

# Basics of Ancient Ugaritic: A Concise Grammar, Workbook, and Lexicon by Michael Williams

[Great Introduction To The Language](#)

Basics of Ancient Ugaritic is a teaching grammar of this ancient language, one of vital importance for understanding the wider world and culture surrounding the Old Testament text. It begins with the alphabet, and each new lesson builds on the ones before it. It is not, therefore, a synthetic Ugaritic grammar—these types of texts often prove to be overwhelming for students.

Instead, Basics of Ancient Ugaritic can be used for learning the language by individuals on their own or in a classroom setting. Each chapter concludes with a set of exercises allowing students to know whether they are grasping the fundamentals of the language.

In short, Basics of Ancient Ugaritic represents an ideal first text for entering the larger world of Semitic languages.

Features:

\* Used Book in Good Condition

My Personal Review:

This book is designed primarily for the student with a background in Hebrew, but it is simple enough for the beginner with zero knowledge of any Semitic language.

It is by far not an exhaustive treatment of Ugaritic which the author makes abundantly clear. However, it does provide a rather nice set of references for further study throughout the book should one choose to delve deeper into the language. Teaching only the generally accepted rules of Ugaritic grammar etc. And alerting the reader to questionable rules of grammar at

times, this book gives the student a balanced introduction emphasizing that there is still much academic debate and disagreement on features of Ugaritic.

The only criticism I could have is that there is not as many citations and emphases in Ugaritic script throughout the book as I would like to see. It would be nice to have a short Ugarit passage at the end of each chapter for the reader to gloss. This would help the reader assess his/her cumulative proficiency or at least the chapter-specific material previously covered.

In the end, this book is excellent and will provide a working knowledge of the language in a simple, none-intimidating manner. I recommend it especially for Hebrew students to augment their studies in morphology and scripture, but also for anyone else thwispis interested in the ancient language(s) of Canaan.

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