

Intermediate Hellenistic Greek I

WYB2521HF

Wycliffe College, Toronto School of Theology
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Theme:

Suffering and Power: Readings in the Gospels and Paul

Fall 2015

Tuesday: 4:00-5:30

Thursday: 4:00-5:30

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Contact Times:

Tuesday and Thursday before class [or as arranged]

Course Syllabus

I. Course Description

This course provides practice in reading and exegesis of the New Testament in Greek. It follows upon Elementary New Testament Greek (or one year of Greek) and presumes a basic knowledge of Greek. The aim is to increase the student's proficiency in Greek through regular translation and analysis of the New Testament texts, to introduce more advanced grammatical and syntactical concepts, and to unlock the potential of the Greek text for preaching and for scholarly research.

II. Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to demonstrate the following skills:

COURSE OUTCOMES	COURSE ELEMENT	PROGRAM OUTCOMES
By the end of this course, students	This outcome will be achieved through these course elements:	This course outcome corresponds to these aspects of Wycliffe's statements of outcomes (MTS, MDiv)
will be able to translate New Testament Greek at an intermediate level, in several styles and levels of complexity. They will also be able to read short unseen	Whole course; weekly translation assignments; sight translations on weekly quizzes; final examination.	MTS 1.7 MDiv 1.7

passages from the NT.		
will be able to apply standard translation techniques in Hellenistic Greek to analyze Greek texts grammatically and syntactically.	In-class grammatical analysis; weekly homework and translation assignments; final examination.	MTS 1.7 MDiv 1.7
will understand and be able to use intermediate grammatical forms and concepts such as accusative and infinitive constructions; purpose and result clauses; subjunctive and optative.	Weekly grammatical exercises and instruction keyed to the Greek text; weekly quizzes; final examination.	MTS: 1.7 MDiv: 1.7
will be able to analyze and discuss word-use and syntax for their contribution to a text's meaning.	Weekly in-class discussion; final examination.	MTS: 1.7 MDiv: 1.7
will have increased their familiarity with the content of the New Testament.	Whole course; weekly translation.	MTS: 1.1 MDiv: 1.1

III. Course Requirements:

a. Required Texts:

Aland, Kurt, et al., eds. *Novum Testamentum Graece*. 28th rev. edition. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 2012.

OR

Aland, Kurt, et al., eds. *The Greek New Testament*. 5th edition. Stuttgart: United Bible Societies, 2014. [UBS⁵]. (The version with dictionary is very useful. An earlier edition is fine, if that is what you have)

b. Suggested Texts

Bauer-Danker-Arndt-Gingrich. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. 3rd edition. Chicago: Chicago University Press, 2000.

Wallace, Daniel B. *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics: An Exegetical Syntax of the New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1996.

(These texts are available in the Graham library.)

c. Course Evaluation

Evaluation will be based on class participation (including ease in reading the Greek text out loud), weekly quizzes and a final exam involving translation and exegesis.

Class participation: 10%

Greek reading: 10%

Weekly quizzes (top 10 out of 11): 40%

Final exam: 40%

IV. Course Schedule

The course will follow a weekly schedule of readings selected from various New Testament books. The readings will be chosen to introduce students to varying styles and levels of Greek and more advanced grammatical concepts. They will be chosen also to demonstrate the ways in which the language of the texts, and in particular aspects of their style, helps to communicate and shape their meaning.

The readings are organized around the theme of “suffering and power” in the Gospels and in Paul; texts chosen primarily from the Gospels and Paul will highlight themes of suffering and power, and raise questions about the nature and implications of a cross-centred proclamation in the context of (Roman) Empire.

Course work will include translation, vocabulary work and parsing in preparation for class as well as in class; practice reading out loud in Greek; exercises designed to introduce relevant grammatical concepts; exegesis and discussion.

V. Other helpful resources

Metzger, Bruce M. *A Textual Commentary on the Greek New Testament*.
2nd ed. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 2001.

Metzger, Bruce M. *Lexical Aids for Students of New Testament Greek*. New Edition. Princeton, N.J.: Metzger, 1969.

Trenchard, Warren. *The Student's Complete Vocabulary Guide to the Greek New Testament*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1985.

(All of these texts are available in Reference at John Graham library.)

Suffering and Power: Readings in the Gospels and Paul Schedule of Readings:

Week 1

Sep 13: Introduction to the Course
Mark 1:1-8, read together in-class (**No preparation necessary**).
Spotlight on Grammar: 1st and 2nd declension, with irregular forms

Sep 15: **Mark 1:9-13**
Spotlight on Grammar: eimi (review), 3rd declension review

Week 2

Sep 20: QUIZ (on Mark 1:9-13 and 1st/2nd declension irregulars)
Mark 1:14-20
Spotlight on Grammar: Regular Verb review

Sep 22: **Mark 1:21-28**
Spotlight on Grammar: Uses of the Imperfect

Week 3

Sep 27: QUIZ (on Mark 1:14-28 and 3rd declension)
Gal 1:10-14
Spotlight on Grammar: Imperfect (continued); oida

Sep 29 : **John 14:1-7**
Spotlight on Grammar: Contrary to Fact conditions

Week 4

Oct 4 : QUIZ (on Gal 1:10-14; John 14:1-7 and Imperfect)
Matt 2:1-6; Luke 3:1-4
Spotlight on Grammar: Participles (review)

Oct 6: **Matt 2:7-18**
Spotlight on Grammar: Participles; Genitive Absolute

Week 5

Oct 11: QUIZ (on Matt 2:1-18 and Luke 3:1-4 and Genitive Absolute)
Matt 4:1-11
Spotlight on Grammar: Subjunctive Review

Oct 13: **Matt 4:12-17; 5:1-8**

Spotlight on Grammar: Subjunctive; mi-verbs

Week 6

Oct 18: QUIZ (on Matt 4:1-12 and subjunctive)
Matt 5:9-16
Spotlight on Grammar: Infinitive (review); mi-verbs

Oct 20: **John 13:31-38**
Spotlight on Grammar: Infinitive constructions; mi-verbs

Week 7 READING WEEK

Week 8

Nov 1: QUIZ (on Matt 5:9-16, John 13:31-38 and mi-verbs)
Luke 1:26-38
Spotlight on Grammar: Infinitive; result clauses

Nov 3: **Luke 2:1-11**
Spotlight on Grammar: Infinitive; result clauses

Week 9

Nov 8 : QUIZ (on Luke 1:26-38 and Luke 2:1-11 and infinitive)
Mark 10:32-40
Spotlight on Grammar: Participles and Passive Periphrastic

Nov 10: **Mark 10:41-52**
Spotlight on Grammar: Participles and Periphrastic

Week 10

Nov 15 : QUIZ (on Mark 10:32-52 and Participles/Periphrastic)
I Cor 1:18-25
Spotlight on Grammar: Comparative Adjectives

Nov 17: **1 Cor 1:26-2:8** Comparative Adjectives

Week 11

Nov 22: QUIZ (on 1 Cor 1:18- 2:8 and Comparative Adjectives)
Gal 5:13-26
Optative

Nov 24: **2 Cor 11:1, 21-33**
Spotlight on Grammar: Optative

Week 12

Nov 29: QUIZ (on Gal 5:13-26 and 2 Cor 11: 1, 21-33 and Optative)

1 Cor 4:7-16

Spotlight on Grammar: ophelon

Dec 1: **Philippians 2:1-11**

Week 13

Dec 6: QUIZ (on 1 Cor 4:7-16; Phil 2:1-11)
 Phil 3:3-14

Dec 8 : REVIEW

EXAM:

Dec 13: 4:00-5:30