Biblical Hebrew 102
Introduction to Grammatical Concepts
Lesson 12
שִׁעוּר יב

Feminine Nouns & the Definite Article

"…man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything
that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD," Dt 8:3; Mt 4:4.

What we will learn in Lesson 12

12.01 *Review: Masculine Nouns*

Reminder: all Hebrew nouns are either masculine or feminine. Unlike in English, there are no "its" in Hebrew. (For example, in Hebrew the "book" is <u>masculine</u>; whereas in English, book is an <u>it</u>)

Masculine Nouns:

➤ Masculine singular nouns do not have a particular ending.

➤ **Generally, masculine nouns are made plural** by adding "chirek", "yod/yud" & "mem sofit"- יִם to the end of the word. (Note: "chirek" <u>is not under "yod"</u>; it is under previous consonant.)

Examples of 3 Masculine Nouns			
masculine singular	סֵפֶר book	הַר mount	זָכָר male
masculine plural	סְפָרִים books	הָרִים mountains	זְכָרִים males

12.02 *Introducing Feminine Nouns*

➤ **Most feminine nouns end** with "kamats" + "hay" (הָ) or "tav" (ת).

Generally, feminine nouns are made plural by adding a "cholam vav" plus a "tav" (וֹת) which is a "cholam" & a "vav" plus a "tav" to the end of the word.

Examples of 3 Feminine Nouns		
feminine singular	תּוֹרָה Torah or instruction	מִשְׁפָּחָה family	מִצְוָה commandment, obligation or deed
feminine plural	תּוֹרת Torahs or instructions	מִשְׁפָּחוֹת families	מִצְוֹת commandments, obligations or deeds

12.03 *Exercise: Feminine Nouns* (answers on 12:04)

Write the Hebrew on the lines below. (Hint: refer to box→.)

¹Torah   תּוֹרָה

²daughter   _____

³land   _____

⁴commandment   _____

⁵daughters   _____

⁶family   _____

⁷mother   _____

⁸the daughter   _____

⁹families   _____

¹⁰lands   _____

¹¹commandments   _____

¹²mothers   _____

¹³Torahs (or instructions) _____

¹⁴soul   _____

¹⁵female horse (mare) _____

Vocabulary:

תּוֹרָה Torah or instruction
תּוֹרת Torahs or instructions
מִשְׁפָּחָה family
מִשְׁפָּחוֹת families
אֶרֶץ land
אֲרָצוֹת lands
מִצְוָה commandment (obligation or deed)
מִצְוֹת commandments (obligations or deeds)
אֵם mother
אִמּוֹת mothers
בַּת daughter
בָּנוֹת daughters (irregular plural)
הַבַּת the daughter
סוּסָה mare (female horse)
נֶפֶשׁ soul or person

12.04 Answers: Exercise with Feminine Nouns (Exercise 12.03)

¹Torah	תּוֹרָה	⁹ families	מִשְׁפָּחוֹת
² daughter	בַּת	¹⁰ lands	אֲרָצוֹת
³ land	אֶרֶץ	¹¹ commandments	מִצְוֹת
⁴ commandment	מִצְוָה	¹² mothers	אִמּוֹת
⁵ daughters	בָּנוֹת	¹³ Torahs (or instructions)	תּוֹרֹת
⁶ family	מִשְׁפָּחָה	¹⁴ soul	נֶפֶשׁ
⁷ mother	אֵם	¹⁵ female horse (mare)	סוּסָה
⁸ the daughter	הַבַּת		

Grammar-Made-Simple: feminine nouns

➢ <u>Feminine singular</u> nouns generally have particular endings: "kamats" + "hay" (◌ָה) or "tav" (ת)
  o <u>Feminine plural nouns</u> generally are made plural by adding: "cholam vav" (or "cholam") & "tav" (ות).

12.05 Review Parsing and Abbreviations

<u>Parsing</u> helps us understand a word. It also shows what part of speech it is; whether it is a noun, verb, etc.

<u>Abbreviations</u> simplify the notation of the parsing of a particular word.

For example, parsing for the word סֵפֶר (book) is: N-ms ("N" indicates that סֵפֶר is a noun. The "m" tells the word is masculine, and the "s" that the word is singular.)

<u>5 abbreviations</u> which we will use in this lesson:

N = noun (often the letter "N" will be followed by a "dash" to clarify the letters following refer to that noun. Refer to above)

f = feminine

m = masculine

s = singular

p = plural

art = article ("the": generally written with "hay", "patach", & "dagesh chazak": הַ◌ּ)

Hebrew abbreviations are fairly uniform, but they are not universal. Once you are familiar with these, it will be easy to understand the slight variations used by various study tools.

12.06 Exercise: Parsing & Abbreviations (Answers on 12.07)

Hebrew	Fill in the English Translation (refer to vocabulary list on 12.03)	Fill in Hebrew Parsing & Abbreviations
תּוֹרָה¹		N-fs (Noun-feminine singular)
תּוֹרֹת²	Torahs* or instructions	
מִשְׁפָּחָה³	family	

Hebrew		Fill in the English Translation	Fill in Hebrew Parsing & Abbreviations
מִשְׁפָּחוֹת⁴			N-fp (noun-feminine plural)
מִצְוָה⁵		commandment, deed, or duty	N-fs (noun-feminine singular)
מִצְוֹת⁶			N-fp (noun-feminine plural)
⁷		daughter	
הַבַּת⁸			
בָּנוֹת⁹			N-fp (noun-feminine plural)
נֶפֶשׁ¹⁰		soul, person	N-fs (noun-feminine singular)
סוּסָה¹¹		(Song of Songs 1:9)	

12.07 *Answers: Parsing & Abbreviation Exercise (Exercise 12.06)*

Hebrew	Fill in the English Translation (refer to vocabulary list on 11.02)	Fill in Hebrew Parsing & Abbreviations
תּוֹרָה¹	Torah* or instruction	N-fs (noun-feminine singular)
תּוֹרֹת²	Torahs* or instructions	N-fp (noun-feminine plural)
מִשְׁפָּחָה³	family	N-fs (noun-feminine singular)
מִשְׁפָּחוֹת⁴	families	N-fp (noun-feminine plural)
מִצְוָה⁵	commandment, deed, or duty	N-fs (noun-feminine singular)
מִצְוֹת⁶	commandments, deeds, or duties	N-fp (noun-feminine plural)
בַּת⁷	daughter	N-fs (noun-feminine singular)
הַבַּת⁸	the daughter	art; N-fs
בָּנוֹת⁹	daughters	N-fp (noun-feminine plural)
נֶפֶשׁ¹⁰	soul, person	N-fs (noun-feminine singular)
סוּסָה¹¹	female horse or mare (Song of Songs 1:9)	N-fs (noun-feminine singular)

12.08 *Quick Review: The definite article: the word "the"*

In Hebrew, the definite article is <u>not a separate word</u>; it is attached to a noun.

   a. Articles are **generally written** with a "hay" & "patach" and have a "dagesh chazak" in <u>next</u> consonant: הַ◌

   o Torah (תּוֹרָה) becomes the Torah (הַתּוֹרָה)

   o Commandment (מִצְוָה) becomes the commandment (הַמִּצְוָה)

b. **When the article precedes a**[1]**guttural, an exception occurs.**

- The vowel under the "hay" changes from "patach" to "kamats" (הָ) or to a "segol" (הֶ). Why? Because [1]gutturals cannot take a dagesh. (Reminder: [1]Gutturals are: א, ה, ח, ע. & sometimes ר

- Examples of when the article precedes a guttural:
  a. אֶרֶץ (land) becomes הָאָרֶץ (the land)
  b. אֵם (mother) becomes הָאֵם (the mother)
  c. עִיר (city) becomes הָעִיר (the city)

12.09 *Exercise: Feminine Nouns With & Without Articles* (Answers on 12.10)

Hebrew	Meaning	Parsing	Transliteration
[1]תּוֹרָה	Torah* or instruction	N-fs (noun-feminine singular)	To-**rah**
[2]הַתּוֹרָה		art; N-fs (article; noun-feminine singular)	
[3]תּוֹרֹת			To-**rot**
[4]	the Torahs* or instructions		haht-to-**rot**
[5]מִשְׁפָּחָה	family	N-fs	
[6]הַמִּשְׁפָּחָה		art; N-fs	
[7]		N-fp	meesh-pah-**chot**
[8]הַמִּשְׁפָּחוֹת	the families (Jer 33:24)		
[9]אֶרֶץ	land (Gen 1:10)		**eh**-rehts
[10]הָאָרֶץ	(Gen 1:1)	art; N-fs	hah-**ah**-rehts
[11]אֲרָצוֹת	lands		
[12]	(Gen 26:4)	art; N-fp	hah-ah-rah-**tsot**
[13]מִצְוָה			meets-**vah**
[14]הַמִּצְוָה	the commandment (Dt 5:31)	art; N-fs	
[15]			meets-**vot**
[16]הַמִּצְוֹת	the commandments (Lev 27:34)	art; N-fp	hahm-meets-**vot**

Feeling Overwhelmed?
- ➢ Do not become overwhelmed by the various aspects of each grammatical rule. We only need to be able to recognize these. Remember we are not writing the Bible.
- ➢ We will cover these rules with great repetition in the upcoming lessons.
- ➢ We will discuss reasons for vowel changes in a later lesson.

12.10 *Answers: Feminine Nouns With & Without Articles* (Exercise on 12.09)

Hebrew	Meaning	Parsing	Transliteration
¹תּוֹרָה	Torah* or instruction	N-fs (noun-feminine singular)	To-**rah**
²הַתּוֹרָה	The Torah* or instruction	art; N-fs (article; noun-feminine singular)	hat-To-rot
³תּוֹרֹת	Torahs* or instructions	N-fp	To-**rot**
⁴הַתּוֹרֹת	the Torahs* or instructions	art; N-fp (article; noun-feminine plural)	haht-to-**rot**
⁵מִשְׁפָּחָה	family	N-fs	meesh-pah-**chah**
⁶הַמִּשְׁפָּחָה	the family	art; N-fs	ham-meesh-pah-**chah**
⁷מִשְׁפָּחוֹת	families	N-fp	meesh-pah-**chot**
⁸הַמִּשְׁפָּחוֹת	the families (Jer 33:24)	art; N-fp	ham-meesh-pah-**chot**
⁹אֶרֶץ	land (Gen 1:10)	N-fs	**eh**-rehts
¹⁰הָאָרֶץ	(Gen 1:1)	art; N-fs	hah-**ah-**rehts
¹¹אֲרָצוֹת	lands	N-fp	ah-rah-**tsot**
¹²הָאֲרָצֹת	(Gen 26:4)	art; N-fp	hah-ah-rah-**tsot**
¹³מִצְוָה	commandment (obligation or deed)	N-fs	meets-**vah**
¹⁴הַמִּצְוָה	the commandment (Dt 5:31)	art; N-fs	hahm-meets-vah
¹⁵מִצְוֹת	commandments	N-fp	meets-**vot**
¹⁶הַמִּצְוֹת	the commandments (Lev 27:34)	art; N-fp	hahm-meets-**vot**

12.11 *Exercise: Homework Worksheet:* (answers on 12:12)

Vocabulary Word – use these words to help answer the questions in this exercise:

תּוֹרָה	Torah	מִצְוָה	commandment	אֵם	mother
הַתּוֹרָה	the Torah	הַמִּצְוָה	the commandment	הָאֵם	the mother
תּוֹרֹת	Torahs	מִצְוֹת	commandments	נֶפֶשׁ	soul
הַתּוֹרֹת	the Torahs (or the instructions)	הַמִּצְוֹת	the commandments	סוּסָה	female horse (mare)
מִשְׁפָּחָה	family	בַּת	daughter	אֶרֶץ	land
הַמִּשְׁפָּחָה	the family	הַבַּת	the daughter	הָאָרֶץ	the land
מִשְׁפָּחוֹת	families	בְּנוֹת	daughters		
הַמִּשְׁפָּחוֹת	the families				

Hebrew	Fill in the English Translation (refer to vocabulary list on 12.11)	Fill in Hebrew Parsing & Abbreviations
1	Torah* or instruction	
תּוֹרֹת2		N-fp (noun-feminine plural)
מִשְׁפָּחָה3	family	
4	families	
מִצְוָה5		N-fs (noun-feminine singular)
מִצְוֹת6	commandments, deeds, or duties	
הַבַּת7		
Exceptions. <u>The following are feminine</u> even though they do not end with either a "hay"(הָ) <u>or "tav"</u> (ת):		
אֵם8	mother	
אֶרֶץ9		N-fs
נֶפֶשׁ10	soul, person (Gen 1:20)	N-fs

12.12: *Answers for Homework Worksheet (Exercise 12.11)*

Hebrew	Fill in the English Translation (refer to vocabulary list on 12.11)	Fill in Hebrew Parsing & Abbreviations
תּוֹרָה1	Torah* or instruction	N-fs (noun-feminine singular)
תּוֹרֹת2	Torahs* or instructions	N-fp (noun-feminine plural)
מִשְׁפָּחָה3	family	N-fs (noun-feminine singular)
מִשְׁפָּחוֹת4	families	N-fp (noun-feminine plural)
מִצְוָה5	commandment, deed, or duty	N-fs (noun-feminine singular)
מִצְוֹת6	commandments, deeds, or duties	N-fp (noun-feminine plural)
הַבַּת7	the daughter	art; N-fs (article; noun-feminine singular)
אֵם8	mother	N-fs (noun-feminine singular)
אֶרֶץ9	land	N-fs
נֶפֶשׁ10	soul, person (Gen 1:20)	N-fs

12.13 *Vocabulary Words:* *(click & go to: <u>Lesson 12: vocabulary flashcards</u>)*

Vocabulary Words:

תּוֹרָה	Torah	מִצְוָה	commandment	אֵם	mother
הַתּוֹרָה	the Torah	הַמִּצְוָה	the commandment	הָאֵם	the mother
תּוֹרֹת	Torahs	מִצְוֹת	commandments	נֶפֶשׁ	soul
הַתּוֹרֹת	the Torahs (or the instructions)	הַמִּצְוֹת	the commandments	סוּסָה	female horse (mare)
מִשְׁפָּחָה	family	בַּת	daughter	אֶרֶץ	land
הַמִּשְׁפָּחָה	the family	הַבַּת	the daughter	הָאָרֶץ	the land
מִשְׁפָּחוֹת	families	בָּנוֹת	daughters		
הַמִּשְׁפָּחוֹת	the families				

12.14 *Weekly Parasha reading* –

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2. OR click here to go directly: https://www.faithfulstewardship.org/calendar/ Select current year & scroll to current month.