

### 14.1.Introduction.

Weak verbs are those verbs having one or more weak root consonants. The presence of a weak consonant in a verbal root can cause changes in the vocalization or consonantal **adjective** spelling of the verb.

### 14.2.I-Guttural, II-Guttural and III-ח/ע Weak Verbs.

I-Guttural verbs have a guttural for the first root consonant, as in עָמַד meaning “to stand”.

II-Guttural weak verbs have a guttural for the second root consonant, as in בָּחַר meaning “to choose”.

III-ח/ע weak verbs have either ח or ע for the third root consonant, as in לָקַח meaning “to take” or שָׁמַע meaning “to hear”.

A guttural cannot take a Vocal Shewa but prefers the reduced a-vowel, Hateph Pathach.

	To stand I-Guttural	To choose II-Guttural	To hear III-ח/ע	To kill Strong
3ms	עָמַד	בָּחַר	שָׁמַע	קָטַל
3fs	עָמְדָה	בָּחֲרָה	שָׁמְעָה	קָטְלָה
2ms	עָמַדְתָּ	בָּחַרְתָּ	שָׁמַעְתָּ	קָטַלְתָּ
2fs	עָמַדְתְּ	בָּחַרְתְּ	שָׁמַעְתְּ	קָטַלְתְּ
1cs	עָמַדְתִּי	בָּחַרְתִּי	שָׁמַעְתִּי	קָטַלְתִּי
3cp	עָמְדוּ	בָּחֲרוּ	שָׁמְעוּ	קָטְלוּ
2mp	עָמַדְתֶּם	בָּחַרְתֶּם	שָׁמַעְתֶּם	קָטַלְתֶּם
2fp	עָמַדְתֶּן	בָּחַרְתֶּן	שָׁמַעְתֶּן	קָטַלְתֶּן
1cp	עָמַדְנוּ	בָּחַרְנוּ	שָׁמַעְנוּ	קָטַלְנוּ

#### 14.4.III-ל Weak Verbs.

	III-ל to find	Strong to kill
3ms	מָצָא	קָטַל
3fs	מָצְאָה	קָטְלָהּ
2ms	מָצְאָתָּ	קָטַלְתָּ
2fs	מָצְאָתְּ	קָטַלְתְּ
1cp	מָצְאָתִי	קָטַלְתִּי
3cp	מָצְאוּ	קָטְלוּ
2mp	מָצְאָתֶם	קָטַלְתֶּם
2fp	מָצְאָתֶן	קָטַלְתֶּן
1cp	מָצְאָנוּ	קָטַלְנוּ

### 14.6.III-ה Weak Verbs.

The most significant change in this paradigm is the loss of the final ה root consonant in every form.

	III-ה to build	Strong to kill
3ms	בָּנָה	קָטַל
3fs	בָּנְתָה	קָטְלָהּ
2ms	בָּנִיתָ	קָטַלְתָּ
2fs	בָּנִיתְּ	קָטַלְתְּ
1cp	תָּבִינִי	קָטַלְתִּי
3cp	בָּנוּ	קָטְלוּ
2mp	בָּנִיתֶם	קָטַלְתֶּם
2fp	בָּנִיתֶן	קָטַלְתֶּן
1cp	בָּנִינוּ	קָטַלְנוּ

The ה in the 3ms form is not a root consonant but rather a vowel letter (also called a mater 母亲 lectionis).

It is helpful to understand that III-ה verbs were originally III-י and that the stem vowel of a form like בָּנִיתָ is reminiscent 引起联想的 of the original consonant in third root position.

## 14.8. Doubly Weak verbs.

Verbs of this type have more than one weak consonant as part of their verbal root. Most of the verbs in this weak class are both III-ה and I-Guttural or II-Guttural.

	III-ה/II-Gutt to see	III-ה/I-Gutt to go up	Strong to kill
3ms	רָאָה	עָלָה	קָטַל
3fs	רָאָתָה	עָלָתָה	קָטַלְתָּה
2ms	רָאִיתָ	עָלִיתָ	קָטַלְתָּ
2fs	רָאִיתְּ	עָלִיתְּ	קָטַלְתְּ
1cs	רָאִיתִי	עָלִיתִי	קָטַלְתִּי
3cp	רָאוּ	עָלוּ	קָטְלוּ
2mp	רָאִיתֶם	עָלִיתֶם	קָטַלְתֶּם
2fp	רָאִיתֶן	עָלִיתֶן	קָטַלְתֶּן
1cp	רָאִינוּ	עָלִינוּ	קָטַלְנוּ