

Lesson 10 – The Hiphil, Hophal & Hithpael Stems

The Hiphil Stem

30.2 The Hiphil stem is used to express a _____ type of action with an active voice. It is usually translated with the phrases “_____” or “_____.”

30.3 The Hiphil Perfect Paradigm

3 rd Masculine Singular	
3 rd Feminine Singular	
2 nd Masculine Singular	
2 nd Feminine Singular	
1 st Common Singular	
3 rd Common Plural	
2 nd Masculine Plural	
2 nd Feminine Plural	
1 st Common Plural	

30.5 The Hiphil Imperfect Paradigm

3 rd Masculine Singular	
3 rd Feminine Singular	
2 nd Masculine Singular	
2 nd Feminine Singular	
1 st Common Singular	
3 rd Masculine Plural	
3 rd Feminine Plural	
2 nd Masculine Plural	
2 nd Feminine Plural	
1 st Common Plural	

Hophal Stem

32.1 The Hophal stem occurs less frequently than any other derived stem (399 times in the Hebrew Bible [Perfect 109/Imperfect 163]. The Hophal is the passive of the Hiphil. It is used to express causative action with a passive voice. Where the Hiphil would translate, “He caused someone to become king,” the Hiphil would be translated, “he was made king.”

32.3 The Hophal Perfect Paradigm

3 rd Masculine Singular	
3 rd Feminine Singular	
2 nd Masculine Singular	
2 nd Feminine Singular	
1 st Common Singular	
3 rd Common Plural	
2 nd Masculine Plural	
2 nd Feminine Plural	
1 st Common Plural	

32.5 The Hophal Imperfect Paradigm

3 rd Masculine Singular	
3 rd Feminine Singular	
2 nd Masculine Singular	
2 nd Feminine Singular	
1 st Common Singular	
3 rd Masculine Plural	
3 rd Feminine Plural	
2 nd Masculine Plural	
2 nd Feminine Plural	
1 st Common Plural	

Hithpael Stem

34.1 The Hithpael stem is used to express an _____ type of action with a _____ voice. The reflexive voice is used when the subject of the verb performs the verbal action upon itself. For example, “he was holy” (Qal) would be translated “he really caused himself to be holy” or “he really caused himself to be sanctified.”

34.3 The Hithpael Perfect Paradigm

3 rd Masculine Singular	
3 rd Feminine Singular	
2 nd Masculine Singular	
2 nd Feminine Singular	
1 st Common Singular	
3 rd Common Plural	
2 nd Masculine Plural	
2 nd Feminine Plural	
1 st Common Plural	

34.5 The Hithpael Imperfect Paradigm

3 rd Masculine Singular	
3 rd Feminine Singular	
2 nd Masculine Singular	
2 nd Feminine Singular	
1 st Common Singular	
3 rd Masculine Plural	
3 rd Feminine Plural	
2 nd Masculine Plural	
2 nd Feminine Plural	
1 st Common Plural	

Summary

<u>Active (Completed Action)</u>		<u>Passive (Incomplete Action)</u>	
Qal Perfect	Qal Imperfect	Niphal Perfect	Niphal Imperfect
Piel Perfect	Piel Imperfect	Pual Perfect	Piel Imperfect
Hiphil Perfect	Hiphil Imperfect	Hophal Perfect	Hophal Imperfect
	Hithpael Perfect	Hithpael Imperfect	

Example utilizing the Hiphil Stem:

Genesis 8.1

¹ And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and God **made a** wind to **pass** over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

וַיִּזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת־נֹחַ וְאֶת־כָּל־הַחַיָּה וְאֶת־כָּל־הַבְּהֵמָה אֲשֶׁר אִתּוֹ
בַּתֵּבָה וַיַּעֲבֵר אֱלֹהִים רוּחַ עַל־הָאָרֶץ וַיִּשְׁכַּח הַמַּיִם:

Parsing

עבר verb hiphil waw consec imperfect 3rd person masculine singular
apocopated

Definition

1556.0 עֲבַר (‘ābar) **pass over, by, through, alienate, bring, carry, do away, take, take away, transgress.**

(1556a) עֵבֶר (‘ēber) **region across or beyond, side.**

(1556b) עִבְרִי (‘ibrī) **Hebrew.**

(1556c) עֲבָרָה (‘ābārā) **ford.**

(1556d) עֲבָרָה (‘ebrā) **overflow, arrogance, fury.**

(1556e) עָבַר (‘ābar) **be arrogant, infuriate oneself.** Occurs only in the Hithpael.

(1556f) עֲבוּר (‘ābūr) **I, produce** (Josh 5:11-12).

(1556g) עֲבוּר (‘ābūr) **II, on account of.**

(1556h) מַעְבָּר (ma‘ābār) **ford, pass.**

(1556i) מַעְבָּרָה (ma‘bārā) **ford, pass.**

The main idea of this verb is that of movement; as a rule it is the movement of one thing in relation to some other object which is stationary, moving, or motivating. Some have said that the simplest translation of ‘ābar is "to pass, " but this does not really cover the various nuances that ‘ābar may carry with it. It is used about 550 times.

Example utilizing the Hophal Stem:

Exodus 10.8

⁸ And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: *but* who *are* they that shall go?

8 נִיּוֹשֵׁב אֶת־מֹשֶׁה וְאֶת־אַהֲרֹן אֶל־פַּרְעֹה וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם לָכוּ עֲבְדוּ
אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם מִי וּמִי הַהֲלֹכִים:

Parsing

שוב verb hophal waw consec imperfect 3rd person masculine singular

Definition

2340.0 שׁוּב (shûb) **(re)turn.**

(2340a) שׁוּבָה (shûbâ) **retirement, withdrawal** (Isa 30:15).

(2340b) שׁוּבָה (shûbâ) **restoration** (Psa 126:1).

(2340c) שׁוּבָב (shôbâb) **backsliding.**

(2340d) שׁוּבָב (shôbêb) **backsliding.**

(2340e) מְשׁוּבָה (m^eshûbâ) **backsliding.**

(2340f) תְּשׁוּבָה (t^eshûbâ) **answer.**

We have cited simply the basic meaning of shûb but as we shall see the verb branches into not a few different nuances. It is the twelfth most frequently used verb in the OT, appearing just over 1050 times. With very few exceptions shûb is restricted to the Qal and Hiphil stems. It appears most often in Jeremiah (111 times) followed by Psalms (seventy-one times), Genesis (sixty-eight times), Ezekiel (sixty-two times), 1Kings (sixty-two times), 2Chronicles (sixty-one times), 2Kings (fifty-five times), Isaiah (fifty-one times).

Example utilizing the Hithpael Stem:

Ezekiel 38.23

Ezekiel 38:23 (KJV)

²³ Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

וְהִתְגַּדַּלְתִּי וְהִתְקַדַּשְׁתִּי וְנוֹדַעְתִּי לְעֵינֵי גוֹיִם רַבִּים וַיֵּדְעוּ כִּי־אֲנִי יְהוָה:

Parsing

גָּדַל verb hithpael waw consec perfect 1st person common singular

Definition

0315.0 גָּדַל (gādal) **grow up, become great or important, promote, make powerful, praise, (magnify), do great things.** (ASV and RSV Similar.)

(315a) גָּדַל (gādēl) **becoming great, growing up.**

(315b) גֹּדֵל (gōdel) **greatness.**

(315c) גְּדִלִים (gēdilīm) **twisted threads.**

(315d) גָּדוֹל (gādōl) **great.**

(315e) גְּדוּלָּה (gēdūllā) **greatness.**

(315f) מִגְדָּל (migdāl) **tower.**

(315g) מִגְדוֹל (migdōl) **tower.**

Parsing

קָדַשׁ verb hithpael waw consec perfect 1st person common singular

Definition

1990.0 קָדַשׁ (qādash) **be hallowed, holy, sanctified; to consecrate, sanctify, prepare, dedicate.** Denominative verb.

(1990a) קִדְשׁ (qōdesh) **apartness, holiness, sacredness.**

(1990b) קְדוֹשׁ (qādōsh) **holy, Holy One, saint.**

(1990c) קְדֻשׁ (qādēsh) **male temple prostitute** (Deut 23:18; 2Kings 23:7).

(1990d) קִדְשׁ (qedesh) **Kedesh.**

(1990e) קְדֻשׁ (qādēsh) **Kadesh.**

(1990f) מִקְדָּשׁ (miqdāsh) **holy place, sanctuary.**