

# Chapter 28 — Hophal Semantic Function Sorting

BBH Chapter 28 · Hophal Strong Verbs

Classify each Hophal verb by semantic function: PT (Physical Transfer), LF (Legal Formula), SR (Speech Reporting), SC (State Change), or SA (Simple Action). Write your code in the Function column. Answer key is on the last page.

PT = Physical Transfer (subject was moved/brought/taken) | LF = Legal Formula (capital penalty: ■■■■■■ "shall be put to death") | SR = Speech Reporting (information was told/reported/shown) | SC = State Change (subject entered a new state: set up, returned, begun) | SA = Simple Action (no functional Qal; Hiphil is standard form)

#	Hebrew	Conjugation	Ref	Contextual Gloss	Function
1	יִגַּדְךָ	Wayyiqtol 3ms	Gen 22:20	"it was told to Abraham"	<input type="text"/>
2	יִשָּׂם	Wayyiqtol 3ms	Gen 24:33	"food was set before him"	<input type="text"/>
3	הוֹרֵד	Qatal 3ms	Gen 39:1	"he had been brought down to Egypt"	<input type="text"/>
4	הֵבִיאת	Qatal 3fs	Gen 33:11	"it was brought to him"	<input type="text"/>
5	הוֹשֵׁב	Qatal 3ms	Gen 42:28	"it has been returned into my sack"	<input type="text"/>
6	הוֹבִיאוּ	Qatal 3cp	Gen 43:18	"we were brought in (to Joseph's house)"	<input type="text"/>
7	יִגַּדְךָ	Wayyiqtol 3ms	Gen 38:13	"it was told to Tamar"	<input type="text"/>
8	יִגַּדְךָ	Wayyiqtol 3ms	Gen 38:24	"it was told to Judah"	<input type="text"/>
9	יִגַּדְךָ	Wayyiqtol 3ms	Gen 27:42	"it was told to Rebekah"	<input type="text"/>
10	יִמָּת	Yiqtol 3ms	Gen 26:11	"he shall be put to death"	<input type="text"/>
11	יִמָּת	Yiqtol 3ms	Exo 19:12	"he shall be put to death"	<input type="text"/>
12	יִמָּת	Yiqtol 3ms	Exo 21:12	"he must be put to death"	<input type="text"/>
13	יִמָּת	Yiqtol 3ms	Exo 21:15	"he must be put to death"	<input type="text"/>
14	יִכּוּ	Wayyiqtol 3mp	Exo 5:14	"the Israelite overseers were beaten"	<input type="text"/>
15	מִכִּים	Participle mp	Exo 5:16	"your servants are being beaten"	<input type="text"/>
16	יִסָּר	Yiqtol 3ms	Lev 4:35	"it is to be removed"	<input type="text"/>
17	הוֹסָר	Qatal 3ms	Lev 4:31	"it was removed"	<input type="text"/>
18	הוֹבִיא	Weqatal 3ms	Lev 14:2	"he will be brought to the priest"	<input type="text"/>
19	יִמָּת	Yiqtol 3ms	Num 18:7	"he shall be put to death"	<input type="text"/>
20	יִגַּדְךָ	Wayyiqtol 3ms	Exo 14:5	"it was told to the king of Egypt"	<input type="text"/>
21	הוֹקָם	Qatal 3ms	Exo 40:17	"the tabernacle was set up"	<input type="text"/>
22	יִשָּׁב	Wayyiqtol 3ms	Exo 10:8	"Moses and Aaron were brought back"	<input type="text"/>
23	הוֹחֵל	Qatal 3ms	Gen 4:26	"it was begun (to call on the LORD's name)"	<input type="text"/>
24	הוֹגֵד	Qatal 3ms	Exo 26:30	"you were shown the pattern of the tabernacle"	<input type="text"/>
25	מוֹמָת	Inf. Construct	Num 35:16	"the murderer must be put to death"	<input type="text"/>

### Reflection Questions

1. The ■■■■■ formula (items 10–13, 19) appears in five different legal contexts. What does the repetition signal about the Hophal's role in Mosaic law?
2. Items 1, 7–9, 20, 24 all use root ■■■■■. Why is this root almost always in the Hophal for "was told"? (Hint: the Hiphil means "to tell/report.")

3. Items 16–17 are both from ■■■■ in Lev 4. One is Qatal, one is Yiqtol. What does the conjugation difference signal about time or prescription?

## Answer Key

#	Hebrew	Ref	Fn	Explanation
1	יָגַד	Gen 22:20	SR	Hophal of Hiphil "to tell"; information was reported
2	יָשַׁם	Gen 24:33	SC	Caused to be placed/set; resulting state prominent
3	הוֹרִיד	Gen 39:1	PT	Joseph physically moved; Hiphil = to bring down
4	הִבְאִיתָ	Gen 33:11	PT	The gift was physically carried to Jacob
5	הוֹשִׁב	Gen 42:28	SC	Silver caused to return; state of being-back prominent
6	הוֹבִיאוּ	Gen 43:18	PT	Brothers physically moved into the house
7	יָגַד	Gen 38:13	SR	News of Judah's widowhood reported
8	יָגַד	Gen 38:24	SR	News of Tamar's pregnancy reported
9	יָגַד	Gen 27:42	SR	Esau's threat reported to Rebekah
10	יָמַת	Gen 26:11	LF	Capital penalty formula; Hophal of Hiphil "to kill"
11	יָמַת	Exo 19:12	LF	Sinai boundary violation penalty formula
12	יָמַת	Exo 21:12	LF	Murder law capital formula (Exo 21:12)
13	יָמַת	Exo 21:15	LF	Violence-against-parents capital formula
14	יָכַן	Exo 5:14	SA	Root יָכַן has no functional Qal; Hiphil is standard form
15	מָכַח	Exo 5:16	SA	Participle of same SA root; ongoing state of being struck
16	יָסַר	Lev 4:35	SC	Fat portions prescribed to enter state of removal
17	הוֹסִיר	Lev 4:31	SC	Fat portions caused to depart from offering
18	הוֹבִיֵּא	Lev 14:2	PT	The healed leper physically brought to priest
19	יָמַת	Num 18:7	LF	Tabernacle-service intrusion penalty formula
20	יָגַד	Exo 14:5	SR	Israel's flight reported to Pharaoh
21	הוֹקִים	Exo 40:17	SC	Caused to stand/erect; state of being established
22	יָשַׁב	Exo 10:8	SC	Caused to return to Pharaoh; state of return prominent
23	הוֹחֵל	Gen 4:26	SC	Worship practice caused to enter state of being begun
24	הוֹגֵד	Exo 26:30	SR	The heavenly pattern was reported/revealed to Moses
25	מוֹמַת	Num 35:16	LF	Hophal infinitive in the capital penalty nominal clause