



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

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה

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

The wayyiqtol

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה

- 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)

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 - A Prefix
 - A Root

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 - Indicates the subject. Yod = “he” (3rd masc sing)
 - A Root
 - Hebrew is built on a triconsonantal root system.
 - Carries the basic meaning of the word.

ו . י אִמֵּר



“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

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה

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Root

- 3 letters (but some may be missing in the actual form at hand)

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Stem

- Also called binyan (plural binyanim). It means 'building.'
- Stems are conjugations that vary the stem by adding a consonant, or adding or changing vowels.
- 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 וַיִּקְטֹּל
- קטל Is the Hebrew root meaning 'to kill'
- Chosen as a paradigm verb because it conjugates nicely (that is, regularly)

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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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Function

- Wayyiqtol is our 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 Meaning

- 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

וַנֹּאמֶר אֶל-אֲדָנִי לֹא-יוּכַל הַנַּעַר לַעֲזֹב אֶת-אָבִיו
וְעֵזֵב אֶת-אָבִיו וּמָתָּ: וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל-עֲבָדֶיךָ אִם-לֹא יֵרֵד
אֲחֵיכֶם הַקָּטָן אִתְּכֶם לֹא תִסָּפֹן לְרְאוֹת פָּנָי:
וַיְהִי כִּי עָלִינוּ אֶל-עֲבָדֶיךָ אָבִי וַנִּגְדַּלּוּ אֶת דְּבָרֵי אֲדָנִי:
וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִינוּ שֵׁבוּ שְׁבוּ-לָנוּ מִעֵט-אֶכָּל:
וַנֹּאמֶר לֹא נוּכַל לָרֶדֶת

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