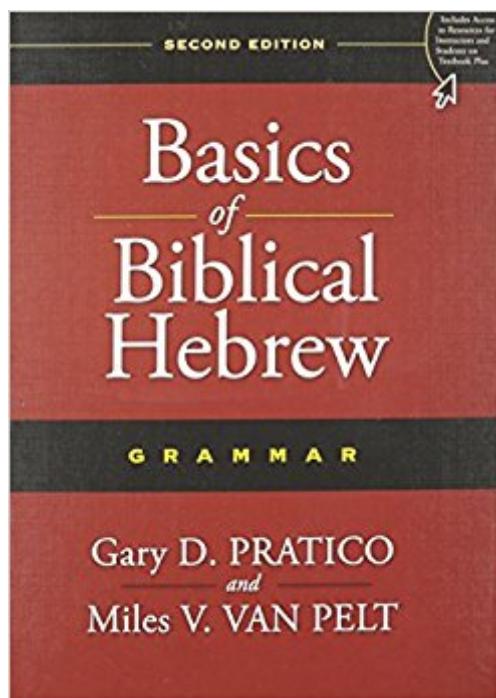


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# Basics Of Biblical Hebrew Grammar: Second Edition



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Features of Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar, Second Edition text:  
Combines the best of inductive and deductive approaches  
Uses actual examples from the Hebrew Old Testament rather than “made-up” illustrations  
Emphasizes the structural pattern of the Hebrew language rather than rote memorization, resulting in a simple, enjoyable, and effective learning process  
Colored text highlights particles added to nouns and verbs, allowing easy recognition of new forms  
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Basics of Biblical Hebrew takes the groundbreaking integrative approach of William Mounce's widely used Basics of Biblical Greek and applies it to learning and teaching biblical Hebrew. This book makes learning Hebrew a natural process and shows from the very beginning how understanding Hebrew helps in understanding the Old Testament. Features of Basics of Biblical

Hebrew Combines the best of inductive and deductive approaches. Field-tested at a number of colleges and seminaries. Uses actual examples from the Hebrew Old Testament rather than "made-up" illustrations. Emphasizes the structural pattern of the Hebrew language rather than rote memorization, resulting in a simple, enjoyable, and effective learning process. Typestyle highlights particles added to nouns and verbs for easy recognition of new forms. Includes a CD-ROM featuring the full answer key to the accompanying workbook; and full-color, printable charts and diagnostics. Includes Acrobat Reader. (Windows 95, 98, 2000, ME, NT4 and MacOS 8.1 or later.) With an Internet connection, you can also access additional resources including FlashWorks(TM), a fun and effective vocabulary-drilling program from Teknia Language Tools. Section of appendices and study aids is clearly marked for fast reference. A separate workbook is also available. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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I have a fairly extensive background in languages (German, Spanish, Latin, Greek, Navaho) so felt able to take up the study of Hebrew without any formal instruction. The first text I bought was Page H. Kelley's *Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Grammar*. Though I read much of that text, I made little progress. The presentation of elements of grammar was not consistently logical, with chapters building in predictable ways on previous chapters. I was often overwhelmed with new information or unexplained new elements. Finally, frustrated by my lack of progress, I purchased the Pratico and Van Pelt text. It was superb. My learning took off like a rocket. I am developing clear facility with the language. Everything is presented logically with chapter sequences carefully thought out. Diagnostic features of words are highlighted in red to call them out. I have enough experience with language textbooks to know a good one when I see it. This one rivals the *Wheelock Latin* textbook in its excellence. I highly recommend it. The Kelley text I now use more as a reference book, to look up some of the few things not covered in the wonderful Pratico Van Pelt text.

Basics of Biblical Hebrew is well worth the price. I have used it extensively and even though I am a self-taught student this Book explains things very clearly. I find the design and Set-Out of the Book very good. The Second Edition adds to this but the fundamental and basic ything are still the same. The additions are useful but I want to emphasise the original basic structure of the Book. If you are just starting your Hebrew Study here is the Book you need. I congratulate the Authors. Hope they have further Publications in the future. B. McGrane.

This is an excellent grammar book with Bible references and Bible phrases to translate from the Hebrew. It is complete in every detail and very orderly. As a linguist having studied several languages, I am very impressed.

This book is meant to be used with the workbook of the same name, the "survival kit" and all the other products the publisher pushes. There is no additional, free help such as I found useful when learning Biblical Greek. Rather, this book references a related website that does not exist and the publisher's website, unlike the useful websites that are sometimes connected with textbooks, provides only info on other products you can purchase. In addition, while the publisher provides an answer key for the workbook, it's on the CD that comes with the textbook and it does not work with Windows 7. The CD is supposed to contain additional aids, but I can't access them. Maybe I'm asking too much to expect additional help, but when all questions addressed to the publisher, Zondervan, are answered with a suggestion to buy more of their products, it just doesn't sit right with me. Update: Just received an email from Zondervan that states they will not be updating any of their software and they provided a link where the author supposedly had provided the info from the CD. What I need is the answer key for the workbook and if it's on that site, I can't find it. What's there is a big list of the author's products that are available for purchase.

I do find this book worth the money to learn Hebrew. I think if one is going to be a serious student this book is a must have. I like the break down of the vowels, but it would be a worth while tip to break them down a bit more, or at the least more simplified, for those that are new to any type of Hebrew. For the more familiar ones, this is not a problem but it is for those that are new to Hebrew and may have less college education. I would have like to have seem more explanation especially in the syllabification of chapter 3. This is a hard chapter that, in my estimation, should be explained just a bit more. The reason is the same as I gave above, for those that are just starting the course and may not have advanced skills in any linguistics. The explanations are brief, even though they

are on point. The learning curve when one is learning Hebrew is difficult even though it is attainable. For the beginners I would like to see more explanations and more explanation on how to apply the different concepts pertaining to the language to the effectual learning process. Overall, this is a must have book if one truly wants to learn the "Basics" of Biblical Hebrew.

Great explanations, examples. Does not just list a bunch of paradigms like many grammars. Gives good tips on how to learn what's important, recognize common structures, without wasting time on unnecessary details. Overall, a great book.

As far as the language presentation goes, this book is excellent. The material is clear, comprehensive, and, used with the workbook, provides ample examples. In addition, the charts found in the book are extremely helpful and much more accessible than the layouts of many other grammars I have seen or used. The one weakness in this text is its strong, evangelical bias. At the end of each lesson are "mini-sermons" stemming from the particular tradition of its authors. It reduces the audience for this book to a very slim number. While I may get away with teaching this from this text at a Protestant Christian seminary, as long as I make comments alerting my students to the particularly one-sided theological biases in the readings, I cannot use it in a university or college setting, and that is unfortunate

This is a useful reference book for me as a beginner in Biblical Hebrew. I have taken an online course in Biblical Hebrew and so I have some knowledge of the basics. I use this book something like a self-study refresher course to improve on my knowledge of Biblical Hebrew. I have to say that this book also explains some of the Hebrew grammatical concepts quite well and it has helped me to understand some of the grammatical nuances of the Hebrew language better.

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