Hophal Stem Handout (Ross 31)
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31.1 Forms/principal parts of the Hophal

The Hophal stem is the passive counterpart to the Hiphil (which is often referred to as the "causative" stem). The element of the Hiphil that is made passive is the causative element (not the lexical element of the verbal root), and so it has the general sense of 'to be caused to do X'.

Using our example from the ch.30 handout, the verb מות in the Qal stem means 'to die'. Hiphil: 'to cause someone to die' (as in, 'John caused Billy to die' = 'John killed Billy'). Hophal: 'to be caused to die' (as in, 'Billy was caused to die' = 'Billy was killed').

 We first deal with the way the Hophal is formed. NOTE: In the Hophal stem, as in the Hiphil, the form is characterized by a prefix ה before R-1 (root 1); however, this prefix ה is not visible in the prefix conjugations (impf, wci, juss, etc.) or participle. The Hiphil/Hophal are distinguished, then, by the vowel pointing. Finally, since the Hophal is a passive stem, it cannot take DO pronominal suffixes.

For our paradigm verb פקד, the Hophal means 'to be caused to visit/appoint'.

Forms	Hophal
Pft 3ms	הָפְקַד
Impf 3ms	יָפְקַד
Wci(wayyiqtol) 3ms	וַיָּפְקַד
Juss 3ms	יָפְקַד
Coh 1cs	אָפְקְדָה
Impv 2ms	XXX
Ptc ms	מָפְקָד
Infc	הָפְקַד
Infa	הָפְקֵד

Below, let's fill in the vowel-pointing for the Hophal stem.

_____ Perfect

3ms	פָּקַד	3cp	פָּקְדוּ
3fs	פָּקְדָה		
2ms	פָּקַדְתָּ	2mp	פְּקַדְתֶּם
2fs	פָּקַדְתְּ	2fp	פְּקַדְתֶּן
1cs	פָּקַדְתִּי	1cp	פָּקַדְנוּ

_____ Imperfect

3ms	יִפְקֹד	3mp	יִפְקְדוּ
3fs	תִּפְקֹד	3fp	תִּפְקֹדְנָה
2ms	תִּפְקֹד	2mp	תִּפְקְדוּ
2fs	תִּפְקְדִי	2fp	תִּפְקֹדְנָה
1cs	אֶפְקֹד	1cp	נִפְקֹד

_____Wci   3ms   וַיִּפְקֹד   3mp   וַיִּפְקְדוּ

_____Juss   3ms   יִפְקֹד   3mp   יִפְקְדוּ

          2ms   תִּפְקֹד   2mp   תִּפְקְדוּ

_____Coh   1cs   אֶפְקְדָה   1cp   נִפְקְדָה

_____Impv

2ms	פְּקֹד	2mp	פִּקְדוּ
2fs	פִּקְדִי	2fp	פְּקֹדְנָה

_____Ptc

ms	פֹּקֵד	mp	פֹּקְדִים
fs	פֹּקְדָה	fp	פֹּקְדוֹת

Infinitive: construct פְּקֹד , +3ms sfx פָּקְד   absolute פָּקוֹד

31.2 Translating the Hophal: All the same semantics of the Hiphil are available to the Hophal stem, only the semantics are made passive.

הִשְׁמִיעַ

הָשְׁמַע

הִמְלִיךְ

הָמְלַךְ

הִקְרִיב

הָקְרַב

הִלְשִׁין

הָלְשַׁן

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