

Ross Lesson 31: Hophal Stem LECTURE NOTES

1. Forms/principal parts of the Hophal (Ross 31.1)

The Hophal stem is the passive counterpart to the Hiphil (which is often referred to as the “causative” stem). The element of the Hiphil that is made passive is the causative element (not the lexical element of the verbal root), and so it has the general sense of ‘to be caused to do X’.

Using our example from the ch.30 handout, the verb מוֹת in the Qal stem means ‘to die’.

Hiphil: ‘to cause someone to die’ (as in, ‘John caused Billy to die’ = ‘John killed Billy’).

Hophal: ‘to be caused to die’ (as in, ‘Billy was caused to die’ = ‘Billy was killed’).

We first deal with the way the Hophal is formed. NOTE: In the Hophal stem, as in the Hiphil, the form is characterized by a prefix ה before R-1 (root 1); however, this prefix ה is not visible in the prefix conjugations (impf, wci, juss, etc.) or participle. The Hiphil/Hophal are distinguished, then, by the vowel pointing. Finally, since the Hophal is a passive stem, it cannot take DO pronominal suffixes.

For our paradigm verb פקד, the Hophal means ‘to be caused to visit/appoint’.

Forms	Hophal
Pft 3ms	הִפְקַד
Impf 3ms	יִפְקַד
Wci(wayyiqtol) 3ms	וַיִּפְקַד
Juss 3ms	יִפְקַד
Coh 1cs	אֶפְקְדָה
Impv 2ms	XXX
Ptc ms	מִפְקַד
Infc	הִפְקַד
Infa	הִפְקַד

Below, let’s fill in the vowel-pointing for the Hophal stem. *Please have your “Principal Parts” master handout available to consult along with these lecture notes!*

Hophal Stem:

Perfect

3ms	פקד	3cp	פקדו
3fs	פקדה		
2ms	פקדת	2mp	פקדתם
2fs	פקדת	2fp	פקדתן
1cs	פקדתי	1cp	פקדנו

Imperfect

3ms	יפקד	3mp	יפקדו
3fs	תפקד	3fp	תפקדנה
2ms	תפקד	2mp	תפקדו
2fs	תפקדי	2fp	תפקדנה
1cs	אפקד	1cp	נפקד

Wci

3ms	ויפקד	3mp	ויפקדו
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Juss

3ms	יפקד	3mp	יפקדו
2ms	תפקד	2mp	תפקדו

Coh

1cs	אפקדה	1cp	נפקדה
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Impv: N/A

Ptc

ms	פקד	mp	פקדים
fs	פקדה	fp	פקדות

Infinitive: cst פקד +3ms sfx הִפְקֹדוּ abs פקד

2. Translating the Hophal (Ross 31.2)

All the same semantics of the Hiphil are available to the Hophal stem, only the semantics are made passive.

הַשְׁמִיעַ

הִשְׁמַע

הִמְלִיךְ

הִמְלִךְ

הִקְרִיב

הִקְרַב

הִלְשִׁין

הִלְשִׂין