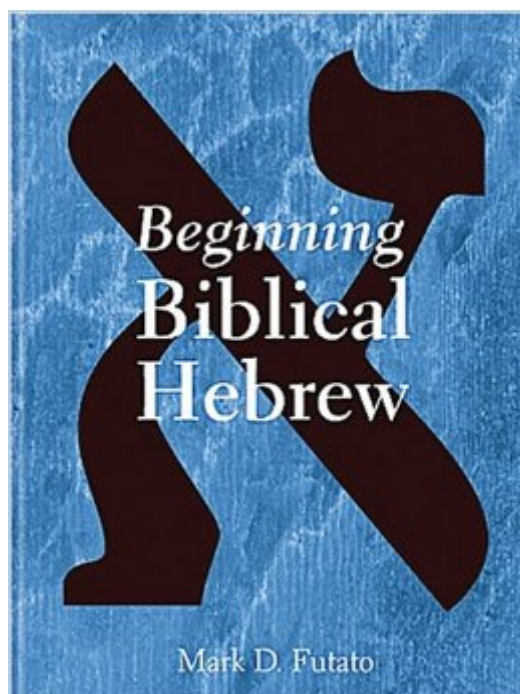


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I am admittedly a bit biased in assessing this book. I took 2 classes of Hebrew under Dr. Futato where he used this book as his basic Grammar textbook for the courses. As such, I had the advantage not only of this Grammar, but also having access to its author as he went through it and explained the material as well as his thought process for how he chose to organize the Grammar. This Grammar has some features in it that are lacking in most other Grammars that are so common sense, it makes one hope that Futato's Hebrew Grammar will at least inspire better Grammars by others. In particular, Futato insists on introducing the student to relevant vocabulary in the lesson prior to when it will be used to teach the subsequent lesson's contents. In Grammar after Grammar, students find themselves in the position of not only learning new concepts with each lesson, but being exposed to vocabulary not previously learned that is essential to being able to

tangibly work with the concepts in that lesson. This is a very poor methodology of teaching a language, and Futato goes a long way toward rectifying that here. It's great to see vocabulary relating to the Hiphil (as just one example) in the lesson BEFORE getting exposed to the Hiphil, and then using that vocabulary in the Hiphil lesson to substantively interact with the Hiphil. In addition, emphasis is placed on the majors instead of the minors, and each lesson is very digestible in terms of its length and content. Where the concepts are more difficult, Futato breaks up the lessons so that the student can absorb the material gradually. The lessons are well written and non-technical for the most part.

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