



Biblical Hebrew as a Living Language

Level 2

Speaking, Reading, and Visualizing

BHLL 102 • 4 Credits*

After having built a foundation in Biblical Hebrew and starting to engage the Bible in its original language, we now can continue to internalize Biblical Hebrew and start visualizing the context of the Bible.

This course builds upon the Biblical Hebrew as a Living Language (Level 1) course and takes the student further into building their knowledge of the language: expanding their grasp of the language and their ability to dive into the Hebrew Scriptures.

If you have previously studied Biblical Hebrew elsewhere you are welcome to take a placement test to see which level fits you best.

Using the unique and cutting-edge immersion method for Biblical Hebrew instruction, this course will sharpen and greatly expand the student's ability to engage with the original Hebrew texts of the Bible. Taught by native Hebrew speaking Israelis that have graduated from Jerusalem Seminary's School of Hebrew: Hebrew for the Nations teacher's course, students will receive a holistic method, exposing them to language and culture simultaneously. These methods dramatically improve flow in the reading and translation of Biblical Hebrew.

Course Instructors:

Certified [Hebrew for the Nations: JS School of Hebrew](#) Israeli teachers.

Course description:

This Biblical Hebrew class is immersive and contextual: serious about learning the language but in an enjoyable way. Learn to speak, read, and write Biblical Hebrew! Key passages and stories from the Hebrew Bible will be our guide.

Course Prerequisites:

Either successful completion of the **Biblical Hebrew as a Living Language (Level 1)** course with a final exam grade above 75 or a passing grade in an internal Biblical Hebrew placement test. Upon acceptance you will have access to course materials (Grammar and Vocabulary) from BHLL level 1 to help you prepare for an opening quiz.

Learning Outcomes:

- Recognize and use more vocabulary in the Hebrew Bible in various contexts and forms.
- Identify basic linguistic structures, including noun and adjective endings, verb roots, conjugations, and parts of speech.
- Communicate simple thoughts and ideas, describe scenes, tell simple stories, and ask comprehension questions, all in basic spoken Biblical Hebrew.
- Engage with the Tanakh — read stories and passages from the Hebrew Bible, and know basic key terms in Biblical Hebrew.
- Recite several verses from the Hebrew Bible from memory (e.g. Psalm 1) and memorize a few common Hebrew blessings.
- Know Hebrew songs based on Biblical Hebrew.
- Know (in Hebrew!) basic regions, cities, and land features of the Hebrew Bible that provide crucial tacit information for the reader of the Tanakh.
- [Expected Proficiency: B1](#)

Requirements:

- Good internet connection and a computer or device with updated operating system, camera and microphone, and the Zoom app.
- Attendance: students must notify the instructors in advance if they know they're going to miss a session, and make up every missed session by watching the recording by the next session.
- Completion of all homework assignments on time to keep up with the pace of the class (occasional late submissions will be accepted). About 30-60 minutes a day.

Examination:

To assess one's comprehension of the course material there will be written and oral:

- Graded assignments
- Quizzes
- Periodic Exams

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