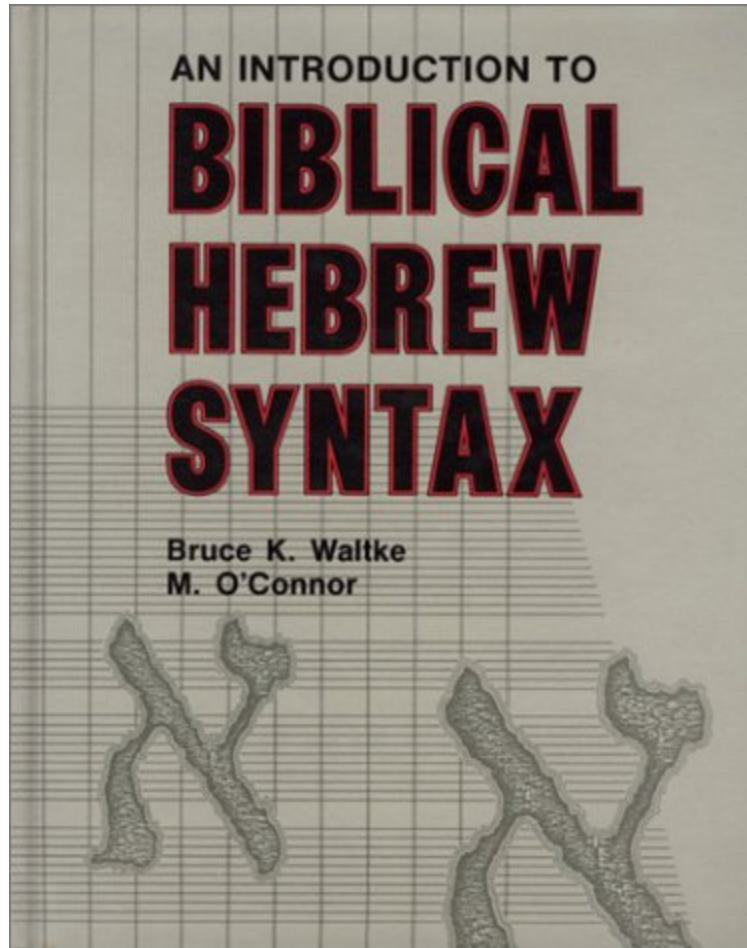


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Bruce K. Waltke, M. O'Connor : An Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised An Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. An indispensable Hebrew Language resource. By Ready Writer This book is an amazing resource for anyone who has completed preliminary Hebrew such as with Pratico and Van Pelt in their Basics of Biblical Hebrew. This book goes above and beyond, it gives the diagnostic origin patterns for adjectives, patterns in noun formation as well as other components of speech, contrasts each of the seven major verb forms and the minor forms as well, and gives an excellent evolution of the utilization of the Hebrew language and its update in characters. It explains in its initial history a lot of unique statements in the Torah, and illustrations throughout give the reader an excellent idea about the Hebrew Scriptures. I bought this to aid in designing a language studies course at seminary and it has stood me in great help so far, going beyond anything I would have expected to get out of an intermediate level grammar and is an amazing, invaluable, and priceless resource, both to the professor, and the

student. I recommend all people taking Hebrew purchase this book and add it to their collection and read it through cover to cover as well as using it as a topical reference guide. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. can potentially be overwhelming

By Edwin Mendez This is a good resource for introduction to syntax. However, the vast amount of examples has benefits as well as disadvantages. The benefit is that it is comprehensive in information which makes it good for a reference. The disadvantage is that the many subcategories can cause one to be discouraged as the quantity of information may be overwhelming. Nonetheless that is the nature of learning a language. It is still a good resource if you can maintain the brain power to understand the technical language if you have a novice background to linguistics. The volume could be more pedagogical however that would cater to the self learner and perhaps that was not the intent of the author. This volume seems to be designed for the classroom setting. However it is still decent for the self learner.

30 of 30 people found the following review helpful. Can't do Without

By Christopher C. Alsrue I have been a fan of Gesenius for a long time. While I knew there was updated information to consider, I thought his text was enough. But although his text is certainly still necessary, and necessarily covers issues that the book reviewed here does not, it is clear that one must turn to Waltke O'Connor to reach a greater level of accuracy. Writing so long after Gesenius, they have presented new and accurate information based on the latest research, not only of Ancient Hebrew, but also based on cognate Semitic languages. I have found the sections on Hebrew verbs the most enlightening and correcting, e.g., that the Pi'el stem is NOT intensive. Such intenseness must be detected from a combination of the lexical verb meaning, the stem, and the text/co-text. This book also presents other up-to-date information on the forming of nouns from verbs, etc. As others have noted, the layout and presentation is great. It really can't be presented any easier, I don't think. One must read Gesenius, for he presents very important information across the board, including much on phonology and linguistics not covered by Waltke O'Connor. But to stick with Gesenius will leave one in error on some points. Waltke O'Connor, simply put, make the corrections and make studying Biblical Hebrew exciting, and even much easier to learn.

Meeting the need for a textbook for classroom use after first year Hebrew grammar, Waltke and O'Connor integrate the results of modern linguistic study of Hebrew and years of experience teaching the subject in this book. In addition to functioning as a teaching grammar, this work will also be widely used for reference and self-guided instruction in Hebrew beyond the first formal year. Extensive discussion and explanation of grammatical points help to sort out points blurred in introductory books. More than 3,500 Biblical Hebrew examples illustrate the points of grammar under discussion. Four indexes (Scripture, Authorities cited, Hebrew words, and Topics) provide ready access to the vast array of information found in the 40 chapters. Destined to become a classic work, this long-awaited book fills a major gap among modern publications on Biblical Hebrew. An errata sheet for the seventh and eighth printing is available for download. These changes have been incorporated into the ninth printing.