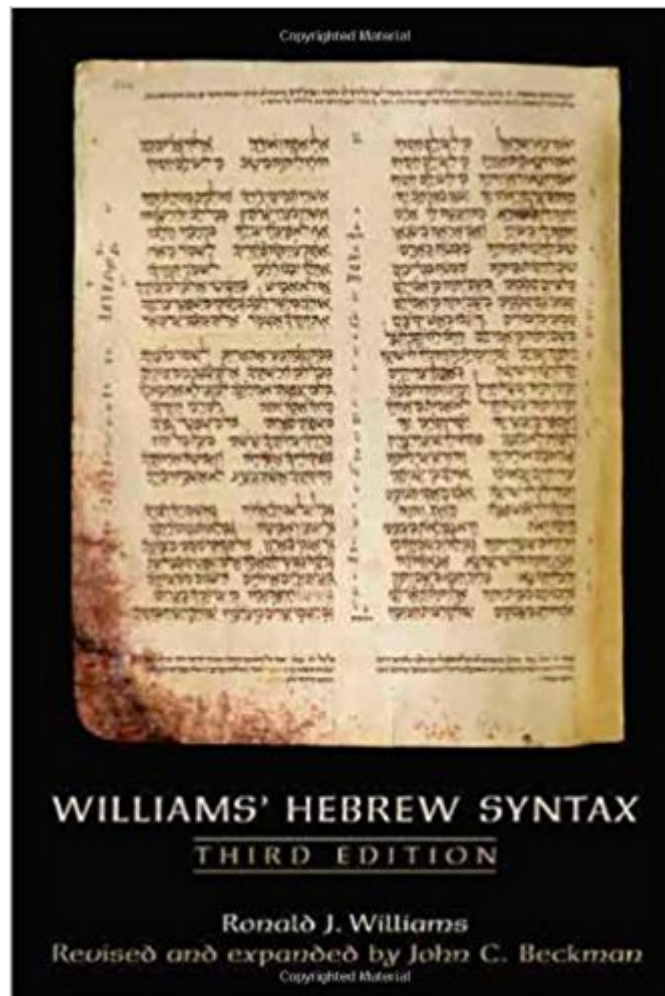




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Synopsis

Although the morphology and lexicon of Hebrew are reasonably well understood, its syntax has long been a neglected area of study. Syntax, the relationship of words to one another, forms, together with morphology, the material of grammar. Its relative importance varies according to the language considered. This is particularly true of word order, for when an inflected language loses its case endings, word order assumes many of the functions of the former cases. This outline by Professor Williams re-emphasizes the significance of word order in Hebrew. Developed over fifteen years in a formal course on Hebrew syntax at the University of Toronto, it treats the syntax of the noun, the verb, particles and clauses, with a selection of illustrative examples. Its contents are based on classical Hebrew prose, but some account is also taken of the deviations in later prose and poetry. In this new edition English translations have been provided for all Hebrew phrases and sentences, and the bibliography has been expanded.

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'The particular excellence of the book... is its abundant quotation, to illustrate every nuance of the language of the Hebrew Bible.' (Times Educational Supplement)

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Great! Used this in Hebrew Syntax classes some 30 years ago. It has pleasantly been upgraded and improved. I would move it to the second semester of Hebrew reading rather than the first. Avoid the larger texts as they complicate things early on and are more for Grammarians than those who simply wish to read Hebrew. By the way, advanced classes often equal more grammar. However, as you would in English, get to the reading rather than the advanced English stuff; which is really for the Grammarians. So: 1. Basic Grammar (suggest PUTNAM as the best Basic Grammar) 2. Basic Syntax (Use This Book!) and Vocabulary Mastery by roots (George M. Lands', Building Your Hebrew Vocabulary, or Dennis Dickinson's, Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary (Short List), for complete Vocabulary Mastery) Saves a lot of time! 3. Put some miles behind you in Reading pure Hebrew and mastering more Vocabulary. If you wish to be a Hebrew Grammarian, fine; But if Reading the Hebrew Bible comfortably is your goal, then here is your Second Year Text.

While there are several textbooks that treat Biblical Hebrew syntax issues, I think William's Hebrew syntax by far is the most comprehensive and readable grammar book on the market. It treats each category of Biblical hebrew syntax-noun, verb, preposition, and sentence structures- down to minutest detail. But in my opinion, William has had least treatment of waw-consecutive topic where he

just went through the basics (probably due to the controversial nature, he refrain to draw any conclusive statement regarding wav-connective which leave the final judgement to the readers) as oppose to the Intermediate Biblical Hebrew by Andrew E. Steinmann that give fuller treatment helping the readers to grasp one of the most difficult yet controversial issue among the academic circle of the day. Well, that being said it , however, it does not downplay the overall content quality of the William's Biblical Hebrew Syntax.

Very nice revision of a classic tool for the beginner and intermediate reading of biblical Hebrew, this will remain on the must-have list of books for the serious student of biblical Hebrew. Type-font is much improved from the original edition with a handsome cover being an improvement over the dull blue cover on the original edition. I heartily recommend this reference tool without reservation.

Basically this book is a compendium of the syntactical options available to the exegete. It provides a thorough listing of options along with relevant passages that highlight his points. I think this is a worthwhile purchase. As the title reflects this would be a good intermediate grammar/syntax for the Hebrew student. One downside to this syntax is that there is very little in offering the student on how to use the different options. While I have said that this book is for those who are intermediate or advanced, and by definition should already know how to use it, it would be helpful for an explanation of his rationale for making some of the distinctions that he does. All in all a good reference book that will serve its purpose!

Yes it did meet my expectations! It is a very and very clear written book and is very useful for easy reference as well as for learning

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