

LESSON VII

I. The Imperfect Tense

A. Use of the Imperfect Tense

The imperfect tense is used to express incomplete action. It may be translated by the English past tense, present tense, or future tense. We shall translate it by the English future tense because that is the tense that is used most often to translate it. (e.g. "I shall visit").

B. Base Forms of the Stems in the Imperfect Tense

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

C. Personal Preformatives and Sufformatives of the Imperfect Tense

1. Singular

- a. First Common Singular - (base form) כ
- b. Second Masculine Singular - (base form) נ
- c. Second Feminine Singular - ך (base form) נ
- d. Third Masculine Singular - (base form) ך
- e. Third Feminine Singular - (base form) נ

2. Plural

- a. First Common Plural - (base form) ך
- b. Second Masculine Plural - ך (base form) נ