

lieve we'll make great progress by taking this one specific point and mastering it right from the start. In other words getting your eyes used to the letters so if you open a page of the Hebrew Bible and pronounce it right along like you would English. And when you can do that, then you can read a couple of lines in which you may not know half the words but those half you know, you'll recognize. And you'll recognize their forms because you're familiar with the letters. And that way you can be picking up other forms and it'll be a pleasure to you later on instead of a chore. And we'll use the dictionary for studying specific problems rather than simply to find a word meaning for this and this and this word - save all that. And so in order to do that, we're going to arrange our schedule so that we will have the four hours a week of Hebrew, each of those hours having two other hours, so that makes three hours for a credit hour, that is twelve hours a week of Hebrew, instead of the twenty our students have done for 27 years. But we're going in the first part of the semester at least, to divide that twelve hours into fifteen minute periods. So we'll have 48 fifteen minute periods - the reason for that is to keep your eyes from getting too tired from the strain of unfamiliar letters steadily. But we'll take fifteen minutes of intensive practice in learning to recognize these letters and then we'll take up something entirely different like preaching practice or discussion of New Testament deduction or something that is entirely unrelated and doesn't use your eyes - and then we'll have fifteen minutes again of intensive work on it. It's as if you were to go out here and learn to pitch a baseball and you practice and practice and practice and then your arms tired and you've got to rest. You don't just want to do it every minute all day but you spread the periods out. And that way, I believe that in six weeks to two months, everyone should be able to read that Hebrew right off as far as pronouncing it is concerned and after that you'll learn vocabulary, you'll learn forms, you'll learn to understand principles, you'll look up words in ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ a tenth the time that it would take you the way that it is usually done. So it is a chore to face at the beginning. It is a task which must be faced and solved but if we solve it and get past it, then we will find the rest of the year will give us real enjoyment in Hebrew far beyond what we've had in the