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# NT500 Concise Greek Fall, 2001

## Sec A TR 8-9:15AM; Sec B TR 1-2:15PM

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### Course Description

An introduction to exegetical Greek for ministry. Particular emphasis is placed on inductive learning of exegetical Greek, the use of standard exegetical tools and of Bible study software, and linguistics.

### Course Objectives

1. Know and use the Greek alphabet
2. Interpret basic Greek grammar and syntax
3. Easily read and pronounce Greek words
4. Awareness of and hands-on practice with standard reference works for exegesis—both printed and electronic
5. Use modern linguistics in exegetical study
6. Know basic characteristics of the Greek New Testament

### Course Requirements

1. *Involvement in Class Activities:* This includes regular attendance, engagement with in-class discussions and exercises, and completing reading assignments. Persons missing more than 6 days of class sessions will not be eligible for a passing grade.

**Attendance and Completing Required Reading – 5%**

2. *Examinations:* Student progress on reaching the course objectives will be examined as follows:

**Alphabet Exam – 10%**

**Greek Verbs, Cases and Prepositions Exam – 15%**

**14 Worksheets – 30%**

**Take Home Final: Analysis of Passage in 1 John – 40%**

Exegetical Worksheet – 5%

Complete Analysis — 35%

\*late work will receive 75% credit

### Required Texts

Black, David Alan. *It's Still Greek to Me: An Easy-to-Understand Guide to Intermediate Greek*. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1998).

Cotterell, Peter and Max Turner. *Linguistics and Biblical Interpretation*. (London: S.P.C.K.; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1989).

Douglas, J.D., ed. *The New Greek-English Interlinear New Testament*. (Wheaton, IL:Tyndale, 1993)

## Required Software

BibleWorks (Hermeneutika).

V. 4 of BibleWorks is available at the Media Center.

## Course Outline

- 1a. Introduction, Greek Alphabet, Writing Greek Letters  
Homework: Read Black chs. 1-2. Memorize alphabet
- 1b. Vowels, Diphthongs, Marks, Pronunciation, Greek Language Family, Alphabet Exam Overview  
Homework: Read Black ch. 14. Practice Writing Alphabet. Practice Pronunciation with John 1:1-5. Watch BibleWorks Video
- 2a. Read John 1:1-5. The Bible, Sunglasses, and Meaning. The Greek Verb – Time and Aspect  
Homework: Read Black, ch. 8. Prepare for the Alphabet Exam.
- 2b. **Alphabet Exam.** Read Mark 1:1-5. The Greek Verb- Voice, Mood, Person, Number. Parsing. Practice Sheet A. Introducing the Analytical Lexicon.  
Homework: Worksheet #1 – The Analytical Lexicon. Practice Pronouncing Mark 1:1-5
- 3a. Read Mark 1:1-5. The Art of Boundary Making. Introduction to the Standard Lexicons. LSJ on the Web.  
Homework: Find LSJ Lexicon on the Web. Look up πνευμα. Read Black ch. 9. Practice pronouncing Mark 1:6-10.
- 3b. **W1 Due – The Analytical Lexicon Due.** Read Mark 1:6-10. Verbs – The Role/Importance of Cotext.

- Homework: Worksheet #2 – The Lexicon: εὐαγγέλιον κηρύσσω. Read Cotterell and Turner, ch. 1. Using BibleWorks, Identify the Verbs in Mark 1:1-10 and Interpret the Greek Tenses.
- 4a. Review Verb Tenses. A Look at Commentaries, Reference Books, and Their Uses. Introduce Worksheet #3.  
Homework: Worksheet #3 – Critical Commentaries. Read Black ch. 3-4.  
Practice Pronouncing Mark 1:11-15.
- 4b. **W2 – The Lexicon:** εὐαγγέλιον κηρύσσω **Due.** Read Mark 1:11-15. Greek Cases and Their Uses. Practice Sheet B – Noun Declining.  
Homework: Read Cotterell and Turner, ch. 7. Practice Sheet on Greek Cases.
- 5a. Setting A Research Agenda. Review Noun/Adjective Cases. Discuss Pronouns, Definite Articles.  
Homework: Read Black, chs. 5-6. Memorize Definite Article Declension.  
Practice Locating and Observing the Use of the Definite Article in Mark 1:1-15.
- 5b. **W3 – Critical Commentaries Due.** Introduction to Worksheets 4 and 5. Additional Uses of Cases. Greek Prepositions.  
Homework: Worksheet #4 – καθὼς γέγραπται in the New Testament. Worksheet #5 – Citation of Prophecy and Intertextuality. Using BibleWorks, Identify the Nouns, Adjectives and Prepositional Phrases in Mark 1:1-15 and Interpret the Greek Cases. Read Black ch. 7.
- 6a. Greek Participles and Infinitives.  
Homework: Read Black chs 10-11. Using BibleWorks, Find the Participles and Infinitives in Mark 1:1-15 and examine how they are translated.
- 6b. **W4 – καθὼς γέγραπται in the New Testament Due. W5 – Citation of Prophecy and Intertextuality Due.** Introduce Worksheets 6 and 7. Introduce Practice Sheet C.  
Homework: Worksheet #6 The Concordance (ἐρημος, παραδίδωμι). Worksheet #7 – Intertextuality (John’s Attire and Diet). Practice Sheet C.
- 7a. Practice Sheet C. Introduce Practice Sheet D. Introduction to Worksheet 8.  
Homework: Worksheet #8 – Concordance (τεκνον, υἱός). Practice Sheet D.  
Read Cotterell and Turner ch. 2.
- 7b. **W6 The Concordance (ἐρημος, παραδίδωμι). W #7 – Intertextuality (John’s Attire and Diet).** Overview of the Greek Verb, Cases, and Prepositions Exam.  
Homework: Prepare for Greek Verbs, Cases, and Prepositions Exam.

- 8a. **Greek Verb, Cases and Prepositions Exam.** Introduction to Worksheet 9.  
Homework: Worksheet 9 – Greek Verbal Aspect (ἁμαρτάνω). Read Cotterell and Turner ch.3. Practice Pronouncing 1 John 3:1-3.
- 8b. **W8 – Concordance (τεκνον, υἱός).** Read 1 John 3:1-3. Genre and Expectations, Delimiting Boundaries.  
Homework: Read Cotterell and Turner chs. 4-5. Practice Pronouncing 1 John 3:4-6.
- 9a. **W9 – Greek Verbal Aspect (ἁμαρτάνω).** Read 1 John 3:4-6. Introduction to the Exegetical Worksheet.  
Homework: Begin Work on Exegetical Worksheet. Read Cotterell and Turner, chs. 6-7. Practice Pronouncing 1 John 3:7-10.
- 9b. Doing Things with Words: Common Semantic Fallacies. Introduction to Worksheet 10. Read 1 John 3:7-10.  
Homework: Worksheet #10 – The Lexicon and the Concordance (ἀγαπάω and φιλέω). Read Cotterell and Turner, chs 8-9.
- 10a. Read 1 John 3:7-10. Introduction to Modern Linguistics. The Importance of Semantic Domains. Introduction to Worksheet 11.  
Homework: Worksheet #11 – Semantic Domains. Practice Pronouncing 1 John 3:11-17.
- 10b. **W10 – The Lexicon and the Concordance (ἀγαπάω and φιλέω).** Lexical Resources and Diachronic Study. Concordances and Synchronic Study. Introduction to Worksheet 12.  
Homework: Worksheet #12 – The Lexicon and Theological Dictionary (κοσμος).
- 11a. **Exegetical Worksheet Due.** Overview of the Final Paper.  
Homework: Begin Research on the Final Paper.
- 11b. **W11 – Semantic Domains Due. W12 – The Lexicon and Theological Dictionary (κοσμος) Due.** Introduction to Sociolinguistics. The Special Problem of Metaphor. Introduction to Worksheet 13.  
Homework: Worksheet #13 – Intertextuality. Read Black chs. 12-13.
- 12a. Grammatical Analysis of 1John 3:4-10. Introduction to Worksheet 14.  
Homework: Worksheet #14 – Grammatical Analysis.
- 12b. **W13 – Intertextuality Due.** Text, Theology, and Sermon.
- 13a. **W14 – Grammatical Analysis Due.**
- 13b. Textual Criticism.

**Final Paper Due at Scheduled Final Exam Period**