

The Myth of Biblical Hebrew Grammar – What is It? (H)

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This presentation deals with the lack of fixed grammar of Biblical Hebrew.

Anyone who studies biblical Hebrew learns the basic rules, for example that nouns, verbs, adjectives, and pronouns must agree in gender and number, depending on whether they are masculine or feminine, singular or plural. However, when this same person opens the Hebrew Bible, he/she quickly realizes that there are numerous instances where the grammatical rules he/she has just mastered break down. This presentation will deal with many rules which do not completely fit with the Hebrew text.

Based on examples, the presenter wishes to discuss the occurrences of some linguistic phenomena, and to state a set of new rules (where possible) for the students and scholars of the Hebrew Bible.