

Biblical Hebrew 102

Introduction to Grammatical Concepts

Lesson 20

שְׁעוֹר כ

Pronominal Suffixes with plural nouns



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 20

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20.01 **Review: chart of masculine singular & plural pronouns**

Hebrew singular and plural 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 c*s	I	This pronoun is used for <u>either</u> masculine or feminine; aka “common”	אני אנכי*	1 st c*p	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 <u>Plural</u> (<u>directly to some people</u> : “you”; aka “you all”)			
2 nd ms	you (singular)	masculine	אתה	2 nd mp	you (plural)	masculine	אתם
2 nd fs	you (singular)	feminine	את	2 nd fp	you (plural)	feminine	אתן אתנה* (Eze 13:20)
3rd Person Singular (<u>speaking about someone</u> : “him” or “her”)				3rd Person Plural (<u>speaking about “them”</u> or “they”)			
3 rd ms	he/it	masculine	הוא	3 rd mp	they/it	masculine	הם המה*
3 rd fs	she/it	feminine	היא הוא*	3 rd fp	they/it	feminine	הן הנה*

*Some pronouns can refer to either a male or female. They are called common (“c”). eg: “I” can refer to either a male “I” or a female “I”.

20.02 **Review: chart of singular nouns with pronoun suffixes** (aka pronominal suffixes; abbreviated: sf)

סוס = horse (masculine singular noun)				סוס = horse (masculine singular noun)			
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			
1 st c*s	ֹי	סוּסִי	my horse (notice both the horse & the ownership of the horse are each singular.)	1 st c*p	ֹנוּ	סוּסֵנוּ	our horse (here, the horse is singular; however, the ownership is plural.)
2 nd ms	ְךָ	סוּסֶךָ	your (ms) horse	2 nd mp	ְכֶם	סוּסֵכֶם	your (mp) horse
2 nd fs	ְךִי	סוּסֶיךִי	your (fs) horse	2 nd fp	ְכֶן	סוּסֵכֶן	your (fp) horse
3 rd ms	ֹו	סוּסָו	his horse	3 rd mp	ְם	סוּסֵם	their (mp) horse
3 rd fs	ְהָ	סוּסֶיהָ	her horse	3 rd fp	ְהֶן	סוּסֵהֶן	their (fp) horse

20.03 **Quick review: diphthongs** (refer to 7.02 & 7.04)

*The consonant י is called both yod & yud.

Standard Sound of Hebrew vowels:

אֵ ("ee")
 אֶ ("eh")
 אֶ ("eh")
 אָ ("ah")
 אָ ("ah")

With the addition of a yod*, the vowel becomes a diphthong & the sound changes

“ee” as in sleep	“ey” as in they	“ey” as in they	“I” as in isle	“I” as in isle
אֵי	אֵי	אֵי	אֵי	אֵי
Chirek Yod חֵירֶק יוֹד	Tsere Yod צֵרֵי יוֹד	Segol Yod סֶגוֹל יוֹד	Kamats Yod קָמָץ יוֹד	Patach Yod פָּתַח יוֹד

NOTE:

- There are only 3 diphthong sounds to remember: “I” (as in isle); “ey” (as in they); and “ee” (as in sleep).
- Diphthongs are long vowels.

20.04 **Introducing plural masculine nouns with pronominal suffixes**

A few quick tips on adding suffixes to masculine plural nouns:

- Notice the similarity of the suffix endings for both singular and plural masculine nouns.
- Generally plural masculine nouns with suffixes, have a yod (י) before the suffix.

סוּס = horse (masculine singular noun)				סוּסִים = horses (masculine plural noun)			
Person <small>ms = masculine singular fs = feminine singular c*s = common singular</small>	Pronominal Suffix	Hebrew	English	Person <small>ms = masculine plural fs = feminine plural c*s = common plural</small>	Pronominal Suffix	Hebrew	English
1 st c*s	יִ	סוּסִי	my horse <small>(notice both the horse & the ownership of the horse are each singular.)</small>	1 st c*s	יִ	סוּסִי	my horses <small>(notice the noun is plural & the pronoun is singular.)</small>
2 nd ms	יָךְ	סוּסֶיךָ	your (ms) horse	2 nd ms	יָךְ	סוּסֶיךָ	your (ms) horses
2 nd fs	יְךָ	סוּסֶיךָ	your (fs) horse	2 nd fs	יְךָ	סוּסֶיךָ	your (fs) horses
3 rd ms	וֹ	סוּסָו	his horse	3 rd ms	וֹ	סוּסָו	his horses
3 rd fs	וָהָ	סוּסָהָ	her horse	3 rd fs	וָהָ	סוּסָהָ	her horses
1 st c*p	נּוֹ	סוּסֵינוּ	our horse <small>(here, the horse is singular; however, the ownership is plural.)</small>	1 st c*p	נּוֹ	סוּסֵינוּ	our horses <small>(here, both horses (the noun) and the pronoun (our) are plural)</small>
2 nd mp	כֶּךָ	סוּסֵיכֶם	your (mp) horse	2 nd mp	כֶּיְכֶם	סוּסֵיכֶם	your (mp) horses
2 nd fp	כֶּן	סוּסֵיכֶן	your (fp) horse	2 nd fp	כֶּיְכֶן	סוּסֵיכֶן	your (fp) horses
3 rd mp	כֶּם	סוּסֵיהֶם	their (mp) horse	3 rd mp	כֶּיהֶם	סוּסֵיהֶם	their (mp) horses
3 rd fp	כֶּן	סוּסֵיהֶן	their (fp) horse	3 rd fp	כֶּיהֶן	סוּסֵיהֶן	their (fp) horses

20.05 *Reading exercises from the Hebrew text with pronouns and pronominal suffixes*

1st person, singular - “I am”:

Isaiah 48:12: "Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called; I am He, I am the first, I am also the last."

שָׁמַע אֵלַי יַעֲקֹב וְיִשְׂרָאֵל מִקְרָאִי אֲנִי-הוּא אֲנִי רִאשׁוֹן אֶף אֲנִי אַחֲרֹון:

Hebrew	English	Morph
שָׁמַע	Listen [You listen!]	Verb [imperative] (V-Qal-Imp-ms)
אֵלַי	unto me [to me]	Prep (Prep 1cs)
יַעֲקֹב	O Jacob [Ya'akov]	Noun (N-proper-ms)
וְיִשְׂרָאֵל	and Israel	Noun (Conj-w N-proper-ms)
מִקְרָאִי	my-called [I called]	Verb [participle] (V-Pual-Prtepl-msc 1cs)
אֲנִי-	I ['am' is understood]	Pro [pronoun] (Pron-1cs)
הוּא	he	Pro [pronoun] (Pron-3ms)
אֲנִי	I ['am' is understood]	Pro [pronoun] (Pron-1cs)
רִאשׁוֹן	the first	Adj (Adj-ms)
אֶף [אֵף is more common]	also	Conj [the noun is אֶף (nose)]
אֲנִי	I ['am' is understood]	Pro [pronoun] (Pron-1cs)
אַחֲרֹון:	the last	Adj (Adj-ms)

1st person, plural - “we”:

Joshua 2:17: "The men said to her, "We shall be free from this oath to you which you have made us swear..."

וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלֶיהָ הַאֲנָשִׁים נְקִיִּים אֲנַחְנוּ מִשְׁבַּעְתְּךָ הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר הִשְׁבַּעְתָּנוּ:

Hebrew	English	Morph
וַיֹּאמְרוּ	and said [& they said]	Verb (Conj-w V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3mp)
אֵלֶיהָ	unto [to her]	Prep ['to her' is a pronominal suffix] (Prep 3fs)
הַאֲנָשִׁים	the men	Noun (Art N-mp)
נְקִיִּים	[will be] blameless her	Adj (Adj-mp)
אֲנַחְנוּ	We	Pro [pronoun] (Pron-1cp)
מִשְׁבַּעְתְּךָ	oath [your oath]	Noun ['your' is a pronominal suffix] (Prep-m N-fsc 2fs)

מִזֶּה	from this [this]	Pro [pronoun] (Art Pron-ms)
אֲשֶׁר	that	Prt (Pron-r; relative pronoun)
הִשְׁבַּעְתָּנוּ:	you have made us swear	Verb ['us' is a pronominal suffix] (V-Hifil-Perf-2fs 1cp)

20.06 **Vocabulary flash cards for Lesson 20:**

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.

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