

Biblical Hebrew

Basic Grammar of the Hebrew Old Testament

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Preface

Since the work done on the Bible Greek VPOD program is behind me, the reflection on and improvements considered are now made to the study of Hebrew. The basic idea is the same – Keep It Simple! That is the primary goal of any first year language study and Hebrew needs that same treatment. While keeping it simple, I have tried to also keep the complexity inherent with Hebrew as every grammar includes multiple complex grammatical terms for what should be one simple term. This simplification is often a hard thing to accomplish since the first year student also needs to get acquainted with the technical terms yet at the same time not be lost because of an unrelated expression.

I must thank my Hebrew teacher, David Austin at Tyndale Seminary, Fort Worth, for his encouragement with both Hebrew and Greek. Also my doctrinal advisor and mentor Dr. Mal Couch who spent countless hours discussing language, theology, and life issues. They instilled in me the “keep it simple,” philosophy that I, in turn, emphasize to my students. It is my hope that the student of this Hebrew grammar will find the complex made simple, while expanding in knowledge and understanding of the original Jewish author’s meaning. That is the goal. It is not possible to interpret completely the thoughts of the original author without going to the original author’s language. That means going back to the Hebrew and Greek. Just having a cursory knowledge of the original language helps greatly in the understanding of the Word.

The Method

The method used for learning the Hebrew of the Old Testament is based on the internet video Bible Hebrew VPOD produced by the author. This program is based on the three fundamentals:

- Chapter reading of the grammar book
- Video instruction using the Hebrew video lessons
- Then, back to the book for practice and exercises

This method is simple, straight to the point, and proven. It is the purpose of this method and program that the student will gain a quick understanding and confidence working with the language while the love and value of it grows.

Working the practice exercises is extremely valuable. There is no substitute for memorizing the vocabulary and translating the verses. The volume of words to memorize for each lesson is manageable, and the translation work limited to five or six verses. The selection is made in order for the student to become experienced in the subject of the chapter. The verses were selected for the most part because of their doctrinal meat not just verses for practice sake. Use a Bible, in fact several versions of the Bible when translating so as to get acquainted with variations. Do not get hung up on the variations – just do the basic translation work and wait until intermediate Hebrew to understand the variations.

May your time be spent in the Word, not around the Word. May the riches and depths of His Word bless you greatly.

Chapter One

The Story of Hebrew

Hebrew is the language of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Hebrew was the language of the Hebrews of the Egyptian bondage. Hebrew was the language the LORD Himself carved on stone tablets and gave to Moses on Mount Sinai. Technically, Hebrew is one of the Semitic languages categorized as West Semitic which includes the ancient languages of Ugaritic, Phoenician, and Canaanite.

Was Hebrew the original language of mankind? We cannot say, but we can say the Hebrew found in the Old Testament was not the original since it was written from around 1450 to 400 B.C. The earliest forms of a written language can be dated to around 3500 B. C. in the Near Eastern region of Sumer. And it is interesting to find archeological evidence to support the biblical account of the separation of languages (Gen. 11). Dr. Henry Morris provides a quote from Ralph Linton, one of the foremost anthropologists who says, “Writing was also a Near Eastern invention and one whose contribution to civilization has been even greater than that of metal ... Writing appears almost simultaneously some 5000-6000 years ago in Egypt, Mesopotamia, and the Indus Valley.”¹

It should be noted that even though one finds the written record of Sumer earlier than the written record of Hebrew, that in itself does not prove Hebrew did not exist as a distinct language at the same time. It only says the Hebrew dialect either was not a written language at the time of Sumer, or that Hebrew may have been a fully developed written language but without the societal dominance that Sumer experienced with all its preserved clay tablets.

The ancient Semitic division of languages includes the following four divisions:

- Eastern Semitic: Akkadian, Assyrian & Babylonian
- Southern: Arabic & Ethiopic
- Northern: Amorite & Aramaic
- Northwestern: Canaanite, Hebrew, Ugaritic & Phoenician

Within the northwestern Semitic division, the Canaanite division is the main category where all the dialects of the region are classified. The primary north Canaanite dialect is Ugaritic of ancient Ugarit containing a thirty character alphabet and of which much is known due to the large volume of clay tablets describing a rich culture of law, history, religion, business, and epic poetry.

The Moabite dialect of northwestern Canaan dates from 840 B.C. Our understanding of the Moabites apart from the Biblical record comes primarily from the Mesha Stone. The stone identified with the Moabite king Mesha tells how Chemosh, the god of Moab, had been angry with his people and had allowed them to be subjugated to

¹ Henry Morris, *Scientific Creationism* (Green Forest: Master Books, 2003), p. 193

Israel, but Chemosh returned and assisted Mesha to defeat Israel and restore the land to Moab. The stone describes many of Mesha's building projects.

The northern coastal region of Canaan was dominated by the Phoenician dialect. This was the region of Tyre, Sidon, Berytus, Tripolis and Byblos, involving all the foreign emigrants from Cyprus, Sicily, and North Africa. The Phoenician dialect becomes more important for the 5th to 2nd centuries BC.

Script

The script of Hebrew has developed from what is called the Early Hebrew through the generation to what is called the Square Hebrew. The Early Hebrew alphabet is the original script of the Hebrew Bible up to the pre-exilic writings. There was developed among the scribes a cursive script which served the scribe's quick flowing hand. It is the time of the Babylonian captivity that the square script moves to the Hebrew alphabet. Thought to be derived from the Aramaic script, the Hebrew developed into a distinctive Jewish type of script.²

While the square script was the most significant development of the Hebrew text, the second most important development was the vowel pointing. Hebrew developed with a consonant only system wherein one knew how to pronounce the vowel sound of the word based on tradition and some basic rules. A verb had an "a" vowel sound, while a noun possessed an "e" sound. During the Babylonian captivity the Hebrew almost lost their language but was somewhat restored, at least in Jerusalem, during the return. But it was in the midst of the great diaspora, between A.D. 600-950, that the Jewish scholars, the Masoretes, developed the vowel pointing system in an effort to preserve the original sound. What we have today in the original Hebrew text is not original but from the tradition of the Masorites.

Important Early Documents

Many Early Hebrew inscriptions, seals, coins, & etc. have been found that have helped us understand the early period of Hebrew. Many of these artifacts are dated to the time of King David, around 1000 B.C. Of particular importance are the biblically related works, but also the extra-biblical works, namely, (1) the Gezer Calendar, a schoolboy's exercise on a clay tablet dated to about 925 B.C. describing eight months of the agricultural activity. (2) The Siloam Inscription, dated 705 B.C., describing the completion of Hezekiah's Siloam water tunnel (2 Kings 20:20; 2 Chron. 32:3, 30; 33:14). (3) The Samaritan Ostraca dated 770 B.C. detailing the royal treasury and written in early Hebrew cursive script. (4) The Lachish Letters, dated 587 B. C., containing communications between the Jewish outpost commander and his superior at headquarters. These letters as well as those found in Ophel, Samaria, and Haror all were written in early Hebrew cursive.

The Biblical manuscripts known are mostly dated from Babylonian captivity (586 B.C.). Several factors play into this observation; (1) the preferred material used by Moses and others in Israel was the Egyptian papyrus (c. 3100 B.C). Made from Egyptian reed it was of high demand because of its quality and ability to roll into a scroll. While papyrus was the preferred Scriptural material its survivability was not good. (2) A second type of

² P.R. Ackroyd & C.F. Evans, gen. ed., *The Cambridge History of the Bible* (Cambridge: Cambridge Press, 1970), vol. 1, p. 16

material used was animal skins. This material could also be rolled into a scroll. All early scrolls found are of this type but are in very bad shape. Animal skin is much more durable than papyrus but still not a survivable material. (3) A third reason for the lack of pre-Babylonian manuscripts relates to the history of Israel as a nomadic people until King David and the struggle the nation encountered in the Promised Land.

The primary places where scrolls would be located were the Temple which was destroyed by the Babylonians and the tribal priestly allocations which were destroyed by the various people groups before the Assyrian and Babylonian devastation. The lack of good manuscripts between the Babylonian period and the destruction of the Temple in A.D. 70 and subsequent expulsion in A.D. 132 is both remarkable and understandable. In fact, until the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947, the earliest good manuscript fragment was the Nash Papyrus dated 1st or 2nd century A.D. from Egypt not Israel³. Because the Nash fragment is made of Egyptian Papyrus it is in very bad condition. It was not until 1947 when the Dead Sea Scrolls were found that a significant quantity of early biblical manuscript fragments dated 408 B.C. to A.D. 318 could be claimed.

Nash Papyrus. c. 1st – 2nd century B.C. Oldest manuscript fragment containing the Shema (Deut. 6:4-9) and parts of the Decalogue (Ex. 20; Deut. 5).

Orientales 4445. c. A.D. 820-850. This Pentateuch manuscript is in mixed condition. It contains Genesis 39:20-Deuteronomy 1:33. The codex is mostly legible.

Codex Cairensis. c. A.D. 895. Also called the Cairo Codex contains the Hebrew Prophets, the Former Prophets (Joshua, Judges, Samuel, & Kings) and the Latter Prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, & the twelve minor prophets). It contains the punctuation by Moses ben Asher. The codex has an interesting history as it was taken from Jerusalem in 1099 by the Crusaders, redeemed by the Jewish community in Cairo and returned to the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1983.

Aleppo Codex of the Whole Bible. c. A.D. 930. Copied in Tiberias by Shelomo ben Baya'a and pointed by Aaron ben Moses ben Asher. The manuscript is in mixed condition. Most of the Pentateuch is missing and other sections are missing but it represents an authoritative tradition where the great medieval Maimonides used and endorsed its accuracy. Its history is full of intrigue as it was plundered during the first Crusade, transferred to Egypt, then in 1375 transferred to Aleppo, Syria by Maimonides's descendants where it remained until 1947 when during the UN Partition riots the codex was smuggled out of Syria before the synagogue was burned and in 1958 presented to Israeli President Yitzhak ben Zvi.

Codex Leningradensis. c. A.D. 1008. This manuscript is in good condition. It is the earliest complete Old Testament known. Copied in Cairo by Samuel ben Jacob from manuscripts written by Aaron ben Moses ben Asher. This manuscript is the Hebrew text of Kittel's Biblia Hebraica (BHK) text (1937) and the Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia (BHS) (1977).

³ Although modern scholarship places the Nash fragment 100-200 B.C.

Important Related Documents

There are two important early manuscripts to note, the Samaritan Pentateuch and the Greek Septuagint.

Samaritan Pentateuch. The Samaritan people are the result of intermarriage between Jewish and the peoples of the Samaria region during the divided kingdom stage. The division and identity of the Samaritans distinct from Israel continued through the Assyrian period and by the time of Jesus had an established Torah tradition and text. Israel to the north held only to the first five books of Moses, thus the Samaritan people established their tradition around the Pentateuch. The Samaritan Pentateuch was written in the script of the region called Paleo-Hebrew (Phoenician-Hebrew). It is this distinct script that helps date the Samaritan Pentateuch to the 2nd century B.C. What has been preserved today of a complete manuscript has the earliest date of the eleventh century A.D. The Samaritan Pentateuch was translated into Aramaic in the early Christian era and is called the Samaritan Targum.

The Septuagint (LXX). The most important Old Testament work is no doubt the Greek translation of the Old Testament that occurred in Alexandria Egypt by the group of seventy (LXX) between 250 B.C. – 150 B.C. Ptolemy requested the translation from Hebrew to Greek (made by 6 scribes from each of the 12 tribes = 72, but simply called 70) for the thriving Greek speaking Alexandrian Jewish community. The translation included all twenty-two Jewish Old Testament books (thirty-nine English) plus fourteen additional writings called the Apocrypha (“hidden”). Thus the Septuagint helped in the Hellenization of Egypt.

The Character of Hebrew

Hebrew is a raw, graphic language, absent of the precise mathematical precession of the Greek. It is in this sense that the language provides the reader with a graphic view of the story. The literal translation of the fall illustrates this perfectly as the Hebrew reads, “dying you shall die,” which is normally translated, “you shall surely die” (Gen. 2:17).

The sentence structure is simple. So simple in fact that a verb can be left out of the sentence altogether. An example of a noun sentence is, “Who [is] righteous?” Here, the, to be verb, “[is],” has to be added in the English.

The Hebrew verb tense is called a stem because it lacks time of action, instead focusing on kind or mode of action. The perfect verb expresses an action or state of being finished or complete. The imperfect verb expresses the action or state of being as incomplete or continuous.

The Hebrew language naturally moves in and out of an incredible array of literary techniques found in the Bible. Some literary techniques relate to the textural structure and serve to highlight a point, others relate to sound in order to make a play with words or make the sound and rhythm fun or conducive to song. Some of these literary techniques are listed below.

- Chiasm. An example of a chiasmus is, “whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed.” (Gen. 9:6)
- Acrostic. An acrostic is found in Hebrew poetry where successive units of a poem begin with consecutive letters of the alphabet.

- Alliteration. An alliteration is the repetition of the same initial sounds or adjacent or nearby words.
- Chiasmus. A chiasmus is a figure of speech in which two or more clauses are related to each other through the reversal of the lines of a poetic structure in order to make a larger point. The two clauses are inverted parallelism.
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Chapter Two

The Hebrew Alphabet

Hebrew has twenty-three letters to its alphabet as shown in the table below.

Letter	Final form	Name	Transliteration ⁴	Pronunciation
א		אלף 'alēf	'	silent
ב		בֵּית bêt	b	<u>b</u> all
ב		bêt	v (b)	<u>v</u> ine
ג		גִּמְלֵל gimēl	g	<u>g</u> ift
ג		gimēl	gh (g)	<u>gh</u> ost
ד		דַּלֶּת dalēt	d	<u>d</u> ebt
ד		dalēt	th (d)	<u>th</u> e
ה		הֵ' hē'	h	<u>h</u> is
ו		וָו vāv (or wāv)	v or w	<u>v</u> ine or <u>w</u> ay
ז		זַיִן zāyīn	z	<u>Z</u> ion
ח		חֵית hêt	ch (ḥ)	<u>Bach</u>
ט		טֵית têt	t (ṭ)	<u>t</u> all
י		יֹד yôd	y	<u>y</u> es
כ	ך	כָּף kăf	k	<u>k</u> ing
כ	ך	kăf	ch (k)	<u>peach</u>
ל		לָמֵד lāmēd	l	<u>l</u> ion
מ	ם	מֵם mēm	m	<u>m</u> an
נ	ן	נֹן nûn	n	<u>n</u> o
ס		סָמֵךְ sāmēk	s	<u>s</u> in
ע		עַיִן 'āyīn	'	silent
פ	ף	פֵּ' pē'	p	<u>p</u> et
פ	ף	pē'	ph (or f)	<u>f</u> at
צ	ץ	צָדֵי tsādê	ts (ṣ)	<u>ts</u>
ק		קֹף qôf	q	<u>k</u> ing
ר		רֵשׁ rêš	r	<u>r</u> un
ש		שֵׁן sîn	s	<u>s</u> in
ש		שִׁן shîn	sh (š)	<u>sh</u> ine
ת		תָּו tāv (tāv)	t	<u>t</u> oy
ת		tāv (tāv)	th (t)	<u>th</u> rone

⁴ Transliteration is the process of assigning an English equivalent to the Hebrew letter.

Notice the five groupings. These are organized in four or five letters per group in order to help in the memorization process. It is far easier to memorize a group of four or five letters, then, once the group is memorized, move on to the next group. Memorize the letter, saying the name and writing the letter many times. Do this until the whole alphabet can be written without hesitation.

BeGaD KeFaT

Notice there are some letters that are repeated that contain a dot (·) within it (e.g., תּ). This dot is called a Daghesh Lene and indicates a hard pronunciation. These letters are called begadkephat (a composite built on the names of the six letters בגדכפת) as a way to remember the six letters. These letters are בּ, גּ, דּ, כּ, פּ, תּ. As you can see, Hebrew is written from right to left.

Final Form

There are five letters that contain a final form. A final form letter should be used when that letter is in the last position of the word.

letter	final form
כ	ך
מ	ם
נ	ן
פ	ף
צ	ץ

Final kaf ך has two special forms that come up a lot. Final kaf ך is written with a silent sheva (ְ) when it lacks a vowel and looks like ךְ. Likewise final kaf has the final qamets (ָ) placed inside it and looks like ךָ.

Certain letters sound alike

As you can tell some of the letter sound alike.

- ס, ש - S, as in See
- כּ, ק - K, as in keep
- ט, תּ - T, as in Tom
- בּ, וּ - V, as in Vine
- ח, כּ - CH, as in Bach
- א, ע - Silent

The Vowels

Ancient Hebrew had no written vowels. The written vowels were added around AD 500 by the Masorettes who added them in order to preserve the language. It is not that the

language did not use vowels; it is just that there was no written form until later. The speaker would add the vowel as necessary. For example, all verbs (with exception) use the “a” sound while its noun equivalent will use the “e” sound in the first vowel position. The system they developed is called the pointing system whose intention is not to alter the established written form. The pointing added small *dots* and *symbols* below and above the character.

Drs. Pratico and Van Pelt give the following example, “Let us use the English translation of Deut. 6:5 as an example: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart.’ Without the vowels, we are left with a series of consonants, much like the ancient written form of Hebrew: Lv th Lrd yr Gd wth ll yr hrt. In order to read this sentence out loud, you would need to rely on your knowledge of English and supply the necessary vowels. In the same way, when Joshua read the entire law of Moses to the Israelites (Josh 8), he had before him a consonantal text with no vowels. This required Joshua to supply from memory the necessary vowels when reading.”⁵

In the Hebrew, there are the “a,” “e,” “i,” “o,” and “u” vowel sounds as shown below.

Table of Full-Vowels

Group	Name	Sign	Position	Sound	Example
a	Qamets ⁶	·	אָ	a, as in car	אָב father
	Pathach	-	אֲ	a, as in bat	בַּת daughter
e	Tsere	-	אֵ	e, as in they	אֵל God
	Tsere-Yod	יְ	אֵי	e, as in they	בַּיִת house
	S ^c ghol	·	אֶ	e, as in met	שֶׁקֶל shekel
i	Hireq-Yod	יְ	אִי	i, as in marine	הִיא she
	Hireq	·	אִ	i, as in sit	עִם with
o	Holem	·	אֹ	o, as in row	לֹא not
	Holem-Vav	וְ	אֹו	o, as in row	אוֹר light
	Qamets-Hatuf	·	אָׁ	o, as in cost	כָּל all
u	Shureq	וְ	אֹו	u, as in rule	הוּא he
	Qibbutz	·	אֻ	u, as in rule	שֻׁלְחָן table

Long Vowels. The following table lists the Hebrew long vowels.

Sign	Name		Transliteration	Example		
·	qames	אָבִיב	ā	אָב	'av	father
-	sere	אֵלֵי	ē	אֵל	'el	God
·	holem	חֹלֵם	ō	לֹא	lo'	not

⁵ Gary Pratico & Miles Van Pelt, *Basics of Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids:Zondervan, 2001), p. 8

⁶ The older authors use qāmēs, pātāh, etc. The spelling is often different depending on the author. One thing the beginning student of Hebrew needs to know is that nothing is consistent between different authors in Hebrew.

Naturally long vowels. The following table lists the Hebrew naturally long vowels. Naturally long vowels are formed using either a *vav* (ו) or a *yod* (י).

Sign	Name		Transliteration	Example		
ֵי	sere yod	צֵרִי יוֹד	ê	בֵּית	beyth	house of
ֵי־	hireq yod	חֵירֶק יוֹד	î	הֵיא	hiy'	she
וֹ	holem vav	חֹלֶם וָו	ô	אוֹר	'or	light
וֹ־	šureq	שׁוּרֶק	û	הוּא	hu'	he

Short Vowels. The following table lists the Hebrew short vowels.

Sign	Name		Transliteration	Sound	Example	
ַ	patah	פַּתַח	ă	a, as in bat	בַּת	daughter
ֶ־	s ^ç gol	סְגוֹל־	ě	e, as in met	שֶׁקֶל	shekel
ִ־	hireq	חִירֶק־	ĩ	i, as in sit	עִם	with
ֹ־	qames hâtuḥ	קָמֶץ חֲטוּף־	õ	o, as in cost	כָּל	all
ֻ־	qibbuṣ	קִבּוּץ־	ũ	u, as in rule	שֻׁלְחָן	table

The Half-Vowels

In addition to vowels, Hebrew makes use of semi-vowels or half-vowels. These half vowels make use of the *sheva* or *shewa* (שְׁוָא). There are two classes of *sheva*, the first is the vocal *sheva* which stands alone and is pronounced like an “e” as in בְּרִית (b^çrit) pronounced “breet.” It is transliterated as a superscript e as in b^çrit. The other class is a silent *sheva* which is a *sheva* placed beneath a consonant that ends a syllable and sometimes placed in the final kaf (ךְ).

The other *sheva* is used as a compound with other vowels and makes a hurried vowel sound. The compound *shevas* are as follows:

First	Second	Compound	Name	Sounds like	Example	
ַ	ֶ־	ֶַ־	hatef - pathah	hurried Pathach	אֲנִי	' ^a niy “I”
ֶ־	ֶ־	ֶֶ־	hatef- s ^ç ghol	hurried S ^ç ghol	אֲנוֹשׁ	' ^ç noš “man”
ִ־	ֶ־	ִֶ־	hatef- qamets	hurried Qamets	חֲלִי	holi “sickness”

Daghesh Forte

The *Daghesh forte* is a dot in the letter which indicated one is to double the consonant in which it occurs. It is the same mark as the *daghesh lene* placed in the six consonants. For example in, הִבֵּן (habben) the *bet* is doubled.

The rules for a *daghesh forte* are as follows:

1. A dot in any letter other than a BaGad KeFaT letter is a *daghesh forte*.
2. A *daghesh forte* is *always* found immediately after a vowel, whereas a *daghesh lene* is *never* found after a vowel.

Gutturals

The gutturals are: א, ע, ה, ח, and sometimes ר. They are gutturals because they are pronounced from the back of the throat.

Sibilants

The sibilants are: ז, ס, צ, ש, and שׁ. They are classified as sibilants because of their “s” sounds.

Labials

The labials are: ב, מ, and פ.

Syllables

The word syllable comes to the English from the Greek *syllabē* meaning, “that which holds together,” and applies to how a word is pronounced. A word or part of a word pronounced with a single, uninterrupted sound of the voice is a syllable. A Hebrew word has as many syllables as it has separate consonants. In general, words are broken up into syllables using the following rules:

- All syllables in a word must begin with a consonant.
- A syllable must include one full vowel or a half vowel.
- There are as many syllables as there are full vowels.
- A syllable will split the doubled letter of a *daghesh forte*. For example הַבֵּן is hab/ben.

Hebrew syllables are either open or closed. An open syllable is one that ends in a vowel and is normally a long vowel. A closed syllable is one that ends in a consonant and the vowel will normally be short.

Examples are:

- דָּבָר da/bar
- מֵלָכִים me/la/kim

Hebrew syllable identification has the following formal naming convention:

- Antepenultima - 1st syllable
- Penultima - 2nd syllable
- Ultima - last syllable

EXAMPLE: מְלָכִים ME/LA/KIM		
כִּים	לְ	מְ
Ultima	Penultima	Antepenultima
last syllable	2 nd syllable	1 st syllable

Accent Marks

There are twenty-seven prose and twenty-one poetic accents in the Hebrew⁷. The accent marks are about evenly divided between those that are placed above and those placed below the word. There are two main purposes for accent marks in the Hebrew. The first is to mark the tonal syllable, and secondly to serve as punctuation marks.

1. *Tonal syllable mark*. The accented syllable is normally the last syllable of the word, but it may also be the next to last. In the case where words are accented on any syllable other than the last the addition of a *munah* (ֿ) is added to the bottom of the word. For example, מְלָךְ
2. *Punctuation marks*. There are two type of punctuation marks in the Hebrew (this grammar does not use these mark⁸):
 - *Disjunctive* (separating). There are many disjunctive marks, the top three are listed here; (i) to mark the end of the first half of the verse known as the *'atnah* (ֿ) and placed below the accented syllable of the last word of the first half of the verse; (ii) to mark the end of the verse known as the *silluq* (ֿ) and placed below the accented syllable of the last word in the last half of the verse; and (iii) the end of the verse is denoted by the *sof passuq* (׃) that identifies the end of the sentence.
 - *Conjunctive* (joining). There are many conjunctive marks but one example is *nal^enal* (ֿ) placed below the letter.

A final word

The system of pronunciation recommended throughout this book stresses the use of the International Phonetic Association (IPA) system. Recognized symbols of the IPA system provide exact pronunciation applied to any language or culture.

Practice

- A. Memorize the consonants (It is helpful to memorize the alphabet in groups of 5).
- B. Memorize the vowels.

⁷ That is, for the BHS. This text does not use accent marks. They are only referenced here in order to let you know that they exist and that you may refer to William R. Scott, *A Simplified Guide to BHS* (BIBAL Press, 1987).

⁸ See Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar for a thorough discussion of special accent marks.

C. Memorize the half-vowels.

D. Transliterate the following proper names (remember – right to left):

1. בית לחם (Mic. 5:1)

2. בנימין (Gen. 42:4)

3. דוד (1 Sam. 16:23)

E. Write the following in Hebrew (remember – right to left):

1. ysr'l

2. hlk

3. ywntn

Chapter Three

The Hebrew Noun

Vocabulary

אָב	father	הָר	mountain (m)
אָדָם	man	כֹּהֵן	priest (m)
אֲדָמָה	ground, earth (f)	לֵב	heart (m)
אֲדֹנָי אֲדוֹן	lord (m)	מַיִם	water (m)
אָח	brother	נַפֶּשׁ	life, soul (f)
אִישׁ	man	נְבִיא	prophet (m)
אִשָּׁה	woman	סֵפֶר	book, scroll (m & f)
בַּת	daughter	עֵין	eye, spring (f)
גּוֹי	nation, people (m)	עִיר	city (f)
דֶּרֶךְ	way, road (m & f)	קוֹל	voice, sound (m)

The Noun

Hebrew words are normally built upon three consonants known as the three consonant root; however, a few are formed with only two consonants, called a two consonant root word. Before the addition of the vowels, it was normal to place an “a” sound with verbs, and an “e” sound with its corresponding noun. For example, מָלַךְ “he ruled,” is the verb, and מֶלֶךְ “king,” is the noun. However, this rule is by no means universal and exceptions abound.

Hebrew nouns are derived from three sources: they may be primitive, derived from verbs, or derived from nouns.

1. *Primitive nouns.* Primitives have no known derivation and their number is small. Examples of primitives are:

- אָב father
- אִם mother
- דָּם blood
- שֵׁם name
- יָד hand

2. *Nouns derived from verbs.* The vast majority of nouns are derived from verbs. Examples are:

- דְּבָר “word,” from דִּבֶּר “he spoke.”
- זֵרַע “seed,” from זָרַע “he sowed.”

3. *Nouns derived from nouns.* Nouns may also be derived from other nouns. Examples are:

- בּוֹקֵר “a herdsman,” from בֶּקֶר “a herd.”
- כַּרֵּם “a vine dresser,” from כַּרְמֵם “a vineyard.”

Gender

Hebrew nouns are either masculine or feminine. There are no neuter nouns in Hebrew.

Masculine nouns. Masculine nouns have no distinct endings and are thus harder to identify with certainty. The only way to determine a masculine noun with certainty is to look it up in the lexicon.

1. Nouns that are uniquely male will be masculine. An example is: אָב father (m).

Feminine nouns. Feminine nouns can be identified in the following way:

1. Feminine nouns will normally be augmented with an ending of either הָ or תּ.

Examples are:

אֶרֶץ	(f) ground, earth	אָחֹת	(f) sister
שָׁנָה	(f) year	בַּת	(f) daughter

2. Nouns that refer to female persons will be feminine. An example is: אִמָּה mother (f).

3. Masculine nouns can be made feminine by the addition of הָ. Examples are:

	<u>Masculine</u>	→	<u>Feminine</u>
מֶלֶךְ	(m) king	→	מַלְכָּה (f) queen
נְבִיא	(m) prophet	→	נְבִיאָה (f) prophetess
שָׂר	(m) prince	→	שָׂרָה (f) princess

4. Nouns that refer to parts of the body existing in pairs are usually feminine. Example are:

יָד	(f) hand	עֵין	(f) eye	רֶגֶל	(f) foot
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Number

Hebrew nouns can be singular, dual, or plural. The rules for identification are as follows.

1. *Singular*. Singular nouns have no endings.
2. *Dual*. There are certain nouns that naturally occur in pairs like eyes and ears. For these nouns the dual is used and can be identified by the ending םַיְ (pataḥ + yod + hireq + final mem). Examples are:

אָזְנַיִם	(f) ears	יְדַיִם	(f) hands
כַּנְפַיִם	(f) wings	שְׂפִיפִים	(f) lips
מַיִם	(m) water	שָׁמַיִם	(m) heavens, sky

3. *Plural*. The Hebrew plural noun means three or more. Plural endings generally correspond to their gender, but are not always consistent. The singular forms sometimes undergo changes when augmented with their plural endings. These changes have to do with the language's vocalization.

a. *Masculine plural endings.*

- Most masculine plural nouns end with םַיְ (hireq-yod, followed by mem).

<u>Singular</u>		→	<u>Plural</u>	
סוּס	horse	→	סוּסַיִם	horses
הַר	mountain	→	הַרַיִם	mountains
דְּבַר	word	→	דְּבַרַיִם	words
מֶלֶךְ	king	→	מֶלְכִים	kings
אִישׁ	man	→	אֲנָשִׁים	men
יּוֹם	day	→	יְמֵיִם	days
בֶּן	son	→	בְּנֵיִם	sons

- Some masculine plural nouns end with םַוְתֵּ (holem-vav, followed by tov), which is the normal ending for the feminine plural noun.

<u>Singular</u>		→	<u>Plural</u>	
אָב	father	→	אָבוֹת	fathers
קוֹל	voice	→	קוֹלוֹת	voices
שֵׁם	name	→	שֵׁמוֹת	names

b. *Feminine plural nouns.*

- Most feminine plural nouns end with םַוְתֵּ (holem-vav, followed by tov).

<u>Singular</u>			<u>Plural</u>	
תּוֹרָה	law	→	תּוֹרוֹת	laws
מִצְוָה	commandment	→	מִצְוֹת	commandments
רוּחַ	spirit	→	רוּחוֹת	spirits
אִם	mother	→	אִמוֹת	mothers
בַּת	daughter	→	בָּנוֹת	daughters
נֶפֶשׁ	living being	→	נֶפְשׁוֹת	living beings
אֶרֶץ	earth, land	→	אֶרְצוֹת	lands

- A few feminine plural nouns end with ים (hireq-yod followed by final mem).

<u>Singular</u>			<u>Plural</u>	
אִשָּׁה	woman	→	נְשִׁים	women
עִיר	city	→	עָרִים	cities

- c. A few plural nouns can have a masculine or feminine ending.

<u>Singular</u>			<u>Plural</u>	
דּוֹר	(m) generation	→	דּוֹרוֹת	generations
שָׁנָה	(f) year	→	שָׁנוֹת	years

Summary

Noun Structure		
Number	Gender	
Three classifications	Masculine	Feminine
Singular	no ending	הּ or ת
Dual	ים	ים
Plural	ים (some זת)	ות (some ים)

Letter Changes

Irregular stem changes. Some words undergo a consonantal change when made plural. These words are few in number and are referred to as irregular. Examples are: אִישׁ man changes to אַנְשִׁים men; אִשָּׁה woman changes to נְשִׁים women.

Vowel changes in nouns with endings. The majority of changes to the word occur with the vowels when adding pluralization. These changes can result in reduction or contraction.

1. *Unchanged.* Some nouns take the pluralization without changing their fundamental vowels. These nouns:
 - (a) possess long vowels and are monosyllabic - e.g., אֹת sign → אֹתוֹת signs.
 - (b) possess two syllables with sheva (ְ) or hatef - pathah (ֶ) in the first syllable, and an unchangeable long vowel in the second syllable – e.g., חֵלֶם dream → חֵלֵמוֹת dreams.
2. *Reduction.* Two syllable nouns possessing long ā qamets (ָ) or long ē tsere (ֵ) in the first syllable reduce to a sheva (ְ) – e.g., דְּבַר word → דְּבָרִים words. Two syllable nouns possessing s^oghol (ֹ) are reduced to sheva or one of the half-vowels – e.g., מֶלֶךְ king → מְלָכִים kings; and סֵפֶר book → סְפָרִים book.

The Noun Sentence

A noun sentence is formed in Hebrew by placing two or more nouns together without a verb. In this case, the verb is added. An example is, יוֹסֵף אָח “Joseph [is] a brother.”

Practice

A. Identify the gender and number for the following nouns (e.g., סוּסִים : Mas. Pl., from סוּס horse).

1. אֲדָמָה
2. דְּבָרִים
3. דְּרָכִים
4. נְבִיאִים
5. עֵינַיִם
6. סְפָרִים

B. Make the following nouns plural.

1. אֲדָמָה (f)
2. אָב (m)
3. כֹּהֵן (m)
4. קוֹל (f)
5. אִשָּׁה (f)

Chapter Four

The Noun Prefixes

Vocabulary

אל	God (m)	מֶלֶךְ	king (m)
אלהים	God, gods (m)	מֹשֶׁה	Moses
אָרֶץ	earth (f)	סוּס	horse (m)
בַּיִת	house (m)	עֶבֶד	servant (m)
בֵּן	son (m)	פַּרְעֹה	Pharaoh
דְּבָר	word, thing (m)	צָא	host, army (m)
יְהוָה	Lord ⁹	רֹאשׁ	head, chief (m)
יוֹם	day (m)	שֵׁם	name (m)
יְרוּשָׁלַם	Jerusalem (dual)	שָׁנָה	year (f)
יִשְׂרָאֵל	Israel	תּוֹרָה	law, Torah (f)

Gutturals

The gutturals are: א, ע, ה, ח, and sometimes ר. There are certain rules regarding gutturals. These rules are as follows:

- a. Gutturals cannot be doubled using the *daghesh forte*. When doubling is required, instead of using the *daghesh forte*, a preceding short vowel is left in an open, unaccented syllable, and the following lengthening occurs:
 - If pathach, it will lengthen to a qamets.
 - If hireq, it will lengthen to a tsere.
 - If qibbuts, it will lengthen to holem.
 - If the guttural is ה or ח then no lengthening takes place and the preceding syllable is treated as a closed syllable.
- b. Gutturals tend to use “a” class vowels. Examples are:

רְקִיעַ	firmament
נֹחַ	Noah
גָּבֹהַּ	high, exalted

⁹ Most likely יהוה is pronounced Yahweh. Historically in English, Jehovah. יהוה is the covenant name of Israel’s God and was regarded as too sacred to be pronounced. Pious readers avoided pronouncing it, instead substituting the vowels for אֲדֹנָי (‘ā-dō-nāy) “Lord” or “my Lord.” When Masoretic scholars began adding vowels to the text, they applied the vowels of אֲדֹנָי to the consonants of יהוה resulting in יְהוָה and for the most part spelled Jehovah in the English. On occasion the combination אֲדֹנָי יהוה appear together and the Masoretic scholars chose to point יהוה with the vowels of אֱלֹהִים resulting in יְהוָה as found in Amos 1:8.

- c. Gutturals tend to take compound shevas rather than simple shevas.¹⁰ Initial א will use hatef-s^eghol (ְּ), whereas most others will use hatef - pathah (ְ). On rare occasions a guttural will have a hatef- qamets (ֻ). Example are:

אֲשֶׁר	who, which, what
אֱלֹהִים	God
חֲלוֹם	dream
חֲלִי	sickness

Noun Prefixes

Hebrew noun extensions includes the prefixes and the suffixes. The prefixes include the definite article, vav (waw) conjunction, and prepositions. The suffixes include the pronominal nouns and a few special markers.

The Definite Article (ה)

To make a Hebrew noun definite, the addition of the definite article prefix is added to the word. The form of the article is not affected by the gender or number but is affected by how the word is spelled. There is no special marker for the indefinite article in Hebrew. A word without the definite article prefix is indefinite.

1. The definite article used for a noun whose initial consonant is a non-guttural (i.e., not א, ע, ה, ח, and ר) is ה־ (ה plus *daghesh forte* in the first consonant). Examples are:

Indefinite noun		Definite noun	
מֶלֶךְ	king or a king	הַמֶּלֶךְ	the king
יָד	hand or a hand	הַיָּד	the hand
לֵב	heart	הַלֵּב	the heart
נָבִיא	a prophet	הַנָּבִיא	the prophet

2. The definite article used for a noun whose initial consonant is a guttural (א, ע, ה, ח, and ר) is changed as follows:
 - a. If the initial consonant is ח, י (yod with a sheva), or מ (mēm with a sheva), the definite article will not have the *daghesh forte* and is simply ה (ה with pathach).

Indefinite noun		Definite noun	
חֶרֶב	a sword, sword	הַחֶרֶב	the sword
הֵיכָל	a temple, temple	הַהֵיכָל	the temple

¹⁰ Page Kelley, *Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Grammar* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992), p. 23

יְלָדִים	children	הַיְלָדִים	the children
מִסְלָה	highway	הַמִּסְלָה	the highway

- b. If the initial consonant is א, ע, or ר, the definite article is changed to הָ (הָ with qamets).

Indefinite noun		Definite noun	
רֹאשׁ	a head, head	הַרֹאשׁ	the head
אָב	a father, father	הָאָב	the father
עִיר	a city, city	הָעִיר	the city

- c. If the initial consonant is ח, ט, or ע, the definite article is changed to הֶ (הֶ with s^ghol).

Indefinite noun		Definite noun	
חָכָם	a wise man	הַחָכָם	the wise man
עָפָר	dust	הָעָפָר	the dust
הָרִים	mountains	הַהָרִים	the mountains

3. Some nouns undergo internal changes when the definite article is added. Memorize the following¹¹:

Indefinite noun		Definite noun	
אֶרֶץ	earth	הָאֶרֶץ	the earth
הַר	mountain	הַהַר	the mountain
עַם	people	הָעַם	the people
גֶּן	garden	הַגֶּן	the garden
פָּר	bull	הַפָּר	the bull
חַג	festival	הַחַג	the festival
אֲרוֹן	ark	הָאֲרוֹן	the ark

Special Use of the Definite Article

When translating the definite article also remember the following:

- The definite article can be translated as a demonstrative pronoun with temporal words.

הַיּוֹם	this day (today)
הַשָּׁנָה	this year
הַפֶּעַם	this time

¹¹ This list adopted from Page Kelley, *Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992), p. 26

2. The definite article can be translated with a vocative force.

הַמֶּלֶךְ	O King!
הַכֹּהֵן	O Priest!

The Vav Conjunction (ו)

Hebrew makes extensive use of the vav (waw) conjunction. This conjunction is attached to the front of a word and is translated “and, but, also, even.” For example, אִישׁ is “a man,” but וְאִישׁ is “and a man.” When a vav conjunction is added to a word, the following rules apply:

1. It is normally written ו (vav plus simple sheva) before consonants pointed with full vowels except ב, מ, or פ.

Indefinite noun		Definite noun	
וְאָרֶץ	and earth	וְהָאָרֶץ	and the earth
וְאִישׁ	and man	וְהָאִישׁ	and the man

2. It is written ו (shureq) before labials ב, מ, and פ, and before consonants pointed with a simple sheva, except yod.

וּבַיִת	and a house	וּמֶלֶךְ	and a king
וּפְרִי	and fruit	וּבֵין	and between

3. It is written as וי (vav plus hireq-yod) before י (yod plus simple sheva).

וַיְרוּשָׁלַיִם	and Jerusalem	וַיְהוּדָה	and Judah
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4. When the consonant has a compound sheva the vav conjunction uses the short vowel corresponding to that compound sheva.

וְאָנֹכִי	and I	וְאֵמֶת	and truth
וְחָלִי	and sickness	וְגַשְׁמִים	and men

5. It is written as ו (vav plus qamets) before monosyllabic words or accented syllable of words with two or more syllables.

וּלֶחֶם	and bread
וְצֹאן	and sheep
טוֹב וְרָע	good and evil
תְּהוֹ וְבְהוֹ	without form and void

The Prepositional Prefix

Hebrew has both standalone prepositions and prepositions prefixed to words.

Prepositional prefixes are called inseparable prepositions because they are inseparable from their objects.

Hebrew has three inseparable prepositions:

- בּ in, by, with
- כּ as, like, according to
- לּ to, for, at

The rules for attaching inseparable prepositions are as follows:

1. Prepositions attached before consonants that have full vowels, except with an accented syllable, use a simple *sheva*.

בְּשֵׁם	in a name	בְּרוּחַ	by a spirit
כְּדָבָר	according to a word	לְשָׁלוֹם	for peace

2. Prepositions attached before consonants that have simple (vocal) *sheva* attach with a *hireq*.

בְּדְבָרִים	with words	בְּשֵׂאוֹל	in Sheol
כְּבְרִית	according to a covenant	לְפְרִי	for fruit
בִּירוּשָׁלַיִם	in Jerusalem	בִּיהוּדָה	in Judah

3. Prepositions attached before consonants with a compound *sheva* will take the short vowel of the compound *sheva*, except for the consonant אַ possessing a *hatef- s^eghol* (אֶ). For the case of אֶ the preposition takes the *tsere*.

בְּאֵמֶת	in truth	לְחֵלִי	for sickness
לְאֱלֹהִים	for God	לְאָמַר	to say

4. For prepositions attached before the definite article, the ה is dropped and the preposition takes its place.

אִישׁ	man
לְאִישׁ	for a man
הָאִישׁ	the man
לְהָאִישׁ	for the man

5. Prepositions attached to the tone syllable (accented syllable) of a noun, the vowel will often be *qamets*.

לְעֵד	to eternity	לְמַיִם	to water
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The translation of ל

1. The use of the lamed prefix can be translated as “have.” For example, אָח לְיוֹסֵף “to Joseph [is] a brother,” means, “Joseph has a brother.”
2. When “brother” is in the predicate position the translation is: אָח לְיוֹסֵף “a brother to/of Joseph.”
3. When lamed is used with a noun sentence the translation is:

predicate	subject	translation
אָח לְיוֹסֵף	בְּנֵימִין	Benjamin [is] a brother to/of Joseph.

Relative Pronoun Prefix וְ .

The relative pronoun prefix וְ is translated as “who, which, that.” The prefix is prefixed to a word along with the *Daghesh Forte* in the first consonant.

Example:

שְׂטוּב וְ “who is good”

Interrogative prefix particle הַ

A question in Hebrew may be asked by placing the interrogative particle הַ to the first word of the phrase. When the interrogative particle is prefixed to a word the following changes take place:

- Guttural consonants or a consonant containing the Sheva changes to הַ
- Guttural consonants followed by Qamets change to הָ

Example:

הֲאֵרָד אַחֲרַי פְּלִשְׁתִּים “Shall we go down after the Philistines?” (1 Sam. 14:37)

Practice

A. Identify the gender and number of the nouns and translate (e.g., סוּסִים : Mas. Pl., from סוּס horse).

1. יוֹסֵף וּבְנֵימִין וּרְאוּבֵן אָחִים
2. לְאִנְשֵׁי יָדָם

B. Make the following nouns definite.

1. רוּעָה
2. שְׂדֵה

C. Add the vav conjunction to the following nouns.

1. מוֹשֶׁה
2. יוֹם

D. Translate the following:

1. וּבְאֶרֶץ
2. וּבְיוֹם
3. בְּדָבָר

Chapter Five

The Adjective

Vocabulary

אֶחָד	one	מְאֹד	very, exceedingly
גָּדוֹל	great, large	מְעַט	few, little
פָּל	poor	קָדוֹשׁ	holy
זָקֵן	old	קֹדֶשׁ	(noun) holy thing
חָדָשׁ	new	קָטָן	small
חָזָק	strong	קָרוֹב	near
חָכָם	wise	קָשָׁה	difficult, hard
טוֹב	good	רַב	many, much, great
יָפָה	beautiful	רְחוֹק	far, distant
יָשָׁר	straight, right, just	רָע	evil

The Adjective

Hebrew adjectives, like English adjectives, serve to describe or limit a noun. For example, אָב טוֹב “a good father,” further describes father. Compared to other languages, Hebrew has relatively few adjectives.

Number and Gender

The adjective will match the noun it is modifying in both number and gender. The masculine singular is the dictionary form also referred to as the *lexical form*. The other forms adhere to the following rules and do not change even if the noun being modified is irregular:

	Singular	Plural
Masculine	Dictionary form	ים
Feminine	ה	ות

Adding the adjective טוב number and gender			
אָב טוֹב	msg	A good father	
אָבוֹת טוֹבִים	mpl	Good fathers	
אִשָּׁה טוֹבָה	fsg	A good woman	
נְשִׁים טוֹבוֹת	fpl	Good women	

Usage of the adjective

The adjective can be used attributively, predicatively, or substantively.

1. *Attributive usage.* The attributive usage is the usage closest to English adjective, namely, the adjective modifies the noun, further describing it.
 - a. Normally, the adjective is placed after the noun it modifies, but when emphasis is placed upon to adjective, it will be placed before the noun.
 - b. The attributive adjective must agree in gender, number and definiteness with the noun it modifies. To agree in definiteness is to agree with the noun's definiteness. If the noun is definite, the adjective will also be definite.

טוב איש	A good man
הטוב האיש	The good man

2. *Predicative usage.* The adjective can be used to construct a simple noun sentence where the noun functions as the subject and the adjective as the predicate. In this case the “to be” verb must be supplied in the English. In the predicative usage, the adjective usually stands before the noun, but occasionally it can be found after the noun.
 - a. The predicate adjective must agree with its subject noun in gender and number, but it will never take the definite article, even if the noun is definite.

טוב האיש	The man [is] good.
המקום קדש	The place [is] holy.
מוזבה הארץ מאד	The land [is] exceedingly good.

3. *Substantive usage.* The adjective is used as an independent noun when no noun is present. When an adjective is used substantively, supply the gender noun “man, woman, or one.”

טוב	A good man
טובה	A good woman

Adjectival Inflection

Certain changes take place to the vocalization and structure of adjectives when gender and number endings are added. These changes can be broken down to whether the singular form is monosyllabic or bisyllabic.

1. Rules for adding gender and number endings to adjectives that are monosyllabic.
 - a. Monosyllabic adjectives with the unchangeable long vowels ך, ך, ך, or ך require no change.

	ms	mp	fs	fp ¹²
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¹² This table adapted from Kelly.

good	טוב	טובים	טובה	טובות
empty	ריק	ריקים	ריקה	ריקות

- b. Monosyllabic adjectives ending in non-gutturals and have short vowels retain their short vowels.

	ms	mp	fs	fp
living	חי	חיים	חיה	חיות
strong	עז	עזים	עזה	עזות
many	רב	רבים	רבה	רבות

- c. Monosyllabic adjectives ending in gutturals and have short vowels have their short vowels lengthened to long vowels.

	ms	mp	fs	fp
bitter	מר	מרים	מרה	מרות
evil	רע	רעים	רעה	רעות

2. When adding gender and number endings to singular adjectives that are bisyllabic.

- a. The initial gamets of a bisyllabic singular adjective two syllables before the tone syllable is reduced to a vocal sheva. This occurs in one of two ways.

- (i) If the initial consonant of the bisyllabic adjective is a non-guttural, the gamets is reduced to a simple sheva ().

	ms	mp	fs	fp
great	גדול	גדולים	גדולה	גדולות
old	זקן	זקנים	זקנה	זקנות
right	ישר	ישרים	ישרה	ישרות

- (ii) If the initial consonant of the bisyllabic adjective is a guttural, then the gamets is reduced to the compound sheva Hateph-Pathach ().

	ms	mp	fs	fp
new	חדש	חדשים	חדשה	חדשות
strong	חזק	חזקים	חזקה	חזקות
wise	חכם	חכמים	חכמה	חכמות

- b. The bisyllabic adjective קטן, “small,” is irregular, the holem is replaced by patach and a dagesh-forte is added to the nun.

	ms	mp	fs	fp
small	קטן	קטנים	קטנה	קטנות

- c. Bisyllabic adjectives ending in הָ will be dropped.

	ms	mp	fs	fp
beautiful	יְפֵה	יְפִים	יְפֵה	יְפוֹת
difficult	קָשָׁה	קָשִׁים	קָשָׁה	קָשׁוֹת

Practice

I. Identify the following and translate (identify as adj.m.sg, and n.m.sg. for nouns)

1. אֲשֶׁה יְפֵה
2. הָעִיר הַגְּדוֹלָה
3. בְּרִית חֲדָשָׁה (Jer. 31:31)

II. Identify and translate the following predicate adjectives.

1. טוֹב הַדְּבָר (1 Kings 2:38)
2. וְהַמֶּלֶךְ זָקֵן מְאֹד (1 Kings 1:15)
3. טוֹב-וְיָשָׁר יְהוָה (Psalm 25:8)
4. קָרוֹב הַיּוֹם (Ezek. 7:7)
5. קְדוֹשׁ הַיּוֹם
6. אֵל גְּדוֹל יְהוָה (Ps. 95:3)

Chapter Six

Prepositions

Vocabulary

חִכְמָה	wisdom	מִי	who?
טָהוֹר	clean, pure	מִצְוָה	command
יְהוּדָה	Judah	עֲדִיק	righteous, just
כַּאֲשֶׁר	as, when	עָנִי	poor, afflicted
כִּי	because, for	עַתָּה	now
כֹּל	all, every, whole	פֶּה	mouth
כֵּן	thus, so	רָשָׁע	wicked, guilty
לְמַעַן	for the sake of, on account of, in order that	שָׂדֶה	field
לְמָה	why?	שֹׁפֵט	judge
מָה	what?	שִׁיר	song

Hebrew Prepositions

Hebrew prepositions like English prepositions are words that express spatial or temporal relations¹³. The word preposition comes from the Latin *praepōnĕre* meaning, “to put before, place before.” Though prepositions are placed before a substantive indicating its relation to the verb, prepositions may also be placed at the head of a phrase (e.g., “in the book”). In English, prepositions may be placed at the end of a phrase (e.g., “what is it that you believe in?”). When the preposition is placed at the head of the phrase, it marks out a prepositional phrase.

Hebrew also has the three inseparable prepositional prefixes:

- בּ in, by, with
- כּ as, like, according to
- לְ to, for, at

¹³ Prepositions may also communicate origin, instrument, agent, interest, cause, and goal.

The basic Hebrew prepositions are:

אחַר	אַחֲרָי	behind, after	מִן	from, out of
אֶל		to, toward	בְּנֶגֶד	before
אַצְלוֹ		beside, near	עַד	until, unto
אֶת		with	עַל	upon, above, about
בֵּין		between	עִם	with
בְּעַד		behind, around	תַּחַת	under, instead of

Compound Prepositions

Preposition		Compound of:	
בְּתוֹךְ	in the midst, middle	בְּ	תוֹךְ
לְפָנַי	before, in front of	לְ	פָנַי “face”
מֵאֵת	from with	מִן	אֵת
מִלְפָּנַי	away from, from before, on account of	מִן	לְפָנַי
מֵעַל	from upon, above	מִן	עַל
מִפְּנֵי	away from, out from, on account of, because of	מִן	פְּנֵי
מִתַּחַת	from under	מִן	תַּחַת
מִתּוֹךְ	from the midst of	מִן	תּוֹךְ
עַל-דִּבְרֵי	on account of	עַל	דִּבְרֵי
עַל-פְּנֵי	in the face of, before, opposite to	עַל	פְּנֵי

Special Rules for מִן “from, out of”

The following changes apply:

- a. Before nouns with the definite article, מִן is joined using the *maqfef*.
 - i. מִן-הָאָרֶץ “from the earth”
 - ii. מִן-הַיּוֹם “from the day”
- b. Before indefinite nouns possessing non-guttural¹⁴ initial consonant, מִן undergoes major changes dropping the final *nun* and a *hireq* plus a *dagesh forte* is added to the initial consonant.

מִן	+	בַּיִת	→	מִבַּיִת	from a house
מִן	+	מֶלֶךְ	→	מִמֶּלֶךְ	from a king

- c. When מִן is before a *yod* pointed with a simple *sheva* it contracts to מִי.

¹⁴ The gutturals are א, ע, ה, ח and sometimes ר.

מן	+	יהודה	→	מיהודה	from Judah
מן	+	ירושלם	→	מירושלם	from Jerusalem

- d. Before indefinite nouns whose initial consonant is a guttural, מן changes to a *mem* plus a *tsere*.

מן	+	איש	→	מאיש	from a man
מן	+	הר	→	מהר	from a mountain
מן	+	עיר	→	מעיר	from a city
מן	+	ראש	→	מראש	from a head

Usage of מן as a comparative

- a. The preposition מן can be used as a comparative to express “better.” Dr. Kelley offers the following examples¹⁵:

טוב האור מן-החשך “better [is] the light *than* the darkness.”
טוב הבקר מן-הערב “better [is] the morning *than* the evening”

- b. The preposition מן can be used as a comparative to express “too...for.” Drs. Pratico & Van Pelt give the following example¹⁶:

קשה העבודה מהאנשים “The work [is] *too* difficult *for* the men.”

Usage of מן as a superlative

The preposition מן can be used as a superlative.

1. In the simple since:

מגדולם ועד-קטנם “from the *greatest* of them to the least”

2. The preposition מן used with כל functions as the superlative “best.”

ערום מכל חית השדה “the *most* clever living thing of the field.”

Usage of מן as a partitive

The preposition מן can be used to function as the partitive “some.” For example:

מהאנשים “*some* of the men.”

¹⁵ Page Kelley, *Biblical Hebrew: An Introductory Grammar* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992), p.30

¹⁶ Gary Pratico & Miles Van Pelt, *Basics of Bible Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001). P. 54

The Sign of the Direct Object

The sign of the Direct Object (SDO) is אֶת/את־ and identifies the direct object that receives the action of the verb. The direct object may be either definite or indefinite. If the direct object is definite, it is usually preceded by the particle את־. In this case, the particle אֶת serves as a “sign” and is not translated. The SDO can stand alone or joined to the direct object using the *maqqef*. Do not confuse the SDO with the preposition אֶת “with;” though they are spelled the same, context must be used to distinguish between the two.

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא לֵאלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ	In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Gen. 1:1)
וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאוֹר כִּי־טוֹב	And God saw the light that [it was] good. (Gen. 1:4)

Practice

- I. Memorize all the prepositions.
- II. Translate the following:
 1. אַחַר הַדְּבָרִים
 2. וּבֵין עֲשָׂרַת יָמִים
 3. כָּל־הַהָרִים הַגְּבוּהִים אֲשֶׁר־תַּחַת כָּל־הַשָּׁמַיִם

Chapter Seven

Pronouns

Vocabulary

אֹהֶל	tent (m)	יָלֵד	male child, boy (m)
אֲחֵר	another	כֶּסֶף	silver (m)
אֵיךְ	how?	מִזְבֵּחַ	altar (m)
בֹּקֶר	morning (m)	מָקוֹם	place (m)
בָּשָׂר	flesh (m)	מִשְׁפָּט	judgment, justice (m)
גַּם	also, indeed	עוֹד	yet, still, again
דָּם	blood (m)	עָנָן	cloud (m)
הַיְכָל	palace, temple (m)	שַׁעַר	gate (m)
זָהָב	gold (m)	שָׁמַיִם	heaven, sky (m, du.)
יָד	hand (f)	שָׂר	leader, prince (m)

Hebrew Pronouns

Like English pronouns, Hebrew pronouns replace a noun. The noun that it replaces is called the antecedent. In the statement, **יְהוָה הוּא הָאֱלֹהִים** “The LORD, he [is] God” the pronoun “he” refers back to the nearest antecedent “LORD.” The word pronoun comes from the Latin *pro* meaning “before, for,” and *nomen* meaning “a name.” Hebrew pronouns include personal, demonstrative, relative, and interrogative.

Independent Personal Pronouns

Independent personal pronouns are used to reduce repetition. Independent personal pronouns may be used as the subject of the verb but not the object of the verb. They may also appear as subjects of a verbless clause. Personal pronouns function as follows:

1. First person pronouns “I” and “we” refer to the person speaking.
2. Second person pronoun “you” refers to the person being spoken to.
3. Third person pronouns “he,” “she,” and “it,” refer to the person or thing spoken of.

	Hebrew	Translation		Hebrew	Translation
1cs ¹⁷	אֲנִי or אֲנֹכִי	I	1cp	אֲנַחְנוּ	we
2ms	אַתָּה	you	2mp	אַתֶּם	you
2fs	אַתְּ	you	2fp	אַתֶּנּוּ	you
3ms	הוא	he/it	3mp	הֵם or הֵמָּה	they
3fs	היא	she/it	3fp	הֵנּוּ or הֵנָּה	they

Usage of the personal pronoun

Independent personal pronouns may be used in the following ways:

1. *Normal usage.* The independent personal pronoun is used normally as follows:
 - a. וְאֲנִי הֲנִי מְקִים אֶת-בְּרִיתִי אִתְּכֶם “And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you” (Gen. 9:9)
2. *Predicative usage.* Hebrew independent personal pronouns can be used as subjects and are often verbless clauses called predicative relationship. In this case the “to be” verb is must be understood.
 - a. אֲנִי יְהוָה “I [am] the LORD.” (Gen. 28:13)
 - b. יְהוָה הוּא הָאֱלֹהִים “The LORD, he [is] God.” (1 Kgs. 18:39)
3. *Emphatic usage.* The Hebrew independent personal pronoun can be used to emphasize the subject’s involvement in the action. The personal pronoun is used next to the suffixed pronoun¹⁸.
 - a. בִּי-אֲנִי אֲדֹנָי הָעוֹן “On me, my Lord, is the guilt.” (1 Sam. 25:24)

Demonstrative Pronouns

Demonstrative pronouns serve to point out someone or something being singled out for attention. For example, “this man” points out this specific man. Demonstrative pronouns may be either near “this” or far “that.”

	singular		plural	
masc.	זֶה	this	אֵלֶּה	these
fem.	זֹאת	this	אֵלֶּה	these
masc.	הוא	that	הֵם or הֵמָּה	those
fem.	היא	that	הֵנּוּ or הֵנָּה	those

Usage of the demonstrative pronoun

Demonstrative pronouns may act attributively or predicatively.

1. *Attributive usage.* Demonstrative pronouns may be used as an adjective agreeing in gender, number, and definiteness.

¹⁷ cs and cp are common singular and common plural respectively. Common refers to gender covering both masculine and feminine subjects.

¹⁸ Pronominal suffixes will be covered in the next chapter.

- A. Examples are:
- הָאָרֶץ הַזֹּאת “this land” (Gen. 15:7)
 - בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא “on that day” (Gen. 15:18)
 - הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה “these words” (Gen. 29:13)
- B. When a noun is modified by an adjective, the demonstrative pronoun will stand after the adjective. Examples are:
- הַדָּבָר הַגָּדוֹל הַזֶּה “this great thing” (1 Sam. 12:16)
 - הַמִּדְבָּר הַגָּדוֹל הַהוּא “that great wilderness” (Deut. 1:19)
 - הַשָּׁנִים הַטֹּבֹת הָאֵלֶּה “these good years” (Gen. 41:35)
2. *Predicative usage.* Demonstrative pronouns may be used like a predicative adjective agreeing in gender and number with the noun it is linked with. With this usage, the demonstrative pronoun will never take the article.
- זֶה הַיּוֹם “This [is] the day” (Judg. 4:14)
 - אֵלֶּה הַדְּבָרִים “these [are] the words” (Deut. 1:1)
- When a noun is modified by an adjective, the demonstrative pronoun will stand after the adjective.
 - הוּא הָעִיר הַגְּדוֹלָה “that [is] the great city” (Gen. 10:12)

Relative Pronoun

The Hebrew relative pronoun אֲשֶׁר “who, which, that,” introduces a relative clause and the noun it modifies. The relative pronoun does not possess gender or number; it simply stands alone following the noun it modifies or is attached to the noun with the *maqfef*.

זֹאת בְּרִיתִי אֲשֶׁר תִּשְׁמְרוּ “This [is] my covenant which you shall keep.” (Gen. 17:10)

Interrogative Pronouns

The interrogative pronoun is used when asking questions. The Hebrew interrogative pronouns do not possess gender or number and includes the following:

מִי “who?, whom?”
מָה “what?”

The interrogative מָה has alternate spellings as: מַה or מֶה.

מִי־כַמֶּנְהָ בְּאֵלִים יְהוָה “Who is like you O Lord, among the gods?” (Ex. 15:11)

Practice

- I. Memorize the independent personal pronouns.
- II. Memorize the demonstrative pronouns.

Chapter Eight

Hebrew Suffixes

Vocabulary

אור	light (f)	ים	sea (m)
אחות	sister	כה	thus, so
אם	mother	לפני	before
אשר	who, which, what	נאם	utterance (m)
ברית	covenant (f)	עד	until, unto
גן	garden	עולם	forever, eternity (m)
חג	feast, festival (m)	עוף	bird (m)
חי	life (adj)	עם	people (m)
חרב	sword (f)	רוח	spirit, wind (f)
חשיך	darkness (m)	שלום	peace (m)

Hebrew Pronominal Suffixes

A pronoun may appear as a prefix placed on a word in Hebrew. These endings are called pronominal suffixes and can be attached to nouns, prepositions, particles, or verbs. Pronominal suffixes have person, gender, and number. When pronominal suffixes are attached to nouns, prepositions and the Sign of the Direct Object, they may have a possessive (his, her, our) or an objective (him, her, us) meaning¹⁹.

- i. Pronominal suffixes attached to nouns have a possessive (his, her, our) sense.
- ii. Pronominal suffixes attached to prepositions or the Sign of the Direct Object have an objective (him, her, us) sense (i.e. they serve as objects).
- iii. Pronominal suffixes attached to particles may be expressed as possessive or as a direct object.
- iv. Pronominal suffixes attached to verbs normally serve as the direct object of the verb.

In addition, gender is identified with all forms except first person singular and plural which are common (1cs & 1cp).

¹⁹ Gesenius prefers to use the classic terms genitive for possessive and accusative for the direct object.

Pronominal Suffixes for Nouns

Pronominal Suffixes appearing with nouns have a possessive sense. For example, קולי is translated, “my voice.”

1. Pronominal suffixes for singular nouns (Masc. or Fem.). Nouns ending with ה will frequently drop this ending before adding the pronominal suffix (the feminine noun will replace ה with ת):

1 cs	ִי	my	1 cp	ִנוּ	our
2 ms ²⁰	ֶךָ	your	2 mp	ֵכֶם	your
2 fs ²¹	ֶךְ	your	2 fp	ֵכֶן	your
3 ms	וֹ	his	3 mp	ֵם	their
3 fs	ָהָ	her	3 fp	ָנָן	their

- Example for קול “voice”:

1 cs	קולי	my voice	1 cp	קולנו	our voice
2 ms	קולךָ	your voice	2 mp	קולכם	your voice
2 fs	קולךְ	your voice	2 fp	קולכן	your voice
3 ms	קולו	his voice	3 mp	קולם	their voice
3 fs	קולהָ	her voice	3 fp	קולָן	their voice

- Example for תורה “law” (fem):

1 cs	תורתִי	my law	1 cp	תורתנו	our law
2 ms	תורתֶךָ	your law	2 mp	תורתכם	your law
2 fs	תורתךְ	your law	2 fp	תורתכן	your law
3 ms	תורתו	his law	3 mp	תורתם	their law
3 fs	תורהָ	her law	3 fp	תורתָן	their law

2. Pronominal suffixes for plural nouns (Masc. or Fem.). When a pronominal suffix is added to a masculine plural noun the noun’s plural ending is dropped. Since the plural ending is missing, the plural characteristic is identified by the plural suffix:

1 cs	ִי	my	1 cp	ִנוּ	our
2 ms	ֶךָ	your	2 mp	ֵכֶם	your
2 fs	ֶךְ	your	2 fp	ֵכֶן	your
3 ms	וֹ	his	3 mp	ֵם	their
3 fs	ָהָ	her	3 fp	ָנָן	their

²⁰ Final kaf ך will have its final qamets () placed inside the letter and looks like ך .

²¹ Final kaf ך is written with a silent sheva () when it lacks a vowel and looks like ך .

a. Example for אֱלֹהִים “gods, God”:

1 cs	אֱלֹהֵי	my God	1 cp	אֱלֹהֵינוּ	our God
2 ms	אֱלֹהֶיךָ	your God	2 mp	אֱלֹהֵיכֶם	your God
2 fs	אֱלֹהֶיךָ	your God	2 fp	אֱלֹהֵיכֶן	your God
3 ms	אֱלֹהָיו	his God	3 mp	אֱלֹהֵיהֶם	their God
3 fs	אֱלֹהֶיהָ	her God	3 fp	אֱלֹהֵיהֶן	their God

b. Example for תּוֹרוֹת “laws” (fem):

1 cs	תּוֹרוֹתַי	my laws	1 cp	תּוֹרוֹתֵינוּ	our laws
2 ms	תּוֹרוֹתֶיךָ	your laws	2 mp	תּוֹרוֹתֵיכֶם	your laws
2 fs	תּוֹרוֹתֶיךָ	your laws	2 fp	תּוֹרוֹתֵיכֶן	your laws
3 ms	תּוֹרוֹתָיו	his laws	3 mp	תּוֹרוֹתֵיהֶם	their laws
3 fs	תּוֹרוֹתֶיהָ	her laws	3 fp	תּוֹרוֹתֵיהֶן	their laws

Pronominal Suffixes with Prepositions

The forms of the pronominal suffixes used with prepositions are as follows:

1 cs	ִי	me	1 cp	ֵנוּ	us
2 ms	ֶיךָ	you	2 mp	ֵכֶם	you
2 fs	ֶיךָ	you	2 fs	ֵכֶן	you
3 ms	ֵו	him	3 mp	ֵהֶם	them
3 fs	ֶיהָ	her	3 fs	ֵהֶן	them

1. Pronominal suffixes with inseparable prepositions בְּ and לְ are as follows:

a. בְּ “in, by, with”

1 cs	בִּי	in/by me	1 cp	בְּנוּ	in/by us
2 ms	בְּךָ	in/by you	2 mp	בְּכֶם	in/by you
2 fs	בְּךָ	in/by you	2 fp	בְּכֶן	in/by you
3 ms	בוֹ	in/by him	3 mp	בְּהֶם	in/by them
3 fs	בֶּיהָ	in/by her	3 fp	בְּהֶן	in/by them

b. לְ “to, for”

1 cs	לִי	to/for me	1 cp	לָנוּ	to/for us
2 ms	לְךָ	to/for you	2 mp	לְכֶם	to/for you
2 fs	לְךָ	to/for you	2 fp	לְכֶן	to/for you
3 ms	לוֹ	to/for him	3 mp	לָהֶם	to/for them
3 fs	לֶיהָ	to/for her	3 fp	לָהֶן	to/for them

2. The inseparable preposition כְּ “as, like,” and preposition מִן “from, away from” are irregular.

a. Inseparable preposition כְּ “as, like.”

1 cs	כְּמוֹנִי	as/like me	1 cp	כְּמוֹנוּ	as/like us
2 ms	כְּמוֹדְךָ	as/like you	2 mp	כְּכֶם	as/like you
2 fs	כְּמוֹדְךָ	as/like you	2 fp	כְּכֶן	as/like you
3 ms	כְּמוֹדוֹ	as/like him	3 mp	כְּהֶם	as/like them
3 fs	כְּמוֹדֶיהָ	as/like her	3 fp	כְּהֶן	as/like them

b. Preposition מִן “from, away from.”

1 cs	מִמֶּנִּי	from me	1 cp	מִמֶּנּוּ	from us
2 ms	מִמֶּדְךָ	from you	2 mp	מִכֶּם	from you
2 fs	מִמֶּדְךָ	from you	2 fp	מִכֶּן	from you
3 ms	מִמֶּנּוּ	from him	3 mp	מִהֶם	from them
3 fs	מִמֶּנֶיהָ	from her	3 fp	מִהֶן	from them

Notice the identical forms for 3ms and 1cpl.

3. Prepositions that take the dagesh forte in the final consonant before pronominal suffixes. Some prepositions have an alternate form.

a. אֶת “with” (not the Sign of the Direct Object used with the direct object). Note the alternate spelling is found.

		Alt				Alt	
1 cs	אֶתִּי	אֶתִּי	with me	1 cp	אֶתָּנוּ	אֶתָּנוּ	with us
2 ms	אֶתְּךָ	אֶתְּךָ	with you	2 mp	אֶתְּכֶם	אֶתְּכֶם	with you
2 fs	אֶתְּךָ	אֶתְּךָ	with you	2 fp			
3 ms	אֶתּוֹ	אֶתּוֹ	with him	3 mp	אֶתָּם	אֶתָּם	with them
3 fs	אֶתָּהּ		with her	3 fp			

b. עם “with”

1 cs	עמי	with me	1 cp	עמנו	with us
2 ms	עמך	with you	2 mp	עמכם	with you
2 fs	עמך	with you	2 fp	עמכן	with you
3 ms	עמו	with him	3 mp	עמם	with them
3 fs	עמה	with her	3 fp	עמן	with them

4. The prepositions לפני “before, in front of” and אל “to, unto” take pronominal suffixes that are the same as those for plural nouns.

a. לפני “before” is formed by the plural construct of פנים “face,” and the preposition ל “to.”

1 cs	לפני	before me	1 cp	לפנינו	before us
2 ms	לפניך	before you	2 mp	לפניכם	before you
2 fs	לפניך	before you	2 fp		
3 ms	לפניו	before him	3 mp	לפניהם	before them
3 fs	לפניה	before her	3 fp		

b. אל “to, unto”

1 cs	אלי	unto me	1 cp	אלינו	unto us
2 ms	אליך	unto you	2 mp	אליכם	unto you
2 fs	אליך	unto you	2 fp	אליכן	unto you
3 ms	אליו	unto him	3 mp	אליהם	unto them
3 fs	אליה	unto her	3 fp	אליהן	unto them

c. על “on, upon.”

1 cs	עלי	on me	1 cp	עלינו	on us
2 ms	עליך	on you	2 mp	עליכם	on you
2 fs	עליך	on you	2 fp	עליכן	on you
3 ms	עליו	on him	3 mp	עליהם	on them
3 fs	עליה	on her	3 fp	עליהן	on them

Pronominal Suffixes with particles

1. את Sign of the Direct Object (SOD)²².

²² Kelly uses the holem-vav (י) as opposed to the holem (י) (e.g. אותי).

1 cs	אתי	me	1 cp	אתנו	us
2 ms	אתך	you	2 mp	אתכם	you
2 fs	אתך	you	2 fp	אתכן	you
3 ms	אתו	him	3 mp	אתם	them
3 fs	אתה	her	3 fp	אתן	them

2. הנה "behold!"

1 cs	הנני	הנני	behold, I	1 cp	הננו	הננו	behold, we
2 ms		הנך	behold, you	2 mp		הנכם	behold, you
2 fs		הנך	behold, you	2 fp			
3 ms		הנו	behold, he	3 mp		הנם	behold, they
3 fs				3 fp			

Practice

- Memorize pronominal suffixes for singular nouns (Masc. or Fem.).
- Identify the following (e.g. ידי "my hand" 1cs)
 - ידכם
 - ידיכם
 - דברך
 - דבריהם
 - אבותינו
- Translate the following:
 - יהוה צבאות עמנו (Ps. 46:12)
 - ויהוה אלהי צבאות עמו (2 Sam. 5:10)

Chapter Nine

Construct Nouns

Vocabulary

אֶבֶן	stone (f)	מַלְכָּה	queen (f)
אֱמֶת	truth (f)	מִצְרַיִם	Egypt
אֵשׁ	fire (f)	נֶעֱר	lad
חַיָּה	living thing, animal (f)	עֵת	time (f)
חֵכְמָה	wisdom (f)	פֶּה	mouth (m)
חֶסֶד	goodness, kindness (m)	רֵגֶל	foot (f)
יַיִן	wine (m)	רָע	evil
כּוֹכֵב	star (m)	רָעָה	evil (f)
לֶחֶם	bread (m)	שֶׁמֶן	oil, fat (m)
מִדְבָּר	wilderness, desert (m)	תְּהוֹם	abyss, great deep (f)

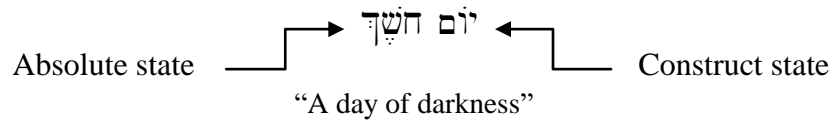
Construct Relationship

Drs Pratico and Van Pelt say, “There is no word for “of” in biblical Hebrew. Rather, Hebrew expresses the “of” (possessive) relationship between two nouns by what is called the construct chain. For those who have studied Greek, the construct chain is Hebrew’s rough equivalent of the genitive case.”²³

Hebrew nouns can either be in the absolute or construct state. The singular absolute state is the dictionary form that is listed in the lexicon. When a noun is joined with other nouns it will sometimes experience shorting. The joining may either be by simple juxtaposition or by the use of a *maqfef*. The final noun that is joined must remain in the absolute state, while the noun that proceeds it must take the form of the construct state.

The construct relationship can be described as a chain jointing together two or more nouns in a sentence.

²³ Gary Pratico & Miles Van Pelt, *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001), p. 97



I. Rules for construct relationship

A. Plural Construct Nouns

1. *Shorting of plural construct nouns.* The construct plural noun is shortened when it is in the construct state. The following rules apply.
 - a. *Masculine plural noun.* When a masculine plural noun is placed in the construct state, its ending is reduced from ם to ם and long vowels are reduced to vocal *shevas*.

Plural absolute			Plural construct	
בָּנִים	sons	→	בְּנֵי	sons of

- b. *Masculine plural noun.* When a masculine plural noun ending with ם is placed in the construct state the ם ending is retained since the *holem-vav* is unchangeable long.

Plural absolute			Plural construct	
אָבוֹת	fathers (m)	→	אָבוֹת	fathers of

- c. *Feminine plural construct nouns.* When a feminine plural noun is placed in the construct state the ם ending is retained since the *holem-vav* is unchangeable long. However, other vowel changes will occur.

Plural absolute			Plural construct	
אֲרָצוֹת	lands (f)	→	אֲרָצוֹת	lands of

B. Singular Construct Nouns

1. *Vowel reduction.* The rules governing singular construct nouns are complicated and you are referred to a lexicon for identification. However, a few rules are provided in order to help you quickly identify them.²⁴
- a. *Monosyllabic nouns.* Monosyllabic nouns with unchangeably long and short vowels have the same form in the singular construct as the singular absolute.

Singular absolute		Singular construct		Plural absolute		Plural construct	
אִישׁ	man	אִישׁ	man of	אֲנָשִׁים	men	אֲנָשֵׁי	men of
יוֹם	day	יוֹם	day of	יָמִים	days	יָמֵי	days of
קוֹל (f)	voice	קוֹל	voice of	קוֹלוֹת	voices	קוֹלוֹת	voices of
בַּת (f)	daughter	בַּת	daughter of	בָּנוֹת	daughters	בָּנוֹת	daughters of
הָר	mountain	הָר	mountain of	הָרִים	mountains	הָרֵי	mountains of

- b. *Monosyllabic nouns with changeably long vowels.* Monosyllabic nouns with changeably long vowels will be shortened.

Singular absolute		Singular construct		Plural absolute		Plural construct	
בֵּן	son	בֶּן	son of	בָּנִים	sons	בָּנֵי	sons of
דָּם	blood	דָּם	blood of	דָּמִים	bloods	דָּמֵי	bloods of
שֵׁם	name	שֵׁם	name of	שִׁמוֹת	names	שִׁמוֹת	names of
יָד (f)	hand	יָד	hand of	יָדוֹת	hands	יָדוֹת	hands of
				יָדַיִם	hands (dual)	יָדָי	hands of (dual)

- c. *Monosyllabic nouns אָב “father” and אָח “brother.”* Monosyllabic nouns אָב “father” and אָח “brother” are irregular in the singular construct.

Singular absolute		Singular construct		Plural absolute		Plural construct	
אָב	father	אָבִי	father of	אָבוֹת	fathers	אָבוֹת	fathers of
אָח	brother	אָחִי	brothers	אָחִים	brothers	אָחֵי	brothers of

- d. *Bisyllabic nouns with both syllables closed.* Bisyllabic nouns with both syllables closed will shorten the long vowel in the second syllable²⁵.

Singular absolute		Singular construct		Plural absolute		Plural construct	
מִסְפָּר	number	מִסְפָּר	number of	מִסְפָּרִים	numbers	מִסְפָּרֵי	numbers of
מִשְׁכָּן	tabernacle	מִשְׁכָּן	tabernacle of	מִשְׁכָּנוֹת	tabernacles	מִשְׁכָּנוֹת	tabernacles of
מִשְׁפָּט	judgment	מִשְׁפָּט	judgments	מִשְׁפָּטִים	judgments	מִשְׁפָּטֵי	judgments of

²⁴ The rules can become complex so it is recommended that you are aware of the various changes but not get overwhelmed with the details. This list is adapted from Page Kelley’s Biblical Hebrew Grammar.

²⁵ Long vowels cannot stand in closed, unaccented syllables.

- e. *Bisyllabic nouns with the first syllable open and the second closed.* Bisyllabic nouns with the first syllable open and the second closed will reduce the first open syllable's vowel to a *sheva* and shorten the second syllable's vowel.

Singular absolute		Singular construct		Plural absolute		Plural construct	
דָּבָר	word	דְּבַר	word of	דְּבָרִים	words	דְּבָרָיו	words of
כּוֹכַב	star	כּוֹכַב	star of	כּוֹכָבִים	stars	כּוֹכָבָיו	stars of
מְקוֹם	place	מְקוֹם	place of	מְקוֹמוֹת	places	מְקוֹמוֹתָיו	places of
נְבִיא	prophet	נְבִיא	prophet of	נְבִיאִים	prophets	נְבִיאָיו	prophets of

- f. *Feminine nouns.* Feminine nouns ending in הַ in the singular absolute change to הֵ in the singular construct.

Singular absolute		Singular construct		Plural absolute		Plural construct	
מַלְכָּה	queen	מַלְכַּת	queen of	מַלְכוֹת	queens	מַלְכוֹתָיו	queens of
מִצְוָה	command	מִצְוַת	command of	מִצְוֹת	commands	מִצְוֹתָיו	commands of
שָׁנָה	year	שָׁנַת	year of	שָׁנִים	years	שָׁנָיו	years of
תּוֹרָה	law	תּוֹרַת	law of	תּוֹרוֹת	laws	תּוֹרוֹתָיו	laws of

- g. *Segholates.* Segholate singular construct nouns have the same form as the singular absolute.

Singular absolute		Singular construct		Plural absolute		Plural construct	
אֶרֶץ	(f) land	אֶרֶץ	land of	אֶרְצוֹת	lands	אֶרְצוֹתָיו	lands of
דֶּרֶךְ	way	דֶּרֶךְ	way of	דֶּרָכִים	ways	דֶּרָכָיו	ways of
מֶלֶךְ	king	מֶלֶךְ	kings	מֶלְכִים	kings	מֶלְכָיו	kings of
נֶעַר	lad	נֶעַר	lad of	נְעָרִים	lads	נְעָרָיו	lads of
נֶפֶשׁ	(f) soul	נֶפֶשׁ	soul of	נַפְשׁוֹת	souls	נַפְשׁוֹתָיו	souls of
סֵפֶר	book	סֵפֶר	book of	סִפְרִים	books	סִפְרָיו	books of
עֶבֶד	servant	עֶבֶד	servant of	עֲבָדִים	servants	עֲבָדָיו	servants of

- h. *Nouns built with the diphthong וֵ.* Nouns built with the diphthong וֵ as in בַּיִת "house" are irregular.

Singular absolute		Singular construct		Plural absolute		Plural construct	
בַּיִת	house	בַּיִת	house of	בָּתִּים	houses	בָּתָיו	houses of
זַיִת	olive tree	זַיִת	olive tree of	זַיִתִּים	olive trees	זַיִתָיו	olive trees of
עַיִן	eye	עַיִן	eye of	עֵינִים	eyes (Du.)	עֵינָיו	eyes of

3. *Definiteness.* The construct noun will never take the definite article. Definiteness of the construct chain is determined by the definiteness of the absolute noun. When the absolute noun is definite the translation is "the ... of the ..."

מֶלֶךְ אֶרֶץ "A king of a land"

מֶלֶךְ הָאָרֶץ “The king of the land”

- a. When a noun is in construct relationship, definiteness is also determined by the addition of a pronominal suffix added to the absolute noun.

בֵּית מַלְכִּי “The house of his father”

4. *Multiple construct nouns.* Multiple construct nouns can appear in a construct chain, but the chain will have only one absolute noun. In this case, each instance of the construct noun will be translated with “of” and definiteness is derived from the definiteness of the absolute noun.

Absolute state	Construct state
הַמֶּלֶךְ	עֶבֶד בֵּית
“the servant of the house of the king”	

5. *Construct chains with adjectives.* Construct nouns cannot be separated by other words. When an adjective is used to modify either the construct or the absolute noun it must follow the construct chain and the adjective must agree in gender, number and definiteness with the noun it modifies.

מֶלֶךְ הָאָרֶץ הַטוֹב	“the good king of the land”
מֶלֶךְ הָאָרֶץ הַטוֹבָה	“the king of the good land”

Context must be used to determine the proper translation in construct chains where the adjective is the same in gender and number to both the construct and absolute nouns.

6. *Construct chains with demonstrative pronouns.* The demonstrative pronouns “this” and “that” can be used in a construct chain. When a demonstrative pronoun is used to modify either the construct or the absolute noun it must follow the construct chain.

דְּבַר הַנְּבִיא הַזֶּה	“the words of <i>this</i> prophet”
דְּבַר הַנְּבִיא הַטוֹב הַזֶּה	“the words of <i>this</i> good prophet”
דְּבַר הַנְּבִיא הַזֶּה	“the word of <i>this</i> prophet” or “ <i>this</i> word of the prophet”

7. *Construct nouns with inseparable preposition.* While the definite article cannot attach to a construct noun an inseparable preposition can and hence the definite

article with the inseparable preposition. For example בְּבֵית דָּוִד is “in the house of David.”

II. Usage of construct nouns

Dr. Kelly identifies the following construct relationships that is used to express various meanings:²⁶

1. *Possessive*. The construct has the basic meaning of possession or ownership.

דְּבַר אֱלֹהִים “the word of God”
רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים “the spirit of God”
שָׂדֵה נָבוֹת “the field of Naboth”

2. *Location or origin*. The construct can express location of origin of a person or thing.

עָרֵי יְהוּדָה “the cities of Judah (location)”
אֲנָשֵׁי יְרוּשָׁלַם “the men of Jerusalem (origin)”

3. *Identification*. The construct can express further description or identification of a person or thing.

יוֹם חֹשֶׁךְ “a day of darkness (kind of day)”
סֵפֶר הַבְּרִית “the book of the covenant (which book?)”
אֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם “the land of Egypt (which land?)”

4. *Source*. The construct can express the source of a thing.

דְּבַר יְהוָה “the word of/from the Lord”

Practice

1. Memorize the vocabulary.
2. Translate the following:
 - a. תּוֹרוֹת הַמִּלְכָּה הַטּוֹבוֹת
 - b. הַיְכָלֵי הַמִּלְכָּה הַגְּדוֹלָה
 - c. שְׁמוֹת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
 - d. אִשַׁת הָאִישׁ הָרַע
 - e. כּוֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם

²⁶ Page Kelley, *Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992), p. 64

Chapter Ten

Introduction to Verbs

Vocabulary

אָכַל	to eat	עָבַד	to serve
אָמַר	to say	עָלָה	to go up
הִלְךְ	to go, walk	עָשָׂה	to do, make
הָיָה	to be, become	פָּקַד	to visit
יָצָא	to go out, come out	קָרָא	to call
יָשַׁב	to sit, dwell	רָאָה	to see
מָלַךְ	to reign	שָׁכַב	to lay down
מָצָא	to find	שָׁלַח	to send
נָפַל	to fall	שָׁמַע	to hear, obey
נָתַן	to give	שָׁמַר	to keep, guard

Introduction to Verbs

Verbs are the most important part of speech since the action or state of being is defined by the verb. All Hebrew words have a root, either a three consonant or two consonant root that forms the foundation of the noun or verb. A stem is then built from the root and serves as the basic element of all words. Drs Pratico and Van Pelt provide the following words of encouragement, “The system of deriving different words or stems from a common root should be a point of encouragement for students since it can take some of the pain out of vocabulary memorization.”²⁷ The following examples illustrate this concept using a couple of popular words.

Noun		Verb	
מֶלֶךְ	king	מָלַךְ	to reign
דָּבָר	word	דִּבֶּר	to speak

Hebrew verbs possess a stem, tense, person, gender, and number. The following table characterizes the various stems.

²⁷ Gary Pratico & Miles Van Pelt, *Basics of Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids:Zondervan, 2001), p. 122

Type	Stem	Description	Translation
Simple	Qal	Simple active	I said
	Niph'al	Simple passive	I was being spoken to
		Simple reflexive	I said myself
Intensive	Pi'el	Intensive active	I intensely said
	Pu'al	Intensive passive	I was being intensely spoken to
	Hitpha'el	Intensive reflexive	I intensely said myself
Causative	Hiph'il	Causative active	I cause to speak
	Hoph'al	Causative passive	I was being made to speak

The second aspect of the Hebrew verb is tense or inflection. The time aspect of the verb is not inherent in the verb form as is the case with some languages. Instead, the time aspect is determined by the context. However, Hebrew verbs have two possible “inflections” that express the state of the action of the verb, referred to as kind of action. They are the perfect and imperfect. Perfect verbs express a completed state of the action, while imperfect expresses the incomplete state of the action.

The following table describes the various tense inflections²⁸.

Inflection	Kind of action	Translation	Example
Perfect	Completed action	Past tense	In the beginning God <i>created</i> (Gen. 1:1)
Imperfect	Incomplete action	Present/future tense	And I <i>will make</i> you a great nation (Gen. 12:2)

Inflection	Kind of action	Translation	Example
Imperative	Command	Command	<i>Believe</i> in the Lord your God! (2 Chron. 20:20)
Infinitive	Verbal noun	infinitive	<i>To know</i> good and evil (Gen. 3:22)
Participle	Verbal adjective	Verbally/adjectivally	<i>Knowing/those that know</i> good and evil (Gen. 3:5)

Finally, the Hebrew verb possesses person, number, and gender. The following table summarizes these aspects.

²⁸ Most modern Hebrew grammarians do not use the word “tense” so as not to confuse the student concerning the time aspect. This grammar uses the word tense as a category simply because Gesenius uses the word to describe this characteristic – it simply is the best way to describe it.

Person	Number			
	Singular		Plural	
	1 st	I	1 st	we
	2 nd	you	2 nd	you
3 rd	he/she/it	3 rd	them	

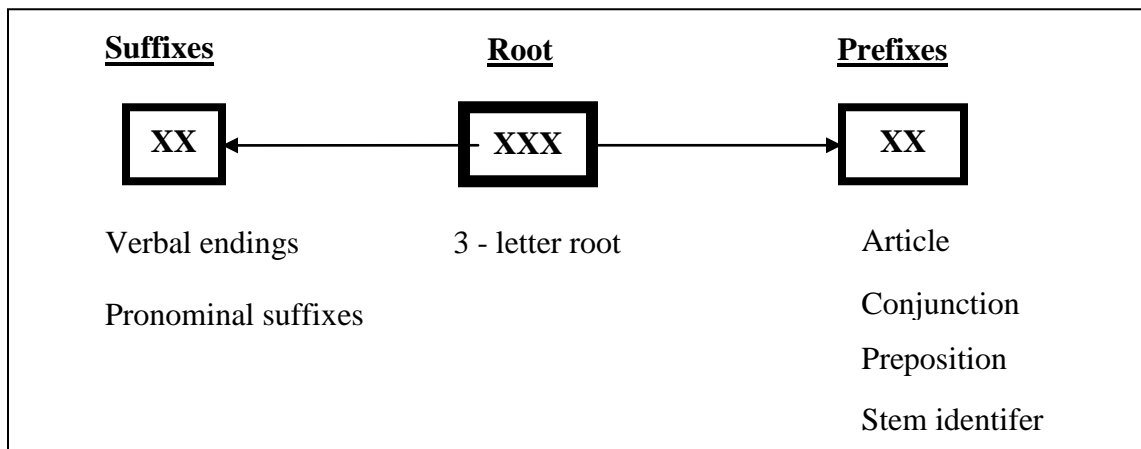
Gender	Masculine	masculine subjects
	Feminine	feminine subjects
	Common	both masculine and feminine

Parsing and Translation Guidelines

To parse a verb is to identify all the individual elements that define a Hebrew verb. That is, identifying the verb's stem, conjugation, person, number, and lexical form. To parse a verb first start by identifying the prefixes and suffixes that may be present. Once they are identified, find the verb root. The verb root will be the Qal Perfect 3rd masculine singular form for bisyllabic verbs and the Qal infinitive construct in the case of monosyllabic verbs. The next step is to find the root in the lexicon and the meaning. Then the stem is identified (Qal, Niphal, Piel, etc...) and its conjugation (perfect, imperfect, imperative, etc). Finally, the gender and number can be noted and the rough translation made.

To break the verb down into its elementary parts:

1. Identify the additions
 - a. Prefix
 - b. Suffix
2. Remove affixes
3. Identify root letters (lexical form)
4. Translate the word.



Verb Subject Agreement

The verb must agree in person, gender, and number with the subjects. For example יְהוָה עָשָׂה “This is the day the LORD *has made*” (Ps. 118:24).

Pronominal subjects do not need to be written separately since they are inherent in the verb themselves. When subject pronouns are used in addition to the verb, it is used for emphasis. For example הוּא נָתַן־לִי מִן־הָעֵץ “*She gave* to me from the tree” (Gen. 3:12).

The Hebrew Verb Sentence

1. *Normal word order.* The normal word order for the Hebrew verbal sentence is first the verb, then the subject and any modifiers, and finally the object and any modifiers (*verb-subject-object*). This is illustrated as follows:

Object	Subject	Verb
אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ	אֱלֹהִים	בָּרָא
“God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1)		

(modifiers)	Object	(modifiers)	Subject	Verb
	אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ		אֱלֹהִים	בָּרָא
“God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1)				

2. *Word order used for emphasis.* Hebrew word order may vary in order to emphasize some aspect that is placed first. Notice the following examples.

יְהוָה נָתַן וַיְהוֶה לָקַח The LORD (emphatic) gave, and the LORD (emphatic) has taken away. (Job 1:21)

אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ תִירָא Yahweh (emphatic) your God you shall fear (Deut. 10:20)

דַּרְכַּי שְׁלוֹם לֹא יָדְעוּ The way of peace (emphatic) they do not know. (Isa. 59:8)

Verb Classifications

Hebrew verbs are classified according to sound as either strong or weak. The result of this classification is that strong (“sounding”) verbs are fairly standard while weak (“sounding”) verbs are subdivided into ten groupings.

- A. *Strong verbs*. A strong verb contains three strong consonants in the root form. The strong consonants are: ב, ג, ד, ו, ז, ט, כ, ל, מ, נ (middle consonant), ס, פ, צ, ק, ר (final consonant), ש, ט, ח.
- B. *Weak verbs*. A verb is weak if it contains one of the following:
1. It contains one or more guttural consonant א, ה, ח, ע, and sometimes ר.
 2. It begins with י, ו, or ג.
 3. Its second and third consonants are identical (Geminate).
 4. It is a middle vowel verb or a two consonant root (biconsonantal) verb.

Dr. Kelley writes, “Early grammarians named the various classes of weak verbs on the basis of a paradigm verb chosen for this purpose [of classification]. They might have chosen any trilateral verb as a basis for the names, but the one they favored was פָּעַל, translated ‘he did, made.’ Weak verbs were organized into separate classes on the basis of how their weak consonants were positioned in relation to the three consonants of the paradigm verb. Thus a verb with an initial guttural was called a Pe guttural; one with a middle guttural, an ‘Ayin guttural; one with a final guttural, a Lamed guttural, etc. Many modern grammarians prefer to designate these simply as I-guttural, II-guttural, etc.”²⁹

	III	II	I	← Modern designation	Modern	Description
	ל	ע	פ	← Traditional		
1	ד	ב	ט	Pe Guttural	I - Guttural	Guttural in 1 st root position
2	ל	א	ש	‘Ayin Guttural	II - Guttural	Guttural in 2 nd root position
3	ח	ל	ש	Lamed Guttural	III - Guttural	Guttural in 3 rd root position
4	ל	כ	א	Pe ‘Alef	I – ‘Alef	‘Alef in 1 st root position
5	א	צ	ב	Lamed ‘Alef	III- ‘Alef	‘Alef in 3 rd root position
6	ה	נ	ב	Lamed He	III - He	He in 3 rd root position
7	ל	פ	נ	Pe Nun	I - Nun	Nun in 1 st root position
8	ב	ו	ש	‘Ayin Vav or Yod	II – Vav or Yod	II – Vav/Yod
9	ב	ש	י	Pe Vav or Yod	I - Vav or Yod	I – Vav/Yod
10	ב	ב	ב	Double ‘Ayin	Geminate	

Practice

1. Memorize the vocabulary.
2. Classify the following as strong or weak:
 - a. הָלַךְ
 - b. גָּנַב
 - c. אָהַב
 - d. יָדַע

²⁹ Page Kelley, *Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992), p. 81

Chapter Eleven

Qal Perfect Strong Verbs

Vocabulary

אָד	only, surely	חֹזֵק	to be strong
אֵל	no, not ³⁰	יָדַע	to know
אִם	if, then	כָּבֵד	to be heavy
בּוֹא	to come, go	כָּתַב	to write
בָּנָה	to build	לֹא	no, not
בֵּרַךְ	to bless	לָקַח	to take
גָּנַב	to steal	מָלֵא	to be full, fulfill
זָכַר	to remember	עָמַד	to stand
זָקֵן	to be old	שָׁבַת	Sabbath, rest
חָיָה	to live	שָׁבַת	to cease, rest

Qal Perfect

The Qal perfect is the simplest verb form and is the form listed in the lexicon.³¹ The word Qal (קָל) means “he (it) was light” i.e., “not heavy” and designates the simple active verb stem.³²

The Qal perfect 3rd masc. sg., normally contains three consonants with two vowels. The first syllable is open and always has Qamets as its vowel. The accent falls on the second syllable and is closed except when ending with א or ה. When closed, it has Patach as its vowel. When open, the syllable is lengthened to Qamets.

Qal Perfect			
Closed Syllable		Open Syllable	
אָכַל	He ate	הָיָה	He was
אָמַר	He said	נִשָּׂא	He lifted up
יָשַׁב	He sat	עָשָׂה	He did, made

³⁰ אֵל is neg. for request, prohibition (certainly not); whereas, לֹא is used for ordinary declarative negation.

³¹ Specifically, the Qal Perfect 3 masculine singular is the lexical form.

³² Page Kelley, p. 80

Qal Perfect Inflection

The Qal Perfect inflection for strong verbs has the following suffix forms:

Qal Perfect Suffixes					
Singular			Plural		
3ms	none	he	3cp	וְ	they
3fs	הָ	she			
2ms	תָּ	you	2mp	תֶּם	you
2fs	תִּי	you	2fp	תֵּן	you
1cs ³³	תִּי	I	1cp	נִי	we

To form the Qal perfect word, first identify the root (it is the Qal perfect, 3ms), then add the pronominal suffix ending. The various inflections for the verb שָׁמַר “he kept” is given below.

שָׁמַר “to keep”					
3ms	שָׁמַר	he kept	3cp	שָׁמְרוּ	they kept
3fs	שָׁמְרָה	she kept			
2ms	שָׁמַרְתָּ	you kept	2mp	שָׁמַרְתֶּם	you kept
2fs	שָׁמַרְתִּי	you kept	2fp	שָׁמַרְתֵּן	you kept
1cs	שָׁמַרְתִּי	I kept	1cp	שָׁמַרְנוּ	we kept

The same perfect suffixes are used for all stems of all verbs, both strong and weak. Memorize these inflections will go a long way to mastering Hebrew verbs.

Qal Perfect Usage

The Qal perfect inflection expresses the kind of action as completed or a state of being. There are various ways the Hebrew perfect may be translated. Context must be examined to determine the kind of action or the state of being represented by the verb.

1. *Simple past tense*. The perfect can be translated as simple action completed in past time. For example בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים “In the beginning God *created*.” (Gen. 1:1)
2. *Past perfect*. The perfect can be translated as action completed prior to a point of reference in past time known as the English past perfect “he had ...”. An example is וַיְהִי וַיָּבֹא אֱלֹהִים וַיְבָרֵךְ אֶת-שָׂרָה כַּאֲשֶׁר אָמַר “And the LORD *visited* Sarah as *he had said*.” (Gen. 21:1)

³³ “c” indicates “common,” meaning both masculine & feminine

3. *Present tense.* The perfect can be translated as a present tense when the verb is one of perception, attitude, disposition, or a mental or physical state of being. For example, וְדַרְךָ שְׁלוֹם לֹא יָדְעוּ “And the way of peace *they do not know.*” (Isa. 59:8)
4. *Future tense.* The perfect can be translated as a future when prefixed with the vav conjunction. For example וַיִּשְׁכַּבְתִּי עִם-אֲבוֹתַי “And *I will lie down* with my ancestors.” (Gen. 47:30)
5. *Prophetic perfect.* In prophecy one finds when the Lord speaks about things He will do in the future, He speaks in the perfect tense. An example is, וְהִקְמַתִּי אֶת-בְּרִיתִי בֵּינִי וּבֵין זַרְעֶךָ אַחֲרָיִךְ לְדֹרֹתָם לְבְרִית עוֹלָם “**I will establish** My covenant between Me and your seed after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant.” (Gen. 17:7a)

Vocalization Changes

There are several changes that take place when adding the perfect suffixes. Starting from the Qal perfect third masculine singular form the rules for adding the perfect suffixes are as follows:

1. *Two categories of suffixes.* There are two categories, those that begin with a vowel and those that begin with a consonant.
 - a. If the suffix is vocalic (a vowel, i.e., the suffixes הַ, וֹ, וְ) and is preceded by an unchangeably long vowel (Qamets He (הַ), Tsere Yod (וֹ), Seghol Yod (וְ), Hireq Yod (יְ), Holem Waw (וּ), Shureq (וּ)), the nearest preceding vowel is reduced to a vocal sheva. If a long vowel stands immediately before the vocal sheva, the long vowel must be marked with a secondary accent called a meteg. Dr. Kelley summarizes this process, “when the vocalic suffix הַ is added to שָׁמַר , ‘he kept,’ the resultant form is שָׁמְרָה . Since ר has been pulled away from the preceding syllable to begin a new syllable, the preceding syllable has changed from a closed syllable (מַר) to an open syllable (מֶ). Since the accent is on the new syllable (רָה), the vowel in the nearest preceding open syllable (מֶ) must volatilize (מֶ becomes מְ). And since the vowel immediately preceding the vocal sheva is long, it must receive a meteg. The resultant form for Qal perfect, third feminine singular is שָׁמְרָה , ‘she kept.’ By the same process the resultant form for Qal perfect, third common plural is שָׁמְרוּ , ‘they kept.’”³⁴
 - b. Suffixes that begin with a consonant must have a silent sheva placed under the third consonant. The silent shava functions as a syllable divider. For example, when the consonantal suffix תַּ (2 ms) is added to שָׁמַר , it becomes שָׁמַרְתַּ.
2. *Verbs ending with ת.* When the verbal root ending is ת and the suffix also begins with a ת, the consonant ת is doubled using the Daghest Forte (תַּ). For example כָּרַת changes to כָּרַתְתַּ “you cut” (2ms).
3. *Verbs ending with נ.* When the verbal root ending is נ and the suffix also begins with a נ, the consonant ending with נ is doubled using the Daghest Forte (נַ). For example, שָׁכַן changes to שָׁכַנּוּ “we dwell” (1cp). Drs. Pratico & Van Pelt also point out another important doubling when the verbal root ending is a nun (נ), and the sufformatives begin with ת (i.e., נַת, תַּ) is doubled (תַּת). For example, the 1cs form of

³⁴ Page Kelley, p. 84

the verb נתן “to give” is נתתי. “The final of the verbal root has assimilated into the of the sufformative and its presence is represented by the Daghesh Forte.”³⁵

Practice

I. Memorize the vocabulary.

II. Parse the following perfect verbs (e.g. Qal Perf. 1cs)

1. הִיָּתָה
2. יָדַעְתִּי
3. זָכַרְתִּי
4. מָלְאַה
5. יָדַעְנוּ
6. זָכַרְתִּי
7. כָּתַבְתֶּם
8. עָמַדְתִּי
9. שָׁבְתוּ

III. Translate the following:

1. (Deut. 8:6) וְשָׁמַרְתָּ אֶת-מִצְוֹת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְלַכֵּת (go) בְּדַרְכָּיו וּלְיִרְאַה (fear) אֹתוֹ
2. (Gen. 34:28) וְאֶת-אִשֶּׁר בְּשָׂדֶה לָקַחוּ
3. (Zech. 8:23) כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת בְּיָמִים קְדָמָה אֲשֶׁר יִחְזִיקוּ (be strong)
4. (Ps. 78:10) לֹא שָׁמְרוּ בְרִית אֱלֹהִים וּבְתוֹרָתוֹ מָאֲנוּ (they refused) לְלַכֵּת (to go)
5. (Gen. 4:1) וְהָאָדָם יָדַע אֶת-חַוָּה אִשְׁתּוֹ וַתַּהַר (she conceived) וַתֵּלֶד (I bear) אֶת-קַיִן וַתֹּאמֶר קָנִיתִי (I buy) אִישׁ אֶת-יְהוָה

³⁵ Gary Pratico, Miles Van Pelt, *Basics of Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001), p. 142

Chapter Twelve

Qal Imperfect Strong Verbs

Vocabulary

אָזן	ear (f)	עוֹלָם	eternity, for ever
אַיִל	ram	עָנָה	to answer (v)
גִּבּוֹר	mighty (adj)	קוּם	to arise (v)
זָבַח	sacrifice	שָׁפָה	lip, speech, edge (f)
יָכַל	to be able, capable (v)	שָׁאַל	to ask (v)
קָרַת	to cut off, make a covenant (v)	שָׁבַר	to break in pieces (v)
מָשַׁל	to rule (v)	שׁוּב	to turn, return (v)
סוּר	to turn aside (v)	שָׁכַח	to forget (v)
עָבַד	to work, serve (v)	שָׁפַט	to judge, deliver (v)
עָבַר	to pass over, through (v)	תְּפִלָּה	prayer (f)

Qal Imperfect Tense

The Qal imperfect expresses action that is simple and incomplete whether in the past, present or future. The Qal imperfect is normally translated as the English present or future tense. The imperfect gets its time of action from the context. The imperfect may also be translated modally as “would, could, should, may, might.”

Imperfect Tense Inflection

The imperfect conjugation has the following forms.

Qal Imperfect Inflection					
Singular			Plural		
3ms	יִשָּׁמַע	he	3cp	יִשָּׁמְעוּ	they
3fs	תִּשָּׁמַע	she	3fp	תִּשָּׁמְענה	they
2ms	תִּשָּׁמַע	you	2mp	תִּשָּׁמְעוּ	you
2fs	תִּשָּׁמְעִי	you	2fp	תִּשָּׁמְענה	you
1cs ³⁶	אֲשָׁמַע	I	1cp	נִשָּׁמַע	we

³⁶ “c” indicates “common,” meaning both masculine & feminine

שָׁמַר “he kept”					
3ms	יִשְׁמַר	he will keep	3cp	יִשְׁמְרוּ	they will keep
3fs	תִּשְׁמַר	she will keep	3fp	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	they will keep
2ms	תִּשְׁמַר	you will keep	2mp	תִּשְׁמְרוּ	you will keep
2fs	תִּשְׁמַרְי	you will keep	2fp	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	you will keep
1cs	אֶשְׁמַר	I will keep	1cp	נִשְׁמַר	we will keep

Qal Imperfect Usage

The Qal imperfect inflection expresses the kind of action as incomplete or an incomplete state of being. There are various ways the Hebrew imperfect may be translated. Context must be examined as to the kind of action or the state of being represented by the verb.

1. *Simple action in future time.* וְאֶת־רוּחִי אֶתֵּן בְּקִרְבְּכֶם “And **I will put** My Spirit within you” (Ezek. 36:27a)
2. *Repetitive, habitual, or customary actions in the past, present, or future.*
 - a. *In the past.* וְאֵד יַעֲלֶה מִן־הָאָרֶץ “And a mist **went up** from the earth” (Gen. 2:6)
 - b. *In the present.* וְהַתְּפִלָּה צְדִיקִים יִשְׁמַע “But the prayer of the righteous **he hears**” (Prov. 15:29).
 - c. *In the future.* יִזְכֹּר לְעוֹלָם בְּרִיתוֹ. “**He will remember** his covenant forever.” (Ps. 111:5)
3. *Modal expressions.* Modal expressions “would, could, should, may, might,” are meant when the imperfect is used in conjunction with other words.
 - a. When used with conditional particles אם, “if,” and אולי “perhaps.” בֵּית יְהוּדָה אולי יִשְׁמְעוּ “Perhaps the house of Judah will hear.” (Jer. 36:3)
 - b. When used with particles expressing end or purpose such as לְמַעַן “in order that,” כִּי “for, because,” אֲשֶׁר “that,” and פֶּן “lest.” פֶּן־תִּשְׁכַּח אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ “lest you forget the LORD your God.” (Deut. 6:12)
 - c. When used after the interrogatives אֵיךְ “how,” מָה “what,” מִי “who,” and לָמָּה “why.” מִי יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר אֶשְׁמַע בְּקוֹלוֹ לָמָּה “Who is the LORD that I should listen to his voice? (Ex. 5:2)

Volitional usage

The imperfect can be used to express volition in the first person (Cohortative) and the third person (Jussive).

Number	Name	
1 st	Cohortative	I, we
2 nd	Imperative	You
3 rd	Jussive	He, they

1. *Jussive.* The word jussive comes from the Latin *iussū* meaning “by order, by command.” The jussive expresses the speaker’s desire, wish, or command, and is

translated using “may” or “let.” The jussive occurs with the third person imperfect.

- a. Simple jussive.
 - i. Translated “let.” אֶל־יִמְשֻׁלוּ־בִי “Let them not have dominion over me.” (Ps. 19:14)
 - ii. Translated “may.” וְשֹׁפֵט יְהוָה בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶיךָ “May the LORD judge between me and between you.” (Gen. 16:5)
 - b. Used with the particle of entreaty נָא “I pray.” וְזָכַר־נָא הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ “Pray that the king remember the LORD your God.” (2 Sam. 14:11).
2. *Cohortative*. A first person exhortation to oneself or to a group. The word cohortative comes from the Latin *cōhaerēo*, meaning, “to hold together, hang together.” The cohortative expresses the speaker’s “desire, intention, self-encouragement, or determination to perform a certain action.”³⁷
 - a. Simple cohortative. Translated “let.” וְעַתָּה נִכְרַת־בְּרִית לְאֱלֹהֵינוּ “And now, let us make a covenant with our God.” (Ezra. 10:3)
 - b. Used with the vocalic suffix הָ. וְאֶכְרַתָּה לָכֶם בְּרִית עוֹלָם. “And I will make for you an everlasting covenant.” (Isa. 55:3)
 3. *Imperative*. The second person command. The word imperative comes from the Latin *impērāre*, meaning, “to impose, to command.” The imperative expresses direct commands, requests, or permission.

Vav Consecutive with the Imperfect

When the author wants to convey consecutive events in past time, the phrase will begin with the perfect followed by a series of vav consecutives attached to the imperfect. This construction is referred to as the vav conversive. The vav consecutive is normally attached to the imperfect using the patach, plus the dagesh forte in the following consonant (וַ). With the addition of the vav consecutive the rules for its pointing will be similar to the definite article.

אֶת־קַיִן	Qal Impf וַתֵּלֶד	Qal Impf וַתַּחַר	אֶשְׁתּוֹ	אֶת־חַוָּה	Qal Perf וַיֵּדַע	וְהָאָדָם
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“And Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived, and she bore Cain (Gen. 4:1)

Practice

- I. Memorize the vocabulary.
- II. Complete the Qal imperfect for the following and translate:
 1. 3 ms כתב 3 mp כתב
 2. 3 fs כתב 3 fpl כתב
 3. 2 ms כתב 2 mp כתב
 4. 2 fs כתב 2 fp כתב

³⁷ Kelley, p. 132

5. 1 cs כתב 1 cp כתב

III. Translate the following:

1. וְחַטְאֲתֶיךָ לֹא אֶזְכֵּר (Isa. 43:25)
2. וְהוּא יִשְׁפֹּט־תְּבֵל בְּצֶדֶק (Ps. 9:9)
3. כִּי זֹאת הַבְּרִית אֲשֶׁר אֶכְרַת אֶת-בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל (Jer. 31:33)
4. אֲשֶׁר אֶשְׁכַּן־שָׁם בְּתוֹךְ בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל לְעוֹלָם (Ezek. 43:7)

Chapter Thirteen

Qal Imperative & Pronominal Suffixes of Strong Verbs

Vocabulary

אָחַז	to seize	לָבַשׁ	to put on, clothe
בָּחַר	to choose	גָּנַע	to touch, reach
בָּטַח	to trust	נוּס	to flee
בִּין	to understand	סָבַב	to turn around, surround
בָּכָה	to weep	סָפַר	to write, number
דָּרַשׁ	to seek	קָדַשׁ	to be holy
הִפְיֵץ	to please, delight	רָעָה	to feed, graze, tend flocks
הָרַג	to kill	שָׂמַח	to rejoice
טָמֵא	to be unclean	שָׁלַם	to be whole, complete
יָצַר	to form, shape, fashion	שָׂרַף	to burn

Qal Imperative

The word imperative comes from the Latin *impĕrāre*, meaning, “to impose, to command.” The Hebrew Qal imperative only occurs in the second person singular and plural and expresses a command, wish, or desire.

Imperative Tense Inflection

The imperative conjugation is derived from a shortened form of the imperfect. The shortening drops the performative (consonant and vowel) from the imperfect form. However, according to the rule of the *sheva*: two vocal *shevas* can never stand together at the beginning of a word, the first *sheva* is changed to a *hireq* (see 2fs & 2mp).

Qal Imperative Inflection					
Singular			Plural		
2ms		you	2mp	שְׁמְרוּ	you
2fs	שְׁמְרִי	you	2fp	שְׁמְרֵנָה	you

שָׁמַר “he kept”					
	Imperfect			Imperative	
2ms	תִּשְׁמַר		→	שְׁמַר	(you) keep!
2fs	תִּשְׁמְרִי	שְׁמְרִי	→	שְׁמְרִי	(you) keep!
2mp	תִּשְׁמְרוּ	שְׁמְרוּ	→	שְׁמְרוּ	(you) keep!
2fp	תִּשְׁמְרֵנָה		→	שְׁמְרֵנָה	(you) keep!

Qal Imperative Usage

The Qal imperative inflection expresses a direct command, wish or desire, where immediate action is expected. However, as Dr. Ross clarifies, “the imperative may express advice, counsel, invitation, or request (as in prayers).”³⁸ When translating the imperative one can include the second person pronoun (you) or leave it off. For example: שָׁמַר is translated “observe!” or “you observe!” The Qal imperative is the most frequent volitional conjugation in the Hebrew Bible occurring 2,896 times, and 68% of all imperatives!³⁹

1. *Negation of the Imperative.* Hebrew does not negate an imperative form. Negation occurs in the jussive and cohortive only.
2. *Entreaty.* The imperative is used to express entreaty when attached with the particle of entreaty (נָא) and translated “I pray,” or “please.” An example is: שִׁפְטוּ-נָא בֵּינִי וּבֵין כַּרְמִי “**Judge, I pray,** between me and my vineyard! (Isaiah 5:3)
3. *Imperatives with ה, suffix.* At times the suffix ה־ is attached to the imperative. The use of the attached suffix makes the imperative more emphatic. For example: קוּמָה אֱלֹהִים שִׁפְטָה הָאָרֶץ “**Rise up** O God, **judge** the earth!” (Ps. 82:8)

Pronominal Suffixes with Verbs

A pronominal suffix can be placed on verbs. In the case where the pronominal suffix is placed on the verb it serves as the object. The form of the pronominal suffix is as follows:

³⁸ Allen Ross, *Introducing Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001), p. 150

³⁹ Gary Pratico & Miles Van Pelt, *Basics of Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001), p. 206

	Suffix	Alternate Suffix	Objective Translation		Suffix	Alternate Suffix	Objective Translation
1 cs	י	ני	me	1 cp	נו		us
2 ms ⁴⁰	ך		you	2 mp	כּם		you
2 fs ⁴¹	ך		you	2 fp	כּן		you
3 ms	ו	הו	him	3 mp	הּם	ם	them
3 fs	הּ	ה	her	3 fp	הּן	ן	them

Spelling changes as a result of the addition of the pronominal suffix

Changes in spelling depends on whether the suffix is placed next to a consonant or a vowel. The following list is a partial list of changes that take place with both the verb and the pronominal suffix. The changes that occur are too numerous for the beginning student. The beginning student should memorize the final form.

		A.	B.	C. ⁴²	
		To form ending in a vowel	To form in the Perf. ending in a consonant	To form in the Impf. ending in a consonant	
Sing.	1c	ני	ני (in pause נִי)	ני	me
	2m	ך	ך (in pause כּ or כֶּ)	ך (in pause כּ or כֶּ)	you
	2f	ך	ך, כֶּ	ך	you
	3m	ו, הו	ו, הו	הו	him
	3f	ה	ה	ה	her
Plur.	1c	נו	נו	נו	us
	2m	כּם	כּם	כּם	you
	2f				
	3m	ם, הּם	ם (from הּם), ם	ם (from הּם)	them
	poet.	מו	מו	מו	them
	3f	ן	ן, ן		them

Pronominal Suffixes added to שמרו "they kept"							
	Suffix	שמרו	Objective Translation		Suffix	שמרו	Objective Translation
1 cs	י	שמרוני	They kept me	1 cp	נו	שמרונו	They kept us
2 ms	ך	שמרוך	They kept you	2 mp	כּם	שמרוכּם	They kept you
2 fs	ך	שמרוך	They kept you	2 fp	כּן	שמרוכּן	They kept you
3 ms	ו	שמרוהו	They kept him	3 mp	הּם	שמרוהּם	They kept them
3 fs	הּ	שמרוהּ	They kept her	3 fp	הּן	שמרוהּן	They kept them

⁴⁰ Final kaf ך will have its final qamets () placed inside the letter and looks like ך .

⁴¹ Final kaf ך is written with a silent sheva () when it lacks a vowel and looks like ך .

⁴² Table adapted from Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar

Practice

- I. Memorize the vocabulary.
- II. Memorize the Qal Imperative form
- III. Translate the following:
 1. שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד (Deut. 6:4)
 2. לֵב טָהוֹר בְּרָא-לִי אֱלֹהִים (Ps. 51:12)
 3. שְׁפַטְנִי יְהוָה (Ps. 7:9)
 4. יְהוָה זְכַרְנִי וּפְקַדְנִי (Jer. 15:15)

Chapter Fourteen

Qal Infinitive Strong Verbs

Vocabulary

אָבַד	to perish	כָּלָה	to complete, finish
אָסַף	to gather	מָאָס	to reject, despise
בָּרַח	to flee	מָכַר	to sell
חָדַל	to cease	נָטָה	to stretch out, extend
חָטָא	to sin	פָּר	young bull (m)
יָלַד	to beget	רַב	multitude
יָסַף	to add	רוּם	to be high, exalted
יָרַד	to go down	רָפָא	to heal
יָרַשׁ	to possess, subdue	שָׂנֵא	to hate
כִּוֵּן	to be fixed, firm, establish	שָׁתָה	to drink

Qal Infinitive

Infinitives are “infinite” in the sense that they express the basic idea of the verbal root without the limitations of person, number, and gender. Indeed, infinitives do not possess person, gender or number. Perfect, imperfect, and imperative verbs on the other hand, are limited to a specific person, gender, and number. For this reason they are known as “finite” verbs.⁴³

Hebrew has two infinitive forms: the infinitive construct and the infinitive absolute. Infinitives are verbal nouns and as such they may function verbally as for example בּוֹא has the basic verbal meaning “to go.” Likewise, as a noun, the infinitive may function as a gerund as for example, “going.” In the gerundial usage, the infinitive absolute sometimes is modified with prepositional prefixes and pronominal suffixes.

Qal Infinitive Form

The Qal infinitive form is simple in that only one form needs to be memorized. The infinitive is not inflected for person, gender or number. The complication comes in that the Qal infinitive construct has the same form as the Qal imperative 2ms. Context must be used to translate.

⁴³ Kelly, p. 179

Qal Infinitive Strong Verb					
	Qal Perfect	Infinitive pointing		Qal Infinitive	
Construct	שמר	שָׁמַר	→	שָׁמַר	“to keep”
Absolute	שמר	שָׁמַר	→	שָׁמַר	

Qal Infinitive Construct

The infinitive construct can function in the following ways.

1. *Normal infinitive.* The infinitive construct can function much like the English infinitive. For example,
 - a. *Lamed prefix.* When the infinitive construct is prefixed with לְ the meaning is to introduce a purpose, result, or temporal clause. This is by far the most frequently used form. An example is
 וְעַתָּה לְדַרוֹשׁ אֶת־יְהוָה “And it is time **to seek** the LORD” (Hos. 10:12)
 - b. *Bet prefix.* When the infinitive construct is prefixed with בְּ the meaning is to introduce a temporal (when an action took place), causal (why an action took place) clause. An example is
 וַיְהִי בַּהֵיחֹדֶשׁ הַיְהוֹשֻׁעַ בִּירִיחוֹ “**while/when Joshua was** in Jericho” (Josh. 5:13)
 - c. *Kef prefix.* When the infinitive construct is prefixed with כִּי the meaning is to introduce a temporal clause and translated with “when, as, just as.” An example is
 וַיְהִי כַשֵּׁכֵב אֲדֹנָי־הַמֶּלֶךְ עִם־אֲבוֹתָיו “**when** my lord the king **lies down** with his ancestors” (1 Kings 1:21)
 - d. *Prefixed with מִן.* The infinitive construct is prefixed with the preposition מִן after verbs of withholding, restraining, or refusing to grant privilege. It may also be used to express a comparative, or simply mean “from.” An example is
 גְּדוֹל עוֹנֵי מִנְשֵׂא “My punishment [is] **too great to bear.**” (Gen. 4:13).
3. *With a pronominal suffix.* When the infinitive construct is used with a pronominal suffix, the suffix is either the subject (קָטְלוֹ “his killing”) or the object (קָטְלוֹ “kill him”) of the infinitive.
 - a. *As a subject.* For example,
 בְּזָכְרֵנוּ אֶת־צִיּוֹן “**when we remember** Zion” (Ps. 137:1)
 - b. *As an object.* For example
 מֶלֶךְ לְשַׁפְּטֵנוּ כְּכָל־הַגּוֹיִם “a king **to rule us**, like all the nations” (1 Sam. 8:5)
4. *With a negative.* The infinitive construct is not negated using לֹא or אַל. To negate the infinitive construct, Hebrew uses בְּלֹאֵי “not, in order not,” or לְבִלְתִּי “so as not, in order not.” An example is
 הִפְגַּעוּ בַּמֶּלֶךְ לְבִלְתִּי שָׂרֵף אֶת־הַמְּגִלָּה “implore the king **not to burn** the scroll” (Jer. 36:25)

Qal Infinitive Absolute

Infinitive absolutes are never augmented with a prepositional prefix or pronominal suffix. As such, the infinitive absolute primarily functions adverbially (though other usages may be identified).

1. *Gerund*. The infinitive absolute can be used as an “-ing” word. For example, אָכַל בָּשָׂר וְשָׁתוּת יַיִן “**eating** meat and **drinking** wine” (Isa. 22:13)
2. *Emphatic*. The infinitive absolute can be used to emphasize the verbal meaning when placed *before* the verb, thus stressing and intensifying the verb. For example, זָכַר תִּזְכֹּר אֶת אֲשֶׁר-עָשָׂה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ “**You shall surely remember** what the LORD your God did.” (Deut. 7:19)
3. *Emphatic of duration*. The infinitive absolute can be used to emphasize the duration or continuation of the verbal meaning when placed *after* the verb. For example, שָׁמְעוּ שְׁמוֹעַ וְאַל-תִּבְיִנוּ וּרְאוּ רְאוּ וְאַל-תִּדְעוּ “**Keep on hearing**, but do not understand; **keep on seeing**, but do not perceive.” (Isa. 6:9).
4. *Imperative*. The infinitive absolute can be used to express a command. For example, זָכֹר אֶת-יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת לְקַדְּשׁוֹ “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.” (Ex. 20:8)

Practice

I. Memorize the vocabulary.

II. Translate the following:

1. אִם-תִּשׁוּל תִּמְשַׁל בְּנֹו (Gen. 37:8)
2. וְאַנְוִים לְשִׁמַּע עַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה וְלֹא-נִתֵּן יְהוָה לְכֶם לֵב לְדַעַת וְעֵינַיִם לְרֹאוֹת (Deut. 29:3 [29:4])
3. רֹאוֹת רַבּוֹת וְלֹא תִשְׁמַר פְּקוּחַ אַנְוִים וְלֹא יִשְׁמַע (Isa. 42:20)
4. כִּי בַיּוֹם אֶכְלָד מִמְנוּ מוֹת תִּמוֹת (Gen. 2:17)

Chapter Fifteen

Qal Participle Strong Verbs

Vocabulary

אָרַר	to curse	נָגַשׁ	to approach
בוֹשׁ	to be ashamed	נָהַר	river (m)
גֹּאֲלֵל	redeemer	סֹפֵר	scribe (m)
גָּלָה	to uncover, reveal	פָּדָה	to ransom, redeem
חָשַׁב	to think	פָּשַׁע	to rebel, transgress
יֹשֵׁב	inhabitant	קָבַר	to bury
יֹצֵר	potter	רוֹאֵה	seer, prophet
יָצַר	to form	רוֹעֵה	shepherd
מוֹשִׁיעַ	savior, deliverer	שׁוֹפֵט	judge
מַלְאָךְ	angel, messenger	שָׁקַח	to water

Qal Participle

Participles are verbs that can function as nouns and are most nearly related to adjectives⁴⁴. As such, participles have characteristics of a verb as well as an adjective. As a verb, the participle possesses tense and voice. As an adjective, the participle possesses gender and number. The word participle comes from the Latin, *particeps* meaning, “sharing,” or “participating,” as it is used to describe participation in the action or state of the verb.

The Hebrew participle possesses the verbal characteristic of voice as it occurs in the active and passive voice.

- Active voice.* The active participle indicates a person or thing as being in the continual uninterrupted exercise of an activity.
- Passive voice.* The passive participle indicates the person or thing is in a state that has been brought about by external actions.

Qal Active Participle Form

The Qal active participle masculine singular for strong verbs is formed by adding the *holem* (or *holem vav*) in the first syllable, and the *sere* in the second syllable.

⁴⁴ Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar, p. 356

Qal Active Participle				
Qal Perfect 3m. sg				Qal Active Participle m.sg
שָׁמַר	□□□	→		שֹׁמֵר “Keeping”

In addition to the basic verbal form, participles must conjugate the adjective part as follows:

Qal Active Participle Masculine						
Singular	שֹׁמֵר	+		→	שֹׁמֵר	“guarding [him]”
Plural		+	ם	→	שֹׁמְרִים	“guarding [them]”

Qal Active Participle Feminine						
Singular	שֹׁמֶרֶת	+	ה	→	שֹׁמֶרֶת	“guarding [her]”
Plural		+	ות	→	שֹׁמְרוֹת	“guarding [them]”

Qal Passive Participle Form

The Qal passive participle masculine singular for strong verbs is formed by adding the *qames* in the first syllable and the *sureq* in the second syllable.

Qal Passive Participle				
Qal Perfect 3ms				Qal Passive Participle
שָׁמַר	□□□□	→		שְׁמוּרָה “being kept”

In addition to the basic verbal form, participles must conjugate the adjective part as follows:

Qal Passive Participle Masculine						
Singular	שְׁמוּרָה	+		→	שְׁמוּרָה	“[him] being guarded”
Plural		+	ם	→	שְׁמוּרָהִים	“[them] being guarded”

Qal Passive Participle Feminine						
Singular	שְׁמוּרָה	+	ה	→	שְׁמוּרָה	“[her] being guarded”
Plural		+	ות	→	שְׁמוּרוֹת	“[them] being guarded”

Usage of the Participle

Both active and passive participles may function as verbs, adjectives, or nouns.

2. *Adjective*. As an adjective the participle may function attributively or predicatively.
 - a. *Attributive usage*. When the participle is used attributively, it normally follows the noun and agrees in number, gender, and definiteness. Definiteness refers to the presence of the definite article present with both noun and participle. In this case the participle is acting as a relative clause requiring the addition of the pronoun “who, which,” or “that.” The attributive position is of the form, הָעָם הַיֹּשֵׁב בְּאֶרֶץ “the people *who are dwelling* in the land” (Num. 13:28).
 - b. *Predicative usage*. A participle used predicatively may be placed before or after the noun it modifies and agrees in number, gender, but not definiteness. The participle never takes the definite article when used predicatively. When the participle is used predicatively, supply the “to be” verb. The predicative usage is of the form, הָהָר בֵּעֵר בָּאֵשׁ “the mountain *was burning* with fire” (Deut. 4:11).
3. *Verbs*. When participles are used as verbs normally they are preceded by an expressed subject that agree in gender and number, but they do not take the definite article. Since participles are timeless, time must be determined by the context. For example, הַשָּׁמַיִם מְסַפְּרִים כְּבוֹד-אֵל “The heavens declare the glory of God (Ps. 19:2; Eng. 19:1)
4. *Nouns*. A participle may be used as a noun. When a participle is used as a noun it indicated the “one who,” or the “ones who” are performing the action, state, or condition. When the participle is used as a noun it functions in every way as a noun, functioning as either an object or subject, and serve in apposition to other nouns. Dr. Kelley writes, “verbal nouns that describe a person’s major or vocationally identifying activity. They include such forms as גֹּאֵל, “redeemer,” יוֹשֵׁב, “inhabitant,” יוֹצֵר, “potter,” מוֹשִׁיעַ, “savior, deliverer,” סוֹפֵר, “scribe,” רוֹאֵה, “seer,” רוֹעֵה, “shepherd,” and שׁוֹפֵט, “judge.”⁴⁵
 - a. Participles used as nouns in the absolute state. When a participle is used as a noun it may function in the absolute or construct state. An example is, וְהָלְכוּ שָׁם גְּאוּלַּיִם “And the redeemed shall go (walk) there.” (Isa. 19:17)
 - b. Participles in the construct state. An example is, הֲשֹׁמֵר אָחִי אָנֹכִי “Am I the keeper of my brother?” (Gen. 4:9)

Participles with Prefixes and Suffixes

Participle can take prefixes such as the definite article and prepositional prefixes. They may also take pronominal suffixes.

1. *Definite article*. An example of a participle with the definite article is found in, מִי־הָאִישׁ הַלֵּוֶה דַּלְלֵךְ בַּשָּׂדֶה לִקְרָאתֵנוּ “who [is] the man, this one, the one that walks in the field to meet us?” (Gen. 24:65).

⁴⁵ Page Kelley, p. 201

2. *Pronominal suffix*. An example of a participle with a pronominal suffix attached is found in, **כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה לְפָאֵק** “for I am the LORD who heals you” (Ex. 15:26).

Practice

- I. Memorize the vocabulary.
- II. Translate the following:
 1. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה בְּנֵי דָוִד (1 Sam. 26:25)
 2. וְקָרְאוּ לָהֶם עַם-הַקִּדְשׁ גְּאוּלֵי יְהוָה (Isa. 62:12)
 3. כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה אֲהַב מִשְׁפָּט (Isa. 61:8)
 4. וְהָהָר בַּעַר בְּאֵשׁ (Deu. 4:11)

Chapter Sixteen

Niph'al Strong Verbs

Vocabulary

גָּאַל	to redeem	נַחַל	a valley, wadi (m)
גָּדַל	to be great	עָזַב	to abandon, leave, forsake
הִשָּׂא	grass (m)	עָזַר	to help
זָבַח	to sacrifice	פָּרַח	to be fruitful
הִלֵּל	to praise	קָרַב	to draw near, approach
חָטְאָת	sin (f)	רָבָה	to be many, multiply
יָצָא	to go out	רָדַף	to pursue, persecute
יָרָא	to fear	שָׂם	to put, place
לָמַד	to learn	שִׁבְט	rod, staff, scepter, tribe (m)
מוֹת	to die	שָׁכַן	to settle, dwell

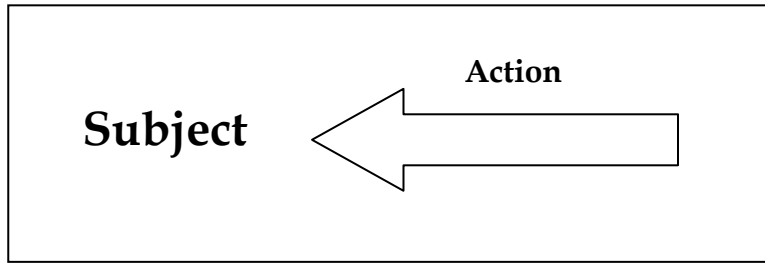
Niph'al

While the Qal verb stem expresses the Hebrew simple active voice, the Niph'al (נִפְעַל) verb stem is used to express the simple passive or reflexive voice. Drs. Waltke and O'Connor write, "The Qal example represents the subject as the agent, implicitly answering the question 'What is God doing?' The Niph'al by contrast answers the question 'What happened to the ground?' It does not represent the subject as the actor or agent. It rather represents the subject as having been acted upon by an unstated agent; the subject is merely participating in the action."⁴⁶

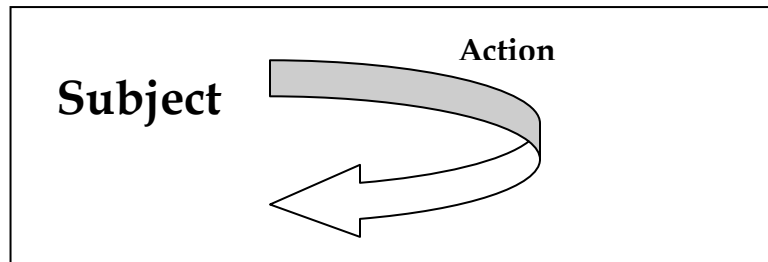
The passive and reflexive can be illustrated in the following pictorial forms:

⁴⁶ Bruce Waltke and M. O'Connor, *An Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax* (Winon lake: Eisenbrauns, 1990), p. 363

Passive Voice



Middle Voice



Niph'al Perfect Form

To form the Niph'al perfect strong verb, attach the Niph'al prefix (נ) to the perfect form. The addition of נ will change the vowels according to the normal rules (e.g., shortening of the first vowel).

Niph'al Perfect				
Qal Perfect 3ms	Niph'al prefix		Niph'al Perfect	
שָׁמַר	נ	→	נִשְׁמַר	“he was kept” or “he kept himself”

Perfect				
	Qal	Niph'al	Passive	Reflective
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive		
3 ms	שָׁמַר	נִשְׁמַר	he was kept	he kept himself
3 fs	שָׁמְרָה	נִשְׁמְרָה	she was kept	she kept herself
2 ms	שָׁמַרְתָּ	נִשְׁמַרְתָּ	you were kept	you kept yourself
2 fs	שָׁמַרְתְּ	נִשְׁמַרְתְּ	you were kept	you kept yourself
1 cs	שָׁמַרְתִּי	נִשְׁמַרְתִּי	I was kept	I kept myself
3 cp	שָׁמְרוּ	נִשְׁמְרוּ	they were kept	they kept themselves
2 mp	שָׁמַרְתֶּם	נִשְׁמַרְתֶּם	you were kept	you kept yourselves
2 fp	שָׁמַרְתֶּן	נִשְׁמַרְתֶּן	you were kept	you kept yourselves
1 cp	שָׁמַרְנוּ	נִשְׁמַרְנוּ	we were kept	we kept ourselves

Niph'al Perfect Usage

1. *Simple passive action.* The Niph'al Perfect can be used to describe action in the simple passive voice. For example, "For God knew that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes **shall be opened**, and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." (Gen. 3:5)
2. *Simple reflexive action.* The Niph'al Perfect can be used to express action in the simple reflexive action where the subject performs the action upon himself/herself. An example is, על-בן קרא למקום ההוא באר שבע כי שם נשבעו שניהם, "Wherefore he called that place Beersheba; because there **they swore** both of them." (Gen. 21:31)
3. *A few verbs do not exist in the Qal form.* The Niph'al Perfect is used in some cases for a Qal. Examples are the verbs גלחם "he fought," and נשבע "he swore."

Niph'al Imperfect Form

To form the Niph'al imperfect strong verb, attach the Niph'al prefix (נ) to the imperfect verb form. Whenever the nun (נ) closes a syllable within a Hebrew word and is followed by a syllable divider (silent sheva), it is assimilated into the following consonants by means of a dagesh forte.⁴⁷ In addition, the vowel under the first consonant is a gamets.

Niph'al Imperfect				
Qal Imperfect 3ms	Niph'al prefix		Niph'al Imperfect	
שָׁמַרְ	נ	→	נִשְׁמַרְ	"he will be kept" or "he will keep himself"

⁴⁷ Kelley, p.139

Imperfect				
	Qal	Niph'al	Passive	Reflective
	Simple active	Simple passive/ reflexive		
3 ms	יִשְׁמַר	יִשְׁמַר	he will be kept	he will keep himself
3 fs	תִּשְׁמַר	תִּשְׁמַר	she will be kept	she will keep herself
2 ms	תִּשְׁמַר	תִּשְׁמַר	you will be kept	you will keep yourself
2 fs	תִּשְׁמְרִי	תִּשְׁמְרִי	you will be kept	you will keep yourself
1 cs	אֶשְׁמַר	אֶשְׁמַר	I will be kept	I will keep myself
3 mp	יִשְׁמְרוּ	יִשְׁמְרוּ	they will be kept	they will keep themselves
3 fp	תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה	תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה	they will be kept	they will keep themselves
2 mp	תִּשְׁמְרוּ	תִּשְׁמְרוּ	you will be kept	you will keep yourselves
2 fp	תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה	תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה	you will be kept	you will keep yourselves
1 cp	נִשְׁמַר	נִשְׁמַר	we will be kept	we will keep ourselves

Niph'al Imperfect Usage

1. *Simple action in future time.* The Niph'al Imperfect can describe simple passive or reflective action in future time. An example is, בָּאֵשׁ יִשְׂרָף, “with fire it shall be burned” (Lev. 7:19)
2. *Repeated, habitual, or customary action.* The Niph'al Imperfect can describe action or an act as repetitive, habitual, or customary. An example is, יְהוּדָה תִּקְרָאוּ, וְאַתֶּם כֹּהֲנֵי יְהוָה “And you shall be called the priests of the LORD” (Isa. 61:6)
3. *Jussives and cohortatives.* The Niph'al Imperfect can be used to express actions contingent upon other elements in the context. An example is, שָׁם אֲרֻבְעִים אָנָשִׁים, אִילֵי יִמְצְאוּן “Suppose there should be found there forty men” (Gen. 18:29)

Niph'al Imperative Form

To form the Niph'al imperative strong verb, change the ת prefix of the Qal imperfect verb to the ה prefix for the second person forms.

Niph'al Imperative					
	Qal	Niph'al		Niph'al	

	Imperfect	prefix		Imperative	
2ms	תשמור	ה	→	השמר	keep!
2fs	תשמרי	ה	→	השמרי	keep!
2mp	תשמרו	ה	→	השמרו	keep!
2fp	תשמרנה	ה	→	השמרנה	keep!

Niph'al Imperative Usage

The Niph'al imperative describes action that is a command in the passive or reflexive voice. An example is *השמר לך פן־תשכח את־יהוה* “take heed to yourself lest you forget the LORD” (Deut. 6:12). The passive sense of the Niph'al imperative is often lost.

Niph'al Infinitive Form

1. *Niph'al infinitive construct*. The Niph'al infinitive construct has the same form as the masculine singular imperative. To form the Niph'al infinitive strong verb, change the ה prefix to the ה prefix in the Qal imperfect verb 2ms form.

Niph'al Infinitive Construct				
Qal Imperfect	Niph'al prefix		Niph'al Infinitive	
תשמור	ה	→	השמר	to be kept

2. *Niph'al infinitive absolute*. The Niph'al infinitive absolute is formed in two ways. The first form is similar to the construct state replacing the ה prefix to the ה prefix in the Qal imperfect verb 2ms form and dropping the final syllable vowel *sere*. The second preserves the Niph'al prefix ה.

Niph'al Infinitive Absolute				
Qal Imperfect	Niph'al prefix		Niph'al Infinitive	
תשמור	ה	→	השמר	being kept
	ה	→	Alt. השמר	

Usage of the Niph'al Infinitive

The Niph'al infinitive is used in Genesis 2:4:

אלה תולדות השמים והארץ בהבראם ביום עשות יהוה אלהים ארץ ושמים

“This is the generations of the heavens and the earth **when they were created**, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,” (Gen 2:4)

Niph'al Participle Form

The Niph'al participle is formed by adding the Niph'al prefix נ to the Qal Participle form.

Niph'al Participle					
	Qal Participle	Niph'al prefix		Niph'al Participle	
ms	שֹׁמֵר	נ	→	נֹשֵׂם	keeping
mp	שֹׁמְרִים	נ	→	נֹשְׂמִים	keeping
fs	שֹׁמְרָה	נ	→	נֹשְׂמָה	keeping
fp	שֹׁמְרוֹת	נ	→	נֹשְׂמוֹת	keeping

Usage of the Niph'al Participle

The Niph'al participle is used in Psalm 102:18:

תִּכְתָּב זֹאת לְדוֹר אַחֲרוֹן וְעַם נִבְרָא יִתְלַלֶּיהָ

“This will be written for the generation to come, that a people **yet to be created** may praise the LORD.” (Ps. 102:18)

Practice

- I. Memorize the vocabulary.
- II. Memorize the Niph'al perfect form.
- III. Translate the following:
 1. תִּשְׁלַח רוּחְךָ וְיִבְרָא אֱוִיָּו וְתִתְחַדֵּשׁ פְּנֵי אֲדָמָה (Ps. 104:30)
 2. וְאֶבְרַכְכָּה (And I will bless) (Gen. 12:3) מִקְלֶלְךָ אָאֵר וְנִבְרַכְכוּ בְךָ כָּל מְשֻׁפָּחֵת הָאֲדָמָה (that bless you)
 3. וַיִּירָאוּ גוֹיִם אֶת־שֵׁם יְהוָה וְכָל־מַלְכֵי הָאָרֶץ אֶת־כְּבוֹדְךָ (Ps. 102:16; Heb. Ps. 102:17)
 4. כִּי־כֹחַ אָמַר יְהוָה חֲנֹם נִמְכַּרְתֶּם וְלֹא בִכְסֵף תִּנְאַלוּ (Isa. 52:3)

Chapter Seventeen

Pi'el Strong Verbs

Vocabulary

זָכָר	male (m)	פָּנָה	to turn toward, face, prepare
זָנְיָה	to commit fornication, play the harlot	צָדִיק	righteousness, just (m)
הִפְדָּךְ	to turn, overturn	צוּה	(Piel) to command
הִחַרָה	to become hot, angry	רָחַץ	to wash
כִּפֵּר	(Piel) to cover, make atonement	רָעַע	to be wicked, evil
מָאֵן	(Piel) to refuse	שָׂבַע	to satisfy
מִגְרֵשׁ	pasture (m or f)	שָׁרַח	to sing
מַמְלָכָה	kingdom (f)	שָׂתַת	to put, place, set
סוּר	to turn aside	שָׁמַם	to be astonished, desolate
סָפַר	to count, (Piel) to tell, relate	תּוֹעֵבָה	abomination (f)

Pi'el

The Pi'el (פִּעֵל) is the intensive verb stem. It is used to express intensive active or causative action. This intensifying of the stem serves to strengthen and/or repetition of the action.

Qal	Pi'el
שָׁאַל “ask”	שָׁאַל “beg”
כִּי שָׁאַל שְׁלֹמֹה אֶת-הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה	וְנֹעַם יְנוּעֵהוּ בְנָיו וַיִּשְׁאַלוּ
That Solomon had asked this thing (1 Kgs. 3:10)	“Let his sons wander and beg ” (Ps. 109:10)

Usage of the Pi'el

1. *Intensive*. The primary use of the Pi'el is to express an intensification of the verb. Intenfication expressing the strengthening or repetition of the action⁴⁸. Dr. Page Kelley gives the following examples⁴⁹:

Qal Perfect 3ms		Pi'el Perfect 3ms	
נִשָּׁק	He kissed	נִשָּׁק	He kissed repeatedly
שָׁבַר	He broke	שָׁבַר	He shattered

2. *Causitive*. Gesenius writes of the Pi'el, "The eager pursuit of an action may also consist in urging and causing others to do the same."⁵⁰ This causative usage of the Pi'el is much like the Hif'il. Dr. Kelley identifies the following examples:

Qal Perfect 3ms		Pi'el Perfect 3ms	
אָבַד	He perished	אָבַד	He destroyed
גָּדַל	He was great	גָּדַל	He exalted (made great)
לָמַד	He learned	לָמַד	He taught

3. *Obsolete (denominative)*. Some verbs have no Qal form, the Pi'el is used and the meaning may be the simple active sense. For example:

Pi'el Perfect 3ms			
בִּקֵּשׁ	He sought	מָהַר	He hastened
בֵּרַךְ	He blessed	נִסָּה	He tried, tested
דִּבֶּר	He spoke	נִצַּח	He led, directed
הִלֵּל	He praised	צִוָּה	He commanded
זָמַר	He sang (with instrumental accompaniment)	קָדַם	He was before
יָחַל	He waited	קָטַר	He made to smoke
כָּבַס	He washed, cleaned	קָנָא	He was envious, zealous
מָאֵן	He refused	שָׁרַת	He ministered, served

Pi'el Perfect Form

To form the Pi'el perfect, place a hireq () under the first root consonant and a dagesh forte () in the second root consonant.

Perfect

⁴⁸ Gesenius' *Hebrew Grammar* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1910), p. 141

⁴⁹ Page Kelley, *Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992), p. 109

⁵⁰ Gesenius' *Hebrew Grammar* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1910), p.141

	Qal		Pi'el
3ms	שָׁמַר	→	שָׁמַר

Perfect			
	Qal	Pi'el	Translation
3ms	שָׁמַר	שָׁמַר	He guarded
3fs	שָׁמְרָה	שָׁמְרָה	She guarded
2ms	שָׁמַרְתָּ	שָׁמַרְתָּ	You guarded
2fs	שָׁמַרְתְּ	שָׁמַרְתְּ	You guarded
1cs	שָׁמַרְתִּי	שָׁמַרְתִּי	I guarded
3cp	שָׁמְרוּ	שָׁמְרוּ	They guarded
2mp	שָׁמַרְתֶּם	שָׁמַרְתֶּם	You guarded
2fp	שָׁמַרְתֶּן	שָׁמַרְתֶּן	You guarded
1cp	שָׁמַרְנוּ	שָׁמַרְנוּ	We guarded

Pi'el Imperfect Form

To form the Pi'el imperfect, place a sheva (ְ) under the first performative, a pathach (ַ) under the first root consonant, and a dagesh forte (ִ) in the second root consonant.

Imperfect			
	Qal		Pi'el
3ms	יִשְׁמַר	→	יִשְׁמַר

Imperfect			
	Qal	Pi'el	Translation
3ms	יִשְׁמַר	יִשְׁמַר	He will guard
3fs	תִּשְׁמַר	תִּשְׁמַר	She will guard
2ms	תִּשְׁמַרְךָ	תִּשְׁמַרְךָ	You will guard
2fs	תִּשְׁמַרְתְּ	תִּשְׁמַרְתְּ	You will guard
1cs	אֶשְׁמַר	אֶשְׁמַר	I will guard
3mp	יִשְׁמְרוּ	יִשְׁמְרוּ	They will guard
3fp	תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה	תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה	They will guard
2mp	תִּשְׁמְרוּ	תִּשְׁמְרוּ	You will guard
2fp	תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה	תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה	You will guard
1cp	נִשְׁמַר	נִשְׁמַר	We will guard

Pi'el Imperative Form

To form the Pi'el imperative, start with the Qal imperfect, remove the performative, place a pathach () under the first root consonant, and a dagesh forte () in the second root consonant.

	Qal Imperfect		Pi'el Imperative
2ms	תשמר	→	שמר

	Qal Imperfect	Pi'el Imperative	Translation
2ms	תשמר	שמר	(you) guard!
2fs	תשמרי	שמרי	(you) guard!
2mp	תשמרו	שמרו	(you) guard!
2fp	תשמרנה	שמרנה	(you) guard!

Pi'el Imperative Usage

1. Normal usage. The normal usage of the imperative is to express an intensive command. For example, תְּהַלְלוּ־יְהוָה הַלְלוּ־יָהּ הַלְלוּ־יָהּ בְּנַפְשִׁי אֶת־יְהוָה “Praise the LORD! **Praise** the LORD, O my soul!” (Ps. 146:1)
2. Used with pronominal suffix. For example, לְמַדְּנִי חֻקֶיךָ “**Teach me** thy statutes!” (Ps. 119:12).
3. Used with the particle of entreaty (נָא). וְעַתָּה הִבְרַ־נָא אֶל־הַמֶּלֶךְ “Now therefore, I pray thee, speak to the king.” (2 Sam. 13:13)
4. Used with the emphatic הָ suffix. סַפְּרֵה־נָא לִי כָל־הַגְּדֹלוֹת אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה אֵלִישָׁעָה “Tell me, I pray, all the great things that Elisha has done.” (2 Kings 8:4)

Pi'el Infinitive Form

The Pi'el Infinitive construct and absolute have the same form as the Pi'el Imperative 2ms.

	Qal Imperfect		Pi'el Imperative	Pi'el Infinitive Construct	Pi'el Infinitive Absolute
2ms	תשמר	→	שמר	שמר	שמר (שמר)

Pi'el Participle Form

To form the Pi'el participle, start with the Qal participle, add the Pi'el participle prefix (מְ) add the pathach () under the first root consonant, and the daghesh forte (·) in the second root consonant.

	Qal Participle		Pi'el Participle	
ms	שֹׁמֵר	→	מְשֹׁמֵר	Guarding
mp	שֹׁמְרִים	→	מְשֹׁמְרִים	Guarding
fs	שֹׁמְרָה	→	מְשֹׁמְרָה	Guarding
fp	שֹׁמְרוֹת	→	מְשֹׁמְרוֹת	Guarding

Practice

- I. Memorize the vocabulary
- II. Memorize the Pi'el Perfect, Imperfect, Imperative, and Participle forms.
- III. Translate the following:
 1. אֱלֹהֵי פִלְטָנִי מִיַּד רָשָׁע (Ps. 71:4a)
 2. וַיְבָרֶךְ אֹתָם אֱלֹהִים לֵאמֹר פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמְלֵאוּ אֶת-הַיָּם בַּיָּמִים וְהַעֲוַף יָרֵב בְּאֶרֶץ
 3. בְּכֹל-דְרָכָיו דָּעָה וְהוּא יֵרֵא אֶרְחֻתָּיו (Prov. 3:6)
 4. הַדְרִיכֵנִי בְּצִדְקָתְךָ וּלְמַדְנִי כִּי-אַתָּה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲוֹתְךָ קִוִּיתִי כָּל-הַיּוֹם (Ps. 25:5) (lead me)
 5. וַיְגַלֵּה (uncover) כְּבוֹד יְהוָה וְרָאוּ כָּל-בָּשָׂר יַחְדָּו כִּי פִי יְהוָה דִּבֶּר

Chapter Eighteen

Pu'al Strong Verbs

Vocabulary

אָנוּשׁ	man, mankind	חָנַן	to be gracious to, favor
אַסַּר	to bind	מוֹעֵד	appointed time, place
בְּגָד	garment	מַרְאֵה	sight, appearance
בְּרָכָה	blessing (f)	נֹגֵב	the dry country, south
גִּזְרָל	lot, portion, share	עוֹר	to arouse, awake
גֶּפֶן	vine (f)	עָפָר	dry earth, dust
גֶּשֶׁם	rain, shower	עָרַךְ	to arrange, set in order
זָעַק	to cry out	פַּעַם	foot, step, time (f)
חָוָה	to see, perceive	רָחַץ	to wash, wash off
חָלָה	to become weak, sick	שָׁכַל	to have success, prosper

Pu'al

The Pu'al (פֻּעַל) is the intensive passive verb stem. The Pu'al is used to express intensive action with a passive voice. For example:

הִנֵּה יוֹם-בָּא לַיהוָה וְחִלְקֵךְ שְׁלָלֶיךָ בְּקִרְבֶּךָ

“Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil **will be divided** in your midst.”
(Zech. 14:1)

Pu'al Perfect Form

To form the Pu'al perfect, place a Qibbutz (ֻ) under the first root consonant and a Daghash Forte (ִ) in the second root consonant.

Perfect			
	Qal		Pu'al
3ms	שָׁמַר	→	שֹׁמַר

Perfect			
	Qal	Pu'al	Translation
3ms	שָׁמַר	שָׁמַר	he was guarded
3fs	שָׁמְרָה	שָׁמְרָה	she was guarded
2ms	שָׁמַרְתָּ	שָׁמַרְתָּ	you were guarded
2fs	שָׁמַרְתְּ	שָׁמַרְתְּ	you were guarded
1cs	שָׁמַרְתִּי	שָׁמַרְתִּי	I was guarded
3cp	שָׁמְרוּ	שָׁמְרוּ	they were guarded
2mp	שָׁמַרְתֶּם	שָׁמַרְתֶּם	you were guarded
2fp	שָׁמַרְתֶּן	שָׁמַרְתֶּן	you were guarded
1cp	שָׁמַרְנוּ	שָׁמַרְנוּ	we were guarded

Pu'al Imperfect Form

To form the Pu'al imperfect, place a Sheva (ְ) under the imperfect performative, a Qibbuts (ֻ) under the first root consonant, and a Daghesh Forte (·) in the second root consonant.

Imperfect			
	Qal		Pu'al
3ms	יִשְׁמַר	→	יִשְׁמַרְ

Imperfect			
	Qal	Pu'al	Translation
3ms	יִשְׁמַר	יִשְׁמַרְ	He will be guarded
3fs	תִּשְׁמַר	תִּשְׁמַרְ	She will be guarded
2ms	תִּשְׁמַר	תִּשְׁמַרְ	You will be guarded
2fs	תִּשְׁמַרִי	תִּשְׁמַרִי	You will be guarded
1cs	אֶשְׁמַר	אֶשְׁמַרְ	I will be guarded
3mp	יִשְׁמְרוּ	יִשְׁמְרוּ	They will be guarded
3fp	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	They will be guarded
2mp	תִּשְׁמְרוּ	תִּשְׁמְרוּ	You will be guarded
2fp	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	You will be guarded
1cp	נִשְׁמַר	נִשְׁמַרְ	We will be guarded

Pu'al Infinitive Form

The Pu'al Infinitive construct and absolute are formed as follows.

Pu'al Infinitive Construct	Pu'al Infinitive Absolute
שָׁמַר	שָׁמַר

Pu'al Participle Form

To form the Pu'al participle, start with the Qal participle, add the participle prefix (מְ) add the Qibbutz (ֻ) under the first root consonant, and the Daghesch Forte (·) in the second root consonant.

	Qal Passive Participle		Pu'al Participle	
ms	שָׁמֹר	→	מְשָׁמֵר	Being guarded
mp	שָׁמוֹרִים	→	מְשָׁמְרִים	Being guarded
fs	שָׁמוֹרָה	→	מְשָׁמְרָה	Being guarded
fp	שָׁמוֹרוֹת	→	מְשָׁמְרוֹת	Being guarded

Practice

- I. Memorize the vocabulary
- II. Memorize the Pu'al Perfect, Imperfect, and Participle forms.
- III. Translate the following:

1. וַיֹּאמֶר הָאֱלֹהִים זֶה הַפֶּעַם עָצַם מַעֲצָמִי וּבָשָׂר מִבְּשָׂרִי לִזְאוֹת יִקְרָא אִשָּׁה כִּי מֵאִישׁ לִקְחָהּ זֶה (Gen. 2:23)
2. וַיְהִי כִּי-הִחֵל (he profaned) הָאֱלֹהִים לְרַב עַל-פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה וּבָנֹת יְלָדֶיהָ (Gen. 6:1)
3. הִנֵּה יוֹם-בָּא לִיהוָה וְחִלַּק שְׁלֵלָךְ בְּקִרְבְּךָ (Zech. 14:1)
4. טוֹב-לִי כִּי-עָנִיתִי לְמַעַן אֶלְמַד חֻקֶּיךָ (Ps. 119:71)

Chapter Nineteen

Hithpa'el Strong Verbs

Vocabulary

אָהַב	to love	עֵד	a witness, testimony, evidence
בָּרָא	to create	עֵז	goat
דָּבַק	to cleave, cling to	עַתָּה	now
דּוֹר	generation	פֹּה	here
הָרָה	to conceive, become pregnant	פָּלַל	(Hithpa.) to pray
כְּבוֹד	glory, honor	פֶּן	lest
מָה	what?	קִיר	wall
מִי	who?	שׁוֹפָר	ram's horn, trumpet
מִקְדָּשׁ	sanctuary	שֶׁמֶן	oil, fat
נַעֲרָה	young woman	שֶׁקֶר	deception, falsehood

Hithpa'el

The Hithpa'el (הִתְפַּעֵל) is the intensive reflexive verb stem. The Hithpa'el is used to express intensive action with a reflective voice.

Qal		Hithpa'el ⁵¹	
אָמַן	He was strong	הִתְאַמֵּן	He strengthened himself
נָפַל	He fell	הִתְנַפֵּל	He prostrated himself
נָשָׂא	He lifted	הִתְנַשֵּׂא	He exalted himself
קִדְּשׁ	He was holy	הִתְקַדֵּשׁ	He sanctified himself

For example:

יִתְנַצְּבוּ מַלְכֵי-אֶרֶץ וְרוֹזְנִים וְרוֹסְדוּ-יַחַד עַל-יְהוָה וְעַל-מְשִׁיחוֹ

“The kings of the earth **set themselves**, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed” (Psalm 2:2)

⁵¹ Adapted from Page Kelley, *Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992), p. 110

Hithpa'el Perfect Form

To form the Hithpa'el perfect, add the Hithpa'el prefix (הִתְ), a Pathach (ַ) under the first root consonant, and a Dagshesh Forte (ִ) in the second root consonant.

Example, פָּקַד + הִתְ = הִתְפָּקַד “he appointed himself”

Perfect			
	Qal	Hithpa'el	Translation
3ms	פָּקַד	הִתְפָּקַד	he appointed himself
3fs	פָּקְדָהּ	הִתְפָּקְדָהּ	she appointed herself
2ms	פָּקַדְתָּ	הִתְפָּקַדְתָּ	you appointed yourself
2fs	פָּקַדְתְּ	הִתְפָּקַדְתְּ	you appointed yourself
1cs	פָּקַדְתִּי	הִתְפָּקַדְתִּי	I appointed myself
3cp	פָּקְדוּ	הִתְפָּקְדוּ	they appointed themselves
2mp	פָּקַדְתֶּם	הִתְפָּקַדְתֶּם	you appointed yourselves
2fp	פָּקַדְתֶּן	הִתְפָּקַדְתֶּן	you appointed yourselves
1cp	פָּקַדְנוּ	הִתְפָּקַדְנוּ	we appointed ourselves

Vocal Changes

There are changes that occur based on the natural way Hebrew is pronounced.

1. *Sibilants* ס, ש, or שׁ. When the Hithpa'el prefix (הִתְ) is placed before one of the sibilants ס, ש, or שׁ, the prefix ת is moved to the other side of the sibilant⁵².

הִתְ + שָׁמַר	→	הִשְׁמַרְתָּ	“he guarded himself”
הִתְ + סָתַר	→	הִסְתַּתְּרָהּ	“he hid himself”

2. *Emphatic sibilant* ז. When the Hithpa'el prefix (הִתְ) is placed before an emphatic sibilant ז, not only does the prefix move, but the prefix ת is changed to the emphatic dental ט.

הִתְ + צַדֵּק	→	הִצְטַדַּקְתָּ	“he justified himself”
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3. *Assimilation of* ת. When the Hithpa'el prefix (הִתְ) is placed before the dentals ד, ט, or ת, the prefix ת assimilates and the dental receives a dagshesh forte.

הִתְ + טָהַר	→	הִטְהַרְתָּ	“he purified himself”
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⁵² This is referred to as metathesis: the transposition of two contiguous (side-by-side) consonants in order to smooth out pronunciation of the word.

Hithpa'el Perfect Form of שָׁמַר

Perfect			
	Qal	Hithpa'el	Translation
3ms	שָׁמַר	הִשְׁתַּמַּר	he guarded himself
3fs	שָׁמְרָה	הִשְׁתַּמְּרָה	she guarded herself
2ms	שָׁמַרְתָּ	הִשְׁתַּמַּרְתָּ	you guarded yourself
2fs	שָׁמַרְתְּ	הִשְׁתַּמַּרְתְּ	you guarded yourself
1cs	שָׁמַרְתִּי	הִשְׁתַּמַּרְתִּי	I guarded myself
3cp	שָׁמְרוּ	הִשְׁתַּמְּרוּ	they guarded themselves
2mp	שָׁמַרְתֶּם	הִשְׁתַּמַּרְתֶּם	you guarded yourselves
2fp	שָׁמַרְתֶּן	הִשְׁתַּמַּרְתֶּן	you guarded yourselves
1cp	שָׁמַרְנוּ	הִשְׁתַּמַּמְנוּ	we guarded ourselves

Hithpa'el Imperfect Form

To form the Hithpa'el imperfect, add the unique Hithpa'el imperfect performative, a Pathach (ַ) under the first root consonant, and a Daghesh Forte (ֿ) in the second root consonant. The Hithpa'el imperfect performatives are יִתְּ, תִּתְּ, אִתְּ and נִתְּ.

Imperfect			
	Qal	Hithpa'el	Translation
3ms	יִשְׁמַר	יִשְׁתַּמַּר	he will guard himself
3fs	תִּשְׁמַר	תִּשְׁתַּמְּרָה	she will guard herself
2ms	תִּשְׁמַרְתָּ	תִּשְׁתַּמַּרְתָּ	you will guard yourself
2fs	תִּשְׁמַרְתְּ	תִּשְׁתַּמַּרְתְּ	you will guard yourself
1cs	אֲשַׁמַּר	אֲשַׁתַּמַּר	I will guard myself
3mp	יִשְׁמְרוּ	יִשְׁתַּמְּרוּ	they will guard themselves
3fp	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	תִּשְׁתַּמְּרָנָה	they will guard themselves
2mp	תִּשְׁמְרוּ	תִּשְׁתַּמְּרוּ	you will guard yourselves
2fp	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	תִּשְׁתַּמְּרָנָה	you will guard yourselves
1cp	נִשְׁמַר	נִשְׁתַּמַּר	we will guard ourselves

Hithpa'el Infinitive Form

The Hithpa'el infinitive construct and absolute are the same and are formed as follows: add the Hithpa'el prefix (הִתְ) and the verbal stem with a Daghesh Forte (.) in the second root consonant.

Hithpa'el Infinitive
הִשְׁתַּמֵּר

Hithpa'el Imperative Form

The Hithpa'el imperative has the same form as the infinitive with the addition of the imperative sufformatives.

	Qal Imperative		Hithpa'el Imperative	
2 ms	שְׁמֹר	→	הִשְׁתַּמֵּר	Guard yourself!
2 fs	שְׁמְרִי	→	הִשְׁתַּמְרִי	Guard yourself!
2 mp	שְׁמְרוּ	→	הִשְׁתַּמְרוּ	Guard yourselves!
2 fp	שְׁמֹרְנָה	→	הִשְׁתַּמְרְנָה	Guard yourselves!

Hithpa'el Participle Form

To form the Hithpa'el participle, add the Hithpa'el participle prefix (מִתְ), add the verbal stem with the Daghesh Forte (.) in the second root consonant, and the participle suffix.

	Qal Participle		Hithpa'el Participle	
ms	שֹׁמֵר	→	מִשְׁתַּמֵּר	guarding himself
mp	שֹׁמְרִים	→	מִשְׁתַּמְרִים	guarding themselves
fs	שֹׁמְרָה	→	מִשְׁתַּמְרָה	guarding herself
fp	שֹׁמְרוֹת	→	מִשְׁתַּמְרוֹת	guarding themselves

Practice

I. Memorize the vocabulary

II. Memorize the Hithpa'el Perfect for שָׁמַר, Imperfect, and Participle forms.

III. Translate the following:

1. וְגִבְרָתִים בִּיהוָה וּבְשֵׁמוֹ יִתְהַלְכוּ נְאֻם יְהוָה (Zech. 10:12)
2. וַיִּתְהַלֵּךְ חֲנוּךְ אֶת־הָאֱלֹהִים וְאֵינָנוּ כִּי־לָקַח אֹתוֹ אֱלֹהִים (Gen. 5:24)
3. וַיִּנְחַם יְהוָה כִּי־עָשָׂה אֶת־הָאָדָם בְּאֲרֶץ וַיִּתְעַצֵּב אֶל־לְבוֹ (Gen. 6:6)
4. וַתִּתְפַּלֵּל חַנָּה וַתֹּאמֶר עָלַי לִבִּי בִיהוָה רָמָה קָרְנֵי בִיהוָה רָחַב פִּי עַל־אוֹיְבֵי כִּי שָׁמַחֲתִי בִישׁוּעָתֶךָ (1 Sam. 2:1)

Chapter Twenty

Hif'il Strong Verbs

Vocabulary

אֶת	with	שׁוֹפָר	ram's horn, trumpet
בָּדַל	to separate, divide	תָּמִיד	continuously
בִּקֵּשׁ	to seek	מָלַט	to escape
בְּרֹזֶל	iron	נָשָׂא	to lift, carry
יּוֹמָם	daily	סָתַר	to conceal
כַּרְם	vineyard	עוֹן	iniquity, guilt
מִין	species, kind	פָּשַׁע	rebellion, transgression
מִלְחָמָה	war, battle (f)	רָקִיעַ	expanse, firmament
נְחֹשֶׁת	copper, bronze	שָׂרַף	to burn
קִרְבִּיב	midst	שָׁפַךְ	to pour out

Hif'il

The Hif'il (הִפְעִיל) is the causative active verb stem. The Hif'il is used to express causative action.

Qal		Hif'il	
יָדַע	He knew	הוֹדִיעַ	He caused to know
יָצָא	He went out	הוֹצִיא	He brought out
עָבַר	He passed over	הֶעֱבִיר	He brought over
שָׁכַן	He dwelled	הֶשְׁכִּין	He caused to dwell
שָׁמַע	He heard	הֶשְׁמִיעַ	He proclaimed

Example:

וְאֶתְנֶנָּה בְרִיתִי בֵינִי וּבֵינְךָ וְאֶדְבָּרָה אוֹתְךָ בְּמֵאֵד מְאֹד

“And I will make my covenant between me and you and **I will cause to multiply** you exceedingly.” (Gen. 17:2)

Hif'il Perfect Form

The Hif'il perfect is identified by placing the Hif'il prefix (ה) to the Qal form with either a Hireq Yod (יְ) or a Pathach (ַ) as the stem vowel, and the perfect suffix.

Perfect			
	Qal		Hif'il
3ms	שָׁמַר	→	הִשְׁמִיר

Perfect			
	Qal	Hif'il	Translation
3ms	שָׁמַר	הִשְׁמִיר	He caused to guard
3fs	שָׁמְרָה	הִשְׁמִירָה	She caused to guard
2ms	שָׁמַרְתָּ	הִשְׁמִירְתָּ	You caused to guard
2fs	שָׁמַרְתְּ	הִשְׁמִירְתְּ	You caused to guard
1cs	שָׁמַרְתִּי	הִשְׁמִירְתִּי	I caused to guard
3cp	שָׁמְרוּ	הִשְׁמִירוּ	They caused to guard
2mp	שָׁמַרְתֶּם	הִשְׁמִירְתֶּם	You caused to guard
2fp	שָׁמַרְתֶּן	הִשְׁמִירְתֶּן	You caused to guard
1cp	שָׁמַרְנוּ	הִשְׁמִירְנוּ	We caused to guard

Hif'il Imperfect Form

To form the Hif'il imperfect, add the imperfect prefix, the Hireq Yod (יְ) verbal root, and the imperfect suffix.

Imperfect			
	Qal		Hif'il
3ms	יִשְׁמַר	→	יִשְׁמִיר

Imperfect			
	Qal	Hif'il	Translation
3ms	יִשְׁמַר	יִשְׁמִיר	he will cause to guard
3fs	תִּשְׁמַר	תִּשְׁמִיר	she will cause to guard
2ms	תִּשְׁמַר	תִּשְׁמִיר	you will cause to guard
2fs	תִּשְׁמְרִי	תִּשְׁמִירִי	you will cause to guard
1cs	אֶשְׁמַר	אֶשְׁמִיר	I will cause to guard
3mp	יִשְׁמְרוּ	יִשְׁמִירוּ	they will cause to guard
3fp	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	תִּשְׁמִירְנָה	they will cause to guard
2mp	תִּשְׁמְרוּ	תִּשְׁמִירוּ	you will cause to guard
2fp	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	תִּשְׁמִירְנָה	you will cause to guard
1cp	נִשְׁמַר	נִשְׁמִיר	we will cause to guard

Hif'il Imperative Form

The Hif'il imperative is formed by adding the Hif'il prefix (ה) with either a Hireq Yod (י) or a Tsere (י), then add the imperative suffix.

	Qal Infinitive		Hif'il Imperative	
2 ms	שָׁמַר	→	הִשְׁמַר	cause to guard!
2 fs	שָׁמְרִי	→	הִשְׁמִירִי	cause to guard!
2 mp	שָׁמְרוּ	→	הִשְׁמִירוּ	cause to guard!
2 fp	שָׁמְרֵנָה	→	הִשְׁמִירֵנָה	cause to guard!

Hif'il Infinitive Form

1. *Hif'il infinitive construct.* The Hif'il infinitive construct is formed by adding the Hif'il prefix (ה) with a Hireq Yod (י) to the Qal infinitive.

Hif'il Infinitive Construct			
Qal Infinitive		Hif'il Infinitive const.	
שָׁמַר	→	הִשְׁמַר	to cause to guard, guarding

2. *Hif'il infinitive absolute.* The Hif'il Infinitive absolute is formed by adding the Hif'il prefix (ה) with a Tsere stem vowel (י) to the Qal infinitive.

Hif'il Infinitive Absolute			
Qal Infinitive		Hif'il Infinitive abs.	
שָׁמַר	→	הִשְׁמַרְי	causing to guard

Hif'il Participle Form

To form the Hif'il participle, start with the Qal participle, add the participle prefix (מ), add the verbal root Hireq Yod (י) and the participle suffix.

	Qal Participle		Hif'il Participle	
ms	שֹׁמֵר	→	מְשַׁמֵּר	causing to guard
mp	שֹׁמְרִים	→	מְשַׁמְּרִים	causing to guard
fs	שֹׁמְרָה	→	מְשַׁמְּרָה	causing to guard
fp	שֹׁמְרוֹת	→	מְשַׁמְּרוֹת	causing to guard

Practice

I. Memorize the vocabulary

II. Memorize the Hif'il Perfect, Imperfect, and Participle forms.

III. Translate the following:

1. וְאֶתְנָהּ בְרִיתִי בֵינִי וּבֵינְךָ וְאֶדְבָּהּ אֹתְךָ בְּמֵאֵד מְאֹד (Gen 17:2)
2. וְהִפְרַתִּי אֶתְךָ בְּמֵאֵד וְנִתְתִּיךָ לְגוֹיִם וּמְלָכִים מִמֶּנּוּ יֵצְאוּ (Gen. 17:6)
3. וְהִקְמַתִּי אֶת־בְּרִיתִי בֵינִי וּבֵינְךָ וּבֵין וְרַעְךָ אֲחֵרֶיךָ לְדֹרֹתָם לְבְרִית עוֹלָם לְהִיּוֹת לְךָ לֵאלֹהִים וּלְרַעְךָ אֲחֵרֶיךָ (Gen. 17:7)
4. יָבֵשׁ חֲצִיר נָבֵל צִיץ וּדְבַר־אֱלֹהֵינוּ יָקוּם לְעוֹלָם (Isa. 40:8)
5. קוּם לְךָ אֶל־יִיגוֹנָה הָעִיר הַגְּדוֹלָה וּקְרָא עָלֶיהָ כִּי־עָלְתָה רַעְתָּם לְפָנָי (Jonah 1:2)

Chapter Twenty-One

Hof'al Strong Verbs

Vocabulary

או	or	לָכֵן	therefore
אֹת	sign	מְלִיכָה	kingdom (f)
אַרְזוֹ	cedar (m)	שָׁם	there
בֶּטֶן	belly, womb (f)	צֹאן	flock, sheep
דְּמוּת	likeness, image (f)	צְבָאוֹת	hosts, armies
דַּעַת	knowledge (f)	צַדִּיק	righteous one
הִנֵּה הֵן	behold	צוּר	rock (m)
זֶרַע	seed (m)	צֶלֶם	image, likeness
חֹדֶשׁ	new moon, month	קַרְנוֹ	horn (f)
חוֹמָה	wall (f)	קֶשֶׁת	bow, rainbow (f)

Hof'al

The Hof'al (הַפְעֵל) is the causative passive verb stem. The Hof'al is used to express causative action with a passive voice.

Qal		Hof'al ⁵³	
בִּיא	He brought	הוּבָא	He was brought
מוֹת	He killed	הוּמָת	He was killed
מָלַךְ	He reigned	הִמְלִיךְ	He was made king

Example:

וְהוּבָן בַּחֹסֶד כִּסֵּא וַיֵּשֶׁב עָלָיו בְּאַמֶּת בְּאֵהֶל דָּוִד שֹׁפֵט וְדֹרֵשׁ מִשְׁפָּט וּמְהַר צֶדֶק (hofal Perf)

And the throne **will be caused to be established** in mercy; And One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, Judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness. (Isaiah 16:5)

⁵³ Adapted from Page Kelley, *Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992), p. 113

Hof'al Perfect Form

The Hof'al perfect is identified by placing the Hof'al prefix, either the u-class (ה) or o-class (ה) vowel to the Qal form, add a Pathach (ַ) as the stem vowel (except for 3fs & 3cp), and the perfect suffix⁵⁴.

Perfect: o-class ⁵⁵			
	Qal		Hof'al
3ms	שָׁמַר	→	הִשְׁמַר

Perfect: u-class ⁵⁶			
	Hif'il		Hof'al
3ms	נִצַּל	→	הִצִּיל

Perfect			
	Qal	Hof'al	Translation
3ms	שָׁמַר	הִשְׁמַר	he was caused to guard
3fs	שָׁמְרָה	הִשְׁמְרָה	she was caused to guard
2ms	שָׁמַרְתָּ	הִשְׁמַרְתָּ	you were caused to guard
2fs	שָׁמַרְתְּ	הִשְׁמַרְתְּ	you were caused to guard
1cs	שָׁמַרְתִּי	הִשְׁמַרְתִּי	I was caused to guard
3cp	שָׁמְרוּ	הִשְׁמְרוּ	they were caused to guard
2mp	שָׁמַרְתֶּם	הִשְׁמַרְתֶּם	you were caused to guard
2fp	שָׁמַרְתֶּן	הִשְׁמַרְתֶּן	you were caused to guard
1cp	שָׁמַרְנוּ	הִשְׁמַרְנוּ	we were caused to guard

Hof'al Imperfect Form

To form the Hof'al imperfect, add the imperfect prefix, either the u-class (י) or o-class (י) vowel to the imperfect prefix, add the Pathach (ַ) as the stem vowel verbal root (except for 3fs, 3mp & 3cp), and the imperfect suffix.

⁵⁴ Very few strong verbs appear in the Hof'al stem.

⁵⁵ o-class vowels are: holem (וּ), holem-vav (וּ), and Qamets-Hatuf (וּ)

⁵⁶ u-class vowels are shureq (וּ) and qibbutz (וּ)

Imperfect			
	Qal	Hof'al	Translation
3ms	יִשְׁמֹר	יִשְׁמֹר	he will be cause to guard
3fs	תִּשְׁמֹר	תִּשְׁמֹר	she will be cause to guard
2ms	תִּשְׁמֹר	תִּשְׁמֹר	you will be cause to guard
2fs	תִּשְׁמְרִי	תִּשְׁמְרִי	you will be cause to guard
1cs	אֲשַׁמֵּר	אֲשַׁמֵּר	I will be cause to guard
3mp	יִשְׁמְרוּ	יִשְׁמְרוּ	they will be cause to guard
3fp	תִּשְׁמֹרְנָה	תִּשְׁמֹרְנָה	they will be cause to guard
2mp	תִּשְׁמְרוּ	תִּשְׁמְרוּ	you will be cause to guard
2fp	תִּשְׁמֹרְנָה	תִּשְׁמֹרְנָה	you will be cause to guard
1cp	נִשְׁמֹר	נִשְׁמֹר	we will be cause to guard

Hof'al Participle Form

To form the Hof'al participle, start with the Qal participle, add the participle prefix (נ), either the u-class (ו) or o-class (ו) vowel to the prefix, add the Qamets (ו) as the stem vowel verbal root, and the participle suffix.

	Qal Participle		Hof'al Participle	
ms	שֹׁמֵר	→	מְשַׁמֵּר	causing to be guarding
mp	שֹׁמְרִים	→	מְשַׁמְרִים	causing to be guarding
fs	שֹׁמְרָה	→	מְשַׁמְרָה	causing to be guarding
fp	שֹׁמְרוֹת	→	מְשַׁמְרוֹת	causing to be guarding

Practice

I. Memorize the vocabulary

II. Memorize the Hof'al Perfect, Imperfect, and Participle forms.

III. Translate the following:

1. וְהוֹכֵן בְּחֶסֶד כֶּסֶף וְיֵשֵׁב עָלָיו בְּאַמֶּת בְּאֵהֶל דָּוִד שֹׁפֵט וְדָרַשׁ מִשְׁפָּט וּמָהָר צָדֵק (Isa. 16:5)
2. כִּי עִם-אֲבֹנֵי הַשָּׂדֶה בְּרִיתְךָ וְחַיֵּת הַשָּׂדֶה הַשְּׁלֵמָה-לְךָ (Job 5:23)
3. יָבֵשׁ כַּחֲרֹשׁ כַּחַי וּלְשׁוֹנֵי מִדְּבָק מִלְקֹחַי וְלַעֲפָר-מוֹת הַשִּׁפְתָּנִי (Ps. Eng:22:16; Heb. 22:15)

Chapter Twenty-Two

The Hebrew Sentence

Vocabulary

אָבָה	to be willing	הָרַס	to break down, destroy
אָז	then	חֻק	statute (f)
אֱמוּנָה	faithfulness, fidelity (f)	חָגַר	to bind, be girded
אָמֵץ	to be strong, firm, bold	יֵשׁ	there is, there are
אָפָה	to bake	לַיְלָה	night (m)
אָרַךְ	to prolong	לְשׁוֹן	tongue (m)
אָשַׁם	to commit a wrong, be guilty	מָוֶת	death (m)
בָּאֵר	well (f)	עֵץ	tree (m)
בְּכוֹר	first-born, oldest	עָרֵב	evening (m)
דְּבַשׁ	honey (m)	פְּרִי	fruit (m)

Syntax of the Hebrew sentence

The normal word order for Hebrew is verb-subject-object.

וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לְרָקִיעַ שָׁמַיִם

“And God called the firmament heaven.” (Gen. 1:8a)

Exceptions to word order

The verb may be preceded by an adverb, pronoun, or particle.

1. The verb may be preceded by an adverb, a negative particle, or other modifiers.

עַתָּה יָדַעְתִּי כִּי-גָדוֹל יְהוָה מִכָּל-לֵאלֹהִים

“Now I know that Yahweh is greater than all gods.” (Ex. 18:11a)

2. The verb may be preceded by an expression that provides context with the preceding clause or verse.

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ

“**In the beginning**, God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1)

3. The verb may be preceded by the interjection הִנֵּה “behold.”

הֵן גִּרַשְׁתָּ אֹתִי הַיּוֹם מֵעַל פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה

Behold, you have driven me out this day from the face of the earth (Gen. 4:14a)

4. The verb may be preceded by an independent personal pronoun to express emphasis.

וְאַתֶּם תִּהְיוּ לִי מַמְלַכַת כֹּהֲנִים

“**And you** will be to me a kingdom of priests.” (Ex. 19:6)

Verb Coordinate Conjunction Relationship

When two or more verbs are placed within a clause with a vav (ו) conjunction they form a coordinate relationship. The verb that stands first in the sequence functions as the governing verb that determines both the time and mode of the verbs linked to it.⁵⁷

1. Coordinate relationship involving a perfect as the governing verb.
 - a. *Perfect + Perfect sequence*. The two verbs are perfect so the resulting meaning is unchanged.

דָּבַר שְׁלַח אֲדָנִי בִיעֶקֶב וְנָפַל בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל

“The Lord **sent** a word against Jacob, **and it has fallen** on Israel”
(Isa 9:7, English 9:8)

- b. *Perfect + Imperfect sequence*. This construction is called the true narrative sequence. The vav consecutive is attached to the imperfect and is translated as a past tense indicative verb. “It may describe an action resulting from a previous action (consequence) or an action subsequent to a previous action (sequence).”⁵⁸

⁵⁷ Page Kelley, *Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids:Eerdmans, 1992), p. 210

⁵⁸ *ibid*

זָכַר וַיִּנְקְבָה בְרָאֵם וַיְבָרֶךְ אֹתָם וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמֵם אָדָם

“Male and female **He created** them, **and He blessed** them and **He named** them mankind.” (Gen. 5:2)

2. Relationships involving the imperfect as the governing verb.
- a. *Imperfect + Imperfect sequence.* The conjunction used in this sequence will be the ordinary form of the vav conjunction. The second verb in this sequence naturally expresses the outcome or purpose of the action of the first verb.

וַיְבָרֶכְךָ יְהוָה וַיְשַׁמְרֶךָ

“May the LORD bless you, **and may he keep you.**” (Num. 6:24)

- b. *Imperfect + Perfect sequence.* The conjunction used in this sequence is to be translated as a normal imperfect in both places.
- i) *Indicative Imperfect + Perfect Sequence.*

הוּא מְלַאכּוֹ לְפָנֶיךָ וְלִקְחַת אִשָּׁה לְבְנִי מִשָּׁם

He will send His angel before you, **and you will take** a wife for my son from there (Gen. 24:7)

- ii) *Jussive Imperfect + Perfect Sequence.* The jussive is the second or third person imperfect verb used to express a wish, desire, or command. The conjunction used in this sequence is to be translated as a normal jussive in both places.

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי מֵאֲרֶת בְּרָקִיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם לְהַבְדִּיל בֵּין הַיּוֹם וּבֵין הַלַּיְלָה וְהָיוּ לְאֹתוֹת וּלְמוֹעֲדִים וּלְיָמִים וְשָׁנִים
Then God said, “**Let there be** lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; **and let them be** for signs and seasons, and for days and years.” (Gen. 1:14)

- iii) *Cohortative Imperfect + Perfect Sequence.* The cohortative is the first person imperfect verb used to express the speaker’s desire to perform an action and sometimes called the first person imperative. The conjunction used in this sequence is to be translated as a normal cohortative in both places.

וַאֲנִי דִבַּרְתִּי לָהֶם אֶת־יַד אֱלֹהֵי אֲשֶׁר־הָיָה טוֹבָה עָלַי וְאֶת־דִּבְרֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲשֶׁר אָמַר־לִי וַיֹּאמְרוּ נָקוּם וּבְנִינוּ וַיִּתְּנוּ יָדֵיהֶם לְטוֹבָה

And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king’s words that he had spoken to me. So they said, “**Let us rise up and build.**” Then they set their hands to this good work. (Neh. 2:18)

- iv) *Subjunctive Imperfect + Perfect Sequence.* The conjunction used in this sequence is to be translated as a normal subjunctive in both places.

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים הֲיֵן הָאָדָם הַזֶּה כְּאֶחָד מִמֶּנּוּ לְדַעַת טוֹב וְרָע וְעַתָּה כִּי־יִשְׁלַח יָדוֹ וְלָקַח

גם מעץ החיים ואכל וחי לעלם

Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, **lest he put out** his hand and **take** also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever.” (Gen 3:22)

- 3. Relationships involving an imperative as the governing verb. An imperative may serve as a governing verb when it is placed in sequence with a perfect, an imperfect, or another imperative. When an imperative functions as the governing verb, the verb that follows sometimes expresses the notion of purpose or result.

- a. *Imperative + Perfect Sequence.* The perfect in this coordinate relationship must be translated as an imperative.

קח-לך מגלת-ספר וכתבך עליה את כ-הדברים אשר-דברתי אליך על-ישראל ועל-יהודה ועל-כל-הגוים מיום דברתי אליך מימי יאשיהו ועד היום הזה

Take a scroll of a book **and write** on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah even to this day. (Jer. 36:2)

- b. *Imperative + Imperfect Sequence.* The imperfect in coordinate relationship with an imperative sometimes expresses purpose or result.

ויתפלל אלישע ויאמר יהוה פקח-נא את-עיניו ויראה ויפקח יהו את-עני הנער וירא והנה החר מלא סוסים ורכב אש סביבת אלישע

And Elisha prayed, and said, “LORD, I pray, **open** his eyes that **he may see**.” The the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. (2 Kings 6:17)

- c. *Imperative + Imperative Sequence.* The second imperative in this sequence often expresses purpose or result.

סור מרע ועשה-טוב בקש שלום ורדפהו

Depart from evil **and do** good; seek peace and pursue it. (Ps. 34:15; Eng. 34:14)

- 4. *Infinitive Absolute + Perfect Sequence.* The infinitive absolute may be used with the force of an imperative. In this case, the perfect is placed in sequence with the infinitive absolute and the perfect is translated as an imperative.

הלך ודברת אל-דוד

Go and say to David... (2 Sam. 24:12a)

- 5. *Participle + Perfect Sequence.* The participle is often used to describe an impending action, where something is destined to take place in the near future. This construction is most notably used with the particle הנה “behold!”

כי אנכי מת בארץ הזאת אינני עבר את-הירדן ואתם עברים וירשתם את-הארץ הטובה הזאת

But I must die in this land, I must not cross over the Jordan; but **you shall cross and possess** that good land. (Deut. 4:22)

הַנְּנִי שְׁלַח מַלְאָכִי וּפָנָה-הַדֶּרֶךְ לְפָנָי

Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. (Mal. 3:1a)

Syntax of the Subject

1. The verb is normally followed by its subject (if the subject is specified).

וַיִּשְׁכֵּן כְּבוֹד-יְהוָה עַל-הַר סִינַי וַיִּכְסְהוּ הָעָנָן שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים וַיִּקְרָא אֶל-מֹשֶׁה בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׂבִיעִי מִתּוֹךְ הָעָנָן

Now **the glory of Yahweh** dwelt upon Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days.

And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. (Ex. 24:16)

2. The subject may come before the verb in order to emphasize the subject.

יְהוָה יִמְלֹךְ לְעֹלָם וָעֶד

Yahweh will reign forever and ever. (Ex. 15:18)

Syntax of the Object

1. The indirect object is the person or thing that is indirectly affected by the action of the verb. It is usually marked with either the prepositional prefixes לְ (to, for) or -לְ (to, for) and precedes or follows the direct object.

יָדַעְתִּי כִּי-נָתַן יְהוָה לָכֶם אֶת-הָאָרֶץ

I know that Yahweh has given **to you** the land (Josh. 2:9)

2. A direct object will frequently stand after the verb or its subject. Definite direct objects may be marked by the sign of the direct object אֶת or אֶת־.

בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ

God created **the heavens and the earth** (Gen. 1:1)

3. The verb may precede the object in order to emphasize the object.

אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ תִּירָא

The LORD your God you shall fear. (Deut. 10:20)

Disjunctive Vav

A disjunctive vav is prefixed to a non-verbal word and serves to introduce some kind of break in the narrative. This construction can be divided into four classes.

1. *Parenthetical*. The disjunctive clause interrupts the narrative in order to provide an explanation that is important for understanding the narrative.

וְהֵם לֹא יָדְעוּ כִּי שָׁמַע יוֹסֵף כִּי הִמְלִיץ בֵּינֵהֶם

Now they did not know that Jossph was understanding them because there was an interpreter between them (Gen. 42:23). (The disjunctive vav וְהֵם introduces a parenthetical comment).

2. *Circumstantial*. The disjunctive clause introduces or identifies circumstantial information that relates to the main action of the narrative.

וַיְהִי כַּחֲזוֹם הַיּוֹם וַיָּבֹא הַבַּיִתָּה לַעֲשׂוֹת מְלָאכְתּוֹ וְאִין אִישׁ מֵאֲנָשֵׁי הַבַּיִת שָׁם בַּבַּיִת

And one day, he went into the house to do his work and none of the household servants were there in the house (Gen. 39:11). (The disjunctive vav אִין introduces a circumstantial comment).

3. *Contrastive*. The contrastive clause is introduced by the disjunctive vav and serves to contrast one idea with another.

וַיִּשַׁע יְהוָה אֶל-הַבֶּל וְאֶל-מִנְחָתוֹ וְאֶל-קַיִן וְאֶל-מִנְחָתוֹ לֹא שָׁעָה

The Lord looked favorably on Abel and his offering but on Cain and his offering he did not look favorably (Gen. 4:4). (The disjunctive vav וְאֶל-קַיִן contrasts the Lord's response to the two men and their offerings⁵⁹.)

4. *Introductory*. A disjunctive vav may be used to introduce a new subject or theme.

וַהֲנַחֵשׁ הַחַיָּה עָרוֹם מִכָּל חַיַּת הַשָּׂדֶה אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the creatures that the Lord God had made (Gen. 3:1).

⁵⁹ Gary Pratico & Miles Van Pelt, *Basics of Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001), p. 282

Conditional Sentences

Hebrew conditional sentences can be identified by the use of the conditionals **הֵן, כִּי, אִם** or **אֲשֶׁר** as the *protasis* followed by a perfect, imperfect or participle. The conditional's *apodosis* will often begin with the conjunction **וְ**. Drs. Pratico and Van Pelt give the following example from Judges 4:8⁶⁰,

וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלֶיהָ בָּרַק אִם-תֵּלְכִי עִמִּי וְהִלַּכְתִּי וְאִם-לֹא תֵלְכִי עִמִּי לֹא אֵלֶיךָ

Barak said to her, “*if* you will go with me, *then* I will go; but *if* you will not go with me, (*then*) I will not go” (Judges 4:8)

Condition (Protasis)		Consequence (Apodosis)
אִם-תֵּלְכִי עִמִּי		וְהִלַּכְתִּי
“if (אם) you will go”		“then I will go”
וְאִם-לֹא תֵלְכִי עִמִּי		לֹא אֵלֶיךָ
“but if (אם) you will not go”		“(then) I will not go”

- a. A Hebrew conditional sentence may not possess any identifiers.

וְעוֹב אֶת-אָבִיו וּמֵת

If he leaves his father, then he will die (Gen. 44:22)

Adverbs

Adverbs modify the verb. They further describe, limit or qualify the verb, adjective, or another adverb.

1. Adverbs of Time

עַתָּה

now

מִרְיָם

before, not yet

⁶⁰ Gary Pratico & Miles Van Pelt, *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007), p. 280

אָז then, at that time

2. *Adverbs of Place*

פֿה here

הַנֶּה here

שָׁם there

חִוּץ outside

3. *Adverbs of Degree*

מְאֹד very

עוֹד again

תָּמִיד continually

4. *Adverbs of Manner*

יַחְדָּו together

פְּתָאִם suddenly

Practice

I. Memorize the vocabulary

Chapter Twenty-Three

First Guttural Weak Verbs

Vocabulary

אַלף	Ox, thousand	חַמֵּשׁ	five (m)
חוּץ	A place outside the house, a street	חַמֵּשָׁה	five (f)
מֵאָה	hundred (f)	שֵׁשׁ	six (m)
פְּנִים	face (faces)	שֵׁשָׁה	six (f)
שְׁנַיִם	two (m)	שִׁבְעָה	seven (m)
שְׁתֵּים	two (f)	שִׁבְעָה	seven (f)
שְׁלֹשׁ	three (m)	שְׁמוֹנָה	eight (m)
שְׁלוֹשָׁה	three (f)	שְׁמוֹנָה	eight (f)
אַרְבַּע	four (m)	תֵּשַׁע	nine (m)
אַרְבָּעָה	four (f)	עָשָׂר	ten (m)

Classification of weak verbs

There are ten classifications of weak verbs based upon the position of the guttural within the verb. Remember strong (“sounding”) verbs are fairly standard while weak (“sounding”) verbs are subdivided into the ten groupings. The following is a review of the basics.

- A. *Strong verbs.* A strong verb contains three strong consonants in the root form. The strong consonants are: ב, ג, ד, ו, ז, ט, כ, ל, מ, נ (middle consonant), ס, פ, צ, ק, ר (final consonant), ש, שׁ, ת.
- B. *Weak verbs.* A verb is classified as weak if it contains one of the following:
1. The verb contains one or more guttural consonants. The gutturals are: א, ה, ח, ע, and sometimes ר.
 2. The verb begins with י, ו, or נ.
 3. The verb’s second and third consonants are identical (Geminate).
 4. The verb is a middle vowel verb or a two consonant root (biconsonantal) verb.

Rules of Gutturals

1. Gutturals cannot be doubled. Since gutturals do not possess a dagesh forte they require lengthening of the preceding vowel. Lengthening has the following rules⁶¹:
 - i) Patach (ַ) is lengthened to Qamets (ָ).
 - ii) Hireq (ִ) is lengthened to Tsere (ֵ).
 - iii) Qibbuts (ֹ) is lengthened to Holem (ֺ).
2. Gutturals usually take “a” class vowels.
 - i) Normally the vowel following the guttural will be a Patach (ַ).
 - ii) When a strong guttural (א, ח, & ע) is the final consonant in a word, the “a” class vowel will come before the guttural.
 - iii) When the vowel before the final guttural is unchangeably long, i.e., וְ, וֹ, וֺ, וֻ, a Patach (ַ) must be inserted between this vowel and the final guttural.
3. Gutturals usually take compound shevas (ֿ, ׀, ׆) rather than a simple sheva.

Weak Verb Designations						
	III	II	I	← Modern designation	Modern	Description
	ל	ע	א	← Traditional		
1	ך	ג	ק	Pe Guttural	I - Guttural	Guttural in 1 st root position
2	ל	א	שׁ	‘Ayin Guttural	II - Guttural	Guttural in 2 nd root position
3	ח	ל	שׁ	Lamed Guttural	III - Guttural	Guttural in 3 rd root position
4	ל	כ	א	Pe ‘Alef	I – ‘Alef	‘Alef in 1 st root position
5	א	צ	ק	Lamed ‘Alef	III- ‘Alef	‘Alef in 3 rd root position
6	ח	נ	ק	Lamed He	III - He	He in 3 rd root position
7	ל	נ	נ	Pe Nun	I - Nun	Nun in 1 st root position
8	ב	ו	שׁ	‘Ayin Vav or Yod	II – Vav or Yod	II – Vav/Yod
9	ב	שׁ	ו	Pe Vav or Yod	I - Vav or Yod	I – Vav/Yod
10	ב	ב	ק	Double ‘Ayin	Geminate	Doubled 2 nd root position

First Guttural Verbs

A First Guttural verb designated as Pe Guttural or I-Guttural is one whose initial consonant is one of the gutturals: א, ח, ע, or כ. When the first consonant is א it may be a Pe Guttural (I-Guttural) or its own class called the Pe Alef (I-‘Alef). Examples where the first root consonant is a guttural are:

⁶¹ Page Kelley, *Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmanns, 1992), p. 223

1 st Root Consonant	Word	
א	אָהַב	He loved
ה	הָרַג	he killed
ח	חָזַק	he was strong, firm
ע	עָבַד	he served, worked
ר	רָאָה	he saw

1. **I-Guttural in the Piel, Pual, and Hithpael stems.** I-Guttural verbs in the Piel, Pual, and Hithpael stems follow the same rules as strong verbs.

Verb	Strong	I-Guttural ⁶²
Piel Perfect 3 ms	בִּזְשַׁל	עָמַד
Pual Perfect 3 ms	בִּזְשַׁל	עָמַד
Hitpael Perfect 3 ms	הִתְבַּשַּׁל	הִתְעַמַּד

2. **I-Guttural verbs differ in the Qal, Nifal, Hifil and Hofal stems.** The differences for I-Guttural verbs in the Qal, Nifal, Hifil and Hofal stems can be divided into three groups.

- i) **The initial consonant cannot be doubled so the vowel must be lengthened.** This rule only applies to Nifal forms that are prefixed resulting in a doubling of the initial root consonant (dagesh forte added).

Nifal Imperfect		
	Strong Verb	I-Guttural
3 m s	יִבְשַׁל	יַעֲמֹד

- ii) **Gutturals normally take compound shevas.**
 a) For shevas that come after I-Gutturals in the Qal stem, the vowel must be a compound sheva.

Qal Perfect		
	Strong Verb	I-Guttural
2 m p	בִּשְׁלַתֶּם	עָמַדְתֶּם

⁶² This section and examples are modeled and adopted from Page Kelley's Grammar

- b) A silent sheva that is normally attached to the prefix syllable is changed to a compound sheva of an I-Guttural and the first vowel becomes short.

Qal Imperfect			
	Strong Verb	I-Guttural	I-Guttural
3 m s	יִמְשַׁל	יִעֲמֹד	יִחַוֵּק
2 f s	תִּמְשְׁלִי	תִּעֲמְדִי	תִּחַוְּקִי

Hifil Imperfect		
	Strong Verb	I-Guttural
3 m s	יִמְשִׁיל	יִעֲמִיד

Nifal Perfect		
	Strong Verb	I-Guttural
3 m s	נִמְשַׁל	נִעֲמַד

- iii) The I-Guttural Hofal stem contains the combination of vowels (ְ, ִ) in the first and second root consonants for all forms (Perfect, Imperfect, Infinitive, & Participle).

Hofal Perfect		
	Strong Verb	I-Guttural
3 m s	הִמְשַׁל	הִעֲמַד

3. The I-Guttural containing vocalic affirmatives involving two vocal shevas.

Two vocal shevas cannot stand together within a word, so the first vowel is changed to a full vowel, and a compound sheva is changed to its corresponding short vowel [e.g., (ְ, ִ) turns to (ִ, ִ); (ְ, ִ) turns to (ִ, ִ); (ְ, ִ) turns to (ִ, ִ)].

Nifal Perfect 3fs	נִעֲמְדָה	→	נִעֲמַדָה
Hofal Perfect 3fs	הִעֲמְדָה	→	הִעֲמַדָה
Hofal Imperfect 2fs	תִּעֲמְדִי	→	תִּעֲמְדִי

Practice

- I. Memorize the vocabulary
- II. What is a weak verb?
- III. Memorize the three rules of gutturals

Chapter Twenty-Four

Second Guttural Weak Verbs

Vocabulary

אָחַר	behind, after	מִנְחָה	offering, gift
אֵיב	enemy	נָחַל	to take possession, inherit
בָּחַן	to test	נָחַם	to be sorry, have compassion, repent
בָּעַר	to burn	צָחַק	to laugh
בָּקַר	herd, cattle	צָעַק	to cry out
זָבַח	sacrifice	שָׂחַק	to laugh, jest
מִגְדָּל	tower, fortress	שָׁחַט	to kill, slaughter
[מָהַר]	to hasten		

Weak Verb Designations						
	III	II	I	← Modern designation	Modern	Description
	ל	ע	פ	← Traditional		
1	ד	מ	ע	Pe Guttural	I - Guttural	Guttural in 1 st root position
2	ל	א	ש	'Ayin Guttural	II - Guttural	Guttural in 2 nd root position
3	ח	ל	ש	Lamed Guttural	III - Guttural	Guttural in 3 rd root position
4	ל	כ	א	Pe 'Alef	I - 'Alef	'Alef in 1 st root position
5	א	צ	מ	Lamed 'Alef	III - 'Alef	'Alef in 3 rd root position
6	ה	ג	כ	Lamed He	III - He	He in 3 rd root position
7	ל	פ	נ	Pe Nun	I - Nun	Nun in 1 st root position
8	ב	ו	ש	'Ayin Vav or Yod	II - Vav or Yod	II - Vav/Yod
9	ב	ש	ו	Pe Vav or Yod	I - Vav or Yod	I - Vav/Yod
10	ב	ה	ט	Double 'Ayin	Geminate	Doubled 2 nd root position

Second Guttural Verbs

A Second Guttural verb designated as ‘Ayin Guttural or II-Guttural is one whose second consonant is one of the gutturals: א, ה, ח, ע, or ר. Examples where the second root consonant is a guttural are:

2 st Root Consonant	Word	
א	מָאָס	he refused, rejected
ה	מָהָר	he made haste
ח	בָּחַן	he tested
ע	בָּעַר	he burned, consumed
ר	פָּרַד	he divided, separated

Rules of Inflection

All the normal rules for gutturals apply to II-Gutturals.

1. *Gutturals cannot be doubled.* Since gutturals do not possess a dagesh forte they require lengthening of the preceding vowel.
 - a. *Gutturals א, ר and ע.* When א and ר (and occasionally ע) appear in the second root consonant of the verb, the preceding vowel must be lengthened. The rules are again given as follows:
 - Patach (ַ) is lengthened to Qamets (ָ).
 - Hireq (ִ) is lengthened to Tsere (ֵ).
 - Qibbutz (ֹ) is lengthened to Holem (ֹ).
 - b. *Gutturals ה, ח and ע.* When ה, ח and ע appear in the second root consonant of the verb, the vowel in the preceding syllable remains short, since ה and ח are considered to be doubled.
2. Gutturals generally take an “a” class vowel.
 - a. *Qal.* The Qal imperfect and imperative forms would normally have a Holem as the stem vowel, but with the II-Guttural it has the “a” class Patach instead.

That is: יִבְחַר not יִבְחָר
 - b. *Pi’el.* Pi’el perfect 3ms forms normally take a Tsere in the second stem vowel, but II-Guttural verbs take a Patach.

That is: בִּרְחַץ not בִּרְחָץ

3. Gutturals normally take compound shevas.
 - a. A vocal sheva normally stands beneath the middle root consonant, however, the middle root guttural will take a hatef-patach (ְּ).

Practice

- I. Memorize the vocabulary
- II. What is a weak verb?
- III. Memorize the three rules of gutturals

Chapter Twenty-Five

Third Guttural Weak Verbs

Vocabulary

בָּלַע	to swallow, be consumed	פָּגַע	to meet, intercede
בָּמָה	high place (f)	פָּתַח	to open
בָּקַע	to split open	קָץ	end
גָּבַהּ	to be high, proud	קָרַע	to tare
זָרַע	to sow	רָצַח	to kill
קָרַע	to kneel, bow down	שִׁלְחָן	table
מָשַׁח	to anoint	שֶׁמֶשׁ	sun
סָלַח	to forgive	תּוֹלְדוֹת	generations (f)

Weak Verb Designations						
	III	II	I	← Modern designation	Modern	Description
	ל	ע	פ	← Traditional		
1	ד	מ	ע	Pe Guttural	I - Guttural	Guttural in 1 st root position
2	ל	א	ש	‘Ayin Guttural	II - Guttural	Guttural in 2 nd root position
3	ח	ל	ש	Lamed Guttural	III - Guttural	Guttural in 3rd root position
4	ל	כ	א	Pe ‘Alef	I – ‘Alef	‘Alef in 1 st root position
5	א	צ	מ	Lamed ‘Alef	III- ‘Alef	‘Alef in 3 rd root position
6	ה	נ	ה	Lamed He	III - He	He in 3 rd root position
7	ל	פ	נ	Pe Nun	I - Nun	Nun in 1 st root position
8	ב	ו	ש	‘Ayin Vav or Yod	II – Vav or Yod	II – Vav/Yod
9	ב	ש	י	Pe Vav or Yod	I - Vav or Yod	I – Vav/Yod
10	ב	ב	ס	Double ‘Ayin	Geminate	Doubled 2 nd root position

Third Guttural Weak Verbs

A Third Guttural verb designated as Lamed Guttural or III-Guttural is one whose third or final root consonant is one of the *limited* gutturals: ה, ח, or ע. Final א, ה, or ר do not act as gutturals when placed in the final root consonant. Examples where the third root consonant is a guttural are:

3 rd Root Consonant	Word	
ה	גָּבַהּ	to be high, exalted
ח	בָּטַח	to trust
ע	זָרַע	to sow

Rules of Inflection

The III-Guttural has the following distinct characteristics.

1. When a III-Guttural verb has no suffix attached, the final guttural ה, ח, or ע, must be preceded by either a Patach (ַ) or a Patach-Furtive⁶³.
 - a. When a strong verb has a Patach or Qamets as its third root stem vowel, the III-Guttural will likewise contain a Patach or Qamets.

	Strong verb	III-Guttural
Nif. Perf. 3ms	גָּמַשׁל	גָּשַׁמַע
Pu'al Part. ms	מְגַמְשֵׁל	מְגַשְׁמַע

- b. When the perfect, imperfect, imperative, or infinitive construct of the strong verb has a third root stem vowel which is not of the “a” class, the vowel is changed to a Patach. This applies to all stems except the Hif'il.

	Strong verb	III-Guttural
Qal Impv. 2ms	גַּמְשֵׁל	גַּשְׁמַע
Pi'el Perf. 3ms	גָּמַשֵׁל	גָּשַׁמַע
Hitpa'el Perf. 3ms	הִתְגַּמְשֵׁל	הִתְגַּשְׁמַע

⁶³ A Patach Furtive is not a full vowel and has a short “a” sound. The vowel has a hurried sound and is raised in the transliteration as in הַקִּיעַ *raqi^a*.

- c. When the III-Guttural verb contains י, ו, or ו as the third root stem vowel, the unchangeably long vowel remains but a Patach Furtive is inserted between this vowel and the final guttural. This rule applies to the Qal infinitive absolute, Qal passive participle ms, and all Hif'il forms.

	Strong verb	III-Guttural
Qal Inf. Abs.	מְשׁוֹל	שְׁמוֹעַ
Qal Pas. Part. ms	מְשׁוּל	שְׁמוּעַ
Hif. Perf. 3ms	הִמְשִׁיל	הִשְׁמִיעַ

- d. Dr. Kelley has remarked that although Holem and Tsere are not usually considered to be unchangeably long vowels, they function as such in certain forms of III-Guttural verbs.⁶⁴ The following rule applies:
- i) In all forms, a Patach Furtive is inserted between the stem vowel and the final guttural.

	Strong verb	III-Guttural
Qal Inf. Abs.	מְשׁוֹל	שְׁמוֹעַ
Qal Act. Part. ms	מְשׁוּל	שְׁמוּעַ
Hithpa'el Part. ms	מְתַשְׁלוֹ	מְשִׁתְּמוֹעַ

2. When suffixes are added to III-Guttural verbs, the forms are pointed like their strong verb counterparts.
- a. The third root stem vowel before all נָה suffixes are Patach.

	Strong verb	III-Guttural
Qal Impf 3fp, 2fp	תִּמְשַׁלְנָה	תִּשְׁמַעְנָה

- b. For 2 fs forms of perfects in all stems, a silent sheva stands beneath the final root consonant which is replaced with a Patach.

	Strong verb	III-Guttural
Qal Perf 2fs	מִשַׁלְתִּי	שִׁמַּעְתִּי

Practice

- I. Memorize the vocabulary
- II. What is a weak verb?
- III. Memorize the two rules of III-Gutturals

⁶⁴ Page Kelley, *Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992), p.265

Chapter Twenty-Six

Third Alef Guttural Weak Verbs

Vocabulary

<p>אַמָּה cubit (f) חָבֵא to hide חָנָה to encamp יָרָה to teach כְּלִי tool, weapon, vessel קָסָה to cover, conceal נָבֵא to prophesy סָבִיב around, surrounding</p>	<p>עֶשְׂרֵה ten (f) צְדָקָה righteousness, just (f) צָמָא to be thirsty צָפָה to keep, watch קָבֵץ to collect, gather קָנָה to take, possess שָׁחָה to bow down, worship שָׁחַת to destroy, corrupt</p>
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Weak Verb Designations						
	III	II	I	← Modern designation	Modern	Description
	ל	ע	פ	← Traditional		
1	ד	ט	ט	Pe Guttural	I - Guttural	Guttural in 1 st root position
2	ל	א	ש	‘Ayin Guttural	II - Guttural	Guttural in 2 nd root position
3	ח	ל	ש	Lamed Guttural	III - Guttural	Guttural in 3 rd root position
4	ל	כ	א	Pe ‘Alef	I – ‘Alef	‘Alef in 1 st root position
5	א	צ	ד	Lamed ‘Alef	III- ‘Alef	‘Alef in 3rd root position
6	ה	נ	ה	Lamed He	III - He	He in 3 rd root position
7	ל	פ	נ	Pe Nun	I - Nun	Nun in 1 st root position
8	ב	ו	ש	‘Ayin Vav or Yod	II – Vav or Yod	II – Vav/Yod
9	ב	ש	י	Pe Vav or Yod	I - Vav or Yod	I – Vav/Yod
10	ב	ה	ס	Double ‘Ayin	Geminate	Doubled 2 nd root position

III-Alef Guttural Weak Verbs

Third Alef verbs are designated as Lamed-Alef or III-Alef and are verbs whose final consonant is an alef (א). Examples where the third consonant is א are:

בָּרָא	to create
קָרָא	to call
רָפָא	to heal

Rules of Inflection

The III-Alef verb has the following distinct characteristics.

1. Any syllable that ends with א becomes an open syllable and must have a long vowel.⁶⁵ In this case, the stem vowel Patach (ַ) is lengened to a Qamets (ָ).

	Strong verb	III-Alef
Qal Perfect 3ms	בָּרָא	בָּרָא

2. When a BeGaD KeFaT (ב, ג, ד, כ, פ, ת) letter is placed after an א in a III-Alef verb it loses its dagesh lene.

	Strong verb	III-Alef
Qal Perfect 2ms	בָּרַשְׁתָּ	בָּרַשְׁתָּ

3. Qal Perfect III-Alef verbs contain the Qamets before consonantal suffixes.

	III-Alef
Qal Perfect 2ms	בָּרַשְׁתָּ
Qal Perfect 2fs	בָּרַשְׁתְּ
Qal Perfect 1cs	בָּרַשְׁתִּי
Qal Perfect 2mp	בָּרַשְׁתֶּם
Qal Perfect 2fp	בָּרַשְׁתֶּן
Qal Perfect 1cp	בָּרַשְׁנוּ

4. The stem vowel in prefixed perfect verbs in all stems except Qal is Tsere (ֵ).

III-Alef Perfect Verbs				
	Nif'al Perfect	Pi'el Perfect	Pu'al Perfect	Hif'il Perfect
2ms	בִּרְשִׁיתִי	בִּרְשַׁתָּ	בִּרְשַׁתָּ	בִּרְשַׁתָּ

⁶⁵ Page Kelley, Biblical Hebrew (Grand Rapids:Eerdmans, 1992), p. 275

5. For Qal imperfect verbs in all forms except 3fp and 2fp, the vowel before ן is a Qamets.

	Strong verb	III-Alef
Qal Imperfect 3ms	יִמְשֵׁל	יִמְצֵא

6. The stem vowel before ך endings is the s^egol (ֵ).

III-Alef ך suffix Verbs				
	Qal	Nif'al	Pi'el	Hif'il
Impf 3fp, 2fp	תִּמְצְאֶנָּה	תִּמְצַאֲנָה	תִּמְצַאֲנָה	תִּמְצַאֲנָה
Impv 2fs	מְצַאֲנִי	הִמְצַאֲנִי	מְצַאֲנִי	הִמְצַאֲנִי

7. The feminine singular participle has Tseret as its stem vowel.

III-Alef Fem Sg. Part				
	Qal	Nif'al	Pi'el	Hif'il
ms	מְצַאֲנָה	נִמְצַאֲנָה	מְצַאֲנָה	מְצַאֲנָה
fs	מְצַאֲנָה	נִמְצַאֲנָה	מְצַאֲנָה	מְצַאֲנָה

Practice

- I. Memorize the vocabulary
- II. What is a weak verb?
- III. What are the two rules of III-Gutturals?

Chapter Twenty-Seven

Third He Guttural Weak Verbs

Vocabulary

מחנה	camp	נדר	to vow
מטה	staff, rod, branch, tribe	נטע	to plant
מעשה	work, deed	נטש	to leave, forsake
משפחה	family	נסע	to set out, depart
נגף	to strike	נצר	to watch, guard
גדה	to drive out, banish	עלה	whole burnt offering

Weak Verb Designations						
	III	II	I	← Modern designation	Modern	Description
	ל	ע	פ	← Traditional		
1	ד	מ	ע	Pe Guttural	I - Guttural	Guttural in 1 st root position
2	ל	א	ש	‘Ayin Guttural	II - Guttural	Guttural in 2 nd root position
3	ח	ל	ש	Lamed Guttural	III - Guttural	Guttural in 3 rd root position
4	ל	כ	א	Pe ‘Alef	I – ‘Alef	‘Alef in 1 st root position
5	א	צ	מ	Lamed ‘Alef	III- ‘Alef	‘Alef in 3 rd root position
6	ה	נ	ב	Lamed He	III - He	He in 3rd root position
7	ל	פ	נ	Pe Nun	I - Nun	Nun in 1 st root position
8	ב	ו	ש	‘Ayin Vav or Yod	II – Vav or Yod	II – Vav/Yod
9	ב	ש	ו	Pe Vav or Yod	I - Vav or Yod	I – Vav/Yod
10	ב	ב	ס	Double ‘Ayin	Geminate	Doubled 2 nd root position

III-He Guttural Weak Verbs

Third He verbs are designated as Lamed-He or III-He and are verbs whose final consonant is a He (ה). Examples of III-He verbs whose third consonant is ה are:

בָּכָה	to weep
בָּנָה	to build
פָּדָה	to redeem

Rules of Inflection

The III-He verb has the following distinct characteristics⁶⁶.

A. III-He verbs without affirmatives.

1. All perfect verbs without suffixes end with הָ (qamets + he).
2. All imperfect verbs without suffixes end with הֻ (s^egol + he).
3. All imperative verbs without suffixes end with הֵ (tsere + he).
4. All infinitive construct verbs drop the final ה together with the vowel that precedes it replacing them with הוֹ (holem-vav + tav).
5. Infinitive absolute verbs end with הֵ (holem + he) or הֵ (tsere + he).
6. Masculine singular participles ending with הֻ (s^egol + he), are changed to הֵ (tsere + he) in the construct state.

B. III-He verbs with affirmatives.

1. The perfect 3 fs in all stems of the III-He verbs is formed by substituting ה for the final ה of the verb root and adding הָ, (the 3 fs suffix).

Qal	בָּנְהָה	→	בָּנְתָה
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2. All other forms with vocalic suffixes are shortened by dropping the ה together with the vowel or vocal sheva that precedes it.

Qal Perf 3 cp	בָּנְהוּ	→	בָּנוּ
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C. III-He verbs with consonantal affirmatives drop ה and substitute ך in its place. The result is a diphthong.

1. For perfects in all active stems, ך (hireq-yod) is used.

	Qal	Piel	Hifil
Perf 2 mpl	בָּנִיחֶם	בָּנִיחֶם	הִבְנִיחֶם

2. For perfect consonantal suffixes in all passive stems, ך (sere-yod) is used.

⁶⁶ This section mostly adapted from Page Kelley, *Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992)

	Nifal	Pual	Hofal
Perf 2 mpl	בְּנִיתֶם	בְּנִיתֶם	הִבְנִיתֶם

3. For imperfects and imperative consonantal suffixes in all stems, ך (s^cgol-yod) is used.

	Qal	Nifal	Hifil
Impv 2 fpl	בְּנִינָה	הִבְנִינָה	הִבְנִינָה

Practice

- I. Memorize the vocabulary
- II. What is a weak verb?
- III. What are the two rules of III-Gutturals?

Chapter Twenty-Eight

First Nun Guttural Weak Verbs

Vocabulary

גור	to sojourn	[נסח]	[Pi.] to test, try
חיל	strength, wealth, army	[נקיה]	to be clean, innocent, guiltless
[נבטן]	[Hif.] to see, look upon	[נקם]	to avenge, take vengeance
[נהל]	[Pi.] to lead, guide	[נצב]	[Nif.] to take a stand, set
נחלה	possession, inheritance (f)	[נשג]	[Hif.] to reach, attain
נזה	to spatter, sprinkle	[נתיץ]	to pull down, break down

Weak Verb Designations						
	III	II	I	← Modern designation	Modern	Description
	ל	ע	פ	← Traditional		
1	ד	ט	ט	Pe Guttural	I - Guttural	Guttural in 1 st root position
2	ל	א	ש	‘Ayin Guttural	II - Guttural	Guttural in 2 nd root position
3	ה	ל	ש	Lamed Guttural	III - Guttural	Guttural in 3 rd root position
4	ל	כ	א	Pe ‘Alef	I – ‘Alef	‘Alef in 1 st root position
5	א	צ	ק	Lamed ‘Alef	III- ‘Alef	‘Alef in 3 rd root position
6	ה	נ	ה	Lamed He	III - He	He in 3 rd root position
7	ל	פ	נ	Pe Nun	I - Nun	Nun in 1st root position
8	ב	ו	ש	‘Ayin Vav or Yod	II – Vav or Yod	II – Vav/Yod
9	ב	ש	י	Pe Vav or Yod	I - Vav or Yod	I – Vav/Yod
10	ב	ב	ט	Double ‘Ayin	Geminate	Doubled 2 nd root position

I-Nun Guttural Weak Verbs

First Nun verbs are designated as Pe-Nun or I-Nun and are verbs whose initial consonant is Nun (נ). Examples of I-Nun verbs whose initial consonant is נ are:

נָגַשׁ	to draw near
נָפַל	to fall
נָתַךְ	to pour out

Rules of Inflection

Page Kelley identifies the following rules concerning the I-Nun verb ⁶⁷.

- A. When נ is the final consonant in a syllable other than the last syllable of the word, it is assimilated into the following consonant using the dagesh forte.

Qal impf 3ms	נָפַל	→	נִפַּל
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- B. However, if the following consonant is a guttural, and therefore cannot be doubled, נ stands as an unassimilated consonant.

Qal impf 3ms	נָתַךְ	→	נִתַּךְ
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Practice

- I. Memorize the vocabulary
- II. What is a weak verb?
- III. What are the two rules of I-Nun Gutturals?

⁶⁷ This section mostly adapted from Page Kelley, *Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992)

Chapter Twenty-Nine

Second Vav/Yod Guttural Weak Verbs

Vocabulary

גיל	to rejoice	נוס	to flee
דין	to judge	נוע	to quiver, stagger, tremble
חמחיל	to whirl, dance	עור	to arouse oneself
ליגלג	to lodge, pass the night, abide	פוזן	to be scattered
מול	to circumcise	רוץ	to run
נוח	to rest	ריב	to strive, contend

Weak Verb Designations						
	III	II	I	← Modern designation	Modern	Description
	ל	ע	פ	← Traditional		
1	ד	ט	ט	Pe Guttural	I - Guttural	Guttural in 1 st root position
2	ל	א	ש	‘Ayin Guttural	II - Guttural	Guttural in 2 nd root position
3	ח	ל	ש	Lamed Guttural	III - Guttural	Guttural in 3 rd root position
4	ל	כ	א	Pe ‘Alef	I – ‘Alef	‘Alef in 1 st root position
5	א	צ	ק	Lamed ‘Alef	III- ‘Alef	‘Alef in 3 rd root position
6	ה	נ	ב	Lamed He	III - He	He in 3 rd root position
7	ל	פ	נ	Pe Nun	I - Nun	Nun in 1 st root position
8	ב	ו	ש	‘Ayin Vav or Yod	II – Vav or Yod	II – Vav/Yod
9	ב	ש	ו	Pe Vav or Yod	I - Vav or Yod	I – Vav/Yod
10	ב	ב	ט	Double ‘Ayin	Geminate	Doubled 2 nd root position

II-Vav/Yod Guttural Weak Verbs

Second vav and yod verbs are designated as ‘Ayin Vav/Yod or II-Vav/II-Yod and are verbs whose second consonant is either a Vav (ו) or a Yod (י)⁶⁸. Examples of II-Vav/II-Yod verbs whose second consonant is ו are:

1. II-Vav verbs using ו as middle vowel.

גוּר	To sojourn
מוּת	To die
קוּם	To arise, stand, establish

2. II-Vav verbs using י as middle vowel.

בוּא	To come, go, enter
בוּשׁ	To be ashamed

3. II-Yod verbs using י as middle vowel.

בִּין	To discern
רִיב	To strive
שִׁית	To put, place, set

4. II-Yod verbs using ו or י as middle vowel.

חוּל/חיל	To whirl, dance
לוּחַלִּין	To lodge, pass the night
שׁוּם/שים	To put, place, appoint

Rules of Inflection

Page Kelley identifies the following rules concerning the II-Vav/II-Yod verb ⁶⁹.

When Yod or Vav is the middle consonant in a syllable the following inflection takes place:

⁶⁸ As Page Kelley notes, these weak verbs are also referred to as “Middle Vowel verbs,” or “Hollow verbs.”

⁶⁹ This section mostly adapted from Page Kelley, *Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992)

	Perfect		Imperfect		Imperative
	Qal		Qal		Qal
	Simple active		Simple active		Simple active
3 ms	קָם	3 ms	יִקְוֹם		
3 fs	קָמָה	3 fs	תִּקְוֹם		
2 ms	קָמַתְּ	2 ms	תִּקְוֹם	2ms	קָם
2 fs	קָמַתְּ	2 fs	תִּקְוֹמִי	2fs	קְוִי
1 cs	קָמַתִּי	1 cs	אִקְוֹם		
3 cp	קָמוּ	3 mp	יִקְוֹמוּ		
		3fp	תִּקְוֹמְנָה		
2 mp	קָמַתֶּם	2 mp	תִּקְוֹמוּ	2mp	קְוִי
2 fp	קָמַתֶּן	2 fp	תִּקְוֹמְנָה	2fp	קְוִינָה
1 cp	קָמוּ	1 cp	נִקְוֹם		
Qal Infinitive					
Qal Infinitive Construct			קָם		
Infinitive Absolute			קָם		
Qal Active Participle					
ms			קָם		
mp			קָמוּם		
fs			קָמָה		
fp			קָמוֹת		

Chapter Thirty

First Vav or First Yod Guttural Weak Verbs

Vocabulary

שָׁר	to sing	יָנַע	to labor, grow weary
שָׁת	to put, place, set	יָדַח	to praise (Hif)
קָשַׁל	to stumble	יָטַב	to do well
לָכַד	to seize, capture	יָכַח	to reprove, rebuke (Hif)
שָׁבַת	to cease, rest	יָנַק	to suck
יָבַשׁ	to dry up	יָסַד	to found, establish

Weak Verb Designations						
	III	II	I	← Modern designation	Modern	Description
	ל	ע	פ	← Traditional		
1	ד	ט	ע	Pe Guttural	I - Guttural	Guttural in 1 st root position
2	ל	א	ש	‘Ayin Guttural	II - Guttural	Guttural in 2 nd root position
3	ח	ל	ש	Lamed Guttural	III - Guttural	Guttural in 3 rd root position
4	ל	כ	א	Pe ‘Alef	I – ‘Alef	‘Alef in 1 st root position
5	א	צ	ק	Lamed ‘Alef	III- ‘Alef	‘Alef in 3 rd root position
6	ה	נ	ה	Lamed He	III - He	He in 3 rd root position
7	ל	פ	נ	Pe Nun	I - Nun	Nun in 1 st root position
8	ב	ו	ש	‘Ayin Vav or Yod	II – Vav or Yod	II – Vav/Yod
9	ב	ש	י	Pe Vav or Yod	I - Vav or Yod	I – Vav/Yod
10	ב	ב	ט	Double ‘Ayin	Geminate	Doubled 2 nd root position

I-Vav/Yod Guttural Weak Verbs

First Vav and First Yod verbs are designated as Pe Vav/Yod or I-Vav/I-Yod and are verbs whose root consonant is a Yod (י). In their root forms I-Vav and I-Yod verbs look the same. That is, the I-Vav verb יָבֵשׁ “to dry up,” and the I-Yod verb יָטִיב “to be good,” look the same in their Qal perfect 3ms forms. However, they differ in form in other stems⁷⁰. Do not be confused or worry about identifying whether this form of verb is a I-Vav or I-Yod weak verb, they are listed here in order to complete the classification. A great amount of time should not be focused upon the details of this group. For the first year Hebrew student, simply know they exist, and move on. It is important for this group to recall the basic rule of gutturals for Yod and Vav:

- i) When the vowel before the final guttural is unchangeably long, i.e., יָ, יֹ, יוּ, יוֹ, a Patach (ַ) must be inserted between this vowel and the final guttural.
1. I-Vav verbs have a yod as their initial root consonant in the Qal stem and a Patach as their stem vowel in the imperfect. Examples of I-Vav verbs are:

יָבֵשׁ	to dry
יָרֵא	to fear
יָשָׁן	to sleep

2. I-Yod verbs are very limited. Dr. Kelley says, “A true Pe Yod verb is one that retains the yod as its initial root consonant in all forms. In forms without prefixes, yod is retained as a regular consonant. In forms with prefixes, it is retained either as hireq-yod (in the Qal imperfect), or as sere-yod (throughout the Hif'il stem).” Examples are:

יָטִיב	to be good
יָלַל	to wail
יָשָׁר	to be straight, upright

Rules of Inflection

When Yod or Vav is the initial consonant in a syllable the following inflection takes place:

	Qal	Qal	Niph'al	Hif'il	Hof'al	Qal	Hif'il
	Simple	Simple	Simple	Causative	Causative	Simple	Causative

⁷⁰ Page Kelley, *Biblical Hebrew* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992), p. 338

	active	active	passive/ reflexive	active	passive	active	active
Perfect							
3 ms	יָשַׁב	יָרָא	נִשְׁבַּח	הוֹשִׁיב	הוֹשַׁב	יָטַב	הִיטִיב
3 fs	יָשְׁבָה	יָרְאָה	נִשְׁבְּחָה	הוֹשִׁיבָה	הוֹשַׁבָה	יָטְבָה	הִיטִיבָה
2 ms	יָשַׁבְתָּ	יָרָאתָ	נִשְׁבַּחְתָּ	הוֹשַׁבְתָּ	הוֹשַׁבְתָּ	יָטַבְתָּ	הִיטַבְתָּ
2 fs	יָשַׁבְתְּ	יָרָאתְ	נִשְׁבַּחְתְּ	הוֹשַׁבְתְּ	הוֹשַׁבְתְּ	יָטַבְתְּ	הִיטַבְתְּ
1 cs	יָשַׁבְתִּי	יָרָאתִי	נִשְׁבַּחְתִּי	הוֹשַׁבְתִּי	הוֹשַׁבְתִּי	יָטַבְתִּי	הִיטַבְתִּי
3 cp	יָשְׁבוּ	יָרְאוּ	נִשְׁבְּחוּ	הוֹשִׁיבוּ	הוֹשַׁבוּ	יָטְבוּ	הִיטִיבוּ
2 mp	יָשַׁבְתֶּם	יָרָאתֶם	נִשְׁבַּחְתֶּם	הוֹשַׁבְתֶּם	הוֹשַׁבְתֶּם	יָטַבְתֶּם	הִיטַבְתֶּם
2 fp	יָשַׁבְתֶּן	יָרָאתֶן	נִשְׁבַּחְתֶּן	הוֹשַׁבְתֶּן	הוֹשַׁבְתֶּן	יָטַבְתֶּן	הִיטַבְתֶּן
1 cp	יָשַׁבְנוּ	יָרָאנוּ	נִשְׁבַּחְנוּ	הוֹשַׁבְנוּ	הוֹשַׁבְנוּ	יָטַבְנוּ	הִיטַבְנוּ
Imperfect							
3 ms	יֹשֵׁב	יִירָא	יֹשֵׁב	יֹוֹשִׁיב	יֹוֹשַׁב	יִיטֵב	יִיטִיב
3 fs	תֹּשֵׁב	תִּירָא	תֹּשֵׁב	תֹּוֹשִׁיב	תֹּוֹשַׁב	תִּיטֵב	תִּיטִיב
2 ms	תֹּשֵׁב	תִּירָא	תֹּשֵׁב	תֹּוֹשִׁיב	תֹּוֹשַׁב	תִּיטֵב	תִּיטִיב
2 fs	תֹּשְׁבִי	תִּירְאִי	תֹּשְׁבִי	תֹּוֹשִׁיבִי	תֹּוֹשַׁבִי	תִּיטְבִי	תִּיטִיבִי
1 cs	אֲשַׁב	אִירָא	אֲשַׁב	אֲוֹשִׁיב	אֲוֹשַׁב	אִיטֵב	אִיטִיב
3 mp	יִשְׁבוּ	יִירְאוּ	יִשְׁבוּ	יִוֹשִׁיבוּ	יִוֹשַׁבוּ	יִיטְבוּ	יִיטִיבוּ
3 fp	תִּשְׁבְּנָה	תִּירְאֶנָּה	תִּשְׁבְּנָה	תִּוֹשִׁיבְנָה	תִּוֹשַׁבְנָה	תִּיטְבְּנָה	תִּיטִיבְנָה
2 mp	תִּשְׁבוּ	תִּירְאוּ	תִּשְׁבוּ	תִּוֹשִׁיבוּ	תִּוֹשַׁבוּ	תִּיטְבוּ	תִּיטִיבוּ
2 fp	תִּשְׁבְּנָה	תִּירְאֶנָּה	תִּשְׁבְּנָה	תִּוֹשִׁיבְנָה	תִּוֹשַׁבְנָה	תִּיטְבְּנָה	תִּיטִיבְנָה
1 cp	נִשְׁבַּח	נִירָא	נִשְׁבַּח	נִוֹשִׁיב	נִוֹשַׁב	נִיטֵב	נִיטִיב

	Qal	Qal	Niph'al	Hif'il	Hof'al	Qal	Hif'il
	Simple active	Simple active	Simple passive/ reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive	Simple active	Causative active
Imperative							
2 ms	שֵׁב	יָרָא	הִשְׁבַּח	הוֹשִׁיב		יָטַב	הִיטִיב
2 fs	שְׁבִי	יָרְאִי	הִשְׁבְּחִי	הוֹשִׁיבִי		יָטְבִי	הִיטִיבִי
2 mp	שְׁבוּ	יָרְאוּ	הִשְׁבְּחוּ	הוֹשִׁיבוּ		יָטְבוּ	הִיטִיבוּ
2 fp	שְׁבְּנָה	יָרְאֶנָּה	הִשְׁבְּחֶנָּה	הוֹשִׁיבְנָה		יָטְבְּנָה	הִיטִיבְנָה

Qal	Qal	Niph'al	Hif'il	Hof'al	Qal	Hif'il
Simple active	Simple active	Simple passive/ reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive	Simple active	Causative active
Infinitive Construct						
שְׁבַת	יָרְאָה	הוֹשַׁב	הוֹשִׁיב	הוֹשַׁב	יָטַב	הִיטִיב
Infinitive Absolute						
יֹוֹשֵׁב		הוֹשַׁב	הוֹשִׁיב	הוֹשַׁב	יֹוֹטֵב	הִיטִיב

Chapter Thirty-One

Geminate Guttural Weak Verbs

Vocabulary

בָּזַז	to plunder, destroy	צָרַר	to be in distress
בָּלַל	to mix, confound	רָגַן	to shout for joy
דָּמַם	to be silent	שָׁדַד	to devastate
חָתַת	to be shattered, dismayed	שָׁמַם	to be appalled, devastated
קָמַד	to measure	תָּמַם	to be finished, completed
נָבַד	to flee	גָּבַר	hero, mighty one

Weak Verb Designations						
	III	II	I	← Modern designation	Modern	Description
	ל	ע	פ	← Traditional		
1	ד	ט	צ	Pe Guttural	I - Guttural	Guttural in 1 st root position
2	ל	א	ש	‘Ayin Guttural	II - Guttural	Guttural in 2 nd root position
3	ה	ל	ש	Lamed Guttural	III - Guttural	Guttural in 3 rd root position
4	ל	כ	א	Pe ‘Alef	I – ‘Alef	‘Alef in 1 st root position
5	א	צ	ק	Lamed ‘Alef	III- ‘Alef	‘Alef in 3 rd root position
6	ה	נ	ב	Lamed He	III - He	He in 3 rd root position
7	ל	פ	נ	Pe Nun	I - Nun	Nun in 1 st root position
8	ב	ו	ש	‘Ayin Vav or Yod	II – Vav or Yod	II – Vav/Yod
9	ב	ש	ו	Pe Vav or Yod	I - Vav or Yod	I – Vav/Yod
10	ב	ב	ס	Double ‘Ayin	Geminate	Doubled 2 nd root position

Geminate Guttural Weak Verbs

Geminate weak verbs are also designated as Double 'Ayin and are verbs whose second root consonant has been duplicated.

1. Examples of Geminate verbs are:

סָבַב	to surround
קָלַל	to be swift
תָּמַם	to finish

2. Many Geminate verbs are written as monosyllabic. The verbs above are often found as:

סָבַב	→	סַב
קָלַל	→	קַל
תָּמַם	→	תַּם

Rules of Inflection

The Geminate verbs are some of the most complex as many are inflected as strong verbs and many are transitive verbs which have taken on defective forms.

1. In most stems, the second consonant assimilates into the third and a daghesh forte is added to the root consonant.
2. A Holem Vav is added as a connecting vowel between the root and its prefix.

3ms	סָבַב	he surrounded
2ms	סָבַוְתָּ	you surrounded

APPENDIX

VERB CHART – STRONG VERB

	Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hithpa'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Perfect							
3 ms	שָׁמַר	נִשְׁמַר	שָׁמַר	שָׁמַר	הִשְׁתַּמַּר	הִשְׁמִיר	הִשְׁמַר
3 fs	שָׁמְרָה	נִשְׁמְרָה	שָׁמְרָה	שָׁמְרָה	הִשְׁתַּמְרָה	הִשְׁמִירָה	הִשְׁמַרָה
2 ms	שָׁמַרְתָּ	נִשְׁמַרְתָּ	שָׁמַרְתָּ	שָׁמַרְתָּ	הִשְׁתַּמַּרְתָּ	הִשְׁמִירְתָּ	הִשְׁמַרְתָּ
2 fs	שָׁמַרְתְּ	נִשְׁמַרְתְּ	שָׁמַרְתְּ	שָׁמַרְתְּ	הִשְׁתַּמַּרְתְּ	הִשְׁמִירְתְּ	הִשְׁמַרְתְּ
1 cs	שָׁמַרְתִּי	נִשְׁמַרְתִּי	שָׁמַרְתִּי	שָׁמַרְתִּי	הִשְׁתַּמַּרְתִּי	הִשְׁמִירְתִּי	הִשְׁמַרְתִּי
3 cp	שָׁמְרוּ	נִשְׁמְרוּ	שָׁמְרוּ	שָׁמְרוּ	הִשְׁתַּמְרוּ	הִשְׁמִירוּ	הִשְׁמַרוּ
2 mp	שָׁמַרְתֶּם	נִשְׁמַרְתֶּם	שָׁמַרְתֶּם	שָׁמַרְתֶּם	הִשְׁתַּמַּרְתֶּם	הִשְׁמִירְתֶּם	הִשְׁמַרְתֶּם
2 fp	שָׁמַרְתֶּן	נִשְׁמַרְתֶּן	שָׁמַרְתֶּן	שָׁמַרְתֶּן	הִשְׁתַּמַּרְתֶּן	הִשְׁמִירְתֶּן	הִשְׁמַרְתֶּן
1 cp	שָׁמַרְנוּ	נִשְׁמַרְנוּ	שָׁמַרְנוּ	שָׁמַרְנוּ	הִשְׁתַּמַּנּוּ	הִשְׁמִירְנוּ	הִשְׁמַרְנוּ
Imperfect							
3 ms	יִשְׁמַר	יִשְׁמַר	יִשְׁמַר	יִשְׁמַר	יִשְׁתַּמַּר	יִשְׁמִיר	יִשְׁמַר
3 fs	תִּשְׁמַר	תִּשְׁמַר	תִּשְׁמַר	תִּשְׁמַר	תִּשְׁתַּמַּר	תִּשְׁמִיר	תִּשְׁמַר
2 ms	תִּשְׁמַרְךָ	תִּשְׁמַרְךָ	תִּשְׁמַרְךָ	תִּשְׁמַרְךָ	תִּשְׁתַּמַּרְךָ	תִּשְׁמִירְךָ	תִּשְׁמַרְךָ
2 fs	תִּשְׁמַרִי	תִּשְׁמַרִי	תִּשְׁמַרִי	תִּשְׁמַרִי	תִּשְׁתַּמַּרִי	תִּשְׁמִירִי	תִּשְׁמַרִי
1 cs	אֶשְׁמַר	אֶשְׁמַר	אֶשְׁמַר	אֶשְׁמַר	אֶשְׁתַּמַּר	אֶשְׁמִיר	אֶשְׁמַר
3 mp	יִשְׁמְרוּ	יִשְׁמְרוּ	יִשְׁמְרוּ	יִשְׁמְרוּ	יִשְׁתַּמְרוּ	יִשְׁמִירוּ	יִשְׁמַרוּ
3 fp	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	תִּשְׁתַּמַּרְנָה	תִּשְׁמִירְנָה	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה
2 mp	תִּשְׁמַרוּ	תִּשְׁמַרוּ	תִּשְׁמַרוּ	תִּשְׁמַרוּ	תִּשְׁתַּמַּרוּ	תִּשְׁמִירוּ	תִּשְׁמַרוּ
2 fp	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה	תִּשְׁתַּמַּרְנָה	תִּשְׁמִירְנָה	תִּשְׁמַרְנָה
1 cp	נִשְׁמַר	נִשְׁמַר	נִשְׁמַר	נִשְׁמַר	נִשְׁתַּמַּר	נִשְׁמִיר	נִשְׁמַר

	Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hitpha'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Imperative							
2 ms	שָׁמַר	הִשְׁמַר	שָׁמַר		הִשְׁתַּמַּר	הִשְׁמַר	
2 fs	שָׁמְרִי	הִשְׁמְרִי	שָׁמְרִי		הִשְׁתַּמְרִי	הִשְׁמִירִי	
2 mp	שָׁמְרוּ	הִשְׁמְרוּ	שָׁמְרוּ		הִשְׁתַּמְרוּ	הִשְׁמִירוּ	
2 fp	שָׁמַרְנָה	הִשְׁמַרְנָה	שָׁמַרְנָה		הִשְׁתַּמַּרְנָה	הִשְׁמִירְנָה	

Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hitpha'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Infinitive Construct						
שָׁמַר	הִשְׁמַר	שָׁמַר	שָׁמַר	הִשְׁתַּמַּר	הִשְׁמִיר	הִשְׁמַר
Infinitive Absolute						
שָׁמַר	הִשְׁמַר	שָׁמַר	שָׁמַר	הִשְׁתַּמַּר	הִשְׁמִיר	הִשְׁמַר
	Alt. נִשְׁמַר	Alt. שִׁמַּר				

	Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hitpha'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Active Participle							
ms	שֹׁמֵר		מְשַׁמֵּר		מִשְׁתַּמֵּר	מְשַׁמֵּר	
mp	שֹׁמְרִים		מְשַׁמְּרִים		מִשְׁתַּמְּרִים	מְשַׁמְּרִים	
fs	שֹׁמְרָה		מְשַׁמְּרָה		מִשְׁתַּמְּרָה	מְשַׁמְּרָה	
fp	שֹׁמְרוֹת		מְשַׁמְּרוֹת		מִשְׁתַּמְּרוֹת	מְשַׁמְּרוֹת	
Passive Participle							
ms	שְׁמוּר	נִשְׁמַר		מְשֻׁמַּר			מְשֻׁמַּר
mp	שְׁמוּרִים	נִשְׁמְרִים		מְשֻׁמְּרִים			מְשֻׁמְּרִים
fs	שְׁמוּרָה	נִשְׁמְרָה		מְשֻׁמְּרָה			מְשֻׁמְּרָה
fp	שְׁמוּרוֹת	נִשְׁמְרוֹת		מְשֻׁמְּרוֹת			מְשֻׁמְּרוֹת

VERB CHART 2 – I-Guttural [Pe Guttural (פ)]

	Qal Simple active	Qal Simple Stative	Niph'al Simple passive/ reflexive	Hiph'il Causative active	Hoph'al Causative passive
Perfect					
3 ms	עָמַד	חָזַק	נִעְמַד	הִעְמִיד	הָעִמַּד
3 fs	עָמְדָה	חָזְקָה	נִעְמְדָה	הִעְמִיְדָה	הָעִמְדָה
2 ms	עָמַדְתָּ	חָזַקְתָּ	נִעְמַדְתָּ	הִעְמַדְתָּ	הָעִמַּדְתָּ
2 fs	עָמַדְתְּ	חָזַקְתְּ	נִעְמַדְתְּ	הִעְמַדְתְּ	הָעִמַּדְתְּ
1 cs	עָמַדְתִּי	חָזַקְתִּי	נִעְמַדְתִּי	הִעְמַדְתִּי	הָעִמַּדְתִּי
3 cp	עָמְדוּ	חָזְקוּ	נִעְמְדוּ	הִעְמִידוּ	הָעִמְדוּ
2 mp	עָמַדְתֶּם	חָזַקְתֶּם	נִעְמַדְתֶּם	הִעְמַדְתֶּם	הָעִמַּדְתֶּם
2 fp	עָמַדְתֶּן	חָזַקְתֶּן	נִעְמַדְתֶּן	הִעְמַדְתֶּן	הָעִמַּדְתֶּן
1 cp	עָמַדְנוּ	חָזַקְנוּ	נִעְמַדְנוּ	הִעְמַדְנוּ	הָעִמַּדְנוּ
Imperfect					
3 ms	יַעֲמֵד	יִחַזֵּק	יִנְעַמֵּד	יַעֲמִיד	יִהְיֶה עֹמֵד
3 fs	תַּעֲמֵד	תִּחַזֵּק	תִּנְעַמֵּד	תַּעֲמִיד	תִּהְיֶה עֹמֵד
2 ms	תַּעֲמֵד	תִּחַזֵּק	תִּנְעַמֵּד	תַּעֲמִיד	תִּהְיֶה עֹמֵד
2 fs	תַּעֲמִדִי	תִּחַזְּקִי	תִּנְעַמִּדִי	תַּעֲמִידִי	תִּהְיֶה עֹמֵד
1 cs	אֶעֱמֵד	אֶחַזֵּק	אֶנְעַמֵּד	אֶעֲמִיד	אֶהְיֶה עֹמֵד
3 mp	יַעֲמִדוּ	יִחַזְּקוּ	יִנְעַמְדוּ	יַעֲמִידוּ	יִהְיֶה עֹמֵד
3 fp	תַּעֲמַדְנָה	תִּחַזְּקְנָה	תִּנְעַמְדְנָה	תַּעֲמַדְנָה	תִּהְיֶה עֹמֵד
2 mp	תַּעֲמִדוּ	תִּחַזְּקוּ	תִּנְעַמְדוּ	תַּעֲמִידוּ	תִּהְיֶה עֹמֵד
2 fp	תַּעֲמַדְנָה	תִּחַזְּקְנָה	תִּנְעַמְדְנָה	תַּעֲמַדְנָה	תִּהְיֶה עֹמֵד
1 cp	נַעֲמַד	נִחַזֵּק	נִנְעַמַּד	נַעֲמִיד	נִהְיֶה עֹמֵד

	Qal (Active) Simple active	Qal (Stative) Simple Stative	Niph'al Simple passive/ reflexive	Hif'il Causative active
Imperative				
2 ms	עֲמַד	חַזֵּק	הִעֲמַד	הִעֲמִיד
2 fs	עֲמַדִי	חַזְּקִי	הִעֲמַדִי	הִעֲמִידִי
2 mp	עֲמְדוּ	חַזְּקוּ	הִעֲמְדוּ	הִעֲמִידוּ
2 fp	עֲמַדְנָה	חַזְּקְנָה	הִעֲמַדְנָה	הִעֲמִידְנָה

Qal	Niph'al	Hif'il	Hof'al
Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Infinitive Construct			
עִמַּד	הִעֲמַד	הִעֲמִיד	
Infinitive Absolute			
עִמְדוּ	נִעְמַד	הִעֲמִידוּ	הִעֲמִידוּ

	Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hitpha'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Active Participle							
ms	עֹמֵד					מֵעֹמֵד	
mp	עֹמְדִים					מֵעֹמְדִים	
fs	עֹמֶדֶת					מֵעֹמֶדֶת	
fp	עֹמְדוֹת					מֵעֹמְדוֹת	
Passive Participle							
ms	עֹמֵד	נִעְמָד					מְעֹמָד
mp	עֹמְדִים	נִעְמְדִים					מְעֹמְדִים
fs	עֹמֶדֶת	נִעְמְדָה					מְעֹמְדָה
fp	עֹמְדוֹת	נִעְמְדוֹת					מְעֹמְדוֹת

VERB CHART 3 – I-'Alef [Pe 'Alef]

	Qal Simple	Qal Simple
Perfect		
3 ms	אָכַל	אָמַר
3 fs	אָכְלָה	אָמְרָה
2 ms	אָכַלְתָּ	אָמַרְתָּ
2 fs	אָכַלְתְּ	אָמַרְתְּ
1 cs	אָכַלְתִּי	אָמַרְתִּי
3 cp	אָכְלוּ	אָמְרוּ
2 mp	אָכַלְתֶּם	אָמַרְתֶּם
2 fp	אָכַלְתֶּן	אָמַרְתֶּן
1 cp	אָכַלְנוּ	אָמַרְנוּ
Imperfect		
3 ms	יֹאכַל	יֹאמַר
3 fs	תֹּאכַל	תֹּאמַר
2 ms	תֹּאכַל	תֹּאמַר
2 fs	תֹּאכְלִי	תֹּאמְרִי
1 cs	אֲכַל	אֲמַר
3 mp	יֹאכְלוּ	יֹאמְרוּ
3 fp	תֹּאכְלֶנָּה	תֹּאמְרֶנָּה
2 mp	תֹּאכְלוּ	תֹּאמְרוּ
2 fp	תֹּאכְלֶנָּה	תֹּאמְרֶנָּה
1 cp	נֹאכַל	נֹאמַר

	Qal Simple active	Qal Simple active
Imperative		
2 ms	אָכַל	אָמַר
2 fs	אָכְלִי	אָמְרִי
2 mp	אָכְלוּ	אָמְרוּ
2 fp	אָכְלֶנָּה	אָמְרֶנָּה

Qal Infinitive Construct	
אָכַל	אָמַר
Qal Infinitive Absolute	
אָכוּל	אָמוּר

Qal Active Participle		
ms	אֹכֵל	אֹמֵר
mp	אֹכְלִים	אֹמְרִים
fs	אֹכֶלֶה	אֹמֶרֶה
	or אֹכֶלֶת	or אֹמֶרֶת
fp	אֹכְלוֹת	אֹמְרוֹת

Qal Passive Participle	
ms	אֹכּוּל
mp	אֹכּוּלִים
fs	אֹכּוּלָה
fp	אֹכּוּלוֹת

VERB CHART 4 – Il-Guttural [ʿAyin Guttural]

	Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hithpa'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Perfect							
3 ms	בָּרַךְ	נִבְרַח	בִּרְךָ	בִּרְכָה	הִתְבַּרְךָ	הִנְאִיל	הִנְאֵל
3 fs	בָּרְכָה	נִבְרַחָה	בִּרְכֵה	בִּרְכָה	הִתְבַּרְכֵה	הִנְאִילָה	הִנְאֵלָה
2 ms	בָּרַכְתָּ	נִבְרַחְתָּ	בִּרְכַתְּ	בִּרְכַתְּ	הִתְבַּרְכַתְּ	הִנְאִילְתָּ	הִנְאֵלְתָּ
2 fs	בָּרַכְתְּ	נִבְרַחְתְּ	בִּרְכַתְּ	בִּרְכַתְּ	הִתְבַּרְכַתְּ	הִנְאִילְתְּ	הִנְאֵלְתְּ
1 cs	בִּרְכֵתִי	נִבְרַחֲתִי	בִּרְכֵתִי	בִּרְכֵתִי	הִתְבַּרְכֵתִי	הִנְאִילֵתִי	הִנְאֵלֵתִי
3 cp	בִּרְכוּ	נִבְרַחוּ	בִּרְכוּ	בִּרְכוּ	הִתְבַּרְכוּ	הִנְאִילוּ	הִנְאֵלוּ
2 mp	בִּרְכֵתֶם	נִבְרַחֲתֶם	בִּרְכֵתֶם	בִּרְכֵתֶם	הִתְבַּרְכֵתֶם	הִנְאִילְתֶם	הִנְאֵלְתֶם
2 fp	בִּרְכֵתְנָן	נִבְרַחֲנָן	בִּרְכֵתְנָן	בִּרְכֵתְנָן	הִתְבַּרְכֵתְנָן	הִנְאִילְתְנָן	הִנְאֵלְתְנָן
1 cp	בִּרְכֵנוּ	נִבְרַחֲנוּ	בִּרְכֵנוּ	בִּרְכֵנוּ	הִתְבַּרְכֵנוּ	הִנְאִילְנוּ	הִנְאֵלְנוּ
Imperfect							
3 ms	יִבְרַךְ	יִנְאֵל	יְבַרְךָ	יְבַרְכָה	יִתְבַּרְךָ	יִנְאִיל	יִנְאֵל
3 fs	תִּבְרַכְךָ	תִּנְאֵלְךָ	תְבַרְכֵךְ	תְבַרְכָה	תִּתְבַּרְכֵךְ	תִּנְאִילְךָ	תִּנְאֵלְךָ
2 ms	תִּבְרַכְתָּ	תִּנְאֵלְתָּ	תְבַרְכַתְּ	תְבַרְכָה	תִּתְבַּרְכַתְּ	תִּנְאִילְתָּ	תִּנְאֵלְתָּ
2 fs	תִּבְרַכְתְּ	תִּנְאֵלְתְּ	תְבַרְכַתְּ	תְבַרְכָה	תִּתְבַּרְכַתְּ	תִּנְאִילְתְּ	תִּנְאֵלְתְּ
1 cs	אִבְרַכְךָ	אִנְאֵלְךָ	אִבְרַכְךָ	אִבְרַכְךָ	אִתְבַּרְכְךָ	אִנְאִילְךָ	אִנְאֵלְךָ
3 mp	יְבַרְכוּ	יְנְאִילוּ	יְבַרְכוּ	יְבַרְכוּ	יִתְבַּרְכוּ	יְנְאִילוּ	יְנְאֵלוּ
3 fp	תְבַרְכֵנָה	תְנְאִילְנָה	תְבַרְכֵנָה	תְבַרְכֵנָה	תִּתְבַּרְכֵנָה	תְנְאִילְנָה	תְנְאֵלְנָה
2 mp	תְבַרְכוּ	תְנְאִילוּ	תְבַרְכוּ	תְבַרְכוּ	תִּתְבַּרְכוּ	תְנְאִילוּ	תְנְאֵלוּ
2 fp	תְבַרְכֵנָה	תְנְאִילְנָה	תְבַרְכֵנָה	תְבַרְכֵנָה	תִּתְבַּרְכֵנָה	תְנְאִילְנָה	תְנְאֵלְנָה
1 cp	נִבְרַךְ	נִנְאֵל	נִבְרַךְ	נִבְרַךְ	נִתְבַּרְךָ	נִנְאִיל	נִנְאֵל

	Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hitpha'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Imperative							
2 ms	בָּרַךְ	הִנְאֵל	בִּרְךָ		הִתְבַּרְךָ	הִנְאֵל	
2 fs	בִּרְכֵי	הִנְאֵלִי	בִּרְכֵי		הִתְבַּרְכֵי	הִנְאֵלִי	
2 mp	בִּרְכוּ	הִנְאֵלוּ	בִּרְכוּ		הִתְבַּרְכוּ	הִנְאֵלוּ	
2 fp	בִּרְכֵנָה	הִנְאֵלְנָה	בִּרְכֵנָה		הִתְבַּרְכֵנָה	הִנְאֵלְנָה	

Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hitpha'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Infinitive Construct						
גָּאַל	הִגָּאַל	בָּרַךְ	בִּרְךָ	הִתְבָּרַךְ	הִגָּאֵל	הִגָּאַל
Infinitive Absolute						
גָּאוֹל	נִגָּאַל	בָּרַךְ		הִתְבָּרַךְ	הִגָּאֵל	הִגָּאַל

	Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hitpha'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Active Participle							
ms	גָּאַל		מְבָרַךְ		מִתְבָּרַךְ	מִגָּאֵל	
mp	גָּאֵלִים		מְבָרְכִים		מִתְבָּרְכִים	מִגָּאֵלִים	
fs	גָּאֵלָה		מְבָרְכָה		מִתְבָּרְכָה	מִגָּאֵלָה	
fp	גָּאֹלוֹת		מְבָרְכוֹת		מִתְבָּרְכוֹת	מִגָּאֹלוֹת	
Passive Participle							
ms	גָּאוֹל	נִגָּאַל		מְבָרַךְ			מִגָּאַל
mp	גָּאוֹלִים	נִגָּאֲלִים		מְבָרְכִים			מִגָּאֲלִים
fs	גָּאוֹלָה	נִגָּאֲלָה		מְבָרְכָה			מִגָּאֲלָה
fp	גָּאוֹלוֹת	נִגָּאֹלוֹת		מְבָרְכוֹת			מִגָּאֹלוֹת

VERB CHART 5 – III-Guttural [Lamed Guttural]

	Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hithpa'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Perfect							
3 ms	שָׁלַח	נִשְׁלַח	שָׁלַח	בִּרְכָּךְ	הִתְבַּרְכָּךְ	הִשְׁלִיחַ	הִשְׁלַח
3 fs	שָׁלְחָה	נִשְׁלַחָה	שָׁלְחָה	בִּרְכָּהּ	הִתְבַּרְכָּהּ	הִשְׁלִיחָהּ	הִשְׁלַחָהּ
2 ms	שָׁלַחְתָּ	נִשְׁלַחְתָּ	שָׁלַחְתָּ	בִּרְכַּתְּ	הִשְׁתַּלַּחְתָּ	הִשְׁלַחְתָּ	הִשְׁלַחְתָּ
2 fs	שָׁלַחְתְּ	נִשְׁלַחְתְּ	שָׁלַחְתְּ	בִּרְכַתְּ	שִׁשְׁתַּלַּחְתְּ	הִשְׁלַחְתְּ	הִשְׁלַחְתְּ
1 cs	שָׁלַחְתִּי	נִשְׁלַחְתִּי	שָׁלַחְתִּי	בִּרְכַתִּי	הִשְׁתַּלַּחְתִּי	הִשְׁלַחְתִּי	הִשְׁלַחְתִּי
3 cp	שָׁלְחוּ	נִשְׁלְחוּ	שָׁלְחוּ	בִּרְכוּ	הִשְׁתַּלְּחוּ	הִשְׁלִיחוּ	הִשְׁלַחוּ
2 mp	שָׁלַחְתֶּם	נִשְׁלַחְתֶּם	שָׁלַחְתֶּם	בִּרְכַתְּם	הִשְׁתַּלַּחְתֶּם	הִשְׁלַחְתֶּם	הִשְׁלַחְתֶּם
2 fp	שָׁלַחְתֶּן	נִשְׁלַחְתֶּן	שָׁלַחְתֶּן	בִּרְכַתְּנָן	הִשְׁתַּלַּחְתֶּן	הִשְׁלַחְתֶּן	הִשְׁלַחְתֶּן
1 cp	שָׁלַחְנוּ	נִשְׁלַחְנוּ	שָׁלַחְנוּ	בִּרְכָנוּ	הִשְׁתַּלַּחְנוּ	הִשְׁלַחְנוּ	הִשְׁלַחְנוּ
Imperfect							
3 ms	יִשְׁלַח	יִשְׁלַח	יִשְׁלַח	יִשְׁלַח	יִשְׁתַּלַּח	יִשְׁלִיחַ	יִשְׁלַח
3 fs	תִּשְׁלַח	תִּשְׁלַח	תִּשְׁלַח	תִּשְׁלַח	תִּשְׁתַּלַּח	תִּשְׁלִיחַ	תִּשְׁלַח
2 ms	תִּשְׁלַח	תִּשְׁלַח	תִּשְׁלַח	תִּשְׁלַח	תִּשְׁתַּלַּח	תִּשְׁלִיחַ	תִּשְׁלַח
2 fs	תִּשְׁלַחִי	תִּשְׁלַחִי	תִּשְׁלַחִי	תִּשְׁלַחִי	תִּשְׁתַּלַּחִי	תִּשְׁלִיחִי	תִּשְׁלַחִי
1 cs	אֶשְׁלַח	אֶשְׁלַח	אֶשְׁלַח	אֶשְׁלַח	אֶשְׁתַּלַּח	אֶשְׁלִיחַ	אֶשְׁלַח
3 mp	יִשְׁלְחוּ	יִשְׁלְחוּ	יִשְׁלְחוּ	יִשְׁלְחוּ	יִשְׁתַּלְּחוּ	יִשְׁלִיחוּ	יִשְׁלְחוּ
3 fp	תִּשְׁלַחְנָה	תִּשְׁלַחְנָה	תִּשְׁלַחְנָה	תִּשְׁלַחְנָה	תִּשְׁתַּלַּחְנָה	תִּשְׁלַחְנָה	תִּשְׁלַחְנָה
2 mp	תִּשְׁלְחוּ	תִּשְׁלְחוּ	תִּשְׁלְחוּ	תִּשְׁלְחוּ	תִּשְׁתַּלְּחוּ	תִּשְׁלִיחוּ	תִּשְׁלְחוּ
2 fp	תִּשְׁלַחְנָה	תִּשְׁלַחְנָה	תִּשְׁלַחְנָה	תִּשְׁלַחְנָה	תִּשְׁתַּלַּחְנָה	תִּשְׁלַחְנָה	תִּשְׁלַחְנָה
1 cp	נִשְׁלַח	נִשְׁלַח	נִשְׁלַח	נִשְׁלַח	נִשְׁתַּלַּח	נִשְׁלִיחַ	נִשְׁלַח

	Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hitpha'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Imperative							
2 ms	שָׁלַח	הִשְׁלַח	שָׁלַח		הִשְׁתַּלַּח	הִשְׁתַּלַּח	הִשְׁלַח
2 fs	שְׁלַחִי	הִשְׁלַחִי	שְׁלַחִי		שְׁלַחִי	הִשְׁתַּלַּחִי	הִשְׁלַחִי
2 mp	שְׁלַחוּ	הִשְׁלַחוּ	שְׁלַחוּ		שְׁלַחוּ	הִשְׁתַּלַּחוּ	הִשְׁלַחוּ
2 fp	שְׁלַחְנָה	הִשְׁלַחְנָה	שְׁלַחְנָה		שְׁלַחְנָה	הִשְׁתַּלַּחְנָה	הִשְׁלַחְנָה

Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hitpha'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Infinitive Construct						
שָׁלַח	הִשְׁלַח	שָׁלַח	שָׁלַח	הִשְׁתַּלַּח	הִשְׁלִיחַ	הִשְׁלַח
Infinitive Absolute						
שָׁלוּחַ	נִשְׁלוּחַ	שָׁלַח	שָׁלַח	הִשְׁתַּלַּח	הִשְׁלַח	הִשְׁלַח
	הִשְׁלַח					

	Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hitpha'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Active Participle							
ms	שָׁלַח		מְשַׁלֵּחַ		מִשְׁתַּלַּח	מְשַׁלֵּיחַ	
mp	שֹׁלְחִים		מְשַׁלְּחִים		מִשְׁתַּלְּחִים	מְשַׁלְּיחִים	
fs	שֹׁלְחָה		מְשַׁלְּחָה		מִשְׁתַּלְּחָה	מְשַׁלְּיחָה	
fp	שֹׁלְחוֹת		מְשַׁלְּחוֹת		מִשְׁתַּלְּחוֹת	מְשַׁלְּיחוֹת	
Passive Participle							
ms	שְׁלוּחַ	נִשְׁלַח		מְשֻׁלַּח			מְשֻׁלָּח
mp	שְׁלוּחִים	נִשְׁלְּחִים		מְשֻׁלְּחִים			מְשֻׁלְּחִים
fs	שְׁלוּחָה	נִשְׁלְּחָה		מְשֻׁלְּחָה			מְשֻׁלְּחָה
fp	שְׁלוּחוֹת	נִשְׁלְּחוֹת		מְשֻׁלְּחוֹת			מְשֻׁלְּחוֹת

VERB CHART 6 – III-'Alef [Lamed 'Alef]

	Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hithpa'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Perfect							
3 ms	מָצָא	נִמְצָא	מָצָא	מָצָא	הִתְמַצָּא	הִמְצִיא	הִמְצָא
3 fs	מָצְאָה	נִמְצְאָה	מָצְאָה	מָצְאָה	הִתְמַצְּאָה	הִמְצִיָּאָה	הִמְצָאָה
2 ms	מָצַאתָ	נִמְצַאתָ	מָצַאתָ	מָצַאתָ	הִתְמַצַּאתָ	הִמְצִיַּאתָ	הִמְצָאתָ
2 fs	מָצַאתְּ	נִמְצַאתְּ	מָצַאתְּ	מָצַאתְּ	הִתְמַצַּאתְּ	הִמְצִיַּאתְּ	הִמְצָאתְּ
1 cs	מָצַאתִי	נִמְצַאתִי	מָצַאתִי	מָצַאתִי	הִתְמַצַּאתִי	הִמְצִיַּאתִי	הִמְצָאתִי
3 cp	מָצְאוּ	נִמְצְאוּ	מָצְאוּ	מָצְאוּ	הִתְמַצְּאוּ	הִמְצִיאוּ	הִמְצָאוּ
2 mp	מָצַאתֶם	נִמְצַאתֶם	מָצַאתֶם	מָצַאתֶם	הִתְמַצַּאתֶם	הִמְצִיַּאתֶם	הִמְצָאתֶם
2 fp	מָצַאתֶן	נִמְצַאתֶן	מָצַאתֶן	מָצַאתֶן	הִתְמַצַּאתֶן	הִמְצִיַּאתֶן	הִמְצָאתֶן
1 cp	מָצְאוּ	נִמְצְאוּ	מָצְאוּ	מָצְאוּ	הִתְמַצְּאוּ	הִמְצִיאוּ	הִמְצָאוּ
Imperfect							
3 ms	יִמְצָא	יִמְצָא	יִמְצָא	יִמְצָא	יִתְמַצָּא	יִמְצִיא	יִמְצָא
3 fs	תִּמְצָא	תִּמְצָא	תִּמְצָא	תִּמְצָא	תִּתְמַצְּא	תִּמְצִיא	תִּמְצָא
2 ms	תִּמְצָא	תִּמְצָא	תִּמְצָא	תִּמְצָא	תִּתְמַצָּא	תִּמְצִיא	תִּמְצָא
2 fs	תִּמְצְאִי	תִּמְצְאִי	תִּמְצְאִי	תִּמְצְאִי	תִּתְמַצְּאִי	תִּמְצִיאִי	תִּמְצְאִי
1 cs	אִמְצָא	אִמְצָא	אִמְצָא	אִמְצָא	אִתְמַצָּא	אִמְצִיא	אִמְצָא
3 mp	יִמְצְאוּ	יִמְצְאוּ	יִמְצְאוּ	יִמְצְאוּ	יִתְמַצְּאוּ	יִמְצִיאוּ	יִמְצְאוּ
3 fp	תִּמְצְאֶנָּה	תִּמְצְאֶנָּה	תִּמְצְאֶנָּה	תִּמְצְאֶנָּה	תִּתְמַצְּאֶנָּה	תִּמְצִיֶּנָּה	תִּמְצְאֶנָּה
2 mp	תִּמְצְאוּ	תִּמְצְאוּ	תִּמְצְאוּ	תִּמְצְאוּ	תִּתְמַצְּאוּ	תִּמְצִיאוּ	תִּמְצְאוּ
2 fp	תִּמְצְאֶנָּה	תִּמְצְאֶנָּה	תִּמְצְאֶנָּה	תִּמְצְאֶנָּה	תִּתְמַצְּאֶנָּה	תִּמְצִיֶּנָּה	תִּמְצְאֶנָּה
1 cp	נִמְצָא	נִמְצָא	נִמְצָא	נִמְצָא	נִתְמַצָּא	נִמְצִיא	נִמְצָא

	Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hitpha'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Imperative							
2 ms	מָצָא	הִמְצָא	מָצָא		הִתְמַצָּא	הִמְצִיא	
2 fs	מָצְאִי	הִמְצְאִי	מָצְאִי		הִתְמַצְּאִי	הִמְצִיאִי	
2 mp	מָצְאוּ	הִמְצְאוּ	מָצְאוּ		הִתְמַצְּאוּ	הִמְצִיאוּ	
2 fp	מָצְאֶנָּה	הִמְצְאֶנָּה	מָצְאֶנָּה		הִתְמַצְּאֶנָּה	הִמְצִיֶּנָּה	

Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hitpha'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Infinitive Construct						
מִצָּא	הִמְצָא	מִצָּא	מִצָּא	תִּמְצָא	הִמְצִיא	הִמְצָא
Infinitive Absolute						
מִצּוֹא	נִמְצָא	מִצָּא	מִצָּא	תִּמְצָא	הִמְצָא	הִמְצָא

	Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hitpha'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Active Participle							
ms	מִצָּא		מִמְצָא		מִתְמַצָּא	מִמְצִיא	
mp	מִצָּאִים		מִמְצָאִים		מִתְמַצָּאִים	מִמְצִיאִים	
fs	מִצָּאָה		מִמְצָאָה		מִתְמַצָּאָה	מִמְצִיָּאָה	
			מִמְצָאָה		מִתְמַצָּאָה		
fp	מִצָּאוֹת		מִמְצָאוֹת		מִתְמַצָּאוֹת	מִמְצִיאוֹת	
Passive Participle							
ms	מִצּוֹא	נִמְצָא		מִמְצָא			מִמְצָא
mp	מִצּוֹאִים	נִמְצָאִים		מִמְצָאִים			מִמְצָאִים
fs	מִצּוֹאָה	נִמְצָאָה		מִמְצָאָה			מִמְצָאָה
		נִמְצָאָה					
fp	מִצּוֹאוֹת	נִמְצָאוֹת		מִמְצָאוֹת			מִמְצָאוֹת

VERB CHART 7 – III-He [Lamed He]

	Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hithpa'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Perfect							
3 ms	גָּלָה	נִגְלָה	גָּלָה	גָּלָה	הִתְגַּלָּה	הִגְלָה	הִגְלָה
3 fs	גָּלְתָה	נִגְלְתָה	גָּלְתָה	גָּלְתָה	הִתְגַּלְתָּה	הִגְלְתָה	הִגְלְתָה
2 ms	גָּלִיתָ	נִגְלִיתָ	גָּלִיתָ	גָּלִיתָ	הִתְגַּלִּיתָ	הִגְלִיתָ	הִגְלִיתָ
2 fs	גָּלִיתְּ	נִגְלִיתְּ	גָּלִיתְּ	גָּלִיתְּ	הִתְגַּלִּיתְּ	הִגְלִיתְּ	הִגְלִיתְּ
1 cs	גָּלִיתִי	נִגְלִיתִי	גָּלִיתִי	גָּלִיתִי	הִתְגַּלִּיתִי	הִגְלִיתִי	הִגְלִיתִי
3 cp	גָּלוּ	נִגְלוּ	גָּלוּ	גָּלוּ	הִתְגַּלוּ	הִגְלוּ	הִגְלוּ
2 mp	גָּלִיתֶם	נִגְלִיתֶם	גָּלִיתֶם	גָּלִיתֶם	הִתְגַּלִּיתֶם	הִגְלִיתֶם	הִגְלִיתֶם
2 fp	גָּלִיתֶן	נִגְלִיתֶן	גָּלִיתֶן	גָּלִיתֶן	הִתְגַּלִּיתֶן	הִגְלִיתֶן	הִגְלִיתֶן
1 cp	גָּלִינוּ	נִגְלִינוּ	גָּלִינוּ	גָּלִינוּ	הִתְגַּלִּינוּ	הִגְלִינוּ	הִגְלִינוּ
Imperfect							
3 ms	יִגְלֶה	יִנְגַּלֶה	יִגְלֶה	יִגְלֶה	יִתְגַּלֶּה	יִגְלֶה	יִגְלֶה
3 fs	תִּגְלֶה	תִּנְגַּלֶּה	תִּגְלֶה	תִּגְלֶה	תִּתְגַּלֶּה	תִּגְלֶה	תִּגְלֶה
2 ms	תִּגְלֶה	תִּנְגַּלֶּה	תִּגְלֶה	תִּגְלֶה	תִּתְגַּלֶּה	תִּגְלֶה	תִּגְלֶה
2 fs	תִּגְלִי	תִּנְגַּלִּי	תִּגְלִי	תִּגְלִי	תִּתְגַּלִּי	תִּגְלִי	תִּגְלִי
1 cs	אֶגְלֶה	אֶנְגַּלֶּה	אֶגְלֶה	אֶגְלֶה	אֶתְגַּלֶּה	אֶגְלֶה	אֶגְלֶה
3 mp	יִגְלוּ	יִנְגַּלוּ	יִגְלוּ	יִגְלוּ	יִתְגַּלוּ	יִגְלוּ	יִגְלוּ
3 fp	תִּגְלִינָה	תִּנְגַּלִּינָה	תִּגְלִינָה	תִּגְלִינָה	תִּתְגַּלִּינָה	תִּגְלִינָה	תִּגְלִינָה
2 mp	תִּגְלוּ	תִּנְגַּלוּ	תִּגְלוּ	תִּגְלוּ	תִּתְגַּלוּ	תִּגְלוּ	תִּגְלוּ
2 fp	תִּגְלִינָה	תִּנְגַּלִּינָה	תִּגְלִינָה	תִּגְלִינָה	תִּתְגַּלִּינָה	תִּגְלִינָה	תִּגְלִינָה
1 cp	נִגְלֶה	נִגְלֶה	נִגְלֶה	נִגְלֶה	נִתְגַּלֶּה	נִגְלֶה	נִגְלֶה

	Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hitpha'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Imperative							
2 ms	גָּלֵה	הִגְלֵה	גָּלֵה		הִתְגַּלֵּה	הִגְלֵה	
2 fs	גָּלִי	הִגְלִי	גָּלִי		הִתְגַּלִּי	הִגְלִי	
2 mp	גָּלוּ	הִגְלוּ	גָּלוּ		הִתְגַּלוּ	הִגְלוּ	
2 fp	גָּלִינָה	הִגְלִינָה	גָּלִינָה		הִתְגַּלִּינָה	הִגְלִינָה	

Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hitpha'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Infinitive Construct						
גלות	הגלות	גלות	גלות	התגלות	הגלות	הגלות
Infinitive Absolute						
גלה	נגלה	גלה	גלה	התגלה	הגלה	הגלה

	Qal	Niph'al	Pi'el	Pu'al	Hitpha'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Active Participle							
ms	גלה		מגלה		מתגלה	מגלה	
mp	גלים		מגלים		מתגלים	מגלים	
fs	גלה		מגלה		מתגלה	מגלה	
fp	גלות		מגלות		מתגלות	מגלות	
Passive Participle							
ms	גלוי	נגלה		מגלה			מגלה
mp	גלויים	נגלים		מגלים			מגלים
fs	גלוייה	נגלה		מגלה			מגלה
fp	גלויות	נגלות		מגלות			מגלות

VERB CHART 8 – I-Nun [Pe Nun]

	Qal Simple active	Qal Simple active	Qal Simple active	Qal Simple active	Niph'al Simple passive/ reflexive	Hif'il Causative active	Hof'al Causative passive
Perfect							
3 ms	נָפַל	נָגַשׁ	לָקַח	לָקַח	נָגַשׁ	הִגִּישׁ	הִגִּישׁ
3 fs	נָפְלָה	נָגְשָׁה	לָקְחָה	לָקְחָה	נָגְשָׁה	הִגִּישָׁה	הִגִּישָׁה
2 ms	נָפַלְתָּ	נָגַשְׁתָּ	לָקַחְתָּ	לָקַחְתָּ	נָגַשְׁתָּ	הִגִּישְׁתָּ	הִגִּישְׁתָּ
2 fs	נָפַלְתְּ	נָגַשְׁתְּ	לָקַחְתְּ	לָקַחְתְּ	נָגַשְׁתְּ	הִגִּישְׁתְּ	הִגִּישְׁתְּ
1 cs	נָפַלְתִּי	נָגַשְׁתִּי	לָקַחְתִּי	לָקַחְתִּי	נָגַשְׁתִּי	הִגִּישְׁתִּי	הִגִּישְׁתִּי
3 cp	נָפְלוּ	נָגְשׂוּ	לָקְחוּ	לָקְחוּ	נָגְשׂוּ	הִגִּישׂוּ	הִגִּישׂוּ
2 mp	נָפַלְתֶּם	נָגַשְׁתֶּם	לָקַחְתֶּם	לָקַחְתֶּם	נָגַשְׁתֶּם	הִגִּישְׁתֶּם	הִגִּישְׁתֶּם
2 fp	נָפַלְתֶּן	נָגַשְׁתֶּן	לָקַחְתֶּן	לָקַחְתֶּן	נָגַשְׁתֶּן	הִגִּישְׁתֶּן	הִגִּישְׁתֶּן
1 cp	נָפְלוּ	נָגְשׂוּ	לָקְחוּ	לָקְחוּ	נָגְשׂוּ	הִגִּישׂוּ	הִגִּישׂוּ
Imperfect							
3 ms	יִפֹּל	יִגַּשׁ	יִלְקַח	יִלְקַח	יִגַּשׁ	יִגִּישׁ	יִגַּשׁ
3 fs	תִּפֹּל	תִּגַּשׁ	תִּלְקַח	תִּלְקַח	תִּגַּשׁ	תִּגִּישׁ	תִּגַּשׁ
2 ms	תִּפֹּלְ	תִּגַּשׁ	תִּלְקַחְ	תִּלְקַחְ	תִּגַּשׁ	תִּגִּישׁ	תִּגַּשׁ
2 fs	תִּפֹּלִי	תִּגַּשִׁי	תִּלְקַחִי	תִּלְקַחִי	תִּגַּשִׁי	תִּגִּישִׁי	תִּגַּשִׁי
1 cs	אִפֹּל	אִגַּשׁ	אִלְקַח	אִלְקַח	אִגַּשׁ	אִגִּישׁ	אִגַּשׁ
3 mp	יִפְלוּ	יִגְשׂוּ	יִלְקְחוּ	יִלְקְחוּ	יִגְשׂוּ	יִגִּישׂוּ	יִגְשׂוּ
3 fp	תִּפְלְנָה	תִּגְשְׁנָה	תִּלְקַחְנָה	תִּלְקַחְנָה	תִּגְשְׁנָה	תִּגִּישְׁנָה	תִּגְשְׁנָה
2 mp	תִּפְלוּ	תִּגְשׂוּ	תִּלְקְחוּ	תִּלְקְחוּ	תִּגְשׂוּ	תִּגִּישׂוּ	תִּגְשׂוּ
2 fp	תִּפְלְנָה	תִּגְשְׁנָה	תִּלְקַחְנָה	תִּלְקַחְנָה	תִּגְשְׁנָה	תִּגִּישְׁנָה	תִּגְשְׁנָה
1 cp	נָפַל	נָגַשׁ	נָלַחַן	נָלַחַן	נָגַשׁ	נָגִישׁ	נָגַשׁ

	Qal Simple active	Qal Simple active	Qal Simple active	Qal Simple active	Niph'al Simple passive/ reflexive	Hif'il Causative active	Hof'al Causative passive
Imperative							
2 ms	נָפַל	נִשׁ	לַחַן	לַחַח	הִנְגַּשׁ	הִגִּישׁ	
2 fs	נָפְלִי	נִשִׁי	לַחִי	לַחִי	הִנְגִּישִׁי	הִגִּישִׁי	
2 mp	נָפְלוּ	נִשׂוּ	לַחֲוּ	לַחֲוּ	הִנְגַּשׂוּ	הִגִּישׂוּ	
2 fp	נָפְלְנָה	נִשְׁנָה	לַחְנָה	לַחְנָה	הִנְגַּשְׁנָה	הִגִּישְׁנָה	

Qal	Qal	Qal	Qal	Niph'al	Hif'il	Hof'al
Simple active	Simple active	Simple active	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Infinitive Construct						
נָפֵל	נָשָׂת	תָּת	קָחַת	הִנָּשׂ	הִגִּישׁ	הִגָּשׁ
Infinitive Absolute						
נִפְּוֵל	נִגְּוֵשׁ	נִתְּוֵן	לִקְּוֹחַ	הִנָּגְּשׁ	הִגָּשׁ	הִגָּשׁ

	Qal	Qal	Qal	Qal	Niph'al	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple active	Simple active	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Active Participle							
ms	נֹפֵל	נֹשֵׂת	תֹּתֵן	לֹקָח		מִגִּישׁ	
mp	נֹפְלִים	נֹשְׂתִים	תֹּתְנִים	לֹקְחִים		מִגִּישִׁים	
fs	נֹפֵלָה	נֹשֶׂתָה	תֹּתְנֶהָ	לֹקְחָהּ		מִגִּישָׁהּ	
fp	נֹפְלוֹת	נֹשְׂוֹת	תֹּתְנוֹת	לֹקְחוֹת		מִגִּישׁוֹת	
Passive Participle							
ms	נִפְּוֵל				נִגְּשׁ		מִגָּשׁ
mp	נִפְּוֵלִים				נִגְּשִׁים		מִגָּשִׁים
fs	נִפְּוֵלָה				נִגְּשָׁהּ		מִגָּשָׁהּ
fp	נִפְּוֵלוֹת				נִגְּשׁוֹת		מִגָּשׁוֹת

VERB CHART 9 – II-Vav/ II-Yod [‘Ayin Vav/ ‘Ayin Yod]

	Qal	Qal	Qal	Qal	Qal
	Simple active	Simple active	Simple active	Simple active	Simple active
Perfect					
3 ms	קָם	שָׁם	בָּא	בוֹשׁ	מָתָה
3 fs	קָמָה	שָׁמָה	בָּאָה	בוֹשָׁה	מָתָה
2 ms	קָמַתָּ	שָׁמַתָּ	בָּאתָ	בוֹשַׁתָּ	מָתָה
2 fs	קָמַתְּ	שָׁמַתְּ	בָּאתְּ	בוֹשַׁתְּ	מָתָה
1 cs	קָמַתִּי	שָׁמַתִּי	בָּאתִי	בוֹשַׁתִּי	מָתָה
3 cp	קָמוּ	שָׁמוּ	בָּאוּ	בוֹשׁוּ	מָתוּ
2 mp	קָמְתֶם	שָׁמְתֶם	בָּאתֶם	בוֹשַׁתֶם	מָתֶם
2 fp	קָמַתְוּ	שָׁמַתְוּ	בָּאתְוּ	בוֹשַׁתְוּ	מָתְוּ
1 cp	קָמְנוּ	שָׁמְנוּ	בָּאנוּ	בוֹשַׁנוּ	מָתְנוּ
Imperfect					
3 ms	יִקְוֶם	יִשָּׂם	יָבוֹא	יִבוֹשׁ	יִמָּוֵת
3 fs	תִּקְוֶם	תִּשָּׂם	תָּבוֹא	תִּבוֹשׁ	תִּמָּוֵת
2 ms	תִּקְוֶם	תִּשָּׂם	תָּבוֹא	תִּבוֹשׁ	תִּמָּוֵת
2 fs	תִּקְוֶמִי	תִּשָּׂמִי	תָּבוֹאִי	תִּבוֹשִׁי	תִּמָּוֵתִי
1 cs	אֶקְוֶם	אֲשָׂם	אָבוֹא	אִבוֹשׁ	אִמָּוֵת
3 mp	יִקְוֶמוּ	יִשָּׂמוּ	יָבוֹאוּ	יִבוֹשׁוּ	יִמָּוֵתוּ
3 fp	תִּקְוֶינָה	תִּשָּׂינָה	תָּבוֹאנָה	תִּבוֹשְׁנָה	תִּמָּוֵתִינָה
2 mp	תִּקְוֶמוּ	תִּשָּׂמוּ	תָּבוֹאוּ	תִּבוֹשׁוּ	תִּמָּוֵתוּ
2 fp	תִּקְוֶינָה	תִּשָּׂינָה	תָּבוֹאנָה	תִּבוֹשְׁנָה	תִּמָּוֵתִינָה
1 cp	נִקְוֶם	נִשָּׂם	נָבוֹא	נִבוֹשׁ	נִמָּוֵת

	Qal	Qal	Qal	Qal	Niph'al
	Simple active	Simple active	Simple active	Simple active	Simple passive/ reflexive
Imperative					
2 ms	קוּם	שִׂם	בוֹא	בוֹשׁ	מוֹת
2 fs	קוּמִי	שִׂמִי	בוֹאִי	בוֹשִׁי	מוֹתִי
2 mp	קוּמוּ	שִׂמוּ	בוֹאוּ	בוֹשׁוּ	מוֹתוּ
2 fp	קוּמְנָה	שִׂמְנָה	בוֹאֲנָה	בוֹשְׁנָה	מוֹתְנָה

Qal	Qal	Qal	Qal	Niph'al
Simple active	Simple active	Simple active	Simple active	Simple passive/ reflexive
Infinitive Construct				
קוּם		בוֹא	בוֹשׁ	מוֹת
Infinitive Absolute				
קוּם	שִׂם	בוֹא	בוֹשׁ	מוֹת

	Qal Simple active	Qal Simple active	Qal Simple active	Qal Simple active	Niph'al Simple passive/ reflexive
Active Participle					
ms	קָם	שָׁם	בָּא	בוֹשׁ	מָת
mp	קָמִים	שָׁמִים	בָּאִים	בוֹשִׁים	מָתִים
fs	קָמָה	שָׁמָה	בָּאָה	בוֹשָׁה	מָתָה
fp	קָמוֹת	שָׁמוֹת	בָּאוֹת	בוֹשׁוֹת	מָתוֹת

VERB CHART 9 – II-Vav/II-Yod ['Ayin Vav/'Ayin Yod] Continued

	Niph'al Simple passive/ reflexive	Pol'el Intensive active	Hif'il Causative active	Hof'al Causative passive
Perfect				
3 ms	נִכְוֵן	כּוֹנֵן	הִקִּים	הוּמָת
3 fs	נִכְוְנָה	כּוֹנְנָה	הִקִּימָה	הוּמְתָה
2 ms	נִכְוֹנֹתָ	כּוֹנְנֹתָ	הִקִּימוֹתָ	הוּמְתָתָ
2 fs	נִכְוֹנוֹתַי	כּוֹנְנֹתַי	הִקִּימוֹתַי	הוּמְתָתַי
1 cs	נִכְוֹנֹתִי	כּוֹנְנֹתִי	הִקִּימוֹתִי	הוּמְתָתִי
3 cp	נִכְוֹנוּ	כּוֹנְנוּ	הִקִּימוּ	הוּמְתוּ
2 mp	נִכְוֹנֹתֶם	כּוֹנְנֹתֶם	הִקִּימוֹתֶם	הוּמְתֶם
2 fp	נִכְוֹנוֹתֵיךְ	כּוֹנְנֹתֵיךְ	הִקִּימוֹתֵיךְ	הוּמְתֵיךְ
1 cp	נִכְוֹנוֹי	כּוֹנְנוֹי	הִקִּימוֹנוֹי	הוּמְתֹנוֹי
Imperfect				
3 ms	יִכְוֵן	יִכְוֵן	יִקִּים	יִוּמָת
3 fs	תִּכְוֵן	תִּכְוֵן	תִּקִּים	תִּוּמָת
2 ms	תִּכְוֵן	תִּכְוֵן	תִּקִּים	תִּוּמָת
2 fs	תִּכְוִי	תִּכְוִי	תִּקִּימי	תִּוּמָתִי
1 cs	אִכְוֵן	אִכְוֵן	אִקִּים	אִוּמָת
3 mp	יִכְוֹנוּ	יִכְוֹנוּ	יִקִּימוּ	יִוּמָתוּ
3 fp	תִּכְוֹנְנָה	תִּכְוֹנְנָה	תִּקִּימְנָה	תִּוּמְתְנָה
2 mp	תִּכְוֹנוּ	תִּכְוֹנוּ	תִּקִּימוּ	תִּוּמָתוּ
2 fp	תִּכְוֹנְנָה	תִּכְוֹנְנָה	תִּקִּימְנָה	תִּוּמְתְנָה
1 cp	נִכְוֵן	נִכְוֵן	נִקִּים	נִוּמָת

	Niph'al	Pol'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Causative active	Causative passive
Imperative				
2 ms	הִכּוֹן	כּוֹנֵן	הִקֵּם	
2 fs	הִכּוּנִי	כּוֹנְנִי	הִקִּימִי	
2 mp	הִכּוּנוּ	כּוֹנְנוּ	הִקִּימוּ	
2 fp	הִכּוּנְהֶן	כּוֹנְנֶהּ	הִקִּימְנָהּ	

Niph'al	Pol'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Causative active	Causative passive
Infinitive Construct			
הִכּוֹן	כּוֹנֵן	הִקִּים	הוֹמֵת
Infinitive Absolute			
הִכּוֹן	כּוֹנֵן	הִקֵּם	הוֹמֵת

	Niph'al	Pol'el	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Causative active	Causative passive
Active Participle				
ms		מְכּוֹנֵן	מְקִים	
mp		מְכּוֹנְנִים	מְקִימִים	
fs		מְכּוֹנְנָה	מְקִימָה	
fp		מְכּוֹנְנוֹת	מְקִימוֹת	
Passive Participle				
ms	נְכּוּן			מוֹמֵת
mp	נְכּוּנִים			מוֹמְתִים
fs	נְכּוּנָה			מוֹמְתָהּ
fp	נְכּוּנוֹת			מוֹמְתוֹת

VERB CHART 10 – I-Vav/I-Yod [Pe Vav/Pe Yod]

	Qal Simple active	Qal Simple active	Niph'al Simple passive/ reflexive	Hif'il Causative active	Hof'al Causative passive	Qal Simple active	Hif'il Causative active
Perfect							
3 ms	יָשַׁב	יָרָא	נִשְׁבַּב	הוֹשִׁיב	הוֹשַׁב	יָטַב	הִיטִיב
3 fs	יָשְׁבָה	יָרְאָה	נִשְׁבְּבָה	הוֹשִׁיבָה	הוֹשַׁבָה	יָטַבָה	הִיטִיבָה
2 ms	יָשַׁבְתָּ	יָרַאתָ	נִשְׁבַּבְתָּ	הוֹשַׁבְתָּ	הוֹשַׁבְתָּ	יָטַבְתָּ	הִיטַבְתָּ
2 fs	יָשַׁבְתְּ	יָרַאתְ	נִשְׁבַּבְתְּ	הוֹשַׁבְתְּ	הוֹשַׁבְתְּ	יָטַבְתְּ	הִיטַבְתְּ
1 cs	יָשַׁבְתִּי	יָרַאתִי	נִשְׁבַּבְתִּי	הוֹשַׁבְתִּי	הוֹשַׁבְתִּי	יָטַבְתִּי	הִיטַבְתִּי
3 cp	יָשְׁבוּ	יָרְאוּ	נִשְׁבְּבוּ	הוֹשִׁיבוּ	הוֹשַׁבוּ	יָטַבוּ	הִיטִיבוּ
2 mp	יָשַׁבְתֶּם	יָרַאתֶם	נִשְׁבַּבְתֶּם	הוֹשַׁבְתֶּם	הוֹשַׁבְתֶּם	יָטַבְתֶּם	הִיטַבְתֶּם
2 fp	יָשַׁבְתֶּן	יָרַאתֶן	נִשְׁבַּבְתֶּן	הוֹשַׁבְתֶּן	הוֹשַׁבְתֶּן	יָטַבְתֶּן	הִיטַבְתֶּן
1 cp	יָשַׁבְנוּ	יָרַאנוּ	נִשְׁבַּבְנוּ	הוֹשַׁבְנוּ	הוֹשַׁבְנוּ	יָטַבְנוּ	הִיטַבְנוּ
Imperfect							
3 ms	יֹשֵׁב	יִירָא	יֹשֵׁב	יֹוֹשִׁיב	יֹוֹשַׁב	יִיטֵב	יִיטִיב
3 fs	תֹּשֵׁב	תִּירָא	תֹּשֵׁב	תֹּוֹשִׁיב	תֹּוֹשַׁב	תִּיטֵב	תִּיטִיב
2 ms	תֹּשֵׁב	תִּירָא	תֹּשֵׁב	תֹּוֹשִׁיב	תֹּוֹשַׁב	תִּיטֵב	תִּיטִיב
2 fs	תֹּשֵׁבִי	תִּירְאִי	תֹּשֵׁבִי	תֹּוֹשִׁיבִי	תֹּוֹשַׁבִי	תִּיטֵבִי	תִּיטִיבִי
1 cs	אֹשֵׁב	אִירָא	אֹשֵׁב	אֹוֹשִׁיב	אֹוֹשַׁב	אִיטֵב	אִיטִיב
3 mp	יֹשְׁבוּ	יִירְאוּ	יֹשְׁבוּ	יֹוֹשִׁיבוּ	יֹוֹשַׁבוּ	יִיטֵבוּ	יִיטִיבוּ
3 fp	תֹּשְׁבָנָה	תִּירְאָנָה	תֹּשְׁבָנָה	תֹּוֹשִׁיבָנָה	תֹּוֹשַׁבָנָה	תִּיטֵבָנָה	תִּיטִיבָנָה
2 mp	תֹּשְׁבוּ	תִירְאוּ	תֹּשְׁבוּ	תֹּוֹשִׁיבוּ	תֹּוֹשַׁבוּ	תִּיטֵבוּ	תִּיטִיבוּ
2 fp	תֹּשְׁבָנָה	תִירְאָנָה	תֹּשְׁבָנָה	תֹּוֹשִׁיבָנָה	תֹּוֹשַׁבָנָה	תִּיטֵבָנָה	תִּיטִיבָנָה
1 cp	נִשֵּׁב	נִירָא	נִשֵּׁב	נִוֹשִׁיב	נִוֹשַׁב	נִיטֵב	נִיטִיב

	Qal Simple active	Qal Simple active	Niph'al Simple passive/ reflexive	Hif'il Causative active	Hof'al Causative passive	Qal Simple active	Hif'il Causative active
Imperative							
2 ms	שֵׁב	יָרָא	הִשְׁבֵּב	הוֹשִׁיב		יָטַב	הִיטֵב
2 fs	שְׁבִי	יָרְאִי	הִשְׁבְּבִי	הוֹשִׁיבִי		יָטַבִי	הִיטִיבִי
2 mp	שְׁבוּ	יָרְאוּ	הִשְׁבְּבוּ	הוֹשִׁיבוּ		יָטַבוּ	הִיטִיבוּ
2 fp	שְׁבָנָה	יָרְאָנָה	הִשְׁבְּבָנָה	הוֹשִׁיבָנָה		יָטַבָנָה	הִיטִיבָנָה

Qal	Qal	Niph'al	Hif'il	Hof'al	Qal	Hif'il
Simple active	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive	Simple active	Causative active
Infinitive Construct						
שָׁבַת	יָרָא	הוֹשֵׁב	הוֹשִׁיב	הוֹשֵׁב	יָטַב	הִיטִיב
Infinitive Absolute						
יֵשׁוּב		הוֹשֵׁב	הוֹשִׁיב	הוֹשֵׁב	יֵטוּב	הִיטֵב

	Qal	Qal	Niph'al	Hif'il	Hof'al	Qal	Hif'il
	Simple active	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive	Simple active	Causative active
Active Participle							
ms	יֹשֵׁב	יָרֵא		מוֹשִׁיב		יָטֵב	מִיטִיב
mp	יֹשְׁבִים			מוֹשִׁיבִים		יֹטְבִים	מִיטִיבִים
fs	יֹשֶׁבֶת			מוֹשִׁיבָה		יֹטְבָה	מִיטִיבָה
fp	יֹשְׁבוֹת			מוֹשִׁיבוֹת		יֹטְבוֹת	מִיטִיבוֹת
Passive Participle							
ms			נוֹשֵׁב		מוֹשָׁב		
mp			נוֹשְׁבִים		מוֹשָׁבִים		
fs			נוֹשֶׁבֶת		מוֹשָׁבָה		
fp			נוֹשְׁבוֹת		מוֹשָׁבוֹת		

VERB CHART 11 – Geminate [Double 'Ayin]

	Qal Simple active	Niph'al Simple passive/ reflexive	Polel Intensive active	Polal Intensive Passive	Hitpolel Intensive reflexive	Hif'il Causative active	Hof'al Causative passive
Perfect							
3 ms	סב	נסב	סובב	סובב	הסתובב	הסב	הוסב
3 fs	סבה	נסבה	סובבה	סובבה	הסתובבה	הסבה	הוסבה
2 ms	סבות	נסבות	סובבת	סובבת	הסתובבת	הסבות	הוסבות
2 fs	סבות	נסבות	סובבת	סובבת	הסתובבת	הסבות	הוסבות
1 cs	סבותי	נסבותי	סובבתי	סובבתי	הסתובבתי	הסבותי	הוסבותי
3 cp	סבו	נסבו	סובבו	סובבו	הסתובבו	הסבו	הוסבו
2 mp	סבותם	נסבותם	סובבתם	סובבתם	הסתובבתם	הסבותם	הוסבותם
2 fp	סבותן	נסבותן	סובבתן	סובבתן	הסתובבתן	הסבותן	הוסבותן
1 cp	סבונו	נסבונו	סובבנו	סובבנו	הסתובבנו	הסבונו	הוסבונו
Imperfect							
3 ms	יסב	יסב	יסובב	יסובב	יסתובב	יסב	יוסב
3 fs	תסב	תסב	תסובב	תסובב	תסתובב	תסב	תוסב
2 ms	תסב	תסב	תסובב	תסובב	תסתובב	תסב	תוסב
2 fs	תסבי	תסבי	תסובבי	תסובבי	תסתובבי	תסבי	תוסבי
1 cs	אסב	אסב	אסובב	אסובב	אסתובב	אסב	אוסב
3 mp	יסבו	יסבו	יסובבו	יסובבו	יסתובבו	יסבו	יוסבו
3 fp	תסבינה	תסבינה	תסובבנה	תסובבנה	תסתובבנה	תסבינה	תוסבינה
2 mp	תסבו	תסבו	תסובבו	תסובבו	תסתובבו	תסבו	תוסבו
2 fp	תסבינה	תסבינה	תסובבנה	תסובבנה	תסתובבנה	תסבינה	תוסבינה
1 cp	נסב	נסב	נסובב	נסובב	נסתובב	נסב	נוסב

	Qal Simple active	Niph'al Simple passive/ reflexive	Polel Intensive active	Polal Intensive Passive	Hitpolel Intensive reflexive	Hif'il Causative active	Hof'al Causative passive
Imperative							
2 ms	סב	הסב	סובב		הסתובב	הסב	
2 fs	סבי	הסבי	סובבי		הסתובבי	הסבי	
2 mp	סבו	הסבו	סובבו		הסתובבו	הסבו	
2 fp	סבינה	הסבינה	סובבנה		הסתובבנה	הסבינה	

Qal	Niph'al	Polel	Polal	Hitpolel	Hif'il	Hof'al
Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive Passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Infinitive Construct						
סב	הִסֵּב	סִיבֵּב	סִיבֵּב	הִסְתִּיבֵּב	הִסֵּב	הוּסֵּב
Infinitive Absolute						
סָבוּב	הִסֵּב	סִיבֵּב	סִיבֵּב	הִסְתִּיבֵּב	הִסֵּב	הוּסֵּב

	Qal	Niph'al	Polel	Polal	Hitpolel	Hif'il	Hof'al
	Simple active	Simple passive/reflexive	Intensive active	Intensive Passive	Intensive reflexive	Causative active	Causative passive
Active Participle							
ms	סֹבֵּב		מְסִיבֵּב		מְסִיבֵּב	מִסֵּב	
mp	סֹבְבִים		מְסִיבֵּיִם		מְסִיבֵּיִם	מִסְבִּים	
fs	סֹבֶבֶה		מְסִיבֶּה		מְסִיבֶּה	מִסְבֶּה	
fp	סֹבְבוֹת		מְסִיבֹת		מְסִיבֹת	מִסְבוֹת	
Passive Participle							
ms		נֹסֵּב		מְסִיבֵּב			מוּסָב
mp		נֹסְבִים		מְסִיבֵּיִם			מוּסָבִים
fs		נֹסֶבֶה		מְסִיבֶּה			מוּסָבֶה
fp		נֹסְבוֹת		מְסִיבֹת			מוּסְבוֹת

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Afformative. The suffix (pronominal) ending of a verbs, nouns and prepositions describing person, gender, and number.

Assimilation. Assimilation is the process where a letter is absorbed or assimilated into the consonant following it by use of the Daghes Forte (e.g. יִפֵּל → יפל).

Biconsonantal. A word that has a two consonant root (e.g. אָב).

Cohortative. A first person singular or plural imperfect verb used to express the speaker's desire to perform the action.

Construct Relationship. A construct relationship is when two or more nouns are joined together in a sentence by simple juxtaposition or by the Maqqef (-). The final noun remains in the absolute state and the noun preceding is in the construct state. The result is the close relationship of the two nouns is emphasized as they express a genitival relationship.

Daghes Forte. A dot in the letter which indicates one is to double the consonant in which it occurs. For example in, הִבֵּן (habben), the bet is doubled

Daghes Lene. The dot placed in the letter that indicates a hard pronunciation. These letters are called begadkephat (a composite built on the names of the six letters בְּגַדְכֶּפֶת) as a way to remember the six letters. These letters are ב, ג, ד, כ, פ, ת .

Geminate. A word that has the second and third consonants identical.

Gutturals. The gutturals are: א, ע, ה, ח, and sometimes ר.

Jussive. A jussive is a second or third person imperfect verb used to express a wish, desire, or command.

Metathesis. Metathesis is the transposition of two contiguous (side-by-side) consonants in order to smooth out pronunciation of the word.

Modal Auxiliary. A modal auxiliary is a helping word for verbs to express the various distinctions of mode. These include words like, “could, should, may, must, shall, will.”

Mode (Mood). Mood is a characteristic of the verb describing the speaker's attitude toward the action. These moods include: Indicative, expressing the certainty of action; Subjunctive, expressing uncertainty of action; Imperative, expressing a command; and Jussive, expressing a wish or desire for action.

Prefix. Something added to the beginning of a verb root to help to determine the remaining inflected verb forms.

Performative. A performative is the same as a prefix.

Sibilants. A sibilant is a term used to describe letters of the Hebrew alphabet that have an “s” sound (e.g. ס, צ, ש and ז).

Sign of the Direct Object. The Sign of the Direct Object (SDO) is the particle **לְ** placed before the definite noun used to indicate the noun that receives the action of the verb.

Sof Passuq. A Sof Passuq, like an English period, is the mark (**׀**) that indicates the end of a sentence or verse.

Sufformative. A sufformative is the same as a suffix.

Substantive. A substantive is any grammatical element functioning as a noun. Substantives may be nouns, participles, or adjectives.

Vocalic Suffix. A vocalic suffix is a verb suffix that begins with a vowel.

Answers to Questions

Chapter 2 The alphabet

Transliterate the following proper names:

1. בית לחם (Mic. 5:1) Ans.: Bethlehem
2. בנימין (Gen. 42:4) Ans.: Benjamin
3. דוד (1 Sam. 16:23) Ans.: David

Write the following in Hebrew:

4. ysr'el Ans.: ישראל
 5. hlk Ans.: חלק
 6. ywntn Ans.: יונתו
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Chapter 3 Nouns

Identify the gender and number following nouns (e.g., סוסים : Mas. Pl., from סוס horse)

1. אֲדָמָה Ans.: fem. sg.
2. דְּבָרִים Ans.: mas. pl.
3. דְּרָכִים Ans.: mas. pl.
4. נְבִיאִים Ans.: mas. pl.
5. עֵינַיִם Ans.: fem. du.
6. סָפָרִים Ans.: mas. pl.

Make the following words plural:

1. אֲדָמָה (f) Ans.: אֲדָמוֹת
 2. אָב (m) Ans.: אָבוֹת
 3. כְּהֵן (m) Ans.: כְּהֵנִים
 4. קוֹל (f) Ans.: קוֹלוֹת
 5. אִשָּׁה (f) Ans.: אִשָּׁוֹת or נָשִׁים
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Chapter 4 Noun Prefixes

A. Identify the gender and number of the nouns and translate (e.g., סוסים : Mas. Pl., from סוס horse).

1. יוֹסֵף וּבְנֵימִין וְרֹאשֵׁי אָחִים Ans.: “Joseph and Benjamin and Ruben [are] brothers”
2. לְאִנָּשִׁים יָדַיִם Ans.: “men have a pair of hands”

B. Make the following nouns definite.

1. הַרֹעֵה Ans.: “the shepherd” (there is no doubling resh)
2. הַשָּׂדֶה Ans.: “the field”

C. Add the vav conjunction to the following nouns.

1. וּמוֹשֶׁה Ans.: “and Moses”
2. וַיּוֹם Ans.: “and day”

D. Translate the following:

1. וּבְאֶרֶץ Ans.: “and in earth”
2. וּבַיּוֹם Ans.: “and in the day”
3. בְּדָבָר Ans.: “to the word”

Chapter 5 Adjectives

I. Identify the following and translate (identify as adj.m.sg, and n.m.sg. for nouns)

1. יָפָה אִשָּׁה Ans.: “a beautiful woman”
adj.f.sg n.f.sg
2. הַגְּדוֹלָה הָעִיר Ans.: “the great city”
adj.f.sg. n.f.sg.
3. בְּרִית חֲדָשָׁה Ans. “a new covenant” (Jer. 31:31)
adj.f.sg. n.f.sg.

II. Identify and translate the following predicate adjectives.

1. הַדָּבָר טוֹב Ans.: “The word [is] good” (1 Kings 2:38)
n.m.sg. adj.m.sg.
2. מְאֹד זָקֵן וְהַמֶּלֶךְ Ans.: “And the king [is] very old” (1 Kgs 1:15)
adj.m.sg. adj.m.sg. n.m.sg.
3. יְהוָה טוֹב - וְיָשָׁר Ans.: “good and upright [is] the LORD” (Ps 25:8)
n.m.sg. adj.m.sg. adj.m.sg.
4. הַיּוֹם קָרוֹב Ans.: “the day [is] near” (Ezek. 7:7)
n.m.sg. adj.m.sg.
5. הַיּוֹם קְדוֹשׁ Ans.: “the day [is] holy”
n.m.sg. adj. m.sg.
6. יְהוָה גְּדוֹל אֵל Ans.: “[the] LORD is a great God” (Ps 95:3)
n.m.sg., adj.m.sg., n.m.sg.

Chapter 6 Prepositions

I. Memorize all the prepositions

II. Translate the following:

1. אַחַר הַדְּבָרִים Ans.: “after the words”
2. וּבֵין עֲשָׂרַת יָמִים Ans.: “and between ten days”
3. כָּל-הַהָרִים הַגְּבוּהִים אֲשֶׁר-תַּחַת כָּל-הַשָּׁמַיִם Ans. “all the high mountains under the
entire heavens [are] covered.”

Chapter 7 Pronouns

Chapter 8 Pronominal Suffixes

- I. Memorize pronominal suffixes for singular nouns (Masc. or Fem.).
- II. Identify the following (e.g. יָדִי “my hand” 1cs)
 1. יָדְכֶם Ans.: “your hand” 2mp
 2. יָדֵיכֶם Ans.: “your hands” 2mp
 3. דְּבַרְךָ Ans.: “your word” 2fs
 4. דְּבַרְיהֶם Ans.: “their words” 3mp
 5. אֲבוֹתֵינוּ Ans.: “our fathers” 1cp
- III. Translate the following:
 1. יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת עִמָּנוּ Ans.: “The LORD of hosts is with us” (Ps 46:12)
 2. וַיְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי צְבָאוֹת עִמּוֹ Ans.: “The LORD, the God of hosts, was with him” (2 Sam 5:10)

Chapter 9 Construct Nouns

- I. Translate the following:
 1. תּוֹרוֹת הַמֶּלֶךְ הַטּוֹבוֹת Ans.: “the good laws of the king“
 2. הַיְכָלֵי הַמַּלְכָּה הַגְּדוֹלָה Ans.: “temples of the great queen“
 3. שְׁמוֹת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל Ans.: “names of sons [the] of Israel“
 4. אִשְׁתַּי הָאִישׁ הָרַע Ans.: “women of the evil men“
 5. כּוֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם Ans.: “stars of the heavens“

Chapter 10 Introduction to Verbs

- I. Memorize the vocabulary.

II. Classify the following as strong or weak:

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|----|--------|--------------|
| 1. | הִלְךְ | Ans.: weak |
| 2. | גָּנַב | Ans.: strong |
| 3. | אָהַב | Ans.: weak |
| 4. | יָדַע | Ans.: weak |

Chapter 11 Qal Perfect Verbs

I. Memorize the vocabulary.

II. Parse the following perfect verbs (e.g. Qal Perf. 1cs)

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|----|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | הִיטָה | Ans.: Qal Perf. 3f.sg. | “she/it built” |
| 2. | יָדַעְתִּי | Ans.: Qal Perf. 1c.sg. | “I know” |
| 3. | זָכַרְתִּי | Ans.: Qal Perf. 1c.sg. | “I remember” |
| 4. | מָלְאָה | Ans.: Qal Perf. 3f.sg. | “she/it filled” |
| 5. | יָדַעְנוּ | Ans.: Qal Perf. 1c.pl. | “we know” |
| 6. | זָכַרְתִּי | Ans.: Qal Perf. 1c.sg. | “I remembered” |
| 7. | כָּתַבְתָּם | Ans.: Qal Perf. 2m.sg. | “you write” |
| 8. | עָמַדְתִּי | Ans.: Qal Perf. 1c.sg. | “I stand” |
| 9. | שָׁבְתוּ | Ans.: Qal Perf. 3c.sg. | “they ceased” |

III. Translate the following:

1. (Deut. 8:6) וְשָׁמַרְתָּ אֶת־מִצְוֹת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ לְלַכֵּת בְּדַרְכָּיו וּלְיִרְאָהוּ (fear) אֹתוֹ
 sdo+ prep + qal. n.m.pl.+ pr.n. sdo + vav+
 p.s. 3ms. n.c.pl.+ p.s. 3ms. inf. p.s.2ms n.f.pl. qal.perf.2ms.
 him and to fear in the way going your God Yahweh commandment keep
 “you keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.”

2. (Gen. 34:28) וְאֶת־אֲשֶׁר בַּשָּׂדֶה לָקְחוּ
 qal.perf. prep + art. vav + sdo
 3cpl n.m.s. r.pron.
 they took field what
 “they took what [was] in the field.”

3. (Zech. 8:23) כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת בַּיָּמִים הַהֵמָּה אֲשֶׁר יִחְזִיקוּ (be strong)
 r.pron. d.a. + prep+d.a n.c.pl. pr.n. qal.perf. adv
 p.pron. n.m.pl 3m.s.
 3m.pl.

they were strong that the them in the days army Yahweh he said thus
 “Thus says the Lord of hosts:” in those days that they shall be strong”

(to go) לָלֶכֶת (they refused) מָאֲנוּ (Ps. 78:10) .4
 vav+prep n.m.pl. n.f.s. qal.perf.
 n.f.s+ 3c.pl.
 p.s.3m.s

and in his law God covenant they keep not
 “They did not keep [the] covenant of God; they refused to walk in His law.”

(I bear) וַתֵּלֵד (she conceived) וַתֵּהַר אֶת־חַוָּה אִשְׁתּוֹ יָדַע וְהָאָדָם (Gen. 4:1) .5
 n.f.s.+ sdo+ qal.per. vav+d.a.
 p.s.3m.s. pr.n. 3m.s. n.m.s.
 and bore and she conceived his woman Eve he knew Adam

אֶת־קַיִן וַתֹּאמֶר קָנִיתִי (I buy) אִישׁ אֶת־יְהוָה
 sdo+ n.m.s. qal.perf. vav+qal.per. sdo+
 pr.n. 1c.s. 3f.s. pr.n.
 Yahweh man I buy and she said Cain

“And Adam knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, “I acquired a man [from] the LORD.”

Chapter 12 Qal Imperfect Verbs

Practice

I. Memorize the vocabulary.

II. Complete the Qal imperfect for the following and translate:

- | | | | | | | |
|----|------|-------------|-----------|-------|---------------|------------|
| 1. | 3 ms | יָכַח | “he cut” | 3 mp | יִכְחֹבוּ | “the cut” |
| 2. | 3 fs | תִּכְחַבְּ | “she cut” | 3 fpl | תִּכְחַבְּנָה | “they cut” |
| 3. | 2 ms | תִּכְחַבְּ | “you cut” | 2 mp | תִּכְחַבוּ | “you cut” |
| 4. | 2 fs | תִּכְחַבְּי | “you cut” | 2 fp | תִּכְחַבְּנָה | “you cut” |
| 5. | 1 cs | אֶכְחַב | “I cut” | 1 cp | נִכְחַב | “we cut” |

III. Translate the following:

לֹא אֶזְכֹּר (Isa. 43:25) .1
 Qal Impf. part. n.f.p. + ps 2ms + vav pre
 1c.s.

I will remember not your sins
 “and I will not remember your sins.”

בְּצִדְקָה יִשְׁפֹּט־תֵּבֵל וְהוּא (Ps. 9:9) .2
 n.m.s + bet n.f.s Qal Impf p.pron.
 3ms 3ms

in righteousness he will judge the world

“He will judge the world in righteousness”

יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-בֵּית אֲכֻרַת אֲשֶׁר הִבְרִיתָ כִּי זֹאת (Jer. 31:33) .3
pr.n n.m.s. part. Qal Impf. r.pron. n.f.s. d.a. adj.f.s. conj.
1cs

Israel with the house I will make that the covenant this for

“for this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel”.

אֲשֶׁר אֶשְׁכֶּנֶשׁ בְּתוֹךְ בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל לְעוֹלָם (Ezek. 43:7) .4
n.m.s. pr.n. n.m.p. n.m.s. part. Qal. Impf. r.pron.
+ lamed prefix bet prefix 1c.s.

forever Israel house of in the midst I will dwell there where

“where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever.”

Chapter 13 Qal Imperative & Pronominal Suffixes of Strong Verbs

- I. Memorize the vocabulary.
- II. Memorize the Qal Imperative Form
- III. Translate the following:

שמע .1 יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד
num. pr.n. n.m.pl. pr.n. pr.n. Qal Impv.
suf.1c.pl. m.sg.
one LORD our God LORD Israel hear!

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD [is] one!” (Deut. 6:4)

לֵב טָהוֹר בְּרָא-לִי אֱלֹהִים .2
n.m.pl. prep.+Qal Impv. adj.m.sg. n.m.sg.
suf.1c.sg. m.sg.
God in me create clean heart

“Create in me a clean heart, O God!” (Ps. 51:12a)

שְׁפֹטֵנִי יְהוָה .3
p.n. Qal. Impv.m.sg.
suf.1c.sg.

“Judge me, O LORD!” (Ps. 7:9)

.4 יְהוָה זָכְרֵנִי וּפְקֹדֵנִי
 Qal Impv. m.sg. Qal Impv. msg. p.n.
 +vav suf. 1c.sg.
 +suf. 1c.sg. visit me remember me LORD

“O LORD, remember me and visit me!” (Jer. 15:15)

Chapter 14 Qal Infinitive - Strong Verbs

- I. Memorize the vocabulary.
- II. Translate the following:

.1 אִם-מְשׁוּל תִּמְשַׁל בְּנוּ
 bet prefix + Qal Impf. Qal. Inf. part
 p.pron. 1cpl. 2msg. abs.
 in us you will rule to rule if

Lit: “If ruling, you will rule in us.” trans: “Will you indeed rule over us?” (Gen. 37:8)

.2 וְלֹא-נָתַן יְהוָה לְכֶם לֵב לִדְרֹשׁתָּ וְעֵינָיִם לִרְאוֹתָ
 Qal. Inf. n.c.du. Qal. Inf. n.m.s. prep. p.n. Qal. Perf. part+
 const. vav const. p.pron. 3m.s. vav
 2mpl.

to see and eyes to observe heart to you LORD and he will not give

וְאָזְנִים לְשָׁמֹעַ עַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה
 d.pron. +d.a. n.m.s.+d.a. part. Qal. Inf. n.f.du.
 m.sg. const. vav
 the this the day until to listen ears

“The Lord has not given to you a heart to know or eyes to see or ears to hear until this day.” (Deut. 29:3 [29:4])

.3 רְאוֹת רַבּוֹת וְלֹא תִשְׁמַר פִּקּוּחַ אָזְנִים וְלֹא יִשְׁמַע
 Qal Impf part. n.f.du. Qal Inf Qal Impf. part. adj.f.pl. Qal Inf.
 3msg. +vav abs. 2msg. +vav abs.
 he hears but not ears to open you watch but not many to see

“Seeing many things, but you [do] not observe; opening the ears, but he [does] not hear.” (Isa. 42:20)

.4 כִּי אֶכְלָד בְּיוֹם מוֹת מִמֶּנּוּ תָמוּת
 Qal. Impf. Qal Inf. prep. Qal Inf. prep. conj.

2msg. abs. +pron. const. +n.m.sg.
 3msg. suf.2msg.
 you will die to die from him you eat in the day for

“for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.” (Gen. 2:17b)

Chapter 15 Qal Participle - Strong Verbs

- I. Memorize the vocabulary.
- II. Translate the following:

1. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה בְּנֵי דָוִד
 pr.n. n.m.s. p.pron Qal Pas. Part
 ps. 1c.s. 2m.s. m.s.abs.
 David my son you be blessed
 “Blessed be you, my son David!” (1 Sam. 26:25)

2. וְקָרְאוּ לָהֶם עִם-הַקֹּדֶשׁ נְאֻלֵי יְהוָה
 pr.n. Qal Pas. Part. n.m.s. n.m.s. prep. prefix Qal Perf.
 m.p.const. def.art. suf. 3m.p. 3c.p.
 vav prefix
 LORD redeemed of the holy people to them they call and
 “And they shall call them the holy people, the redeemed of the LORD” (Isa. 62:12)

3. כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה אֲהַב בְּשֹׁפֵט
 n.m.s. Qal Act. Part. pr.n. p.pron. conj.
 m.s. 1c.s.
 justice love LORD I for
 “For I the LORD love justice” (Isa. 61:8)

4. וַהֲקָרָה בְּעַר בְּאֵשׁ
 n.c.s. Qal Act. Part. n.m.s.
 prep. pref. m.s. vav prefix
 in fire burning the mountain
 “And the mountain was burning with fire” (Deu. 4:11)

Chapter 16 Niph'al Strong Verbs

- I. Memorize the vocabulary.
- II. Memorize the Niph'al perfect form.
- III. Translate the following:

1. (you stretch out) תִּשְׁלַח רִיחֶךָ יִבְרְאוּן (and you will renew) וְתִתְחַדֵּשׁ פְּנֵי אֲדָמָה
 n.f.s n.c.pl. Piel Impf. Nif. Impf. n.f.s. Piel Impf
 2m.pl. 3m.pl. p.s. 2ms 2ms.
 vav pref.

ground face (and you will renew) **they will be created** your spirit you stretch out

“You send forth your spirit, they are created and you renew the face of the earth.” (Ps. 104:30)

2. (And I will bless) וְאֶבְרַכֶּה (that bless you) מְבַרְכֶיךָ וּמְקַלְלֶיךָ אָאֵר וְנִבְרַכְנוּ בְךָ כָּל מִשְׁפַּחַת הָאָדָמָה
 n.f.s. n.f.pl. n.m.s. bet prefix Nif. Perf. Qal Impf. Piel Part. Piel Impf
 he pref. p.pref.2ms 3c.p. 1c.s. m.p. 1c.s.
 vav pref. suff. 2ms. vav pref.

ground races all in you they were blessed I will curse be small that bless you bless I will bless

“And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curse you: and in these shall all families the earth be blessed. (Gen. 12:3)

3. כִּי - בָּנָה יְהוָה צִיּוֹן נִרְאָה בְּכְבוֹדוֹ
 n.m.s. Nif. Perf. pr.n. pr.n. Qal Perf. conj.
 p. suff. 3ms 3ms 3ms
 bet pref.

glory he saw Zion LORD indeed he built (prophetic perfect)

“When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in His glory.” (Ps. 102:16; Heb.Ps. 102:17)

4. כִּי - כֹה אָמַר יְהוָה הִנֵּם נִמְכַרְתֶּם וְלֹא בְכֶסֶף תִּגְאָלוּ

Nif. Impf. n.m.s. part. Nif. Perf. adv. pr.n. Qal Perf. adv.conj.
 2mpl. bet prefix. vav pref. 2mpl. 3ms.
 you will be redeemed and not you will be sold for nothing LORD said thus for

“For thus says the LORD, you have sold yourselves for nought and you shall be redeemed without money.” (Isa. 52:3)

Chapter 17 Pi'el Strong Verbs

- I. Memorize the vocabulary
- II. Memorize the Pi'el Perfect, Imperfect, Imperative, and Participle forms.
- III. Translate the following:

1. אֱלֹהֵי פִלְטָנִי מִיַּד רָשָׁע
 adj.m.sg. n.f.sg. Piel Impv. n.m.sg.
 w/mem pref. 2ms.ps. 1csg. ps. 1csg
 wicked from [the] hand rescue me my God

“Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked!” (Ps. 71:4a)

2. וַיְבָרֵךְ אֹתָם אֱלֹהִים לֵאמֹר פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ
 vav pref. Qal Impv. Qal Inf. n.m.pl. SDO vav pref.
 Qal Impv. m.pl. const. ps. 3mpl Piel Impf.
 m.pl. 3msg.
 be fruitful to say God them blessed

וּמְלֵאוּ אֶת-הַמַּיִם בְּאֶרֶץ יָרֵב וְהַעוֹף בַּיַּמִּים
 bet pref. Qal Impf. vav pref. bet pref. SDO vav pref.
 n.f.sg. 3m.sg. def. pref. def. pref. Qal Impv.
 n.m.sg. n.m.pl. n.m.pl. 2m.pl.
 land to increase birds in the seas the waters fill

“And God blessed them, saying, be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.” (Gen. 1:22)

3. בְּכֹל - דְּרָכֶיךָ דַּעְהוּ וְהוּא יִיר אֶרְצוֹתֶיךָ
 n.c.pl. Piel Impf. vav pref. Qal Impv. n.pl. bet pref.
 p.s.2ms. 3ms. pron.3ms. ms. p.s.2ms. n.m.sg
 p.s.3ms.

your ground he will straight and he know him your ways all

“In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths.” (Prov. 3:6)

4. הַדְרִיכֵנִי בְּאֵמֶתְךָ וְלִמְדֵנִי כִּי - אַתָּה אֱלֹהֵי
 n.m.pl. pron. conj. vav pref. bet. pref. Hif. Impv.
 constr. 2msg. Piel Impv. n.f.s. ms.
 p.s.1cs. p.s.2ms. p.s.1cs.
 God you for and teach me in your truth lead me

ישעי אֹתְךָ קוֹיִתִּי כָּל - הַיּוֹם
 def. pref. conj. Piel Perf. SDO n.m.s.
 n.m.s. 1cs. p.s.2ms. constr.
 p.s.1cs.

the day for I intensely wait you help me

“Lead me in your truth, and teach me: for you are the God of my salvation,
 on you do I wait all the day.” (Ps. 25:5)

5. וְנִגְלָה (uncover) כְּבוֹד יְהוָה וְרָאוּ כָּל - בָּשָׂר וַיְחַדְּרוּ כִּי פִי יְהוָה דִּבֶּר
 Piel Perf. pr.n. n.m.s. conj. adv. n.m.s. conj. vav pref. pr.n. n.m.s. vav pref.
 3ms. constr. Qal Perf. Nif. Perf.
 3cpl. 3ms.

he spoke LORD mouth for together flesh all and they see LORD glory be uncovered

“And the glory of the LORD will be revealed and all flesh will see it together, for the
 mouth of the LORD has spoken it.” (Isa. 40:5)

Chapter 18 Pu'al Strong Verbs

- I. Memorize the vocabulary
- II. Memorize the Pu'al Perfect, Imperfect, and Participle forms.
- III. Translate the following:

1. וַיֹּאמֶר הָאָדָם זֹאת הַפֶּעַם עֲצָם מֵעַצְמִי וּבָשָׂר מִבְּשָׂרִי
 n.m.sg. n.m.sg. n.f.pl. n.f.sg. n.f.sg. dem. pr. n.m.sg. Qal. Impf.
 p.s. 1c.sg. vav pref. p.s. 1c.sg. he pref. f.sg. he pref. 3m.sg.
 mem pref. vav pref.
 my flesh and flesh from my bones bone the time this the Adam and he said

לְזוֹאת יִקְרָא אִשָּׁה כִּי מֵאִשׁ לָקְחָהּ - זֹאת
 dem. pr. Pual Perf. n.m.sg. conj. n.f.sg. Nif. Impf. dem. pron.
 f.sg. 3f.sg. mem pref. 3m.sg. 3f.sg.
 this to take from man because woman to call lemed pref.
 she was intensely taken he being called

And Adam said: this is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall
 be called woman, because she was taken out of man. (Gen. 2:23)

עַל־פָּנָי	לָרַב	הָאָדָם	בֵּי־הַחֵל	וַיְהִי
n.c.pl. prep.	Qal Inf.	he pref.	Hif. Perf. conj.	vav pref.
before	Constr.	n.m.sg.	3msg.	Qal Impf. 3sg.
	great	the man	he profaned for	to be

	לָהֶם	וַיֵּלְדוּ	וּבָנוּת	הָאֲדָמָה
	lemed pref.	Pual Pas. Perf.	vav pref.	he pref.
	p. pron. 3mpl.	3c.pl.	n.f.pl.	n.f.sg.
	to/for them	to bear	daughters	ground
		they were born		

Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them (Gen. 6:1)

בְּקִרְבְּךָ	שְׁלֶלְךָ	וַחֲלַק	לַיהוָה	יוֹם־בָּא	הַיּוֹם
bet pref.	n.m.sg.	vav pref.	lamed pref.	Qal Part. n.m.sg.	interj.
n.m.sg.	p.s. 2fs	Pual Perf.	pr.n.	m.sg.	
p.s. 2fs	3m.sg.				
in your midst	booty	he divided	Lord	coming day	behold

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh and your spoil shall be divided in the midst of you. (Zech. 14:1)

חֲקִיךָ	אֶלְמַד	לְמַעַן	כִּי - עֲנִיטִי	לִי	טוֹב -
n.m.pl.	Qal Impf. part.		Pual Perf. conj.	lemed pref.	Qal Perf.
p.s. 2m.sg.	1c.sg.		1c.sg.	ps. 1c.sg.	3msg.
your portion	I learn for the sake of	I was afflicted for	to me	good	

It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn your statutes. (Ps. 119:71)

Chapter 19 Hithpa'el Strong Verbs

Practice

- I. Memorize the vocabulary
- II. Memorize the Hithpa'el Perfect for שָׁמַר, Imperfect, and Participle forms.
- III. Translate the following:

יָדְוָה	נָאֵם	וַתְּחַלְּכוּ	וּבְשִׁמוֹ	בֵּיתְוָה	וַיְגַבְרִיתִים
pr.n.	Qal Pas. Part.	Hithpa. Impf.	vav + bet prefix	bet prefix	vav prefix

	m.s.	3m.p.	n.m.s. w/ps.3m.s.	pr.n.	Piel Perf.1s.
Lord	being said	to walk	and in his name	in the Lord	p.s. 3m.p.
					I intensely excel them

And the Lord said, and I will intensely excel them in the Lord and in his name they will walk themselves (Zech. 10:12)

	אֱלֹהִים	אֹתוֹ	כִּי - לָקַח	וְאֵינְנוּ	אֶת - הָאֱלֹהִים	חֲנוּךְ	וַיִּתְהַלֵּךְ
n.m.pl.	SDO	Qal Perf.	conj.	vav pref.	he pref. SDO	pr.n.	vav pref.
	p.s.3m.s.	3m.s.		adv+ps 3m.s.	n.m.p.	Hithpa. Impf.	3m.s.
God	him	he took for	he will not	the God Enoch	himself	walk	

And Enoch himself walked with God and he was not for God took him. (Gen. 5:24)

	לְבוֹ	וַיִּתְעַצֵּב	בְּאָרְצוֹ	אֶת - הָאָדָם	כִּי - עָשָׂה	יְהוָה	וַיִּנְחַם
n.m.s.	prep.	vav pref.	bet pref.	he pref. SDO	Qal Perf.	conj.	pr.n.
w/ps. 3m.s.	Hithpa. Impf.	n.f.s.	n.m.s.	3m.s.	Nif. Impf.	3m.s.	3m.s.
	3m.s.						
	to his heart	himself	grieved in the earth	the man	he made for	Lord	sorry

And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth and it grieved him upon his heart (Gen 6:6)

	קַרְנִי	הָמָּה	בֵּיתוֹהָ	לְבִי	עָלַץ	וַתֹּאמֶר	חַנָּה	וַתִּפְּלַל
n.f.s.	Qal Perf.	bet pref.	n.m.s.	Qal Perf.	vav pref.	pr.n.	vav pref.	
p.s.1c.s.	3f.s.	pr.n.	p.s.1c.s.	Qal Impf.	3m.s.	Hithpa. Impf.	3f.s.	3f.s.
	my horn	she arose in the Lord	my heart	rejoice she said	Hannah	herself	prayed	

	בִּישׁוּעָתִיךָ	שָׂמַחְתִּי	כִּי	אֹיְבֵי	עַל -	פִּי	רָחַב	בֵּיתוֹהָ
bet pref.	Qal Perf.	conj.	n.m.pl.	prep.	n.m.s.	Qal Perf.	bet pref.	
n.f.s.	1c.s.		p.s.1c.s.	p.s.1c.s.	3.m.s.	pr.n.		
p.s. 2m.s.								
	in your salvation	I rejoiced for	my enemies	over my mouth	he opened	in the Lord		

And Hannah prayed and said: My heart rejoices in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD. (1 Sam. 2:1)

Chapter 20 Hif'il Strong Verbs

Practice

- I. Memorize the vocabulary
- II. Memorize the Hif'il Perfect, Imperfect, and Participle forms.
- III. Translate the following:

1. וְאֶתְנָהּ בְּרִיתִי בֵּינִי וּבֵינְךָ וְאֶדְבַּח אֹתְךָ בְּמֵאֵד מְאֹד
 adv. bet pref. SDO vav pref. vav pref. bet pref. n.f.s. vav pref.
 adv. p.s. 2ms. Hif. Impf. bet pref. p.s. 1c.s. p.s. 1cs Qal Impf.
 1cs p.s. 2ms 1cs
 greatly in greatly you cause to increase and in you in me my covenant I give

And I will give my covenant between me and you, and I will cause to multiply you exceedingly (Gen 17:2)

2. וְהִפְרֵתִי אֹתְךָ בְּמֵאֵד מְאֹד וְנִתְתִּידָךְ לְגוֹיִם וּמַלְכִּים מִמֶּךָ יֵצְאוּ
 Qal Impf. prep. vav pref. prep. pref. vav pref. adv. bet pref. SDO vav pref.
 3m.p. p.s. 2m.s. n.m.p. n.m.p. Qal Perf. adv. p.s.2m.s. Hif.Perf.
 1c.s. 1c.s.
 p.s.2m.s.

they go out from you and king to nations and I give you great in great you I make fruit

“And I will make you exceeding fruitful and I will make nations of you and kings will go out from you.” (Gen. 17:6)

3. וְהִקְמַתִּי אֶת - בְּרִיתִי בֵּינִי וּבֵינְךָ וּבֵינְךָ וּבֵינִי וְרָעָדָךְ
 n.m.s. vav pref. vav pref. prep. n.f.s. SDO vav pref.
 p.s.2m.s. prep. prep. p.s.1c.s. constr. Hif. Perf.
 p.s.2m.s. p.s.1.c.s. 1c.s.

your seed and between and between you between me my covenant I caused to stand up

אֶחְרֶיךָ לְדֹרֹתָם לְבְרִית עוֹלָם
 n.m.s. prep. pref. prep. pref. prep.
 n.f.s. n.m.p. p.s.2m.s.
 constr. p.s.3m.p.

forever for a covenant to their generations after you

לְהִיֹּת לְךָ לְאֱלֹהִים וּלְרָעָדָךְ אֶחְרֶיךָ
 prep. pref. prep. pref. prep. pref. prep. pref. prep. pref.
 p.s.2m.s. prep. pref. n.m.p. p.s.2m.s. Qal Inf.
 n.m.s. Constr.
 p.s.2m.s.

after you and to your seed to God to you to be

“And I will establish My covenant between me and you and your seed after you in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your seed after you.” (Gen. 17:7)

4. יָבֵשׁ הָצִיר נָבֵל צִיץ וּדְבַר- אֱלֹהֵינוּ יָקוּם לְעוֹלָם
 prep. pref. Qal Impf. n.m.p. vav pref. n.m.s. Qal Perf. n.m.s. Qal Perf.
 n.m.s. 3.m.s. constr. n.m.s. 3m.s. 3m.s.

for ever he will stand up and the word of our God flower he withers grass he dries up

“Grass withers, flower fades but the word of our God will stand up forever.” (Isa. 40:8)

5. קוּם לך אֶל- בִּינְיָה הָעִיר הַגְּדוֹלָה וּקְרָא עָלֶיהָ
 prep. vav pref. def. pref. def. pref. pr.n. prep. Qal Impv. Qal Impv.
 p.s.3f.s. Qal Impv. adj.f.s. n.f.s. m.s. m.s.

unto her and call the great the city to Nineveh go arise

בִּי- עָלְתָהּ רָעָתָם לִפְנֵי
 prep. pref. n.f.s. Qal Perf. conj.
 n.c.p. constr. 3f.s.
 p.s.1c.s. p.s.3m.p.
 before me their evil she went up for

“Arise, go to Nineveh, the great city and cry against it for their wickedness went up before me.” (Jonah 1:2)

Chapter 21 Hof'al Strong Verbs

Practice

- I. Memorize the vocabulary
- II. Memorize the Hof'al Perfect, Imperfect, and Participle forms.
- III. Translate the following:

1. וְהוֹכֵן בְּחֹסֶד כֶּסֶף וַיֹּשֶׁב עָלָיו בְּאֵמֶת
 bet pref. prep. vav pref. n.m.sg. bet pref. vav pref.
 n.c.f. p.s. 3m.sg. Qal Perf. n.m.sg. Hof. Perf.
 3m.sg. 3m.sg.
 in truth in him and he sat down throne in grace he cause to be established

צדק ומהר משפט ודרש שפט קוד באהל (Isa. 16:5)
 n.m.sg. vav pref. n.m.sg. vav pref. Qal. Part. pr.n. bet pref.
 adj. m.sg. Qal Part. m.sg. n.m.sg.
 m.sg. constr.

righteousness and skilled justice seeking judge David in tabernacle

And the throne will be caused to be established in mercy and one will sit on it in truth in the tabernacle of David.

כי עם - אבני השדה בריתך ונתת השדה השלמה - לך (Job 5:23) .2
 prep. pref. Hof. Perf. he pref. vav pref. n.f.sg. he pref. n.f.pl. prep. conj.
 p.s.2f.sg. 3f.sg. n.m.sg. n.f.sg. p.s.2m.sg. n.m.sg. constr.

to you she caused to be at peace the field and animal your covenant the field with stone for

For you shall have a covenant with the stones of the field and the beast of the field shall be at peace with you.

יבש כחרש כחי ולשוני מדבק מלקוחי ולעפר-מות השפתיני (Ps. 22:16) .3

Qal. Impf. n.m.sg. prep. pref. n.m.du. Hof. Part. vav pref. n.m.sg. prep. pref. Qal Perf.
 2msg. vav pref. p.s.1c.sg. m.sg. n.c.sg. p.s.1c.sg. n.m.sg. 3m.sg.
 p.s.1c.sg. n.m.sg. constr. p.s.1csg.
 brought me death and to dust my jaw causing to be stuck and my tongue my strength as
 pottery he becomes dry

My strength is dried up like a potsherd and my tongue clings to my jaws you have brought me to the dust of death. (Ps. Eng.:22:16; Heb.: 22:15)

Vocabulary

אָב	father
אָבד	to perish
אָבָה	to be willing
אָבל	to mourn
אָבֶן	stone (f)
אָדָם	man
אָדָמָה	ground, earth (f)
אָדוֹן אָדוֹן	lord (m)
אָהַב	to love
אוּ	or
אוֹר	light (f)
אָז	then
אָזֶן	ear (f)
אוֹת	sign
אָח	brother
אָחוֹת	sister
אָחַד	one
אָחַז	to seize (v)
אָהַל	tent (m)
אָחֵר	another, other
אַחֲרַי	behind, after
אֵיב	enemy
אֵיל	ram
אִישׁ	man
אֶדְוָה	only, surely
אָכַל	to eat (v)
אֵל	no, not
אֱלֹהִים	God (m)
אֱלֹהִים	God, gods (m)
אֶלֶף	ox, thousand
אִם	mother
אִם	if, then
אַמָּה	cubit (f)
אָמַר	to say (v)
אַמּוּנָה	faithfulness, fidelity (f)
אָמַץ	to be strong, firm, bold
אַמִּתּוּת	truth (f)
אָנוּשׁ	man, mankind
אָסַף	to gather (v)
אָסַר	to bind
אָפַךְ	to bake

אַרְבַּע	four
אַרְבַּעָה	four (f)
אַרְז	cedar
אַרְדּוּ	to prolong
אַרְצָה	earth (f)
אַרַר	to curse (v)
אֵשׁ	fire (f)
אִשָּׁה	woman
אַשָׁם	to commit a wrong, be guilty
אֲשֶׁר	who, which, what
אֵת	with
בְּאֵר	well (f)
בְּגָד	garment
בָּדַל	to separate, divide
בּוֹא	to come, go (v)
בוֹשׁ	to be ashamed (v)
בָּזַז	to plunder, destroy (v)
בָּחַן	to test (v)
בָּחַר	to choose (v)
בְּכוֹר	first-born, oldest
בָּטַח	to trust (v)
בֶּטֶן	belly, womb (f)
בִּין	to understand (v)
בַּיִת	house (m)
בָּכָה	to weep (v)
בָּלַל	to mix, confound (v)
בָּלַע	to swallow, be consumed (v)
בְּמָוֶה	high place (f)
בֵּן	son (m)
בָּנָה	to build
בִּקְרָא	morning (m)
בָּקַע	to split open (v)
בָּעַר	to burn (v)
בָּקָר	herd, cattle
בָּקַשׁ	to seek
בָּרָא	to create
בְּרִזָּה	iron
בְּרִית	covenant (f)
בָּרַח	to flee (v)
בָּרַךְ	to bless (v)
בְּרִכָּה	blessing (f)
בָּשָׂר	flesh (m)
בַּת	daughter

גָּאַל	to redeem (v)
גִּבּוֹר	mighty (adj)
גִּבּוֹר	hero, mighty one
גָּבַהּ	to be high, proud (v)
גָּדוֹל	great, large
גָּדַל	to be great (v)
גּוֹאֵל	redeemer
גּוֹי	nation, people (m)
גָּרַר	to sojourn (v)
גּוֹרָל	lot, portion, share
גִּיל	to rejoice
גָּלַהּ	to uncover, reveal
גַּם	also, indeed
גַּן	garden
גָּנַב	to steal
גִּפְּתָן	vine (f)
גֶּשֶׁם	Rain, shower
דָּבַק	to cleave, cling to
דָּבָר	word, thing (m)
דְּבַשׁ	Honey (m)
דּוֹר	generation
דִּין	to judge
דָּל	poor
דָּם	blood (m)
דְּמוּת	likeness, image (f)
דָּמַם	to be silent (v)
דַּעַת	knowledge (f)
דָּרַשׁ	to seek (v)
דֶּשֶׂא	grass (m)
דֶּרֶךְ	way, road (m & f)
הָיָה	to be, become (v)
הַיְכָל	palace, temple (m)
הָלַל	to praise (v)
הָלַךְ	to walk, go
הִנֵּה הֵן	behold
הִפְּךָ	to turn, overturn (v)
הָר	mountain (m)
הָרַג	to kill (v)
הָרָה	to conceive, become pregnant
הָרַס	to break down, destroy
זָבַח	to sacrifice (v)
זֶבַח	sacrifice

זָהָב	gold (m)
זָכָר	male (m)
זָכַר	to remember (v)
זָנָה	to commit fornication, play the harlot (v)
זָקֵן	old
זָקַן	to be old (v)
זָעַק	to cry out (v)
זָרַע	to sow (v)
זָרַע	seed
חָבֵא	to hide (v)
חַג	feast, festival (m)
חָגַר	to bind, be girded (v)
חָדַל	to cease (v)
חָדָשׁ	new
חֹדֶשׁ	new moon, month
חָטָא	to sin (v)
חַטָּאת	sin (f)
חָיָה	to live (v)
חָמַחֵל	to whirl, dance
חֵיל	strength, wealth, army (v)
חוֹמָה	wall (f)
חוּץ	a place outside the house, a street
חָוָה	to see, perceive (v)
חָזַק	strong
חָזַק	to be strong (v)
חַי	life (adj)
חַיָּה	living thing, animal (f)
חָכֵם	wise
חָכְמָה	wisdom (f)
חָלָה	to become weak, sick (v)
חָמֵשׁ	five
חַמִּשָּׁה	five (f)
חָנָה	to encamp (v)
חָנַן	to be gracious to, favor (v)
חֶסֶד	goodness, kindness (m)
חָפַץ	to please, delight (v)
חֻק	statute (f)
חֶרֶב	sword (f)
חָרָה	to become hot, angry (v)
חָשַׁב	to think (v)
חֹשֶׁךְ	darkness (m)
חָתַת	to be shattered, dismayed (v)
טוֹב	good

טָמֵא	to be unclean (v)
יָבֵשׁ	to dry up (v)
יָנַע	to labor, grow weary (v)
יָד	hand (f)
יָדַחַח	to praise (Hif)
יָדַעַע	to know (v)
יְהוָה	Yahweh, Lord
יָטַב	to do well (v)
יָנַחַח	to reprove, rebuke (Hif)
יָכַל	to be able, capable (v)
יוֹם	day (m)
יוֹמָם	daily
יוֹשֵׁב	inhabitant
יוֹצֵר	potter
יַיִן	wine (m)
יָלַדַד	to beget (v)
יָלֵד	male child, boy (m)
יָם	sea (m)
יָנַק	to suck (v)
יָסַד	to found, establish (v)
יָצַר	to form (v)
יָסַף	to add (v)
יָפָה	beautiful
יָצָא	to go out, come out (v)
יָצַר	to form, shape, fashion (v)
יָרַד	to go down (v)
יָרָא	to fear (v)
יְרוּשָׁלַם	Jerusalem (dual)
יָרָה	to teach (v)
יָרַשׁ	to possess, subdue (v)
יֵשׁ	there is, there are
יָשַׁב	to sit, dwell (v)
יָשָׁר	straight, right, just
יִשְׂרָאֵל	Israel
כָּבֵד	to be heavy (v)
כְּבוֹד	glory, honor
כֵּן	thus, so
כֹּהֵן	priest (m)
כּוֹכַב	star (m)
כּוֹן	to be fixed, firm, establish (v)
כָּלָה	to complete, finish (v)
כֵּלִי	tool, weapon, vessel
כָּסַה	to cover, conceal (v)

כֶּסֶף	silver (m)
כָּפַר	(Piel) to cover, make atonement
כַּרְם	vineyard
כָּרַע	to kneel, bow down (v)
כָּרַת	to cut off, make a covenant (v)
כָּשַׁל	to stumble (v)
כָּתַב	to write (v)
לֹא	no, not
לֵב	heart (m)
לָבַשׁ	to put on, clothe (v)
לַיְלָה	night (m)
לִוְיָלַיִן	to lodge, pass the night, abide (v)
לֶחֶם	bread (m)
לָכַד	to seize, capture (v)
לְכֵן	therefore
לָמַד	to learn (v)
לָקַח	to take (v)
לְפָנַי	before
לְשׁוֹן	tongue (m)
מְאֹד	very, exceedingly
מֵאָה	hundred (f)
מָאֵן	(Piel) to refuse (v)
מָאָס	to reject, despise (v)
מִגְרֵשׁ	pasture
מִדְבָּר	wilderness, desert (m)
מָדַד	to measure (v)
מִוֵּל	to circumcise (v)
מוֹעֵד	appointed time, place
מָה	what?
[מָהֵר]	to hasten (v)
מַחֲנֶה	camp
מַטֵּה	staff, rod, branch, tribe
מוֹת	to die (v)
מוֹת	death (m)
מִגְדָּל	tower, fortress
מוֹשִׁיעַ	savior, deliverer
מִזְבֵּחַ	altar (m)
מִי	who?
מַיִם	water (m)
מִיִּן	species, kind
מָכַר	to sell (v)
מָלֵא	to be full, fulfill (v)
מָלַט	to escape (v)

מַלְאָךְ	angel, messenger
מִלְחָמָה	war, battle (f)
מָלַךְ	to reign (v)
מֶלֶךְ	king (m)
מַלְכָּה	queen (f)
מְלוּכָה	kingdom (f)
מַמְלָכָה	kingdom
מִנְחָה	offering, gift
מְעַט	few, little
מַעֲשֵׂה	work, deed
מָצָא	to find (v)
מִצְרַיִם	Egypt
מִקְדָּשׁ	sanctuary
מָקוֹם	place (m)
מַרְאֵה	Sight, appearance
מֹשֶׁה	Moses
מָשַׁח	to anoint (v)
מָשַׁל	to rule (v)
מִשְׁפָּחָה	family (f)
מִשְׁפָּט	judgment, justice (m)
נְאֻם	utterance (m)
נָבֵא	to prophesy (v)
נְבִיא	prophet (m)
[נבטן]	[Hif.] to see, look upon (v)
נֶגֶב	Negev, the dry country, south
נָגַע	to touch, reach (v)
נָגַף	to strike (v)
נִגַּשׁ	to approach (v)
נָדַח	to drive out, banish (v)
נָדַד	to flee (v)
נָדַר	to vow (v)
[נהל]	[Pi.] to lead, guide (v)
נָזַף	to spatter, sprinkle (v)
נָחַח	to rest (v)
נָס	to flee (v)
נָוַע	to quiver, stagger, tremble (v)
נָחַל	to take possession, inherit (v)
נַחַל	a valley, wadi (m)
נַחְלָה	possession, inheritance (f)
[נחם]	to be sorry, have compassion, repent (v)
נָהָר	river (m)
נָס	to flee (v)
נְחוֹשֶׁת	copper, bronze
נָטָה	to stretch out, extend (v)

נָטַע	to plant (v)
נָטַשׁ	to leave, forsake (v)
נִסְּחָה	[Pi.] to test, try (v)
נָסַע	to set out, depart (v)
נֶעֱרַל	lad
נַעֲרָה	young woman
נָפַל	to fall (v)
נֶפֶשׁ	life, soul (f)
נִצַּח	[Nif.] to take a stand, set (v)
נָצַר	to watch, guard (v)
נִקְיָה	to be clean, innocent, guiltless (v)
נִקְמָה	to avenge, take vengeance (v)
נָשָׂא	to lift, carry (v)
נִשְׁגַּח	[Hif.] to reach, attain (v)
נָתַן	to give (v)
נִתְּצָה	to pull down, break down (v)
סָבַב	to turn around, surround (v)
סָבִיב	around, surrounding
סוֹפֵר	scribe (m)
סוּר	to turn aside (v)
סוּס	horse (m)
סוּר	to turn aside (v)
סָלַח	to forgive (v)
סָפַר	to write, number (v)
סָפַר	to count; (Piel) to tell, relate (v)
סֵפֶר	book, scroll (m & f)
סָתַר	to conceal (v)
עָבַד	to serve (v)
עֶבֶד	servant (m)
עָבַר	to pass over, through (v)
עֵז	goat
עַד	until, unto
עֵד	a witness, testimony, evidence
עוֹד	yet, still, again
עוֹלָם	forever, eternity (m)
עוּר	to arouse oneself (v)
עוֹן	iniquity, guilt
עוֹף	bird (m)
עוּר	to arouse, awake
עָוַב	to abandon, leave, forsake (v)
עָזַר	to help (v)
עַיִן	eye, spring (f)
עִיר	city (f)

עֹלָה	whole burnt offering (f)
עָלָה	to go up (v)
עַם	people (m)
עָמַד	to stand (v)
עָנָה	to answer, bow down (v)
עָנָן	cloud (m)
עָפָר	dry earth, dust
עָרֵב	evening (m)
עָרַד	to arrange, set in order
עָשָׂה	to do, make (v)
עָשָׂר	ten (m)
עֶשְׂרֵה	ten (f)
עֵץ	tree (m)
עֵת	time (f)
עַתָּה	now
פָּדָה	to ransom, redeem (v)
פֶּה	mouth (m)
פֹּה	here
פָּוַץ	to be scattered (v)
פָּלַל	(Hithpa.) to pray
פָּן	lest
פָּנָה	to turn toward, face, prepare (v)
פָּנִים	face (faces)
פָּגַע	to meet, intercede (v)
פַּעַם	foot, step, time (f)
פָּקַד	to visit, number (v)
פָּר	young bull (m)
פָּרָה	to be fruitful (v)
פְּרִי	fruit (m)
פַּרְעֹה	Pharaoh
פָּשַׁע	to rebel, transgress (v)
פָּשַׁע	rebellion, transgression
פָּתַח	to open (v)
צָא	host, army (m)
צֹאן	flock, sheep
צְבָאוֹת	hosts, armies
צְדָק	righteousness, just
צְדֻקָּה	righteousness, just (f)
צְדִיק	righteous one
צִוָּה	(Piel) to command (v)
צוּר	rock
צָחַק	to laugh (v)
צֶלֶם	image, likeness

צָמָא	to be thirsty (v)
צָעַק	to cry out (v)
צָפָה	to keep, watch (v)
צָרַר	to be in distress (v)
קָבַז	to collect, gather (v)
קָבַר	to bury (v)
קָדַשׁ	to be holy (v)
קָדוֹשׁ	holy
קֹדֶשׁ	(noun) holy thing
קוֹל	voice, sound (m)
קוּם	to arise (v)
קִיר	wall
קָטָן	small
קָנָה	to take, possess (v)
קֵץ	end
קָרָא	to call (v)
קָרַב	midst
קָרַב	to draw near, approach (v)
קָרוֹב	near
קָרוֹן	horn (f)
קָרַע	to tare (v)
קָשָׁה	difficult, hard
קֶשֶׁת	bow, rainbow (f)
רָאָה	to see (v)
רֹאשׁ	head, chief (m)
רַב	many, much, great
רַב	multitude
רָבָה	to be many, multiply (v)
רֶגֶל	foot (f)
רָדַף	to pursue, persecute (v)
רוֹאֵה	seer, prophet
רוּחַ	spirit, wind (f)
רוּם	to be high, exalted (v)
רֹעֵה רֹעָה	shepherd
רוּץ	to run (v)
רָחַץ	To wash, wash off
רָחוֹק	far, distant
רָחַץ	to wash (v)
רִיב	to strive, contend (v)
רָנַן	to shout for joy (v)
רַע	evil, רָעָה (f)
רָעָה	to feed, graze, tend (v)
רָעַע	to be wicked, evil (v)

רָקִיעַ	expanse, firmament
רָפָא	to heal (v)
רָצַח	to kill (v)
שָׁבַע	to satisfy (v)
שָׁבַת	to cease, rest (v)
שָׂם	to put, place (v)
שָׁרַר	to sing (v)
שִׁית	to put, place, set (v)
שָׂחַק	to laugh, jest (v)
שָׁכַל	to have success, prosper
שָׂמַח	to rejoice (v)
שָׁמֶן	oil, fat
שָׂנֵא	to hate (v)
שָׁקַר	deception, falsehood
שָׁפָה	lip, speech, edge (f)
שָׂר	leader, prince (m)
שָׂרַף	to burn (v)
שָׁאַל	to ask (v)
שָׁבֵט	rod, staff, scepter, tribe (m)
שָׁבַר	to break in pieces (v)
שָׁבַע	seven
שִׁבְעָה	seven (f)
שָׁבַת	Sabbath, rest (m or f)
שָׁבַת	to cease, rest (v)
שָׁדַד	to devastate (v)
שׁוּב	to turn, return (v)
שׁוֹפֵט	judge
שׁוֹפָר	ram's horn, trumpet
שָׁרַר	to sing
שָׁחָה	to bow down, worship (v)
שָׁחַט	to kill, slaughter (v)
שָׁחַת	to destroy, corrupt (v)
שִׁית	to put, place, set
שָׁכַב	to lay down (v)
שָׁכַח	to forget (v)
שָׁכַן	to settle, dwell (v)
שָׁלוֹם	peace (m)
שִׁלְחָן	table
שָׁלַם	to be whole, complete (v)
שָׁלַח	to send, stretch out (v)
שָׁלֹשׁ	three (m)
שָׁלֹשָׁה	three (f)
שָׁם	there

שם	name (m)
שָׁמַם	to be astonished, desolate (v)
שָׁמַם	to be appalled, devastated (v)
שְׁמֹנֶה	eight
שְׁמֹנֶה	eight (f)
שֶׁמֶשׁ	sun
שָׁנָה	year (f)
שְׁנַיִם	two (m)
שַׁעַר	gate (m)
שָׁמַיִם	heaven, sky (m, du.)
שֶׁמֶן	oil, fat (m)
שָׁמַע	to hear, obey (v)
שָׁמַר	to keep, guard (v)
שָׁפַט	to judge, deliver (v)
שָׁפַךְ	to pour out (v)
שָׁקַח	to water (v)
שָׂרַף	to burn (v)
שֵׁשׁ	six
שֵׁשׁ	six (f)
שָׁתָה	to drink (v)
שְׁתַּיִם	two (f)
תְּהוֹם	abyss, great deep (f)
תּוֹלְדוֹת	generations (f)
תּוֹעֵבָה	abomination (f)
תּוֹרָה	law, Torah (f)
תָּמִיד	continuously
תָּמַם	to be finished, completed (v)
תְּפִלָּה	prayer (f)
תֵּשַׁע	nine (m)