Chapter 15 (Qal Imperfect Strong Verbs): Goals

- Know how to parse and translate Qal imperfect verbs.
  - Chapter 15 is strong verbs
  - Chapter 16 is weak verbs

- Memorize the Qal Imperfect strong verb paradigm sheet
  - You won’t have to write Hebrew outside of class, but you need to know the details of this paradigm in order to recognize weak verbs and non-Qal verbs.
  - Quizzes will repeatedly ask you to write the whole paradigm or particular forms from the paradigm.
    - “Write קָטָל in the Qal Imperfect 3cp”
    - Accents are a required part of the paradigm.
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The Imperfect has Multiple Possible Translations

- **Future**
  - I will study

- **Modal**
  - I would/could/should/may/might study.
  - Let’s study!
  - May he study!

- **Imperfective**
  - I am/was studying

- When you don’t have a context, translate it as future.

- If the verb begins a clause, it is probably modal.
  - We will call it the jussive conjugation in chapter 18.

- If it does not begin a clause, it is usually future.
The Imperfect is a Finite Verb

- `<Root> Qal Imperfect <person> <gender> <number>`
  - QI3ms = Qal Imperfect 3rd person Masculine Singular
  - QI1cp = Qal Imperfect 1st person Common Plural

Finite Verbs

- Verbs with ‘Person’ (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
- Perfect, Imperfect, Imperative, Jussive, Cohortative

Not finite verbs

- Infinitive Construct
- Infinitive Absolute
- Participle
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The Imperfect Always has a Preformative

- All stems (Qal, Niphal, Piel, …) and all weak verbs
  - The imperfect is called the Prefix Conjugation
  - י 3ms, 3mp
  - ע 1cs
  - ב 1cp
  - ה elsewhere (3fs, 3fp, 2ms, 2fs, 2mp, 2fp)

- Qal Imperfect strong verbs begin יִ / הֵ / מֵ / נֵ
  - $V_P = \text{Hireq} = I = \text{ו} \quad (\text{Seghol} = E = \text{ו} \text{ for 1cs})$
  - $V_1 = \text{Silent Shewa}$

- It behaves as if it were from the Rule of Shewa (it isn’t).
  - בורא → 므 / 미 / 보 / 네
### Qal Imperfect Strong-Verb Paradigm

1. **Imperfect preformative consonants**
   - Yod for 3m*
   - Aleph or Nun for 1c*
   - Taw for everything else

2. **Imperfect sufformatives**

3. **Shewa before finite verb sufformatives**

4. **QI $V_S$ is Holem ֓ unless reduced in step 3**

5. **Accent $V_S$ where possible**

6. **QI $V_P$ and $V_1$ (֓ etc.)**
   - $V_P$ = Hireq
   - $V_1$ = Silent Shewa
Notes on the Qal Imperfect Strong-Verb Paradigm

1. Imperfect always has a preformative.
   - Call it the Prefix Conjugation or Yiqtol

2. Same rules as the Qal Perfect:
   - Shewa before finite verb sufformative
   - Accent $V_S$ unless reduced

3. No heavy sufformatives
   - The QP2mp and QP2fp are the only ones

4. $V_1 = $ Silent Shewa $\rightarrow$ Dagesh Lene in $R_2$

5. $3fs = 2ms$, $3fp = 2fp$

6. $3mp \neq 3fp$ “It’s imperfect to separate them.”

7. $3mp$ and $2mp$ may have paragogic nun
   - May see יִקְטַל or יִקְטַלנָה or יִקְטַלנָה

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11. שבר QI1cs אַשְׁבֶר I will break
12. הֲתִשְרְפ QI2mp + interrogative וּהֲתִשְרֵפְּךָ Will you burn?
13. מָכֵר QI3ms + interrogative מָכֵר הָמֵנְפֶר Will he sell?
14. זָכַר QI3fs/2ms + interrogative וּזָכַר הָמֵנְפֶר Will she/you remember?
15. דְרֹש QI1cs דְרֹשֶׁךָ I will seek
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**Paragogic Nun May Show Up in 2mp & 3mp**

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- **Paragogic Nun**
  - Like the movable Nu of Greek.
  - Meaning (if any) is debated.

- **3mp and 2mp only**
  - QI3mp בִּ קְ טְ ל or בִּ קְ טְ ל
  - QI2mp בִּ קְ טְ ל or בִּ קְ טְ ל

- **Learn the paradigm with Paragogic Nun in parentheses.** בִּ קְ טְ ל

- **If Paragogic Nun, final Shureq may be spelled defectively.** בִּ קְ טְ ל or בִּ קְ טְ ל
## Stative Verbs Have $V_S = \text{Pathach}$

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- **Paradigm $V_S = \text{Holem}**
- **Stative $V_S = \text{Pathach}**
  - For all stative verbs
3 נ assimilates to a consonant, as usual

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- When Nun has a Silent Shewa, it assimilates to the next consonant
  - It becomes Dagesh Forte
- 3 נ verbs do this when the sufformative starts with a consonant.
  - We saw this in the QP
  - This happens in the QI(2/3)fp
- V₁ = Silent Shewa in the QI, so anticipate this happening for 1 נ (Chapter 16)
Negative Commands: “Don’t ___!”

- הָלֹא + imperfect is typically permanent, blanket prohibition.
  - לֹא תִּרְצָח ‘Thou shalt not murder’ (Exod 20:13)

- הָלֹא + jussive (ch 18) is typically temporary or circumstantial prohibition.
  - אַל־תִּשְמְע֝וּ אַל־דִּבְרֵי נְבִַֽיא יכֶ֗ם (Jer 27:16)
    - ‘Do not listen to the words of your prophets’