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LEARN BIBLICAL HEBREW

LESSON 3

REVIEW OF LESSON 2:

LETTERS:

ה

Hey

"H"

ד

Dalet

"D"

ג

Gimel

"G"

ב/ב

Bet

"V"/"B"

א

Aleph

silent

VOWELS:

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Patach

"ah"

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Qamats

"ah"

SUMMARY OF LESSON 3:

- The sixth Hebrew letter is the Vav : ך

Vav makes the sound of the letter V, as in *vase*.

- The seventh Hebrew letter is the Zayin : ם

Vav makes the sound of the letter Z, as in *zoo*.

- The eighth Hebrew letter is the Chet : ן

Chet makes a sound not found in English. This sound is sometimes depicted as KH or CH, but Chet does not make the sound normally associated with those letters.

- With an Aleph, a Qamats, and a Chet, we can make a word, pronounced "Ach", which means *brother* :

אָח


- The ninth Hebrew letter is the Tet : ט

Tet makes the sound of the letter T, as in *top*.


- One of the Hebrew vowel points is the Cholem : 


Cholem is written above and to the left of a letter.
It makes the sound of long "O", as in *go*.

To pronounce the Cholem, first pronounce the sound of the letter to its right, then pronounce the sound of the Cholem.

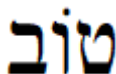
Example:  is pronounced "bo"

Cholem can be written either as shown above, or as a Vav with a single dot above it. When the Vav is used in this way, it does *not* make a "V" sound; it becomes part of the vowel.

 = "BO"

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- With a Tov, Cholem, and Bet, we can make a word, pronounced "Tov" which means *good* :



- The tenth Hebrew letter is the Yod : 

Yod makes the sound of the letter Y, as in *yes*.

- With a Yod, Qamats, and Dalet, we can make this word :

יָד

This word is pronounced "yad," and it means *hand*.

- Exercises for Lesson 3 can be found on the next page.

LESSON 3 EXERCISES:

Transliterate the following sounds using Hebrew letters and vowels :

- 1) "Toe"
- 2) "Go"
- 3) "Boy"
- 4) "Vote"
- 5) "Yacht" (pronounced "yott")

Pronounce the following Hebrew words :

- 6) אָז
- 7) יוֹב
- 8) תּוֹה
- 9) אוֹי
- 10) טוֹבָה

Answers to exercises can be found on the next page.

LESSON 3 ANSWERS:

1) טו

2) גו

3) בוי

4) בט

5) יט

6) "AZ"

Az means then.

7) "YOV"

Yov (rhymes with stove) was the name of one of the sons of Issachar.

8) "CHAH-VAH"

Chava is the name of the wife of Adam, in Genesis. Most English translations of the Bible call her Eve.

9) "OY"

Oy (rhymes with boy) means woe.

It is frequently used in prophecies to warn about disasters.

10) "TOE-VAH"

Tovah means good. It is related to the word Tov.