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Hebrew - Lesson 1: Origins and History

Note: Rabbinic Judaism notes four main phases of the Hebrew Language Biblical Hebrew or Classical Hebrew, Rabbinical Hebrew, Medieval Hebrew and Modern Hebrew.

I. Origins of Hebrew

- A. First Language of the Human Family (Gen.)
- B. Pictorial Letter Script
- C. Called Phoenician and Canaanite (Isaiah 19:18) and Closely related to Moabite and Ugaritic (Note: The Moabites are descendants of Lot which was Abraham's nephew
- D. Hebrew Language Preserved Among Heber/Eber and his Descendants after the "Confounding of the Languages".
 - 1. Heber and family did not follow the idolatrous worship of Babylon.
 - 2. YHWH did not confound the language Heber and his family
- II. Ancient Hebrew Preserved in the Biblical Text of the Torah Among the Israelite Remnant of the Northern Kingdom
 - A. Transplanted foreigners amalgamated with the remnant of the 10 tribes to become the Samaritans
 - B. Priest/Cohen brought the Torah to teach the transplanted foreigners (2/4 LXX Kings 17:27)
 - C. Torah Scroll of the first 5 books is written in the ancient Paleo-Hebrew
- III. Ancient Hebrew Ceased to Be Used Among the Judean Israelites After Babylonian Captivity
 - A. Judean Israelites of the Southern Kingdom went into Babylonian captivity in 586 BCE
 - B. Judean Israelite captives adopted the Babylonian language of Aramaic

IV. YHWH Declared to Restore the Ancient Hebrew Language

- A. Zephaniah the prophet utters YHWH's declaration of the Ancient language of Hebrew being restored in the restoration of Israel (Zeph. 3:9)
- B. The purpose of the language being restored is for all people having the ability to call or declare the name of YHWH properly.

- V. Aramaic-Hebrew Used By Judean Israelites After Babylonian Captivity
 - A. Used by Ezra in his writings
 - B. Witness in the Aramaic Targum Translations of the 1st and 2nd century
 - C. Used in the Writings of the Shalichim/Apostles
 - D. Used in the Pharasaic/Rabbinic Writings of the Mishnah (3rd century CE) and Talmud (3rd 6th century CE)
- VI. Modification in the Hebrew Language by Rabbinic Judaism
 - A. Introduction of the "V" sound with the "Vav" into the Aramaic-Hebrew Language
 - 1. Occurred after 190 CE following the "Mishnaic Age"
 - B. Introduction of the Nikkudot vowel designations in the development of the Masoretic Text
- VII. The Development of Modern Hebrew in the 20th Century

LESSON 2: ANCIENT HEBREW LETTERING SYSTEM CHART

			And	cient Hebrew			Modern Hebrew			Gr	eek	Latin		
Early	Middle	Late	Name	Picture	Meaning	Sound	Letter	Name	Sound	Ancient	Modern	Ancient	Modern	
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Hebrew Block- Letter	Projected Proto-Hebrew Original Letter	Middle-Egyptian Hieroglyphic Exemplar (Sign-List Number)	Original Hebrew Alphabetic Name (NIVEC Number)	Hebrew Consonantals of Middle Kingdom (ca. 1842–1760 BC)	Hebrew Consonantals of New Kingdom (ca. 1560–1307 BC)	Hebrew Consonantals of Iron Age - Canaan (ca. 1150–587 BC)
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Old Hebrew (or Old Canaanitish 2) writing, as it was used on public monuments in the beginning of the ninth and in the second half of the eighth century B.C., is to be seen in the inscription of Mêša>, as well as in that of Siloam. The characters on the Maccabaean coins of the second century B.C., and also on ancient gems, still bear much resemblance to this (cf. § 2 d). With the Old Hebrew writing the Phoenician is nearly identical (see § 1 k, § 2 f, and the Table of Alphabets). From the analogy of the history of other kinds of writing, it may be assumed that out of and along with this monumental character, a less antique and in some ways more convenient, rounded style was early developed, for use on softer materials, skins, bark, papyrus, and the like. This the Samaritans retained after their separation from the Jews, while the Jews gradually1 (between the sixth and the fourth century) exchanged it for an Aramaic character. From this gradually arose (from about the fourth to the middle of the third century) what is called the square character, which consequently bears great resemblance to the extant forms of Aramaic writing, such as the Egyptian-Aramaic, the Nabatean and especially the Palmyrene.

The Alphabet consists, like all Semitic alphabets, solely of consonants, twentytwo in number, some of which, however, have also a kind of vocalic power.

Pronunciation and Division of Consonants

Pronunciation

1. An accurate knowledge of the original phonetic value of each consonant is of the greatest importance, since very many grammatical peculiarities and changes (§ 18 ff.) only become intelligible from the nature and pronunciation of the sounds. This knowledge is obtained partly from the pronunciation of the kindred dialects, especially the still living Arabic, partly by observing the affinity and interchange of sounds on Hebrew itself (§ 19), and partly from the tradition of the Jews.1

The pronunciation of Hebrew by the modern German Jews, which partly resembles the Syriac and is generally called 'Polish', differs considerably from that of the Spanish and Portuguese Jews, which approaches nearer to the Arabic. The pronunciation of Hebrew by Christians follows the latter (after the example of Reuchlin), in almost all cases.

The oldest tradition is presented in the transcription of Hebrew names in Assyrian cuneiform; a later, but yet in its way very important system is seen in the manner in which the LXX transcribe Hebrew names with Greek letters.2

(Source: Gesenius Hebrew Grammar)

Division of Consonants

According to their special character the consonants are divided into—

(a) Gutturals	אהעח
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(b) Palatals ג כ ק

(c) Dentals דטת

(d) Labials

(e) Sibilants זשׁשׂס צ

(f) Sonants נ. מ ,ר ל ,וי

(Source: Gesenius Hebrew Grammar)

Vowels and Vowel Letters

- 1. The original vowels in Hebrew, as in the other Semitic tongues, are "a", "i", "u". E and o always arise from an obscuring or contraction of these three pure sounds, viz. ĕ by modification from ĭ or ӑ; short ŏ from ŭ; ê by contraction from ai (properly ay); and ô sometimes by modification (obscuring) from â, sometimes by contraction from au (properly aw).1
- In proper names the LXX often use the diphthongs "αi" and "αu" where the Hebrew form has ê or ô.)
 (Source: Gesenius Hebrew Grammar)

The use of the Hebrew vowels has been preserved in the LXX translation of the proper names.

- 2. The partial expression of the vowels by certain consonants (κ , ι , ι , ι) which sufficed during the lifetime of the language, and for a still longer period afterwards (cf. § 1 k), must in the main have passed through the following stages2:—
- (b) The employment of "ı" (waw) to denote ô, û, and of "ı" (yad/yod) to denote "ê", "î", may have resulted from those cases in which a "ı" (waw) with a preceding "a" was contracted into "au" and further to ô, or with a preceding "u" coalesced into û, and where "¹" (yod) with a has been contracted into "ai" and further to ê, or with a preceding "i" into î (cf. § 24). In this case the previously existing consonants were retained as vowel letters and were further applied at the end of the word to denote the respective long vowels. Finally "x" (el/aleph) also will in the first instance have established itself as a vowel letter only where a consonantal x with a preceding "a" had coalesced into â or ā.

The "hey" mainly followed, though with independent regard to the peculiar nature of the Hebrew, the example and pattern of the older Syrian punctuation.1

The employment of ה for ā probably took place first in the case of words that originally ended in the " ה " . (Source: Gesenius Hebrew Grammar)

LESSON 3: VOWELS AND GRAMMAR

I. Hebrew Vowels

Four of the Hebrew letters double as consonants and vowels. These are the following:

The al/aleph can be a glottal stop (silent pause) or the vowel sound "a".

The hey is a "h" as a consonant or an "e" as a vowel.

The waw is a "w" as a consonant or an "o" or "u" as a vowel.

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 (yad/yud)

The yad/yud is a "y" as a consonant or an "i' as a vowel.

The waw and the yud are the two most commonly used as vowels in Hebrew words. When the waw appears at the beginning of a syllable it will use the consonantal "w" sound. The same with the yud which will use the consonantal "y" when at the beginning of a syllable.

Another type of vowel is the implied vowel sounds. This means that the vowel is not written but is necessary in order to pronounce the word. An example of this is the word which 4 9 consists of the two consonant B and R and cannot be pronounced without a vowel between them. In most cases the implied vowel will be an "a" or an "e". In this case the implied vowel is the "a" and the word is 4 9 pronounced "BaR".

II. Gender

A. There are two genders in the Hebrew language:

- 1) Masculine
- 2) Feminine.

Note: There is no neuter in the Hebrew language.

B. Masculine words: Words indicating males are masculine.

There is no special form to indicate masculine nouns. However, the absence of the

X tau or 久 hev at the end of a word usually, but not always, indicates a masculine gender.

- C. Feminine Words: Words indicating females are feminine. Feminine nouns are recognized by the ending: X tau or 3 hey
- III. The Conjunction "And"

"And" is usually expressed in Hebrew by the $\,^{\,\prime}$ (waw) prefixed to the following word. It does not stand alone.

IV. The Definite Article "The"

In order to express "the" in Hebrew, the noun is prefixed with the 久 (hey). It does not stand alone. Note: Hebrew has no word for the indefinite articles "a" and "an".

וִיִּשְׁמַע יְהוֹשֵּעַ אֶת־קוֹל **הָעָם** בְּרֵעֹה וַיּאמֶר אֵל־משֵה קוֹל מִלְחַמָה בַּמַּחֲנֵה

(Exodus 32:17 MT)

HEBREW LANGUAGE: Lesson 4

ADJECTIVES

VOCABULARY

A. Adjectives	3		
Feminine			Masculine
מוֹכָה	good		מוב
רעה	bad		רע
יָפָה	nice,	beautiful	יָפָּה
נְרוֹלָח	big, l	arge, great	גָרוֹל
קסנה	small	, little	קמו
וְסְנָה	old (1	persons, beings)	וקו –
יִשָּׁנָה	old (t	things)	יִשוֹי
צְעִירָה	young	g	צְעִיר
שְׁחוֹרָה	black		שָׁחוֹר
לְבְנָה	white		לבו
קרושה	holy		קרוש
B. Nouns			
year	שָׁנָה	house (m.)	בֿיִת
girl	יַלְרָח	boy	יָּלֶר
family	משפחה	tree	עץ
blessing	בְּרָכָח	name	שׁם
law	תוֹרָה	light	אור

C. Prepositions (unattached to words)

from	(6)	מן	to	אָל
with (beings)		עם	upon, over	על
without		בלי	under, instead of	מַתָּת בּ

GRAMMAR AND NOTES

Study the following phrases carefully:

a good man	איש מוב
a good woman	אשָה מוֹכָה
a good name	שם מוב
a good year	שָׁנָה מוֹכָה

In English, the adjective remains unchanged, whether we use it with a masculine or feminine noun, in singular or plural. Thus we say a good son, a good daughter, good sons, good daughters.

In Hebrew, as in French, every adjective changes in agreement with its noun.

Thus we say בְּרֶכָה נְרוֹלָה a beautiful tree, but בְּרֶכָה נְרוֹלָה a great blessing.

Notice that the adjective always comes after the noun, e.g., שם מוס a good name. From Lesson 6 we know that feminine nouns usually end with ה,; accordingly, in order to form the feminine of adjectives, we add ה, to the masculine form, e.g., שוֹבָה (m.) מוֹבָה (f.) good; הַבָּי (m.) הַבְּי (f.) beautiful. Note that the feminine of מַבָּה (not הַבָּה).

The definite article – הווע followed by a strong dagesh is joined to both the noun and the adjective. In other words, if the noun is definite, the adjective must also be made definite by adding the definite article המפר הקרוש. Thus in Hebrew, המפר הקרוש the holy book is the same as the book, the holy (one); similarly, המוֹבְה הַמוֹבְה הַמוֹבְּה הַמוֹבְּיה הַמוֹבְיה הַמוֹבְּיה הַמוֹבְיה הַמוֹבְיה הַמוֹבְיה הַמוֹבְיה הַמוֹבְיה הַמוֹבְּיה הַמוֹבְיה הַמוֹבְיה הַמוֹבְיה הַמוֹב ה הַמוֹבְיה הַמוֹב ה בּיִים הַבְּיה הַמוֹב ה בּיים הוֹב ה הוֹב ה הַמוֹב ה ביוּ הַבְּיה הַמוֹב ה בּיים הוֹב ה בּיים הוֹב הוֹב ה ביוּ הַיּים הוֹב ה ביים הוֹב הוֹב ה ביים הוֹב ה בּים הוֹב ה ביים הוֹב ה בּים הוֹב ה ביים הוֹב

Observe the feminine of the following adjectives:

	Feminine	Masculine
holy, sacred	קרושה	קרוש
big, great, large	גרולה	נָרוֹל
white	לכנה	לבו

	Feminine	Masculine
black	שָׁחוֹרָה	שָׁחוֹר
young	צעירה	צעיר

The feminine forms of these adjectives display an important rule in Hebrew grammar: If a masculine noun or adjective of two syllables begins with the long vowel qamats (,) as in לְכוֹ, , בְרוֹל, etc., the qamats (,) is changed into a shva (,) when the feminine is formed.

STUDY HINTS

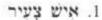
- Read aloud Group A of the Vocabulary at the beginning of this lesson. Eirst read the masculine and then the feminine nouns. Learn Groups B and C of the Vocabulary, following the instructions in Study Hint 1 in Lesson 6.
- When dealing with the adjectives for the first time, bear in mind the following:
 - Adjectives always follow the noun they qualify.
 - b. Adjectives change in gender and number to agree with the noun.
 - c. If the noun is definite, the adjective must also be definite.
- 3. Note carefully that the feminine of קָּמֶנְה and יְפָה is יְפָה and קְמֶנְה and יְפָה and יְפָה and יְפָה and יְפָה
- The rule about the feminine is very important. You will often come across
 this rule in one form or another. So make sure you understand it now.
- 5. Translate Exercise C orally. In 3, note that לֵילָה is masculine, although ending in ה. Translate the odd-numbered items in Exercises D and E orally. Remember that בַּיִּת is masculine.
- 6. Exercise G, Rapid Reading (See instructions in Study Hint 5, Lesson 5.)

EXERCISES

A. Write the feminine of the following words:

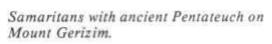
לבנ	.4	מוב	.1
וקו	.5	גרול	.2
איש	.6	יָפָּה:	.3

B. Give the feminine of the following:





5. הַיַּלֶר הַמוֹב









A modern seven-branched menorah (candlestick) erected in Jerusalem.

Judean Wilderness. On Jericho Road, halfway between Jerusalem and Jericho.

C. Translate the following into English:

6. אֶל־הַבּיֵת הַקּפְוּ	1. משׁפַּחָה נְרוֹלָה
7. על הפום הלכן	2. אַשָּׁה צִעִירָה וְיָפָה
8. בְלִי הִמשְׁפָּחָה	3. לילה שוב
9. הַּחָת עֵץ	4. בָּלִי הַבָּת הַצְּעִירָה
10. עם הַלָּלֶר וְעָם הַנַּלְרָה	5. מוַ־הַבִּית אַל־הַשְּׁרַה

D. Rewrite the following nouns and add an appropriate adjective. Translate the result into English: (Example: a big horse סום ברול – סום (סום – סום ברול

6. הַתּוֹרָה	בו	. 1
ד. לילה	הַבָּת	.2
8. הַפִּשְׁפָּחָה	הבּנת	.3
9. הַסֶּפֶר	בַּיִת	.4
.10	שרה	.5

E. Translate the following into Hebrew:

	and the same with a same with the same with		
1	. from a house	6.	on the horse
2	. good evening	7.	with the son
-3	without the book	8.	a holy book
4	. the little door	9.	a great blessing
5	. under the house	10.	the great day
T	ranslate the following into Hebrew:		81
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F.

 with a great man 	6. from an old uncle
2. to a big house*	7. on the black horse
3. from the big house*	8. under a little tree
4. and a beautiful day	9. without a bad name

5. without the white book 10. with the beautiful daughter

G. Rapid Reading: Read the following over and over again until you can read it correctly and fluently (Lev. 19:18, Gen. 27:22).

> וַאָהַבָּתְּ לְרֵעֵדְּ כָּמֹוֹדְּ הַקוֹל קוֹל יִעְקֹב

^{*}Note that a house, although ending in I, is masculine.

HEBREW LANGUAGE: Lesson 5

NOUNS WITH ADJECTIVES; PLURALS; DEFINITE ARTICLE

VOCABULARY

A. Masculine Nouns and Adjectives

Plural		Singular
הוֹדִים	uncle	רוֹד
סוסים	horse	סום
שירים	song	שיר
גוים	nation	גוי
כוכבים	star	כּוֹכָב
מוכים	good	מוֹב
רעים	bad	רע
יִפים	beautiful	יָפֶה:
גרולים	big, great, large	נרול
קמנים	small, little	קפו
וקנים	old (beings)	ופו

B. Feminine Nouns and Adjectives

Plural		Singular
דורות	aunt	הורה
סוסות	mare	סוקה
מְנוֹרוֹת	lampstand	מְגוֹרָת
בְרְכוֹת	blessing	בָּרָכָה
מצוות	commandment	מְצְוָה

	Singular
cow	פָרָה
animal	בְּתַמָּה
kingdom	מְמְלָכָה
good	מוכה
bad	רעה
beautiful	יָפָה:
big, great, large	גרולה
small, little	קפנה
young	צְעִירָה
	animal kingdom good bad beautiful big, great, large small, little

C. Nouns With Adjectives

Masculine

black horses	סוסים שחורים
small trees	עצים קטנים
the good songs	הַשִּׁירִים הַפּוֹבִים
the large stars	הַבּוֹכְבִים הַגְּרוֹלִים

Feminine

black mares	סוסות שחורות
good commandments	סָצְווֹת סוֹבוֹת
the beautiful lampstands	הָפְגוֹרוֹת הַיָּפוֹת
the white cows	הַפְּרוֹת הַלְכָנוֹת

GRAMMAR AND NOTES

1. Nouns With Adjectives

From studying the above list you have probably observed that

- a. masculine nouns and adjectives generally form their plurals by adding D'to the singular (Group A);
- c. as stated in Lesson 7, the adjective always follows the noun and always agrees with the noun it qualifies (Group C), for example:

a large horse

סום גדול

a large mare	סוסה גרולה	
large horses	סוסים גְרוֹלִים	
large mares	סוסות גרולות	

Note: If the noun is defined, i.e., is used with the definite article - T the adjective must also be defined.

The irregular plural forms of the following nouns are frequently used and must be learned well:

Plural		Singular
	Masculine	
אָנשׁים	man	איש
דברים	word, thing	דָּבָר
עמים	people	עָם
ראשׁים	head	ראש
ימים	day	יום
בְּתִים	house	בַּיִת
בָנים	son	בן
אָבוֹת	father	Þķ⊏
לילות	night	לולה
	Feminine	
נשים	woman	אַשָּׁה
בנות	daughter	בָת
שנים	year	שָׁנָה

2. Dual Number

There is another kind of plural, known as the *dual number*, for the double members of the body (eyes, hands, feet, and ears) and for other objects found in pairs. We shall study this form in Lesson 22.

3. Definite Article Before the Letters N, V, and

"compensate" for the loss of the dagesh, for example:

הָאוֹר/אוֹר, הָאִישׁ/אִישׁ, הָעַּרֶב/עַּרֶב, הָרָגַל/רְגַל

Note: This rule does not apply to a word beginning with y (i.e., the letter y with the vowel qamats). We shall deal again with the definite article in future lessons (see Lesson 28).

STUDY HINTS

- 1. The important points to remember in this lesson are the following:
 - a. Masculine nouns and adjectives generally form their plural by adding to their singular.
 - b. The plural of feminine nouns and adjectives generally ends in ni-.
 - c. The adjective always follows the noun and agrees with it in gender and number.

Learn the examples given in Vocabulary Sections A, B, and C.



Aerial view of Jerusalem.

- Note the use of the definite article before words beginning with ℵ, ¬ or 𝒯. The
 definite article is ¬ (not ¬).
- 3. Grammar and Notes 3 should raise no difficulty. You have only to bear in mind what you have already studied about the peculiarities of the gutturals and the letter 7. (See Lesson 5, Notes 14 and 15.)
- Note carefully any peculiarities in the formation of the plural noun or adjective (e.g., אְנְשִׁים/אִישׁ).

EXERCISES

A. Write the plural of the following words, with vowels:

Regular Plural Forms

הַבְּרָכָה הַגָּרוֹלָה	.5	סום גדול	.1
הַפוּם הַלְבָן		שיר פוב	.2
סנורה שחורה	.7	הדורה השוכה	.3
הַנְבִיאָה הָרְעָה	.8	נכיא צעיר	,4
Ir	regular l	Plural Forms	

6. בן קמן	ו. איש וקו
7. בת מוכה	2. הָאִשָּׁה הָוָפָה
8. הלילה הו	3. עם גרול
9. השנה המ	4. היום הרע

B. Translate the following into English:

6. הְעָמִים הַנְּרוֹלִים	ו. נשים וקנות
7. כְּתִּים לְבָנִים	2. הָאָבוֹת הַנְּרוֹלִים
8. הַנְמִים הַמּוֹבִים	3. בנות קשנות
9. שנים מובות	4. הָבָנִים הַצְּעִירִים
10. אָנְשִׁים וְקַנִים	5. הלילות הרעים

Write the Hebrew for the following:

the white horses
 great blessings
 definition
 definition
 definition
 definition

5. the beautiful trees

8. white houses

6. the evil sons

9. good women

7. small daughters

- 10. the holy days
- D. Write the plural of the following words with the definite article:

(Example: הָעָמִים, עם)

11. בַּיָת	6. סוקה	1. לילה
12. יום	7. שָׁנָה	2. איש
13. כוֹכָב	8. אָב	3. בת
14. דְּכָר	9. אשה	4. נכיא
.15 ראש	10. ממלכה	צ. עץ

E. Rapid Reading (Gen. 2:4):

אַלָּה תוּלְרוֹת הַשְּׁמִים וְהָאָׁרֶץ בְּהַבְּרְאָם בִּיוֹם עֲשוֹת אֱלֹהִים אֶּרֶץ וְשְׁמִׁיִם.

F. Transliteration of Rapid Reading (Exercise E).

Line 1: ĕl-leh tô-ledôt hash-shā-ma-yim

veha-'a-reş behib-ba-re'am

Line 2: be-yôm (aśôt elő-him e-res veshā-mā-yim.

LESSON 6. TRANSLATING HEBREW WORDS

- I. Recognize that each Hebrew Letter Has a Meaning
- II. Find the meaning of each letter in the Hebrew word
- III. Construct the concept of the Hebrew word from the meanings of each letter.
- IV. Each Hebrew word can have different shades of meaning related to its word root in different applications of a text.
- V. Words to Translate

אָב

تزا

בָּרָא

יוֹם

בוקר

ערב

קול

LESSON 7. TRANSLATING HEBREW WORDS (Pt. 2)

El

Yahshua

Yahusha

Hebrew Language - Lesson 8 Personal Pronouns and Present Tense "To Be"

SEGHOLATE NOUNS; PERSONAL PRONOUNS; PRESENT TENSE OF *TO BE*

VOCABULARY

A. Segholate Nouns Masculine

	Group A	
Plural		Singular
עָרְבִים	evening	עָרֶב
ילדים	boy	יָלָר : יַלָר
נְכְרִים	man	נֶּבֶר
מלכים	king	מלד
כָּרָמִים	vineyard	בָּרָם בַּ
ספרים	book	ַ מַפָּר
בְּגְרִים	garment	בָּנֶר
נְשָׁמִים	rain	נשם
בְּלְכִים	dog	בָּלֶב
	Group B	
נערים	youth, boy, child	נָעָר
נְחָלִיב	wadi, river	נֿחַל
שערים	gate	שׁעַר
פרדים	bud, flower	פֿרַת
יברים	sacrifice	זבח

Feminine

Plural		Singular
נפשות	soul, life	נפש
אָרצוֹת	land	ארץ
דלתות	door	דלת

B. Personal Pronouns

Plural		Singular	
we	אַנֿחָנוּ	I	אני. אנכי
you (m.)	אָתָם	thou, you (m.)	אתה
you (f.)	אַתָּו	thou, you (f.)	את
they (m.)	הַם	he, it* (m.)	הוא
they (f.)	10	she, it* (f.)	היא

GRAMMAR AND NOTES

1. Segholate Nouns

In a large number of two-syllable masculine and feminine Hebrew nouns, the first syllable is accented and the second has the vowel seghol (,).

Grammarians usually call such nouns segholates (Group A of the vocabulary). However, when the second or third letter of the segholate noun is a guttural, the second syllable is pointed with patah (,) instead of seghol (Group B).

Note: This is another peculiarity of the gutturals; they usually take patah (_) rather than any other vowel. (What are the other peculiarities of the guttural? See Lesson 9.)

The segholate masculine nouns form their plural according to the following pattern: D'XXX

boys	לֶלֶד – יְלֶדִים	kings	מַלֶּדְ - מְלְכִים
books	מַפֶּר - מְפָּרִים	boys	נער - נערים
flowers	פַּרַח – פְּרָחִים	gates	שַׁעַר - שְׁעָרִים

^{*}The pronoun it is translated אוה or היא according to whether it stands for a masculine or feminine noun.

2. Present Tense of the Verb "To Be"

Hebrew has no special words for the English verbs am, are, or is. They are understood from the context. Thus, the present tense of to be is not expressed in Hebrew. When you translate into English, you must add the appropriate English verb.

Moses is a man	משה איש
I am the mother	אָני הָאָם
you are the father	אָתָה הָאָב
we are old	אָנֹחָנוּ וְקַנִים
thou art the man	אָתָה הָאִישׁ
the king is old	הפלד ופו
the old king	הפלד הוקו

3. Biblical Word List

But:

Beginning with this lesson you will find a special list of the most frequently used biblical words in most lessons. The words given here are only those which occur in the Hebrew Bible from 100 to 5000 times. After mastering



View of the Mount of Olives from the Temple Mount area.

about 150 to 200 words, you should be able to read and understand easy narrative passages from the Bible without much difficulty.

Study the Biblical Word List with the following suggestions in mind:

- Read each word aloud five times and note its meaning.
- Cover the English column and see if you know the meaning of the Hebrew words.
- Cover the Hebrew column and test yourself by giving the Hebrew orally.
- Finally, cover the Hebrew column and write the Hebrew corresponding to the English word, with vowels.

Biblical Word List One (nouns occurring 500 to 5000 times)

father	אָכ
man, Adam	אָרַם
brother	ПЖ
man	אִיש

STUDY HINTS

- Read the Vocabulary aloud several times. You can hardly fail to observe that
 the nouns in Group A and Group B have the same pattern. They belong to a
 large number of words known as segholates. (See Grammar and Notes 1.)
 Note that the pattern of all plurals is באבא. Thus, the plural of the
 word קלים (banner, flag), being a segholate, is דְּלִים. There are very few
 exceptions to this rule. Study carefully the feminine plural of the segholates.
- The accent of all the segholate nouns in the singular is on the first syllable. It is very important to remember this when reading aloud.
- Another important peculiarity of the gutturals is explained in Section 1; namely, the gutturals take the vowel patah rather than any other vowel. (What are the two other peculiarities of the gutturals? See Lesson 5, Notes 14 and 15.)
- 4. Memorize the personal pronouns and learn to write them correctly.
- 5. The present tense of to be is not expressed in Hebrew. Thus, אַהָה הְאִישׁ you are the man, הְאִישׁ וְקוֹ the man is old. However, the old man is written הַאִּישׁ הַוְקוֹ.

6. The list of frequently used biblical words is extremely useful. After learning 150 to 200 of these words, you should be able to read the narrative sections of the Hebrew Bible without much difficulty. When studying the Biblical Word List, follow the instructions in this lesson.

EXERCISES

A. Write the plural of the following:

6. בָּלֶב	ַ סַׁפֶּר	.1
7. ילר	נמל	.2
8. גער	שָּׁעַר	.3
9. בֹנֶר	פַֿרַח	.4
10. כַּרָם	מְנוֹרָה	.5

- B. Write the personal pronouns from memory, without vowels.
- C. Translate the following into English:

ו. אני
2. הֶּבֶּ
3. הֶּבֶּ
4. חֶעֵ
5. הַּם
6. הר
7. אר
8. mic
9. أ⊊⊓
10. הש

- D. Write the Hebrew in Exercise C in the plural.
- E. Translate the following into Hebrew, without vowels:
 - 1. a good book
 - 2. the good book

Hebrew Language - Lesson 9 VERBS

VERBS

VOCABULARY

In common with other Semitic languages, the roots of almost all Hebrew verbs consist of three letters, conveniently pronounced as follows:

to eat	אָכָל	to finish	נפר
to learn	למד	to give	לעו
to write	בָּתַב	to guard, keep	שָׁמֶר
to say	אָמֶר	to walk, go	תַלְרַ
to give birth	ילר:	to shut	סָגָר
to sit	יָשַׁב	to stand	עָמָר

Note: The root has three consonants without any reference to vowels.

GRAMMAR AND NOTES

1. Qal

The simple form of the verb is known as Qal \$\forall \text{ meaning light or easy, i.e., simple.} In this course we shall study the Qal form only. The verbs given in the Vocabulary above are all of the Qal pattern.

2. Tenses

Strictly speaking, Biblical (i.e., Classical) Hebrew has no tense similar to those used in English, French, or German. The action is regarded as either complete or incomplete. Hence most scholars prefer to call a completed

action perfect and an incompleted action imperfect. The perfect tense, in Hebrew, expresses a completed action. Thus, 'D' means I studied, I have studied, I had studied, I had been studying or I did study. The imperfect tense expresses an incomplete action: 'D' I shall shut, I shall be shutting. For the time being, translate the imperfect as a simple future.

3. Active Participles of Qal Verbs

Let us first consider the following active participles before we study one of the chief ways of expressing present action.

eating	אוכל	finishing	נומר
learning	לומר	giving	נותן
writing	כותב	going, walking	הולף
saying	אומר	shutting	סוגר
sitting	יושב	standing	עומר

The participles agree with the nouns and pronouns associated with them.

They may precede or follow	the subject.
The man is walking.	הַאִישׁ הוֹלֶךְ or הוֹלֶדְ הָאִישׁ
The son is writing.	הבן כותב or בותב הבן
The boys are learning.	*הולרים לוסרים or לוסרים *הולרים
The women are eating.	הַנְשִׁים אוֹכְלוֹת or אוֹכְלוֹת הַנְשִׁים

The following are the principal parts of the active participles of the Qal verb:

^{*}When the definite article is attached to a word beginning with '(the letter 'with shva), the dagesh is usually omitted.

	Pli	ural	Singular				
	Feminine	Masculine	Feminine	Masculine			
	לוֹמְדוֹת	לוֹמְרֵים	לוסְרָה †	לוֹמֶרֶת	לומַר		
	כותבות	כוֹתְבִים	כוֹתָכָח †	כּוֹתָּבֶת	כותב		
4.	Biblical Word	List Two (verbs occu	arring 500 to 5	000 times)		
	to eat	אָכַל	to speak		רבר		
	to say	אָמָר	to be		קוָה		
	to come	בוא					

STUDY HINTS

- The term Classical Hebrew refers mainly to Biblical Hebrew as distinct from post-Biblical (i.e., Modern) Hebrew. (In Classical Hebrew the tenses are designated as either perfect or imperfect, whereas in Modern Hebrew they are called past or future.)
- 2. This is one of the most important lessons so far. It is of utmost importance that you learn the root of each Hebrew verb you study. Master thoroughly the three letters of the root of each verb. All other verbs and nouns associated by meaning with this verb will also contain this root. Note, for example, the root אילדות, which in the Qal means to bear or to bring forth: ילְדוֹת boy, אַלְדוֹת generations, אַלְדוֹת kindred, אַלְדוֹת childhood, youth.
- 3. The use of the Hebrew tenses is relatively easy to learn. You have probably observed, for instance, that I had eaten, I ate, I did eat, or I have eaten are all expressed in Hebrew as אָבֹרְתוּ. Thus, many different types of past action are expressed by the Hebrew perfect tense. This reductionism is largely true of the Hebrew imperfect tense in expressing various types of future (and sometimes also present) action.
- 4. In English we have only one pattern of present active participles ending in -ing. In Hebrew these participles agree with the nouns and pronouns associated with them. At the present stage of your work, study each participle

[†]This form is not frequently used.

together with its four principal parts as given in this lesson. Remember that the feminine singular form may end in Γ — or Γ —, either of which is an indication of the feminine gender.

5. Follow the instructions given in Lesson 10 for the Biblical Word List.

	E	XERCISES		
A	. Write the Hebrew of the follow	ving verbs, with	out vowels:	
	1. to finish	6. to go		
	2. to eat	7. to lear	'n	
	3. to write	8. to shu	t	
	4. to say	9. to give	i.	
	5. to sit	10. to star	nd	
B.	Give the principal parts of the	ne active partic	iples of the foll	lowing verbs
	(Example: לוֹמְרוֹם, לוֹמְרוֹם,	ר-לפר ,לופָרו	(לוֹכֵ	
	7. הלר	5. נְמָר	3. אָמָר	ו. נְתַוּ
	8. סָגָר	6. כְּתַב	.4 ישב	. עמר
	Read aloud and translate the fo	הַבְּּלָב. ל־הַשְּׁרָה.	ב תַּחַת הָעֵץ עם ית מְן־הַסַּפֶּר. וּשָׁה מִן־הַכַּיִת אָ וְבִיאִים עַל־הָעֵץ. הוֹלֶכָת מִן־הַשָּׁעַ	2. הָבָּת לוֹמָׁרְ 3. הוֹלֶּכֶת הָא 4. יוֹשְׁכִים הָוְ
D.	With which of the roots in the words closely associated? 1. food 2. saying	6. boy 7. to feed		the following
	3. a letter (in correspondence)	8. settle		

9. lock

10. gift

4. to teach

5. standing

E. Rapid Reading (Ex. 3:1, Ex. 20:8, Gen. 1:31):

וסשה הָיָה רֹעֶה אָת־צאן יִתְרוֹ חֹתְנוֹ כֹהַן כִּרְיָן זְכוֹר אָת־יוֹם־הַשַּׁבְּת לְקַרְשׁוֹ וִיָהִי־עָּרֶב וִיְהִי־בֹּקָר יוֹם הַשִּׁשִּׁי וִיָּהִי־עָּרֶב וִיְהִי־בֹּקָר יוֹם הַשִּׁשִּׁי

Hebrew Language - Lesson 10 Text Translation of Leviticus 19:27-28 and Numbers 6:18a

neither	of your heads, ראָשׁ / כם	the corners	Ye shall round	not לא	27
87/!	ا يېم / پات	פְאַת	תַקְפוּ	87	
v∍lō'	rō'šķem	p∍'a <u>t</u>	<u>t</u> aqqip̃û	lō'	
н3808	н7218	н6285	н5362	н3808	
לא	ראש	פּאָה	נְקַף	לא	
lō'	rō'š	pē'â	nāqap	lō'	
H C / Tn	H Ncmsc / Sp2mp	H Ncfsc	H Vhi2mp	H Tn	
	of thy beard.	the corners	S	halt thou mar	
	זָקנֶ / דּ	פְאַת	אָת	תַשְׁחִית	
	z ^ə qāne <u>k</u> ā	p∍'a <u>t</u>	'ē <u>t</u>	<u>t</u> ašḥî <u>t</u>	
	н2206	н6285	н853	н7843	
	וָקוּ	פאה	את		

any	in your flesh	Ye	shall make	not	for the dead,	cuttings	28
וּ / כְתֹבֶת	בָּ / בְשַׂרְ / כֶם		תְתְּנוּ	לא	לְ / נֶפֶשׁ	וְ / שֶׂרֶט	
û <u>kt</u> ōbe <u>t</u>	bibśarkem		<u>t</u> itnû	lō'	lānepēš	v ^ə śereţ	
н3793	н1320		н5414	н3808	н5315	н8296	
בְּתֹבֶת	בְּשָׂר		נָתַן	לא	ڕۅ۪ۛۛۛؗؗ	שֶׂרֶט	
k <u>ªt</u> ō <u>b</u> et	bāśār		nā <u>t</u> an	lō'	nepeš	śereţ	
H C / Ncfsc	HR/Ncmsc/Sp2mp		H Vqi2mp	H Tn	HR/Ncbsa	H C / Ncmsa	
the LORI	D. [am]	I	upon you:	prir	nt nor	any marks	
יְהוָה		אָני	בָּ / כֶם	רְּגנוּ	לא ת	קַעֲקַע	
Y ^ə hvâ		'ănî	bā <u>k</u> em	<u>t</u> itn	û lō'	qaʻăqaʻ	
н3068		н589		н541	l4 н3808	н7085	
יְהוְה		אַני		ָתַן יַתַּן	לא נְ	קַעֲקַע	
Y ^ə hōvâ		'ănî		nā <u>t</u> a	an lō'	qa'ăqa'	

(Literal Meaning from the Hebrew Language)

V.27

Not to mark/cut/pierce the cover/covered area/surrounding area the mouth/face boundaries/borders/edges (sides/edges/boundaries of the mouth or face)

head round about (around the head)

And not to mark/cut/pierce with pressure/force as one marks/cuts/pierces (to disfigure/damage by marking/cutting/piercing)

the mouth/face boundaries/borders/edges (sides/edges/boundaries of the mouth or face)

that makes one old going around (the edges around of the mouth or face that makes one

old/older/mature is "the beard")

V. 28

And cuttings to the dead no marks/prints/marking in the flesh around (in or around the flesh) any marks no marks/prints in/on around (in/on around you) I am YHWH.

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of the cong יעֵד môʿ н41: יעֵד môʿ H Ncr	מוֹ ēd 50 a ēd	ל. 'ōi אל 'ōi	bernacle 「説 nel 68 が nel cmsc	the door реţаḥ н6607 плъ реţаḥ н Ncmsc	[at]	the Nazari ק' לְנְיִר / בְּזִיר hannāzîr н5139 נְזִיר nāzîr H Td / Ncms	П	shall shave י / גָלַ י - קֿנַלוּ אָלַרוּ קֿנַרוּ gālaḥ	18
of the h rō'š н721 พ่ง* rō'š	П 5 8 н	e hair קיני פי ar 8181 שִינָי פֿי ar	אָת 'e <u>t</u> н853 אַת 'ē <u>t</u>	and shall take רְלַקַת / לְקַת valāqaḥ нз947 קֿקַת lāqaḥ	of h	is separation i / נְזְר / nizrô h5145 يَرْد nēzer	the head רֹאִשׁ rō'š н7218 רֹאִשׁ rō'š	אָת 'e <u>t</u> אָמ 'ē <u>t</u>	
which אַשֶּׁרְ 'ăšer אּמָשׁר אַשֶּׁר 'ăšer HTr	the fi hā'ē н784 wä. 'ēš	Ä Š Š	in עֵל al א5921 עֵל al HR	[it]		and put vanātan H5414 nātan HC/Vqq3ms	i / n H	eparation, נְיְרְ nizrô 5145 <u>Li</u> ēzer sc / Sp3ms	

of the peace offerings.	the sacrifice	under	
הַ / שְׁלְמִים	זֶבַת	תַתת	
hašš ^ə lāmîm	zebah	taḥa <u>t</u>	
н8002	н2077	н8478	
שֶׁלֶם	זֶבָת	עַתַת	
šelem	zebah	taḥa <u>t</u>	

(Note: 1. The Hebrew word

תקפו

translated "cut or shave" and

תַשָּׁלִית

translated "disfigure" in Lev. 19:27 is different from the word

וְגִלַּח

translated "cut or shave" in Num. 6:18 which deal with the Nazarite prohibited from "cutting his hair".

2. The Hebrew word

שִׁעַר

translated "hair" is not mentioned in Lev 19:27. However, the Hebrew word for "hair" is mentioned in Numbers 6:18.)