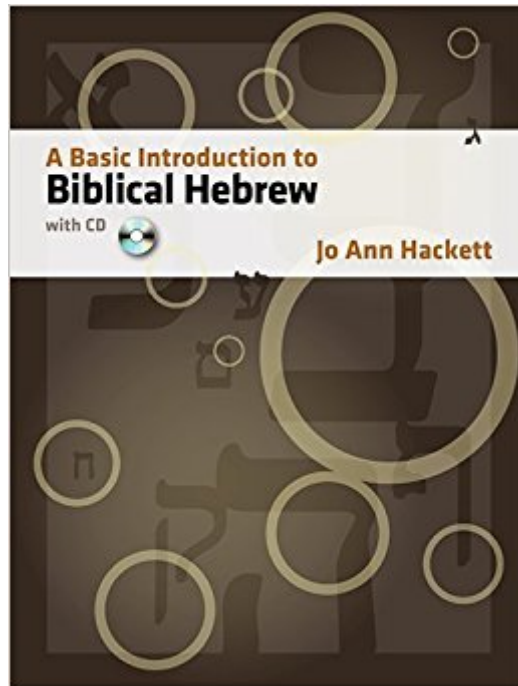




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Jo Ann Hackett, for many years Professor of the Practice of Biblical Hebrew and Northwest Semitic Epigraphy at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, is professor of Middle Eastern Studies at UT-Austin. She is the author of numerous monographs, including *The Balaam Text from Tell Deir Alla*; and has contributed to *The HarperCollins Study Bible* and *The Oxford History of the Biblical World*. Hackett is esteemed by her students for her ability to train them in both the fundamentals and intricacies of original language usage.

I used this for my elementary and Intermediate Classical Hebrew classes at Harvard. Very well written and user-friendly.

I used the prototype of this grammar book over 4 1/2 years ago in my intensive summer Hebrew courses at BYU. I also have taken classes where the assigned grammar was that of Lambin, and classes where we studied Gesenius. supplemented with journal articles. I bought this grammar this past summer and read through the entire book in a little over a week to see what differences the published copy had compared to the rough draft edition I used. Unlike the other two reviews I found the book to be very helpful during my introductory courses. Lambdin's grammar gives more details but Hackett's grammar provided me with the skills necessary to do well in all of my subsequent classes. I believe that all of my fellow classmates would have said the same. The book was introduced to us by one Hackett's students at Harvard. I would have liked to have more details about vowel changes, but that is as a student that has taken many Hebrew classes since; at the time the book proved quite useful. Put in the necessary time and you will find that this grammar will provide you with the skills necessary to begin translating the Hebrew Bible.

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As an introduction and workbook is excellent. She's very thorough, writing very clearly.

Great text book!

Excellent study book.

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This is not the best of Hebrew language introductory books. I found that the CDROM which came with it of very little benefit. It was a disappointment. Save your money and if this is required for a class you may want to skip the class unless it is free and you have no experience with Hebrew language.

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