

Weak Verbs: Gutturals in the Qal Stem (Ross 32)
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32.1 Introduction to Irregular Verbs

Strong verbs: Verbal roots normal, healthy, don't need a doctor. Root letters are not weak. (What we've covered so far.)

Weak/irregular verbs: These are SICK, SICK, SICK! Need a hospital. Need a doctor. Root letters are needy and create problems for others and themselves: gutturals, letters that quiesce, assimilate, etc. (Ross Lessons 32-39.)

System for labelling weak verbs: 3 ways to describe the root letter that is weak.

1. Using the paradigm verb **פָּעַל** ('to do, make'), the 3 letters of that verb are a key for describing that root position. So **פ** stands for Root-1 (R-1), **ע** for R-2, and **ל** for R-3. Thus,

נָפַל is a *Pē'-Nun* verb
בָּנָה is a *Lamed-Hē'* verb, etc.

2. Use of Roman numbers I, II, and III to indicate root position of the weak letter.

נָפַל is a I-Nun verb
בָּנָה is a III-Hē' verb, etc.

3. Finally, some have used the abbreviation R1, R2, and R3.

נָפַל is a R1-Nun verb
בָּנָה is a R3-Hē' verb, etc.

32.2 I-Gutt Verbs

REVIEW: 3 characteristics of Guttural verbs

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

32.2.1 Qal Impf

Reminder: Active/dynamic verbs vs. Stative verbs

Active/dynamic		Stative	
פָּקַד		כָּבַד	
יִפְקַד		יִכְבֵּד	
יַעֲמֵד		יִחַזַּק	
תַּעֲמֵד		תִּחַזַּק	
תַּעֲמֵד		תִּחַזַּק	
תַּעֲמִידִי		תִּחַזְּקִי	
אֶעֱמֵד		אֶחַזֵּק	

32.2.2 Qal Impv: Chop off the head (the nutty-prefix), R1 needs a CS instead of VS with no inflectional suffix.

2ms	פָּקַד	עֲמַד	חַזַּק
2fs	פָּקְדִי	עֲמְדִי	חַזְּקִי
2mp			
2fp			

32.2.3 Qal INFC: Normal pointing

Bare infc: עמד
 Infc + ל: עמד
 Infc + sfx: עמד

32.3 I-Aleph Verbs

2 kinds of I-Aleph verbs: the SICK ones (following normal I-Gutt behavior, so still weak), and the NAUGHTY ones (should be institutionalized due to their behavior!).

Normal/sick ones follows the same Active/Stative patterns mentioned above, except that Aleph prefers segol and hateph-segol:

Active: יֵאָסֵף 'he will gather'

Stative: יֵאָהֵב 'he will love'

Naughty ones: Discussed below. There are 5 that exhibit the naughty behavior, to be remembered by the following memory device:

He said (אָמַר): I am willing (אָכָה) to eat (אָכַל) whatever I bake (אָפֶה), even if I perish (אָבַד).

32.3.1 Qal Impf

יאמר	
תאמר	
תאמר	
תאמרי	
אמר (אאמר)	

32.3.1 Qal Impv and Infc

2ms	אָמַר	
2fs	אָמַרְי	
2mp	אָמַרְוּ	
2fp	אָמַרְנָח	

INFC:

Bare infc:	אָמַר	אָכַל
Infc + ל:	אָמַרְל	אָכַלְל
Infc + sfx:	אָמַרְתְּ	אָכַלְתְּ