

LESSON XII

I. Pe Nun Verb

A. Identification of the Pe Nun Verb

The Pe Nun verb has the letter nun - ן - in the pe position, i.e. as the first letter of the verbal root (e.g. פִּנָּה - "to fall").

NOTE: Everything in the Pe Nun verb is completely regular from the second letter of the verbal root on. The irregularity occurs in the first letter of the verbal root, and in the vowel that follows it.

B. Formation of the Pe Nun Verb

1. Derived Stems

In the derived stems (Piel, Pual, Hiphil, Hophal, Niphal, and Hithpael), the Pe Nun verb is formed like the regular verb except that:

- a. In the Hiphil, Hophal, and Niphal perfect and participle, the first letter of the verbal root - nun - assimilates into the second letter of the verbal root doubling it, and the silent shewa that was under the first letter of the

verbal root drops out (e.g. פִּנָּה - פִּנָּה).
assimilates into pe
drops out

- b. In the Hophal stem, the qames ḥaṭuph under the preformative changes to a qibbuṣ throughout the entire stem (e.g.

פִּנָּה - פִּנָּה).
assimilates into pe
drops out

2. Qal Stem

- a. Class I (Active Verbs)

(1) Perfect Tense

The perfect tense is formed like the perfect tense of the regular verb (e.g. פָּלַח , פָּלַח , and פָּלַח).

(2) Imperfect Tense

The imperfect tense is formed like the imperfect tense of the regular verb except that the first letter