <http://individual.utoronto.ca/holmstedt/textbook/BHSG2009.pdf>.

J C L Gibson, *Davidson's Introductory Hebrew Grammar--Syntax* 4 ed.; T&T Clark, 1994, ISBN 0567097137.

Bonnie P Kittel, Vicki Hoffer, and Rebecca A. Wright. *Biblical Hebrew: A Text and Workbook*. Second Edition New Haven: Yale University Press, October 2004, ISBN 0300101031.

Thomas O Lambdin, *Introduction to Biblical Hebrew*, New York: Scribner's Sons, fifteen edition, 1971. ISBN 0023673508.

Frederic Clarke Putnam, *Toward Reading and Understanding Biblical Hebrew*, Revised and Corrected, 2004.

C L Seow, *A Grammar of Biblical Hebrew*, Second Edition, Nashville: Abingdon, October 1995, ISBN 0687157862.

Brian L Webster, *The Cambridge Introduction to Biblical Hebrew with CD-ROM*, Cambridge University Press, June 2009, ISBN 052171284X.

Intermediate Hebrew Grammars

Bill T. Arnold and John H. Choi, *A Guide to Biblical Hebrew Syntax*, New York, N.Y.: Cambridge University Press, 2003, ISBN 0521533481.

W Gesenius, E. Kautzsch. *Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar As Edited and Enlarged By the Late E. Kautzsch, Professor of Theology in the University of Halle, a Lithographic Reproduction of the Second English Edition Revised in Accordance with the Twenty Eighth German Edition*, 1970.

Bruce K Waltke, and M. O'Connor, *An Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax*, ninth printing, Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1989, ISBN 0931464315.

Malcom J A Horsnell, *A Review and Reference Grammar for Biblical Hebrew*, Hamilton, Ontario: McMaster University Press, 1998, ISBN 0920603483. .

Paul Joüon, and T. Muraoka, *A Grammar of Biblical Hebrew second edition*, Subsidia

¹⁰ I will continue to improve this bibliography during the summer and the fall semester. ☺

Biblica. Rome: Editrice Pontificio Istituto Biblico, 2006, ISBN 8876536299.

Christo H J Van der Merwe, Jackie A. Naudeé, and Jan H. Kroeze, *A Biblical Hebrew Reference Grammar*. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1999, ISBN 1850758565.¹¹

Advanced/Reference or Specialized Syntax Studies

Yoshinobu Endo, *The Verbal System of Classical Hebrew in the Joseph Story* Studia Semitica Neerlandica, Van Gorcum January 1996, ISBN 9023230930.

Steven E Fassberg and Avi Hurvitz, *Biblical Hebrew in Its Northwest Semitic Setting*, The Hebrew University Magnes Press, Jerusalem and Eisenbrauns, Winona Lake, Indiana, 2006, ISBN 1575061163.

Tal Goldfajn, *Word Order and Time in Biblical Hebrew Narrative* Oxford Theological Monographs, Oxford University Press November 12, 1998, ISBN 0198269536.

Sue Groom, *Linguistic Analysis of Biblical Hebrew*, Paternoster Press, 2003, ISBN 1842271644.

Yoo-Ki Kim, *The Function of the Tautological Infinitive in Classical Biblical Hebrew*, Harvard Semitic Studies number 60, Eisenbrauns, 2009, ISBN 1575069342.

Paul D Korchin, *Markedness in Canaanite and Hebrew Verbs*, Harvard Semitic Studies number 58, Eisenbrauns, 2008, ISBN 1575069288.

T Muraoka, *Emphatic Words and Structures in Biblical Hebrew*, The Magnes Press The Hebrew University, 1985, ISBN 9652235547.

Max Rogland, *Alleged Non-Past Uses of Qatal in Classical Hebrew*, Studia Semitica Neerlandica, Van Gocum, 2003, 9023239733.

Mark Rooker, *Biblical Hebrew in Transition: The Language of the Book of Ezekiel*, Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series number 90, Sheffield Academic Press, 1990, ISBN 03090787.

Alexander Sperber, *A Historical Grammar of Biblical Hebrew. A Presentation of Problems with Suggestions to Their Solution*, Leiden,: E.J. Brill, 1966.

Ian Young, *Biblical Hebrew: Studies in Chronology and Typology*, Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series number 369, Sheffield Academic Press, 2003, ISBN 0826468411.

Ian Young, *Diversity in Pre-Exilic Hebrew*, J C B Mohr: Tübingen, 1993, ISBN 3161460588.

¹¹ Vander Merwe is enlarging and updating this book at the present time. If you purchase or use the present edition get the paperback edition with the purple cover rather than the more recent one with a purple cover which has multiple printing errors and is even missing pages!

Ian Young and Robert Rezetko with the assistance of Martin Ehrensverd, *Linguistic Dating of Biblical Texts Volumes One and Two*, Equinox Publishing Limited, London, 2008, ISBN 1845530810.

Ziony Zevit, *The Anterior Construction in Classical Hebrew*, Society of Biblical Literature Monograph Series number 50, Scholar's Press, 1998, 0788504436.

General Linguistics

William Croft and D Alan Cruse, *Cognitive Linguistics*, Cambridge University Press, 2004, ISBN 0521667704.

M A K Halliday, and R Hasan, *Cohesion in English*, London: Longman, 1976.

Paul Kroeger, *Analyzing Grammar: An Introduction*, Cambridge University Press, 2009 ISBN 9780521016537.

P H Matthews, *Morphology*, Second Edition, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 20071991, ISBN 0521422566.

Teun A van Dijk and W. Kintsch. *Strategies of Discourse Comprehension*. New York: Academic Press, 1983.

Robert D Van Valin Jr., *An Introduction to Syntax*, Cambridge University Press, 2001, ISBN 0521635567.

George Yule, *The Study of Language*, Second Edition, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 20071996, ISBN 052156851X.

General Works in Discourse Analysis

G Brown, and G Yule, *Discourse Analysis*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007, ISBN 9780521284752.

R de Beaugrande, and W Dressler, *Introduction to Text Linguistics*, London/New York: Longman, 1981.

Robert A Dooley, Stephen H Levinsohn, *Analyzing Discourse: A Manual of Basic Concepts*, A Publication of SIL International, Dallas, Texas, 2001, ISBN .1556711158.

Joseph Grimes, *The Thread of Discourse*, Third Printing, Mouton Publishers, 1984, ISBN 902793164X.

Robert E. Longacre, *The Grammar of Discourse* Second Edition, Plenum Press, 1996, ISBN 0306452359.

Hebrew Discourse Analysis (Narrative, Direct and Indirect Discourse)¹²

Francis I Andersen, *The Hebrew verbless clause in the Pentateuch*, Published for the Society of Biblical Literature by Abingdon Press, 1970, ISBN 0687206286.

Francis I Andersen, *The Sentence in Biblical Hebrew*, Series Practica number 231, Mouton, 1974.

Victor Ber, *The Hebrew Verb HYH as a Macrosyntactic Signal: The Case of wayhi and the infinitive with Prepositions Bet and Kaf in Narrative Texts*, Peter Lang, 2008, 9783631571309.

Robert D Bergen, *Biblical Hebrew and Discourse Linguistics*, Summer Institute of Linguistics, 1994, ISBN 1556710070.

Walter R. Bodine, *Discourse Analysis of Biblical Literature: What It Is and What It Offers*, Society of Biblical Literature, Scholars Press, Atlanta, Georgia, 1995, ISBN 0788500112.

Walter L Bodine, *Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew*, Eisenbrauns, Second Printing 1998, ISBN 0-931464-55-2.

Edgar W Conrad and Edward C Newing, *Perspectives on Language and Text: Essays and Poems in Honor of Francis I Andersen's Sixtieth Birthday July 28, 1985*, Eisenbrauns, 1987, ISBN 0931464269.

David Alan Dawson, *Text-Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew*, Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series number 177, Sheffield Academic Press, 1994, ISBN 185075490X.

A F den Exter Blokland, *In Search Of Text Syntax: Towards a Syntactic Text-Segmentation Model for Biblical Hebrew Applicatio*, Vol 14, Vu Univ Pr Amsterdam June 1995, ISBN 9053833889.

L. J. De Regt, *A Parametric Model for Syntactic Studies of a Textual Corpus: Demonstrated on the Hebrew of Deuteronomy 1-30/With Supplement Studia Semitica Neerlandica Series Vol. 24*, Van Gorcum June 1988, ISBN 9023223810.

L. J. De Regt, Jan De Waard, and J. P. Fokkelman, *Literary Structure & Rhetorical Strategies in the Hebrew Bible*, Eisenbrauns August 1, 1996, ISBN 1575060116.

Jason S DeRouchie, *A Call to Covenant Love: Text Grammar and Literary Structure in Deuteronomy 5-11*, Gorgias Press LLC October 2007, ISBN 1593336748.

¹² This bibliography for HB601 Hebrew Three will *not* include works on Discourse Analysis for the genres and sub-genres of Poetry or for the genre and sub-genres of Law as we will be doing those genres in HB602 Hebrew Four. ☺

Mats Eskhult, *Studies in Verbal Aspect and Narrative Technique in Biblical Hebrew Prose*, ACTA Universitatis Upsaliensis, Uppsala University September 1990, ISBN 9155425186.

Jean-Marc Heimerdinger, *Topic, Focus and Foreground in Ancient Hebrew Narratives*, Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Series number 295, Sheffield Academic Press August 1999, ISBN 1841270148.

Roy L. Heller, *Narrative Structure and Discourse Constellations: An Analysis of Clause Function in Biblical Hebrew Prose* Harvard Semitic Studies, No. 55, Eisenbrauns March 2004, ISBN 1575069180.

Robert E. Longacre, *Joseph: A Story of Divine Providence: A Text Theoretical and Textlinguistic Analysis of Genesis 37 and 39-48*, Eisenbrauns; 2nd edition June 2003, ISBN 157506085X.

Cynthia L. Miller, *The Representation of Speech in Biblical Hebrew Narrative: A Linguistic Analysis* Harvard Semitic Monographs number 55, Scholars Press, October 1996, ISBN 0788502484.

Alviero Niccacci, *The Syntax of the Verb in Classical Hebrew Prose*, Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Series number 86, Sheffield Academic Press 1990, ISBN 0309078786.

Ron Pirson, *Lord of the Dreams: A Semantic and Literary Analysis of Genesis 37-50*, Journal for the Study of the New Testament. Supplement Series number 355, Sheffield Academic Press April 2003, ISBN 082646209X.

Katsuomi Shimasaki, *Focus Structure in Biblical Hebrew: A Study of Word Order and Information Structure*, CDL Press February 2002, ISBN 1883053625.

Eep Talstra, Editor, *Narrative and Comment: Contributions to Discourse Grammar and Biblical Hebrew, Presented to Wolfgang Schneider*, Societas Hebraica Amstelodamensis, 1995, ISBN .

Ellen van Wolde, (ed), *Narrative Syntax and the Hebrew Bible: Papers of the Tilburg Conference 1996*, Brill, 2002, ISBN 039104135590000.

Nicolai Winther-Nielsen, *A Functional Discourse Grammar of Joshua: A Computer-Assisted Rhetorical Structure Analysis*, Coniectanea Biblica. Old Testament Series 40, Coronet Books June 1995, ISBN 9122016589.

Hebrew Verbal System

Jan Joosten, "Do the Finite Verbal Forms in Biblical Hebrew Express aspect?", *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Studies*, 29, 2002, pages 49-70.

Jan Joosten, "The Indicative System of the Biblical Hebrew Verb and Its Literary Exploitation", _____, pages 51-71.

Jan Joosten, "The Long Form of the Prefix Conjugation Referring to the Past in Biblical Hebrew Prose", *Hebrew Studies* 40 1999, pages 15-26.

Max Rogland, "Abram's Persistent Faith: Hebrew Verb Semantics in Genesis 15:6", *Westminster Theological Journal* 70, 2008, pages 239-244.

Dissertations¹³

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R D Bergen, *Varieties and Functions of Hebrew waw-Plus-Subject-Plus Perfect Sentence Construction in the Narrative Framework of the Pentateuch*, PhD Dissertation Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1986.

Randall John Buth, *An Introductory Study of the Paragraph Structure of Biblical Hebrew Narrative*, Master of Arts Thesis, The American Institute of Holy Land Studies, July 1976.

E R Clendenen, *The Interpretation of Biblical Hebrew Hortatory Texts: A Textlinguistic Approach to the Book of Malachi*, PhD dissertation, University of Texas at Arlington, 1989.

S A Creason, *Semantic Classes of Hebrew Verbs: A Study of Aktionsart in the Hebrew Verbal System*, PhD dissertation, University of Chicago, 1995.

Stephen Dempster, *Linguistic Features of Hebrew Narrative: A Discourse Analysis of Narrative from the Classical Period*, PhD Dissertation, University of Toronto, 1985.

Robert D Holmstedt, *The Relative Clause in Biblical Hebrew: A Linguistic Analysis*, PhD dissertation, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2002.

Douglas Lee Kasten, *Saliency in Biblical Hebrew Narrative*, The University of Texas at Arlington, 1994.

Kirk Edward Lowery, *Toward a Discourse Grammar of Biblical Hebrew: Cohesion, Narrative Paragraph, Computer-Aided Syntax*, Ph D Dissertation, University of California, Los Angeles, 1985.

A M Moshvi, *The Pragmatics of Word Order in Biblical Hebrew: A Statistical Analysis*, PhD dissertation, Yeshiva University, 2000. This book is being published by Eisenbrauns and is scheduled to be released in August 2010.

P T Nash, *The Hebrew Qal Participle: A Non-Aspectual Narrative Background Element*, PhD dissertation, University of Chicago, 1992.

A J Poulter, *Rhetoric and Redaction in Deuteronomy 8: Linguistic Criticism of a Biblical Text*, PhD dissertation, Cambridge University, 1989.

¹³ I wish to thank Jason S DeRouchie's *A Call to Covenant Love* book's Bibliography for significant help in expanding the dissertations listed here. His book is well worth reading.

A Shulman, *The use of Modal Verb Forms in Biblical Hebrew Prose*, PhD dissertation, University of Toronto, 1996.

Tarsee Li, *The Expression of Sequence and Non-Sequence in Northwest Semitic Narrative Prose*, PhD Dissertation School of Graduate Studies of the Hebrew union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1999.

Stephen Edward Runge, *A Discourse-Functional Description of Participant Reference in Biblical Hebrew Narrative*, Dissertation submitted for Doctor of Literature in Biblical Languages at the University of Stellenbosch, October 2006.

Logan Scott Wright, *Reported Speech in Hebrew Narrative: A Typology and Analysis of Texts in the Book of Genesis*, PhD Dissertation, Emory University, 1991.

Masoretic Matters

P H Kelley, D. S. Mynatt, and T. G. Crawford. *The Masorah of Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia: Introduction and Annotated Glossary*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998., ISBN 0802843638.

James D Price, *The Syntax of Masoretic Accents in the Hebrew Bible*, Vol. 27 Studies in the Bible and Early Christianity. Lewiston, N.Y, Mellen Press, 1990, ISBN 088946510X.

Israel Yeiven, *Introduction to the Tiberian Masorah*, Masoretic Studies Number 5, The Society of Biblical Literature and the International Organization for Masoretic Studies, 1980, ISBN 0891303731.

E J Revell, *Biblical Texts with Palestinian Pointing and Their Accents*, Masoretic Studies Number 4, The Society of Biblical Literature and the International Organization for Masoretic Studies, 1977, ISBN 0891301410.

Weil, G. E. *Massorah Gedolah iuxta Codicem Leningrandensem B19a*. 4 vols. Rome: Pontifical Biblical Institute, 1971.

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David W Baker and Bill T Arnold, editors, *The Face of Old Testament Studies: A Survey of Contemporary Approaches*, Apollos and Baker Books, 1999.

Dominique Barthelemy, David W Gooding, Johan Lust, Emanuel Tov, *The Story of David and Goliath*. OBO 73; Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1986, ISBN 372780372X.

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