HEBREW READINGS IN JOSHUA

Goal:

This course is an advanced study of Biblical Hebrew. It is a course that builds on the student’s prior work in Hebrew grammar, hermeneutics, and exegesis. As such, the primary aim of the course is the development of good, sound translation and exegetical skills. It is also our hope that the student will acquire a richer Hebrew vocabulary and good reading skills. These goals will be accomplished through an in-depth study of the book of Joshua. We will also investigate the place of the book of Joshua in the flow of redemptive history, and how it fits into the unfolding of God’s plan for salvation.

Moses wrote the following to the children of Israel: “And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. And you shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates” (Deuteronomy 6:6-9). The Word of God is to be central to our very being, life, and ministry. Beyond a doubt, the study of Hebrew enhances a person’s ability to work with the biblical text and adds depth to one’s ministry. So, this course is a means to an end, namely, the student’s better understanding of God’s holy Word and an application of it to today’s world. Do not hesitate! Do not flee! Your Hebrew study is not in vain. It is a noble task. Do it to the glory of God. “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father” (Colossians 3:17). “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men” (Colossians 3:23).

Textbooks:

The following books are required for the course:

1. *Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia*. You must bring your Hebrew Bible to class. You may not use a computer during class time. All translations and grammatical work must be hand-written, and it must be brought to class-time.

2. A Hebrew lexicon. You should own one of the following:
3. A Hebrew Grammar. One of the following would serve you well:
   


4. Suggested, but not required:
   


**Requirements:**

The grade for the course will be determined on the basis of the following facts:

1. The student must produce a verse-by-verse commentary on one of the chapters of Joshua 15-24 (but not chapters 16 or 20). The structure and style of this assignment will be covered in detail during the first class period. This assignment is worth 80% of the final grade.

2. Students are expected to be prepared for in-class reading of Hebrew assignments and for other class participation. 20% of final grade.

**Course Outline:**

1. August 26
   
   Topic: Syllabus and Introduction
          Joshua Bibliography
          Joshua in Salvation History
2. Sept. 2
   Translation: Joshua 1

3. September 9
   Translation: Joshua 2

4. September 16
   Translation: Joshua 3

5. September 23
   Translation: Joshua 4

6. September 30
   Translation: Joshua 5

7. October 7
   Translation: FALL BREAK

8. October 14
   Translation: Joshua 6

9. October 21
   Translation: Joshua 7

10. October 28
    Translation: Joshua 8

11. November 4
    Translation: Joshua 9

12. November 11
    Translation: Joshua 10

13. November 18
    No class (Evangelical Society Meetings)

14. November 25
    Translation: Joshua 11

15. December 2
    Translation: Joshua 12
    Commentary Assignment Due