

## Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Intensive Courses

### Program description

The Institute for Biblical Languages and Translation (IBLT) runs a unique 3-credit course, introducing Biblical Hebrew as a living language and Genesis 1. The course is taught 90% in biblical Hebrew, a highly successful and efficient language learning method, and the ultimate goal is to initiate a state-of-the-art training track in biblical Hebrew for nation-wide translation projects.

*An Introduction to Biblical Hebrew* allows students to quickly and effectively learn biblical Hebrew within a naturally enjoyable learning process. Using oral teaching methods is known to be the best way in which a language is learned, even when reading is the primary goal. Students of this course have the opportunity to lay a foundation for true internalization of the biblical language.

In the online pre-requisite, the student will learn to understand words in natural speech and then how to read these in Hebrew script, before arrival. During the live course in-person, the language will undergo more internalization as it is used for communication in class and then the student will read the Hebrew of Genesis One with understanding. This will show the benefit of Hebrew study and will be an excellent foundation for any further work in Hebrew. While not a requirement, **successful completion of the Introduction to Biblical Hebrew intensive will give a stronger foundation to make the most out of our 9-month immersion program in Jerusalem.**

### Key Facts

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| Location     | Course will be conducted on location in your institution.  |
| Duration     | 2 weeks (negotiable)   |
| Subject area | An introduction to biblical Hebrew   |
| Faculty      | At least 1 course teacher (PhD) will facilitate the program.<br>Two teachers are active in the classroom at the same time in order to provide a more natural atmosphere for learning and understanding the language. |

### Requirements

No prior experience in biblical Hebrew or modern Hebrew is required. A required online pre-course listening assignment will be given to all participants, *Living Biblical Hebrew, Part One* (LBH1). The course LBH1 can be taken online and takes approximately 45-50 hours for someone without a background in Hebrew. The student learns to understand the spoken descriptions of 1,000 pictures without English, learns to read the alphabet, and then learns to read the descriptions of the 1,000 pictures. Written notes in homework assignments and occasional evening lectures about theory for Biblical Hebrew will be in English.

### Accreditation

All participants who complete the program will receive an "attendance certificate." Those seeking credit at their home institution may request a "detailed certificate" which lists contact hours (for lectures and seminars), an assessment of their contribution to seminar discussions, grades achieved for written work, and the number of private study hours required.

Please note that those wishing to obtain credit from their home institution for attending this program must make appropriate arrangements with that institution in advance.

### Contact info

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