

# Ross Lesson 24: Direct Object Pronominal Suffixes on Verbs LECTURE NOTES

## 1. Chart of Pronominal Suffixes on Nouns Compared to Verbs (Ross 24.2 & 24.5)

This chart is available on my website under “Handouts” for the Hebrew lesson materials: print and keep a copy handy when doing HW and reading Hebrew texts!

	Pronoun Suffixes On NOUNS			X visited...	Pronoun Suffixes On VERBS		
	horse	horses	father		Perf. Conj.	Imperf. Conj.	
						w/o energic ל	w/ energic ל
3ms “his”	סוסו	סוסיו	אביו אבֵּיהוּ	“him”	הוּ ו / ו / ו (rarely)	הוּ	וּ
3fs “her”	סוסה	סוסיה	אביה	“her”	הָ / הָ / הָ (rarely)	הָ	הָ
2ms “your”	סוסך	סוסיך	אביך	“you”	ךָ	ךָ	ךָ
2fs “your”	סוסך	סוסיך	אביך	“you”	ךָ	ךָ	
1cs “my”	סוסי	סוסי	אבי	“me”	ני	ני	ני
3mp “their”	סוסם	סוסיהם	אביהם	“them”	ם	ם	
3fp “their”	סוסן	סוסיהן	אביהן	“them”	ן	ן	
2mp “your”	סוסכם	סוסיכם	אביכם	“you”	כם	כם	
2fp “your”	סוסכן	סוסיכן	אביכן	“you”			
1cp “our”	סוסינו	סוסינו	אבינו	“us”	נו	נו	נו

## 2. The Perfect with Pronominal Suffixes Handout (Ross 24.2–24.4)

2.1. Steps to adding DO pron. suffixes to verbs in the Perfect conjugation:

1. Change pft verb ending (if applicable—see below)
2. Add the DO pronominal sfx
3. Changes vowels as needed (due to changes in stress and syllable structure)

2.2. Verb ending changes to Qal Perfect Conjugation of פָּקַד, “to appoint, visit.”

Here is how the Qal Perfect forms change their endings before adding the objective pronominal suffixes (vowel changes are not reflected here).

	NORMAL	MODIFIED FOR PRON SFX		NORMAL	MODIFIED FOR PRON SFX
3ms	פָּקַד	פָּקַד	3cp	פָּקְדוּ	פָּקְדוּ
3fs	פָּקְדָהּ	פָּקְדָתָּ			
2ms	פָּקְדְתָּ	פָּקְדְתָּ פָּקְדְתָּ	2mp	פָּקְדְתֶם	פָּקְדְתֶנּוּ
2fs	פָּקְדְתִי	פָּקְדְתִי	2fp	פָּקְדְתֵנּוּ	פָּקְדְתֵנּוּ
1cs	פָּקְדְתִי	פָּקְדְתִי	1cp	פָּקְדְנוּ	פָּקְדְנוּ

2.3. Vowel changes: PFT verbs, when DO sfx is added, will follow “noun reduction patterns”: OPSRL / O, PPT reduction to VS

פָּקְדְתָּ > פָּקְדְתֶם (fill in the vowels)

2.4. Identifying Perfect Verbs with Pron. Suffixes: Thinking about “slots”

Pron. Sfx.	PE	Verb Root

2.5. Practice with a few “drill sheet” examples:

שְׁמַעְנוּ

בְּחִנּוּתֵיהֶוּ

### 3. The Imperfect with DO Pronominal Suffixes Handout (Ross 24.5–24.6)

Ex: let's add the 1cs sfx to this verb (impf 3ms):      יִפְקֹד      he will appoint

3.1. Steps to adding DO pron. suffixes to verbs in the Imperfect conjugation: same as for perfect. But two differences:

- Impf verbs continue to follow the normal “verb reduction pattern” (O/PT syllables [theme vowel] reduce to VS)
- Some of the pron. suffixes have the “energetic nun”:

3.2. Adding pron. sfx:

- If Impf vb uses/ends with a vowel—add the pron. sfx. directly to it.

Ex: let's add the 1cs sfx to this verb (impf 3mp):      יִפְקֹדוּ      they will appoint

- If Impf vb ends with a consonant—then use an I-class helping vowel (וֹ/וּ) to add the pron. sfx. to it. (Note: Pft verbs use A-class helping vowels.)

3.3. Vowel changes when adding pron. sfx. to Impf verbs. (Ross 24.6)

1. CUSS rule:

יִפְקֹד

2. If Theme vowel is  $\bar{o}/\bar{e}$ : follow verb reduction pattern (O/PT ↓ VS)

3. If Theme vowel is  $a$  (pataḥ) follow noun reduction pattern (O/PT → long; O/PPT ↓ VS)

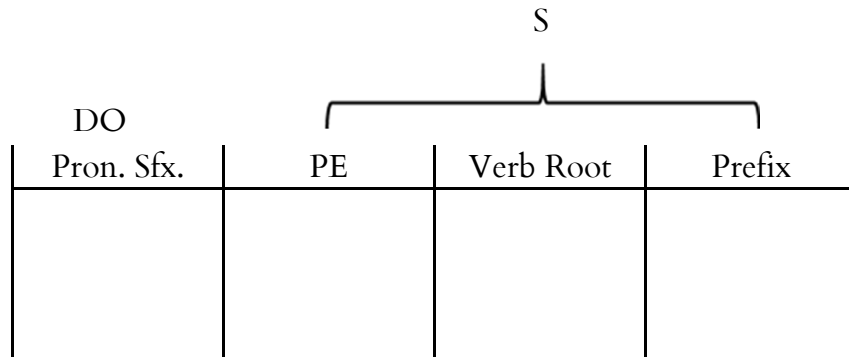
Add 1cs sfx to:

יִשְׁמַע

3.4. Worked exx. of impf verbs with pron sfx:

תִּפְקְדוּם

נִפְקְדֶיָהוּ



#### 4. The Imperative with DO Pronominal Suffixes Handout (Ross 24.7)

Note:

- Impv has NO prefixing (unlike Impf)
- But Impv is “built off of the Impf” and so, like Impf, uses I-class helping vowels if there’s no vowel/vocalic inflection at the end.

Compare:

פְּקַד

פְּקַדְךָ/פְּקַדְהָ

פְּקַדְיָנִי

פְּקַדֵּי

Now: let’s add 1cs sfx to Qal Impv 2mp:

פְּקַדוּ

Finally, let’s compare one last set of exx:

בְּחַן

בְּחַנִּי

בְּחַנֵּי