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NT 500 Concise Greek

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Course Description

NT 500 is an introduction to a basic acquisition of the Greek language of the New Testament as well as being an introduction to the fundamental matters regarding interpretive understanding and exegetical method, skills, and tools.

Course Objectives

1. Students will acquire knowledge of the Greek alphabet and familiarity with the basics of Greek vocabulary, grammar and syntax.
2. Students will develop a basic understanding of the use of modern linguistics for exegesis.
3. Students will become acquainted with standard reference works (printed & electronic) used in the exegetical task.
4. Students will develop a basic knowledge of text-critical matters relating to the GNT.

Course Requirements

1. Students will prepare assignments for, attend, and participate in scheduled classes.
   Completing Required Reading – 5% of final grade

2. Students will be given ten exams relating to the Greek language. Material for these examinations will be covered both in class and in the required text *It’s Still Greek to Me* by David A. Black. (Students are encouraged to supplement their study with *Greek Tutor.*)
   Weekly Exams – 10% of final grade; Final Exam – 15% of final grade

3. Students will be required to complete worksheets that are assigned throughout the course.
   Class Worksheets – 30% of final grade [N.B. Late worksheets will not be accepted.]

4. As a final assignment, students will complete an analysis of a New Testament passage using the tools and Greek language skills acquired in the course. Details of the analysis will be discussed in class.
   Analysis of New Testament passage – 40% of final grade
Required Texts


Required Software

*BibleWorks* (Hermeneutika)*

Recommended Text


(If you need to brush up on you English grammar, I suggest you obtain a simple text to do so.)

Recommended Software

*Greek Tutor* (Parsons Technology)*

*BibleWorks* and *Greek Tutor* are available for student use at the computer center in the library. [I strongly recommend purchasing BibleWorks as soon as possible along with the other required texts.]

Course Schedule

The weekly schedule is subject to change before the start of class.

**Week 1**

Introduction. *BibleWorks, Greek Tutor.* Greek Alphabet and Pronunciation. Parts of Speech. *For Homework:* Prepare for EXAM #1: The Alphabet, Vowels, Diphthongs, Punctuation, Breathing and Accent Marks. Read Black, chapters 1 & 2. Start working with *BibleWorks* program as soon as possible. Read Green, chapters 1 & 20. (*Greek Tutor: Introduction and chapter 1.)*

**Week 2**

pronouncing as much of Mark 1:1-15 as you can. Read Green, chapter 14. (Chapters in *Greek Tutor* that discuss the finite Greek verb are: 3, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25. You are not required to memorize these forms. Use these chapters as an aid to further understanding of the verb.)

**Week 3**


**Week 4**

Exam #2. Pronunciation Practice. Worksheet #2 in class. Commentaries: Their Forms and Functions. Greek Case Forms and Functions. Practice Sheet B. **For Homework**: Black, chapter 3. Do Worksheet #3- Critical Commentaries. Practice pronouncing Mark 1:11-15. Read Green, chapter 12. (Chapters 4, 5, 13, 28 in *Greek Tutor* discuss the noun and case forms/functions.) How is *BibleWorks*?

**Week 5**

Pronunciation Practice. Worksheet #3 in class. Mark 1:1-15 and Establishing a Research Agenda. *Kaqw.j ge,graptai* and Intertextuality. Greek Case Forms and Functions (continued). **For Homework**: Prepare for EXAM #3: Greek Case Forms and Functions. (Review material in Black chapter 3 and *Greek Tutor* (see Week 4 above). Do Worksheets #4 & #5. Read Green, chapter 11.

**Week 6**


**Week 7**

Exam #4. Pronunciation Practice: 1 John. Worksheets #6 & #7 in class. From Text to Sermon. Adjectives. **For Homework**: Do Worksheet #8. Read Black, chapter 4. Prepare for EXAM #5: The Adjective. Read the First Letter of John in English and then start to focus your attention on 1 John 3:1-17 especially as it relates to Worksheet #9 for next week. Read Green, chapter 10. (Chapter 7 in *Greek Tutor* discusses the adjective.)

**Week 8**

Exam #5. Pronunciation Practice. Worksheet #8 in class. Genre. The Infinitive and Participle. **For Homework**: Do Worksheet #9. Read Black, chapters 10 & 11. Prepare for EXAM #6: The Infinitive and Participle. Practice reading in 1 John. Read, Green, chapter 7. (Chapters 19, 20,21, 22 in *Greek Tutor* discuss the participle and infinitive.)


**Week 9**


**Week 10**

Exam #7. Pronunciation Practice. Worksheet #10 in class. The Pronoun. **For Homework:** Do Worksheet #11. Read Black, chapter 5. Prepare for EXAM #8: The Pronoun. Read Green, chapter 8. (Chapters 8, 11, and 26 in Greek Tutor discuss the pronoun.) **Begin work on Worksheet #13 – Grammatical Analysis of 1 John 2:3-6 (First 5 parts due Week 12)**

**Week 11**

Exam #8. Pronunciation Practice. Worksheet #11 in class. The Article. **For Homework:** Do Worksheet #12 – Semantic Domains. Read Black, chapter 6. Prepare for EXAM #9: The Article. Continue work on Worksheet #13 [Parts 1-5 due next week]. Read Green, chapter 16. (Chapter 5 in Greek Tutor discusses the article.)

**Week 12**

Exam #9. **Parts 1-5 of Grammatical Analysis of 1 John 2:3-6 Due [MAKE COPY].** Pronunciation Practice. Worksheet #12 in class. Review for EXAM #10. Adverbs, Conjunctions, and Particles. **For Homework:** Read Black, chapter 12. Read Green, chapter 18. Prepare for Comprehensive EXAM #10. Complete Worksheet #13 (Part 6 – Consultation/Interpretation: 1 John 2:3-6).

**Week 13**

**Part 6 of Worksheet #13 (Consultation/Interpretation) Due.** Review for EXAM #10. **For Homework:** Prepare for Comprehensive EXAM #10. Read Green, chapter 19.

**Week 14 (Finals Week)**

Final Exam (#10).