



Rocine Lesson 1

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה

Genesis 2:18

Genre

GENRE = TASK + A SET OF GRAMMATICAL CONSTRUCTIONS

Genre	Task
Historical Narrative	Tell a story about the past.
Predictive Narrative	Tell a story set in the future.
Instructional Discourse	Tell how to do something.
Hortatory Discourse	Influence the behavior of someone.
Procedural Discourse	Tell how a procedure was done in the past.

Pronunciation

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- Right to left
- Stress at tend by default (unless marked otherwise)
- Tetragrammaton

The wayyiqtol

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- Initial waw
 - Conjunction or wayyiqtol?
- 3 parts to wayyiqtol waw
 1. Waw
 2. Patach
 3. Dagesh forte in following letter
 - (we will study dagesh forte more later)

The wayyiqtol

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- Wayyiqtol is a verb
- Wayyiqtol verbs consist of
 - The **waw/patach/dagesh** triad
 - A **Prefix**
 - Indicates the subject. Yod = “he” (3rd masc sing)
 - A **Root**
 - Hebrew built on a tri-consonantal root system.
 - Carries the basic meaning of the word.

אמר י ו



“Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 18:3)

Verb analysis

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Root

- 3 letters (but some may be missing)

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Stem

- All called binyan (plural binyanim). It means 'building'.
- Stems are conjugations that vary the stem by adding a consonant.
- Qal means 'light' 'easy' or 'basic'. No consonants added. 70% of verbs in the HB are in the Qal stem.

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Form

- Comes from וַיִּקְטֹל
- קטל Is the Hebrew root meaning 'to kill'
- Choses as a paradigm work because it conjugates nicely.

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אמר	Qal	Wayyiqtol	3 m s		

Person, Gender, Number (PGN)

- Person: 1st (I, we); 2nd (you, ya'll); 3rd (he, she, it, they)
- Gender: masculine; feminine
- Number: singular; plural

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אמר	Qal	Wayyiqtol	3 m s	Historical narrative mainline	

Function

- Wayyiqtol is your story telling tense.
- “It carries the main plot line, or simply **mainline** of the **Historical Narrative** genre in the Hebrew Bible in over 14,000 cases.”

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Root

- This root אמר means “to say”

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Word order

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- Usually verb-subject
 - English is subject-verb
- “Yod” is the subject embedded in the verb
 - “he” or 3ms
- יהוה is a noun following the verb to further specify the subject

Assignment 1.5b

וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-אֲדָנָי לֹא-יוּכַל הַנַּעַר לַעֲזֹב אֶת-אָבִיו
וְעַזֵּב אֶת-אָבִיו וּמֵת: וְהֵאמָר אֶל-עֲבָדֶיךָ אִם-לֹא יֵרֵד
אֲחֵיכֶם הַקָּטָן אֲתֶכֶם לֹא תִסָּפֹן לְרֵאוֹת פָּנָי:
וַיְהִי כִי עָלִינוּ אֶל-עֲבָדֶיךָ אָבִי וַנִּגְדַּל-לוֹ אֵת דְּבַרִי אֲדָנָי:
וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִינוּ שֵׁבוּ שְׁבֵרוּ-לָנוּ מִעֵט-אֲכָל:
וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא נוּכַל לָרֶדֶת

וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-אֲדֹנָי

לֹא-יִוָּכַל הַנַּעַר לַעֲזֹב אֶת-אָבִיו

וְעֲזַב אֶת-אָבִיו וּמֵת:

וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל-עֲבָדֶיךָ

אִם-לֹא יֵרֵד אֲחֵיכֶם הַקָּטָן אִתְּכֶם

לֹא תִסָּפֶון לִרְאוֹת פָּנָי:

וַיְהִי כִּי עָלִינוּ אֶל-עֲבָדֶיךָ אָבִי

וַיִּגְדֹּל-לוֹ אֶת דְּבָרֵי אֲדֹנָי:

וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִינוּ

שִׁבוּ שְׁבְרוּ-לָנוּ מִעֵט-אֶכֶל:

וַיֹּאמֶר

לֹא נוּכַל לָרֶדֶת

וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-אֲדֹנָי

לֹא-יִוָּכַל הַנַּעַר לַעֲזֹב אֶת-אָבִיו

וְעֲזַב אֶת-אָבִיו וּמֵת:

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וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִינוּ

שִׁבוּ שְׁבְרוּ-לָנוּ מִעֵט-אֶכֶל:

וַיֹּאמֶר

לֹא נוּכַל לָרֶדֶת