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Learning biblical Hebrew can be a bit daunting. Convinced of the importance of studying the original text of the Old Testament, many students tackle the language with excitement and hope, only to get discouraged and give up. This need not happen. David Brewer, who has taught Hebrew for over thirty years, has devised an online Hebrew class that seeks to make learning the language enjoyable with the goal of producing a positive outcome. David rightly understands that reading Hebrew via a formal grammar is not enough. Hearing and speaking the language are also vital to learning it. To that end, David incorporates singing and extra-biblical reading into his lessons, including Hebrew comic books and Tall Tales. These methods facilitate vocabulary retention through repetition. In many Hebrew classes, students do not look at the Hebrew text until well into the course. However, David employs an inductive classroom method that engages the text almost immediately and fuels the student's motivation to learn the language. This inductive, interactive approach supplements nicely the formal study of the grammar through the course textbook. If you want to learn biblical Hebrew in an engaging, enjoyable, effective way, I recommend that you consider taking David's course.

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To Those Who Long to Read the Hebrew Text

Dear Friends,

I have known David Brewer as a colleague and friend for many years. We share a common love for the Hebrew text of the Bible and endeavor to share that love with anyone who would set their hand to the task of acquiring skill in handling the Bible in the original languages, especially the Hebrew text.

There are many methods of acquiring such skills most of which revolve around the memorization of rules, vocabulary, syntax, and observation. David has spent much of his adult life seeking a better way to impart such truth and material to the individual who is new to the task.

Simply put, he has combined the “best” of the normal classroom methodology with an experiential approach to language that mimics the way we learned our “Mother Tongue.” That is, trial and error, hearing and understanding patterns before the grammatical definitions are introduced. If you can’t remember your own experience watch the little ones as they first learn by hearing, then speaking, then to read and write, and then to gradually acquire the grammatical definitions and rules of what they already understand intuitively.

In my opinion David’s methodology is far superior to the rote methodologies employed in most classrooms. The acquisition of such skills should be enjoyable as well as challenging. He will lead you through a series of experiences that meet the criteria described and allow you to learn and retain what you learned in the most efficient and enjoyable way possible – in many respects, the way you learned your mother tongue.

Investigate, sign up, learn and enjoy.

Blessings,

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During my seminary days, Hebrew classes had a reputation for being hard and had accompanying grammar structures that caused a student's GPA to crash. My mind would literally wander away when grammar rules were explained and I just moved from one lecture to another lecture, hoping to at least get a passing grade. Everyone I knew told me to cram as hard as I could and after the final exam, just forget about Hebrew grammar because it was too cumbersome to use in real ministry contexts. Then I met David. David's approach to teaching Hebrew grammar and vocabulary simplified all the intricacies that I thought were impossible to understand, AND he also made it fun. My mind was fully engaged and I felt no anxiety because David made Hebrew easy to understand in the context of fun. David used a variety of teaching methods that made his lectures very interactive and exposed us to reading the Biblical text right on day 1. I never would have thought that understanding the sentence structure would actually help me understand the Biblical text at a deeper level and help me with the exposition of a text which is so helpful in any ministry context. I can now read and understand passages in the Bible and use Hebrew often for my personal devotional time. I am so grateful for this opportunity to learn under David's masterful teaching style.

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David Brewer presents his Biblical Hebrew online lessons in a detail oriented, encouraging and no pressure setting. The introductory video gives an overview of what to expect during the course as well as examples directly from the course. His varied and effective teaching methods enabled me to jump right into learning which increased my confidence. David makes use of all 'senses' to reinforce understanding and memory during each phase. I thought it was really great that after one lesson I could actually speak and read some Hebrew! Using Hebrew songs and comic books gave an added dimension to learning by taking the language off the page and bringing it to life. I am looking forward to the next lesson and even excited about doing my homework! If you are looking for a knowledgeable teacher with a great outlook and engaging lessons – this is it.

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David Brewer, known to many of us as “the Hebrew professor,” has done a great service to the believing community by making these video lessons available via Cornerstone Bible Institute. A better understanding of biblical Hebrew opens new vistas of scriptural understanding for NT believers—and now, a basic knowledge of the Hebrew text is within the grasp of virtually anyone. You don’t have to be a scholar to do this! David’s easy-going (and sometimes humorous) interactive teaching style, along with the many graphics and visual aids, makes learning Hebrew easy and fun. We are planning to utilize this new resource here in our own ministry.

Dr. Gary Hedrick

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If you want to learn biblical Hebrew you would be hard-pressed to find a more qualified scholar-teacher than Prof. David Brewer. Prof. Brewer has taught biblical Hebrew since 1988 and he knows what works when it comes to teaching, learning, and enjoying Hebrew. He has students reading words from the Hebrew Bible from the very first class. He uses a variety of highly effective and creative teaching methods that expose students, bit-by-bit, to advanced content. I highly recommend Professor Brewer's Biblical Hebrew courses.

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Prof. Brewer teaches Biblical Hebrew in a fresh way. The students hear and apply the language rather than just read it. Rather than rote memorization, he presents the forms and patterns in the language, making it more understandable and approachable for new learners. Hopefully, this method of pedagogy will soften our hardened hearts and liberate our fixed minds whenever we approach this picturesque language, which God chose to reveal Himself.

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