

LESSON V

I. Stems of the Verb

A. Names of the Stems

1. Qal
2. Piel
3. Pual
4. Hiphil
5. Hophal
6. Niphal
7. Hithpael

B. Meaning of the Stems

1. Qal

The Qal stem is plain (e.g. שָׁחַט - "he killed").

2. Piel

The Piel stem is intensive (e.g. שָׁחַטַּל - "he slaughtered").

3. Pual

The Pual stem is the passive of the Piel stem (e.g. שָׁחַטָּל - "he was slaughtered").

4. Hiphil

The Hiphil stem is causative (e.g. שָׁחַטְתָּהוּ - "he caused to kill").

NOTE: If the Qal stem is transitive, i.e. requires an object, the Hiphil stem takes two objects (e.g.

$\text{שָׁחַטְתָּהוּ אֶת־הַכֹּהֵן אֶת־הַבְּקָר}$ - "he caused the priest to kill the cattle").

5. Hophal

The Hophal stem is the passive of the Hiphil stem (e.g. שָׁחַטְתָּהוּ - "he was caused to kill").