

Hebrew Grammar
Ross Homework Key

IBH 27.5

Section a. none

Section b. 1-10 Do not parse וַיִּהְיֶה and/or וַיִּהְיֶה.

(1) The man asked the boy, (saying) “Whom are you seeking?” [a] שָׁאַל Qal pft 3ms [b] בִּקֵּשׁ Pi. ptc ms

(2) They cried out to you, but you did not hear them. They sought you, but they did not find you. [a] צָעַק Qal pft 3cp [b] שָׁמַע Qal pft 2ms + 3mp sfx [c] בִּקֵּשׁ Pi pft 3cp + 2ms sfx [d] מָצָא Qal pft 3cp

(3) Seek your God with a broken heart, and serve Him with fear. [a] בִּקֵּשׁ Pi. impv 2mp [b] שָׁבַר Niph. ptc ms [c] עָבַד Qal impv 2mp + 3ms sfx

(4) All the kings of the earth sought the face (or presence) of the king of Israel, and when they heard his wisdom, they praised the God of Israel. [a] בִּקֵּשׁ Pi wci 3mp [b] בְּ prep + שָׁמַע Qal infc + 3mp sfx [c] הִלֵּל Pi wci 3mp

(5) (And) Yhwh called to him (saying), “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘Do not seek the abominations of the nations.’” [a] קָרָא Qal wci 3ms; [b] דִּבֶּר Pi. impv 2ms; [c] אָמַר Qal wcp 2ms; [d] בִּקֵּשׁ Pi. juss 2mp¹

(6) On that day Yhwh said, “I shall gather you to myself from among the nations.” [a] אָמַר Qal pft 3ms [b] קָבַץ Pi impf 1cs

(7) I will (or Let me) tell/recount/narrate concerning the decree: Yhwh said to me, “You are my son.” [a] סָפַר Pi. coh 1cs; [b] אָמַר Qal pft 3ms

(8) Remember the Sabbath day by sanctifying it (or, in order to sanctify it/make it holy). [a] זָכַר Qal infc; [b] כָּבַד Pi infc + prep ל + 3ms sfx²

(9) Honor your father and your mother. [a] כָּבַד Pi impv 2ms

(10) Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel, “Send forth/Set free my people.” [a] אָמַר Qal pft 3ms [b] שָׁלַח Pi impv 2ms³

¹This form is jussive, although the imperfect 2mp form is identical. How do we know it's jussive? Because negative commands/prohibitions are formed by either [1] לֹא + impv. or [2] אַל + juss. This verb begins with the latter, so it must be jussive. See p. 152 for review.

² The infc is either expegetical (explaining how the main verb ‘remember’ is performed) or for purpose.

³ One expects the Pi. impv 2ms form to look like this: שִׁלְּם. However, the R-3 guttural prefers an A-class vowel before it, so the *šere* shifts to a *patāḥ*. Once the theme vowel becomes short-A, there will be no furtive *patāḥ* under the R-3 ך. (We will see more of this in Ross Lesson 33.)