

Biblical Hebrew Course 101
Learning to Read Biblical Hebrew
Lesson 3 - supplement

שְׁעוֹר ג

Introducing the next 5 consonants & 2 vowels



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During a 1st Century VBS, Pastor Don taught children the Hebrew Aleph-Bet. (This was written by 8-12 year olds!)

Introducing the next 5 consonants of the Hebrew aleph-bet

- 3.01 supplement Introduce the next 2 vowels: segol & tsere
- 3.02 supplement Introduce 5 more consonants: kaf - samech
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3.01 supplement *First, let's introduce the next 2 vowels*

| VOWELS | | | |
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| Vowels (aka nikkudot). Note: shown with aleph but can be with any letter | Name of Vowel | Block Print | Write Each Hebrew Letter |
| אֲ | <i>patach:</i> פֶּתַח | אֲ | |
| אָ | <i>kamats:</i> קָמָץ | אָ | |
| אִ | <i>segol:</i> סֶגוֹל | אִ | |
| אֵ | <i>tsere:</i> צִירֵי | אֵ | |

3.02 supplement *Now, let's introduce 5 more letters/consonants of the Hebrew aleph-bet.*

1. Read the name of each consonant/letter below. (Refer to Sound of Letter column for pronunciation.)
2. Read & Print each letter below. (Refer to Sound of Letter column for pronunciation.)

* **Note: 5 letters in Hebrew which look different when they appear as the final letter of a word. For example:**

- o kaf (כּ) – pronounced “k” as in keep
- o chaf (כַּ) – pronounced as “ch” in Bach
- o chaf sofit (ך) – also pronounced as “ch”. The chaf sofit appears only as the final letter of a word.

| Next 5 letters (Consonants #11-15) & 4 vowels | | | | |
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| Letter | Numeric value | Name | Block | Write & pronounce each letter & vowel |
| כּ | 20 | kaf | כּ | |
| כַּ | | kaf with dagesh (dot) & patach | כַּ | |
| כִּ | | kaf with dagesh (dot) & segol | כִּ | |
| כֵּ | | kaf with dagesh (dot) & tsere | כֵּ | |
| כַּ | 20 | chaf (note: <u>no dagesh</u> in a chaf) | כַּ | |
| כָּ | | chaf with kamats | כָּ | |
| כִּ | | chaf with segol | כִּ | |
| כֵּ | | chaf with tsere | כֵּ | |
| ך | 20 | *chaf sofit (a sofit is the final letter of a word) | ך | |
| כָּ | | chaf sofit with a kamats | כָּ | |

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| ל | 30 | lamed | ל | |
| לַ | | lamed with patach | לַ | |
| לֶ | | lamed with segol | לֶ | |
| לֵ | | lamed with tserere | לֵ | |
| מ | 40 | mem | מ | |
| מַ | | mem with kamats | מַ | |
| מֶ | | mem with segol | מֶ | |
| מֵ | | mem with tserere | מֵ | |
| ם | 40 | *mem sofit (a sofit is the final letter of a word) | ם | |
| נ | 50 | nun (<i>noon</i>) | נ | |
| נַ | | nun with patach | נַ | |
| נֶ | | nun with segol | נֶ | |
| נֵ | | nun with tserere | נֵ | |
| ן | 50 | *nun sofit (a sofit is the final letter of a word) | ן | |
| ס | 60 | samech | ס | |
| סַ | | samech with kamats | סַ | |
| סֶ | | samech with segol | סֶ | |
| סֵ | | samech with tserere | סֵ | |

*** 3.03 supplement The first 3 sofits (or final consonants/letters):** 5 letters have a different shape when they are the last letter of a word.

In this lesson, we introduced the first 3:

- chaf sofit (ך) – pronounced the same as “כ” (“ch” as in Bach)
- mem sofit (ם) – pronounced the same as “מ” (“m” as in Tom)
- nun sofit (ן) – pronounced the same as “נ” (“n” as in Ben)

3.04 supplement *Let's read Hebrew:*

| Read & Write words below: notice as a general rule, the final syllable is accented. | | |
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| Hebrew | Translation | Practice Writing Each Hebrew Word Below |
| יָלַד | he gave birth, fathered or begat (as in a genealogy) | |
| הַטְּמֵא | the unclean | |
| כַּלָּה | bride, engaged girl | |
| כֵּן | so, like this, thus | |
| סְלָה | Selah (pause, consider, as in Ps 3:2) | |
| לֵב | heart | |
| אֵל | God | |
| מָה | What? (interrogative) | |
| אָמֵן | Amen (truly, truth, 'let it be') | |

3.05 supplement *Extra Practice*

| Extra Practice | | |
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| Hebrew | Translation | Practice Writing Each Hebrew Word Below |
| אֶחָד | one | |
| זֶה | this | |
| גֶּן | garden | |
| אֵלֶּה | these | |
| לָבָן | Laban (also means <i>white</i>) | |
| כֵּן | yes, so, thus | |
| מָה | what | |