

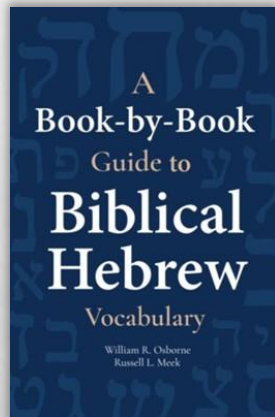
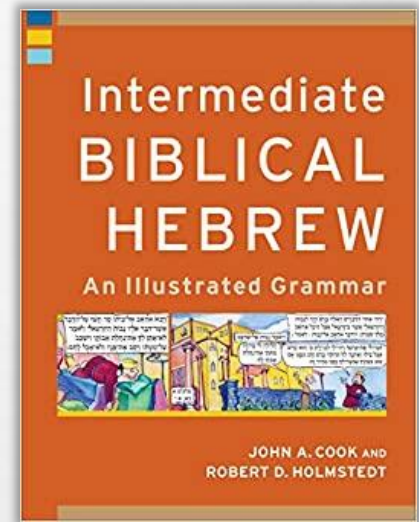
Readings in the Hebrew Bible

AN ADVANCED COURSE IN INTERMEDIATE BIBLICAL HEBREW

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Textbooks

We will be using the textbook *Intermediate Biblical Hebrew* by John A. Cook and Robert D. Holmstedt (Baker Academic, 2020). It can be purchased at [amzn.com/0801097622](https://www.amazon.com/dp/0801097622).



For vocabulary, *A Book-by-Book Guide to Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary* by Osborne and Meek (Hendrickson, 2019) is available on Logos or at [amzn.com/1683070860](https://www.amazon.com/dp/1683070860).

Course Objectives

- Coverage of the various readings from 1 and 2 Kings as found in the textbook's comic presentations.
- Focus on and analysis of the verb forms on the background of Cook and Holmstedt's approach to the Hebrew verb.
- Discussion of the meaning of the passages in the book.

Prerequisite Experience

This textbook assumes that the student has covered the seven most common *binyanim*, basically the equivalent of a first-year grammar course. Beyond that, we will be doing as much interaction as possible in the Hebrew language.

To successfully navigate this course, you will be challenged to understand what the teacher says *in Hebrew* and to respond by following instructions or answering questions in Hebrew (to the best of your ability). We must stress that *this course is not for beginners*.

Hebrew Terminology

Given that the in-class instruction will be provided as much as is reasonable in the target language (Hebrew), you should familiarize yourself with the following list of communicative terms. Modern technologies are called by their modern Hebrew names. Notice that the infinitive can be used as a question to ask if the teacher would like you to do something. Observe:

מִיכָאֵל, תִּקְרָא בְּבִקְשָׁה אֶת־מִסְפָּר אַרְבַּע. *Michael, please read number 4.*

לִקְרָא אֶת־מִסְפָּר אַרְבַּע? *(Did you ask me) to read number 4?*

כֵּן, בְּבִקְשָׁה. *Yes, please.*

Virtual and Classroom Objects

סֵפֶר סְפָרִים	book(s) [m]	עֶמּוּד עִמּוּדִים	page(s) [m]
עֵט עֵטִים	pen(s) [m]	נִיר נִירוֹת	paper(s) [m]
כִּסֵּא כִּסְאוֹת	chair(s) [m]	קֶבֶץ קְבָצִים	file(s) [m]
מַצָּגָה מַצָּגוֹת	presentation(s) [f]	מַחְבֵּרֶת מַחְבְּרוֹת	workbook(s) [f]
טוֹש טוֹשִׁים	marker(s) [m]	לוּחַ לוּחוֹת	board(s) [m]
שֻׁלְחָן שֻׁלְחָנוֹת	table(s), desk(s) [m]	אֹר אֹרוֹת	light(s) [m]
מַצלָמָה מַצלָמוֹת	camera(s) [f]	קוֹל קוֹלוֹת	voice(s) [m]

Metalinguage in Hebrew

זְמַן זְמַנִּים	tense(s) [m]	זְמַן עֶבֶר	past tense (perfect)
זְמַנֵּי	tenses of [m]	זְמַן הַזֶּה	present tense (participle)
שָׁרֵשׁ שְׂרָשִׁים	root(s) [m]	זְמַן עָתִיד	future tense (imperfect)
שְׂרָשֵׁי	roots of [m]	צֻוִּי	imperative
בִּנְיָן בְּנֵינִים	verb construction(s) [m]	וְ"ו הַפּוֹדֵךְ	vav-consecutive
מִשְׁקָל מִשְׁקָלִים	noun pattern(s) [m]	סְמִיכוֹת	construct
גִּזְרָה גִּזְרוֹת	root type(s) [f]	שֵׁם פְּעֻלָּה	infinitive
דִּגְמָה דִּגְמָאוֹת	example(s) [f]	שֵׁם פְּעֻלָּה	gerund
אוֹת אוֹתִיּוֹת	letter(s) [f]	יָחִיד רַבִּים	singular, plural

Things the Teacher Might Ask of You

IMPV MP	IMPV FS	IMPV MS	INFINITIVE	ENGLISH
פָּתַחְוּ תִּפְתָּחוּ	פָּתַחְי תִּפְתָּחִי	פָּתַח תִּפְתָּח	לִפְתֹּחַ	to open
קִרְאוּ תִּקְרְאוּ	קִרְאִי תִּקְרְאִי	קִרְא תִּקְרְא	לִקְרֹא	to read
חֲזְרוּ תִּחְזְרוּ	חֲזְרִי תִּחְזְרִי	חֲזֵר תִּחְזֵר	לִחְזֹר	to go back
הִגִּישׁוּ תִּגְיִשׁוּ	הִגִּישִׁי תִּגְיִשִׁי	הִגִּשׁ תִּגִּשׁ	לְהִגִּישׁ	to turn in
תֵּנוּ תִּתְּנוּ	תֵּנִי תִּתְּנִי	תֵּן תִּתֵּן	לָתֵת	to give
עֲנוּ תַעֲנוּ	עֲנִי תַעֲנִי	עֲנֵה תַעֲנֵה	לַעֲנוֹת	to answer
שְׁאַלוּ תִּשְׁאַלוּ	שְׁאַלִי תִּשְׁאַלִי	שְׁאַל תִּשְׁאַל	לִשְׁאֹל	to ask
הָבִיאוּ תָבִיאוּ	הָבִיאי תָבִיאי	הָבֵא תָבִיא	לְהָבִיא	to bring
כָּתְבוּ תִּכְתְּבוּ	כָּתְבִי תִּכְתְּבִי	כָּתֵב תִּכְתֵּב	לִכְתֹּב	to write

Notice that the *future* (in **red**) is often used to give commands.

Example Instructions / Questions

פִּתְחוּ נָא אֶת־סְפָרֵיכֶם
לְעִמּוּד שְׁלֹשִׁים וְחָמֵשׁ.

**Please, open your books
to page thirty-five.**

קְרְאוּ לַמָּחָר אֶת־פָּרֶק אַרְבָּע
עַל־מְלָכִים א', ט"ו-כ"ה.

**Read chapter 4 for tomorrow
on 1 Kings 1:15–25.**

קְרֵא בְּבִקְנִישָׁה אֶת־הַחֶלֶק
הַבָּא בַּסֶּפֹּר.

**Please, read the next part
in the story.**

מָה הַשָּׂרֵשׁ לַפֹּעַל הַזֶּה
וְאֵיךְ אֹמְרִים אֶת־זֶה בְּעִתִּיד?

**What is the root of this verb,
and how do you say it in the future?**

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Cost for the course is \$200 (USD) or ₪600 (ILS [reduced price]).

Course registration will begin *immediately*.

We will meet over Zoom twice a week for fifteen weeks beginning in January 2021—Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:00 PM Eastern.

If this advanced course in intermediate biblical Hebrew* sounds like something you might be interested in, contact Jason via the registration form on [The Hebrew Café blog](#).

* So called because of its communicative approach.

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