



Hebrew and Language Learning

Why learn Hebrew?

- To serve Him with one accord.

“For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language,
That they all may call on the name of the LORD,
To serve Him with one accord” (Zephaniah 3:9).

Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”

But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the LORD said, “Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth” (Genesis 11:1-9).

About the revival of the Hebrew language:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Revival_of_the_Hebrew_language

- To reinforce literacy and rational thought to our children (see Session 2)
- To share the gospel and make disciples of all nations

And Yeshua came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them

to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen (Matthew 28:18-20).

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace,
Who bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:11-15).

- To go up to Israel for the feasts three times a year

Recommendation for doing the feasts in Israel:

<http://www.campephraim.org>

How Do We Learn Language?

1. Identify your motivation: _____

2. Schedule a time to study.
 - a. A time when you're well rested
 - b. A time when you're not distracted
 - c. Not too long of a study session
 - d. Include a review time
 - e. Repeated times during the time
 - f. Set a reminder timer 😊
 - g. Six days a week is best
3. For a non-native language, speak/say/write before comprehension.
4. Start with the alphabet.
 - a. Learn the letter names in order.
 - b. Know what sound each letter makes.
 - c. Learn the vowel sounds.
 - d. Learn to pronounce words syllable by syllable, rather than sight words.

Join Hebrew School on YouTube at Homeschooling Torah (starting August 28, 2022):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgXeLb0TQ5s&list=PLZiXggFf0EnALYBz3I3WwLfzDcu48dUbi>

5. Practice spelling in the language.

6. Copywork! Copy words and verses from the Bible.

Helpful apps so you can see the Hebrew Bible:

- Parallel Plus (my favorite because it shows syllables)
Apple - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/parallel-plus-bible-study-app/id528246186>
Android - <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.biblegt.android&gl=US>
- Blue Letter Bible
<https://www.blueletterbible.org/>

✓ Strongly consider learning cursive in the language you're learning

7. Read aloud each day.

8. Listen to native speakers daily.

- a. <https://torahclass.com/audio-bible-in-hebrew/>
- b. <https://www.youtube.com/c/HebrewPod101>
- c. <https://www.jpost.com/IVRIT>
- d. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ48aWxRarNOC79bpyBTQTW>

9. Learn basic vocabulary.

- a. Word Power
<https://homeschoolingtorah.com/word-power-update-and-freebie/>
- b. <https://tim.blog/2009/01/20/learning-language/>

10. Learn the grammar structure.

Basic Sentence Patterns

Subject - Linking Verb - Predicate Adjective

The apple is red.

Subject - Linking Verb - Predicate Noun

It is John's apple.

Subject - Transitive Verb - Indirect Object - Direct Object

I give John the apple.

We give him the apple.

He gives it to John.

She gives it to him.

- ✓ More links for learning Hebrew:
<https://homeschoolingtorah.com/how-to-begin-to-learn-hebrew/>

- 11. Learn the cognates (sound-alike words).
- 12. Learn the roots of words.
 - a. *Ancient Hebrew Lexicon*, by Jeff Benner
 - b. <https://www.ancient-hebrew.org/ahlb/1-strongs.html>
 - c. Follow the roots through the etymology.

- 13. Interact with others online.
 - a. <https://homeschoolingtorah.com/members/register-for-community/>
 - b. Duolingo app
 - c. Skype and Zoom practice partners
 - d. HelloTalk <https://www.hellotalk.com/>
 - e. Pimsleur <https://www.pimsleur.com/learn-hebrew/subscription-all-access>

- 14. Look for free resources!

- 15. Be accountable to others.

- 16. Use mnemonics and flashcards, and review often. Test yourself.
 - a. Quizlet <https://quizlet.com>
 - b. Duolingo <https://www.duolingo.com/>
 - c. Memrise <https://www.memrise.com/>
 - d. Drops <https://languagedrops.com/>
 - e. Hebrew Flashcards (Apple) <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/hebrew-flashcards/id872410613>

- 17. Embrace mistakes. Be childlike and humble. Continue learning.

- 18. You will go through stages of learning.
 - a. Beginner
 - b. Conversation
 - c. Mastery

- 19. Work on your accent and intonation.
 - a. Learn the rules.
 - b. Be a good listener.
 - c. Learn about the culture.
 - d. Spend time with the people.

- 20. Add more languages. Keep going!