

Biblical Hebrew 102

Introduction to Grammatical Concepts

Lesson 18

שְׁעוֹר י"ח

Further Study of Prepositions



A small synagogue replica constructed in the much the same way the village synagogue was during the time of Yeshua. Nazareth Village, Israel.

“And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.” Luke 4:16 ESV.

What we will learn in Lesson 18

- 18.01 Review prepositions
- 18.02 Introduce prepositions with definite articles
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18.01 *Review prepositions*

A preposition is a word that provides additional information about the noun or pronoun to which it relates. For example: the book is *on* the table. (The preposition is *on*).

There are two basic types of prepositions.

1. Independent, or stand-alone, preposition. These are words that stand by themselves.

- Examples of independent, or stand-alone, prepositions:

עַל (on, upon), אֶל (to, for), תַּחַת (under), & אַחֲרַי (after)

2. Inseparable preposition. These prepositions cannot be separated from the word to which they are attached. Basic inseparable prepositions are בְּ (in, at, by); כְּ (like, as); & לְ (to, for).

- Examples of inseparable prepositions in a phrase:

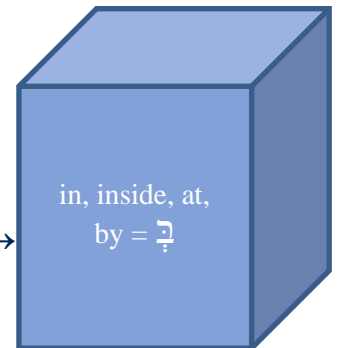
in + a land = אֶרֶץ + בְּ → בְּאֶרֶץ

like + a king = מֶלֶךְ + כְּ → כְּמֶלֶךְ

to + Israel = יִשְׂרָאֵל + לְ → לְיִשְׂרָאֵל

like, as, similar to = כְּ

to, into, for, toward = לְ →



18.02 *Introduce prepositions with definite articles*

- When an inseparable preposition has a sheva under it, the preposition is translated as “in a,” “like a,” or “to a.”
- Do you remember how the article “the” is formed? We add a “hay,” with a “patach,” & a “dagesh” added to the following non-guttural consonant.
- What if you want to say “in the,” “like the,” or “to the”? This is accomplished by modifying the inseparable preposition by replacing the “sheva” with a “patach” and adding a “dagesh” to the following non-guttural consonant.

Prepositions with definite articles in Hebrew are somewhat like contractions in English.

In Hebrew, like in English, letters are dropped. In Hebrew, the “hay” from the article is dropped; however, the “patach” and the “dagesh” remain; they are added to the consonant from the preposition.

English example:

“is not” is shortened to “isn’t.”

Hebrew examples:

Example using “בְּ” (in, inside, at, by)

“In a Torah” (בְּתוֹרָה). “In the Torah” (בַּתוֹרָה)

Example using “כְּ” (like, as, similar to)

“Like a horse” (כְּסוּס). “Like the horse” (כַּסּוּס)

Example using “לְ” (to, for)

“To a king” (לְמֶלֶךְ). “To the king” (לַמֶּלֶךְ)

18.03 Adding prepositions and/or articles to nouns

Grammar-made-simple: adding article &/ or preposition to beginning of noun that does not begin with a guttural (א, ה, ו, ע, & sometimes כ):

¹**noun:** the basic noun with nothing added to it. (aka absolute state of noun)

²**noun + article:** to add the article “the” (ה) to a noun: prefix the noun with hay, patach, & add a dagesh in following non-guttural consonant: (הַחַיִּים)

³**noun + preposition & article:** the preposition & article merge into a single unit. (How? The consonant of the preposition remains; however, the patach and dagesh from the article are added to the consonant of the preposition.)

18.04 Adding the preposition “in” or on “בְּ” and the article to nouns

<i>Regular nouns with the definite article and the preposition “in, inside, by, and sometimes on” (בְּ)</i>	
In this section, we are showing how the article can be merged with the preposition בְּ (in or on)	
מֶלֶךְ (1noun; n-ms)	King (Gen 14:1)
הַמֶּלֶךְ (2noun + article)	The king (Judges 3:19; 1Sam 8:9) NOTICE: the article “the” (הַ) is added to the noun
בַּמֶּלֶךְ (3noun + preposition & article)	On the king (Esther 2:21) NOTICE: the article “the” replaces with the preposition “in” (בְּ) and the vowels from the article are maintained.
תּוֹרָה (1noun; n-fs)	Torah (Ex 12:9)
הַתּוֹרָה (2noun + article)	The Torah/Law/instruction (Lev 7:37)
בַּתּוֹרָה (3noun + preposition & article)	In the Torah/Law/instruction (2 Chron 25:4)
שַׁבָּת (1noun; n-fs)	Shabbat (Ex 16:25)
הַשַּׁבָּת (2noun + article)	The Shabbat (Ex 16:29)
בַּשַּׁבָּת (3noun + preposition & article)	On the Sabbath (Neh 10:31)
שַׁעַר (1noun; n-ms)	Gate (Gen 24:60)
הַשַּׁעַר (2noun + article)	The gate (Joshua 2:5)
בַּשַּׁעַר (3noun + preposition & article)	In the gate (aka court) (Ruth 4:11)

18.05 Adding the preposition “like or as” כִּי and the article to nouns

<i>Regular nouns with the definite article and the preposition “like or as” (כִּי)</i>	
In this section, we are showing how the article can be merged with the preposition כִּי (like or as).	
סוּס (1noun)	Horse (Ex 15:21)
הַסוּס (2noun + article)	The horse (1Kings 20:21) NOTICE: the article “the” (הַ) is added to the noun
כַּסוּס (3noun + preposition & article)	Like the horse (Is 63:13) NOTICE: the article “the” replaces with the preposition “in” (כִּי) and the vowels from the article are maintained.
יָם (1noun)	Sea (Ps 66:6)
הַיָּם (2noun + article)	The sea (Ex 14:16)
כַּיָּם (3noun + preposition & article)	Like the sea (Jer 6:23)
מֶלֶךְ (1noun; n-ms)	King (Gen 14:1)
הַמֶּלֶךְ (2noun + article)	The king (Judges 3:19; 1Sam 8:9) NOTICE: the article “the” (הַ) is added to the noun
כַּמֶּלֶךְ (3noun + preposition & article)	Like the king

18.06 Adding the preposition “to or for” לְ and the article to nouns

<i>Regular nouns with the definite article and the preposition “to or for” (לְ)</i>	
In this section, we are showing how the article can be merged with the preposition לְ (to or for).	
“to or for” (לְ)	
מֶלֶךְ (1noun; n-ms)	King (Gen 14:1)
הַמֶּלֶךְ (2noun + article)	The king (Judges 3:19; 1Sam 8:9) NOTICE: the article “the” (הַ) is added to the noun
לַמֶּלֶךְ (3noun + preposition & article)	For/to the kings (1Sam 18:27) NOTICE: the article “the” replaces with the preposition “to or for” (לְ) and the vowels from the article are maintained.
נָהָר (1noun; n-ms)	A river/current/flood (Gen 2:10)
הַנָּהָר (2noun + article)	The river (Gen 31:21)
לַנָּהָר (3noun + preposition & article)	To the river (1Kings 14:15)
יָם (1noun)	Sea (Ps 66:6)
הַיָּם (2noun + article)	The sea (Ex 14:16)
לַיָּם (3noun + preposition & article)	To the sea (Deut 30:13)

18.07 ***Vocabulary flash cards for Lesson 18:***

The flash cards include high frequency words, which appear frequently in the TaNaKh.
We encourage you to review these cards until the vocabulary becomes familiar.

18.08 ***Weekly Parasha reading*** (go to: <http://www.RestoringTorah.info>)