

# Revision Exercise

A decorative white torn paper edge runs horizontally across the bottom of the slide, with a jagged, irregular border that gives it a hand-torn appearance. The rest of the slide is a solid black background.

# Parsing Tables

	ROOT	CONJUGATION	BINYAN/STEM	PERSON (1/2/3)	GENDER (M/F/C)	NUMBER (S/P)	TRANSLATION
הִמְלִכְתִּי	מלך	Perfect	hifil	1	c	s	I will enthrone
נִכְתְּבוּ	כתב	Perfect	nifal	3	c	p	They were written
שִׁבַּרְתֶּם	שמר	Perfect	piel	2	m	p	You broke

# The Imperfect





# Prefixes and Suffixes added to Imperfect

1cs א

2ms ת

2fs י ת

3ms י

3fs ת

1cp נ

2mp י ת

2fp ת נה

3mp י

3fp ת נה

- Predominantly prefixed
- Mainly translated as a future
- Signifies a durative/continual aspect
- Prefixes are the same for all *binyanim*
- Different 3cp forms
- Conjugation options –  
perfect/imperfect/cohortative/(jussive)

# Qal Imperfect

1cs אֲשַׁמֵּר

2ms תִּשְׁמֹר

2fs תִּשְׁמְרִי

3ms יִשְׁמֹר

3fs תִּשְׁמֹר

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1cp נִשְׁמֹר

2mp תִּשְׁמְרוּ

2fp תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה

3mp יִשְׁמְרוּ

3fp תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה

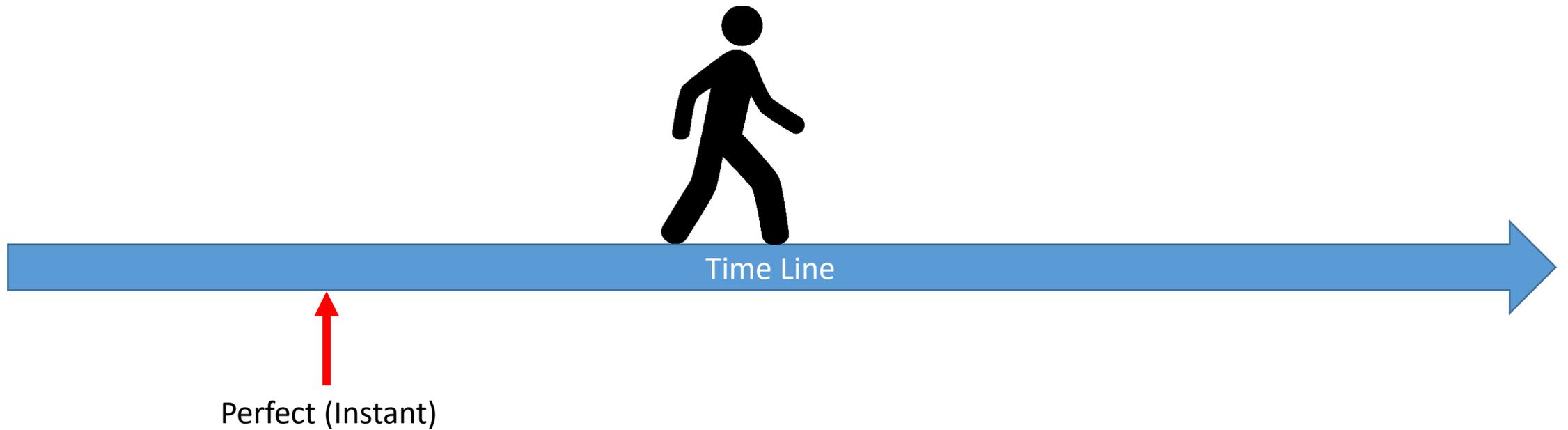
- [o] normal theme vowel
- [i] theme vowel under prefix identifies it
- 2ms and 3fs are the same form
- All forms have prefixes
- Vocalic suffixes reduce second vowel
- No dageshes in pattern
- Waw at the end still indicates a plural form
- 2fp and 3fp are the same form

# Qal Imperfect Alternate Pattern

	Normal	STATIVE
1cs	אֲשַׁמֵּר	אֲשַׁכֵּב
2ms	תִּשְׁמַר	תִּשְׁכַּב
2fs	תִּשְׁמְרִי	תִּשְׁכְּבִי
3ms	יִשְׁמַר	יִשְׁכַּב
3fs	תִּשְׁמַרְי	תִּשְׁכַּבְי
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1cp	נִשְׁמְרוּ	נִשְׁכְּבוּ
2mp	תִּשְׁמְרוּ	תִּשְׁכְּבוּ
2fp	תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה	תִּשְׁכְּבֶנָּה
3mp	יִשְׁמְרוּ	יִשְׁכְּבוּ
3fp	תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה	תִּשְׁכְּבֶנָּה

- The long [o] is replaced with a short [a]
- Even the short [a] reduces with suffix
- Same imperfect function

# Reminder: Perfect Nuance



# Functions of the Imperfect: Future



כָּל-הַדָּם יִשְׁפֹּךְ אֶל-יְסוֹד מִזְבֵּחַ  
(Lev 4:18)



Time Line



Durative (Continual/repetitive)

# Functions of the Imperfect: General Truth

A wise son makes his father glad

בֵּן חָכָם יִשְׂמַח-אָב

Prov 10:1 – General truth/present



Time Line



Durative (Continual/repetitive)

# Functions of the Imperfect: Present Continual

כִּי־כָה אָמַר יְהוָה לְסָרִיסִים אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁמְרוּ  
אֶת־שַׁבְּתוֹתַי

Isa 54:6



Time Line



Durative (Continual/repetitive)

# Functions of the Imperfect: Commands

לֹא תִרְצַח לֹא תִנְאַף לֹא תִגְנוֹב

Exod 20:13-15



Time Line



Durative (Continual/repetitive)



MR. T WANTS YOU  
TO ONLY TRANSLATE  
THE IMPERFECT AS A  
SIMPLE FUTURE IN  
YOUR PARSING  
TABLES

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# The Jussive

Expressing a desire or will



# Qal Jussive

1cs	אֶשְׁמֵר
2ms	תִּשְׁמֵר
2fs	תִּשְׁמְרִי
3ms	יִשְׁמֵר
3fs	תִּשְׁמֵר
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1cp	נִשְׁמֵר
2mp	תִּשְׁמְרוּ
2fp	תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה
3mp	יִשְׁמְרוּ
3fp	תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה

- Volitive form
  - Expresses the wish of a speaker
- Based on 3ms/p imperfect
- Understood from context
- Translated with “may . . .” or “let . . .”
- *Another conjugation*

# Morphological Neutralization

יִכְתֹּב

He will write – Imperfect

May he write – Jussive

תִּמְלֹכָה

You will reign – 2fp

They will reign – 3fp

One morphological form hides two or more conjugations/binyanim

# The Jussive in action

אֵל-יִמְשָׁלוּ-בִי

Psa 19:14



## The Jussive in action

יִזְכֹּר־נָא הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶת־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיךָ

1Sam 24:13

# The Jussive in action

יִשְׁפֹּט יְהוָה בֵּינִי וּבֵינָךְ

1Sam 24:13



A professional studio microphone with a pop filter is centered in the foreground. The microphone is silver and mounted on a stand. The background is a blurred recording studio with a computer monitor and other equipment. The text is overlaid on the image.

# Cohortative

First-person volitive [expressing the will of the speaker]



# Qal Cohortative

1cs	אֶשְׁמֹר
2ms	תִּשְׁמֹר
2fs	תִּשְׁמְרִי
3ms	יִשְׁמֹר
3fs	תִּשְׁמֹר
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1cp	נִשְׁמֹר
2mp	תִּשְׁמְרוּ
2fp	תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה
3mp	יִשְׁמְרוּ
3fp	תִּשְׁמְרֶנָּה

- Volitive
- Based on 1<sup>st</sup> common singular forms
- Express the will of the speaker: 1st person
- May have additional *heh* suffix
  - (נִשְׁמְרֶה אֶשְׁמְרֶה)
- Translate “let me/us . . .”

# Cohortative in Action



נְכַרְתָּהּ בְּרִית אֲנִי וְאַתָּה

(Gen 31:44)

וְעַתָּה נְכַרְת-בְּרִית לֵאלֹהֵינוּ

(Ezra 10:3)

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים נַעֲשֶׂה אָדָם בְּצַלְמֵנוּ

(Gen 1:26)





# Exercises

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AKA – Let's see what's sunk in



# Parsing Tables

	ROOT	CONJUGATION	BINYAN/STEM	PERSON (1/2/3)	GENDER (M/F/C)	NUMBER (S/P)	TRANSLATION
נִפְרְדוּ							
אֶפְקְדָה							
יִמְלֹךְ							

# Remaining Imperfects



# Niphal – Assimilation Process

yinmāšēl

יִנְמָשֵׁל

yimmāšēl

יִמְשָׁל

1cs	אֶמְשַׁל
2ms	תִּמְשַׁל
2fs	תִּמְשַׁלִּי
3ms	יִמְשַׁל
3fs	תִּמְשַׁל
1cp	נִמְשַׁל
2mp	תִּמְשַׁלוּ
2fp	תִּמְשַׁלְנָה
3mp	יִמְשַׁלוּ
3fp	תִּמְשַׁלְנָה

## Niphal Imperfect

- The 1cs prefix theme vowel = [e]
- Assimilated Nun
- 2ms and 3fs are the same form
- All forms have prefixes
- Suffixed forms reduce second vowel
- Waw at the end still indicates a plural form
- 2fp and 3fp are the same form

# Piel Imperfect

- 1cs has a reduced “a”
- The strong dagesh remains
- All prefixes and suffixes the same
- Shewa under prefix = key

1cs אֲשַׁבֵּר

2ms תִּשְׁבֹּר

2fs תִּשְׁבְּרִי

3ms יִשְׁבֹּר

3fs תִּשְׁבֹּר

1cp נִשְׁבֹּר

2mp תִּשְׁבְּרוּ

2fp תִּשְׁבְּרְנָה

3mp יִשְׁבְּרוּ

3fp תִּשְׁבְּרְנָה

# Pual Imperfect

1cs אֲשַׁבֵּר

2ms תִּשְׁבֹּר

2fs תִּשְׁבְּרִי

3ms יִשְׁבֹּר

3fs תִּשְׁבַּר

1cp נִשְׁבֵּר

2mp תִּשְׁבְּרוּ

2fp תִּשְׁבְּרְנָה

3mp יִשְׁבְּרוּ

3fp תִּשְׁבְּרְנָה

- Same as piel, but “u” under 1st root (u—a pattern)
- Less common than piel
- Dagesh remains, as in perfect

# Hiphil Imperfect

1cs אֲמַלִּיךְ

2ms תִּמְלִיךְ

2fs תִּמְלִיכִי

3ms יִמְלִיךְ

3fs תִּמְלִיךְ

1cp נִמְלִיךְ

2mp תִּמְלִיכוּ

2fp תִּמְלִיכְנָה

3mp יִמְלִיכוּ

3fp תִּמְלִיכְנָה

- Full short “a” under the prefix – key
- Yod prominent in most forms
- No dageshes in strong verbs

# Hophal Imperfect

1cs	אֶמְלֹךְ
2ms	תִּמְלֹךְ
2fs	תִּמְלֹכִי
3ms	יִמְלֹךְ
3fs	תִּמְלֹךְ
1cp	נִמְלֹךְ
2mp	תִּמְלֹכוּ
2fp	תִּמְלֹכְנָה
3mp	יִמְלֹכוּ
3fp	תִּמְלֹכְנָה

- Short [o] under the prefix – key
- Fairly consistent “o—a” pattern

# Hithpael Imperfect

1cs	אֶשְׂתַּמֵּר
2ms	תִּשְׂתַּמֵּר
2fs	תִּשְׂתַּמְרִי
3ms	יִשְׂתַּמֵּר
3fs	תִּשְׂתַּמֵּר
1cp	נִשְׂתַּמֵּר
2mp	תִּשְׂתַּמְרוּ
2fp	תִּשְׂתַּמְרְנָה
3mp	יִשְׂתַּמְרוּ
3fp	תִּשְׂתַּמְרְנָה

- Metathesis
- Weak and strong dagesh
- Prefix + tav = easy id
- The initial heh is replaced by imperfect prefix
- The dagesh remains in R2 as with perfect



# Translations in Verb Tables

- Perfect
  - Past tense
- Imperfect
  - Future tense
- Cohortative
  - “Let me/us . . .”
- Jussive
  - Not used in parsing table for now
- Imperfect 2fp and 3fp
  - Either will do

# Tips for Parsing Verbs

- Identify three letter root
  - Likely prefixes → נ / ת / י / א
- Create rules/patterns
  - ך----- ending = plural form
  - Prefix א is 1cs
  - Dagesh in R3
    - Piel
    - Pual
    - Hithpael
  - Prefix הַתְּ is hithpael
  - ת prefix or suffix usually indicates second person
  - Dagesh in R1 = niphal imperfect
  - *And so on . . .*