

Biblical Hebrew 102

Introduction to Grammatical Concepts

Lesson 19

שְׁעוֹר יט

Singular Nouns with Pronominal Suffixes



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 19

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19.01 Hebrew Personal Pronouns

MEMORIZING these will make your future Hebrew learning easier 😊

As we learned in Lessons 16 & 17, personal pronouns take the place of the previous noun (a person, place, or thing).

Let's review a bit of English grammar:

For example, "Last summer we visited the Temple Mount. It was amazing." Note: the pronoun "it" refers to "Temple Mount", which was mentioned in the previous sentence.)

Person	Singular	Plural
1 st person: <u>person who is speaking</u>	"I"	"we"
2 nd person: when you are <u>speaking directly to an individual</u>	"you"	"you" (aka 'you all')
3 rd person: when <u>speaking about someone or something</u>	"he", "she", or "it"	"they" or "them"

Chart of Hebrew singular and plural personal pronouns

PERSONAL PRONOUNS							
* The pronouns listed below with an asterisk are the Biblical, classical, or archaic forms pronouns.							
HINT: All 1st person pronouns (both singular & plural) begin with "א" – the basis for these forms is "אני"							
All 2nd person pronouns (both singular & plural) begins with "את"							
And all 3rd person pronouns (both singular & plural) begin with "ה"							
SINGULAR				PLURAL			
Person	English	Gender	Hebrew	Person	English	Gender	Hebrew
1st Person Singular (speaker is <u>speaking about himself</u> : "I")				1st Person Plural (speaking <u>about themselves</u> : "we")			
1 st	I	This pronoun is used for either masculine or feminine; aka "common"	אני אנכי*	1 st	we	This pronoun is used for <u>either</u> masculine or feminine; aka "common"	אנחנו אנו, נחנו*
2nd Person Singular (directly to someone: "you")				2nd Person Plural (directly to some people: "you"; aka "you all")			
2 nd	you (singular)	masculine	אתה	2 nd	you (plural)	masculine	אתם
2 nd	you (singular)	feminine	את	2 nd	you (plural)	feminine	אתן אתנה* (Eze 13:20)
3rd Person Singular (speaking <u>about</u> someone: "him" or "her")				3rd Person Plural (speaking <u>about</u> "them" or "they")			
3 rd	he/it	masculine	הוא	3 rd	they/it	masculine	הם המה*
3 rd	she/it	feminine	היא היא*	3 rd	they/it	feminine	הן הנה*
*Pronouns with an asterisk are the Biblical, classical, or archaic form of pronouns - used only in the Torah. Note: both הוא & היא mean 'she'; both are pronounced היא				*Pronouns with an asterisk are the Biblical, classical, or archaic form of pronouns - used only in the Torah.			

19.02 Exercises with personal pronouns

Challenge: cover the English column.

Looking only at the Hebrew column, try and identify the pronouns. (Refer to previous page.)

Now, try to translate the phrase into English. Check your answers with the English column.

Examples of nouns and personal pronouns	
Hebrew	English
היא מצוה	It (pron-3fs) is a mitzvah/commandment.
את רחל	You (pron-2fs) are Rachel.
הוא יהוה	He (pron-3ms) is YHVH.
אני איש	I (pron-1cs) am a man.
היא ישראל	It (pron-3fs) is Israel.
היא ירדן	It (pron-3fs) is the Jordan.
אתה אלהים	You (pron-2ms) are God.
אני דוד	I (pron-1cs) am David.
היא סוסה	It (pron-3fs) is a mare (feminine singular).
אנכי שרה	I (pron-1cs) am Sarah.
אנחנו יצחק ורחל	We (pron-1cp) are Isaac and Rachel.
הוא הר	It (pron-3ms) is a mountain.
אתנה רחל ושרה	You (pron-2fp) are Rachel and Sarah.
היא תורה	It (pron-3fs) is a Torah.
הוא רבקה	She (pron-3fs) is Rebecca.
הם מלכים	They (pron-3mp) are kings.
הוא סוס	It (pron-3ms) is a horse.
נחנו אברהם ורבקה	We (pron-1cp) are Abraham and Rebecca.
אנחנו ילדים	We (pron-1cp) are boys.
הם הרים	They (pron-3mp) are mountains.
אנו דוד ושרה	We (pron-1cp) are David and Sarah.
אתנה בנות	You (pron-2fp) are daughters.
הם ספרים	They (pron-3mp) are books.
הן סוסות	They (pron-3fp) are horses (mares).
אנחנו יצחק ויעקב	We (pron-1cp) are Isaac and Jacob.
אתן מלכות	You (pron-2fp) are queens.
המה חכמים	They (pron-3mp) are wise. (Pro 30:24)
אתם בנים	You (pron-2mp) are sons.
אנכי בת	I (pron-1cs) am a daughter.
הם דברים	They (pron-3mp) are words.

19.03 *Introducing singular nouns with pronominal suffixes*

A pronoun is a word that takes the place of a noun. Pronouns that are added to the end of a word are called pronominal suffixes.

Attached pronouns are called pronominal suffixes. Pronominal suffixes are attached to the end of a noun, a preposition, a verb, or a particle.

Notice how similar pronominal suffixes are to personal pronouns (19.01).

Pronominal Suffix Chart for singular nouns			
Singular suffixes		Plural suffixes	
Person	Suffixes	Person	Suffixes
1 st c*s	וֹי	1 st c*p	וֹנֵי
2 nd ms	הָיְךָ	2 nd mp	הָיְכֶם (silent sheva)
2 nd fs	הָיְךְ	2 nd fp	הָיְכֶנּוּ (silent sheva)
3 rd ms	וֹי	3 rd mp	הֶם
3 rd fs	הָיְהָ	3 rd fp	הֶנּוּ

19.04 *Singular masculine nouns with pronominal suffixes:*

Masculine singular nouns with singular pronominal suffixes				Masculine singular nouns with plural pronominal suffixes			
Person	Pronominal Suffix	Hebrew	English	Person	Pronominal Suffix	Hebrew	English
ms = masculine singular fs = feminine singular c*s = common singular				ms = masculine plural fs = feminine plural c*s = common plural			
סוס = horse (masculine singular noun)				סוס = horse (masculine singular noun)			
1 st c*s	וֹי	סוּסִי	my horse (notice both the horse & the ownership of the horse are each singular.)	1 st c*p	וֹנֵי	סוּסֵינוּ	our horse (here, the horse is singular; however, the ownership is plural.)
2 nd ms	הָיְךָ	סוּסֶיךָ	your (ms) horse	2 nd mp	הָיְכֶם	סוּסֵיכֶם	your (mp) horse
2 nd fs	הָיְךְ	סוּסֶיךְ	your (fs) horse	2 nd fp	הָיְכֶנּוּ	סוּסֵיכֶנּוּ	your (fp) horse
3 rd ms	וֹי	סוּסוֹ	his horse	3 rd mp	הֶם	סוּסֵיהֶם	their (mp) horse
3 rd fs	הָיְהָ	סוּסֶיהָ	her horse	3 rd fp	הֶנּוּ	סוּסֵיהֶנּוּ	their (fp) horse

19.05 *Singular feminine nouns with pronominal suffixes:*

- What differences do you see in the suffix endings on the masculine & feminine nouns? Feminine nouns that end with “ה”, the “ה” is dropped and a “ת” is added.
- You will notice on 3fs, there is a dot within the “ה”. Why? To differentiate it from being a feminine noun. For example: תורה is a Torah (a feminine noun); whereas, תורתה is her Torah.

<u>Feminine singular nouns with singular pronominal suffixes</u>				<u>Feminine singular nouns with plural pronominal suffixes</u>			
Person ms = masculine singular fs = feminine singular c*s = common singular	Pronominal Suffix	Hebrew	English	Person ms = masculine plural fs = feminine plural c*s = common plural	Pronominal Suffix	Hebrew	English
תורה = law or instruction (feminine singular noun)				תורה = law or instruction (feminine singular noun)			
1st c*s	ִי	תֹרַתִּי	my Torah (law or instruction) Ps 78:1	1st c*p	ִנוּ	תֹרַתֵּנוּ	our Torah (law or instruction)
2nd ms	ְךָ	תֹרַתְךָ	your (ms) Torah (law or instruction) Ps 119:44; Neh 9:26	2nd mp	ְכֶם	תֹרַתְכֶם	your (mp) Torah (law or instruction)
2nd fs	ְךָ	תֹרַתְךָ	your (fs) Torah (law or instruction)	2nd fp	ְכֶן	תֹרַתְכֶן	your (fp) Torah (law or instruction)
3rd ms	ֹוֹ	תֹרַתּוֹ	his Torah (law or instruction) Ps 1:2	3rd mp	ֹם	תֹרַתָּם	their (mp) Torah (law or instruction)
3rd fs	ֹהָ	תֹרַתָּהּ	her Torah (law or instruction)	3rd fp	ֹן	תֹרַתָּן	their (fp) Torah (law or instruction)

19.06 *Exercises with singular nouns with pronominal suffixes*

In the Hebrew column, try to identify the person. (eg. עַמִּי the suffix is “ִי”. 1 st person.)		
Challenge: cover both the Person column and the English column.		
Hebrew	Person	English
עַמִּי	1 st c*s	My (1cs) people (Is 40:1)
אִשְׁתְּךָ	2 nd ms	Your (2ms) wife (Gen 8:16)
אִמְךָ	2 nd fs	Your (2fs) mother (Eze 16:45)
עַמּוֹ	3 rd ms	His (3ms) people (Joel 2:18; Ps 100:3)
בַּעֲלָהּ	3 rd fs	Her (3fs) husband (Prov 31:23)
עַמָּנוּ	1 st c*p	Our (1cp) people (1Chron 19:13)
אַרְצְכֶם	2 nd mp	Your (2mp) land (Lev 26:19)
אִמְכֶן	2 nd fp	Your (2fp) mother (Eze 16:45)
זַרְעָם	3 rd mp	Their (3mp) descendants (Esther 9:27)
סוּסָן	3 rd fp	Their (3fp) horse

* Grammar Made Simple:

- As we have learned, all Hebrew nouns are either masculine or feminine.
- Pronouns also are masculine or feminine except for the 1st person pronouns. These are called common pronouns because they can refer to either males or females. For example, 1st person singular “I” can refer to either a male or female, & 1st plural “we” can refer to either males or females or a mixed group.

19.07 **More practice with singular nouns and pronominal suffixes**

Challenge: this time the suffixes are in a random order.

Again, cover the English column; try to identify the suffix in the Hebrew column.

Then, try to translate the word.

More practice recognizing pronominal suffixes with singular nouns	
Hebrew	English
אִמּוֹ	His (3ms) mother (Is 66:13)
עַמִּי	My (1cs) people (Is 40:1)
יָדְךָ	Your (2ms) hand (Ps 145:16)
אֶרְצוֹ	Their land (Is 2:7). Literally, his (3ms) land
שׁוֹעֲתָם	Their (3mp) cry (Ps 145:19)
לֶחֶמָם	Their (3mp) food (Pro 30:25)
סוּסֶיהָ	Her (3fs) horse

19.08 **Vocabulary flash cards for Lesson 19:**

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.

19.09 **Weekly Parasha reading** (go to www.RestoringTorah.org)