



# BH212 Hebrew Exegesis II: Biblical Poetry

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 last of a four-course series) will build on the basic

grammatical building blocks introduced in BH111 and BH112, and the more advanced skills introduced in BH211, to develop students further in their skills of exegeting Hebrew texts, with a particular focus on Old Testament poetry. It will also integrate the use of Accordance to aid in Hebrew exegesis.

### Dates (2022)

26 Jan;  
9, 16 Feb  
2, 9, 23 Mar  
6, 13, 20 Apr  
4, 11, 18 May  
(7:30 pm – 10:00 pm)

### Location

By Zoom

### Class Format

Zoom

### Fees

S\$450 (Credit)

S\$240 (Audit)

### Credits

3CR

## 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 serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Disability and Religion*, and on the advisory group of the Centre for Autism and Theology of the University of Aberdeen, Scotland.



A firm believer in the Great Commission's call to embrace all peoples, Wen Pin leads KIN, a parachurch organisation that enables churches through the inclusion of people with disabilities. He has also served in multiple advisory and governance roles with youth, disability, and missions organisations. He serves on the management committee of St Andrew's Autism Centre. He is married to Xinyi, a clinician-scientist, and they have three children, Matthew, Nathaniel, and Sophie.

# Course Objectives

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The goal of the course is to **further develop students in Hebrew Exegesis**. To this end, the course has the following four objectives:

- Develop competence in interpreting Hebrew texts, including familiarity with its key features;
- Growth in ability to appreciate, apply, and preach from Hebrew poetry;
- A deeper understanding of the Psalms of Ascents (Pss 120—134) as Hebrew poetry;
- Basic preparation for higher degrees in the field of biblical studies (ThM, PhD etc).

## Academic Information

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**Course Texts:** The following are the course texts:

1. Samuel T.S. Goh, *The Basics of Hebrew Poetry: Theory and Practice*. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2017.
2. Frank-Lothar Hossfeld & Erich Zenger (Translated by Linda M. Maloney), *Psalms 3: A Commentary on Psalms 101–150*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 2011.

**Electronic Software:** All students are strongly recommended to purchase an electronic copy of Accordance 13 (minimally with the Hebrew Starter Learner Collection). Ability to use this software effectively and access to the software will be *assumed* in this course (it was taught in BH211).

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

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| 1. Reading assignments      | (10%) |
| 2. Psalms reading exercises | (20%) |
| 3. Exegetical exercises     | (20%) |
| 4. Devotional project       | (10%) |
| 5. Exegetical essay         | (30%) |

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