

FOR THE STUDENT

I have written this grammar because I love Biblical Hebrew, but I am convinced that there are easier ways to learn it than traditional approaches. That does not mean that you will not have to work--you will. All language acquisition is labor-intensive. Make sure that you have a significant amount of time set aside, multiple times a week, to study. Unlike other courses, it is *impossible* to cram a language. However, you will find that you will be able to read many Biblical texts in the original language before you have even finished this book.

There are three main types of students who learn Biblical Hebrew: those who wish to prepare for graduate school or seminary; those who plan to use it to help them with preaching; and those who just want to be able to read the Bible in the original language. Perhaps you fit all three categories.

Typical elements in chapters from Lesson 2 on include these:

- A. Vocabulary.
- B. Words which are easily confused with other ones.
- C. Grammatical and other technical terms.
- D. 2-3 main concepts.
- E. Exercises.

Make sure to learn your vocabulary before you are presented with the material in each chapter, for the chapter explanations assume you know the vocabulary. From a practical standpoint, your homework will go *much* faster if you know the vocabulary.

One more thing: ask your professor questions. The only stupid question is the one which you do not ask.