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## NT 500 Concise Greek

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# **NT500 Concise Greek Fall, 2001**

## **Sec A TR 8-9:15AM; Sec B TR 1-2:15PM**

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### **Course Description**

An introduction to exegetical Greek for ministry. Particular emphasis is placed on inductive learning of exegetical Greek, the use of standard exegetical tools and of Bible study software, and linguistics.

### **Course Objectives**

1. Know and use the Greek alphabet
2. Interpret basic Greek grammar and syntax
3. Easily read and pronounce Greek words
4. Awareness of and hands-on practice with standard reference works for exegesis—both printed and electronic
5. Use modern linguistics in exegetical study
6. Know basic characteristics of the Greek New Testament

### **Course Requirements**

1. *Involvement in Class Activities:* This includes regular attendance, engagement with in-class discussions and exercises, and completing reading assignments. Persons missing more than 6 days of class sessions will not be eligible for a passing grade.

**Attendance and Completing Required Reading – 5%**

2. *Examinations:* Student progress on reaching the course objectives will be examined as follows:

**Alphabet Exam – 10%**

**Greek Verbs, Cases and Prepositions Exam – 15%**

**14 Worksheets – 30%**

**Take Home Final: Analysis of Passage in 1 John – 40%**

Exegetical Worksheet – 5%

Complete Analysis — 35%

\*late work will receive 75% credit

### **Required Texts**

Black, David Alan. *It's Still Greek to Me: An Easy-to-Understand Guide to Intermediate Greek*. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1998).

Cotterell, Peter and Max Turner. *Linguistics and Biblical Interpretation*. (London: S.P.C.K.; Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1989).

Douglas, J.D., ed. *The New Greek-English Interlinear New Testament*. (Wheaton, IL:Tyndale, 1993)

## Required Software

BibleWorks (Hermeneutika).

V. 4 of BibleWorks is available at the Media Center.

## Course Outline

- 1a. Introduction, Greek Alphabet, Writing Greek Letters  
Homework: Read Black chs. 1-2. Memorize alphabet
- 1b. Vowels, Diphthongs, Marks, Pronunciation, Greek Language Family, Alphabet Exam Overview  
Homework: Read Black ch. 14. Practice Writing Alphabet. Practice Pronunciation with John 1:1-5. Watch BibleWorks Video
- 2a. Read John 1:1-5. The Bible, Sunglasses, and Meaning. The Greek Verb – Time and Aspect  
Homework: Read Black, ch. 8. Prepare for the Alphabet Exam.
- 2b. **Alphabet Exam.** Read Mark 1:1-5. The Greek Verb- Voice, Mood, Person, Number. Parsing. Practice Sheet A. Introducing the Analytical Lexicon.  
Homework: Worksheet #1 – The Analytical Lexicon. Practice Pronouncing Mark 1:1-5
- 3a. Read Mark 1:1-5. The Art of Boundary Making. Introduction to the Standard Lexicons. LSJ on the Web.  
Homework: Find LSJ Lexicon on the Web. Look up πνευμα. Read Black ch. 9. Practice pronouncing Mark 1:6-10.
- 3b. **W1 Due – The Analytical Lexicon Due.** Read Mark 1:6-10. Verbs – The Role/Importance of Cotext.

- Homework: Worksheet #2 – The Lexicon: εὐαγγέλιον κηρύσσω. Read Cotterell and Turner, ch. 1. Using BibleWorks, Identify the Verbs in Mark 1:1-10 and Interpret the Greek Tenses.
- 4a. Review Verb Tenses. A Look at Commentaries, Reference Books, and Their Uses. Introduce Worksheet #3.  
Homework: Worksheet #3 – Critical Commentaries. Read Black ch. 3-4.  
Practice Pronouncing Mark 1:11-15.
- 4b. **W2 – The Lexicon:** εὐαγγέλιον κηρύσσω **Due.** Read Mark 1:11-15. Greek Cases and Their Uses. Practice Sheet B – Noun Declining.  
Homework: Read Cotterell and Turner, ch. 7. Practice Sheet on Greek Cases.
- 5a. Setting A Research Agenda. Review Noun/Adjective Cases. Discuss Pronouns, Definite Articles.  
Homework: Read Black, chs. 5-6. Memorize Definite Article Declension.  
Practice Locating and Observing the Use of the Definite Article in Mark 1:1-15.
- 5b. **W3 – Critical Commentaries Due.** Introduction to Worksheets 4 and 5. Additional Uses of Cases. Greek Prepositions.  
Homework: Worksheet #4 – καθὼς γέγραπται in the New Testament. Worksheet #5 – Citation of Prophecy and Intertextuality. Using BibleWorks, Identify the Nouns, Adjectives and Prepositional Phrases in Mark 1:1-15 and Interpret the Greek Cases. Read Black ch. 7.
- 6a. Greek Participles and Infinitives.  
Homework: Read Black chs 10-11. Using BibleWorks, Find the Participles and Infinitives in Mark 1:1-15 and examine how they are translated.
- 6b. **W4 – καθὼς γέγραπται in the New Testament Due. W5 – Citation of Prophecy and Intertextuality Due.** Introduce Worksheets 6 and 7. Introduce Practice Sheet C.  
Homework: Worksheet #6 The Concordance (ἐρημος, παραδίδωμι). Worksheet #7 – Intertextuality (John’s Attire and Diet). Practice Sheet C.
- 7a. Practice Sheet C. Introduce Practice Sheet D. Introduction to Worksheet 8.  
Homework: Worksheet #8 – Concordance (τεκνον, υἱός). Practice Sheet D.  
Read Cotterell and Turner ch. 2.
- 7b. **W6 The Concordance (ἐρημος, παραδίδωμι). W #7 – Intertextuality (John’s Attire and Diet).** Overview of the Greek Verb, Cases, and Prepositions Exam.  
Homework: Prepare for Greek Verbs, Cases, and Prepositions Exam.

- 8a. **Greek Verb, Cases and Prepositions Exam.** Introduction to Worksheet 9.  
Homework: Worksheet 9 – Greek Verbal Aspect (ἀμαρτάνω). Read Cotterell and Turner ch.3. Practice Pronouncing 1 John 3:1-3.
- 8b. **W8 – Concordance (τεκνον, υἱός).** Read 1 John 3:1-3. Genre and Expectations, Delimiting Boundaries.  
Homework: Read Cotterell and Turner chs. 4-5. Practice Pronouncing 1 John 3:4-6.
- 9a. **W9 – Greek Verbal Aspect (ἀμαρτάνω).** Read 1 John 3:4-6. Introduction to the Exegetical Worksheet.  
Homework: Begin Work on Exegetical Worksheet. Read Cotterell and Turner, chs. 6-7. Practice Pronouncing 1 John 3:7-10.
- 9b. Doing Things with Words: Common Semantic Fallacies. Introduction to Worksheet 10. Read 1 John 3:7-10.  
Homework: Worksheet #10 – The Lexicon and the Concordance (ἀγαπάω and φιλέω). Read Cotterell and Turner, chs 8-9.
- 10a. Read 1 John 3:7-10. Introduction to Modern Linguistics. The Importance of Semantic Domains. Introduction to Worksheet 11.  
Homework: Worksheet #11 – Semantic Domains. Practice Pronouncing 1 John 3:11-17.
- 10b. **W10 – The Lexicon and the Concordance (ἀγαπάω and φιλέω).** Lexical Resources and Diachronic Study. Concordances and Synchronic Study. Introduction to Worksheet 12.  
Homework: Worksheet #12 – The Lexicon and Theological Dictionary (κοσμος).
- 11a. **Exegetical Worksheet Due.** Overview of the Final Paper.  
Homework: Begin Research on the Final Paper.
- 11b. **W11 – Semantic Domains Due. W12 – The Lexicon and Theological Dictionary (κοσμος) Due.** Introduction to Sociolinguistics. The Special Problem of Metaphor. Introduction to Worksheet 13.  
Homework: Worksheet #13 – Intertextuality. Read Black chs. 12-13.
- 12a. Grammatical Analysis of 1John 3:4-10. Introduction to Worksheet 14.  
Homework: Worksheet #14 – Grammatical Analysis.
- 12b. **W13 – Intertextuality Due.** Text, Theology, and Sermon.
- 13a. **W14 – Grammatical Analysis Due.**
- 13b. Textual Criticism.

**Final Paper Due at Scheduled Final Exam Period**