

Lesson 5 – Pronouns

Hebrew Pronouns

8.1 A pronoun is a word that \_\_\_\_\_ a noun. The noun that a pronoun refers back to is called the \_\_\_\_\_. In the example, “Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died,” the word “he” is a pronoun that refers back to “Moses,” the antecedent. In Hebrew there are four types of pronouns:

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.

8.2 Independent Personal Pronouns. In Hebrew, the independent personal pronoun is labeled “independent” because it stands \_\_\_\_\_ and is not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ to another word. In Hebrew, independent personal pronouns are subjective, meaning they are used as the subject of a verb, never as the object of the verb.

8.3 Independent Personal Pronoun Paradigm.

Personal Pronouns	Singular	Translation	Plural	Translation
1 Common	אֲנִי, אַנְכִּי		אֲנַחְנוּ	
2 Masculine	אַתָּה		אַתֶּם	
2 Feminine	אַתְּ		אַתֶּנָּה	
3 Masculine	הוּא		הֵם, הֵמָּה	
3 Feminine	הִיא, הִיא		הֵנָּה, הֵן	

אֲנִי יְהוָה	I am Yahweh (the Lord).
הוּא נָבִיא צַדִּיק	He is a righteous prophet.
אַתָּה מֶלֶךְ טוֹב	You (2ms) are a good king.
אָחִים אֲנַחְנוּ	We are brothers.
הִיא אִשָּׁה חַכְמָה	She is a wise woman.
אַתָּם בְּעִיר הַגְּדוֹלָה	You (2mp) are in the great city.

## 8.6 Demonstrative Pronouns

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Feminine	זֹאת		אֵלֶּה	
Masculine	הוא		הֵם, הַמָּה	
Feminine	היא		הֵן, הַנָּה	

8.8 Relative Pronoun. The relative pronouns in English are “\_\_\_\_\_,” “\_\_\_\_\_” and “\_\_\_\_\_.” A relative pronoun \_\_\_\_\_ a relative clause that modifies a noun. A relative clause is composed of the relative pronoun and the clause that it introduces.

In Hebrew, the word **אֲשֶׁר** functions as the relative pronoun. This word may appear with or without the \_\_\_\_\_.

8.9 Interrogative Pronoun. Interrogative Pronouns are used to ask a \_\_\_\_\_. In Hebrew, there are two interrogative pronouns:

- מִי \_\_\_\_\_?
- מָה \_\_\_\_\_?

8.10 The Interrogative Particle. In addition to interrogative pronouns above, Hebrew also has an interrogative particle (This occurs 513 times in the Hebrew Bible). In Hebrew, questions are not created with punctuation as in English (?). Rather, interrogative clauses (sentences asking a question) are created with the use of certain interrogative pronouns or with a form of the particle **וְ** prefixed to the first word of the sentence. Example:

שָׁלַח הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶת־הַנָּבִיא

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8.8 Practice Writing the Relative Pronoun in the space provided.

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Supply the relative pronouns to the following clauses (who, that, which):

The tree \_\_\_\_\_ is in the middle of the garden.

The mountains \_\_\_\_\_ are under the heavens.

The king \_\_\_\_\_ you chose.

David, \_\_\_\_\_ is in the House of the Lord.

8.9 Interrogative Pronoun. Practice writing the two forms of the interrogative pronoun along with their English translation.

8.10 Practice writing the Interrogative Particle in the space provided.

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