

10.2. Basic Grammar of the Hebrew Construct Chain

10.2.1 Construct and Absolute States

In a construct chain, there is only one absolute noun and the absolute noun is always the last noun in the chain.

Absolute Noun **הַמֶּלֶךְ** Construct Noun **עֶבֶד**

10.2.2. Definiteness and indefiniteness

The definiteness or indefiniteness of a construct chain is determined by the definiteness or indefiniteness of the absolute noun.

קוֹל אִישׁ a voice of a man

קוֹל הָאִישׁ the voice of the man

בֵּית מֶלֶכִּי

the house of my king

סֵפֶר אָבִיהוּ

the book of his father

10.3. Construct Chains with Adjectives

10.3.1. Attributive Adjectives

Follow the entire chain. Must agree with the noun it modifies in gender, number, and definiteness.

דִּבְרַת הַמַּלְכָּה הַטוֹבָה

the good word of the queen

דִּבְרַת הַמַּלְכָּה הַטוֹבָה

the word of the good queen

10.3.2. Demonstrative Adjectives

Follow the construct chain.

אִשְׁתּוֹ הָאִישׁ הַזֶּה

the wife of this man

דִּבְרֵי הַנָּבִיא הָאֵלֶּה

these words of the prophet