

Front Range Bible Institute
NTL 601-603 Greek Exegesis Syllabus
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I. Course Description

Greek Exegesis is designed to build upon the basic learning that students obtain in first-year Greek. In this one-year course of study, students learn the process of obtaining the interpretation of the biblical text through a study of the original language.

This course helps the student build a workable level of Greek vocabulary and it also helps the student gain a reasonable mastery of important grammatical features and syntactical structures of the language.

This course will also help the student master a highly effective method for doing ground-up studies in the original text.

II. Course Objectives

- A. To gain a level of proficiency in his knowledge of Greek grammar and syntax so that he can analyze and interpret the Greek text.
- B. To expand his level of vocabulary to a sufficient level that he can efficiently do exegesis from the Greek text as a primary practice on a regular basis.
- C. To help the student recognize unusual terms and grammatical constructions so that future exegesis will not be hindered by this lack of familiarity.
- D. To help the student develop and polish a sound exegetical methodology.
- E. To help the student recognize the crucial need for sound exegesis as a foundation for biblical exposition.
- F. To help the student become aware of certain false presuppositions and methods that can hinder one from sound exegesis.
- G. To help the student develop skill in analyzing and solving difficult problem passages in which various exegetes suggest one or more possible interpretations.
- H. To stir the heart of the student to appreciate the important role the sound exegesis plays in helping oneself and others grow in the knowledge and worship of God.

III. Required Course Materials

A. Reading materials (all students):

- i. Professor's notes on Greek Exegesis
- ii. United Bible Societies *Greek Text of the New Testament*, fourth edition
- iii. *Manual Greek Lexicon of the New Testament* by G. Abbott-Smith
- iv. *Introduction to Exegesis* by Robert Thomas
- v. *Beyond the Basics* by Daniel Wallace
- vi. *Lexical Aids* by Bruce Metzger
- vii. *Interpreting The New Testament Text* by Darrell Bock and Buist M. Fanning.

- viii. A copy of the *Principal Parts of Irregular Verbs* from the professor out of Dana and Mantey Greek Grammar book.

B. All students: Your own computer or at least access to a computer

- i. Class presentations should be on Microsoft Word, although the hard copies of your project do not necessarily have to be done on this program. Using the same program may be helpful when it comes to questions about style and formatting.
- ii. It is recommended (though not required) that you see if you could employ Power Point in your teaching.
- iii. You do not need to have a laptop in class, but you may use one for note-taking if you prefer.

C. Logos Libronix Bible Software Program (highly **recommended** as a personal study tool, but not required for the class. Group discount may be possible through FBI).

IV. Course Requirements

- A. Attend all classes (if a student must miss a class, he/she must obtain a DVD copy and watch the lecture)
- B. All students: take notes as appropriate
- C. All students: take quizzes

V. Course Grading Criteria

- A. 20% Reading
- B. 20% Vocabulary quizzes
- C. 20% ITE Quizzes
- D. 20% Principal Part Quizzes
- E. 20% Expository message

VI. Course Schedule

A. General schedule

Date	Topic (subject to change based on progress)	ITE	Wallace (read accd. To the breakdown in your Exegesis notes)	Metzger	Skim read Bock

1	Sep. 23	Principles of exegesis	11-50	ix-30	Begin memorizing 500+	17-196
2	Sep. 30	Quiz on 500 Principles of exegesis	11-50		201-500	197-310
3	Oct. 7 No Class	Quiz on 201-500 Survey of grammar: case, prepositions, adjectives, article, verbs, infinitives and participles, diagramming, adverbs, conjunctions, identifying pericopes, Noun cases through Nominative Case Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>aggello, ago, aireo</i>	Parse and translate ITE, pp. 50 to top of 58 (up through Nominative Case)	Each week read the Wallace pages that are noted in the professor's exegesis class notes at the top of the section that is being studied in the ITE.	151-200	
4	Oct. 14 No Class	Quiz on 151-200 Quiz on principle parts: <i>aggello, ago, aireo</i> (each week the quiz will be on the three principle parts introduced the week before for the next two quarters) Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>airo, akouo, hamartano</i>	Parse and translate ITE, pp. 58-65 (Vocative Case through Genitive Case)		121-150	
5	Oct. 21	Quiz on 121-150	Parse and		101-120	

		Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>anoigo, apokteino, apollumi</i>	translate ITE, pp. 65-70 (Ablative case through Dative case)			
6	Oct. 28	Quiz on 101-120 Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>aresko, arneomai, archo</i>	Parse and translate ITE, pp. 70-79 (Locative Case through Accusative Case)		91-100	
7	Nov. 4	Quiz on 91-100 Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>aphiemi, baino, ballo</i>	Parse and translate ITE, pp. 79-87 (Comparative adjectives through Reciprocal Pronouns)		81-90	
8	Nov. 11	Quiz on 81-90 Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>gameo, ginomai, ginosko</i>	Parse and translate ITE, pp. 87-96 (Interrogative)		71-80	

			pronouns through Absence of the Article)			
9	Nov. 18	Quiz on 71-80 Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>grapho, deiknumi, dechomai</i>	Parse and translate ITE, pp. 96-100 (Transitive ss through Construction s for expressing Agency)		61-70	
	Nov. 25, No Class, Easter					
10	Dec. 2 No Class	Quiz on 61-70 Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>didasko, didomi, dioko</i>	Parse and translate ITE, pp. 100-105 (the section on Mood)		56-60	
11	Dec. 9 No Class	Quiz on 56-60 Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>dunamai, eggizo,</i>	Parse and translate ITE, pp. 105-111		50-55	

		<i>eimi</i>	(The Present Tense)			
12	Dec. 16	Quiz on 50-55 Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>elpizo,</i> <i>ergazomai,</i> <i>erchomai</i>	Parse and translate ITE, pp. 111-117 (The Future and Aorist Tense)		46-49	
No Classes	Dec. 23, CLAS S for Make up					
No Classes	Dec. 30					

	Date	Topic (subject to change based on progress)	ITE	Metzger
1	Jan. 6	Quiz on 46-49 Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>esthio,</i> <i>euaggelizo,</i> <i>heurisko</i>	Parse and translate ITE, pp. 117-121 (The Perfect and Pluperfect Tenses and Interpretation of the Tenses)	42-45
2	Jan. 13	Quiz on 42-45 Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>euchomai,</i> <i>echo,</i> <i>thelo</i>	Parse and translate ITE, pp. 121-124 (The Infinitive)	38-41
3	Jan. 20	Quiz on 38-41	Parse and	34-37

		Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>thnesko, histemi, kaio</i>	translate ITE, pp. 124-128 (Participles)	
4	Jan. 27	Quiz on 34-37 Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>kaleo, klino, krino</i>	Parse and translate ITE, pp. 128-130 (Periphrastics)	32-33
5	Feb. 3	Vocab Quiz on 32-33 Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>lambano, leipo, manthano</i> Parsing, translation and quizzing on 1 Thessalonians 1		30-31
6	Feb. 10	Vocab Quiz on 30-31 Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>mello, meno, mimnesko</i> Parsing, translation and quizzing on 1 Thessalonians 2		28-29
7	Feb. 17	Vocab Quiz on 28-29 Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>horao, pascho,</i>		26-27

		<i>peitho</i> Parsing, translation and quizzing on 1 Thessalonians 4		
8	Feb. 24	Vocab Quiz on 26-27 Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>pino, pipto, stello</i> Parsing, translation and quizzing on 1 Thessalonians 4		25
9	Mar. 2	Vocab Quiz on 25 Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>strepho, soizo, teleo</i> Parsing, translation and quizzing on 1 Thessalonians 5		24
10	Mar. 9	Vocab Quiz on 24 Begin memorizing principle parts of irregular verbs: <i>tithemi, trecho, phaino</i> Parsing, translation and quizzing on 2 Thessalonians 1		23
11	Mar. 16	Vocab Quiz on 23 Begin memorizing principle parts of		22

		irregular verbs: <i>phero, pheugo, phtheiro</i> Parsing, translation and quizzing on 2 Thessalonians 2		
12	Mar. 23	Vocab Quiz on 22 Parsing, translation and quizzing on 2 Thessalonians 3		21
N o C l a s s	Mar. 30			
N o C l a s s	April 6			

	Date	Topic (subject to change based on progress)		
1	April 13	Vocab Quiz on 21 Parsing, translation and quizzing on 1 Peter 1		20
2	April 20	Vocab Quiz on 20 Parsing, translation and quizzing on 1 Peter 1 Parsing, translation and quizzing on 1 Peter 2		19
3	April 27	Vocab Quiz on 19 Parsing, translation and quizzing on 1 Peter 3		18

4	May 4	Vocab Quiz on 18 Parsing, translation and quizzing on 1 Peter 4		17
5	May 11	Vocab Quiz on 17 Parsing, translation and quizzing on 1 Peter 5		16
6	May 18	Vocab Quiz on 16 Parsing, translation and quizzing on James 1		15
7	May 25	Vocab Quiz on 15 Parsing, translation and quizzing on James 2		14
8	June 5	Vocab Quiz on 14 Parsing, translation and quizzing on James 3		13
9	June 12	Vocab Quiz on 13 Parsing, translation and quizzing on James 4		12
10	June 19	Vocab Quiz on 12 Translation and quizzing on James 5		11
11	June 26	Vocab Quiz on 11 Exposition presentations		10
12	July 3	Vocab Quiz on 10		

		Exposition presentations		
N o C l a s s	July 10	GET READY FOR NTI IN SUMMER SESSION STARTING AUGUST 5		
N o C l a s s	July 17			

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