



# BH112 Biblical Hebrew: Hebrew Language and Linguistics II

Mr Leow Wen Pin | 3CR

## About the Course

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Biblical Hebrew (BH) is the language of the Old Testament (OT). Thus, learning BH gives us greater insight into the OT and the dynamics of ancient Israelite culture and religion. Studying BH hence deepens our understanding of God's Word, promoting spiritual formation as well as greater efficacy in preaching and teaching.

This course (the second of a four-course series) will continue to introduce the student to the basics of BH. Given modern BH technological study tools, this course will focus less

on memorisation, and instead place greater emphasis on understanding BH language and linguistics. Moreover, this course is specially planned with the busy layperson/pastor in mind, and has several design adaptations to help students learn effectively within less time.

### Dates (2020)

13, 20, 27 Jan  
3, 24 Feb  
3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Mar  
14, 21, 28 Apr  
5, 12, 26 May  
(7:30 pm – 10:00 pm)

### Credits

3CR

### Class Format

Blendflex  
(synchronous in-person /  
Zoom)

### Location

Choice of  
in-person class at BGST  
or over Zoom at home  
(synchronous)

### Fees

\*S\$450 (Credit)  
S\$240 (Audit)

\*Students from host  
churches receive 20%  
discount for credit courses.

## About the Lecturer

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**Mr Leow Wen Pin** is the Director of the Centre for Disability Ministry in Asia, and Lecturer in Biblical and Interdisciplinary Studies at BGST. He graduated with distinction from the University of Oxford (MSt, New Testament), the University of Aberdeen (MTh, Old Testament), and Singapore Bible College (MDiv, Biblical Studies). His research interests include biblical interpretation and disability theology, and he has published several research and popular works in these areas. He is an associate editor of the journal *Mental Health, Religion, and Culture*.



A firm believer in the Great Commission's call to embrace all peoples, Wen Pin leads the Koinonia Inclusion Network (KIN) that enables churches through the inclusion of people with disabilities. He is married to Xinyi, a clinician-scientist, and they have two children, Matthew and Nathaniel. They worship at Singapore Life Church (Presbyterian), where Wen Pin serves on the English Congregation's leadership team and preaching team.

# Course Objectives

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The goal of the course is to **introduce students to Biblical Hebrew (BH) from a linguistically-informed perspective**. To this end, the course has the following objectives:

- i. To develop a love in students for BH, and even more, to deepen their trust and affection for God's Holy Word.
- ii. To introduce students to the BH alphabet and vocabulary, as well as basic morphology and syntax of BH nouns, verbs, and other parts of speech.
- iii. To help students understand how BH operates as a language from a linguistically-informed perspective, and thus avoid common interpretive mistakes.
- iv. To introduce students to modern technological tools for studying BH in order to help students retain and grow in their use of BH after completing the course.
- v. To impress upon the students the value of BH for biblical interpretation and personal spiritual formation.
- vi. To demonstrate to students how an understanding of BH enables their preaching and teaching of God's Word.

It should be noted that this course does not aim to help students become Bible translators, although some of the content and skills taught in the course would be helpful for that purpose.

## Academic Information

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**Course Texts:** There is no single course text. Instead, the lecturer will provide (free) reading materials for the students.

**Assignments:** All graded components in this course are designed to support and reinforce student learning. There are four different types of assessments:

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| 1. Take-home assignments       | (30%) |
| 2. Formative quizzes           | (30%) |
| 3. Milestone tests             | (30%) |
| 4. Short exegetical assignment | (10%) |

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