

3. Uses of the Infinitive Construct

a. With the Inseparable Prepositions (**כִּי**, **כִּזְכֹּרְךָ**, and **כִּי**)

(1) With the Inseparable Preposition **כִּי**

(a) Attachment of the Inseparable Preposition **כִּי** to the Infinitive Construct

The inseparable preposition **כִּי** is attached to the front of the infinitive construct (e.g. **כִּי יִבְרַח**).

NOTE: When the inseparable preposition **כִּי** is attached to the Qal infinitive construct and the first letter of the verbal root is a non-laryngeal, the vocal shewa under the inseparable preposition **כִּי** changes to a short hireq and the vocal shewa under the first letter of the verbal root becomes a silent shewa (e.g. **כִּי יִבְרַח**).

(b) Translation of the Inseparable Preposition **כִּי** with the Infinitive Construct

The inseparable preposition **כִּי** is usually translated by the English word "when."

(c) Usage of the Inseparable Preposition **כִּי** with the Infinitive Construct

The inseparable preposition **כִּי** is used to introduce a temporal clause (e.g. "when the prophet spoke, the people were learning the Word of God" - "when the prophet spoke" is the temporal clause.).

(d) Subject of the Infinitive when Used with the Inseparable Preposition **כִּי**

The subject of the infinitive comes immediately after the infinitive construct (e.g. **כִּי יִבְרַח הַנֶּבִיא** - **הַנֶּבִיא** is the subject of the infinitive).

(e) Tense of the Infinitive when Used with the Inseparable Preposition **כִּי**

The tense of the infinitive is determined by the context (e.g. **כִּי יִבְרַח הַנֶּבִיא** - "when the prophet spoke," "when the prophet speaks," or "when the prophet shall speak").

(2) With the Inseparable Preposition **כִּזְכֹּרְךָ**