

Verb

Qal Perfect

Terms

Root

The core consonants of a word, which are typically three. Does not include verbs, prefixes, or suffixes. The lexicon form (זרע)

Pattern

The root plus the characteristic elements added.

Qal (זרע)

Niphal (נזרע)

Conjugation

Finite

Conjugate Person, gender, and number.

Three basic finite conjugations are perfect, imperfect, imperative

Non-Finite

Conjugate gender and number.

Four basic non-finite conjugations are Participle, Infinitive, Absolute, Infinitive Construct

A change in conjugation impacts the time or kind of action.

Perfect expresses completed action

Imperfect expresses incomplete action

Paradigm

A chart showing the characteristics of a verb form for person, gender, and number

Parse

Parsing is when we identify all the parts of a verb.

The order for parsing is: Patter, Conjugation, Person, Gender, Number, and Root

The Qal Perfect Verb

The Paradigm

3ms קטל

3fs קטלה

2ms קטלת

2fs קטלת

1cs קטלתי

3cp קטלו

3mp קטלתם

2fp קטלתן

1cp קטלנו

Breaking Down the Paradigm

The base form of the Qal Perfect is the 3ms form קטל

In the 2mp and 2fp the first vowel is reduced to a sheva (,) because a vowel is not allowed in an open syllable that is two or more syllables before the accent

The 3fs and 3cp are impacted by the verb on the second consonant which tends to reduce the first verb to a sheva (,)

The Action and Stative forms

Indicated by the vowel on the second consonant

Referred to as the Theme vowel

Action is expressed by the use of the patach (.)

Stative is expressed by the use of the tsere (..) or holem (')

Uses of the Qal Perfect

Definite

Expresses the complete action by using an action form; therefore, past tense.

Stative

Expresses a state of being by using a stative form; therefore, present tense

Application

(אֶבְרָתָהּ) Preposition with a feminine singular noun

(יָקַדְ) Hiphil imperfect 3MS

(לְ) Preposition with second person masculine pronoun

(וַתַּחַת־כַּנְּפָיו) Conjunction with Dual Noun connected to a noun with a 3MS suffix

(תִּהְיֶה) Qal Imperfect 2MS

(צִנָּה) Noun Feminine Singular

(וַיִּסְתַּרְהָ) Conjunction with a feminine singular noun

(אֶמְתָּן) Feminine singular noun with 3MS suffix