

## Imperfect Verb Personal Endings Handout

In the following chart, the three boxes represent the three root letters of any standard “strong” Hebrew verb. The Prefixes and Suffixes represent the doer of the imperfect verbal action. No matter which verb is being used, if you see these affixes, you can tell who the subject of the action is:

3ms = “he, it”	3mp = “they”
3fs = “she, it”	3fp = “they”
2ms = “you” (male)	2mp = “you (all)” (male/mixed)
2fs = “you” (female)	2fp = “you (all)” (female)
1cs = “I”	1cp = “we”

Below I provide the General Imperfect Prefixes and Suffixes (with prefix vowels and theme vowels omitted). These affixes are applicable to the imperfect forms in *all seven stems*, which is why the internal vowels are omitted.

### Imperfect : Memorize this chart

3ms	יְהֹוָה	3mp	יְהֹוָה
3fs	יְהֹוָה	3fp	יְהֹוָה
2ms	תְּהֹוָה	2mp	תְּהֹוָה
2fs	תְּהֹוָה	2fp	תְּהֹוָה
1cs	אֲהֹוָה	1cp	אֲהֹוָה

### Qal Imperfect Paradigm (פְּקַד): Memorize this chart

3ms	יְפִקְד	3mp	יְפִקְדָּו
3fs	תְּפִקְד	3fp	תְּפִקְדָּה
2ms	תְּפִקְד	2mp	תְּפִקְדָּו
2fs	תְּפִקְדָּי	2fp	תְּפִקְדָּה
1cs	אֲפִקְד	1cp	אֲפִקְד

## 2. II-Gutt and III-Gutt verbs in the Qal Imperfect (Ross 17.2)

REVIEW: The Gutt Gang Characteristics

1.

2.

3.

**בָּחַר** to choose

Impf 3ms:

**בָּחַר**

Impf 3fp/2fp:

**תַּבְחַרְנָה**

**שָׁמַע** to hear

Impf 3ms:

**שָׁמַע**

Impf 3fp/2fp:

**תַּשְׁמַעְנָה**

**מָצַא** to find

Impf 3ms:

**מָצַא**

Impf 3fp/2fp:

**תִּמְצַאְנָה**

## 3. Syntax/Semantics of the Impf conj. (Ross 17.3)

1. Future

2. Cont/repeated

a. Present

b. Past

3. Modal uses (modal auxiliary verbs: would, should, must, may, could, might)

יִשְׁמַע he \_\_\_\_\_ hear

4. Directive ה / Directional ה (Ross 17.4)

A final \*unstressed\* ה- = motion toward (what it's attached to)

ים יָמָה

הַעִיר הָעִירָה

גַּבְעָה גַּבְעָתָה

5. Relative Clause with Resumption (pronoun/pro-adverbs) (Ross 17.5)

גְּדוֹלָה הָאֲשָׁה אֲשֶׁר בְּתַבְתִּי לְהָ: