Ross Ch. 22 Handout: The Infinitive Construct Dr. Phillip Marshall

22.1 INFC: an infinitive is a verbal noun (cf. a ptc is a verbal adj).

Translation: "to X" or "the act of Xing"

Hebrew Qal Infc formation: 775 or with pron sfx 775

Qal pft פקד

Qal impf פקד

Qal impv פקד

Qal infc פקד

22.2 The INFC with pronominal suffixes

3ms	פקד	act of visiting	3mp	פקד	act of visiting
3fs	פקד	act of visiting	3fp	פקד	act of visiting
2ms	פקד	act of visiting	2mp	פקד	act of visiting
	פקד	act of visiting		פקד	act of visiting
2fs	פקד	act of visiting	2fp	פקד	act of visiting
1cs	פקד	act of visiting	1cp	פקד	act of visiting

22.3 Nominal uses of the INFC: The infc can function like a noun!

To err is human.

What function slots can a noun fill? The INFC can fill those same slots, too!

1. INFC as the Subject of a clause.

2. INFC as the construct form ("Thing 1") of a construct chain.

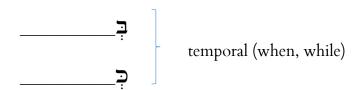
3. INFC as the Direct object of a verb.

4. INFC as the Object of a preposition.

22.4 Adverbial uses of the INFC

Here, the INFC is nominal, functioning as the object of the preposition. The PP (prepositional phrase) is adverbial, hence the description of these as adverbial uses.

1. Prep ¬ and ¬ + INFC: with temporal (time-related) semantics



a. Purpose

b. Epexegesis (epexegetical) = by ___ing

c. Complementary