

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	□□□י	3mp	י□□□ו
3fs	□□□ת	3fp	ת□□□נה
2ms	□□□ת	2mp	ת□□□ו
2fs	ת□□□י	2fp	ת□□□נה
1cs	□□□א	1cp	□□□נ

Qal Imperfect Paradigm (פָּקַד): Memorize this chart

3ms	יִפְקֹד	3mp	יִפְקְדוּ
3fs	תִּפְקֹד	3fp	תִּפְקְדְנָה
2ms	תִּפְקֹד	2mp	תִּפְקְדוּ
2fs	תִּפְקְדִי	2fp	תִּפְקְדְנָה
1cs	אֶפְקֹד	1cp	נִפְקְדוּ

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: **בַּחַר**

Impf 3fp/2fp: **תַּבְחֲרֶנָּה**

שָׁמַע to hear

Impf 3ms: **שָׁמַע**

Impf 3fp/2fp: **תִּשְׁמַעְנָה**

מָצָא to find

Impf 3ms: **מָצָא**

Impf 3fp/2fp: **תִּמְצְאֶנָּה**

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)

יִם

יָמָה

הָעִיר

הָעִירָה

גְּבֻעָה

גְּבֻעָתָה

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

גְּדוּלָּהּ הָאִשָּׁה אֲשֶׁר כָּתַבְתִּי לָהּ: